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Coyotes Outlast the Bulldogs in a Bi-District Thriller

By Coach Richey

The slipper still fits, as the Cinderella Coyotes live another week with a come from behind thriller in Seagraves against the 9-1 Anton Bulldogs, as the Coyotes came away with a 65 to 62 Bi-District victory.

The first half of this game was a back and forth game as neither teams defense could find a way of stopping the other teams' offense. The Anton Bulldogs got on the board first as they scored on a 4th down run of one yard. The Bulldogs

missed the extra point, which would be the only attempt that they missed on the evening to take an early 6-0 lead. The Coyotes quickly answered as freshman Hunter Jones found

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Bi-District Champs!



The Borden County Coyotes defeated the Anton Bulldogs this past Friday night in Seagraves to win the Bi-District Championship. Members of the Coyote football team are (back row l to r) Nathan Ham, Riley Herridge, Robert Jordan, Jayton Lewis, Michael DeAx, Hunter Jones, Nathan Souder, Steven Carrillo, Michael Taylor, Tristan Benavidez, Diego Bernal, Kace Lott, Frank Banman, Colby Pennell, Kale Yarbro, Korbin Martinez, Jayden King, Mason Coor, Braxton Coor, Corbin Summers, Hunter Huse, Jordan Martinez and Dylan Murphy.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Frequently Asked Questions

Many readers of my book and column have asked the following questions regarding their own application of the concepts I write about. Here are the most commonly asked questions and my answers.

Does how I think really make that much of a difference in my life?

Yes. Your thoughts are the only thing you have total control over. Your thoughts govern your behavior. Your thoughts determine how you react to your environment. Your thoughts effect the type of people you attract. Your thoughts influence every aspect of your life.

Not taking proactive control of your thoughts is the same as attempting to drive a car with the windshield painted black.

Although you will wind up somewhere, it's probably not going to be where you want to be.

Will a positive mindset make my life better?

Yes. A positive mindset has numerous benefits. It helps you overcome obstacles. A positive mindset keeps you motivated and prevents you from giving up. With a positive mindset you will find a solution for every problem. Additionally, there are no negative side effects to a positive attitude.

On the other hand, a negative outlook is a constant impediment to your having the life you want. There are absolutely no advantages to having a negative attitude. With a negative

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Regional Play-Off Game

Borden County vs. Valley

Friday, Nov. 22, 2013

7:00 p.m. at Slaton

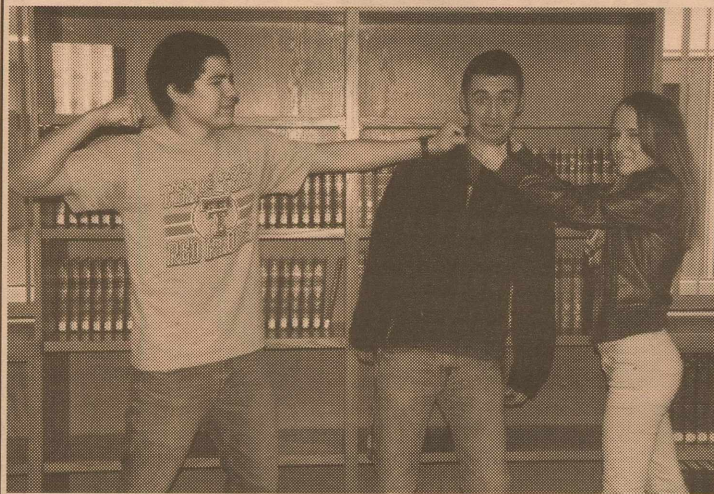
Adults: \$5

Students: \$3

Borden County will be visiting team

District passes honored

McMeans Qualifies for State



Senior Zach McMeans, center, will be competing in the State UIL competition for the 11th time on January 7 & 8 at the University of Texas in Austin. Also pictured with Zach are (l to r) sophomore, Nathan Souder and his sister and senior, Mollie McMeans.

McMeans Region XVII Student Congress Winner Qualifies to compete at UIL State for 11th Time

Zach McMeans, son of Bart and Vivian McMeans of Gail, has his sights set once again on the state's capital. The senior won the UIL's newest event—Student Congress—with a definitive victory over speakers from Sudan, Morton, Sundown, Lockney, New Deal, Hale Center, Wellman-Union, and O'Donnell.

Zach's first place finish out of 24 representatives from the eight 1-A schools represented in Region XVII sends him to State UIL Congress. This will mark the eleventh qualifying trip he has made in his 3 1/2 years of high school competition. He has also gone to state in Cross-Ex Debate (three times), Persuasive Speaking (once), Current Events (three times as an individual and twice as a team member), and Social Studies (once as a team member).

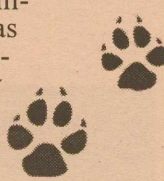
At the district-regional contest held in Lubbock, Zach ran for and was selected as Presiding Officer of the two houses

of Congress. In this position, he was responsible for the parliamentary procedure and protocol for the legislative sessions—which involve debating bills that have been researched before the contest.

Senior Mollie McMeans, Zach's sister, finished in 4th Place, just behind Sudan's two representatives. The fourth place spot qualifies her as an alternate representative for Region XVII.

