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All Washed Up! Area roads flooding as heavy rains continue throughout week

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GAIL-Sixteen-year-old Jayton Lewis has never seen his hometown so wet.

"We had a river running through our front yard. We thought about tubing," the Borden County Coyote football player said.

Borden County received nearly 11 inches of rainfall Saturday. On Sunday, drops were still falling.

"We've lived here 17 years and this is definitely the most I've seen. It's crazy," said fellow Gail resident Kristi

Newborough.

Sheriff Benny Allison said widespread flooding has led officials to close multiple roads in the southern part of the county. While no injuries

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Heavy rains Saturday lead to closures of many roads in the county. Pictured is FM 669 north leading to Post.

Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden



Questions, Answers and More Questions

From the moment we become aware of our existence, we have questions about virtually everything. Why things happen, what happens, how things work, how we feel, why do we feel that way, what we want, what makes us happy, and what's in our future are just some of the issues we wonder about.

Answers are found in many places. You find many answers in school. Another major source of information is your parents. You also get information from friends, relatives, acquaintances and strangers. Professionals and trades people are sources for specialized or technical knowledge. Your own experiences along with the experiences of others will answer many questions.

But yet, many of life's questions go unanswered and there are situations that have no obvious explanations. Although it's normal to want to know the answers to all the questions you may have, it's not essential. You can live a successful and fulfilling life without having all of your questions answered.

Consider how many aspects of your life work in spite of unanswered questions. You

probably don't understand how a radio works, yet you have no aversion to listening to one. People travel in jumbo jets without fully comprehending how they can possibly get off the ground. Even the workings of a telephone, a device that's been around for over 100 years, is understood by very few.

The exact reasons that other, non-technical laws of nature also work consistently can't be explained scientifically. Natural laws such as cause and effect, attraction, and the power of attitude function without your understanding. However, you can still tap into their existence and utilize their power without knowing how they work.

Nevertheless, you can uncover answers to many of your questions. It will take analysis and introspection, but you can discover much about yourself. For example, understanding what makes you happy, what you want out of life, and how to become a better person is possible.

Even when you get the answers you are looking for, you may be faced with new ques-

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Coyotes Take On New Home Leopards and Mother Nature

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to New Home Friday hoping to improve to 4-0 on the season, but they would have more than one obstacle to overcome in this contest. First being the Leopards of New Home and the second being Mother Nature. With the much needed and blessed rain that we have received over the last few days getting a football game in between showers and lightning seemed improbable. In fact, the Borden Junior High and Junior Varsity cancelled their game with the Leopards because of the amount of rain and the potential for more. The Leopards came into the game with a 2-1 record and the hopes of pulling off an upset over the #3 ranked Borden County. The Coyotes would again be playing this game without the services of Colby Pennell and Nathan Ham and still only getting kicking duties out of Riley Herridge.

The Coyotes kicked off electing to play defense on the rain soaked turf and the decision paid off as 3-plays into the contest, freshman Trace Richey intercepted a pass and returned it to the 9 yard line. As has been the case all season long the Coyotes struck quickly as on the first offensive play Corbin Sumners found the endzone behind the blocking of Frank Banman, Ricky Torres, Sean Tucker, Korbin Martinez and Hunter Jones to take a quick 6-0 lead. The Borden County defense which seems to be getting better every week forced a quick 4-out and they had another score 3-plays later as Sumners hit Torres with a 10 yard pass to push the lead to 12-0 with 5 minutes left in the first quarter. The defense behind Banman, Tucker, Martinez, Richey, Jones, Jayton Lewis, Ryan Wilborn, Cayden Vaughn, Noah Morales, and Sumners again forced a 3-out to force a Leopard punt. The Coyotes would answer again with the longest drive of the evening a 4 play drive that culminated with another Sumners run this time from 16 yards out and after the Herridge kick the

visiting team had a commanding 20 to 0 lead with 2 minutes left in the quarter.

