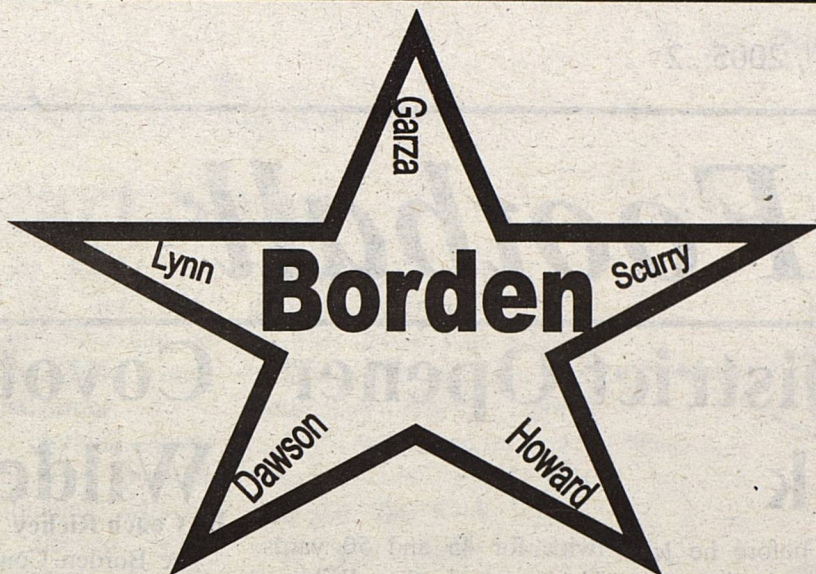


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Neugebauer talks Buyer Beware of Flood Ag One on One with Damaged Vehicles USDA Secretary

Following last Wednesday's Farm Bill listening session held in Lubbock, Congressman Randy Neugebauer sat down with USDA Secretary Mike Johanns and discussed a wide variety of issues currently affecting producers.

In their one-on-one meeting, Johanns and Neugebauer talked about several hot-button agriculture issues in addition to Wednesday's listening session.

"We covered several topics including agricultural trade and domestic farm policy," Neugebauer said. "Different regions of the country are going to have different perspectives toward farm policies. I reiterated to the Secretary the West Texas perspective: support for the current Farm Bill is very high. I also made clear that the Farm Bill was a commitment made to our producers, and that it is important that we keep that promise. This is especially important as we address budget issues and negotiations in the World Trade Organization."

During the listening session, which was the only such event to take place in Texas, Johanns and Neugebauer heard from many producers who expressed their opinions on the future of farm policy.

It is estimated that approximately 400 people from Lubbock, surrounding counties, and even as far as Kansas were in attendance. Neugebauer urges anyone who did not get an opportunity to speak at the forum to submit their views via the internet at www.usda.gov/farmbill.

"Both the Secretary and I were impressed with the turnout and with the thoughtful input provided by all who spoke at the listening session," Neugebauer said. "We both believe that the comments will prove to be helpful and that the event was a success."

Neugebauer, who sits on the House Agriculture Committee, will use the input as his committee and the Senate Agriculture Committee craft the 2007 Farm Bill in the coming months.

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At least 200,000 Louisiana vehicles are estimated by officials to have been damaged as a result of Hurricane Katrina, and now Rita has damaged more vehicles along the Texas coast. Citizens throughout the region should be aware that flood damaged vehicles, could soon appear on the market.

Texas titles are issued with salvage/flood damage brands and citizens are advised to look for such remarks on a vehicle title. They may also call TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division's Customer Help Desk at (512) 465-7611 to search for "flood damaged" and other registration and title brands by vehicle identification number. TxDOT's Web site has a list of vehicles damaged by Texas floods in 2001-02, this list will be updated as additional vehicles are titled with the flood damaged remark.

The State of Florida provided TxDOT with an online link to its flood damaged vehicle database after the 2004 hurricane season (<https://www6.hsmv.state.fl.us/rrdmvcheck/mvchecking>).

We will post links to other Gulf States' databases if they become available. "Consumers should be aware that some states do not carry forward flood damaged

brands," said Mike Craig, Interim Director of TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division, "so purchasing commercial car histories is a good idea, since they contain information from all states." Because there is no guarantee vehicle damage will be reported, the best way for consumers to protect themselves is by having a reputable mechanic do an inspection of the vehicle to look for signs of water damage.

