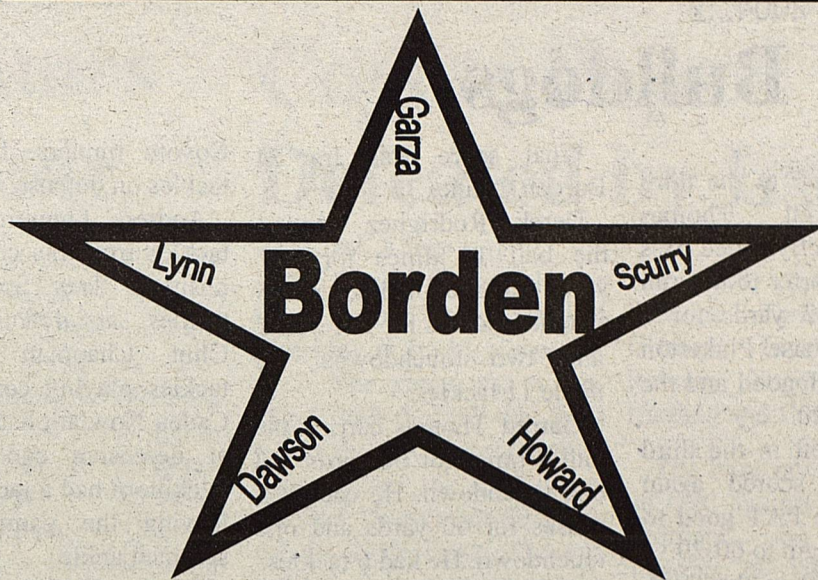


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Exercise Your Rights and Participate in the Election Process

Senator Hutchison
Weekly Column

This November 2, We Texans have the opportunity to do something more than a billion people wish they could do, but cannot: cast a vote for the leaders of our country. According to Freedom House only 85 out of 192 sovereign countries in the world are liberal democracies, defined as those which not only have elections, but also respect political rights and civil liberties. In far too many countries, people either have

Early Voting

Early voting for the General Election is now being conducted in the Borden County Clerk's office between the hours of 8 a.m. - 12 noon and from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Friday, October 29th.

Election laws require voters to have a Voters registration card or a current driver's license to be eligible to vote.

Early voting for the Borden County ISD Rollback Election is also being conducted in the School Superintendents office between the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

no right to cast a vote, or are limited to voting in fraudulent elections for the ruling regime.

We, on the other hand, have the power to confirm or remove our leaders. This right did not come easily. It was won in the snows of Valley Forge and has required fighting to defend it. From the banks of the San Jacinto to the beaches of Normandy, American soldiers have defended our liberty and the right to vote. We should never lightly value a right bought at so high a price.

But in every election season, we find many who do not value this right. Many of us have met people who happily spend weeks deciding which car to buy but will not devote five minute to an upcoming election.

Now, most cars or trucks will get you from point A to point B without much trouble, yet when people shop for a new car they compare a host of features, ranging from price and power to the color of the vehicle. If an automobile is worth this kind of scrutiny, what about our elected officials? Legislators in both the Texas State House and in the U.S. Congress draft laws that affect our daily lives as well

as our futures. Elected officials from the White House to the court house make decisions ranging from government regulations to public safety. When you consider the impact of the decisions made those we select, deciding who we will vote for matters a great deal.

Each of us has a responsibility to learn as much as we can about the candidates and their positions on the issues. We can learn more from the candidates themselves, by reading newspapers, magazines and the Internet, as well as listening to radio, watching television, and holding conversations with friends and neighbors. A lot of campaign advertising is negative and it is sometimes off-putting, but we must weigh all the information available and use our best judgment and common sense to decide who should receive our vote.

Participation is necessary if we want our democracy to continue to flourish. I urge all Texans to vote on November 2. It is not only our great privilege to vote, it is our obligation.

Vote



COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thursday, October 28th

JH & JV Football - Highland - H - 6 & 7:30

Friday, October 29th

HS Football - Highland - There - 7:30 p.m.

GO COYOTES!!

Join the Crowd and Back the Coyotes!

TIME CHANGE
Sunday, Oct. 31st.
FALL BACK!