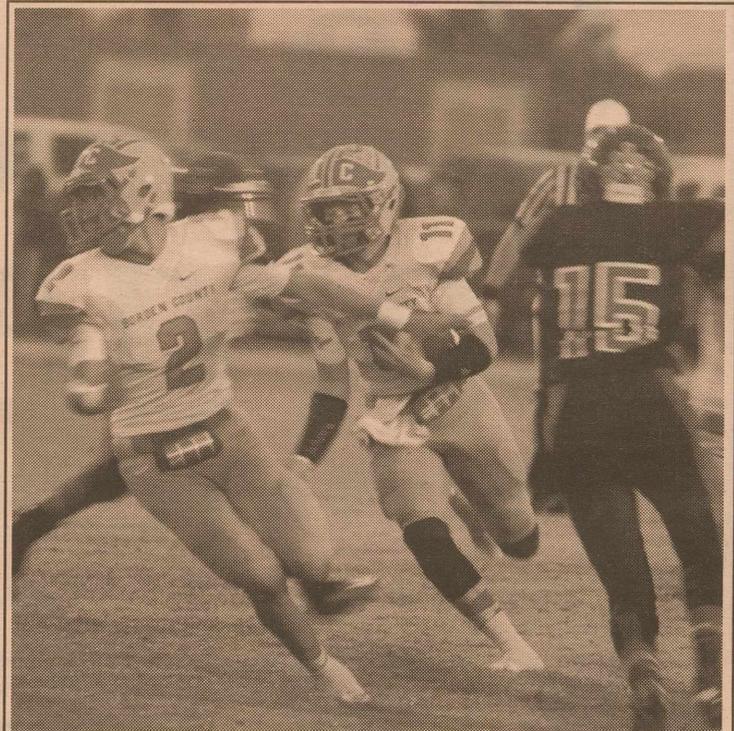
On the next series the Coyote defense gave up the first of only two first downs the Leopards would get on the evening but on the first play of the second quarter, Frank Banman intercepted a pass and the Coyotes were back in business. However, Borden County for the first time on this young season, turned the ball over. In fact, the Coyotes would fumble on back to back series of this game. The second fumble occurred in the endzone and was recovered by the home team to get them on the score board and cut the lead to 20 to 6. The Coyotes however would answer quickly as they used a 2 play drive to regain the momentum as Jones hit Mason Coor on a screen pass and with a couple of nifty moves Coor found himself in the endzone from 28 yards out. With the Herridge kick they had a 28 to 6 lead.

After another defensive stop, the Coyotes again used a nice two play drive to add to their point total as Hunter Jones found Banman on a nice pass and catch covering 22 yards. Another Herridge kick extended the lead to 36 to 6. The Borden defense came right back and stuffed the Leopards. The Coyotes could have called a timeout to get the ball back one last time but elected to allow the clock to run out. This made the Halftime score stand at 36 to 6. While in the dressing room for half, an injury to a young boy on the sidelines forced the ambulance to leave which meant we would have to wait on a replacement ambu-

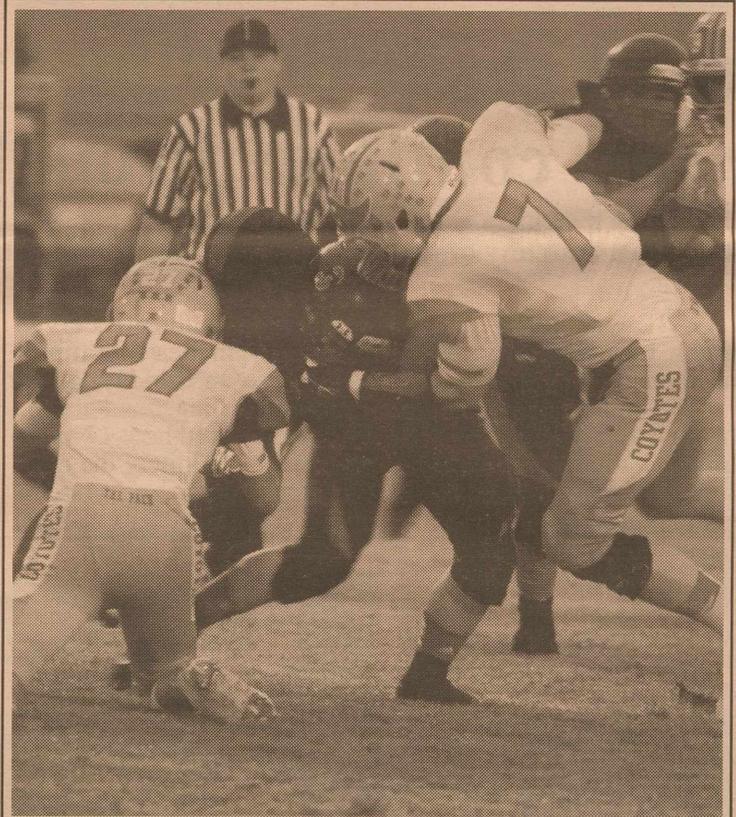
lance. However while we waited Mother Nature had other plans and she began to thunder and lightning. With continued strikes of lightning, both teams mutually agreed to call the game giving the Coyotes a victory and a 4-0 record.