How to spot potential flood damage:

- * Search from under the dashboard with a flashlight for mud, grit, rust or mold.
- * Search for mud and grit in the engine compartment, including wires, alternator, starter motor and power steering pump crevices.
- * Inspect the vehicle's undercarriage for rust and flaking.
- * Be aware of odors, both musty and recently-sham-

pooed.

More warning signs:

- * The car history reveals it has been titled several times over a short period.
- * Be wary of "curbstone sales" on street corners. TxDOT will verify a dealer's license at 800-687-7846.
- * The title is in an insurance company's name or has brands like flood, salvage, rebuilt.
- * There is no title.
- * The vehicle was last registered in a flood affected area.

Citizens needing information about vehicle titles and registration should call the Customer Help Desk at (512) 465-7611 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST, or visit TxDOT's Web site at www.dot.state.tx.us.

For a view of the flood damage database information, visit www.dot.state.tx.us/vtr/flood/flddamg.htm

Coyote Football

Thursday - October 13th

Coyote Pups vs Loraine - There - 6 p.m.
NO JV GAME THIS WEEK!

Friday - October 14th - District Play

Coyotes vs Loraine - Here - 7:30 p.m.

Come out and Support the Coyotes!

Coyote Football



Coyotes Win District Opener over Westbrook

By Coach Avery

The Borden Coyotes won a big district game in Westbrook last Friday night in their first district game of the season by a score of 38-30. The Coyotes (5-1, 1-0) were trailing at the half 22 to 8, but it was all Coyote in the second half as they tied the game 22-22 in the third period and went ahead 38-22 with 1:06 in the game. Westbrook's only score in the second half came with just 21 ticks left on the clock. All the Coyotes had to do was cover the on-side kick and kneel the ball one time. Westbrook fell to 5-1 and 0-1 in district. This was their first loss of the season.

The Coyotes were led offensively by Brad Tatum who carried the ball 31 times for 186 yards and one touchdown. Brad did a great job pushing the ball up the field to keep the Coyote offense on the field. Tatum had 10 tackles on defense and batted down one Westbrook pass.

Garrett Thomas carried the ball 8 times for 32 yards and

a touchdown before he left the game before the first half was over to a shoulder injury. Thomas will likely miss this week of action rehabilitating. He had 5 tackles and recovered two fumbles.

Michael Bullinger carried the ball 3 times for 15 yards. Bullinger caught two passes for 30 yards and one touchdown. He had 9 tackles recovered two fumbles and broke up one pass on defense.

J.Ryan Gicklhorn completed a big pass to Andrew Lamming for 40 yards and a touchdown. Gicklhorn also caught a pass from Clint Chapman for 10 yards and a touchdown. Gicklhorn had 7 tackles caused one fumble, had one tackle and had one QB hurry. Chapman completed 3 of 4 passes for 16 yards and a touchdown. He had 8 tackles defensively and 2 big interceptions. Lamming had 2 tackles and broke up a pass.

Chase Pinkerton completed 2 passes for 5 attempts for 30 yards and a big touchdown. He had two solo tackles and 1 QB hurry. Pinkerton punted

twice for 45 and 50 yards. This pinned the Wildcats deep in our territory twice.

Trey Soto snapped the ball all night and did a great job blocking and he had 6 tackles on defense.

The Coyotes started off slow and kept on plugging throughout the game and finally things started going their way. Both teams were bit with the turnover bug, Westbrook won that battle with five, three fumbles lost and two interceptions. The Coyotes lost 4 fumbles. The Coyotes gained 312 total yards of offense, 226 rushing and 86 passing. We completed 5 of 9 passes and 3 were for touchdowns. All three touchdown passes were thrown by 3 different Coyotes.

It was a big win for the Coyotes to open district with. Our next opponent will be the Loraine Bulldogs in Gail. Every one come out and continue to support the Coyotes as we do our best to win a second district game.

Coyote Pups Win Over Wildcats 33-6

By Coach Avery

The Borden Coyote junior high team defeated the Westbrook junior high team last Thursday 33-6. The game was played in a light rain that came down all day and evening. Both teams agreed to run the clock and get off the field as soon as possible and that is what we did.

Flynn Chapman scored first in the game on a 40 yard run. Then the Wildcats found the end zone for 6 points of their

own to make the score 6-6.

