



Youth of Today
Hope of Tomorrow



Robotics State Championship



Quinn Langford
Cedar Ridge H. S.

The FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition Texas State Championship was held Wednesday, April 3rd to Saturday, April 6th. The top 64 high school robotics teams from all over Texas gathered at Palmer Events Center in Austin to compete for qualification to world championships. FIRST Tech Challenge, which features smaller robots than FIRST Robotics Competition, also had an event at the same time in the same room, so the bleachers were packed. Texas has a lot of powerhouse teams, so the competition was very tough. My team, the Lady Cans, didn't even make it past qualification matches to playoffs. However, we won the most prestigious honor given at FIRST Robotics events, the

Chairman's award, which is given to a role model team that spreads the message of FIRST in everything that they do. Winning this award qualifies us for the FIRST Robotics World Championship, which will be held from April 17th to April 20th in Houston.

This is the fourth time the Lady Cans have qualified for world championships in our eleven years of being a team. I was part of the team for two of the other times we went to champs, but I was only 13 and 14 years old at those events. Now that I'm a junior in high school, my other junior friends and I are excited to go to RoboProm. RoboProm is a dance held at champs for students who are missing their school prom to go to the competition. It will probably be very nerdy, but being with my friends will make it fun. To be honest, our team is not currently good enough to win champs, so going is just about the experience of meeting teams from around the world and having fun at different events and lectures. Champs is the perfect way to close out the competition season, and my entire team is very excited.

The Final and Memorable Retreat



SaNaya White
Ann Richards

April 7, I traveled alongside my fellow National Jr Honor Society (NJHS) members to the Bamberger Ranch Preserve. All of the freshman experienced our final retreat, because next year we will be moving up to National Honor Society (NHS) and they do not participate in the retreat. The retreat is a tradition to NJHS, each member looks toward the moment when the retreat occurs because it is truly an amazing experience. The ranch is also known as Selah. Selah is present at the end of verses in psalms, known to mean to pause and reflect. Mr. Bamberger named his ranch Selah to portray that when present, you must take time to truly enjoy the

beauty of the ranch. The ranch contains 5,500 acres in Blanco County that has been restored to its natural state. Their mission is "to teach ethical land stewardship — by example and outreach". This year, I was excited to return to Selah. I had an amazing time last year and I was very happy about returning. Groups of us took many long hikes around the ranch, we played inside games, we went swimming in the lake, we cooked for everyone, we made sure to clean and divide the waste by compost, recycle, and trash. We experienced a lot of bonding, and we became a lot closer to each other. The group did not only contain freshman. NJHS is made up of grades 6-9th. We had the opportunity to connect with everyone. I loved being at Selah, it was very peaceful and extremely fun. I'm sad that I won't be going next year but maybe I'll try to go with another group. I hope next year's group enjoys Selah as much as I did!

"The Hidden World" Review



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The movie "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World," was released in theaters on February 22, 2019. The film is the third and final installment of the trilogy.

The movie is about the Viking chief and ruler of Berk, Hiccup, creating a dragon utopia within his village. When a mysterious dragon appears, and catches the attention of Hiccup's

dragon, Toothless, the darkest threat their village has ever faced threatens Berk's safety. Desperate to find a new home for his people and the dragons, Hiccup and Toothless journey to find a hidden world where their dragons can live in peace.

The film does a good job of completing the storyline started in the first film. The movie shares parallels with other DreamWorks Animation movies such as "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron." For those who saw the first two movies back in 2010 and 2014, this movie has a lot of scenes that can make them emotional.

"How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World" is rated PG. I would recommend watching this movie with friends and family because it is both funny and heartfelt.

JR V.A.S.E.



Ava Roberts
Pflugerville M. S.

On April 6, Texas Art Education held its annual Junior Visual Art Scholastic Event (V.A.S.E.) at Walsh Middle School. Students could enter two pieces of art. The judges scored the works for originality of concept, technical expertise, understanding of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), and the interpretation of the student's stated intent. The rat-

ings were excellent (4), strong (3), developing (2), and emerging (1).

My school had twelve participants including me. Upon arrival, we met our art teacher. She had kept all of our works safe. Each of us got our art and went through the qualification line. After qualification, we checked into the event and went to the assigned judging area. The judges met with each contestant one at a time to discuss the artwork.

Although I didn't score to the next level, I plan to take art class again and participate in the event again. I love art and know that you will enjoy creating your own master piece. Give it a try!

Staying Busy



Kennedy George
Weiss High School

I've been enjoying having a job recently. The people I work with are great and I always look forward to going

there. I've been trying not to overwork myself but I feel like I will next year.

I'm trying out for section leader, which will make band even more important. I'll have to do even more than I do now. I also want to take AP seminar next year. That will have me at three AP classes.

I will have to really work hard to balance my schedule for next year. I need to be careful not to overwork myself. I feel like I will never have a break!

Rain, Rain Please Go Away



Ruby George
Cele Middle School

Did you know that in April, 2018 a rain gauge in the Hawaiian town of Hanalei recorded 49.69 inches of rain in one day? That's a record! But I don't want that to happen where I live, then it will be super wet everywhere. So the rain has decided to stick around this weekend. It ruined literally everything. I do like it when it's sunny, because I can't go places and do

fun things. Let's talk about the thunder. So annoying! I used to be scared of it when I was younger, almost everyone was. But now it's just starting to get annoying. When I'm trying to sleep especially. And it shakes the ground and hurts my ears.

Why is thunder even a thing? One other thing... the signal. This is what is probably the most irritating. When you're just trying to sit down and watch your favorite movie or show, and all of a sudden on the T.V screen, it says ERROR NETWORK NO SIGNAL. That just wrecks my whole mood. How about you? Anyways, the main idea is that rainy days can be annoying. I prefer sunny days. That's just my opinion. Hope you have a great week...without any rain.

District Track Meet



Montrae Nelson
Four Points M. S.

Today is the day for everyone to show off what they can do in this last event. April 5 was they last track event to be held at four points for the rest of the year. I'm not in track this year but in the athletics program so if one of our Athletes win the district championship that means our team will be reward and giving a gold ribbon. This also mean that we will be put up on the fame wall in the athletics hallway and our pictures would be taken of it as well. 3 people out of each school distract in LISD are put into the district by the coaches and the placement on all of you events.

Lots of people got their results announced and a lot of people had very good results over all but the coaches could only pick 3 out of 52. One of these people had gotten 2nd on every race he ran and was chosen for the finals and then the distract, his name is Robert Johnson. The

coaches were confident that he would do very well in the distract championship and pick Cole Harris and Isaias Rodriguez. During school at 3:10PM we went outside to the Vandergrift stadium and watch them race against the other schools like Canyon Ridge Middle School, Cedar Park Middle School, and a few more. Isaias had gotten 3rd in the 200m and 100m runs and Robert ended up getting 2nd place again in the 200m and 100m runs, But Cole had gotten 1st in the 100m run making the team qualify for the gold ribbon and our pictures on the fame wall.

Isaias, Robert, and Cole all put all of their effort into the runs make us win the first distract championship this year. Its been a while since 8th grade won a distract game or run but it felt good that we had people that put in the work to make everyone and themselves fell accomplished. This is what creates the foundation of Four Points Middle School because most people work together to make thing better and help out were its need the most and this why sports gives people that opportunity to make friends, be determined, also strategize, and much more people do. Thanks for reading!!



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