Statistically for the Coyotes, Corbin Sumners had 6 carries for 98 yards and 2 scores and was 1 of 1 passing for 10 yards and a score, catching 2 passes for 44 yards and was in on 3 tackles. Hunter Jones had a rush for 7 yards and was 4 of 5 passing for 112 yards and 2 scores and was 8 tackles and a pass breakup. Frank Banman had a catch for 24 yards and a score and was in on 9 tackles a tackle for loss and an interception. Sean Tucker had 8 tackles and a tackle for loss. Ricky Torres had a touchdown catch of 10 yards and was in on a tackle. Mason Coor had 2 carries for 12 yards and a catch for 24 yards and a score and a tackle. Ryan Wilborn had a pass break up and 4 tackles. Noah Morales was in on 4 tackles. Cayden Vaughn was in on 4 tackles with a tackle for loss. Jayton Lewis was in on 7 tackles. Korbin Martinez was in on 5 tackles, Trace Richey had an interception, was in on 11 tackles 3 tackles for loss and a pressure. Diego Bernal played on extra point kicks and Riley Herridge was 3 of 5 on extra point kicks.

Thank you all for braving the elements and supporting our 4-0 Coyotes. They will be off this week before hosting their toughest opponent of the 2014 season the Ropes Eagles. The Coyote JV will play host to the Lubbock Titans here Thursday.



Running back, Noah Morales (#2) makes sure the path is clear for teammate Corbin Sumners (#11) in Fridays game at New Home.



Hold on tight! Despite the rain and slippery conditions, Borden County Coyotes Korbin Martinez (#27) and Frank Banman (#7) manage to tackle a New Home player. The Coyotes came away with a 36-6 win and now stand with a 4-0 record for the season.



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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Rita's Amazing Minatures

"I just have all kinds of art projects every day. There's no way you can be painting a picture and feel bad." Rita McWhorter of Eldorado has been an artist most of her life. "My mother was an artist. I was just always around it. The smell of turpentine and paint while she was painting was a thrill to me. I'd watch her and feel that I could do that, too."

Rita has been artist in residence at the State Fair of Texas. "It was so exciting to hear Big Tex invite everyone to come see me demonstrate." Among other projects, she has painted baptistry scenes in churches. She once did an oil painting of a nude. "It was from the backside and she was lying on a bunch of pillows. I was interested in getting the muscles in her back just right. When I finished it I couldn't hang it because my husband's family are all Baptists. For about twenty years she stayed under the bed, in a closet or attic or garage. But now she has a home in a beautiful house in San Antonio and she's out of my life."

Rita picked up her guitar and sang me a song in Spanish. She entertains occasionally in nursing homes. While in her home I noticed some miniature furniture items she has made. The quality was astonishing. So was the subject matter. She made tiny replicas of the furniture in her home. "It's the most exciting thing to do something like that. As soon as I finished a piece I wanted to start another."

Her ladies' desk looks exactly like the real thing. "All the drawers work. They couldn't just be a block of wood with a pull on it. This just goes back to painting and perspective and being able to do detail work."

Her miniature living room couch looks exactly like the larger one. "I used a quarter inch plywood. Since I didn't want to use power tools, I used a coping saw to cut a frame. I know all about sewing because I took costume design in college. So I just made the cover for the couch like you would

upholster a piece of furniture."

Rita made a miniature replica of a covered wagon with all the accessories. "It was a thrill to make that. The cover on the wagon is a dishtowel. After I got it tight I painted it to make it real taut, then I did all the stuff to go with it. I made a powder horn from a rooster spur. Rita made up a story to go along with the covered wagon. It's about a long distance love affair. "That story is by the wagon on tiny pages the size of postage stamps and you can read what's on them."