John Hensley helped out the Pup cause by returning the kick-off back 45 yards for a touchdown. Chapman ran the PAT over to make the score 13 to 6.

Hensley scored the next Coyote Pup touchdown on a 6 yard dive to move the lead up to 19 to 6.

Chapman then ran the ball 35 yards for the next score and Hensley carried the PAT

over for one point to improve the score to 26-6.

Derek Tatum scored the last touchdown on a 3 yard run. Austin Fields set up this score with a couple of long yardage runs. David Rodriguez completed a pass to Austin Tyler for the one point PAT to make the final score of 33 to 6.

This was another game where everyone was able to get a lot of playing time even though the clock never stopped running. Those that played and not already mentioned were: Dalton

Coyote JV Wallops Wildcats

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Junior Varsity came out of the gates fired up as freshman Jake Cooley took the opening kick-off and raced 70 yards for a touchdown for the home team Coyotes. Jake followed some good blocking from Cory Teel, Zane Williamson, Pasqual Espinoza, Quentin Shafer and Logan Howard to reach paydirt for the Coyotes and a quick 6 to 0 lead. After forcing the visitors from Westbrook to punt, the Coyotes used a very methodical drive pounding the ball at the Wildcats behind the running of Jake, Quentin and Miller Valentine. In the end, Quentin finished off the second drive of the contest by traveling the final 12 yards to pay dirt behind a good block by Valentine and Asa Rutherford. This gave the Coyotes a quick 12 to 0 lead with 3:50 left in the first quarter. With the rain continuing to fall, the Wildcats continued to have a hard time offensively. After a Logan Howard sack, he followed that by recovering a Wildcat fumble.

In the 2nd quarter Quentin Shafer set up another touchdown by picking up a loose ball on offense and running it down to the 10 yard line. Jake Cooley got his second touchdown of the night with a 10 yard run to

Thuett, Miles Valentine, Tony Soto, Brendan Tarleton, Karl Lamming, Chance Taylor, Shane Howell and Chris Teel.

The next Junior High game is Thursday, Oct 13 in Loraine. It will be a fun road trip to make, ya'll come and join the fun.

make the score 18 to 0 with 8:00 minutes left in the half. Because of the weather, this game was played with a ten minute running clock. (meaning it did not stop except for timeouts) Back to defense, the Coyotes behind the leadership of Coach Benavidez continued their dominance as Asa recorded his first sack of the season which forced another Wildcat punt. On the drive to end the half, the Coyotes used Quentin behind the blocking of Zane, Dore Rodriguez, Logan, Jake, and Miller to power on six consecutive plays before he scored his second touchdown with no time left on the clock. Jake added the point after to give the Coyotes a commanding 25 to 0 halftime lead.

The second half started with more domination as the Coyotes used the poor weather to force a turnover on the opening kick-off as Zane recovered his own kick at the 15 yard line. On the first play, Quentin faked a sweep and pulled up to hit teammate Jake Cooley wide open in the endzone for what would be the final touchdown of the game. Cooley carried the ball around left end and a good block by Clay Harding for the final point of the contest and a 32 to 0 lead.

The Coyote defense was so dominant that the Wildcats did not get their initial first down until their was 1:51 left in the game. Logan Howard recovered his second fumble of the game in the forth, to cap the defensive dominance. The offense got real conservative the rest of the game to give the Coyotes final score and a 5 game winning streak and 5 and 2. Good job guys.

Four 2006 Senior Class Fundraisers Start Soon

Borden High School seniors would like to announce four fundraising activities that will get underway this month.

All proceeds from these events will go to the senior trip scheduled for May 31-June 4, 2006.

Coyote crossing signs are available for \$10. These are yellow—similar to crossing signs seen on school grounds.

The red long-sleeved spirit shirts, with a monogrammed BC and two

paws on the left pocket side—will sell for \$35. The button-up shirts can be worn for any school event, especially ballgames.

