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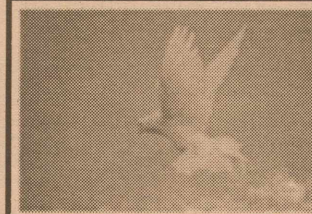
WASHINGTON, March 24, 2014 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia today recommended that farmers and ranchers who plan to participate in FSA programs register

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All-Region Basketball Honors



Receiving All-Region Basketball honors are Taylor Gass (left) and Kurt Shafer. Taylor earned all region honors from both the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association as well as the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. She was named 6A girls' offensive MVP and will play in this summer's TSMCA all-star games in Wichita falls.. Kurt earned 2nd team honors with Texas Six-Man Coaches Association.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Imperfection

No one is perfect. We all have our strengths and weaknesses. Those who are most successful, build on their strengths while striving to overcome their weaknesses. It's not unusual for a trait that initially appears to be a weakness to actually be a strength. I came across the following parable which nicely shows this point.

Many years ago, a farmer had to get his household water from a nearby stream. To get as much water as possible from each trip, he used two large clay pots, each fastened securely to opposite ends of a stout pole.

After he fetched his first load of water, the farmer discovered that the pot on the left side had a small crack, causing it to lose about a third of its water on the trip from the stream back to the house. But the farmer didn't have another pot to replace the imperfect one. Besides, in spite of the leak, he had enough water from each trip for his daily needs.

The farmer retrieved water in this manner for several years. One day, a neighbor observed the farmer carrying his daily load of water with one of the pots leaking. The neigh-

bor asked the farmer if he knew about the defective pot.

The farmer's reply surprised the neighbor. "I discovered the leak the first time I filled the pots. I was very disappointed. It had taken me a lot of time to attach the pots to the pole. I didn't have a replacement pot nor did I have time to replace the imperfect one if I did have another."

"After several weeks of carrying water, I noticed flowers springing up on the left side of the path I walked each morning. The water from the leaking pot was enabling flowers to grow in the normally hard, dry dirt."

"Since I really enjoyed looking at the flowers each morning and I had enough water at the end of every trip, I realized the imperfect pot was more valuable to me with its defect than if it had no leak. You see, what I and most people would consider an imperfection was actually an asset."

Both pots had their own unique strengths. The perfect pot carried a full load of water flawlessly. The cracked pot, while it lost some water, enabled beautiful flowers to grow.

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The Great Debaters (CX): Volume VII McMeans-McMeans Cap Off Debate Career With State Championship

Mollie McMeans and Zach McMeans are not the first CX State Champions from Borden High School. Hopefully, they won't be the last.

They are now, however, the **reigning** 1-A gold medalists after fighting their way through a tough field of 57 other teams. Of the four rounds of debate on the first day of competition, three of the four teams that Mollie and Zach debated advanced to the quarterfinals on day two. In the championship debate, the Borden High School seniors met up with another opponent whom they had defeated on day one, Port Aransas.

The State CX tournament is made up of four preliminary rounds. Debaters have to win at least three of the four and score enough speaker points to advance to the second day of competition, known as the Sweet Sixteen. Mollie and Zach defeated Highland, Port Aransas, Whiteface, and lost to Miles to go 3-1. Their speakers ranks were high, so the two were insured a berth in the Octafinals. In addition to advancing, Zach also earned a spot in the "Top Five Speakers" for 1-A schools.

Tuesday morning rounds are judged by panels of three (instead of one judge as is done on the first day). For the Octafinal round, Mollie and Zach faced a strong team from Three Rivers, which included Zach's number one competition from State Congress in January. On a 3-0 decision going affirmative, Mollie and Zach won and advanced to the Quarterfinals.

In the next match-up, Borden County went up against perennial power Lindsay. On another 3-0 vote, Mollie and Zach found themselves advancing to unknown territory as they were now in the Final Four.

The win also meant that

they would have the opportunity to debate at the State Capitol. Fortunately, this setting would be familiar to both Mollie and Zach as Zach competed there for State Congress and Mollie attended as an alternate. This edge proved to be important as none of the other three semi-finalists had competed in the capitol.

