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Region I-A UIL Literary Meet Proves Tough BHS Qualifies to State Academic UIL in Two Events

Senior Zach McMeans will have the chance to compete one more time in Austin.

The two-time gold medalist in State UIL competition won the Current Issues and Events contest as well as Persuasive Speaking to earn the right to represent Region I-A May 19-21 in Austin.

Before next year's realignment into Six-Man competition for academics, Borden High School's literary students faced all size 1A schools in regional competition May 2 at South Plains College. Next year, BHS will move to Region II and compete against only Six-Man size schools.

Zach improved his CI&E score by nine points to easily win first place. This is the fourth consecutive year he has gone to state in this event, one in which students are responsible for studying state, national, and international news. He also had to write an essay (topic: immigration reform). In 2013, Zach earned a state medal with a 5th Place finish.

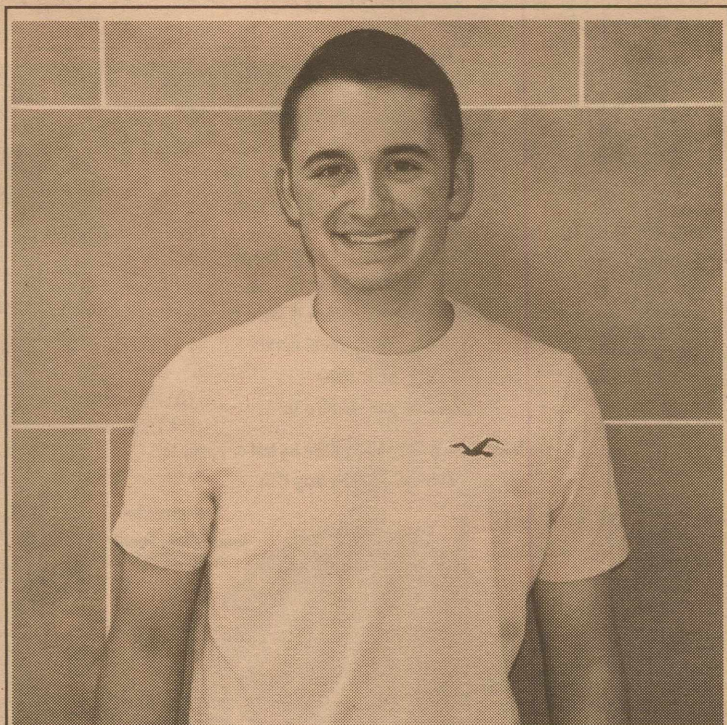
In Persuasive Speaking, Zach earned a one ranking in the prelims and capped off the

day with three ones to be the unanimous champion in this event. With the win, Zach will be competing for the second time at state in Persuasive Speaking. He also qualified in

2012, his sophomore year.

The only other BHS student to score points at regional was Mollie McMeans. She won a

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Senior Zach McMeans, will compete in the State UIL Persuasive Speaking and Current Issues and Events competition to be held May 19-21 in Austin.



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Another Thing for Texans to be Proud of: Wind Power

By Laura Hensley Huchzermeyer

Texas recently blew past the old record for US wind power generation. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) reported that the thousands of statuesque white wind turbines that dot the landscape generated more than 10,000 megawatts (MW) of power on March 26. The new record beats the previous one set earlier in March by more than 600 MW. The recent record total (which was achieved at 8:48 p.m.) represented nearly 30 percent of electricity being used on the ERCOT grid in the state of Texas.

Most of the power came from wind generators along the Texas Gulf Coast, in addition to West Texas. As a native West Texan, I've experienced my fair share of wildly windy days, and it just so happened that I drove through a rather nasty dust storm in West Texas one day after this wind power record was set. I silently cursed

the wind as I drove into the 35 mph gusts, but as the dingy brown skyline grew closer, I couldn't help but feel a bit of pride. All of that nasty wind was serving a much higher purpose than just messing up my hair and covering my car with a grimy coat of dust.

Many advocates expect wind energy to help the world produce more and more clean, renewable energy. Wind power generation is a growing business in the US and around the world. The total value of the world's wind market is expected to grow to nearly \$110 billion in 2017 from about \$74 billion in 2012, according to Navigant Research.

US wind power capacity in 2012 exceeded 60,000 MW, enough to power more than 15 million homes, according to the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA). Texas generates the most wind power in the

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US. It has more than 11,000 MW of commercial wind power capacity, and nearly 8,000 MW of new projects are in development. Another 26,700 MW are under study.

One such new development is the Stephens Ranch wind project in Borden County, where I grew up. The first phase of the project is expected to produce 200 MW of electricity. On a recent trip to visit family, my once sleepy home county was a bustling hive of activity as hundreds of workers have flooded the area to construct the project. It's the latest symbol of progress in a state that produced 37 million MW of wind power last year, or 10 percent of the power in ERCOT.

