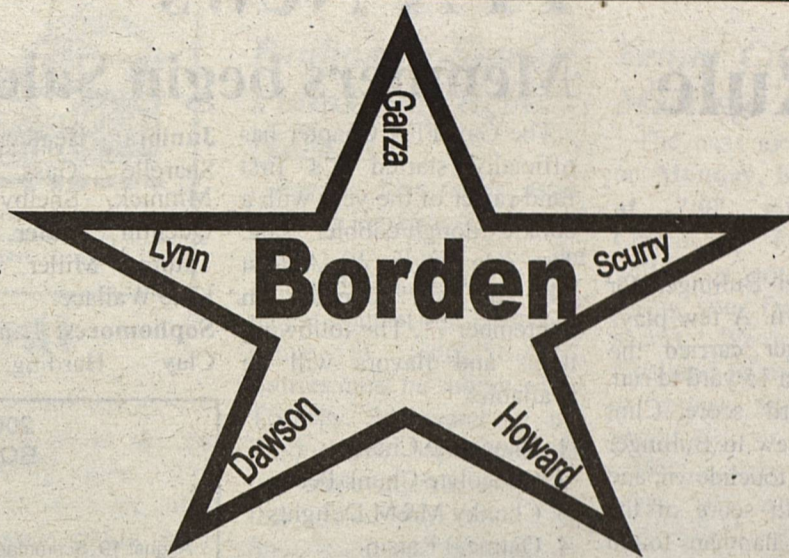


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Community mourns loss of a close friend and long time resident

Funeral services for Johnny (J.G.) Kite, age 81, of Gail, were held on Saturday, August 26, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. at the Borden County Independent School Auditorium with Rev. Richard Laverty of Perryton, TX, officiating. Burial followed in the Gail Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa, TX.

Johnny passed away on Wednesday, August 23, 2006 at his residence in Gail.

He was born in Shallowater, Texas on July 8, 1925 to George Rufus and Eliza Dell Kite. He married Juanita Thomas on June 17, 1947 in Lovington, NM. She preceded him in death on April 11, 2002.

He served in the United States Army during WWII. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Good



Johnny Kite
1925-2006

Conduct Medal, Purple Heart, GO 18 Hq 30 Evac Hosp. 4 June 45, and the Victory Ribbon. He was a former member of the Lions Club.

Johnny worked for Borden County ISD for 18 years. From 1960 to 1978, Johnny was a vital part of the Borden County ISD staff. With his quick smile, his

great sense of humor, and his kind heart, Johnny endeared himself to both fellow workers and to students. "Crackers" was his nickname, and students who knew him during this time got a glimpse of the handyman's fun loving ways.

Even after retirement, Johnny could be called on at most anytime to come look at washers/dryers/dishwashers - most anything that had a motor. No one knows for sure but that he enjoyed the visits with those he helped as much as he did working on the appliances.

And as recently as this past school year, Johnny would attend home basketball games in his continued support of Borden County ISD students. He shared cups of coffee, chats with Fiddler and other friends and enjoyed stories about most anything as he sat in the school cafeteria watching the Coyotes play ball.

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National Labor Day Crackdown on Impaired Driving

From August 18 through September 4, the Borden County Sheriff's Office will be joining thousands of police officers in a national impaired driving enforcement crackdown.

The message to drivers and motorcycle operators through Labor Day weekend is simple: **Drink. Drive. Go to Jail.**

Driving a passenger vehicle or riding a motorcycle impaired by alcohol or drugs is not worth the risk. You are putting your own life and the lives of others on the line. And, you are inviting arrest and a criminal record.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety

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Coyote Football

Thurs. - Aug. 31.

Coyotes JV vs New Home - Here - 6:00 p.m.

Friday - Sept. 1st

Coyotes vs. New Home - There - 7:00 p.m.

NO SCHOOL - Mon., Sept. 4th Labor Day Holiday

Borden County Parents' Club

ART CONTEST

See inside for details!

Coyotes Scrimmage Rule in Abilene

By Coach Avery

The Borden Coyote football team traveled to Abilene last Thursday August, 24th to scrimmage the Rule Bobcats second team and Junior Varsity. The Rule 1st team was there to scrimmage Abilene Christian High School. We were scheduled to have the field from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. In order to get enough plays in for the two teams we split the field in half and the JV played on one end while our varsity played on the other. It was nice to be done in one hour, it was hot and since it was a school night we were not out very late.