A young team from Panhandle was the Semi-Final round opponent. Panhandle won the coin toss and chose to go affirmative; this simply meant that they had the advantage in running a case with which they were familiar; Mollie and Zach would have to rely on their research and analytics to win the round. Panhandle ran a case involving the Venezuelan economy as it relates to the United States; while not confident after the round, Mollie and Zach still won on a 3-0 vote to move into the championship debate.

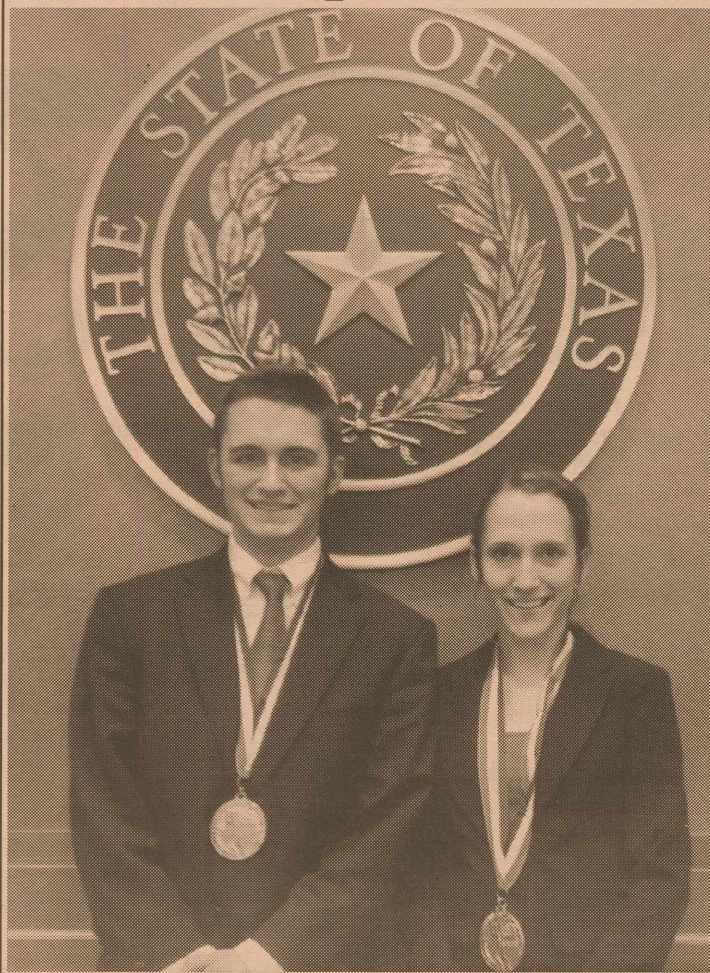
After a full day of debating, beginning at 8:30 a.m., Mollie and Zach began the last debate of the tournament at 5 p.m. against Port Aransas, a team they had defeated on Monday (going negative). Because the two had met earlier, no coin toss was allowed and the round was locked. The advantage lay with BC as now they would meet Port Aransas going affirmative. Mollie and Zach had only lost with their PEMEX case once this year.

Still, the round was close, but around 7:45 on Tuesday night, the UIL State CX title returned to Borden County. On a 2-1 split vote, Mollie and Zach defeated Port Aransas and were draped with gold medals by the State Speech and Debate Director Jana Riggins in the Texas State Capitol annex auditorium.

Borden County High School now has seven CX titles, the

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State Champions!



State Champions, Zach and Mollie McMeans in the Texas State Capitol.



Mollie and Zach in between CX rounds on the University of Texas campus.

School Lunch Menu

Mar. 31-Apr. 4, 2014

Menu subject to
change

Monday - Breakfast:
Pancake & Sausage, Fruit
Juice and Milk. Lunch:
Chicken Quesadilla, Salsa,
Garden Salad, Refried
Beans, Applesauce and
Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast:
Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice
and Milk. Lunch: Country
Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Roll,
Strawberry Cupl and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast:
Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit
Juice and Milk. Lunch:
Chicken Fajitas, Tortilla
Chips (9-12 Grade only),
Charro Beans, Corn, Salsa,
Orange Smiles and Milk.