Another clothing item, one that is very popular now with students, will be the long sleeved gray hooded sweatshirt. It will have the "BC" monogram in colors on the left front of the sweatshirt. Price for this gear is

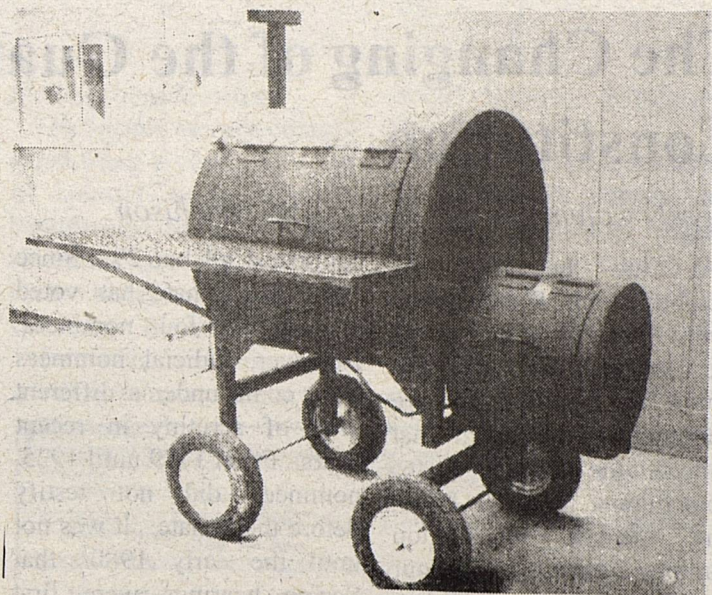
Finally, the annual Scholastic Book Fair will get underway the week of

October 27 and run through November 4.

This Book Fair will be located once again in the elementary hallway, Room . It will remain open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day that week

If you have further questions, please contact class sponsors Buddy Wallace or Sue Jane Mayes.

The largest source of class funds will come from this year's basketball concession stands.



BBQ Pit with Smoker

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Proceeds to benefit the Gail 4-H Trap Club
Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20.00

The drawing will be held at the Parent's Club Fall Festival, Saturday, October 29th, 2005 at the Borden County Show Barn.

You do not have to be present to win!

You may contact any 4-H Trap Club member to purchase a ticket or contact the Extension Office at 806/756-4336

2005 Fall Festival
Saturday October 29
6:00-10:30 P.M.
Borden County Showbarn in Gail

Bingo!

Prizes include a recliner, bracelet, electronics, gift certificates, baseball signed by Nolan Ryan collectibles and lots more fantastic items!

Activity booths for kids of all ages! Includes the Pie Walk, Cake Walk, Basketball Throw, Golf, Bucking Bull, Jail and Ring Toss and more!

The concession stand will feature a Fish Fry with all the trimmings. Come hungry!

Bingo proceeds benefit the Borden County Parent's Club Scholarship Fund. Booth activities benefit Class fundraisers.

4-H News

Cool Clovers 4-H to Meet

The Borden County Cool Clovers 4-H will meet on Tuesday, October 18 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by the McMeans family and recreation will be led by Taylor Gass. The program will be about Character. Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) to be donated to an area shelter. Any youth currently enrolled in 3rd grade through 6th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

4-H Re-enrollment Time

Anyone interested in being a 4-H member for the 2005-06 4-H year needs to complete a 4-H enrollment form. In order to be a member of 4-H, you must be enrolled in the 3rd grade and not be older than 18.

These forms will be available at the 4-H meetings and are always available in the Extension office. *This is very important for any youth that plans to participate in a 4-H project, including a*

livestock project and the county stock show. If you have not completed your enrollment form for the current 4-H year, please contact the Extension office immediately at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu. We also have volunteer enrollment forms available for all volunteers that assist our youth in their projects. Please call or come by to get yours today!

4-H Food & Nutrition Project

The Food and Nutrition project meetings will be held on Monday, October 17, Monday, October 24 and Tuesday, October 25 from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. (after school) in the Community Room. *Please contact the Extension office if you need a ride from school.* This project is for all 4-H youth that are interested in learning about basic nutrition, eating healthy, basic food preparation skills, and much

School Lunch Menu

Oct. 17th - 21st, 2005

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake pup, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, corn, salad, pineapple and milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, fruit juice and milk; **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fresh fruit and milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, fruit juice and milk **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, green peas, potatoes, rolls, mixed fruit and milk

Thursday - Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit juice and milk; **Lunch:** Fish, black-eye peas, potatoes salad, hushpuppies, Rosie applesauce, and milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries, salad cup, chocolate chip cookies, and milk.

more. We will also have a project workday on Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Extension office.