She doesn't sell her minatures. She makes them just for fun. "When I would have a one-man show I always took them because people would crowd around to see them and they made everybody happy." She has several minatures throughout her home. A bunch of grapes is made from mustard seeds. A set of silverware is made from copper wire flattened out with a hammer. A display of her minatures was in the conference room at the LBJ State Park for ten years.

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At the Bicentennial Park Pavilion.

We invite the entire community to celebrate the accomplishments
of our youth and volunteers, as well as kick off our 2014-15 4-H year!
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Lunch: Cheese Enchiladas,
Spanish Rice, Charro
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Cinnamon Apples and
Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast:
French Toast & Bacon,
Fruit Juice and Milk.
Lunch: Philly Cheese Steak
Sandwich, Potato Rounds,
Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit,
Carnival Cookie (9-12
grade only) and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast:
Chicken & Biscuit, Fruit
Juice and Milk. **Lunch:**
Chicken Nuggets, Mac &
Cheese, Garden Salad,
Green Beans, Apple Slices,
Crispy Cereal Treat and
Milk.

Thursday-Breakfast:
Early Bird Sandwich, Fruit
Juice and Milk. **Lunch:**
Hamburger, Seasoned
Corn, Baby Carrots w/
Ranch, Sliced Peaches and
Milk.

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Fruits & Veggies OntheGo!

September is fruit and vegetable month. We all know that eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables is good for you, but many of us are constantly on the go. See how you can fit fruits and veggies into your everyday world. Fruits and vegetables can be a part of a balanced diet anytime, anywhere.

Fruits and veggies are available in many different forms that are easy to take with you. Prepared fresh fruits and vegetables, like baby carrots and fresh fruit cups, are available in the produce section. Dried fruits and vegetables pack away easily in your bag. Pre-packaged fruits in their own juice make a great addition to any lunch sack.

It may be easier than you think to eat fruits and veggies when dining out. In addition to serving up salads, soups, and fruit cups, many restaurants and cafeterias offer veggie-packed entrees and sides.

- Try vegetable stir fry, vegetable fajitas, veggie wraps, or pasta primavera.

- Order a side of veggies with your meal, or pick three or four veggie sides and create your own vegetable plate.

For more information, visit <http://www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov> for more great recipes and ideas.

Source: Fruits and Veggies on the Go Brochure by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Downsizing: An Uplifting Leap of Faith for Two

Oh, to be at that stage in life when all your bills are paid, the mortgage is done, the kids are grown, and the world is there for the taking.

Retirement is a goal for most all of us, and when we reach that ripe old age, we know when it is time to downsize and take to the open road and do the things we put off because we were busy with making money, raising a family, eating, and sleeping.

Sharon and Brian Jones (Brian is the son of Jacque and Bo Hendricks) have been living the dream now for two years. They put their Big Spring home on the market in 2012, had a cash offer in two weeks' time, gave away a lot of furniture, and took off in their 34' Jayco Eagle camper and Dodge truck.

But these two are not in their late 50s. Or 60s.

They walked away from good steady jobs as an RN (Sharon) and Blue Bell Ice Cream Company at the ripe old age of...well, early 40s.

The idea was initially Brian's.

"Are you crazy?" was Sharon's very sensible response.

After two years of traveling, camping, working in RV locations from Washington State to Colorado to Texas, Sharon now realizes that their decision was anything but crazy.

In fact, the two confirm that life has never really been better.

"We have never slept so well," said Brian. "And, I don't have to cut grass."

One of the biggest motivations to make the life-enhancing change was a simple one that carries a life lesson. They wanted to spend more time together.

The old jobs included route driving for Brian and long hours of nursing shift work for Sharon at Scenic Mountain in Big Spring. Their limited time together along with the business of raising three children—including twin boys—was not conducive to quality moments together.

When their youngest—

daughter Robyn—graduated, the possibilities of charting a new course presented themselves. They already had the camper and the truck, so the quick sale of the house was a minor inconvenience, if that.

Life became "so much simpler."

With the blessings of their children and their grandchildren, Sharon and Brian set out to do what the rest of us dream about doing. No debt, no work-related stress, and no second guessing. The adventure has been ongoing for two years with no end in sight.

