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BHS Sending McMeans and Jordan to State Literary Meet

Junior Zach McMeans and freshman Robert Jordan will participate in the May 20-21 UIL State Literary Meet in Austin. Both students finished in the top three at the Region 1-A Meet held last weekend on the South Plains College campus in Levelland.

McMeans scored a 28.5 on the Current Issues and Events test to earn the bronze medal. He advances in this event individually for the third straight year.

After finishing first in the preliminary round, Jordan's rankings in the final round placed him in second place overall to earn the silver medal—as a freshman.

Both students will be accompanied by coaches Sue Jane Mayes (Current Issues and Events) and Cindy Herridge and Charla Soto (Poetry).

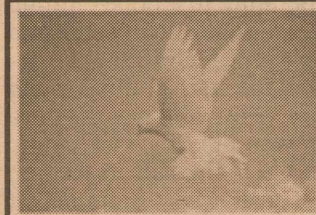
Also scoring points at the Region 1-A meet and coming up just short of a state ticket

was Junior Mollie McMeans. Mollie competed in Ready Writing, coached by Mrs. Soto, and finished fourth in the alternate to state slot. In Social Studies, Mollie improved her district score by 30 points finishing with an 83. (The first place score was 87). Region I-A's stiff competition left Mollie with a fifth place finish. Her score would have won Region II, the region BHS competed in last year.

In addition to Mollie's individual performance in Social Studies, the team (coached by Mrs. Mayes) scored 165 points—which would have won Region II. The second place finish earned five points and silver medals for the team. In addition to Mollie, team members are Zach, Shea Burkett, and Matthew Ham.

Shea, a senior, also competed in Spelling (coached by Mrs. Herridge) and scored a 70 to finish 7th, just one place shy of scoring points at the regional meet. Freshman Nathan Souder duplicated that placing as he scored a 52 in Science (coached by Denice Bradbury) for 7th Place.

BHS scored a total of 41 points in the meet; Mollie was high point individual for BHS with 14 individual points and five team points.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Is Success Bad?

Many people strive for success. Some who achieve success engage in self-destructive behavior. Then there are those who claim to avoid success because it changes people, bringing about adverse circumstances.

Invariably, the nightly news has a story of some celebrity who has been consumed by drugs, alcohol, relationship problems, financial difficulties, or crime. The individual being profiled has reached a pinnacle of success most people only dream about. Were they destroyed by success, or did they have a inclination for injurious behavior all along?

Then there are top business and political leaders who cheat, steal, and embezzle. Here we have people who have amassed sizable fortunes, yet behave as if they can never have enough. Besides being illegal and unethical, their actions are clearly stupid. They cause great harm to many people, while flushing their own lives down the toilet.

Another example is lottery jackpot winners. These people walk away with millions of dollars. However, within several years or less, many have spent all of their winnings and some are even in debt.

Although examples of self-destructive behavior grab the headlines, there are many more instances of successful people leading happy, fulfilling lives. It is not success that determines the direction of a person's life, it's who the person is inside.

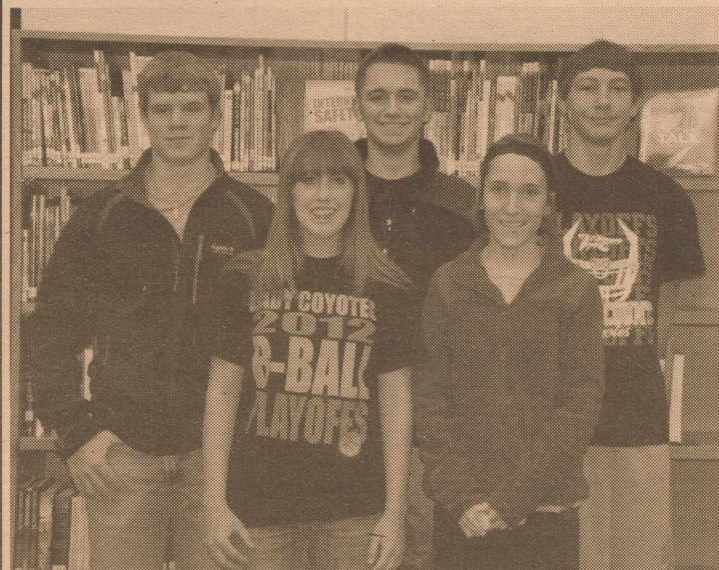
Success doesn't change people. Money doesn't change people. It simply makes them more of who they are already are. The danger is when someone doesn't know who they are or what they stand for. Using money to find oneself rarely yields positive results.

