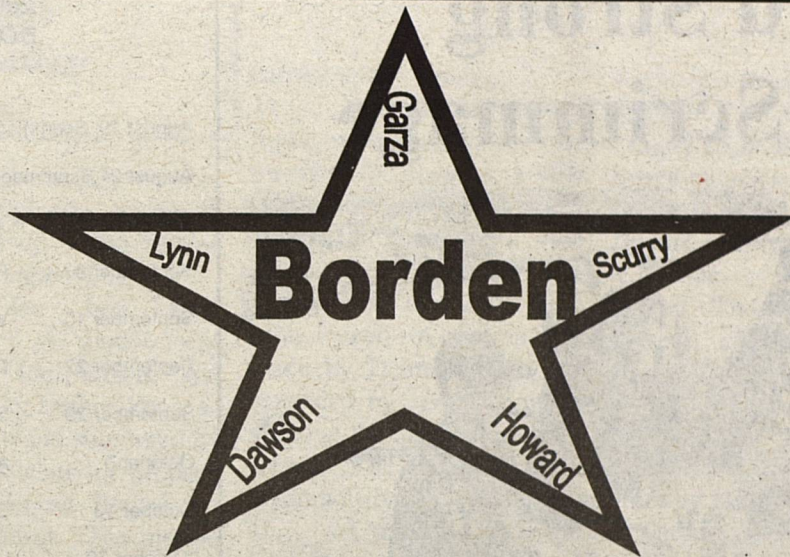


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Local Boys successful at the West Texas Rodeo Association finals

Three local boys were successful at the West Texas Rodeo Association finals and received prizes for their accomplishments.

Symeron Rinehart won the 2006 16-19 Yearend Reserve Champion All Around buckle at the WTRA Finals On August 13th, consisting of tie down, breakaway and ribbon roping. He also won the champion tie down buckle. Symeron is a senior at Borden County High School and is the son of Jym and Amy Rinehart of Gail.

Rowdy Clary received a breast collar for 3rd place 2006 Yearend 16-19 All Around and won the champion ribbon roping buckle. Rowdy also won a saddle blanket pad for having the highest points at the finals on August



Local Cowboys Successful: (L. to R.) Rowdy Clary, Dylan Murphy and Symeron Rinehart.

12th in the 16-19 boys' age group. Rowdy is a senior at Borden County High School and the son of Doyce and Amber Taylor of Borden County. Dylan Murphy received a breast collar for 3rd place

Welcome to School!



2006-2007 Kindergarten students were all ready to begin their first day: L. to R.: Calvin Kerby, Brandon Avery, Thomas Benavidez, Macie Turner, Emma Key, Katie Gray, Janie Bird and Kenley Dean are pictured along with their teacher, Mrs. Lisa Gray.

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2006 Yearend 8 And at Borden Elementary and Under All Around, is the son of Mike and consisting of barrel racing, Leslie Murphy of pole bending, goat tying, Fluvanna. and breakaway roping, Congratulations to and won the champion pole bending buckle. Dylan, Rowdy and Dylan is a second grader Symeron.

Coyotes Stand Strong During First Scrimmage

The Borden County Coyote football team hosted the Ropes Eagles last Saturday, at 10:00 AM for their first scrimmage of the year. The Coyotes looked very good in their opening appearance of the season.

The Eagles had 29 members on their team divided into 4 different squads. The Coyotes only had 17 on their team but were able to give the Eagles plenty of plays for them to look at all their kids. It was hot with no wind to cool off the sweat, but both teams worked hard in the heat and thankfully there were no injuries.