Sophomore Nathan Souder advanced to the finals in his house but did not place in the top five in the finals. However, Nathan won 2nd earlier in the year at Big Spring and placed 6th at the Canyon High School congressional tournament two weeks ago.

UIL State Congress will be held on the University of Texas campus in Austin on January 7-8, 2014.



Lady Coyotes 2-0 Early on in Season

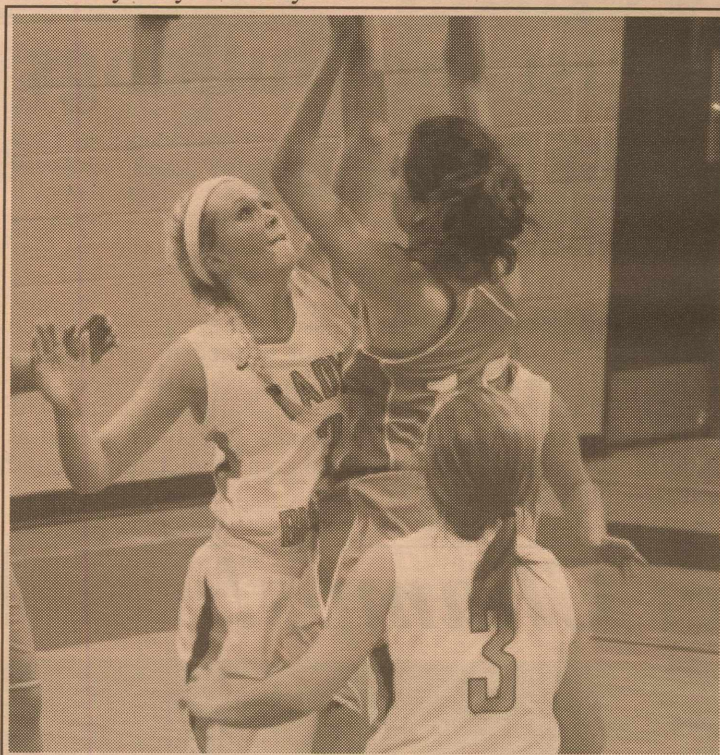
By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes traveled over to Ira on Saturday to take on the Lady Bulldogs. Senior Taylor Gass came out of the gates firing leading a first quarter scorers with eight of her twenty-four total points.

The Lady Coyotes who never trailed in this game found a comfortable groove despite the physical nature of the game. The first half found the Lady Coyotes up 25-17. The Lady Coyotes only ex-

panded their lead by two for the rest of the game, but Coach Michael Skelton used the 4th quarter to work on clock control and situational awareness and yet the Lady Coyotes managed to score 21 in the quarter.

Scorers: Taylor Gass 24, Kalyn Massingill 13, Tatum Richey 11, Mallory McMeans 4, Clair Shafer and Holly Bradbury 3.



Senior, Mallory McMeans shoots above an Ira player and scores for the Lady Coyotes.

Lady Coyotes Win Season Opener Against Ropes

By Coach Skelton

Lady Coyotes traveled to Ropes to take on the Lady Eagles last Tuesday evening. This is the final seasons for 4 seniors this year. They are #10 Taylor Gass, #11 Kalyn Massingill, #12 Mollie McMeans, and #15 Mallory McMeans.

The Lady Coyotes came out a tad bit nervous in first

half, and found themselves only leading by eight at the half 18-10. Then to start the second half Taylor Gass hit a 3 pointer which seemed to spark the ladies offensive. The Lady Coyotes outscored the Ropes in 29-14 in the second half to cruise to their first win of the season 47-24.

Scores for the Game: Tay-

School Lunch Menu

Nov. 25 & 26, 2013

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Salad, Pineapple Slices and Milk.

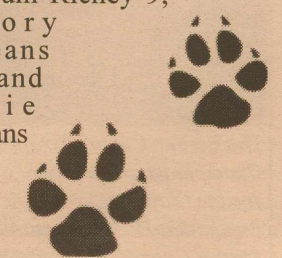
Tuesday - Breakfast: Cherry Strudel & String Cheese, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Sack Lunch and Milk.

Wednesday - Friday- NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS!

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lor Gass 14, Kalyn Massingill 13, Tatum Richey 9, Mallory McMeans 6, and Mollie McMeans 5



Coyotes Win District Defeating Eagles 67-18...

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sophomore Colby Pennell with a nice 33 yard pass and catch. With the Banman kick out of the hold of Mason Coor and the snap of senior Michael Taylor split the uprights to give the Coyotes the lead at 8-6. The visitors on the scoreboard Anton Bulldogs responded with another 4th down touchdown to regain the lead at 14 to 8. Borden County again answered as Jones hit classmate Corbin Sumners with a short pass that turned into a 65 yard touchdown. Banman again connected for the point after kick to make the score 16 to 14. That would be the score heading into the second quarter, but the Bulldogs would regain the lead a few seconds into the quarter making the tally 22 to 16. The Coyotes answered as Sumners followed some very nice blocks by Banman, Nathan Ham, senior Tristan Benavidez, Jones and Korbin Martinez to reach pay dirt from 22 yards out. Another Banman kick allowed the home team to regain the lead with a little over 7 minutes left in the 2nd quarter at 24 to 22.