The Coyote varsity team looked good against the Rule second team. Our defense began first and allowed only one touchdown in about 15 plays starting from the 30 yard line going in. Then the Coyotes took the ball and scored in two plays. Quentin Shafer carried the ball first for a 10 yard gain on the first play and on the second play Shafer caught a 20 yard pass

The world is full of willing people, some willing to work, the rest willing to let them.

—Robert Frost

Don't ever take a fence down until you know why it was put up.

—Robert Frost

Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.

—Robert Frost

GOT NEWS?

Mail it to:
P.O. Box 137 Gail, TX.
e-mail
vadcock@bcisd.net

FFA News Members begin Sale

The Gail FFA Chapter has officially started it's first fund-raiser of the year with a cookie dough/cobbler sale. The sale began on August 24th and will conclude on September 7th. The following items and flavors will be available:

1. Chocolate Chunk
2. Chocolate Chunk Pecan
3. Chunky M&M Delights
4. Oatmeal Raisin
5. Peanut Butter
6. Snicker doodle
7. White Choc. Macadamia
8. Twice Choc. Walnut
9. Pecan Cobbler – 2 lbs.
10. Cinnamon Rolls – 1 doz.

All items will cost \$13.00 each and customers may pay upon delivery in late September. Anyone wishing to purchase these items may contact an Gail FFA member or Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4478 (home) or 806-656-4313 Ext. 7 (work)

from Michael Bullinger for the touchdown. A few plays later Bullinger carried the ball over for a 15 yard td run. For the third score Clint Chapman threw to Bullinger for a 20 yard touchdown, and for the fourth score of the scrimmage Chapman found Bullinger again this time from 30 yards out.

The Coyote defense took the field again as there was still time left of the hour and held the Rule offense scoreless in about 10 plays.

The JV was busy on the other end of the field scoring several times as Michael Cooley and Flynn Chapman took turns with good runs and scoring touchdowns.

Overall it was a good scrimmage for the Coyotes. It was short and sweet, we got a good look against another foe, we atè well and we got home early. There were no injuries and everyone should be good to go for the season opener against New Home this week in New Home. Everyone make the trip to root the Coyotes on to the firs victory of a young season. The Coyote JV team will play here in Gail vs. the New Home Leopards at 6:00 PM. We will see you there.

The Gail FFA, Chapter wishes to express a big "Thank You" to those who have supported their sales in the past and we look forward to working with our community in the future.

Gail FFA Member 2006-07
Seniors: Dannelle Copeland, Becky Dobyms, Jacob Froman, Ausa Rutherford, Rowdy Clary, Reynaldo Hernandez, Lacey Newton,, Zach McConnell, Symeron Rinehart, Dore Rodriguez, Christina Soto, Zane Williamson, Kylan Reynolds

Massingill, Cory Teel, Katherine Froman, Carlos Hernandez.

Freshman: Eric Espinoza, D'Nae Johnson, Chellsie Pigford, Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, Chasiti Rutherford, Brendan Taretton, Drew Tyler, Raylea Underwood, Sklyer Williamson.

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

School Zone Safety Tips

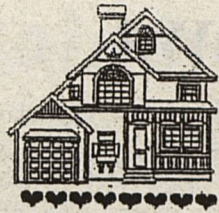


- > Obey speed limits
- > Watch for students walking and riding bicycles
- > Be prepared to slow down and stop when school buses flash yellow and red lights.

Just a Reminder, brought to you from the TxDOT

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences



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Homework without headaches

As a parent, are you faced with any of these scenarios? Your 10 year-old has once again frittered away the evening while her homework, still zipped inside her backpack, remaining unfinished. Or, your 9 year-old can't ever get started on his math worksheets unless you sit down beside him, a daily grind that eats away at your precious energy.

Almost all parents have experienced situations like these, in which a child's homework threatens to take over the household. Homework is one of the top stress producers between parents and children. However, now you can begin a new stress-free chapter in your family's homework saga with the

following techniques:

*Make education an important family value. You can have an awesome influence on your child's intellectual development by sharing with them the belief that education is essential.