This little feature story could neatly end right here and be reader-friendly for *The Borden Star* readership. But as Victorian writers used to put it, "Ah, dear reader, there is so much to know."

For one thing, you may wonder how these two people in their early 40s manage. What about gas money, health

insurance, retirement, cabin fever?

Sharon and Brian, remarkable leapers of faith, are meticulous in their routines. This is no hippy chic adventure. They submit their resumes on RV campsites, secure seasonal jobs with KOA, and work side by side in the campgrounds. Emphasis on the word *together* as one of the main reasons why they chose this lifestyle in the first place. Both are fixer-uppers, cleaners, record keepers, and detail-oriented people. Just the sort of people that campground managers want to commit to work that may last seven to eight months, depending on the season. They are paid for their services and also enjoy the benefit of having their camping space provided. It's a win-win.

Their handyman and woman skills serve them well, not just

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4-H Enrollment Time

The start of the new school year means it is also time to enroll in 4-H. Go to <https://texas.4honline.com>. Members who are re-enrolling will need to update their profiles. New members will need to create a family profile and add members. If you need assistance with passwords, contact the Extension Office - we can help!!

Please note that there is a participation fee of \$20 per 4-H'er through the end of October (after November 1 it will be \$25). For more information about the participation fee visit: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/fee/>. We invite parents to enroll as volunteers (BC 4-H pays the screening fee) - **we would love to have all parents be a screened volunteer!** [Note that there is a new volunteer enrollment fee of \$5 for previously screened volunteers which we ask you to pay. 4-H will pay for your initial screening as a new volunteer.]

Please feel free to contact the Extension Office if you need any assistance. Looking forward to a great year for Borden County 4-H!!

Food and Nutrition Project

All youth interested in learning about basic nutrition, food safety and how to cook are invited to participate in the 4-H Food and Nutrition project! We will meet from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Borden County Event Center on:

- Monday, September 22
- Monday, September 29

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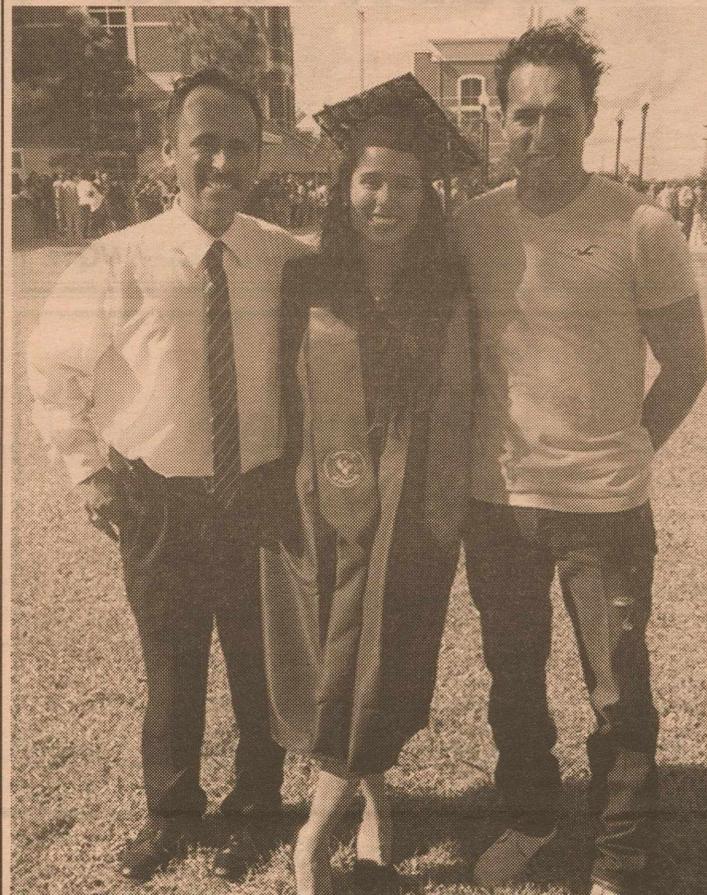
The 4-H Achievement Picnic and Kickoff Party will be held on Sunday, October 5th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Bicentennial Park. More details to come. EVERYONE in the community is invited to join us as we celebrate the achievements for 2013-14 and kickoff the 2014-15 year!!