The Bulldogs again answered with 4:27 left in the half taking a 30 to 24 lead. The Coyotes had to overcome a tough 4th down situation as Sumners hit Banman with a 40 yard strike to set up another Sumners jaunt, this time from 18 yards out to tie the game at 30. On the extra point attempt, the Coyotes elected to attempt to fake the kick and regain the lead as Taylor snapped the ball to Banman who connected with Ham for the point after and a 31 to 30 lead with 1:40 left in the half. The undaunted Bulldogs answered just before the half ended to grab the lead back at 38 to 31. The coyotes had only :13 to answer but a completed pass from Jones to Banman ended up just 18 yards short of the end zone as the halftime buzzer sounded.

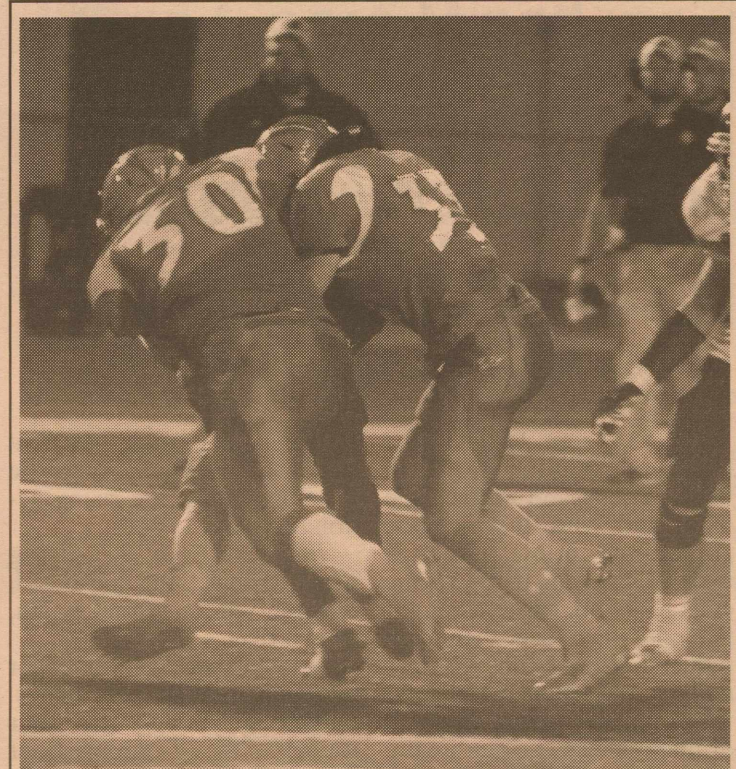
Trailing at half was not the only issue that the Coyotes would face as they learned that defensive/offensive end Colby Pennell would be forced to miss the rest of the game due to a knee injury suffered late in the first half. The team was already without the services of Riley Herridge for a second game, so depth was beginning to become an issue.

Borden County got the ball to start the second half, but they came out sluggish and flat and as a result they were unable to move the ball on their first two drives of the second half. The first drive ending with a blocked punt that would set up the Bulldogs at the Coyote 10 yard line and the Bulldogs would waste little time capitalizing on the Coyote mistake to take a 46 to 31 lead early in the 3rd quarter. On the Coyotes next drive it looked as if Jones had connected with Benavidez for a long touchdown pass but Tristan was tripped up near the 20 yard line. A penalty and a pass just off the fingertips, a dropped pass and a sack later Borden County was forced to give the ball back to the Bulldogs, who had all the momentum, with a 15 point lead and the ball. Just when it looked bleak for the Coyotes, a couple of nice defensive plays by Banman, Benavidez and the rest of the defense set the stage for what might have been the spark Borden County needed. Korbin Martinez stepped in front of a Bulldog pass to intercept a pass and give the Coyotes new life. On the very next play, Jones hit Banman with 42 yard strike and all of the sudden the home team was back in the game.