Coyotes Bit by Bulldogs

By Coach Avery

The Borden Coyotes were bitten by a rabid Bulldog last Friday night 74-32. The 7-1 Ira Bulldogs came to town determined not to lose another district ballgame. They rattled off 28 unanswered points before the Coyotes finally put up six points of their own. From that point on both teams pretty much traded touchdowns the rest of the game. Ira has lost one game to district leader Highland by four points. Ira needs to win the next two games to come in second in district, which will put them in the play-offs. Highland and Westbrook will play in week 10 and Borden County and Highland play this week. If Highland loses to Westbrook it could throw the district into a three-way tie.

The Coyotes again suffered turnovers on their first and third possessions. In the second quarter trailing 28-0 Garrett Thomas took a quick pitch from Adam Carter and went 35 yards for the score. The PAT was not good and the score was 28-6.

The score at the half was 36-6. On the first play of the second half a Bulldog ran 50 yards untouched to the end-zone. The PAT was good and the score was 44-6. It looked as if this game would not last much longer.

With 8:53 left in the third quarter Derek Rodriguez scored for the Coyotes on a 57 yard run. The PAT was not good and the score was now 44-12. They scored with 5:20 left in the third and kicked the PAT good to make the score 52-12.

School Menu

Week Of: November 1st - 5th, 2004

MONDAY: BBQ Sausage, Ranch Style Beans, Potato Salad, Bread, Fruit & Milk **Breakfast:** French Toast, Fruit Juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Pudding & Milk **Breakfast:** Ham & Eggs, Biscuit, Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Cheese Quesadilla, Spanish Rice, Tomato Slices, Fruit, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Meat & Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Ice Cream & Milk. **Breakfast:** Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY: Steak Sandwich, Tater tots, Salad Cups, Brownies, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice & Milk

With 5:09 left in the third period Garrett Thomas caught a perfectly timed pass from Adam Carter to out run the defense 52 yards for a touchdown. Chase Pinkerton kicked the PAT good and the score read 52-20.

With 4:53 left in the third the Bulldogs scored again and kicked the PAT good to extend the margin to 60-20.

With 2:54 left in the third caught a pass from Adam Carter and ran into the end zone for a 13 yard scoring play. The PAT was no good and the score was 60-26.

With 9:13 left in the fourth period Ira scored and missed the PAT and the score was 66-26.

The Coyotes scored their last touchdown of the night with 8:12 left in the fourth period on a 67 yard pass from Adam Carter to Derek Rodriguez. The PAT was no good and the score was 66-32.

The last TD of the game was scored by Ira with 4:35 left on the clock. The PAT was good and the score was 74-32.

Both teams were held on downs on their next possession and the Coyotes got the ball back with 42 seconds left. Carter hit John Wilson on the six yard line and the clock expired, but Wilson was tackled by his face mask and you can't end the game on a penalty. From the 3 yard line the Coyotes had one last play to score and the Coyotes were denied as Rodriguez was hit at the goal line and the official ruled he did not get in.

Final score was Ira 74 Borden County 32.

Derek Rodriguez carried the ball 13 times for 137 yards and one touchdown. He caught 5 passes for 111 yards and two touchdowns. He made 11 tackles.

Garrett Thomas carried the ball 8 times for 62 yards and one touchdown. He caught 2 passes for 60 yards and one touchdown. He had 6 tackles.

Michael Bullinger carried the ball twice for 28 yards. He had 10 tackles on defense.

John Wilson caught a pass for 33 yards. He had 7 tackles on defense.

Tyler Wallace caught a pass for 5 yards.

Adam Carter completed 10 of 22 passes for 209 yards and 3 touchdowns. Adam had 9 tackles on defense.

Chase Pinkerton played fullback and blocked for the

Coyote runners. He had 6 tackles on defense.

Andrew Lamming had 6 tackles from his corner back position. Trey Soto had 4 tackles at defensive end. Clint Chapman had 10 tackles playing corner back. Caden Nowlain had 3 tackles at defensive end. J Ryan Gicklhorn had a tackle before leaving the game with a sprained ankle.