Wind power industry growth is being propelled as the cost of producing wind

power continues to fall. Turbine design improvements, the increasing size of wind farms, and optimal turbine configuration have all led to cost efficiencies in the utility-scale wind energy sector, according to D&B's First Research. The industry also is benefiting from improved infrastructure. In Texas new transmission lines are helping link wind farms in West Texas to energy consumers in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Waco.

Demand for wind power is only going to grow, especially in emerging markets such as Latin America, Africa, and Eastern Europe. Development in the US and other developed countries has slowed as federal tax incentives have come to a halt and austerity measures have been put in place. As

some countries start developing more wind projects, they may look to Texas (and the US as a whole) as a guide. In a relatively short time span, the country has gone from only having one wind farm in 1975 to more than 800 today.

Time will tell if the country will continue developing wind farms at this pace. But as long as the wind still blows in West Texas, I'm sure there will be plenty of interest.

Laura Hensley Huchzermeyer is a Borden County native who lives in Austin. She is a writer and editor at Dun & Bradstreet, which provides business information and insight. This article originally appeared on D&B's blog, Bizmology.

5th Place medal in Ready Writing and scored six points. Mollie also competed in Literary Criticism and Team Social Studies (as did Zach).

Coupled with Zach's two wins, BHS had a total of 36 in the one-day meet.

Other regional qualifiers were Kassie Gaines (Informative Speaking), Taylor Gass (Prose), Mallory McMeans (Feature Writing and Team Social Studies), Bessie Rhodes (Team Spelling), Robert Jordan (Poetry), Nathan Souder (Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Science), Tatum Richey (Team Spelling), Savannah Herridge (Team Spelling), Dylan Murphy (Team Social Studies), and Jacob Phinizy (Team Spelling).

School Lunch Menu

May 12-16, 2014

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Cereal & Graham Cracker, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Cheese Chalupas, Salsa, Garden Salad, refried Beans, Applesauce and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Strawberry Cup and Milk.

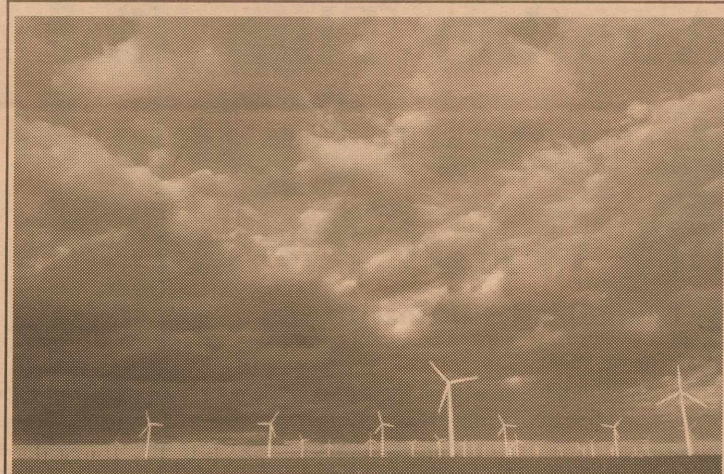
Wednesday - Breakfast: Omelet with Tortilla, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Tortilla Chips (9-12 grade only), Charro Benas, Corn, Salsa, Orange Smiles and Milk.

Thursday-Breakfast: Oatmeal Breakfast Round, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices, Breadstick and Milk.

Friday-Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Bacon, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish Strips, Hush Puppies, Cole-slaw, Sliced Peaches and Milk.

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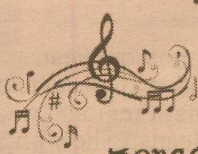


Stephens Wind Farm in Borden County.

Spring Band Concert

The 2014 Spring Band concert will be

Tuesday, May 20th
At 7:00 p.m.



Borden County ISD auditorium

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

FFA Banquet

The 2014 FFA Banquet will be

Thursday, May 22nd
At 7:00 p.m.

Borden County ISD cafeteria
 Family & Parents-\$11 each
 Please RSVP by May 20th at 5 p.m.

Prom 2014

Please join us for an evening of
 Dancing, Prizes, Food & Fun.
SATURDAY, MAY 24TH
 Borden County Event Center
 Gail, Texas
 7:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

Students & their dates MUST RSVP by text or phone to
 806/759-5249 by May 15th

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Keeping Kids Safe: Children, Cars & Heat

The West Texas heat is definitely upon us! Each year, we hear news reports of children dying from heat strokes after being left in hot cars. Many children have died when left in a hot car. In Texas, this is a problem throughout the year, but especially in the spring and summer. *Texas has a law that prohibits children being left unattended in cars.*

Temperatures in cars soar quickly. When the outside temperature is 93 degrees Fahrenheit, even with a window cracked, the temperature inside a car can reach 125 degrees in just 20 minutes. It can reach 140 degrees in 40 minutes. In these extreme conditions, children can die or suffer a permanent disability in a matter of minutes.