Thursday-Breakfast:
Breakfast Burrito, Fruit
Juice and Milk. Lunch:
Popcorn Chicken, Garden
Salad, Caby Carrots, Apple
Slices, Breadstick and Milk.

Friday-Breakfast: Muf-
fin, Fruit Juice and Milk.
Lunch: Fish Strips, Texas
Toast, Sweet Potato Fries,
Cloeslaw, Sliced Peaches
and Milk.

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Caring For and Storing Winter Coats

Since Spring has arrived, we are all hopeful that Winter is beginning to wind down! It is time to begin thinking about cleaning and storing our winter coats and sweaters. Of course, in West Texas, we might need them in the middle of May, but we won't be needing them daily anymore. As we all know, a warm, cozy coat is a major item in a winter wardrobe budget. So, it makes good sense to keep this fashion investment looking good for as long as possible. The Soap and Detergent Association says that the key is proper care.

Start by reading the care labels. It is a wise idea to do this before making a pur-

chase. That way, one can be sure that care requirements and lifestyle are compatible. Once the purchase is made, read and follow the care label instructions. Treat stains immediately to keep them from setting in.

Whether it's long term or daily storage, avoid hanging a coat by its neck on a hook or coat rack. Use a padded hanger. Avoid plastic bags as they promote light damage and mildew. When Winter is over, clean the coat before putting it in storage.

Source: *The Soap and Detergent Association's Cleanliness Facts Newsletter November/December 2002*

Naval Officer Visits 4th Grade



On February 24th, Master Chief Communication Specialist Priscilla Kirsh visited Mrs. Edwards 4th grade class. Back in November, the class sent a care package to Master Chief Kirsch and her fellow sailors aboard the USS Harry Truman deployed in the Gulf of Oman. Kirsch, a Lamesa native, was home on leave in February and came to meet the students.

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Dare to Live...

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Each pot served a different function and was just as important as the other.

This story touches on several issues. Whether a character trait is a strength or weakness is dependent on circumstances as well as what one is trying to achieve. For example, consider the following two people. Irene is a person who is easily bored, enjoys change, likes to work independently, makes decisions quickly, and is a risk taker.

Carol, on the other hand, prefers a predictable routine, likes stability, enjoys working and making decisions with others, and is very cautious when making decisions. Who is a better worker, Irene or Carol? Which of them has more imperfections?

The answer is, it depends. For starting a new business, or striking out on a new venture, Irene's personality is better suited. Carol is more suitable for managing an established, stable organization.

Don't be too quick to label a trait of yours or a characteristic of someone else an imperfection. What appears to be a defect, may be the result of an individual being in the wrong situation. Anything can be interpreted to be a defect when looked at narrowly and out of context.

Our world is diverse. It can only function with the contributions of people with different strengths and abilities. Rather than worry about your imperfections, why not capitalize on your strengths?

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until May 8



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Mr. Parker or any Gail
FFA member



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the AG building

Annual Clothing Drive

USDA Encourages Early Registration...

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in advance. Producers are encouraged to report farm records and business structure changes to a local FSA Service Center before April 15, 2014.

Enrollment for the disaster programs authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, including the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) will begin by April 15, 2014.

"We expect significant interest in these programs," said Garcia. "Early registration should help improve the sign-up process and allow us to expedite implementation of the programs. I strongly encourage producers to complete their paperwork ahead of time."

Examples of updates or changes to report include:

- New producers or producers who have not reported farm records to FSA.

- Producers who have recently bought, sold or rented land. Those producers need to ensure that changes have been reported and properly recorded by local FSA county office personnel. Reports of purchased or sold property should include a copy of the land deed, and if land has been leased, then documentation should be provided that indicates the producer had/has control of the acreage.