Parent's Club

Fall Festival Planning Meeting

Thursday, October 20th, 5:00 pm
(before JH/JV games)

County Show Barn



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The Changing of the Guard for the Constitution

Weekly Column by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

At the beginning of October, John Roberts was sworn in as chief justice of the United States; and our nation witnessed a rare changing of the guard that protects the United States Constitution. In 1789, President George Washington nominated John Jay to be our first chief justice. In Sept., the Senate confirmed President George W. Bush's nominee, John Roberts. Our nation has witnessed 43 presidential administrations, but just 17 chief justices. Almost everyone is familiar with presidential elections, but many people have only a passing knowledge of our judicial confirmation process.

The Constitution does not set any particular requirements for Supreme Court justices. There is no minimum age, as there is for presidents, senators and representatives. And justices need not be citizens or residents of the United States. Instead, our Framers left the qualifications of justices up to the judgment of the president and the Senate.

Over the years, we have had justices from a wide variety of backgrounds. Justice Byron White was a professional football player — the NFL's league-leading rusher for two seasons — before practicing law. Justice Samuel Miller trained as a physician. At the other end of the spectrum, before joining the court, Justice Earl Warren had been governor of California and Chief Justice William H. Taft had been president of the United States. The different experiences of the justices gave each of them a unique perspective to add to the court's understanding of its cases.

During our country's history, 140 people have been nominated to the Supreme Court and the Senate has

confirmed all but 29. Since 1900, the Senate has voted against only four nominees. However, judicial nominees have come under a different kind of scrutiny in recent years. From 1789 until 1925, nominees did not testify before the Senate. It was not until the early 1980s that Senate hearings were first televised. In general, nominees have been confirmed expeditiously: over 43 percent of all justices were confirmed within a week after their nomination.

For most of our nation's history, senators have voted to confirm judges primarily based on their qualifications. They had to be learned in the law and they needed to apply the rule of law in an unbiased manner. Consider the confirmation of Justice Antonin Scalia. Before his confirmation in 1986, Justice Scalia's judicial views were already well known. He had written extensively as a law professor

at the University of Chicago and as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Many senators knew that Justice Scalia had political views starkly different from their own. Still, after just two days of testimony before the Senate, he was confirmed with a vote of 98-0. That Senate — controlled by Democrats who often opposed President Reagan — confirmed him because they looked to his qualifications as a judge, not on whether his political views aligned with theirs.

Over the last two decades, a disturbing trend has started. A number of senators have increasingly focused on the political views of judicial nominees. When these senators disagree with nominees' views, they vote against them — no matter how well qualified they are. This partisan approach was set in relief when President Ronald Reagan's nominee, Judge Robert Bork, was rejected by a vote of 42-58. Politicization of the process continu-

ed during the confirmation proceedings for Justice Clarence Thomas, who was narrowly confirmed 52-48.

By contrast, when President Bill Clinton sent two nominees to the Senate, despite Cont. to pg. 8



Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag,

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South Plains Fair Results

Several 4-H and FFA members traveled to Lubbock recently to exhibit their animal projects at the Panhandle-South Plains Fair. Results are as follows:

Lambs:

Miles Valentine - 6th Place Light Weight Southdown; 3rd Place Heavy Weight Southdown; 12th Place Class 1 Medium Wool; and 15th Place Class 2 Medium Wool
Miller Valentine - 3rd Place

Class 3 Fine Wool Cross; 3rd Place Class 2 Medium Wool; and 3rd Place Class 3 Medium Wool

Quentin Shafer - 6th Place Lightweight Fine Wool Cross
Kate Wallace - 16th Place Light Weight Southdown and 10th Place Class 3 Medium Wool

Steers:

Kalli Poole - 3rd Place Light Weight American; 1st Place Heavy Weight American; Breed Champion and Senior Showmanship

Congratulations to all these exhibitors and their families!

DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN NEEDED

The position of Democratic Chairman for Borden County is open. If you would be interested in this position, please contact the Democratic Party or for further information, contact Joyce Herridge, County Clerk, at the Courthouse or phone 806/756-4312

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

The Borden County Clerks office is now accepting applications for Early Voting Ballots by mail.

October 11 th , 2005	Last day to register to vote for the Nov. Election
October 24 th , 2005	First day to vote early in person
November 1 st , 2005	Last day for clerk to receive applications for a ballot to be voted by mail
November 4 th , 2005	Last day to vote early by personal appearance
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This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

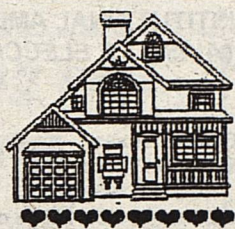
Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391.