The National SAFE KIDS Campaign, warns parents to be especially careful about their children's safety on says when temperatures are 80 degrees or higher. They offer the following safety precautions:

- Keep cars locked at all times, even in the garage or driveway.
- Teach children not to play in or around cars.
- Never leave your child in an unattended car, even with the windows down.
- Always make sure that all child passengers have left the car.
- If your child gets locked inside a car, get him/her out and call the EMS immediately (806-759-5111).
- Make sure you check the temperature of the car-seat sur-

face and safety belt buckles before restraining you children in the car.

- Use a light covering to shade the seat of your parked car. Consider using windshield shades in front and back windows.

- Be wary of child-resistant locks. Teach older children how to disable the driver's door locks if they become trapped in a car.

Car trunks can be especially hazardous! Children can get in, but can't always get out.

- Keep the trunk of your car locked at all times, especially when parked in the driveway or near the home.

- Keep the rear fold-down seats closed to help prevent kids from getting into the trunk from inside the car.

- Put car keys out of children's reach and sight.

- If not already equipped, contact your automobile dealership about getting your vehicle retrofitted with a trunk release mechanism.

Keeping children safe is everybody's business! If you would like more information about keeping kids safe, contact the Extension office, or visit the Keeping Kids Safe is Everybody's Business Web site at <http://www.itsuptoyou.org>

Information adapted from: *Child Abuse Prevention Kit: Keeping Kids Safe is Everybody's Business*, sponsored by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, The Children's Trust Fund, and Prevent Child Abuse Texas.

seeds of Hope



The school of suffering has many graduates. It seems that most of them provide insight into the grace and mercy of God for those willing to hear them speak.

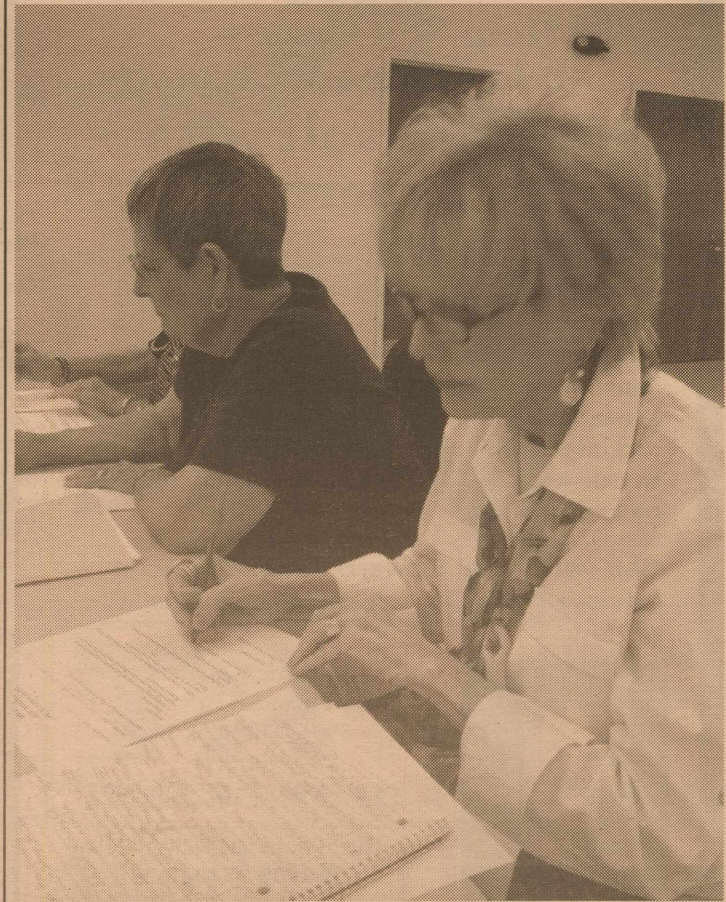
King David was a graduate of this school. What he learned about suffering is revealed in the sixth Psalm. He begins by describing his pain and the fear he has of his enemies. He shares with us a list of symptoms that most of us have experienced at one time or another: emotional stress, crying, sleepless nights, being attacked by others. However, when he cried out to God for help, God heard him and healed him.

