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## Gail FFA Horse **Evaluation Team** receives GOLD at **National Contest**

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA Horse Judging Team returned from successful competition in the National Horse CDE Contest in Louisville, Kentucky. Team members LaShae Johnson, Newton, Kylan Lacey Reynolds, and Shelby Roberts represented Texas and competed with 176 individuals from forty-four states in the event.

After capturing the Texas state title in April at Texas Tech University in April, the team had dedicated countless hours in preparation for the challenge of the national contest.

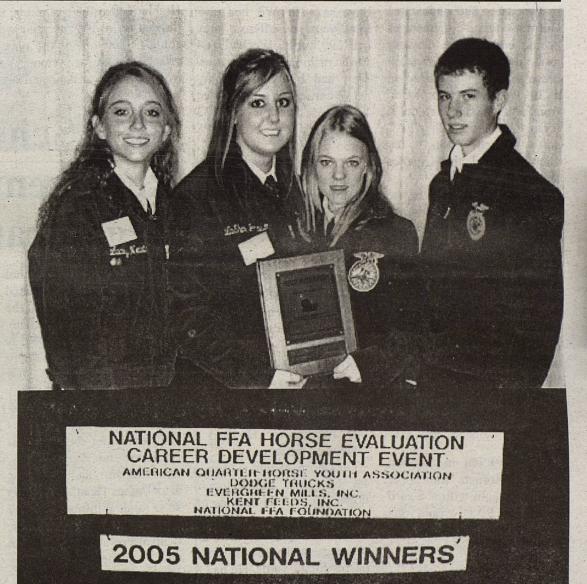
The Horse Evaluation Contest began last Wednesday with the students evaluating and placing four halter classes and four performance classes. Each individual team member then gave oral presentations explaining and defending his or her placing decisions. The oral presentation is usually referred to as "talking a set of reasons."

On Thursday, the competition continued with the Team

Scenario. The Gail team members developed demonstrated a horse marketing-customer relations presentation. The contest concluded with a fifty question problems quiz pertaining to the horse industry.

The team attended an award breakfast on Friday morning with all participating students and teams receiving recognition. All participants received individual honors of Gold, Silver, or Bronze medals coinciding with their individual score. Teams were also recognized by rank with the top thirteen teams receiving Gold plaques.

Gail FFA represented Texas in fine form as they placed 12th out of 45 states and received a Top 13 team Gold ranking. Each team member surpassed a personal best in several areas. LaShae Johnson was awarded 19th high overall qualifying her for a Gold award. Lacey Newton also received a Gold award, ranking as the 40th high overall individual. Continuing the personal



National FFA Horse Evaluation Team: Lacy Newton, LaShae Johnson, Shelby Roberts and Kylan Reynolds.

success, Kylan Reynolds was FFA Horse team devoted 62<sup>nd</sup> overall high individual, many practice and travel receiving a Silver award. hours to be a competitive Shelby Roberts, the team's team on a national scale. The only freshman, placed 91st two-day contest was a overall high individual, thus qualifying for a Silver award. Lacey Newton also received recognition for placing 10th overall in the Halter Division with a nearly perfect score.

Each member of the Gail

challenge in both endurance and competence. However, all members agree the experience of being the 2005 Texas State Champion Horse Evaluation Team ranking 12th in the nation is one of a kind.

#### Flu Shots

Friday, November 4th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. School Nurse **Borden County** School For more information call: 806/756-4313 ext. 230

# Coyote Football



## **Coyotes Fall to Hornets**

The Borden Coyote varsity team was defeated by the Highland Hornets last Friday night in Gail by a score of 46 to 21. The (7-2, 3-1) Coyotes fought hard throughout the game and even led in the first half against the #6 rated team in the state. The undefeated Hornets found themselves behind early as the Coyotes took their first possession down the field and scored on a 30 yard pass completion from Clint Champman to J. Rvan Gicklhorn. The PAT good by kicked Gicklhorn and the Coyotes led.