Van L. York, County Judge
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Heart and home...

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



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Family Medical Recordkeeping Educational Program

Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County will be offering an educational program on Keeping Family Medical Health Records. This program has been designed to help everyone understand and organize their records to provide adequate information for each family member. This is a part of the Healthy Lifestyles Programming taking place this year. Join us on Monday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gail Community Building to learn about how to keep accurate records for your family's sake.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all programs. We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our programs. We request that you contact us at the

Extension office as soon as possible to advise us of auxiliary aid that you will require. For more information on any healthy lifestyle topic, or more information on lowering your cancer risk, please feel free to contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

Your Social Security Benefits

Social Security. How can two words be so familiar and yet so misunderstood for countless Americans? Is it insurance? Does it require a disability? What exactly is Social Security?

Following the Great Depression, poverty among Americans was rampant, especially older Americans. Something had to be done to improve the economic situation of America's poor. On 14 August 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed The Social Security Act - a measure to provide several items for the general welfare of Americans but especially supplemental retirement income for older adults. In the original Act benefits were to be paid only to the primary worker when he retired at age 65 based on payroll tax contributions made during his working life.

The familiar Social Security Number (SSN) was established to help track

money paid into individual retirement accounts for Social Security. A woman from New Hampshire had the unique distinction of having this first SSN: 001-01-0001. Over 30 million Americans received SSNs in the first round of their being issued by the Federal Government. From that point on, SSNs were assigned at the local level when a child was born.

Finally, after much planning, worrying, saving and implementation, a woman from Vermont received the first Social Security check in 1940 - the amount was \$22.54. Through the years, because of Congressional amendments, things like cost of living increases were added. One of the more familiar changes was the addition of disability benefits in the 1950s.

The 1960s brought about another significant change in the life of Social Security. Until this time, Social

Security benefits were only available to persons who worked and paid taxes into the system. Also, those benefits were in the form of a monthly payment. In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Medicare bill into law - creating the nation's federal health insurance program for older adults. Though Medicare and Social Security are linked, they are entirely separate programs: Social Security being the monthly stipend, Medicare being the health insurance component. Coincidentally, former President Harry Truman and his wife, Bess, were the first recipients of Medicare cards.

There have been many other changes in recent years, such as the establishment of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and other programs. Social Security will continue to evolve to meet the changing needs of older Americans as it has done throughout the past.

That brings us to 2005 and the question of how Social Security really works. Benefit calculations are based on your average earnings during a lifetime of work under the Social Security system. For most current and future retirees, the Social Security Administration will average your 35 highest years of earnings. Years in which you have low earnings or no earnings may be counted to bring the total years of earnings up to 35.

Currently, the retirement age to receive full benefits is 67 for those born after 1960. Though you may choose to retire at 62, you may experience a reduced monthly benefit payment. Those born earlier may check to see what their retirement age is as well as the benefit reduction they may sustain if they retire early at <http://www.ssa.gov>, the Social Security Administration website. The website also has calculators that will help determine what your

monthly benefit will be.

The system is very complicated when it comes to issues of spousal earnings, death benefits and disability. These situations are individual to each beneficiary and his situation. For more specific information and answers to your questions, contact the

Social Security Administration directly.

For more information about Social Security, contact your County Extension Agent. You may also contact the Social Security Administration via the internet, <http://www.ssa.gov>, or by phone at 1.800.772.1213.

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Obituary

**Travis William Walker
1939-2005**

Travis William Walker, 66, of Chicota, passed away Tuesday, October 4, 2005, at his home, at which time Bright-Holland Funeral Home received him into its care.

A private service will be held at a later date.

He was born Jan. 29, 1939, in Lamesa, the son of Hubert Wilson Walker and Joyce Walker Cantrell. He graduated from Borden County High School in 1958 and attended Sul Ross University in Alpine. Following college he served in the U.S. Army. For several years he was a farmer/rancher in Lamar County. Blessed with a big

heart and an easy laugh, he enjoyed talking with his friends at the local coffee shop as well as hunting, fishing and accumulating duck collectibles.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Wilson Walker.