"The Coyote offense produced 424 yards of total offense against a pretty good team that should play a while in the post season. It was fun to be able to trade scores with them for a while and to play good enough defense to keep them from ending the game early. I guess you have to find the little victories when and where you can. I believe every one knows and has learned the life is not always

what you read on the score board. I am proud of our boys and the way that they fought hard in the contest when it was obvious we were a little out matched", Coach Avery said.

The Coyotes next play the Highland Hornets at Highland this Friday night at 7:30. The Coyotes again will be the underdog. "Maybe we can get started a little sooner this week and be able to play the Hornets a little better." Come root the Coyotes on. They need you the most when the odds are not in their favor.

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Fall Festival
Saturday, - October 30th
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
County Show Barn

Activities: Pie Walk, Parent's Club Bingo, Jail - Photo Shop, Ring Toss, Football Throw, Golf, Bucking Machine, Basketball Throw, Plinko, Sr. Class Concession Stand, Pumpkin Pick, Go Fish - Duck Pond, 4-H Cake Walk, Cork Shoot - Sand Art

**Come out and help support the students
and enjoy the evening!**
Money received from the booths will go to individual classes and
money received from parent's Club bingo will go towards the
2005 Parent's Scholarship Fund
[Bingo will last until ALL prizes are gone. Stay and enjoy the FUN!]

Coyote JV Games End at Half-time

By Coach Avery

The Borden Coyote JV football team played the Ira Bulldogs last Thursday in Ira and the game was called at the half. The Coyotes were behind at the time 23 to 7. Early in the second period John Cowart suffered a broken leg. We had to suspend play for a while to wait for an ambulance to come from Snyder to care for John. The wait and the emotion of the injury drained both teams of their intensity. The game was resumed until the half when both coaches decided it was best to call the game and to just go home.

The lone touchdown for the Coyotes was run by Bradley Tatum on a 4 yard run. New to the Coyotes is J.T. Martinez and he ran the extra point over for one point. Others playing in the game were Miller Valentine, Timothy Crenshaw, Quentin Shafer, Logan Howard, Zane Williamson, Brice Smith, Asa Rutherford, Pascual Espinoza, Taylor Peterson, Symeron Rinehart and Curtis Gaston.

The Coyote JV next play Highland here in Gail October, 28. Ya'll come.

Cross Country News

By Coach Turner

The Borden Junior High Cross Country teams competed in the District 9-A meet in Big Spring on Monday, October 18th.

Girl's medalist included Olivia Key who finished 15th. Also competing for the Missy Coyotes were Marla Crenshaw, D'Nae Johnson, Rachael Payne, Chellsie Pigford, Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, Chasiti Rutherford, Baylee Benavidez, Katherine Froman, and Krystal Hobson.

Boy's medalist included Jake Cooley who finished 7th and Michael Cooley who finished 15th. Also competing for the Pups were Brendan Tarleton and Karl Lamming.

The Borden High School boy's and girl's cross country teams competed in the District 9-A meet in Big

Spring on Monday, October 18th.

Emily Mayes was the top runner for the varsity girls with a 17th place finish. Also competing for the Lady Coyotes were Lacey Newton, Lindsey Stamper and Lesley Rutherford.

Adam Carter placed 17th as the lone competitor for the Coyotes in the varsity boys division.

The Coyote junior varsity team won the team championship and Austin Tarleton was the individual district champion. Other medalist for the Coyotes included Andrew Lamming in 2nd place, Michael Bullinger in 4th place, Aaron Pigford in 7th place, and Logan Howard in 9th place. Also competing for the Coyotes were Trey Soto and Chase Pinkerton.

Coyote Pups Defeated by Ira

By Coach Avery

The Borden Coyotes Junior High team lost to Ira last Thursday in Ira by a score of 42-7. The game was a lopsided 26-0 before the Pups found the end zone for their only score of the game. Michael Cooley ran 33 yards for the touch down. The one point PAT was scored as Jake Cooley hit Karl Lamming in the end zone. The score at that time was 26-7.

Also playing in the game was Drew Tyler, Tyrell

Massingill, Eric Espinoza, Brendan Tarleton, Kegun Clement, Flynn Chapman, Robert Thompson, Clay Harding and Cory Teel.

The Pups next game is here in Gail against the Highland Hornets on Thursday, October 28. This will be the last JH game of the year.