The Hornets scored at the end of the first period on a 9 yard run by their speedster, the PAT was kicked good and the score was tied at the end of the first period, 8-8.

The Coyotes scored next to take the lead again by completing a 5 yard pass from Chapman to Gicklhorn and then a lateral to Michael Bullinger for 30 more yards to pay dirt. Gicklhorn completed a one point PAT to Bullinger to make the score 15 to 8.

With 2:19 left in the first half the Hornets found the end zone again with a 5 yard run. The PAT would get blocked by a Coyote, and the Coyotes continued to lead 15. to 14.

Then the Coyotes fumbled the kickoff back to the Hornets who capitalized on the turnover to take the lead for good with just 53 seconds left in the half with a fifteen yard run. They kicked the PAT good and the score at the half was 15 to 22, Highland.

In the second half Highland reeled off 24 unanswered points to take the game under control. The Coyotes scored last with 2:00 minutes left in the game when Chapman hit

Trey Soto on a 5 yard pass and Soto lateraled the ball to Garrett Thomas to go 20 more yards for a touchdown. The PAT failed and the game ended with the score 21 to

The stats were pretty even, we had 18 first downs, and they had 19. We had 297 total yards of offense, they had 299 yards. We had 164 yards rushing in 28 carries. They had 244 yards rushing in 37 carries. We completed 12 of 15 passing for 133 yards, and they were 4 of 8 for 55 yards.

Brad Tatum carried the ball 15 times for 64 yards and he caught 2 passes for 10 yards. Tatum had 15 tackles on defense and one fumble recovery.

Thomas carried the ball 11 times for 71 yards, and had 5 tackles of defense.

Bullinger had a 30 yard run for a touchdown, he caught 3 passes for 52 yards, and he had 14 tackles and one

fumble recovery on defense. Chapman completed 10 of 12 passes for 99 yards and one touchdown. He had 5

tackles on defense. Gicklhorn caught 3 passes for 61 yards and a touchdown. He had 11 tackles on defense.

Trey Soto played center all evening and caught two passes for 12 yards. He had 8 tackles on defense.

Andrew Lamming played guard all evening and he had 3 tackles on defense.

Zane Williamson played special teams during the tackle.

regular scheduled game left with Trent next Friday in By Coach Avery Trent. If the Coyotes win that The Borden County junior game and if Highland beats high football lost its last Westbrook then we will be the game of the season to district runner-up. If we beat Highland Trent and Westbrook beats Thursday in Highland by a Highland then there could be a score of 13 to 28. three way tie for first and we could be left out of the playoffs via the point system. We touchdown and Michael will just have to wait and see Cooley scored a touchdown.

Flynn Chapman scored a John Hensley scored a one

Hornets

point PAT. The loss makes the Pups 5 wins and 4 loses on the season. These guys grew up a lot over the season and they were hit a bit with the injury bug here at the end of the season. They did a great job and we look forward to good things from these athletes in years to

## Coyote Pups Loses The Coyotes have one Last Game

## **High School Speech Team** Represented in National **Organization**

Borden County High School - Tall Cotton has been grated affiliate membership in the National Forensic League. Founded in 1925, the NFL is a speech honorary society which is represented in 2700 schools nationwide. Over 1,150.00 students and teachers have gained membership, including former Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, newswoman, Jane Pauley, six individual state chamactor James Dean, Television pionships, two silver medals, star Oprah Winfrey, Supreme and two bronze medals at the Court Justice Stephen Breyer, State Academic UIL meet in C Span President Brian lamb, and comedian Kelsey Grammer.

BHS has several students represented in the organiza-

Senior Andrew Lamming, juniors Rowdy Clary and game and was credited with a Becky Dobyns, and sopho-

mores Kate Wallace and Rachel Wilson are in the

Each of these students has competed this fall in tournaments against mostly 3A-5A schools.

These speech competitions have proven invaluable in preparing students for UIL competition in the spring.

Since 1998, BHS has won Austin. The school also won the 1-A State Speech Team Championship in 2004.