* Understand your primary role - as coach. Parents of elementary and high school students alike get frustrated, but for different reasons. Little ones often beg for an increased amount of tedious hand-holding, while teens must tackle subjects many moms and dads have long forgotten. The best way to help out a stumped student is to reword the problem, break it down into smaller steps or ask leading questions that move your child closer to a solution.

Panhandle-South Plains Fair Items Needed

Anyone that needs assistance in entering handmade items or goods in the Panhandle-South Plains Fair, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336. Entries must be submitted on Tuesday, September 19 and Wednesday, September 20. For more information, visit the fair web site at <http://www.southplainsfair.com> or contact the Extension Office.

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*Teach children to help themselves. Encourage your child to seek out their own answers. Teachers want children to learn from one another.

*Encourage kids to establish good study habits - and stick to them. Allow your child to choose a set time for homework each day, and offer options for where to work. Help kids schedule weekend work to avoid Sunday-night panic.

Come join the fun!



- WHAT:** Cool Clovers 4-H Club Meeting
- WHO:** Any youth age 8 (or enrolled in 3rd grade) through 6th grade
- WHERE:** County Show Barn
- WHEN:** Tuesday, September 5, 2006 from 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
- PROGRAM:** What 4-H has to offer YOU!

This is our first meeting of the year. We will be enrolling for the 2006-07 4-H year and making plans for new activities. Refreshments will be provided by 4-H. We hope that you will make plans to attend and bring a friend! Hope to see YOU there!

For more information, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

Senior Citizen Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Community Room. This will be a pot luck supper (bring your favorite dish to share). We will enjoy our meal and fellowship, as well as games for those interested.

Please keep in mind that there are many possible opportunities this group can provide, including wonderful fellowship, fun games and activities, great learning

experiences, a chance to have your blood pressure and blood glucose checked, and even a possibility of group outings. We invite you to participate in the second Borden County Senior Citizen Group Evening. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Julie Smith at (806)756-4336. Also, if you need transportation to and from the Community Building, please contact us to make arrangements. We look forward to a great new opportunity for our friends in Borden County!

Borden County Parents' Club

Directory Cover Contest

The Parents' Club invites you to send us your best sketch! One drawing per grade will be selected to be placed in the school directory. A grand prize winner will also be selected to have their drawing displayed as the cover of this year's directory.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY Friday, September, 8.

Please submit drawings to Mrs. Rinehart's Office.

The following criteria must be met in order for an entry to be judged:

1. Drawing must be submitted on an 8 ½ X 11 sheet of plain, white paper in the portrait (not landscape) position.
2. Drawing must be in black and white only.
3. Drawing must include the following title:
Borden County ISD
School Directory
2006-2007
4. Drawing must represent school pride.
5. Drawing must NOT include your name on the front - Name and grade should be written in pencil on the back.

Please submit only one entry per student. Judging will be held Monday, Sept. 11. The winning artists will be notified that afternoon, at which time they will be asked to autograph their drawings.

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Dalton, Dennis Exchange Vows

Heather Dalton and Jeffery Dennis were married on July 14th at the First Presbyterian Church in Lubbock. Dr. Jerry Koch, First Presbyterian, Post, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Robert and Lisa Dalton of Sundown. Parents of the groom are Joel and Betty Dennis of Gail. Grandmother of the bride is Nancy Reeves of Ropesville.

The bride wore a strapless a-line ivory gown with all over beaded corded lace featuring a chapel train and champagne sash. Her veil was ivory, fingertip length with Swarovski crystals, pearls, and Sutache edge. The bride carried a bouquet of ivory, blush, sterling, and merlot roses.

The groom wore a traditional black tuxedo with ivory vest and tie.

The church altar featured urns filled with lemon leaf, hydrangeas, lisianthum, green button mums, white orchids and sterling and merlot roses. The pews were edged with silver buckets of the same floral selections.

Miss Megan Henry, Lubbock served as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Cyndi Edgington and Julie Cope, both of Lubbock, and Kim Johnson, Austin. All are friends of the bride. The attendants wore sleeveless satin v-neck gowns with slim skirts. Two of the attendants wore Victorian lilac dresses and two wore merlot wine dresses.