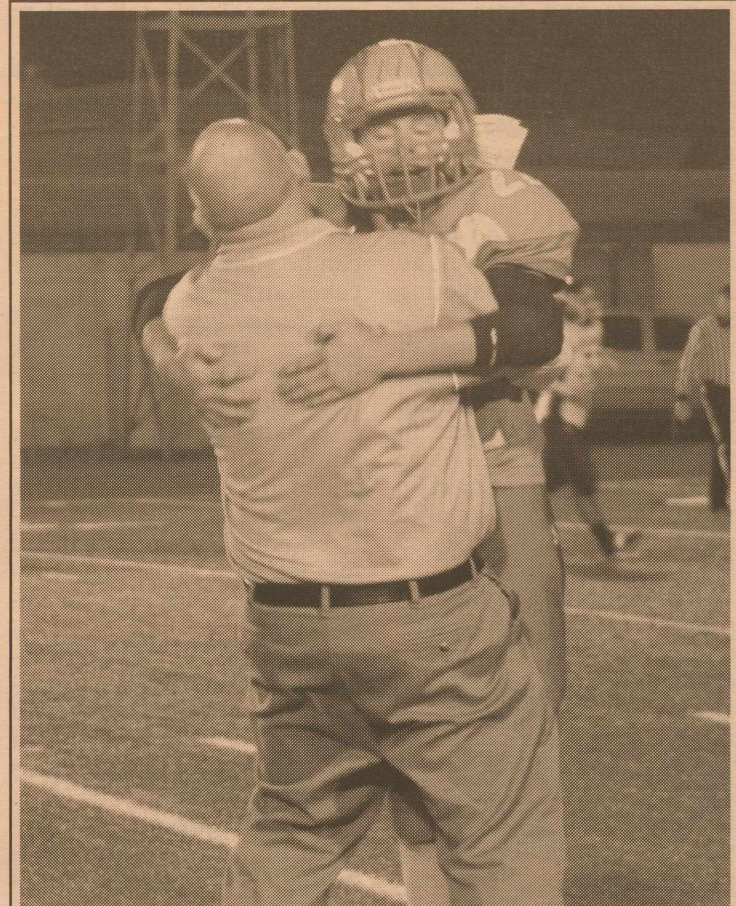
Unfortunately, snap issues would lead to the missed point after and the Coyotes were still down two scores trailing 46 to 37. The Coyote defense seemed to get an attitude at this

point and again forced the Bulldogs into a passing situation. Hunter Jones jumped in front of another errant Bulldog pass and this time the defense took matters into their own hands as Jones got great blocks by the entire defense, Jayton Lewis, Sumners, Benavidez, Banman and Martinez and followed this convoy to the end zone with the 66 yard return. This touchdown cut the lead to 46 to 43 with 1:40 left in the 3rd quarter.

The Bulldogs got a second wind thanks to a good kick-off return inside the Borden County 15 yard line. This allowed Anton to get into the end zone and push their lead back up to 54 to 43. The Coyotes found their running game again on their next possession as Sumners sprinted 46 yards to paydirt and cut the



Borden County Coyotes, Tristan Benavidez (#30) and Colby Pennell (#33) stop an Anton Bulldog from gaining more yardage in last Friday nights' Bi-District Championship in Seagraves.



Coach Michael Skelton hugs running back, Hunter Jones in celebration of Jones' interception and touchdown.



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Healthier Holiday Eating Tips

Lower the fat. Use half the butter, shortening or oil in baked goods and replace the other half with unsweetened applesauce, prune puree, or mashed banana. If the recipe calls for regular sour cream or mayonnaise, replace them with reduced -fat versions. For dip recipes, try using plain, low-fat or non-fat yogurt in place of mayonnaise or sour cream. Skim excess fat from the top of soups, gravies and stews. Use skim or low-fat milk instead of whole milk. Choose lean meats, and drain excess fat after cooking.

Reduce sugar. In baked goods, such as quick breads, cookies, pie fillings, custard, puddings and fruit crisps, reduce the sugar by one-fourth to one-third. When you use less sugar in recipes, add spices such as cinnamon, cloves, allspice and nutmeg or flavorings such as vanilla extract or almond flavoring to enhance the sweetness of the food. Don't reduce sugar in yeast breads because it provides food for the yeast and promotes rising.

Be sodium savvy. Drain liquid from canned vegetables and rinse with water. Choose fresh or

low-sodium versions of products such as low-sodium soups, broths, soy sauce, canned vegetables and tomato products. In many recipes, salt may be reduced or deleted altogether. When the recipe calls for seasoning salt, such as garlic salt, celery salt, or onion salt, try using herb-only seasoning, such as garlic powder, celery seed, or onion flakes. Or use finely chopped herbs, gar-

lic, celery, or onions. Don't cut salt out of yeast breads because it helps control the rising action of yeast.

Increase fiber. Try using whole-wheat flour and bread, bulgur, whole-wheat pasta, brown rice,

oatmeal, whole cornmeal or barley in recipes and dishes. Substitute whole-wheat flour for half of the all-purpose flour in a recipe. Vegetables are another great way to increase the fiber of dishes, add a variety of vitamins and minerals, and make meals stretch further. Add vegetables to chili,

meatloaf, hamburgers and spaghetti sauce. Add extra vegetables to quiche fillings, casseroles and

salads. Beans such as kidney, pinto or navy beans are great for soups or stews. Fruits can be added to muffins, pancakes, desserts, and salads.

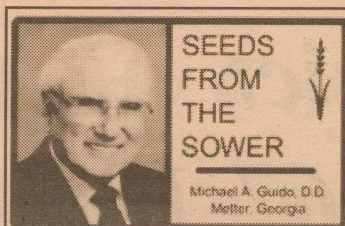
Use healthier cooking techniques. Try using nonstick pans or spraying pans with nonstick

cooking spray to reduce the amount of fat and calories added to baked goods. Choose healthier

cooking methods that use less fat, such as baking, broiling, grilling, poaching, steaming or

microwaving. Start a tradition this holiday season by getting creative and making your holiday recipes healthier through simple substitutions and adjustments.