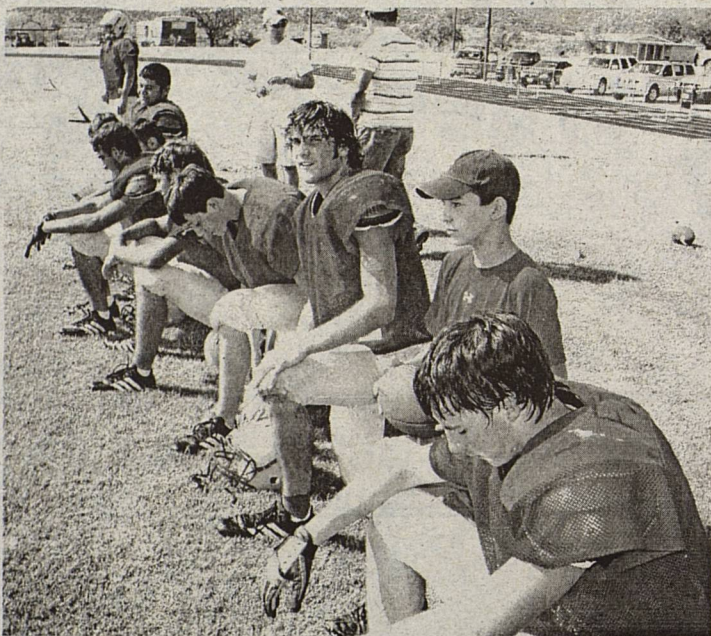
Overall the Coyotes scored 11 touchdowns to Ropes's 4 touchdowns, here is how they broke down.

The Coyote first team scored 3 touchdowns and held the Eagles to only one in 35 plays each.

The Coyote second team scored twice and allowed 2 td's by the Eagles in 20 plays each.

The Coyote third team or junior varsity team outscored the Eagle's JV 6 to one in about 20 plays each.

"I was very pleased with what I saw in the scrimmage. We did make mistakes on the field, but I did see a lot of learning and improving going on as the scrimmage continued. I believe we will be very competitive this year in Division 2. Ropes is a Division 1 team and we will have 4 Division 1 teams on our schedule. I expect to be able to compete with each of them and that will allow us to build a pretty good team by district. Let's all get behind these kids and root them on to a successful season."



Time Out! Coyotes are taking a break during the scrimmage.

Here are your 2006 Coyote Football players.

Seniors: Clint Chapman, Symeron Rinehart, Dore Rodriguez, Asa Rutherford, and Zane Williamson
Sophomores: Jake Cooley, and Cory Teel,
Freshmen: Flynn Chapman, Michael Cooley, Karl Lamming, Brendan Tarleton, Pascual Espinoza, Logan and Skyler Williamson,

You are cordially invited to attend the Borden County 4-H Achievement picnic on Tuesday, August 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Show Barn.



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2006 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE BORDEN COUNTY COYOTES VARSITY

August 19	Scrimmage	Ropes	Here	10:00 A.M.
August 24	Scrimmage	Rule	ACHS	5:00
September 1		New Home	There	7:30
September 8		Robert Lee	There	7:30
September 15		Wellman-Union	Here	7:30
September 22		Dawson	There	7:30
September 29		Southland	Here	7:30
October 6		Aspermont	There	7:30
October 13		Open		
*October 20		Loraine (Homecoming)	Here	7:30
*October 27		Trent	There	7:30
*November 3		Hermleigh	Here	7:30
*November 10		Jayton	There	7:30

*DISTRICT GAMES

2006 BORDEN COUNTY COYOTES FOOTBALL SCHEDULE JUNIOR VARSITY & JUNIOR HIGH

August 31		New Home	Here	J.V.	6:00
September 7		Robert Lee	Here	J.V. J.H.	7:30 6:00
September 14		Wellman-Union	There	J.V. J.H.	7:00 5:30
September 19		Lorenzo	Here	J.V.	6:30
September 21		Dawson	Here	J.H.	6:00
September 28		Southland	There	J.V. J.H.	6:30 5:00
October 5		Aspermont	Here	J.V. J.H.	7:30 6:00
October 12		Open			
October 19		Loraine	There	J.H.	6:00
October 26		Trent	Here	J.H.	6:00
November 2		Hermleigh	There	J.H.	6:00
November 9		Jayton	Here	J.H.	6:00

 The only way to have a friend is to be one.
 —Ralph Waldo Emerson



Most animals walk and run on their toes but a bear puts its whole foot firmly on the ground with each step. That may be why it seems to be dragging its feet.