- Producers that have

changed business structures (e.g. formed a partnership or LLC) need to ensure that these relationships and shares are properly recorded with FSA. Even family farms that have records on file may want to ensure that this is recorded accurately as it may impact payment limits.

Farm records can be updated during business hours at FSA Service Centers that administer the county where the farm or ranch is located. Producers can contact their local FSA Service Center in advance to find out what paperwork they may need. In addition, bank account information should be supplied or updated if necessary to ensure that producers receive payments as quickly as possible through direct deposit.

While any producer may report farm records and business structure changes, it is especially important for producers who suffered livestock, livestock grazing, honeybee, farm-raised fish, or tree/vine losses for 2011, 2012, 2013 or 2014, and may be eligible for assistance through one of the four disaster programs.

For further information about our disaster programs and USDA's Farm Bill implementation plan, visit FSA's 2014 Farm Bill Web page. FSA Service Center locations can be found on the FSA website.

Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 11th day of March, 2014, 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, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner Precinct No. 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: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Benny Allison, Sheriff, Tax-Assessor/Collector.

Visitors: Don Bonifay
COMMUNITY INPUT

No community input.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the March 11, 2014 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioner Court to order at 8:35 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of February 25, 2013 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Officers' Reports, Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted reports in the Ag Agent Cody Hill report not submitted.

Motion carried.

DONATION

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to ACCEPT THE Donation to Borden County from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative for deposit into the General Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Corrected Annual Report. Commissioner Reyes seconded the

motion. Motion carried.

AIR EVAC LIFETEAM
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to renew the Air Evac Lifeteam medical flight policy. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

CROSSING COUNTY ROADS

After consideration of Applications of Utility Cable Crossing of County Roads in Precinct No. 1, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve applications. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes

ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve request from Chad Beaver in Precinct No. 4 for road maintenance as needed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the application for Soil Conservation Construction from Shirley Newton in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

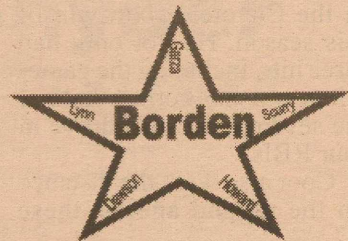
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Propane and Propane tank at County Owned Ag Facility, Event Center, Radios and Burn Ban.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 25th day of March 2014.



Borden County Historical Commission Report

The BCHC met on March 9 to discuss projects for the upcoming year. Final preparations for the dedication of the Dorward Drug historical marker are being completed. This building is a significant part of Borden County history and the town of Gail because is the last wooden business structure left on the courthouse square. At one time the square was lined with businesses such as mercantile stores, saloons, newspaper office, doctor and lawyer offices, livery stables, hotels, cafes, post office, barber shop, a bank and many other commercial endeavors. The date of the ceremony is Saturday, June 21, at 2 p.m. on the courthouse lawn. A reception will follow the ceremony at the Borden County Event Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

The museum will continue to reorganize, rearrange its collection, and to purchase archival quality storage materials for photos, fabrics, and other fragile items. The commission encourages people to share their family photos and stories. Photos can be scanned at the museum and saved in an external hard drive. Scanning does not hurt photos and the originals can be returned to the family. Copies of photos can be made and will be filed along with family history for future researchers and genealogists.

A visit to the museum is not necessary. Items can be sent via email to bordencohistory@gmail.com

The Historical Commission will be purchasing a color tri-fold that will be available in June. This tri-fold will be distributed to local businesses and also available at the courthouse, and area museums. The brochure covers the history of the county, and also includes current activities held throughout the year.

Additional projects pending include the purchase of a Texas historical marker for Mushaway Peak. This project began in 1968 and was never completed. The State has approved the marker and the commission is currently well on our way to having enough funds thanks to a generous donation by Mart Sherman.