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- No. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) Vealmoor Election Building
- No. 3A (Murphy) at Murphy Election Building
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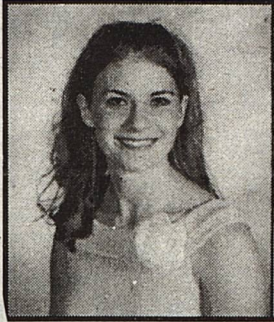
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Learning and Living

by Becky Dobyns

When I learn your righteous laws, I will thank you by living as I should!

- Psalm 119:7

Germany Journal

Part eight

Awesome day. God is so amazing.

I had some weird cereal again for breakfast. It looked like cocoa puffs that had been flattened into Pringles shapes by a dough roller. Lunch was good...mashed potatoes, some kind of meat, and sauerkraut (I tried it for the first time...it was okay, but pretty gross).

When we got to Chorweiler-West, Kara, Jessica, and I immediately went to the mall. Meanwhile, Austin and some of the other guys started playing soccer with those German boys again. God answered our prayer to bring a soccer player who could speak English well! This boy opened up so many doors for Austin and the others today, because he was able to translate and they were able to actually have lengthy conversation. The guys were able to find out that they're all Protestant, or at least attend a Protestant church. However, one of my friends was talking to a girl about church today, and she said, "You mean that club people's grandparents go to?" So just because they go to church doesn't even guarantee that they know what it's all about. It's pretty sad what the view of church is around here. People do view it as a club for the elderly, nothing more.

Anyway, at the mall, at first I felt like we weren't doing anything but shopping. The plan was to go in the stores and strike up conversations with other teenage girls shopping there, but it just didn't feel right - probably because it was our plan. I've learned by now how much God loves to change our plans! Kara and Jessica agreed, so we went to the eis shop and made conversation with the guys who work there. After that, I joined up with Jordan and Lara and we went to Kaiser's, the grocery store. I got this candy thing called a Happy

Hippo! It's sooo good. I love my Happy Hippo. I want lots of little Happy Hippos.

I got to talk to a guy and girl who worked at Kaiser's for a long time today, due to circumstances! Here, recycling is huge (probably because you get paid for it), and most grocery stores have machines that you put your empty soda bottle into, and change comes out! Anyway, I went to exchange Jordan's empty soda bottle, thinking it would be some easy little device. Wrong. Nothing was in English, there were all these buttons and levers, and I had no idea what to do. I asked a girl at the meat counter if she spoke English, and, like most, she said "a little bit." I asked her what to do with my bottle, and she and another guy at the meat counter took me to the machine and walked me through using it. They were really nice, and pretty amused. They probably don't get dumb Americans asking them how to use everyday machines that often. We kept talking, but I had to go pretty soon because Lara and Jordan were waiting for me. However, we ended up going back to Kaiser's again later, and I saw weird fruits I was curious about. They looked like grapes, except they were red and green and had veins. So I pulled a "Colby" (see part five) a.k.a. "The Grocery Store Game" and took the box of fruit and went around asking people what it was. No one could tell me, so I went to the meat counter. Sure enough, the girl I had talked to earlier was there. The girl told me she didn't know how to describe it in English, but she washed one for me and let me try it! It tasted like a mix between a grape and a plum. We talked a little more, but then I had to leave again because it was time to eat dinner.

We ate at the potato place as

usual and talked to the girls who worked there. I had Lift (carbonated apple juice) and bratwurst. I saw the girl from the meat counter pass by with some friends, but I didn't feel led to go talk to her...however, I am going to keep her in my prayers. A lot of prayer went on today...Sherry prayed all day, and we prayer walked in the mall.

I went to the bathroom after we had all gone to the eis (ice cream) shop once more, and an African guy was sitting there. I thought it might be Boat, the African man we talked to yesterday, so I asked him, "Are you the guy my friends and I met yesterday, who the lady was yelling at?" He laughed a little and said no, he didn't work yesterday. We got into a conversation though. He introduced himself as Jeshua. I asked him if he lived here, and he said he was staying in a hostel in Mulheim. When he asked what I was doing here, I told him I was here with an organization on a culture exchange trip. He gave me a funny look, but he seemed curious. I told him I was American (though he had most likely figured it out), and he asked me if I liked Deutschland (Germany). I said I love it. He said, "What are the differences between here and America?" I said there was a difference in materialism and the value of people. I feel more comfortable here than I do in big cities in America, even though this city is enormous. I asked him what he does, if being a restroom attendant is his only job. It turned out that he's the pastor of a new Assembly of God church! And he had been praying and hoping for weeks to either get enough money to go to Bible school in America, or that he could get in contact with someone from America who could train him to lead his congregation! He said this because he thinks we have the best training for people in the ministry.