Whatever brought about the distress of David was relieved when he called on God for His mercy. Here we find a pattern for us to follow when we need God to rescue us from our sin and suffering. First, he asked God not to abandon or punish him. Then he asked for God's compassion and care, admitting that he was weak, "sick at heart" and could not handle the situation by himself. He described his weeping as so intense that "my bed is wet with tears." He was remorseful for what he had done and what God might do to punish him. So, he cried out for God's "unfailing love" and knew that God heard him and he was able to declare with confidence: "The Lord has heard my crying and my plea (and) the Lord will answer my prayer."

God always hears and answers the prayers of anyone at anytime who asks for His forgiveness. There are no limits to His love nor conditions for His grace.

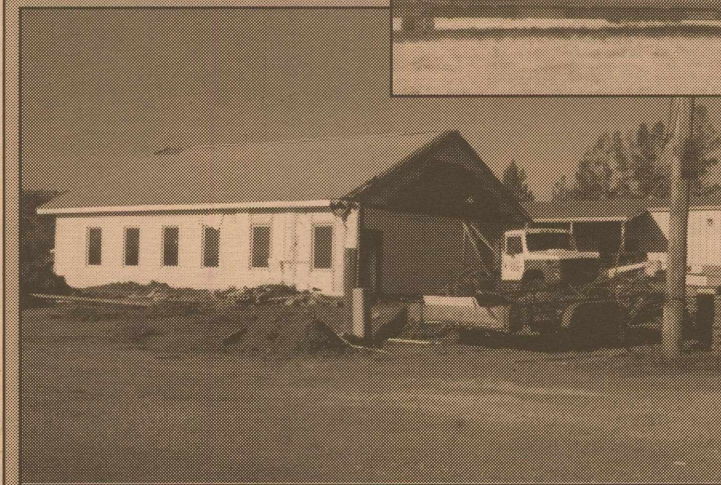
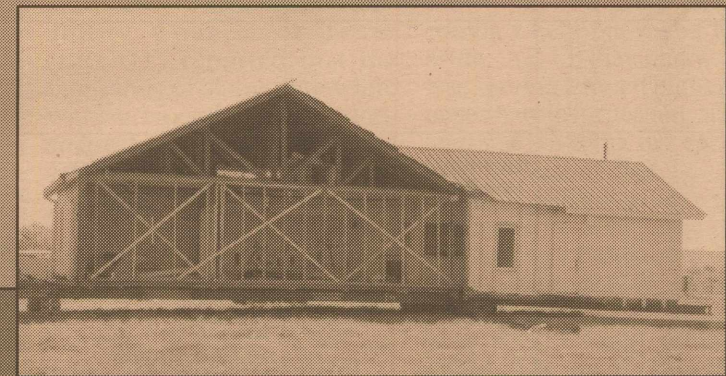
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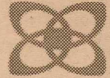
Borden County Historical Commission members Carol Lewis and Mary Ann Awtry take notes during the May 4 meeting held at the events center. Committee members are preparing for next month's special ceremony, commemorating the historical significance of the Dorward Drug with a Texas State Historical Marker. Committee Chair Lisa Dennis has been working closely with current owner and commission member Buster Taylor of Gail along with descendants of the Dorward Family.

Making Room for New Church Building



Crews work to set beams in place to move the First Baptist church building (left). The back addition (pictured above) has been separated and is ready to move to its next location in Snyder.

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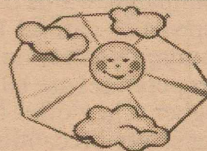
You are invited to join us for a
Sunday Luncheon

on Sunday, May 25, 2014 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
in the Borden County Event Center
(Following Baccalaureate at Borden County High School)
The meal will include Mexican Stack, homemade desserts and drink.
DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT BORDEN COUNTY 4-H



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON



		MAY 2014					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1 Cheerleading Apps Due	2 Progress Reports UIL Academic Regional @ Levelland	3	
4	5 Holiday –Bad Weather Day	6 EOC Test: Biology EOC Test: U.S. History	7 EOC Test: Algebra I	8 FFA Clothing Drive	9 State Track Meet Booster Club Scholarships Due	10 State Track Meet	
Senior Scholastic Book Fair May 6-9							
11	12	13 STAAR Retest Math 5,8	14 STAAR Retest Reading 5,8	15 Cheerleading Tryouts @ 4:30	16 Area II FFA Convention @ Sweetwater	17 Class of 2014 Roping Fundraiser	
18	19 UIL State Academic Meet	20 UIL State Academic Meet Spring Concert @ 7:00	21	22 FFA Banquet @ 7:00	23 Local Memorial Scholarships due 12:00 p.m.-Supt. Office	24	
25 Baccalaureate 11:00 a.m.	26	27 UIL Banquet @ 7:00	28	29 JH Graduation @ 7:00 Awards Ceremony @ 2:50	30 HS Graduation @ 7:00 End of Six Weeks Project Graduation	31 Work Day	