Doris Franklin Henderson recently donated a beautiful red, white, and blue sesquicentennial quilt to the museum. The quilt was handmade in 1986 by Margaret Sharp and includes names of over 100 residents, past and present, embroidered in the quilt. The commission is studying the

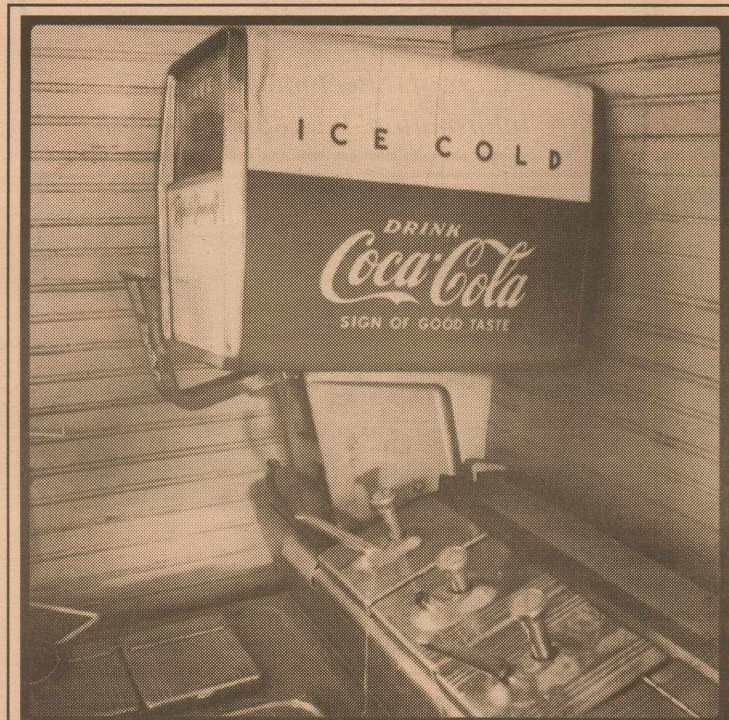
possibility of framing this quilt and displaying it either in the courthouse or in the event center.

The May 4 meeting will include a discussion of restoring the Borden County Historical Society with patrons paying membership fees that include subscription to the *Borden Citizen Newsletter* that was in production until 2000. We encourage input into this idea.

A beginner's genealogy class taught by Lisa Mahler will be held at the Borden County Event Center on Saturday, July 12. This will be a fundraiser for the museum. Please look for details at the Borden County Museum Facebook page or email Lisa at bordencohistory@gmail.com

Current donations received for 2014 have been received by Whiz and Bo Creighton for the Dorward Drug in memory of Jean Taylor; Larry and Wanda Smith, and Mart Sherman for the Mushaway Peak Marker; Mary Ann and Paul Awtry, Jacquie Whalen in memory of Ray Allison; Mary Ann and Paul Awtry, Jacquie Whalen, Lisa Dennis Mahler in memory of Deda Billeck.

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Pictured is the Coca Cola and ice cream fountain that operated in Dorward Drug for many years. The dedication ceremony of the longtime fixture on the square in Gail will be June 21, 2014 at 2 p.m. on the courthouse lawn.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Coyotes Celebrate Big Victory

BC rallies back from slow start against No. 21 Sundown

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

Spotting a state-ranked opponent the first six runs and one cannot help but feel a little apprehensive about your chances.

Try convincing Borden County junior Mason Coor and his Coyote baseball teammates of that last Tuesday afternoon.

Sundown, 21st in this week's Class 1A state high school baseball poll, appeared to be in good shape to pick up its ninth win of this season after the Roughnecks jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead in the top half of the first.

But Coor and the Coyotes fought back to capture a heart-stopping 8-7 win over Sundown on a windy Tuesday afternoon at Gail. It was a walk-off base hit from Coor in the bottom half of the seventh that sealed the deal for the Gail Gang.

"Hopefully, this one tonight gives our ol' confidence a boost going into the rest of the week," Borden County Coach Bubba Edwards said. "Anyone you're behind you've still got a shot. We're down 6-0 before we even got to bat."

After jumping out to its quick 6-0 lead in the top half of the first inning, Sundown, now 8-5 on the year, only managed to push across one more run that came in the top half of the third inning.