Borden County ISD Regular Board Meeting

July 17th, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. John Anderson arrived at 7:45 P.M. Principal Bart McMeans and Superintendent Jimmy Thomas were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Joe Harding.
2. There was no community input.
3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2006, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the July 2006 bills. The motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the Bi-County Board Of Management Recommendations for Bi-County Special Education Employee Salaries for the 2006-2007 school year. The motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to adopt the local employment salary schedule and employee salaries for the 2006-2007 school year. The motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to provide free school meals for school children and school employees and continue charging \$2.50 for lunch and

\$1.27 for breakfast for non-school employees eating in the cafeteria. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Bids for fuel were reviewed. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the bid submitted by Eddins Walcher for propane and by Lamesa Butane for gas and diesel. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to solicit bids for the purchase of a school bus. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to set the time and date of the August board meeting for 7:00 P.M. on August 28, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to adopt the 2006-2007 Student Code of Conduct. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to add, revise, or delete policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 78. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to purchase a 3320 John Deere Tractor with a 300X loader from Key Brothers Implement in Snyder, Texas through the Texas Building and Procurement Commission at a price of \$10,413.70 after a trade of \$5,500 was allowed on an older model tractor similar to the one being purchased. The motion

carried unanimously.

14. Mr. Thomas gave a report pertaining to summer maintenance projects, a year to date financial report, and a projected amount of the District's Certified Tax Values for the 2006-2007 school year. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Board Meeting

Aug. 17th, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail,

Texas met in special session at 12:30 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room.

Board members present were John Anderson, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent Jimmy Thomas was also present. Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, and Randy Hensley were absent.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.
2. There was no community input.
3. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Dennis Poole to set the proposed tax rate for the 2006-2007 school year at \$1.3168. The motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to set the meeting date and time to adopt the 2006-2007 budget and proposed tax rate for 7:00 P.M. on August 28, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

School Lunch Menu Aug.28th – Sept. 1st

MONDAY – Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Beef & bean burrito, potato wedges, salad, fruit and milk

TUESDAY – Breakfast: Sausage/biscuit, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, potatoes, corn, hot rolls, fruit and milk.

WED. – Breakfast: Waffles, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Fajitas, salad, pinto beans, jell-o w/fruit and milk.

THURSDAY – Breakfast: Omelet & toast, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Meat and gravy, potatoes, green beans, salad, cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY – Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage/gravy, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog w/chili, chips, salad, fruit, cake and milk.

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Borden County ISD School Calendar

Aug. 14-17 – Staff Development
Aug. 18 – Work Day
Aug. 21 – First Day of School.
Sept. 4 – Labor Day - No School
Sept. 22 – End of First Six Weeks
Sept. 25 – Beginning of Second Six Weeks
Oct. 9 – Comp Day - No School
Nov. 3 – End of Second Six Weeks
Nov. 6 – Start of Third Six Weeks
Nov. 22-24 – Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 19 – End of First Semester
Dec. 20 – Teacher Work Day
Dec. 22-Jan. 1 – Christmas Holiday
Jan. 2 – Start of Fourth Six Weeks
Jan. 19 – Comp Day - No School
Feb. 2 – Staff Development - No School
Feb. 16 – End of Fourth Six Weeks
Feb. 19 – Start of Fifth Six Weeks
March 12-16 – Spring Break
April 6 – End of Fifth Six Weeks
April 9 – School Holiday
April 10 – Start of Sixth Six Weeks
April 27 – Bad Weather Day
May 11 – Bad Weather Day
May 25 – End of 2006-2007 School Year
May 26 – Teacher Work Day

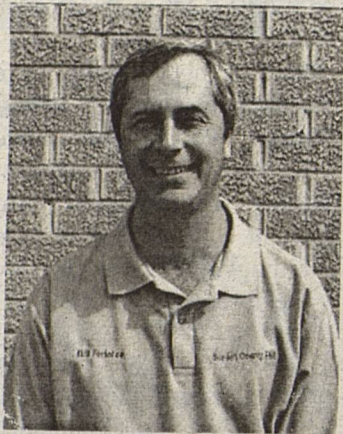


Meet Your EMS

Bill Tarleton came to Gail in the summer of 2001. He is the director of the Bi-County Special Education Cooperative, which encompasses Borden County ISD, Klondike ISD, and Dawson ISD. He has been in public education for 25 years, 15 of those as a school administrator. He is 47 years old, is married to Sheryl, Borden County School librarian. They have 7 children and 4 grandchildren.