Source: University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension November 2013, Healthy Bites Newsletter



When four-year-old Sammy awoke after surgery, the nurse explained that it would be necessary for him to be fed intravenously for the next few days.

After assuring him that everything would be fine, she began the process to administer the glucose. In the habit of giving thanks before each meal, Sammy asked in a brave and cheerful voice, "Aren't you going to give thanks?"

It is not easy to give thanks in painful situations. Nor is it natural to see God's goodness in all of life's trials and troubles. But the Apostle Paul reminds us to "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

When we give thanks, we acknowledge our confidence in the Lord, knowing that He cares for us. When we give thanks, we express our closeness to God, realizing that He is with us in every situation. When we give thanks, we declare that we are willing to accept the counsel of God knowing that His will is being done.

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attitude, you will find problems in every situation.

I tried positive thinking but nothing happened?

Positive thinking is just the first step. Positive thinking is the fuel. Action is the engine. Unless your thoughts are followed by action, little will happen. Positive thinking must be followed by positive action.

You will be disappointed if you just wait for good things to happen. You have to take the necessary action to make them happen. The people who have tried positive thinking to no avail have not taken the all important action step.

There are things I really want but I haven't gotten them?

Results don't materialize immediately. Some things will happen quickly while others will take more time. You never know how long something will take so you must keep working toward your goals.

If you give up, you guarantee the results you want will never happen. Just because you may not yet be at your desired destination, you never stop traveling along the path to get there. The exact distance you have to go is the unknown.

Things just don't work out for me. What's wrong?

If one thing doesn't work, you have to try something else. But before you conclude something hasn't worked, make sure it's not that you haven't allowed enough time.

Too many people try something once and then immediately declare their efforts a failure.

So you may have to allow more time or you might need to alter your strategy. It's not a science and there is no magic answer. Persistence and determination is a key to success.

How can I stop people from criticizing me?

You can't. You have no control over, nor does it matter, what others say, think, or do. Regardless of what you do, you will be criticized. Live your life the way you want to and don't worry about getting approval.

When you are hobbled by the fear of criticism, you limit your life in order to meet the expectations of others. People who do this become very unhappy and frustrated.

How can I keep from getting discouraged?

Feeling discouraged and frustrated at times is normal. Even the most positive, driven, and upbeat people experience it. Your objective is not to let those emotions derail you. The feelings will pass. The more action you take, the more fleeting will be the frustration. Never, ever give up. Keep going, especially when you don't feel like it.

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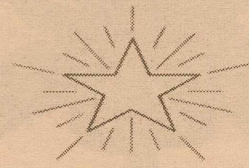
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The Twentieth Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain



Borden County Museum, Courthouse and Courtyard
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Friday, November 29, 2013 (day after Thanksgiving)

The Courthouse and Museum will open at 5:30 p.m.
for viewing reminiscing fellowship and refreshments

Santa Claus will be available to visit with the children
(Please bring your own camera for this photo opportunity.)

Join us for Christmas Music provided by local musicians,
storytime for children, hayrides, ornament contest and door prizes!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!

We look forward to seeing you and your family there!

Drop Off for "Christmas for Kids" (Buckner Children's Home) will be in the
Borden County Courthouse again this year.
Toys and gifts must be dropped off by December 10th.
Children's ages: Newborn - 18 years



For more information, please e-mail us at lightsforgail@yahoo.com.
Be sure to check out our Facebook page: *Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain!*

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Texas Game Wardens Receive National Maritime Accreditation

AUSTIN – Texas Parks and Wildlife's game warden force has become only the fourth state conservation law enforcement agency to be accredited by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Program.

"As the Texas Navy, our game wardens and the vessels they operate have an important role in maintaining the state's maritime security, in addition to their day-to-day work in enforcing our conservation laws," said TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith. "The training the wardens will receive by way of this accreditation will make these men and women and our coastwide fleet even more effective."

Though the Republic of Texas had a battle-hardened navy in the 1830s and 1840s, it was former Gov. George W. Bush who first referred to TPWD's modern fleet as the "Texas Navy." Since then, the department's fleet has grown to include 564 vessels, including two 65-foot Gulf of Mexico patrol vessels, 26 Safeboats (a high-speed boat with an enclosed cabin that can be used in bays or the open Gulf) and a myriad of specialized vessels including 5 gun boats equipped with .30 caliber machine guns.

"For over 100 years, the TPWD game wardens have patrolled the land and waterways of our great state, protecting public safety and preserving our natural resources," Gov. Rick Perry said. "They have set the gold standard for maritime operations, and this accreditation affirms their role as one of the nation's elite law enforcement and emergency response operations."

In addition to the game wardens who operate patrol vessels on the state's public waters, TPWD's Maritime Tactical Operations Group is a specialized unit made up of specially trained and equipped game wardens who can re-

spond to critical waterborne incidents or other unique maritime operations.

"Now that our tactical maritime team has this prestigious accreditation, we will be working even more closely with the U.S. Coast Guard and other agencies with a maritime focus to protect the Texas coast for any contingency," Smith said.