Honor attendants were Amanda and Amber Kirk, Lake Travis, cousins of the bride and Vanessa Dalton, Houston, sister-in-law of the bride. Amanda and Amber greeted and registered guests, and Vanessa read the scriptures, Song of Solomon 8:7-6 and I John 4:7-12.

Mr. Colt Miller, Lubbock,

groom's lifelong friend, served as best man. The groomsmen were Cory Ames, Lubbock, Wes Jackson, Fort Worth, friends of the groom and Jeremy Dalton, Houston, brother-in-law of the groom. They wore traditional black tuxedos with ivory shirts.

The ushers were Bert Dennis, Odessa, and Andrew and Matthew Mahler, San Angelo. All are cousins of the groom. Clark Taylor of Lubbock, 2-year old son of Jeff and Allison Taylor was the ring bearer.

Amanda Shire and Colt Miller of Lubbock played the prelude of traditional wedding music on fiddle and guitar, respectively.

Megan Henry, Lubbock, sang "You are so good to me" Amanda Shires and Colt miller provided the recessional with fiddle and guitar and the ceremony concluded with the guests throwing rose petals as the couple left the church.

The wedding ceremony was held in remembrance of the bride's grandfather, Preston Reeves, and the groom's grandparents, C.I. & Margaret LaBounty and Bert & Dorothy Dennis.

The reception was at the Buddy Holly Center. The Thrift Store Cowboys provided the music while the guests enjoyed a buffet supper. The bride's cake was Bavarian cream with each layer a different flavor, raspberry, fresh lemon, strawberry and apricot. It was adorned with sterling roses. Her table also featured white and dark chocolate dipped strawberries, nuts, and mints.

The groom's cake was chocolate cake topped with chocolate roses. The table also had chocolate petit fours. Custom printed M and M's in wine and violet, read

Jeff and Heather and July 14, 2006.

The bride attended Texas Tech University. The groom attended Austin College, graduated from Texas Christian University and has his Master's from Texas Tech.

The couple will make their home in Boulder, Colorado, where they will continue their educations.

COURTESIES

A lingerie shower was given by Megan Henry, Julie Cope, and Cyndi Edgington on May 27 in Lubbock.

A back yard couple's shower was given at the home of Ray and Earlene Bagby in Post, Texas on Saturday, June 3.

Elise Marshall of Sundown hosted a bridal shower in her home on Saturday, June 10.

Joel & Betty Dennis hosted a rehearsal dinner at Maharaja Restaurant in

Lubbock, on Thursday, July 13.

A bridal party luncheon at Sugar Bakers was given by

the bride's grandmother, Nancy Reeves and the bride's aunt, Luan Kirk on Friday.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Dennis

23 - SEPTEMBER 2006

GAIL TEXAS

SATURDAY NIGHT

COYOTE

BRISKET SUPPER 5:00 P.M.

MUSIC 6:00-10:00 by LOCAL & AREA MUSICIANS

PENNY RAFFLES AUCTION

PIE, CAKE, COBBLER

YOUTH ART EXHIBIT

Musical Entertainment at Old Mill Trade Days this weekend

Ricky Russ, Abilene radio personality and vocalist, will return to the Rainmaker Stage at Old Mill Trade Days this weekend. Russ will bring several other performers to provide several hours of musical entertainment Saturday after-noon. "We're very happy to have Ricky return to Trade Days and bring some of his friends. We always receive positive comments about this group of entertainers," explained Rosa Latimer, General Manager of Old Mill Trade Days in Post. "This event will be a great part of the Labor Day weekend. The pony rides for the kids will return for this September 1-3 event. We'll have over 125 vendors selling the latest in home décor, jewelry, and clothing as well as antiques, art and collectibles, plus all the great food - Trade Days will be a fun time for the entire family."

Old Mill Trade Days at the historic Postex Mills in Post is the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each month. Event hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission on Friday is \$1.00 for adults/free for Senior citizens and on Saturday and Sunday \$2.00 for adults. Children under 10 are always admitted free when accompanied by an adult and parking is free. Call 495-3529 for more information.

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Ricky Russ

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School will receive bids to repair and resurface the Borden County ISD Track Facility.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "TRACK BID". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 7, 2006. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

By order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Mike Valentine, Secretary

Obituary

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Johnny Kite leaves a sweet legacy of how to grow old with humor and dignity. This community will miss him dearly.