Borden County scored one run in the first inning, three in the third, one run each in the fourth and sixth innings before pulling off that gutsy come-from-behind thriller with their final two in the bottom half of the seventh.

Coor had a bi helping hand in the Coyotes' sixth win of this season. He not only had three hits, including the game-winner in the bottom half of the seventh, but also drove in four RBIs.

Coor also went the distance on the mound against these

state-ranked Roughnecks. He struck out seven and scattered seven hits in the gutsy complete game performance.

"After starting out like we did, we told Mason we were going to do things different," Edwards said. "We're going to basically go with all junk and mix in our fastball and it worked."

"His curve ball and knuckle ball are what helped us win this one. He just kept with it and it seemed like his pitch count kept getting smaller and smaller every inning. Defensively, our guys stepped up and made the plays we needed to behind him."

"We're just tickled pink with the way Mason bounced back. Whenever you start out like we did you can end up going one or two ways. Mason just bowed that ol' neck and competed and ended up pitching five innings of shutout ball against these guys."

Borden County's Hurricane Richter also had a big night at the plate for the Coyotes with a pair of hits, including a solo homer in the seventh. That was Richter's first home run of this season.

Right fielder Corbin Sumners and first baseman Kurt Shafer also had two hits each on Tuesday. Korbin Martinez and Hunter Jones also had a hit in the winning effort.

"We had some big hits, too. Probably nothing as big as that last one to win, but Hurricane's hit was big too."

Hopefully, that one helps give him some extra confidence up there, as well," Edwards said.

Tuesday's thriller at Gail improved Borden County's season mark 6-2-1. The Coyotes continued a busy spring break week on the high school diamond on Wednesday noon at Crosbyton before hosting Ralls this Friday back at Gail in a pair

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The San Angelo Water Lily Ponds

The collection of water lilies at a park in San Angelo has been ranked the best in the world for a long time. "It's the diversity," says Ken Landon, a former University of Texas curator who started the ponds back in 1988. "Nobody has all the different things we have. When a new water lily comes on the scene, it is first seen here."

The flowers are in eight ponds and are at their peak in summer months. A Lilyfest is in September. Attractive walkways surround the ponds. A misting system was installed recently and a huge improvement program is underway now. The ponds are popular places for photographers. Pictures of the water lilies have been on calendars, place mats, wallpaper, post cards and other items. Many people have told Ken they didn't know water lilies could be so beautiful. They are in striking colors and shapes.

"The parks department asked me if I could do something with an ugly old pool," says Ken. "So I took on the job of building the ponds." He's been working with water lilies since he was seventeen. "I studied these things, how they grow and everything, then when I was with the University of Texas I went on trips around the world to get them." He sometimes relates his Indiana Jones type experiences. He's been in jungles and primitive places. "Sometimes I didn't think I would get out alive." When the university disbanded the water lilies collection, Ken ended up with it.

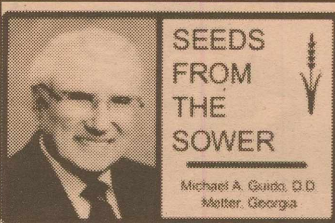
Every summer, some 360 different types of water lilies are in bloom at the ponds. "We have to replant everything ev-

ery year. They bloom in early summer, then die when winter comes. "I can only show one-half of one percent of what's in my inventory in any given year. I keep them in various places in the United States and in some other countries." Ken is president of the International Water Lily Preservation Repository and entertains botany professionals from round the world "They come to see if I really have what I say I have." Ken has developed some species that come back every year.

To plant a water lily, Ken makes a mixture of virgin soil and fertilizer then puts it in a bucket. "Put the plant in the bucket and put the bucket in the pond. You have to maintain it. Water lilies require lots of feeding. And even though they are in the water, the blooms are out in the sun and we have to continually spray them with a fine mist."

Some people get emotional when they look at the water lilies. "A guy who had retired from the parks department was looking at a flower and asked me if it was real. I told him I was and he said he had never seen anything like that, even though he had admired flowers all his life working for the parks department. So I picked it off and gave it to him. The symmetry of this particular water lily, called Panama Pacific, was extremely gorgeous, especially when you looked at it right down the middle, down the throat. He looked at that, then looked at me and he started to cry."