When a person has money but doesn't have a well-defined self-image, he or she is susceptible to unscrupulous influences, and destructive vices. Additionally, there are those opportunistic people who wait in line for a share of the wealth. You are free to choose who to associate with. You are responsible for your well being, not someone else.

When money is involved, everyone wants to be your friend. True friends are those who have been by your side when you had far less than you do now. Just because money may be a magnet for people who want some of it, the success itself is not tainted.

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Regional Medalists



Borden County UIL participants receiving medals at the Regional meet are (back row left to right) Matthew Ham, Zach McMeans, Robert Jordan, (front row left to right) Shea Burkett and Mollie McMeans.

Burkett Returns to State Second Year in a Row

By Coach Skelton

Senior Shea Burkett has once again qualified for the State Tennis Tournament in Girl's Singles this season. Shea whose four year tennis career has netted four district titles, two second place regional finishes, and now back to back state qualifying appearances is poised to make her mark on this her final year. Shea's first round was against Alex Salazar of Forsan. Salazar had plenty of power in her service game, and her ground strokes, but Shea simply was the better tennis player. "There is no substitute for being fundamentally sound, and using your skill set to dictate play" Coach Skelton stated. "Shea is the first athlete I have ever had who said she wasn't going to play a sport so she could focus on another sport." "Words can't describe how much her game has improved since last year, and that is a credit to her dedication to get back to state and make

some noise this year." Shea defeated Salazar 6-1, 6-4.

In her second round match that was played in typical West Texas wind she played Claire Wooten of Irion County. Shea didn't allow the wind to distract her and actually used it to her advantage racking up a quick victory 6-1, 6-1.

The next day West Texas weather again threw the players a curve ball by dropping the temperature to a bone chilling 33 degrees. The wind chill had the players feeling the 21 degree at the start of third round action. Shea who was the third seed was playing last year's third place finisher in Region 1 last year Mary Samman of Lockney. Shea found herself down 5-3 in the first set, when she started to adjust her game to fit the windy conditions and her opponents playing style. Shea came back and won the first set 7-5. Shea then immediately found herself down 0-2 in the second set, but mus-

tered herself and defeated Samman 6-2 in the second set to advance to the Championship Match with Marlijka Tiddnes of the Netherlands by way of Hedley.

Tiddnes is an exchange student for the Netherlands who attends Hedley ISD. There were a lot of people there to watch the match between the two girls. Shea would fall to Tiddnes 7-5, 6-4, but had chances in both sets. Shea was up in both sets, but Tiddnes power first serve always seemed to come at the right moments. "I couldn't have been happier with Shea's performance." "Shea represented her school, community, parents, and herself with the standard we expect our kids to do at Borden County." "I can't wait to see her make a charge at the state tourney." Shea plays her first round state match at 8:00 against Kelsee Wade of Neches at Texas A&M University April 29th.



Shea Burkett qualified for the state tennis tournament this past weekend at Levelland. The State meet will be held in College Station on April 29th.

Track Teams Travel to Anton For Tune-Up

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Boys and Girls Track teams traveled to Anton on Thursday to participate in their final tune-up before the Regional track meet. The Boys track team finished the meet with a total of 111 points and the team title while the girls finished 3rd with 76 points but also held out a few athletes hoping to heal up before the regional meet. Below are the results for the boys and Girls track teams. Both teams will be competing Friday the 26th and Saturday the 27th in the Region I division II-A track meet in Levelland. They will compete in all field events at Levelland High School and

running events at South Plains College. The top two in each event will qualify for State and one 3rd place finisher in the state will garner the wild card. Good luck to all.

Anton Regional Qualifier's Meet Results:

Girls Division:

High Jump: Teryn Soto-4th place-4-0600.

Long Jump: Kalyn Massingill-4th place-14-06.00.