Survivors include: a son, Johnny Dale and wife Wanda of Gail; a daughter, Jackie and husband Gregory Keen of Odessa; sisters

Hiley and husband Jack Savage of Gail; Nelta and husband Myron Macy of Weatherford, TX; a brother, Billy Fred Kite of Odessa; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and 3 great grand children.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Borden County EMS, PO Box 342, Gail, Texas 79738

Labor Day

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Administration (NHTSA) records, 46 percent of Texas' crash fatalities in 2004 were alcohol related. Impaired driving is one of America's deadliest problems. Overall in 2004, more than 15,000 people died in highway crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .01 or higher. Of those, nearly 13,000 were in crashes where the BAC

was at or above the legal limit of .08.

Many of you will be on the roads during these last few days of summer vacation time including the long Labor Day Weekend. Make it a safe one by being a sober driver and by buckling up.

For more information on impaired driving prevention and resources communities can use to reduce deaths and injuries, visit: www.stopimpaireddriving.org/

Nathan & Megan

would like to announce the birth of

Brooke Claire Ballard



Born August 18, 2006
8 pounds, 11 ounces
& 22 1/4 inches long

Grandparents:

Cliff & Linda Ballard
Scott & Brandi Brooks

Great-Grandparents:

Aunts: Jack & Donnie Kelley
Alexis Brooks James & Shirley Gass
Heather Brooks Jan Brooks

Uncles:

Nick Gass
Chey Ballard





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 9

Eyes and Mud Pies

June 14

It was great to eat breakfast this morning after fasting. I totally stuffed. Allan and I ate at that amazing bakery, and I ate waaay too much.

Right now I'm on a train going to Makuhari. Some others of the group and I will go with the California Baptist University choir to do ministry with singing, balloons, and face paint. Others will continue to distribute flyers for a showing of the Jesus film.

As I sit here on this train, I keep noticing the eyes of the Japanese, as I have many times before...like a businessman staring in this direction, with hopeless, tired eyes and a set scowl. His face shows that he's facing another day of drudgery. A team member just presented the Gospel to a cute little lady with curious eyes sitting across from me reading a book. There's a woman by the door whose eyes are set and cynical as they stare out at all the man-made buildings. She's bracing herself for another day. There's a woman to my right whose eyes are distracted by Materialism...she's caught up in a pointless game. A man's

face is laughing, but his eyes look hesitant. They can't pretend like the face can. A young businessman's eyes are shrewd and hungry for success. An old woman's eyes have been calloused by years of searching and not finding. They've been hungry for so long that they don't even recognize their own hunger. If someone comes to her with an answer to the searching, she turns away because her soul is so used to the hunger that it has become a comfort zone... like on Shawshank Redemption when that old man can't bear being released from prison because he's grown up inside it.

Two guys on my team are talking to two men with success eyes. They are business consultants, aged 28 and 30. David just blew up a balloon for them, and Rusty is making a dog out of it! How funny. Ooh, and they just asked me to make one...

Way fun! I just made a rabbit for the other businessman! We were able to give them tracts, and I think the guys got contact information.

Well, soon after that, we arrived at Makuhari. Amy, Haleigh, and I went to eat lunch at this place called Lotteria, and then to eat ice cream at Baskin Robbins. Then we walked to the BEACH. Well, on the way there, I suddenly got really sick and thirsty. So I went over to this random building in the middle of nowhere that had machines to see if there was any water in them. I asked a guy, "Omizu?

(Water?)" and pointed to what I thought was a bottle of water in the machine. He said no, "energy drink." So I just figured I would have to get whatever looked the most like water. But as I was about to do so, this construction worker came up who I had passed by earlier. We had just briefly said hello. He handed me a fresh, unopened bottle of water! It was so nice of him! It's so cool how God takes care of you when you're in a foreign country like that and totally dependent on whatever He chooses to provide.

Well, we finally got to the beach. So beautiful. It was so cool just looking at God's creation and thinking about His Majesty. It's weird because at house church tonight, we talked about that quote from C.S. Lewis that says, "Enjoying things of this world too much is like making mud pies when the whole ocean is beside you." This is so true about today. We spent like forever there, just praying, singing, fellowshiping, and *worshipping*. Lots of other people came too. There were some really cute Japanese families there with little kids.