Thought for the Day

If I speak in the tongues[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

I Corinthians 13:1-8
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Former Student Receives Degree



Former Borden County resident and student Noemi Galvan Zeledon graduated September 20, 2014 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. Pictured with Noemi are her brothers Juan (left, a 1995 BHS graduate) and Javier (right).

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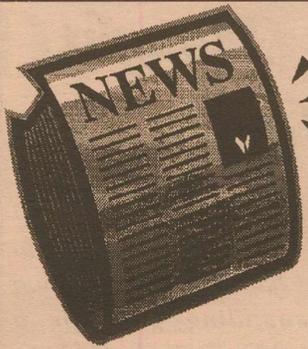
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have been reported, one vehicle was swept off the road and a semi truck fell trapped in rising water in a bar ditch. Electricity was out about four hours.

"We're trying to stay dry and keeping busy," Allison said.

Bubba Edwards, another Borden Countian, said flooding caused small creeks to look more like lakes. Some people were unable to travel Saturday, he said.

"One the edge of town going to Post, you couldn't get through," he said.

Rainfall in that area has brought Lake Alan Henry up 9 1/2 feet and to levels 75 percent full, said Jeff Vitale, a meteorologist with the Lubbock branch of the National Weather Service.

The heavy precipitation results from Hurricane Odile, Vitale added.

"The moisture that's left over from it is still over the area," he said.

Thunderstorms could continue through the week. Rain chances in most of the South Plains are about 40 percent Monday, 30 percent Tuesday and 20 percent Wednesday and Thursday, Vitale said.

In Terry County, emergency management officials warned of road closures prompted by flooding. Several playa lakes in that county are nearing flood stage.

First responders investigated a rollover accident near Wellman, said Sandra Morin, a spokeswoman for the Terry County Sheriff's Office.

"The county roads are not good to drive on," she said.

In Lubbock, nearly 2 inches of rain fell in less than an hour early Sunday afternoon at the National Weather Service office on South Loop 289 near Indiana Avenue, said Charles Aldrich, a meteorologist with the weather service.

At Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport, 0.4 inch of rain had fallen since midnight Sunday—all between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. By the end of Saturday, 3.31 inches of rain was recorded at the airport.

A flood warning is in effect through 4:30 p.m. for Terry, Cochran, Yoakum, Lynn and southwestern Garza counties, according to the weather service.

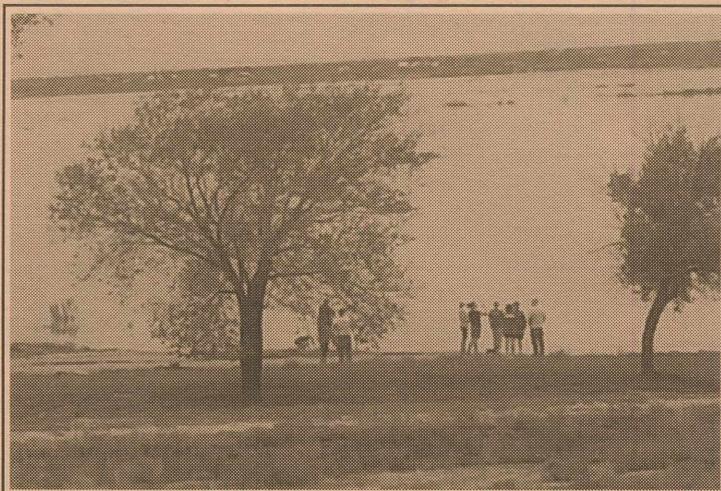
The West Texas Mesonet site at O'Donnell recorded 1.92 inches, most of which fell

around 2 p.m. The counties are seeing rainfall rates as high as 1 to 3 inches per hour.

Drivers are warned not to drive their vehicles into areas where water covers the roadway. If your vehicle slips in a wet road, do not slam your brakes.



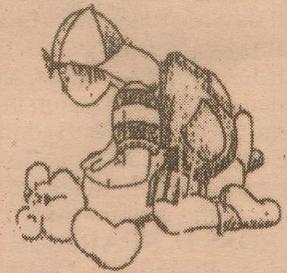
The dam of a stock tank 1 mile east of Gail gives way after more the 15 inches of rain fell over a two day period.



Many who have not seen Lake J.B. Thomas full in years made their way down the boat ramp to view the lake. The Lake was said to go from 2.5 percent capacity to almost 75 percent capacity.