You can see the water lilies at internationalwaterlilycollection.com. *Tumbleweed loves stories.* Contact him at tumbleweedsmith.com



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido, D.D.
Minister, Georgia

The other day I was visiting with an old friend. During the conversation I asked, "I understand that you married Jane. Why?"

"Because she's different," he replied.

"How different?" I asked.

"She's the only one who would have me," he explained.

But there's One Who will accept everyone – unconditionally. Young or old, rich or poor – our condition does not matter. Jesus said, "Come to me," and then He added, "if you do come, I will not cast you out."

In all my years of serving God, I have never heard anyone say, "I came to Jesus, but He would not accept me." It has been just the opposite. Many have told me that Jesus was the only One Who would have them. They knew that when they came to Him, they finally discovered One Who accepted them in spite of all that they had done.

To become a Christian, all you have to do is to come to Christ. Take Him at His Word.

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of District 4-1A contests. Both of those league outings have noon starting.

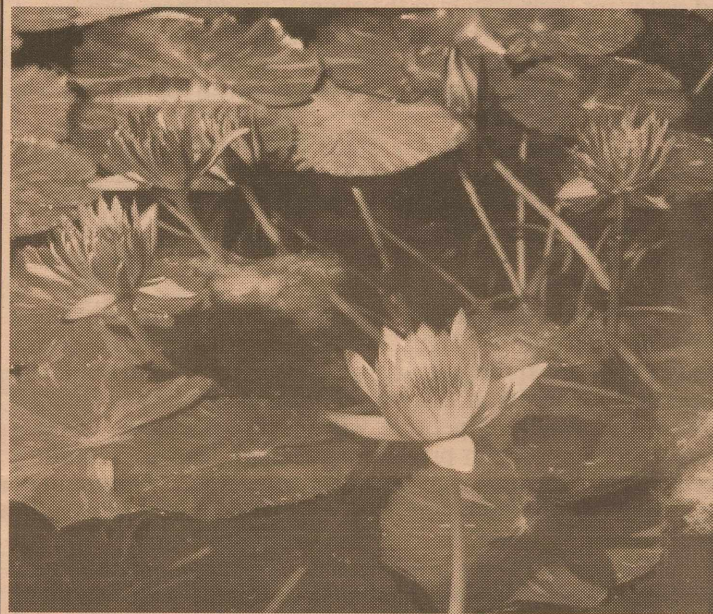
At 1-2 in district play going into Wednesday's game, the Coyotes are well aware of the importance of this busy stretch.

"These next two could make or break us," Edwards said. "But, we were in this same spot out here last year. We were in the same situation before coming up with two big wins. Hopefully, we can do that again."

"We realize that we're a different team with different pitchers, but it's still all about going out and competing for the full seven innings."



San Angelo Water Lily Ponds



Borden County Senior Class of 2014

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Children aren't coloring books. You don't get to fill them with your favorite colors-The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini Learn your horse.-Sea Biscuit by Laura Hillenbrand

In four years, I never saw Mollie and Zach debate. They did not want their coach in the room—made them nervous. Truth be told, it made me nervous to watch. Only by reading ballots and talking to judges and other coaches could I piece together what would happen in a round. And, by talking to Mollie and Zach.

Over 35 years ago, I was asked to take over debate when the coach left. I knew absolutely nothing. Sometimes, I still feel very intimidated by what I perceive to be a “real” debate coach—someone who debated and someone who more than likely went to college to be a speech teacher. That wasn't me. So I compensated.

I came to realize that first and foremost students came in many sizes and packages. With Mollie and Zach—even though they are siblings and a set of triplets at that—it was important to see them as two individuals. Both were very competitive (and competitive with each other, too). Both were coachable. Both proved to be quick learners. Mollie needed reassurance. Zach needed affirmation. My role often was not coach but counselor, advisor and, every now and then, referee.