Everyone come out and support these kids and the concession stand needs your business.

ATTENTION Borden County Ex-Students

Phase 1 of Reunion Plans for the Summer of 2005.

Please send your thoughts on date of the reunion and what you would like to happen during the day to the following address:

jbdennis@poka.com

or Joel Dennis

PO box 97

Gail, Texas 79738

Thank you for your comments and thoughts.



8th Annual Borden County Home for the Holidays

"A Homemade Christmas"

multi-county program series

on Monday, November 15, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

in the Community Room in Gail.

The favor of a reply is requested.

Please contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu to RSVP.

A nominal fee of \$8 per person will be charged at the door

to cover the costs of food, program supplies, and the recipe book.

We hope that you will join us for a tasting of delicious recipes, entertaining tips, homemade gifts, food safety and storage, helpful holiday hints, and creative holiday decorations.

We will have fellowship and punch from 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. to allow an opportunity for everyone to visit. The program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

For a community service project this year, we ask that you please

bring a new game or toy for the Toys for Tots program.

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension program. We request that you contact your Texas Cooperative Extension office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.



Community Flea Market

Arts/Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 13th

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Borden County Showbarn

Gail, TX



LaNITA's Photography

There will be a Photo Booth at the Community Flea Market on November 13th.

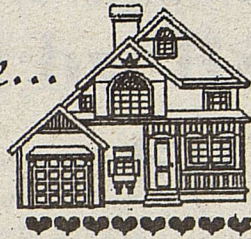
Take this opportunity to come by and get your family, children or grandchildren's picture made.

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Heart and home...

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



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Borden County Senior Citizen Group

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 1 in the Community Room. This will be a pot luck supper (bring your favorite dish to share) that will begin at 6:00 p.m. We will enjoy our meal and fellowship first, then enjoy games. Feel free to bring your favorite games to play.

There are many possible opportunities this center 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 4-H NEWS

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Fall Festival 4-H Cake Walk

Borden County 4-H will again sponsor the Cake Walk at the 2004 Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, October 30th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This activity serves as the sole fund-raiser to assist with 4-H awards and the annual achievement awards supper.

Each 4-H family is requested to bring two (2) pastry items of your choice (cake, pie, cookies, brownies, etc.) to assist with the success of the Cake Walk. If at all possible, please bring your items to the booth by 5:15 p.m. Thanks in advance for assisting with this activity in support of the Borden County 4-H.

A work schedule has been mailed; however, if your name was not included on the work schedule and you would like to work in the 4-H booth, just go by the booth that evening and offer your assistance!

See you at the Cake Walk!!

Frightful Family Fun

(NAPS)—From ghoulish images to pumpkin carvings to black cat superstitions, Halloween conjures up a variety of spooky traditions that are fun for the whole family.

This festive holiday is also a great opportunity for kids of all ages to express their creative spirit. Following are a few ideas for spooktacular Halloween activities that are sure to produce a whole load of frightful family fun:

- Involve kids in creating their own haunted look with "no sew" costumes. Detailed step-by-step directions for costumes such as Dracula, pirate and princess are available on VeryBestKids.com.

- Keep the bewitched memories from past Halloweens alive. Each year, take photos of all family members in costume and display the photos in festive photo frames.

- Enjoy a family evening making boo-tiful decorations. For an easy ghost decoration, cover helium balloons with an old bed sheet and tie off at the neck. Draw spooky faces on the sheet and secure with a string to a tree or railing.

- Rouse some fright by telling ghost stories round-robin style. Light the room with only a flashlight and have each person hold the flashlight while telling a part of the story. The last person in the circle decides the hair-raising end to the tale.

No matter what the activity, make sure to provide some "bone chillin' brew" and ghoulish goodies. Following is a quick and easy recipe to set the Halloween mood.

For more spookalicious recipes and Halloween activities, visit VeryBestKids.com.



"Hand"-made punch is a real scream.