I saw one adorable little boy who kept playfully running away from his grandmother down the beach. She'd grab him and tickle him, but he'd keep running and laughing. He looked so free and

happy...so unlike the older generation in Japan. That picture represented what Christians are hoping. The younger generation is breaking away from many traditions and thinking for themselves. Although this rebellion can be used for evil, we are praying that this will instead open a door for Jesus, and that the Japanese will finally be free.

At 3:30, we washed our feet off and went back to the main square. We made balloon animals, did face paint, and the CBU choir sang. It was great. Amy and I met three schoolgirls named Ai, Mai, and Masaki. They all run track, and one of them does the 100-meter hurdles! I told her I do them too, even though I'm not very good at all. We got their emails and gave them tracts, and we're planning to invite them to the Friendship Party.

At one point, it was really sad. I tried to give balloons to two little girls who were running up to me, but the mom hurried them away and gave me a dirty look. Another lady and her little girl accepted though. Then another family took a balloon, but when I gave the mom a tract, she opened it and let out a skeptical "ooooohhh." It makes me sad that most of these people who reject Jesus have never

even been presented with His whole story. They reject Him without knowing what they're rejecting.

I was talking to Cace, and we agree that today was so productive because we prayed hardcore last night. I God keeps working in us. Our whole group talked to an older Japanese man in the lobby who was a Shinto believer. He believes in many gods. He said, "Believing in one god is dangerous. People believed in Hitler, and he was a very bad man. But if you have many gods, if one is bad or betrays you, you still have think nearly everyone had a conversation and made multiple contacts. A lot of people got to have "sword-fights" (with balloons, of course) with little kids. It was fun to watch. We didn't quit till about six.

Tonight I really learned that ministry doesn't stop when we enter the hostel. the others." We tried (through one member of our team who is fluent in Japanese) to help him understand that our God is perfect, so there's no need to keep him in check. But he wouldn't listen.

On the funnier side, he said he really likes cowboys. He sang us a really long song about the Alamo from the famous John Wayne movie. It was pretty amusing... although his beliefs definitely weren't.

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-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from
Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Tackling High Energy Prices

I have been traveling across the 19th District and visiting with constituents during the month of August. Regardless of the county, one issue keeps popping wherever I stop. That issue is energy. There is no doubt that current energy prices and our future energy supply are on the minds of all West Texans right now. Families are worried about energy prices. Farmers, who are already dealing with a drought, are worried about energy prices. Even local school boards are altering bus routes in order to use less gasoline.

As I visit with constituents, I am often asked what Congress is doing to bring down gas prices. I wish there was a quick and easy answer to those questions. Unfortunately, no such "silver bullet" exists. America spent a long time digging itself into this hole, and it is going take some work to get itself out. To

solve this problem, we must approach the problem from multiple angles, while keeping all options on the table.

A comprehensive approach includes further oil and gas exploration here at home. Slowly but surely, Congress is making progress on this front. We recently passed legislation that permits exploration between 100 and 200 miles off the country's coastlines. Furthermore, I believe we are coming closer to a commonsense solution to expanding exploration in Alaska.

However, a comprehensive approach means more than just tapping into additional oil and gas reserves. It also means looking at nuclear energy, which, among other usages, is used by the U.S. Navy to power submarines. I say that if nuclear energy is good enough to power our subs and move our sailors across the globe, it is good enough to provide power here in America.

A comprehensive approach also means developing re-

newable sources of energy. I strongly believe that West Texas can be at the epicenter of this development. Years ago West Texas was a leader in providing America with gasoline. Now, I once again see a major role for West Texas to play in securing America's energy supply. Whether it is by using cutting edge technology to convert corn, sorghum and other crops into ethanol or by taking advantage of two things Texas has a deep supply of - wind and open space - Texas can be a leader in the development of renewable sources of energy.

Various obstacles stand in the way of implementing this comprehensive strategy. In some areas, environmental regulations choke innovation and development. In others, the industries are young and the necessary infrastructure doesn't yet exist. But the good news is that support for overcoming these obstacles is growing. Piece by piece, America is working to tackle the issue of high energy prices and come ever closer to energy independence.