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Living the Good Life...

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for others but for themselves.

"I learned from working with my family, out of necessity, how to do tile, paint, and floor," said Brian.

In fact, it was Sharon and Brian who worked alongside family members to build Jacque and Bo's house in Gail several years ago.

The two also wanted to do some unique work on their camper. They completed the wiring and installation of solar panels for their home on wheels and do all the vehicle maintenance work on both the truck and the camper in order to keep costs down.

As for health care costs, this couple could be the poster people for all of us. They do provide their own health insurance, but their "insurance" for their insurance is to stay healthy. They are fitness freaks, some would say: walking, exercising, eating healthy, mountain bike riding, and running. In fact, a 1/2 marathon is on tap for December in San Antonio.

Sharon and Brian take care of their mental health as well. Leaving behind work-related stress coupled with the majestic environments that come with camping in places such as Durango, Ouray, Silverton, the wineries near Fredericksburg, and many national parks campgrounds, this couple is at peace.

They have also developed what some might call hobbies. When Brian was a freshman in high school, he wrote about Borden County ranching history as he often spent summers with his grandmother Donna Hendricks. His talent for writing has also led to a fictional novel, *Indian Paintbrush*, which was published this past

spring. A murder mystery, Brian's book will soon be available for purchase at both The Coyote Country Store and The Blue Paw.

Sharon has ventured into photography. And what a venture it is proving to be. She and Brian re-outfitted their camper to make room for a professional-grade copier. This enables Sharon to take photos, print them on site, frame, and sell. Some of her prints—which can also be resized to the buyer's preference (13 x 19 is the largest)—can soon be viewed at both local stores. The self-taught photographer has her own website (www.9-s-h-a-r-o-n-jones.artistswebsite.com); landscapes, abstracts, and people prints can be purchased here. The Burro Street Bakery has several of Sharon's prints on display in New Mexico.

The retirement pension raises some concerns, and Brian knows that is a reality. But at some point the reward of having been good stewards of their financial past will enable them to face the future necessity of dealing with that just as wisely.

In the meantime, the dividends are paying royally now.

Sharon and Brian are healthy, happy, and living a life of service combined with the chance to enjoy this beautiful country.

And, they get to do it together.

"We get up and don't have to go to separate jobs anymore. It's about coffee, relaxing, and not having anything pressing. We don't even set an alarm."

Here's hoping this leap of faith continues to take Sharon and Brian Jones on many more journeys.

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Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 21st day of August, 2014, 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:

ROSS D. SHARP, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, with Joe Belew, Commissioner Precinct No. 4 absent constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other Officers Present: Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor.

CALL TO ORDER

At 8:35 a.m. Judge Sharp called the September 16, 2014 Special Session of the Borden County Commissioners Court to order.

COMMUNITY INPUT

No Community input.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of September 9, 2014 were presented. Commissioner Randy Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2013 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Don Stephens 2013 Financial Audit. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION./ MAINTENANCE

No applications were received for Private Road Construction/Maintenance.

SOIL CONSERVATION

No applications were received for Soil Conservation.

COUNTY OWNED HOUSE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the final payment to Charles Griffin Ready-Built Homes construction of Replacement Home to be used by the County Ag. Agent Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ELECTION CANVASSED

The results of the Special Election held on September 9, 2014 were canvassed. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith that the returns of the Election are official and will be recorded in Volume 2, Page 252 of the Election Records. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

TAX RATE AND ARCHIVE PUBLIC HEARING

At 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Smith made a motion to close Commissioners Court Meeting and to open Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate to support the 2015 County Budget. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No interested person attended.

At 9:15 a.m., Commissioner Adcock made a motion to close Tax Rate Hearing and to open Public Hearing on Proposed Borden County Records Archive Plan for Fiscal Year 2015. Motion carried.

Joyce Herridge, County and District Clerk presented plan for County Clerk Office and for the District Clerk Office.

No interested person attended.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Smith made a motion to close

the Clerk Archive Fee Public Hearing and to open the Commissioners Court Meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Belew present.

TRANSPORTATION INFRESTRUCTURE FUND GRANT

A discussion was held concerning the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program.