In preparation for their accreditation, the Law Enforcement Division developed strict training and policies to facilitate training in a wide range of maritime functions, including boat crew member training, boat operator search and rescue, boating accident investigation, boating under the influence enforcement, officer water survival, tactical boat operations, pursuit and stop techniques and small vessel radiation-nuclear device detection operations.

"Effective partnering at multiple levels of government is the key to Homeland Security," said Rear Admiral Kevin Cook, Commander, 8th Coast Guard District. "Our relationship with Texas Parks and Wildlife is based on mutual concern for the safety and security of port operators and the maritime public. This accreditation further assures common standards of training and seamless integration between our organizations, which increases both organizations' overall readiness to respond."

The NASBLA accreditation is based on U.S. Coast Guard-recognized national standards for the training, qualification, credentialing and typing of maritime law enforcement and emergency first responders. The only other state law enforcement agencies with NASBLA accreditation are the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Massachusetts Environmental Police, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources.



Commissioners' Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN WHEREAS, On this the 12th day of November, 2013, 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, Residing; **MONTE SMITH** Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK** Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **Earnest 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. Sharlot Stone present at 9:20 a.m.

COMMUNITY INPUT

NO community input.

APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of October 31, 2013 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TEXAS WILDLIFE SERVICES

Mr. Mike Bodenchuk, State Director for Texas Wildlife Services gave a presentation on Feral Hogs and the diseases affecting humans and livestock. Also in attendance representing Texas Wildlife Services were Johnny Kemp (WDMT WD), Rick Gilliland (USDA-WS), Mark Crabb (USDA-WS).

SEAL COAT PROGRAM

Mr. Don Bonifay gave a report on the Borden County road seal coat program.

AIR EVAC LIFETEAM

Will Winters and Mary Frances Malone with Air Evac Lifeteam gave a presentation for proposals for flight insurance for Borden County.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the renewal rates for Liability In-

urance as submitted by the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER

Judge Sharp gave a report on the progress of work accomplished on Borden County Water System.

BORDEN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Lisa Mahler, Chairperson of the Borden County Historical Committee, presented the re-assignment of the following Board members to a non-voting status; Matt Farmer, E.L. 'Shorty' Farmer, Sandra Sneed Bloom, and Jerry Reddell. Commissioner Adcock made a motion for the re-assignment and Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CANVASS VOTES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to set November 18, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. to Canvass the November 5, 2013 Constitutional Amendment Election. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DECEMBER 2013 SPECIAL MEETING

Commissioner Smith made a motion to set the Commissioners' Court Special meeting for December 20, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

CEA-AG TRAVEL

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the out of state travel request made by Cody Hill, CEA-AG. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRE-APPROVAL OF FCS TRAVEL EXPENSE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the proposed travel expenses occurring from November 19, 2013 through November 25, 2013 in the amount of \$127.13 as submitted by Julie Smith, County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2013 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve 2013 Budget Line Item Transfer for Sheriff/Tax Assessor-Collector. Motion was seconded by

Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the one time only application for road maintenance from Church of Christ, Gail, Texas in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION

No applications were received.

GAIL CEMETERY

A discussion was held concerning the Gail Cemetery.

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.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

Motion carried.

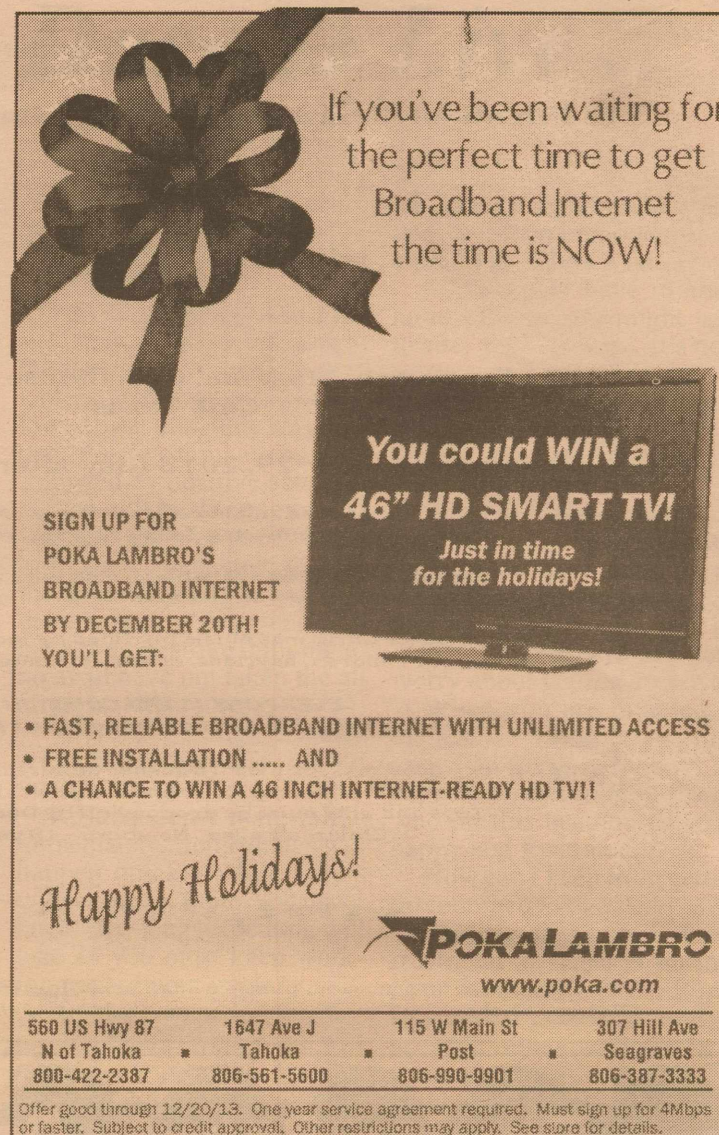
DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Air Evac Lifeteam; 2014 Holidays and 2014 Salaries.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 18th day of November, 2013.