Triple Jump: Cheyenne Tucker-4th place-29-06.00.

3200 Meter Run: Zoie Key-5th place-14:29.00.

400 Meter Relay: 8th place-55.12-Cheyenne Tucker, Teryn Soto, Kalyn Massingill and

Karley Etheredge.

800 Meter Run: Tye Basquez-6th place-2:46.83.

100 Meter Hurdles: Tatum Richey-3rd place-17.89.

800 Meter Relay: 1:54.71-Teryn Soto, Hanna Forbes, Kalyn Massingill and Karley Etheredge.

300 Meter Hurdles: Hanna Forbes-1st place-51.68 and Tatum Richey-2nd place-52.64.

200 Meter Dash: Karley Etheredge-6th place-29.69.

1600 Meter Run: Taylor Gass-1st place-5:55.47 and Zoie Key-6:34.5

1600 Meter Relay: 2nd

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Spring Band Concert

The 2013 Spring Band concert and Elementary Music Program

will be held on



Thursday, May 2nd

At 7:00 p.m.

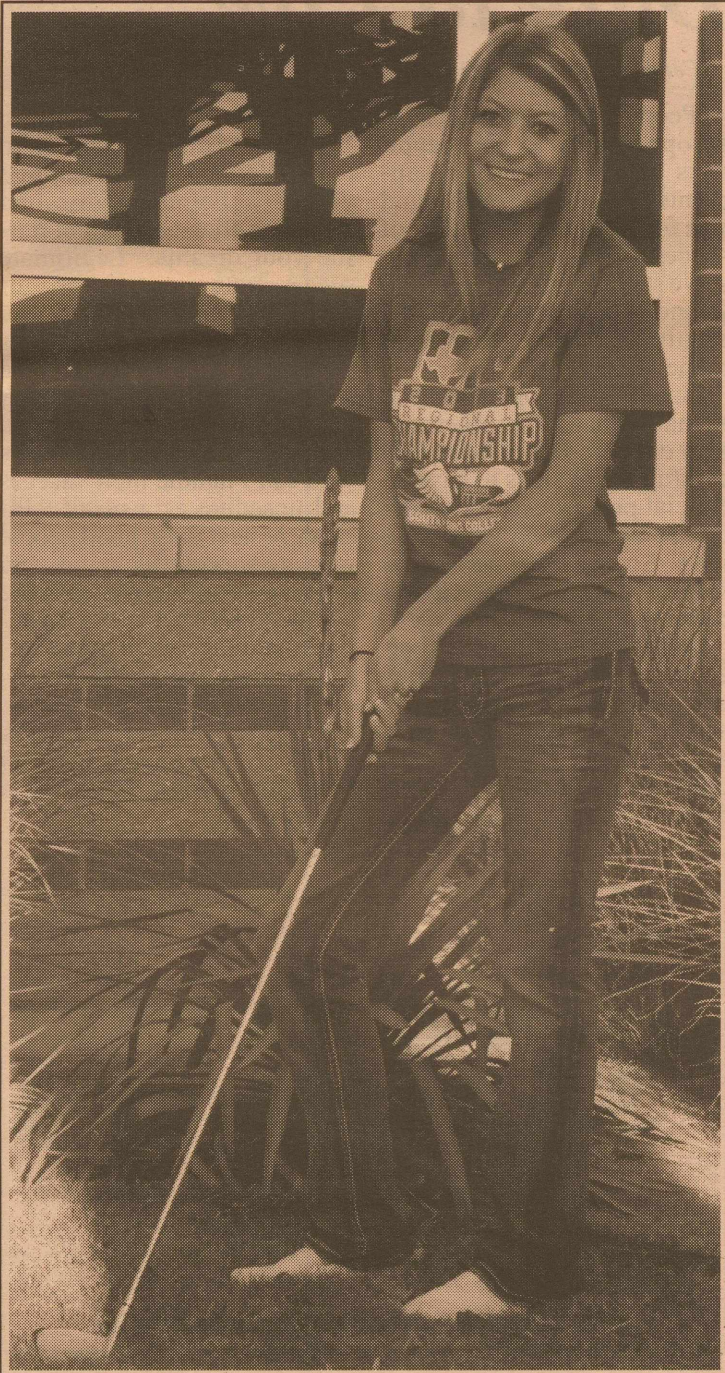


Students will need to be in their seats at 6:45 p.m.