We continued talking about Jesus, how the people in Germany have become post-Christian, and how badly he needs training as a young pastor in a young church so that he can help make a difference. I was freaking out. God actually used me to be part of an answer to

prayer! It was a perfect example of a divine appointment. Anyway, I brought Lara to him and she gave him an iWitness card, our contact information, and information about the head missionary who is stationed here. Jeff Simmons will have a great contact in the future!

Missions are Life. It's all about living and listening to God as you live. God is so at work here. A lady came to the hostel and talked to us tonight who has lived here mostly all her life, like twenty years. She's native to Europe and everything...any-way, she's had the opportunity to see Koln change throughout the years. She has literally seen atmospheres change in buildings because of our groups praying over them. She goes to places now that she wouldn't have gone years ago, and people in those buildings ask her about God who wouldn't have even thought about it a few years ago. She told us that just because we may not see the results of our work now, it doesn't mean we've failed. The real battle is against the unseen evil, as the Bible tells us. We can't always gauge whether we've been faithful to God on visible signs. For example, this lady works in a place that houses refugee children who have been raised to kill for their countries. This entire week that we've been in Cologne, there have been *no fights there*. There are usually tons everyday, as you can imagine, with these kids who have been raised to be assassins suddenly being told they're supposed to be peaceful.

Anyway, definitely not a coincidence. She said that even us *being* here shines light in this darkened city, even just when we walk around. She can see the change in Cologne more than we ever could.

Another thing she told us was that she was one of the ones who doubted when Jeff Simmons wanted to bring such a large group of kids to Cologne. She never thought a "bunch of kids" could make any difference at all, but in her words, her opinion "went from Saul to Paul." She's seen changes this week, and God especially spoke to her through her refugees she works with. Then she asked us to pray with her, and during the prayer she asked us to lift up our hands to represent the weight of the darkened world that we were lifting up to God. When she said that we were holding the nations in our hands, all of a sudden I could feel the weight there. It was amazing. Prayer works such wonders.

We then had a Commissioning...everyone is commissioned whenever they go on mission trips, but they wanted to commission us to go back home. During the commissioning service, they told us that mission work is not about trips, it is about working for God wherever you are. He has stationed us in each of our towns, and we need to be as excited about returning home as we were about coming to Germany.

God, you answered so many prayers today, most that I didn't even write down, in a way best for all. You are so amazing.

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The changing of the guard

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their liberal beliefs, the vast majority of Republicans voted for them; and they were confirmed with votes of 96-3 and 87-9.

Since President Bush took office, some senators have intensified this political examination of nominees. Until a compromise was worked out last May, Democrats had taken the rare move of blocking a vote on many of the president's lower court nominees, despite the nominees' excellent qualifications. The worst abuse was the four year filibuster of our fellow Texan, Judge Priscilla Owen's confirmation to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. She was extraordinarily well qualified, having served on the Supreme Court of Texas, and she had been endorsed by every major paper in Texas.

During the confirmation of Chief Justice Roberts, I was pleased to see the Senate move back toward its old mode of concentrating on a nominee's background and temperament. More senators seemed to acknowledge that Justice Roberts was undeniably well qualified for the position, whatever his political positions might be. He was confirmed by all Republicans and many Democrats with a vote of 78-22.

Now the Senate is taking up the confirmation of our fellow Texan, Harriet Miers. She has impressive qualifications. She distinguished herself as a lawyer in private practice, gaining 28 years of practical experience, culminating in her becoming the head of the firm Locke, Liddell and Sapp. She served as president of the State Bar of Texas. And most recently, she was the president's legal counsel in the White House.

Harriet Miers possesses important elements of diversity that promise to improve the court's ability to consider cases from disparate viewpoints. She would add the

unique and pragmatic perspective of someone who has focused solely on the practical aspects of law, rather than from behind the bench. She will be just one of two women and just one of two southerners on the court. She will also be only the third Texas-born justice in the history of the court.

I hope to see senators from

both sides of the political aisle concentrate on her ability to correctly apply the law. If they do, I expect the Senate will treat her with the same dignity that she, herself, has shown for so long, and make her our next Supreme Court justice.

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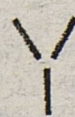


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