Why did he join Borden County EMS? "We moved to Gail in August of 2001. On September 11 (9/11), I was stuck in a gas line in Lamesa on my way back from one of my schools. Krista had been injured, and the Borden County EMS took her to Lubbock. Buddy Wallace and Carrie Hart were on the run and offered to stay as long as we needed them to. I thought, 'how strange, the Ag Teacher works as a paramedic after school hours, oh, well...' A couple of weeks later, we asked Buddy when we would receive a bill for the ambulance ride. He then explained how Borden County EMS operated strictly as a volunteer organization and didn't charge for its services.

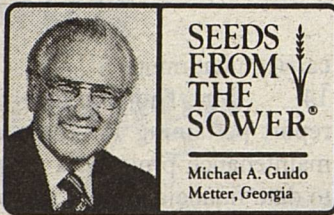
Each year, Buddy would give a talk to teachers about the need for volunteers in the organization. One year, he talked about the need for ECA's (Emergency Care Attendants), and how much easier this was than becoming an EMT. He lied. It wasn't easy. Yet, I felt this was an opportunity to help pay back a community and organization that was there for me and my family 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, just as they were on 9/11. Philena Farmer, a Borden County Paramedic, taught our ECA class. After



Bill Tarleton

70+ hours of classroom, skills training, and a National Registry Test for ECA's, ten of us were proud to finally be a part of Borden County EMS.

The ECA classification is the "entry level" into an EMS system. ECA's assist paramedics and provide basic life support until paramedics arrive at the scene. The subsequent levels - EMT-Basic, EMT - Intermediate, and EMT - Paramedic, all represent a tremendous amount of time, effort, and training. Borden County is very fortunate to have a well trained and responsive nucleus of paramedics who, not only respond to emergencies, but are willing to train others at lower levels of the EMS System in an effort to maintain this organization.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER®

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

A little girl pulled a single hair from her head and was looking at it under a microscope.

"What are you doing, Mary?" asked her mother.

She answered, "The Bible says, 'The very hairs of your head are all numbered,' and I was trying to find out the number of this one."

Since God numbers your hairs, how much more does He know about your heart and its hurts; your body and its burdens; your work and its worries.

You're invited; no, you're instructed to cast on Him all your cares. The Living Bible says, "Let Him have all your worries and cares, for He is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you."

Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained.

—James A. Garfield

Patience and fortitude conquer all things.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

I have been a part of one volunteer agency or another my entire adult life - Boy Scouts, United Way, etc. No other previous experience has been as challenging and rewarding as the last two years that I have been associated with Borden County EMS.



Borden County 4-H would like to say...



THANKS!

for supporting us by preparing items for the bake sale and for all those that purchased items.



The proceeds from the bake sale will go toward purchasing supplies, awards, entry fees and other 4-H related expenses.



Thank you, to the Commissioner's Court and Judge Van York for approving the purchase of Veterans Markers for the Gail Cemetery.



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Assessment notices to arrive soon

SOON

(ABILENE) – Boll Weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Permian Basin eradication zone.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the

information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information the Foundation.

Payment is due September 29, but a 2 percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by September 14.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze

to receive the credit.

To aid PB growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current.

“For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement,” said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down

payment, and they will be charged a late fee of 1 percent per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the

Assessments Department. Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.


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August 2006



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Physicals
6	7 Two-A-Days start 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. (future schedule will be discussed)	8 Registration 8:30-4:30 CPR Workshop	9 Registration 8:30-4:30	10 Registration 8:30-4:30	11	12
13	14	15	16 Staff Development	17 Staff Development	18 Work Day	19 Varsity Football Scrimmage vs. Ropes Here @ 10:00 a.m.
20	21 First day of school Issue book records Issue book covers No schedule changes	22 Teacher request for textbooks due to Principal	23	24 Varsity Football Scrimmage @ Abilene Christian High School	25 6 th -12 th to Lamesa HS – Motivational Speaker – Pat Williams, Sr. VP of NBA Orlando Magic @ 9:00 a.m. Staff return paperwork to Superintendent's office Debate Tournament @ Plano West High School	26 Debate Tournament @ Plano West High School
27 	28	29 Sponsors elect class officers during tutorial period (6 th -12 th) 4-H Achievement Picnic 7:00 p.m.	30	31 New Home JV Here 6:00	1 New Home Varsity There 7:30	2



Learning and Living

By Becky Dobyns

When I learn your righteous laws, I will thank you by living as I should!
-Psalms 119:7