Soto Plays Best Rounds of Career

By Coach Richey

Teryn Soto playing in her final golf tournament of her high school career saved her best for last. Teryn, as a regional qualifier, traveled to Lubbock to play at the Reese Golf course Monday and Tuesday and came away with her two best rounds of her high school golfing career. Teryn opened the tournament on Monday by shooting a 52 on the back nine and then played the front nine and carded a 57 to shoot a 109 total which placed her in 48th place after day one of the region I-A golf tournament. On the second and final round of the tournament, Teryn again shot a 52 on the back nine and then improved upon her first day by again shooting a 52 on the front nine to total a 104 for a new personal best round of golf. This two day total of 213 moved Teryn up to 42 overall in the tournament, which is awesome for a young lady that does not even have a golf course. Congratulations to Teryn on a tremendous season and experience.



Making the Grade!

5th Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

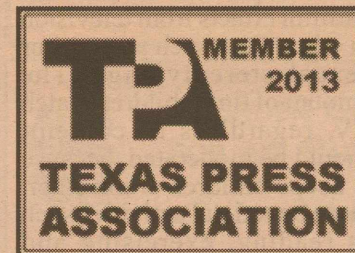
Senior: Shea Burkett, Hanna Forbes, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Steelie Sanders, Jared Smith, and Riley Smith; **Junior:** Sydnie Day, Taylor Gass, Maeghan Herridge, Mollie McMeans, Matt Proulx and Kurt Shafer; **Sophomore:** McKenna Campbell and Sean Tucker; **Freshman:** Samuel Raborn, Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; **Eighth Grade:** Savannah Herridge; **Seventh Grade:** Preslea Hall, Trace Richey and Ashlyn Tucker; **Sixth Grade:** Myka Blissard, Madison Cole, Katie Gray and Paige Holbrooks.

5th Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: Teryn Soto; **Junior:** Cassie Gaines and Kalyn Massingill; **Sophomore:** Frank Banman; **Freshman:** Korbin Martinez, Taylor Roberts and Caelan Thuett; **Eighth Grade:** Hayley Gray, Avery Price and Corbin Summers; **Seventh Grade:** Carley Bell and Mi-Jeanne van der Bank; **Sixth Grade:** Tanner Harrison and Brooke Swaffar.

Fifth Grade: Jake Avey, Chris Bell, Kaitlyn Cribbs, Fallon Forbes, Anthony Lopez, Zeke Lott, Hailey Lowery,

Makenzie Milhauser, Olivia Reyes, Tatum Treadwell, Connor Wagner, Brittany Walker and Kaylee Walker; **Fourth Grade:** Keigan Benavidez, Mason Cole, Trey Edwards, Connor Etheridge, Haddie Flanigan, Kaci Hudson, Tommy Kingston, Klancey Kleck, Trent Lewis, Ashlyn Lott, Maggie Miller, Erin Nix, Morghan Oaks, Gunner Shofner, Gabriella Skelton, Maddy Sumners, Kennedy Tucker, Leandre von der Bank, Justin Willborn and Miles Wilson; **Third Grade:** Savannah Avey, Rae'Lynne Clement, Noemi Garcia, Brooklyn Gray, Tatum Harrison, Jadeyn Merrill, Shelby Milhauser, Lindy Miller, Ryann Phillips, Charli Snell, Kelly Spencer, Ethan Stephens and Rachel Thomas; **Second Grade:** Callie Edwards, Rebekah Kiefer, Dallie Miller, Isaiah Mitton, Brylee Moore, Tracen Moore, Michael Morris; Allie Murphy and J. Tom Price.



Track Final Tune-Up...

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place-4:29.03-Kaylyn Massingill, Tye Basquez, Taylor Gass and Hanna Forbes.

Girls Team rankings: 1st place-New Deal-102 points; 2nd place-Anton-98 points; 3rd place-Borden County-76 points; 4th place-Aspermont-60 points and 5th place-Grady-53.5.