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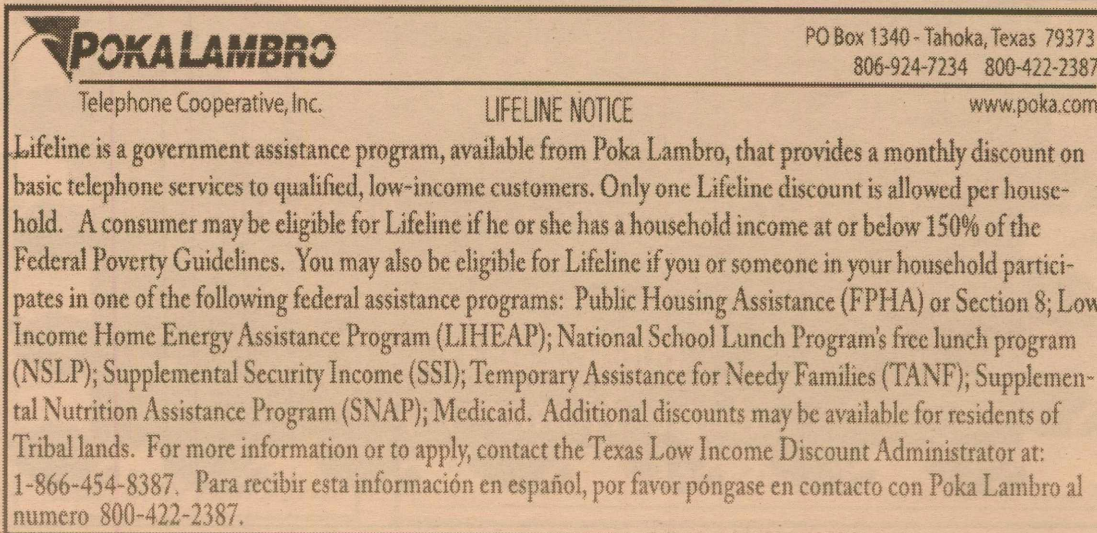
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A Love Affair With A House

Our house sits on the edge of a canyon. Just beyond is a mountain, the home of Scenic Mountain State Park. The house is situated such that at the summer equinox, a stream of sunlight comes down our entrance walkway and sends a shaft of light exactly in the center of the front door. In the fall, the bright gold of sunset drifts through the trees, creating dark shadows on the green grass. It truly has a magical feel to it. We moved into the house on November 2, 1971 and the house has always been special to us. We are the second owners of the house. Dr. Milton Talbot, who was our pediatrician, commissioned the house, which was completed in 1960. Milton was president of the Big Spring Little Theater, and I was involved with that group. Occasionally he would have a theater board meeting in his house. The first time I was in the house I couldn't believe a place like this existed in Big Spring. I fell instantly in love with it. I was a bachelor then, fairly new in town and wasn't making much money.

The house was designed by Harwell Harris, who Frank Lloyd Wright called "the only other great architect besides myself." Harris put the front door as close to the center of the house as possible, utilizing a long walkway to the entrance door, often with a garden or lily pond beside it. Other design elements in Harris's homes are floor to ceiling sliding glass doors in all the rooms, wide overhanging eaves all around the house, indirect lighting throughout the house and built in furniture.

Years passed. I got married, became a father and got busy with my career. The Talbots moved to Austin and the house stood vacant for a year. Apparently nobody wanted a California-style house with a Japanese garden. In 1971 my wife and I

were considering building a house. We looked at land east of town where a friend had seven acres of land for sale. I put a check in my pocket and we went there to buy it. But we learned that the land had a gas line running beneath it and we decided not to buy the property. Instead, we went straight to the realtor's office and made a down payment on the Talbot house. It was a big financial move for us and we worked hard to get the house paid for in five years.

Our two sons grew up playing in the canyon. It has two caves, Lemon Cave and Rabbit Ears, which provided many adventures for young boys. They would leave in the morning and come back only for meals. Our deck hovers dramatically over the drop-off of land. The sliding glass doors bring the outside in and the house is perfectly adapted to its setting. It sits below street level and juniper cedar lines the driveway. Oak, pecan and elm trees surround the house. A lacebark elm sits in a tree well off the dining room. Its graceful leaves and branches add much to the view at mealtimes.