Japan Journal

Part 8: Fasting and Flyers

June 11

I can't believe it's already the 13th...that's so depressing. I only have 11 more days here. I'm fasting today...nearly all of us are. The missionaries and interns fast and pray every Tuesday here in Tokyo, but then have dinner at like 8:30 or so. I've never done it before, and it's awful! I know I shouldn't be so negative, but I feel so weak. Of course, this could be my fault because I drank a white chocolate mocha at Starbucks when we are only supposed to be on a fruit juice fast. I didn't know that caffeine makes you hungrier. And, okay, I got regular normal apple juice, but then for my second drink I accidentally hit the wrong button and got this fruit AND vegetable drink. EWW! It made me feel so sick when I tried it.

Maybe it feels so bad because I had a negative attitude about fasting from the very beginning. Maybe satan is trying to get at me. Well, I know he is. I just feel so bad and it's only 3:00 in the afternoon! I have to be ready to go at 5:45

because we're going to Tokyo Baptist Church. I kinda don't want to. I just want food. How am I supposed to focus on prayer when I'm this weak? How am I supposed to listen to a sermon when my stomach demands my full attention? I'm not cut out for this fasting thing. I like food too much.

Well, we split up among different train stations to distribute flyers yet again. These flyers tell a bit about the real story of Jesus and explain what is wrong with The DaVinci Code, as well as invite the receiver to a showing of the real Jesus video. I joined the Omotesando group. There were only about five of us because it's one of the smallest train stations and least busy areas of town. Everyone is so rich there. Materialism just feels like it's crushing you. All the stores are things like Gucci, Armani, and Dior, and some of the girls there looked at my t-shirt like it was total filth.

As far as the distributing went, it didn't go nearly as well as yesterday. At least for our group. Omotesando was a very dark place, whereas Shinagawa (the place I went yesterday) had a much more friendly atmosphere. Today, one girl held out her hand to take a flyer, but then when she saw the word "Jesus", she withdrew in disgust, wiping her hands on her sleeves like she'd touched something nasty. A lot of people laughed and said "Jesus" mockingly.

One positive thing was that one time two guys each took one and got a group of girls behind them to take some too...but this may have been more of a pity gesture than anything. Kristin and I talked to a Russian model, but I think she thought of us as lower life forms.

I met an old guy from Australia this morning who has been to Japan 9 times! He says he attends a Baptist church in Australia. That's kinda cool.

Now I have the shakes really bad. We were told to pray every time we think about food, but the more I think about food, the harder it is to pray. I'm such a wimp! HOW often did they do this in Bible times, and I can't even do it one day? I'm really not liking the smells here...I haven't even noticed any funny smells in Tokyo until now, and so now they're nauseating me. The people are annoying me too. After they were so rude at Omotesando, I'm gonna need the Father's help BIG-time. It gets hard to love sometimes, even when you mostly enjoy the work you're doing.

I felt stupid today actually. Most of the days here, I haven't felt self-conscious...if anything, I've felt really proud to be American. But today it was different...I felt really silly in my cowboy hat and Family Guy t-shirt, and for a while there I just wanted to not stand out. All I saw was materialism and Buddha today. It didn't seem like anyone was receptive to the Holy Spirit. It would be so much better and easier here if everyone realized his or her hunger for the Gospel, but many don't believe they NEED Jesus. Their money

blinds them.

I've also been irritable most of the day today. People have been bothering me, and I'm sure I've been irritating them as well. Well, I'm going to go get dressed for church.

Dear Father, You are not limited by my weakness. I just saw this in a booklet: "How often do we attempt to work for God to the limit of our incompetency rather than to the limit of God's omnipotency?" - J. Hudson Taylor. This is perfect for me today. It's so true. God also spoke to me through His Word...I turned to Exodus 5 and my student study Bible has a column near there labeled "Rejection." It says, "When others reject you or your faith, don't be surprised or discouraged. Continue to tell them about God, trusting him to open closed minds and soften stubborn hearts."

Well, it was way cool going to Tokyo Baptist Church because we got to ride up there in a cab on the left side of the road! The cabbie didn't understand us though, so he dropped us off like a block away from the actual church! We walked the rest of the way in the rain. It was fun.

The church service was all missionaries. I needed that service so much; it refreshed me and renewed my strength. We worshipped and prayed hardcore. It was great. We didn't listen to a sermon...we just praised God. Prayer is so cool.