Bone Chillin' Brew (Makes 24 servings)

Floating hands:
Water
Clear plastic gloves
Rubber bands or twist ties

Punch:
2 bottles (64 fluid ounces each)
Punch Flavor LIBBYS®
JUICY JUICE® Premium
100% Juice, chilled
1 can (12 fluid ounces) frozen
lemonade concentrate,
slightly thawed
4 cans (12 fluid ounces each)
lemon-lime soda, chilled

For floating hands: Pour water into gloves, adding enough water to fill the gloves loosely but not so full that the fingers will not move. Fasten gloves with rubber bands or twist ties. Line baking sheet with paper towels and place filled gloves on paper towels. Freeze for 3 hours or until firm.

For punch: Combine Juicy Juice and lemonade concentrate in large punch bowl. Gradually stir in soda. Carefully cut gloves off hands with scissors. Float hands in punch.

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A Special Thank You to everyone for your much appreciated prayers, visits, and cards during my long stay in the hospital and slow recovery at home. Your friendship means so much to me.

My love to everyone,
Judy Kingston



NOVEMBER 2, 2004 BORDEN COUNTY ISD ROLLBACK ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

October 18 th , 2004	First Day to Vote Early by Personal Appearance
October 26 th , 2004	Last Day for Early Voting Clerk to receive Applications for ballots to be Voted by Mail
October 29 th , 2004	Last Day to Vote Early by Personal Appearance
November 2, 2004	Election Day and Last Day to Accept Early Voting Ballots by Mail

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Tuesday, November 2nd

WHAT: Canned Food Drive
(sponsored By Borden County 4-H)

WHEN: Monday, November 1st through Friday, November 5th

WHY: Please help us collect canned foods to be donated to families in Borden County and to the West Texas Food Bank.

WHERE: Bring your canned foods to your home room class. The grade in each division that donates the most food will win a "Sweet Treat" Party.
(Divisions are K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th)



A special thank you goes to Borden County I.S.D. for allowing 4-H to hold this food drive at school.

Hunting Osama

Stick to facts when discussing Afghanistan

The following VIEWPOINTS article was taken from the *Dallas Morning News*, Wed., October 20, 2004.

President Bush and Sen. John Kerry have very different views of the war on terrorism, and those differences ought to be debated. But the debate should focus on facts, not distortions of history.

On more than one occasion, Mr. Kerry has referred to the fight at Tora Bora in Afghanistan during late 2001 as a missed opportunity. He claims that our forces had Osama bin Laden cornered and allowed him to escape. How did it happen? According to Mr. Kerry, we "outsourced" the job to Afghan warlords. As commander of the allied forces in the Middle East, I was responsible for the operation at Tora Bora, and I can tell you that the senator's understanding of events doesn't square with reality.

First, take Mr. Kerry's contention that we "had an opportunity to capture or kill Osama bin Laden" and that "we had him surrounded." We don't know whether Mr. bin Laden was at Tora Bora in December 2001. Some intelligence sources said he was; others indicated he was in Pakistan; still others suggested he was in Kashmir. Tora Bora was teeming with Taliban and al-Qaeda operatives, many of whom



TOMMY FRANKS

were killed or captured, but Mr. bin Laden was never within our grasp.

Second, we did not "outsource" military action. We did rely heavily on Afghans because they knew Tora Bora, a mountainous, geographically difficult region on the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan. It is where Afghan mujahedeen holed up for years, keeping alive their resistance to the Soviet Union. Killing and capturing Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters was best done by the Afghan fighters who already knew the caves and tunnels.

Third, the Afghans weren't left to do the job alone. Special Forces from the United States and several other countries were there, providing tactical leadership and calling in air strikes. Pakistani troops also provided significant help — as many as 100,000 sealed the border and rounded up hundreds of al-Qaeda and Taliban fighters.

Contrary to Mr. Kerry, Mr. Bush never "took his eye off the ball" when it came to Osama bin Laden. The war on terrorism has a global focus. It cannot be divided into separate and unrelated

wars, one in Afghanistan and another in Iraq. Both are part of the same effort to capture and kill terrorist cells are operating in 60 countries, and the United States, in coordination with dozens of allies, is waging this war on many fronts.

Neither attention nor manpower was diverted from Afghanistan to Iraq. When we started Operation Iraqi Freedom, we had about 9,500 troops in Afghanistan. By the time we finished major combat operations, in Iraq in May, we had more than 10,000 troops in Afghanistan.