--Randy

THANK YOU

Your thoughts and prayers at the time of our loss of our loved one, *Dee Burrus* are sincerely appreciated.

Thanks for all the food, flowers, calls and remembrances. Without friends to support us, these time would be much harder to bear.

Willie Burrus
Donald and Jeana Love
Bobby & Janice Burrus
Tommy & Sarah K. Burrus
and Families



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O'Donnell, TX

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for Borden County for 2007 beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 2006 at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas.

A summary of the proposed Borden County budget is as follows:

Jury Fund - \$3,100
General Fund - \$930189
Road & Bridge - \$797900
Permanent Improvement Fund - \$55,000

Any interested person is invited to attend and present oral or written comments. The proposed budget may be examined at the office of the County clerk or the County Judge.

The proposed tax rate for 2006 is .27 per \$100.00 valuation. Last years tax rate was .3306 per \$100.00 valuation.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York, Judge
Borden County

NOTICE

Texas Local Government Code

Sec. 152.013 PROCEDURE FOR SETTING AMOUNTS FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

- (c) Each year the commissioners' court shall set the salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected county or precinct offices. The commissioner's court shall set the items at a regular meeting of the court during the regular budget hearing and adoption proceedings.
- (d) Before the 10th day before the date of the meeting, the commissioners court must publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the court a notice of:
- (1) any salaried, expenses, or allowances that are proposed to be increased;
 - (2) the amount of the proposed increase.

OFFICE	2006 ANNUAL SALARY	2007 PROPOSED ANNUAL COST OF LIVING	
		SALARY INCREASE	2007 TOTAL ANNUAL SALARY
COUNTY JUDGE	\$25,523 (+ \$15,000 STATE SUPPLEMENT)	\$2,552	\$28,075 (+\$15,000 STATE SUPPLEMENT)
COMMISSIONER, PRT. #1	\$19,188	\$1,918	\$21,106
COMMISSIONER, PRT. #2	\$19,188	\$1,918	\$21,106
COMMISSIONER, PRT. #3	\$19,188	\$1,918	\$21,106
COMMISSIONER, PRT. #4	\$19,188	\$1,918	\$21,106
SHERIFF	\$28,776	\$2,877	\$31,653
COUNTY TREASURER	\$26,484	\$2,648	\$29,132
DIST/COUNTY CLERK	\$26,484	\$2,648	\$29,132
JUSTICE OF PEACE	\$7,740	\$774	\$8,514

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Home Varsity There 7:30 PROGRESS REPORTS	2
3	4 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	5 Cool Clovers 4-H Meeting @ Show Barn 3:45-4:45	6	7 Robert Lee JH & JV Here 6:00	8 Photo Day-Seniors, K-11, JH & HS football & cheerleaders, class officers & favorites Robert Lee Varsity There 7:30 Angel Tournament in Tyler (Novice CX debate)	9 "Wilson Runaround" Cross Country Meet @ 8:45 a.m. Angel Tournament in Tyler (Novice CX debate)
10	11 Teacher Self-Report Part I Due	12	13	14 Wellman-Union JH & JV There 5:30	15 Wellman-Union Varsity Here 7:30	16 UIL Superconference workshops for new high school UIL participants @ West Texas A & M University in Canyon
17	18 Begin Teacher Observations 4-H Food and Nutrition Project @ Home Economics Lab 3:45-5:30 *Are you Filing or Piling* educational program in Community Room 6:00 p.m.	19 Lorenzo JV Here 6:30 4-H Food and Nutrition Project @ Home Economics Lab 3:45-5:30	20	21 Dawson JH Here 6:00 4-H Food and Nutrition Project @ Home Economics Lab 3:45-5:30	22 Dawson Varsity There 7:30 End of 1 st Six Weeks TFA Debate Tournament, Big Spring	23 Roby Invitational Cross Country Meet @ 9:00 a.m. Coyote Opry TFA Debate Tournament, Big Spring
24 	25 Beginning of 2 nd Six Weeks	26	27 JH/HS 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:35-1:05	28 Southland JH & JV There 5:00	29 Southland Varsity Here 7:30	30 