FUTURE AGENDA

Approve Budget, Approve Tax Rate, Approve Clerk Archive Plan, Appoint Election Judges and Alternate Judges.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 23rd day of September 2014.



Dare to Live...

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tions. As soon as one question is answered, another one often materializes. It seems as if there are far more questions than answers. It is not your perception, questions always outnumber answers.

Your quest for answers is similar to climbing a mountain. At the base, you can't see much around you. As you climb, your view expands. The higher you go, the more you can see. Also, as you ascend, the climb becomes steeper. Reaching the top requires lots of effort.

It's the same with questions and answers. Each answer gets you higher on the mountain, allowing more questions to come into view. The questions also become more challenging. The more progress you make, the tougher the questions become.

Rather than becoming frustrated with new and tougher questions, welcome them as a sign of your progress. Asking the right questions can be just as important, if not more so, than the answers.

Questions motivate you to think, analyze, reflect, and understand. Most of the time you don't need instant answers. Allow your mind to work on

the question without any pressure. It will work 24 hours a day to find an answer. Often an answer will present itself when you least expect it.

You have to keep your mind open in order for it to find the answer. You will get answers you didn't want or don't like. Don't rush to judgement. Let any emotions subside. Stay objective. Mull the answer over for a while as if you were an outside observer evaluating it for someone else.

Even if you pick the wrong answer it's no big deal. You are always free to change your mind and take a different path. Life is fluid. Be willing to change and adapt as needed.

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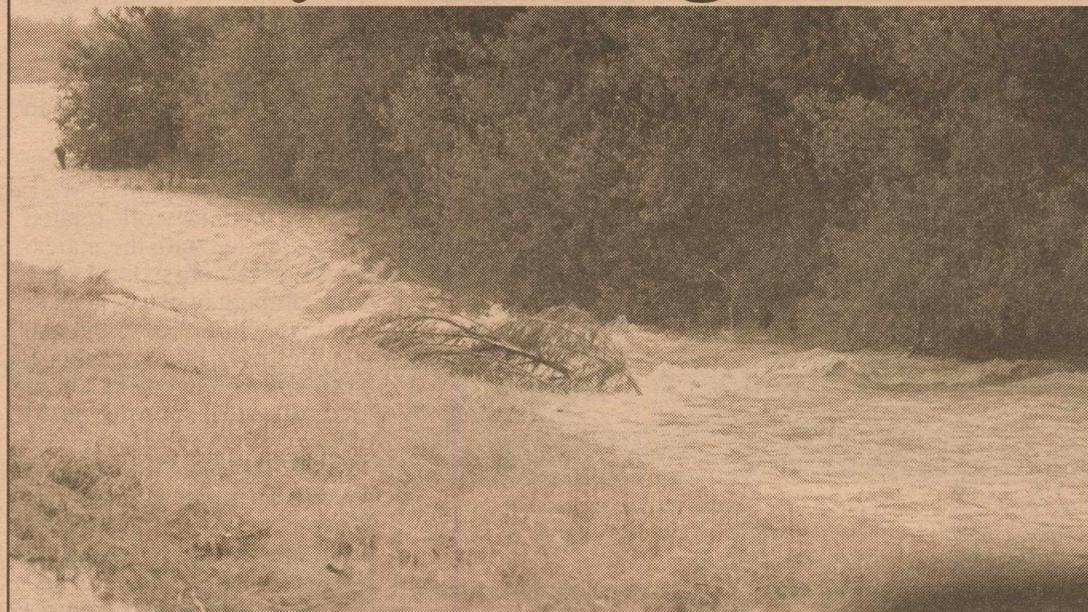
Special Needs Children

Parents with special needs children in the Borden County Independent School District, Dawson ISD or Klondike ISD are urged to contact Becky Nix, Special Education Director by calling 806/756-4313 extension 3.

If Becky cannot be reached at that phone number call the Child Find Coordinator at the Education Service Center by calling 806/792-4000.

The special need may be in the area of mental, social, emotional or physical development.

History Making Rains



This past weekend will be one to be in the history books. Residents of Borden County saw nearly 18 inches total over a weeks time. The county received 11 inches on Saturday alone causing flooding throughout the area. Pictured is the baskside of the city tank in Gail. Many stock tanks in the area were damaged when the dams were destroyed by the heavy rains. Many roadways were also damaged leaving them closed to travel.