We are committed to winning this war on all fronts, and we are making impressive gains. Afghanistan has held the first free elections in its history. Iraq is led by a free government made up of its own citizens. By the end of this year, North Atlantic Treaty Organization and American forces will have trained 125,000 Iraqis to enforce the law, fight insurgents and secure the borders.

Many hurdles remain, of course. But the gravest danger would result from the withdrawal of American



Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



Popcorn Balls: A Halloween Tradition in Coahoma

Every Halloween trick or treaters of all ages go to Bettye Parrish's house in Coahoma for popcorn balls. She's been handing them out for 25 years. It all started when a friend gave her a recipe for making popcorn balls in the microwave.

"That next Halloween I decided to make popcorn balls for the kids and grandkids," says Bettye. "Then when the kids from the neighborhood started coming by trick or treating, they

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troops before we finish our work.

We are asking our servicemen and women to do more, in more places, than we have in decades. They deserve honest, consistent, no-spin leadership that respects them, their families and their sacrifices. The war against terrorism is the right war at the right time for the right reasons. And Iraq is one

of the places that war must be fought and won. George W. Bush has his eye on the ball, and Sen. John Kerry does not.

[Tommy Franks, a retired general and former commander of the Central Command who grew up in Texas, is the author of American Soldier. He is a member of Veterans for Bush. His e-mail address is admin@tommyfranks.com]

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Peasant to Prince: A Planting Process

There once was a peasant, a very poor peasant, who lived in the lower end of the city near the canals. It happened, per chance, that one day as the peasant was walking home along the canal a royal barge passed. It carried, in grand style, the royal prince of the parish. He sat aloft a golden throne and was attended by a multitude of servants. Before him, the barge displayed every delight one can imagine.

As the peasant watched the royal barge drift off into the distance, he said, "I'd give anything to be like him."

"Anything?" asked a young boy who sat near by. "Would you really give anything?"

"To be like him," responded the peasant, "I'd gladly give anything."

They both watched the barge drift out of sight and then the boy asked, "It has been said that you are the best carpenter in town. Would you give up that gift to be like him?"

"Why would I need to give that up? Even a prince is praised for his gifts, however needless they may be for his station in life."

Again the boy said, "Every weekend you get together with the other men in the village to hunt in the forest. You are the best huntsman I know. Would you really give that up?"

"Oh, no, boy. Even the royals hunt from time to time."

The boy again inquired, "Your friends? It would be hard to leave them behind to become a prince."

"Boy, if I were the prince, I could appoint them as royal counselors, don't you see?"

"So, sir, what exactly would you give up to become a prince?" asked the boy.

"I'd give up poverty!" exclaimed the peasant in a tone on the verge of rage.

"How do you give up something, when the something is really a lack of something?" inquired the boy in all honesty.

"You'll understand when you are older, boy. Now, leave me alone."

In frustration, the boy finally said, "At least if you were a prince, you would be able to escape the corruption that plagues our part of town."

"Now, boy," responded the peasant slightly embarrassed, "I don't know how you know about that, but what I do on my own time is my business. And I don't see how that would have anything to do with me being a prince." In a rage, the peasant stormed off to his house.

The young boy, rubbing his chin as a philosopher might, smiled and concluded, "The problem does not seem to be in becoming a prince, but in figuring out how to give up being a peasant."

Indeed the peasant is hard to give up. We want to hold on to our gifts. Hold on to the things in life that bring us praise from other men. We want to hold on to our friends and family. In truth we want to hold on to everything that is us. What is most surprising is that we even want to hold on to our weaknesses. Surely, God doesn't want those, does He?

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain." (Matthew 12:24) God wants all of you. The good, the bad, and the ugly - he wants it all. It is only when we die to ourselves (Galatians 2:20) and become living sacrifices (Romans 12:1) -- when we put everything we are into the hands of God -- that we become who He created us to be.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2004 ELECTION

Sept. 3 rd , 2004	Accept Applications for Early Vote by Mail
Oct. 4 th , 2004	LAST DAY to Register to Vote in November 2 nd Election
Oct. 18 th , 2004	FIRST DAY to Vote Early by Personal Appearance
Oct. 26 th , 2004	LAST DAY to Receive Applications to Vote by Mail
Oct. 29 th , 2004	LAST DAY to Vote by Personal Appearance
NOVEMBER 2 ND ,	ELECTION DAY!