Since seventy percent of the outside walls are glass doors, there is a constantly changing show of light and shadow. I take many pictures of the house because I see new angles and views daily. RANCH HOUSE, an architectural publication, did an article on the house. I feel so lucky to be living in a home that we love. The Talbots loved it, too, and their children often inquire about it or come by to see it.

Tumbleweed Smith of Big Spring is a radio feature artist, newspaper columnist, after dinner speaker and documentary filmmaker who has written two books and produced a dozen CD's on Texas life. You can contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

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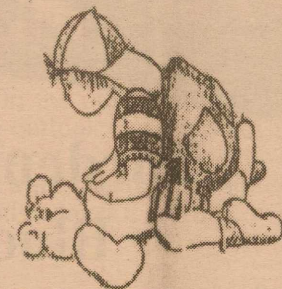
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Coyotes Outlast the Bulldogs...

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lead to 54 to 49 heading into the 4th quarter.

As the 4th quarter got under way, the visitors were faced with a huge 4th down. The Coyotes held the Bulldogs and now had the opportunity to regain the lead. Just as it appeared Borden County was going to get a huge first down to continue their drive, a huge penalty threatened to derail the Coyotes, but on the next opportunity to convert the 4th down, Summers hit a wide open Banman for a go ahead 33 yard strike. Banman hit the extra point kick to make the score 57 to 54.

On the next defensive series, Summers forced a fumble that Martinez fell on to give the Coyotes the ball and a chance to push the lead to two possessions. Borden County gambled on first down hoping to hit another big pass, but the gamble did not pay off and then following 3 more downs

the Coyotes were forced to give the ball back to the Bulldogs. This time the Bulldogs capitalized as they drove the ball down and regained the lead with 2:36 left, taking a 62 to 57 advantage. The home team would waste very little time as they managed to hit a big pass as Jones hit Summers for the go ahead and ultimately the game winning score from 26 yards out. Banman's kick made the score 65 to 62 with 1:48 left on the clock.

The Coyote kick-off coverage had their best kick and coverage of the night at the most important time as senior Jordan Martinez, Jones and Lewis tackled the Bulldog returner at his own 10 yard line. The Bulldogs feeling the pressure had a couple of nice runs nullified because of penalties which took precious time off the clock and forced them into a passing situation. At this time,

Banman and Lewis recorded the only sack of the contest almost garnering a safety. Then on a 4th down play Benavidez fittingly broke up a short pass on the final play of the game to seal the dramatic come from behind victory for the Cinderella Coyotes.

What an amazing season this has been and with the victory the Coyotes will take their act on the road to Slaton to play in the regional game against a familiar foe in the Valley Patriots. This game will take place Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Leading the way for the Bi-District champion Coyotes was Tristen Benavidez with a catch for 25 yards and 15 tackles 2 for loss 2 pressures and a pass breakup. Frank Banman with 4 receptions for 144 yards and two scores while being in on 9 tackles, 2 pressures, a tackle for loss and a sack. Corbin Summers with 20 carries for 150 yards and 3 scores, 4 receptions for 131 yards and 2 scores and 2 of 4 passing for 73 yards and a score while also being in on 11 tackles and a caused fumble and a tackle for loss. Nathan Ham had 2 tackles and blocked extremely well. Jayton Lewis had 9 tackles a sack and a tackle for loss. Jordan Martinez had 2 tackles. Hunter Jones was 7 of 11 for 228 yards and 4 scores and was in on 27 tackles, a pass breakup and an interception return for a score. Korbin Martinez with 9 tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery and some great blocks. Colby Pennell with a catch for 33 yards and a score and 13 tackles one for a loss and a pressure. Also contributing were Bill Taylor, Mason Coor, Michael Deax and Nathan Souder.

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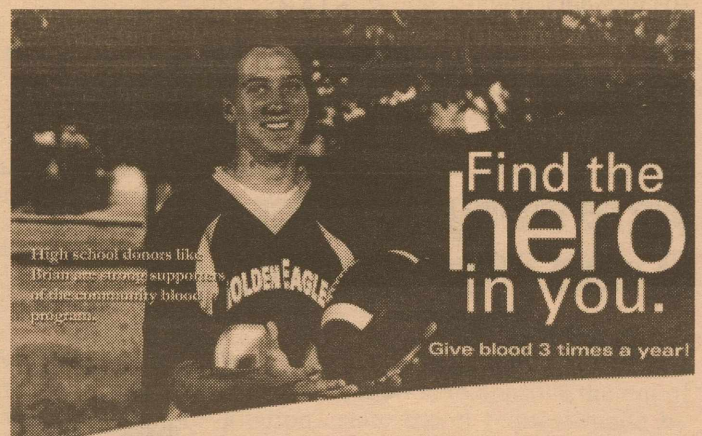
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2nd Six-Weeks Honor Roll
Senior: Kassie Gaines; **Junior:** Nathan Ham, Riley Herridge and Cayden Vaughn; **Sophomore:** Holly Bradbury, Korbin Martinez, Flint Roberts, Caelan Thuett and Cheyenne Tucker; **Freshman:** Hayley Gray Savannah Herridge and Sydnee Jordan; **Eighth Grade:** Clayton Addison and Kable Kleck;

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