Borden County's success in CX debate has had no one formula. Each team has been different, with its own unique style. Once I got a handle on that style, it made my job easier. I adapted to them, learned from them, and relied on instincts to guide us through the difficult and challenging path to reach the goal they set—not the one I imposed on them.

The job we have as adults is to help with the outline; allow the students to color as they choose...whether it's in academics, athletics, theater, or music. The main thing is to let them color.

My mom and dad had five children who did just that: a son who was a four-sport letterman, another son and a daughter who won state in one-act, two daughters who played volleyball in high school and college and wrote for the school newspaper. Two of us were in choir. One of us read Poetry at UIL while another played tennis. One son taught himself to play the guitar while his brother learned to make costumes, build sets, do electrical work, and paint. And Mom and Dad were present and accounted for at each endeavor.

In the auditorium two weeks ago were many such parents and grandparents who were proud of what their sons and daughters were doing. Bart and Vivian McMeans were among that crowd. Few things are as special as watching our children reach the pinnacle.

Sometimes the accomplishment comes in the form of a gold medal, but more often than not it doesn't. What I have written here about Mollie and Zach would be the same as if they had come home empty-handed in terms of a medal.

But winning is sweet. We accept it on behalf of this community and this school and hope that future students want to tackle the challenge.

If they do, I'll have a new coloring book ready just for them.



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The Great Debaters...

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most of any 1-A school in Texas. Only Dallas Hillcrest (10 with the last one coming in 1977), Houston Reagan (9 with the last win coming in 1956), Waco High (9 with the last win in 1983), Carthage (8 with last win in 2003), and Houston Lamar (8 with the last win in 1972) have more.

Ed and Sharon Huddleston coached Janna Love and Glynda Burkett in 1979. The other CX state championships have come in 2003 (Billy Roper and John Wilson), 2004 (Billy Roper and John Wilson), 2005 (Rachel Wilson and John Wilson), 2007 (Rowdy Clary and Rachel Wilson), and 2008 (Kate Wallace and Rachel Wilson). In 2006, Rowdy and Rachel finished second on a 2-1 vote loss to Thorndale in the finals.

Short Handed Tracksters Compete in Snyder During Spring Break

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Track season continued this week as the Coyotes and Lady Coyotes took a handful of men and women to Snyder to compete in the Tiger Relays.

On the girls side Taylor Gass competed in the varsity division and won both of her races, the 800 meter run in a time of 2:35.1 and then followed that up by winning the 1600 with a time of 5:55.2. Kalyn Massingill made her season debut Thursday after being out since late in the basketball season. Kalyn competed in the 100 meter dash and finished 2nd in the JV division with a time of 14.3. Bailey Robinson competed in the JV discus and also finished 2nd with a throw of 74'4". Zoie Key, who hasn't finished a race this season due to a reoccurring hamstring injury was able to finish the 1600 meter run on the JV division and was able to win in a time of 6:47.1. Tatum Richey was the final girl to compete and she was able to bring home four gold medals in her events in the JV division. Richey won the 100 hurdles in a season best 17.88,

the 300 hurdles in a time of 55.7, Long Jump with a 14'7 1/2" and the triple jump with a 29'7".

On the boys side, the Martinez brothers competed in the varsity division. Jordan competed in the 3200 meter run where he finished 3rd with a season best 12:20.5. Jordan followed that up by finishing 6th in a time of 5:27.1. Younger brother Korbin brought home the bronze medal in a season best 2:09.8 as he ran a solid race in which he lead until the final few meters but ran a great race. Korbin then followed that by running a career best 43.50 in the 300 hurdles finishing 4th. Competing in the JV division was Dylan Murphy and Nathan Souder. Dylan finished 3rd in both the 3200 in a career best 12:58 and the 1600 meter run with another career best 5:55.3. Nathan Souder competed in the 100 and managed the silver medal in a time of 12.0, then followed that with a great run in the 400 meters running a career best in winning with a 56.8. Nathan then competed in the 200 but finished out of the placing.

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