Boys Division:

Pole Vault: Riley Herridge-1st place-9-06.00 and Robert Jordan-2nd place-9-00.00.

Triple Jump: Kurt Shafer-4th place-35-03.00.

Discus: Matt Roberson-2nd place-141-02 and T.J. Basquez-136-01.

Shot Put: Matt Roberson-1st place-48-11.00; T.J. Basquez-46-10.00 and Helio Rosales-5th place-42-00.00.

3200 Meter Run: Jordan Martinez-4th place-11:38.00.

400 Meter Relay: 46.42-6th place-Steven Howard, Matt Ham, Jared Smith and Tristen Benavidez.

800 Meter Run: Korbin Martinez-3rd place-2:12.31.

110 Meter Hurdles: Tanner Richey-1st place-15.51 and Kurt Shafer-4th place-18.20.

400 Meter Dash: Matt Proulx-2nd place-54.27 and Jordan Martinez-7th place-59.45.

300 Meter Hurdles: Tanner Richey-2nd place-42.94.

1600 Meter Relay: 3rd place-3:46.93-Steven Howard, Matt Proulx, Korbin Martinez and Matt Ham.

Boys Team rankings: 1st place-Borden County-111 points; 2nd place-Grady-85 points; 3rd place-Ralls-62 points; 4th place-New Home-40 points.

School Lunch Menu

Apr. 29-May 3, 2013

Menu Subject to Change

Monday -Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk.Lunch: Chicken & Broccoli Penne, Garden Salad, Carrots, apple Breadstick, and Milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast:Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch:Taco Salad, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Fruit Bar (9-12 grade only) and Milk;

Wednesday

Breakfast: Egg Patty & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll (9-12 grade only), Pineapple and Milk.

Thursday

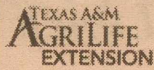

Breakfast: Quesadilla, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Quesadilla, Black Beans, Baby Carrots, Orange Smiles, Salsa and Milk.

Friday

Breakfast: Pop Tart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch:Pizza, Garden Salad, Fresh Veggie, Fruit and Milk.

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Children & TV Violence

American children watch an average of three to four hours of television daily. Television can be a powerful influence in developing value systems and shaping behavior. Unfortunately, much of today's TV programming is violent. Hundreds of studies of the effects of TV violence on children and teenagers have found that children may:

- i Become "immune" to the horror of violence.
- i Gradually accept violence as a way to solve problems.
- i Imitate the violence they observe on TV; and
- i Identify with certain characters, victims, and/or victimizers.

Extensive viewing of TV violence by children causes greater aggressiveness. Sometimes, watching a single violent program can increase aggressiveness. Children who view shows in which violence is very realistic, frequently repeated or unpunished, are more likely to imitate what they see. The impact of TV violence may be immediately evident in the child's behavior or may surface years later, and young people can even be affected when the family atmosphere shows no tendency towards violence.

This does not mean that violence on television is the only source of aggressive or violent behavior, but it is a significant factor. Parents can protect their children from excessive TV violence in the following ways:

T Pay attention to the programs their children are watching. Watch some with them.

T Set limits on the amount of time they spend with the television.

T Observe TV ratings that appear at the beginning of shows, and often after commercial breaks.

T Point out that although the actor has not actually been hurt or killed, such violence in real life results in pain or death.

T Refuse to let the children see shows known to be violent, and change the channel or turn the TV set when something offensive comes on, with an explanation of what is wrong with the program.

T Disapprove of the violent episodes in front of the children, stressing the belief that such behavior is not the best way to solve a problem.

T To offset peer pressure among friends and classmates, contact other parents and agree to enforce similar rules about the length of time and type of program the children may watch.

Parents should also use these measures to prevent harmful effects from television in other areas such as racial or sexual stereotyping. The amount of time children watch TV, regardless of content, should be moderated, because it keeps children from other, more beneficial activities such as reading, exercising and playing with friends. If parents have serious difficulties setting limits, or deep concerns about how their child is reacting to television, they should contact a child or adolescent psychiatrist for help defining the problem.

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There is nothing in the Bible that benefits you unless it is transmitted into life, unless it becomes a part of yourself, just like your food. Unless you assimilate it and it becomes body and bone and muscle, it does you no good.