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November 2, 2004

(2 de noviembre 2004)

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Contract 0005-11-003 for **SEAL COAT** in **MITCHELL** County, etc will be opened on **November 10, 2004** at **1:00 p.m.** at the State Office.

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Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
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4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79601
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Contract 6121-42-001 for **LITTER PICKUP AND DISPOSAL** in **HOWARD** County, etc will be opened on **November 18, 2004** at **10:30 p.m.** at the District Office for an estimate of \$62,727.00.

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- Texas Forestry Association
- Texas State Rifle Association
- Texas Medical Association
- National Rifle Association
- Texas Hospital Association
- Texas Farmers Union
- Texas State Teachers Association
- Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association
- Texas Cattle Feeders Association
- Rural Friends of Electric Cooperatives, Inc.
- Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT)
- Department of Public Safety Officers Association (DPSOA)
- Texas Public Employees Association



**Early Voting is Oct. 18-Oct. 29
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Popcorn Balls: A Halloween Tradition in Coahoma

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smelled the popcorn and asked what we were making. When I told them popcorn balls, they all said they wanted those instead of candy. That started all this. We make plenty for all the kids, parents and grandparents that come by. In fact, we have more adults come by than kids. It's just a family tradition."

Bettye, her daughters and granddaughters make the popcorn balls. "We get the popcorn popper going and the microwave going at the same time," says Bettye's daughter Connie Murley. "We have big bowls full of popcorn and as soon as the syrup gets ready, you have to put it in and stir. And then some of us are standing there with butter on our hands to make the balls, which are a little bit bigger than a tennis ball. And then as soon as some of them get cool, then the next person bags them up in sandwich bags. It's just kind of an assembly line. Mother's got a big kitchen and when we're all working in there, it all looks like a disaster area, but we know what we're doing."

They all wear the same type of t-shirt to add to the festivities.

The kitchen crew starts early and stays late. Some adult trick or treaters are at Bettye's house at 8 o'clock Halloween morning.

"Later that night, Daddy always fixes big pots of chili and stew," says Connie. "So the rest of the family comes and sits around everywhere eating while we're passing out popcorn balls. To the people coming by, they think we're just having a big party so they may come and stay thirty minutes. They don't just come get a popcorn ball and leave. They stay awhile."

Bettye says if their visitors haven't had supper, they'll stay and have some chili or stew. "My husband Charles makes enough to feed the

whole community."

The ingredients for the balls are popcorn, syrup, butter, sugar and vanilla from Mexico.



"The Mexico vanilla really makes them taste wonderful," says Bettye.

Coahoma is located 8 miles east of Big Spring. The community has a population of just under one thousand. Nearly all of the residents of Coahoma go by Bettye's house for a popcorn ball.

"And half of Big Spring," says Bettye. "Last year we were playing Stanton in football and all the Stanton kids came by. When they come to my house, they don't go home hungry. Some take bagfuls for all their kinfolks."

They use a hundred pounds of sugar and a case of butter

to make more than a thousand popcorn balls at Halloween.

Bettye's address is 410 College Street in Coahoma.



**GENERAL ELECTION
(ELECCION GENERAL)
BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS
(Condado de Borden, Texas)
NOVEMBER 2, 2004
(2 de noviembre de 2004)
SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

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(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: Vote por el candidato de su preferencia marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. Usted podrá votar por todos los candidatos de un solo partido político ("straight-ticket") marcando una "X" en el espacio cuadrado a la izquierda del nombre de ese partido político. Si usted vota por uno de los partidos políticos y también vota por el contrincante de uno de los candidatos de dicho partido político, se contará su voto por el contrincante tanto como su voto por todos los demás candidatos del partido político de su preferencia. Usted podrá votar por inserción escrita escribiendo el nombre del candidato en la línea provista y llenando completamente el espacio cuadrado a la izquierda de la línea.)

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Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)	<input type="checkbox"/> Victor G. Carrillo	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Scarborough	<input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Garcia	
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Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Green			
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