Afterwards, some people went and ate at KFC. They told me it was not like American KFC at all...the chicken had little tufts of meat and the rest was bone, and then the biscuits were really doughy and gross. Then others of us went to Yoshinoya, this amazing little fast food Japanese chain. You get this huge bowl of rice and pork for really cheap.

On the way back to the hostel, I felt the Holy Spirit tugging at me to talk to three schoolgirls that were standing up in front of me on the train. Well, He tugged at me for about five minutes, but I was scared to talk to them because I'd had a bad day and just wanted to be comfortable. Finally I said "Kawaii!" and pointed to their shoes because they were really "cute". I think I said it all wrong though because they looked at me funny. But then I said it again and they understood. Yeah, this was a day of feeling stupid for Becky. Anyway, Amy and I began a conversation with them. We found out their names were Karen, Maryguya, and I can't pronounce the third one. And I don't think I spelled the second one right. We gave them The Hope tracts. Amy and I wanted to get contact information but they got off like a minute before we were going to ask. If I had been obedient to the Spirit at the first nudge, we probably would have made friends with them.

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Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas

The Minnesota Ice is gone, but it'll be back

Early this spring I ventured north to Minnesota in hopes of recording some frogs for my collection of wildlife sounds. The frogs weren't quite ready for prime time (just a few little chirps, not even a croak yet) so I had some time to spend with my Army buddy, Manny. He lives in an area of many lakes and goes ice fishing on huge Lake Mille Lacs when it freezes over. The lake is nearly square, 20 miles across in any direction.

"The lake starts thawing out in March," says Manny. "When they can go about twenty miles across the lake without seeing any big floating chunks of ice, they consider the lake clear and thawed out, safe for boaters." He says occasionally the wind blows those big chunks right up on land.

"Sometimes they land on the highways and that creates problems for motorists. Bulldozers have to come along and push them off and break them up."

This stuff sounds so foreign to me. I don't think I've ever seen a Texas lake freeze over enough to have icebergs.

"These big ice chunks will uproot bog trees, just push them out of their way," says Manny. "They'll move anything in their path."

People living by lakes in Minnesota have docks on wheels so they can roll them onto land in the fall before cold weather hits.



"Otherwise these big ice flows could just flip them over. Some of them are as big as a car. They can be a foot thick."

This year he rolled his dock down into the water the second week in April, a little earlier than usual. After he cranks the wheels up, he lowers steel poles with pads on them into the water. Manny has a canoe, a fishing boat and a pontoon party barge. In the winter he pulls them on land and stores them a good distance from the shoreline.

Minnesotans do all kinds of things outdoors on frozen lakes during the winter. The ice gets to be three feet thick by late December.

"When I go ice fishing, I take an ice auger that's 4 feet long so I can bore through

the ice. Sometimes I've gone down so far only the handle is above the ice."

On Lake Mille Lacs, as many as 5,000 ice fishing houses are all over the lake. Some are equipped with all the modern conveniences like TV and microwaves. People live in them in winter. Just drive their cars right up to the front door and stay there. One guy has a double wide on the lake with a fireplace and about a dozen fishing holes drilled in the floor. Manny says it looks like a dance hall out there. The fish houses have to be off the lake by February 28th.

The lake has roads on it. Snowplows come by regularly to make the 130 miles of roads on the lake passable. I'll tell you, for a Texan this is a strange sight.

The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.
—Herbert Spencer

Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Rialto Theatre Presents a Free Gospel Music Concert

The Rialto Theatre of Brownfield will be hosting a FREE gospel music concert this Saturday, August 26th, at 7:30 p.m. The event will take place at the Brownfield Middle School Auditorium located at 1001 E. Broadway in Brownfield.

Sherry Holley, the niece of Rock N Roll legend Buddy Holly, will be headlining the concert. Sherry has performed across the United States. She has performed in concert with such stars as Carl Perkins, Bo Diddley, Bobby Vee, and many others. She has a new release, "Looking Through

Buddy's Eyes", a song she wrote about her uncle, Buddy Holly. Sherry has also recorded several projects in Nashville, TN.

Also in concert will be Karen Chandler Stoker. Karen was named the Country Gospel Music Association New Female Artist of The Year in 2004.