-Henry Weston

BORDEN COUNTY 4-H

SHOOTING SPORTS

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4-H Record Books

Record keeping is an important skill for living that is developed through 4-H project work. It is not an extra task, but an integral part of any 4-H project. All 4-H members should integrate some basic record-keeping skills into each project. Record keeping should be tailored for each individual 4-H'er and their project work, leadership, and community service. <http://d24-h.tamu.edu/events/recordbooks/> Any youth interested in completing a 4-H Recordbook should contact the Extension Office for current information and assistance. **We will hold a record book workshop on Monday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office.** Please note that County Record Books will be due to the Extension Office on Monday, June 24 by 5:00 p.m. District Record Book Judging will take place on July 10.

Dare to Live...

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People who view success as an opportunity to buy happiness are perpetually disappointed. True happiness and true friends are independent of success. Although money can solve some financial problems, financial problems are often a result of issues other than money.

Successful people can have as many financial problems as they did before they were successful. All it takes to have financial problems is for someone to spend more than they have. So success is neither the solution for, nor cause of, financial problems.


Individuals, who have morals and standards before they are successful, retain their same convictions after they achieve success. Those without such grounding are prone to floundering, often going

astray.

Success is not something to fear. You only shortchange yourself if you use the bad apples as an excuse to not pursue your dreams. Legitimate success comes as a reward for being of service to others.

If you desire success, it is within your reach. The more successful you are, the better your ability to help others. Don't be deterred by others who can't handle their success and nosedive as a result. Instead, look at those good people who are successful, happy, and content. Individuals may be good or bad, but it's not success that made them that way.

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General Sign-UP for CRP Program to Start Soon

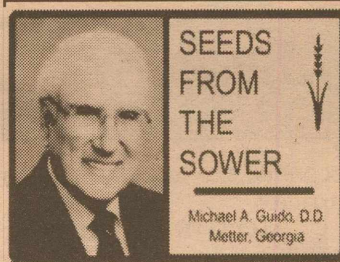
USDA will conduct a four-week general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), beginning May 20 and ending on June 14. CRP protects the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

Currently, about 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP. Producers that are accepted in the program can receive cost-share assistance to plant long-term,

resource-conserving covers and receive an annual rental payment for the length of the contract which is 10-15 years.

Contracts on 3.3 million acres of CRP are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2013. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or www.fsa.usda.gov.



They called him a miracle worker. It was a miracle every time he worked.

But he went to church and was so moved by the message that he went forward during the invitation and professed to be converted. His family and friends were delighted when he prayed: "Dear Lord, save me and use me to Your glory." Unfortunately, he added: "I'm available whenever You need me to provide guidance to others who need help and direction."

God does not need our advice, He needs our attention. He does not need our suggestions, He needs our service. He does not need our words, He needs our wills. He does not need our heads, He needs our hearts.

More than anything, He wants our love—for if we truly love Him, we will labor for Him and live for Him. He also wants us to worship Him, and if we do, we will gladly and willingly work for Him. It is only when we make a definite decision to follow Him that we will make a daily difference in His world.

Jesus said, "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

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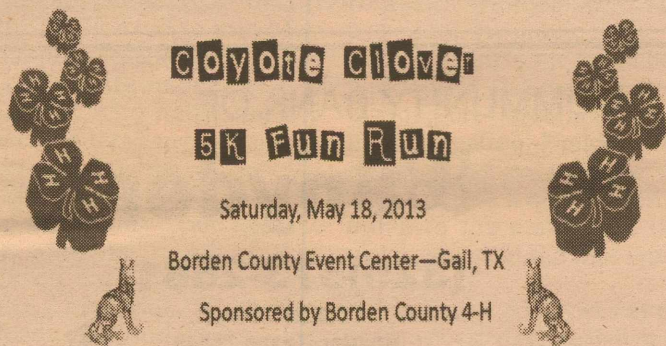
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Coyote Clover

5K Fun Run

Saturday, May 18, 2013

Borden County Event Center—Gail, TX

Sponsored by Borden County 4-H

Join us for the first ever Coyote Clover 5K Fun Run! This event is being sponsored by Borden County 4-H to promote family health and wellness and a sense of community. Bring your friends and family and take a run or walk through Gail. We will have refreshments following the race.

Race Time: 8:30 a.m. (Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Borden County Event Center)
Pre-registration: \$15 for individuals or \$30 for families of 3 or more if postmarked by May 10, 2013 (please do not mail after 5/10)

Race Day Registration: \$20 for individuals or \$35 for families (those that do not pre-register may not receive a t-shirt)
Prizes: We will award prizes to all 1st through 3rd place finishers in age categories: 8 and under; 9-14; 15-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69 and 70 and over.

Race Location: Borden County Event Center is located at the corner of US 180 and Willow Valley Road in Gail
Information: For more information, contact Julie Smith, County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County Office at (806)756-4336 or julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

If the race must be cancelled due to inclement weather or operational or security requirements, there will be no refunds or rescheduling.

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City/State/Zip: _____ T-shirt size (adult sizing): S M L XL XXL 3XL
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Waiver: I, the undersigned, assume all risks and full and complete responsibility for any injury, accident or damage which may occur to me or property and anyone participating with Coyote Country 5K Fun Run. I hereby release and hold harmless Borden County 4-H, Borden County and all other persons or entities associate with this event.

Full Signature: _____
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Drawing to be held during our Traditional Sunday Luncheon
Fund Raiser on Sunday, May 26, 2013 from 12 noon-2:00 p.m.
at the Borden County Event Center.

First name drawn will get to choose prize,
second name receives remaining prize.
You do not have to be present to win!

See any Borden County 4-H member to purchase tickets or
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Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 12th day of February, 2013, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS D. SHARP, County Judge, Presiding; **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.

Other officers present: Ben Smith, County Attorney; Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer.

At 8:40 a.m., Judge Sharp called the April 9, 2013 Regular Session of Borden County Commissioners Court of order.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of March 26, 2013 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WEST TEXAS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

Peggy Parrott, Representative of the West Texas Children's Advocacy Center presented the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation to the Court. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve Proclamation for month of April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

BORDEN 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB

Jana Underwood, Certified Shotgun coach and Brent Tucker, Certified Archery Coach, and Cody G. Hill, County Extension Agent-Agriculture met with the Court concerning location for an archery range at the Shooting Sports Range.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the

County Offices' reports, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted Reports in the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SEAL COAT/PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE

Don Bonifay met with the Court. No action taken. Motion carried.

LEGAL NOTICE-PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to advertise for bids on Petroleum Products to be opened on May 14, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY DEPOSITORY BANK

Commissioner Belew made a motion to extend the contract with Prosperity Bank as the Depository Bank for two years. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement between Borden County and the Borden County Appraisal District providing office space for the Appraisal District. Commissioner Reyes

seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTOR GRADER

A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes to purchase a Motor Grader for Precinct No. 3. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Borden County Water was discussed. No action taken.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications were received.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No applications were received.

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Borden County water. CURRENT ACCOUNTS

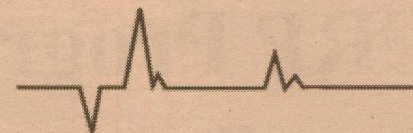
A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve and pay said current accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

THE FORGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 23rd day of April, 2013.

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Thousands of Irises Are In Bloom at Clark Gardens

"If gardening is work to you, don't ever start it. Gardening should be a pleasure, something you do because you want to do it." - Max Clark
Clark Gardens is just east of Mineral Wells. Max Clark and his wife Billie opened it to visitors in 2000. "Billie and I built this for us, then decided since we had put so much into it, we felt it was selfish just to keep it for ourselves, so we opened it to the public," says Max.

The attractive garden has 35 acres of ponds, lakes, waterfalls, sculptures, a chapel for 60 or so weddings a year, fountains, pavilions, inviting walkways, statues and 3,000 irises in bloom right now. Azaleas, roses and dozens of drought-tolerant plants (that Max calls Texas adaptables) are in full color. "Mid April to mid May is our peak season," says Carol Clark Montgomery, Max's daughter, who helps run the place. Visitors can buy cannas, irises and day lilies.