Carla Todd, who has performed at the Cactus Theatre in Lubbock, The Legendary Johnny High Review in Dallas, and the Steve Fossick Band of New Mexico will also be performing.

For more information please call 806/637-6848.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE WHETHER TO IMPLEMENT NEW FEDERAL STANDARDS

On August 8, 2006, the Board of Directors (Board) of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. adopted a resolution initiating a proceeding to consider and determine whether to implement the new federal standards in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), 16 U.S.C. § 2621 (d) (11)-(14). The new federal standards relate to Smart Metering, Interconnection, Net Metering, Fuel Sources, and Fossil Fuel Generation Efficiency.

Request to Participate: Persons who wish to participate in this proceeding should obtain a form Request to Participate from the Cooperative, complete the form and deliver the completed form to the Cooperative headquarters at 1807 Main Street, Tahoka, Texas, or by mail at P.O. Box 970, Tahoka, Texas 79373-0970. Requests to participate must be received no later than the intervention deadline, October 1, 2006. A person who requests to participate after this date may be limited to filing comments and may not be admitted as a party or allowed to present evidence.

Public Comments: Persons who wish to comment on this proceeding, but not present evidence or otherwise participate in the hearing, may send their comments in writing to the Cooperative at the mailing address above.

Requests for further information about the proceeding should be sent to Greg Henley, Assistant Manager, Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 970, Tahoka, Texas 79373-0970; or Telephone 806-561-4588

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-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from
Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Protecting Dyess' B-1 Maintenance Facility

Dyess Air Force Base has been home to the Air Force's B-1 Intermediate Engine Maintenance Facility since 1995. Over the past decade, Dyess has developed a successful and effective maintenance operation in support of its B-1 mission. Additionally, the Air Force has invested millions of dollars in building up infrastructure on the base to enhance the facility's capabilities.

Despite this success, the Air Force is now considering moving the facility to

another base. Working with other members of the Texas congressional delegation, I have urged the Air Force to keep the facility at Dyess. Because Dyess has a proven itself to be a premier military base and because it is home to more B-1s than any other base, it makes the most strategic sense for the facility to remain in Abilene.

I will continue to stand up for Dyess and will keep readers of the Roundup up to date on any developments on this issue.

Dimmitt Post Office

I mentioned in June that I had introduced legislation

to rename the Dimmitt post office after Sgt. Jacob Dones, a fallen hero who had served his country in both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am pleased to report that my bill passed both houses of Congress this summer and now has been signed into law by President Bush.

Sgt. Dones, a Dimmitt native, is a decorated war hero who fought bravely to defend freedom and democracy. We will never be able to repay fully the debt we owe to Sgt. Dones. However, by renaming this post office in his honor, his legacy of courage and sacrifice will live on.

District 19 Tour Rolls On

When the month of August comes to a close, I will have made stops in 17 communities across the 19th District. Having visited 8 of those communities already, my tour through the district is almost halfway complete. My tour has been very beneficial as I have been able to talk with folks from each city and hear what issues are on their minds. Whether it is reducing the deficit or addressing the problems arising from this year's drought, this input will be helpful to me when Congress reconvenes in September.

A local television station recently covered my stops in Levelland and Morton. To get a sense of what my tour is like, visit the KCBD website and view a video of my 19th District tour. Also, please check out my website - www.randy.house.gov - to find out about upcoming stops on my tour.

GOT NEWS?

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50-197 (Rev. 05-06/10)

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Borden County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.65 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on 8/28/06 & 9/5/06 at 10:00 a.m. at Borden County Courthouse.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew, County Judge York
AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Expenditure Category	% (increase)	or	% (decrease)
Maintenance and operations	12.2		
Debt service	0		
Total expenditures	12.8		

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 553,972,918.00	\$ 600,138,532.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 87,880.00	\$ 382,312.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 453,966,778.00	\$ 598,445,190.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 87,880.00	\$ 382,312.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.3306 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$ 0.27 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ -.0606 per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year
OR
18.3 % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

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Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 25,285.00	\$ 25,559.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 1,092,850.00	\$ 1,101,590.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 19,111.00	\$ 19,229.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 83.59.

The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 69.00. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ 14.59 or a decrease of \$ 14.59 in taxes.

Special Provisions if Applicable NOT APPLICABLE

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is _____.