Max and Billie bought the land nearly fifty years ago. "It was worn out farmland that wouldn't even grow mesquites," says Max. Thousands of loads of topsoil were hauled in to plant the trees and flowers. The place has events year-round, including a Mother's Day catered luncheon. At Christmastime, 100 trees are lighted. Clark Gardens offers classes in yoga, photography, canning, cooking and aromatherapy.

One unique area of Clark gardens is an elaborate display of miniature trains that travel on tracks barely over the heads of tourists. The trains have sounds and steam and pass by bridges, water tanks and a building that has three other sets of miniature trains on dif-

ferent sizes of tracks. A giant white tent covers 6,000 square feet of what was once Billie's tennis court. "She decided that if she wasn't going to play tennis any more we ought to make some use out of it," says Max. Dances, receptions and all kinds of parties take place under the tent. Another large tent is in a separate location.

Max made his money by developing a heavy piece of equipment that can cut through rock. It revolutionized rock cutting all over the world. At the height of laying fiber optic cable in Texas, Max was the main man. "It took me from 1969 to 1985 to develop the rocksaw and equipment to use it," he says. One of his early rocksaws sits by a lake under a shed for the public to see. "I was sitting in my jeep out here with Billie and we were trying to figure out something put in this location. I told her we ought to put the rocksaw out here because it contributed so much to the making of this place. She told me that was a good idea."

Max, now 85, works in the garden every day. He had practically no gardening experience when he started Clark Gardens. "It was mostly trial and error, on the job training," says Max. He and Billie laid out the place themselves. Nothing was ever written down on paper. Clark Gardens is open 365 days a year. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children ages 5 thru 12.

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and produces "The Sound Of Texas" syndicated radio show. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.



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Historical Commission to Hold Meeting

The Borden County Historical Commission will hold a meeting on Sunday, May 5, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at the Museum.

All Commission members are encouraged to attend. Visitors are welcome to attend

the meeting as well.

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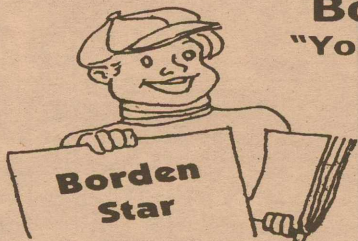
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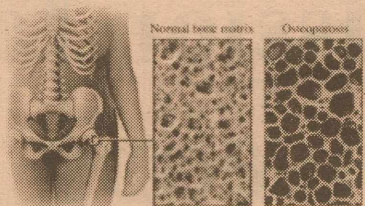
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Borden County Youth Football

Organizational Meeting for Fall 2013

Time: Sunday, Apr. 28th at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Centennial Park, Gail

Who: Parents, Coaches and anyone interested in helping in the program

1st and 2nd Grade: Flag

3rd and 4th Grade: Tackle

5th and 6th Grade: Tackle

The purpose of this meeting is to get our local program organized for the fall of 2013.

We will be forming a league with other six man schools in our area. The following is a preliminary list of communities that have expressed in interest in participating:

Borden County, O'Donnell, Klondike, Meadow, New Home, Herleigh, Grady and Sands.

For questions or additional information, please contact:

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Coyotes First-Inning Burst Enough to Top Ralls, 17-3

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Coyotes rolled over Ralls 17-3 on Saturday at Gail after a 13-run rally in the first inning.

Mason Coor racked up three RBIs on three hits for Borden County. He doubled in the first inning, tripled in the first inning, and singled in the third inning.

Tanner Richey recorded the win for the Coyotes. He allowed three runs over five innings. Richey struck out eight, walked two and gave up two hits.

The Coyotes easily handled Ralls pitching as seven hitters combined for 16 hits, 13 RBIs and 12 runs scored.

The top of the first saw Ralls take an early lead, 3-0. Watson singled to ignite Ralls'

offense. The scoreboard lit up again for Ralls when Van Gundy scored on a wild pitch and Watson scored on an RBI single by Helio Rosales.

Borden County piled on three more runs in the bottom

of the second. Thomas Harrison's double got things going, bringing home Kurt Shafer. That was followed up by TJ Basquez's double, scoring Harrison.