Speech coaches are Darrin Ard and Sue Jane Mayes.

The NFL sponsors awards based upon participation and success in speech and debate events. It also sponsors district competition and the National Tournament Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Dramatic Humorous, and Duo Interpretation and Student Congress.

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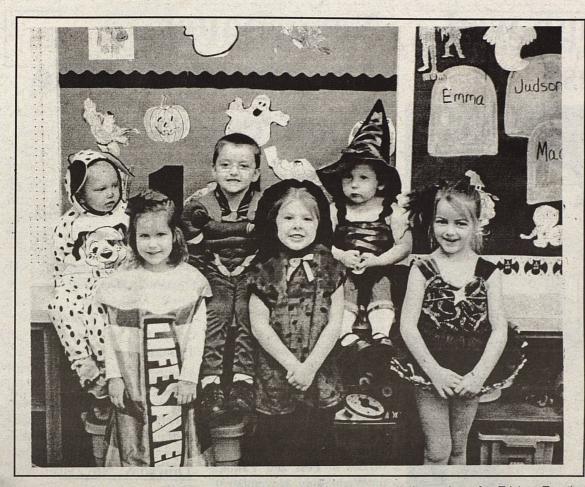
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Coyote Football

Friday - November 4th - District Play Coyotes vs Trent - There - 7:30 p.m. Come out and Support the Coyotes!

Drive Carefully: Watch out for the Children!



All dressed-up for Halloween: The children in Day-Care came all dressed up for Trick-or-Treating. Pictured (back row) L. to R. - Quinten Freeman, Judson McAuley and Ryann Phillips: Front row - Macie Turner, Emma Key and Kenley Dean.

#### **Canned Food Drive**

(sponsored by Borden County 4-H)

9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>)

Monday, November 7th through

WHEN: Friday, November 11th

WHY: Please help us collect canned foods to be donated to families in Borden Co.

WHERE: Students - 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-2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>,

Community members may bring canned goods to the Extension Office.

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

#### 2005-06 4-H Consumer Education Project and Consumer Decision Making (CDM) Contest Information

First Meeting: Friday, November 4th from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. Held in the Extension Office

Monday, November 7th

Thursday, November 10th

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> (will meet from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.)

Monday, November 28th

Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Project Meetings/Practice (All after school until 5:00 p.m. in the Extension room) Saturday, Dec. 3rd - District CDM Contest, Tahoka

#### **School Lunch** Menu

Nov. 7th - 11th, 2005

Monday- Breakfast: Pancake Pup, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Frito Pie, Salad, Pinto Beans, Pears and milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, ham, fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic biscuit, pudding and milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit juice and milk Lunch: Lasagna, carrots, salad, garlic toast, fresh fruit and milk

Thursday - Breakfast: Muffin, fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Beef soup, grilled cheese, pickles, jello and milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cereal & toast, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: BBQ sandwich, beans, French fries, Surprise cookies and milk. \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

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Kalyn Massingill

"Let's Write" winner: Borden County student, Kalyn Massingill recently won the literary "Let's

Write" contest sponsored by Studies Weekly, Inc. Texas Studies Weekly printed the story and has sent Kalyn a cash prize and a certificate for doing such a good job.

Studies Weekly strives to make learning fun and educate students by focusing on their own state culture, history, and curriculum, rather than just offering general national information that can be learned in any textbook.

Kalyn is the daughter of Roscoe and Cindy Massingill and is in Mrs. Smith's fourth grade class.

Borden County Basketball 2005-2006					
Date	Opponent	Time	Site	Teams	
Nov. 8	Roby	5:00	T	gG	
Nov. 11 .	Westbrook	5:00	T	gG	
Nov. 15	Ira	4:00	Н	gGbB	
Nov. 18	Colorado City	4:00	Н	gG	
Nov. 21	Midland Trinity	6:00	T	GB	
Nov. 22	Roscoe	4:00	Н	gGbB	
Nov. 29	Crosbyton	4:00	Н	gGbB	
Dec. 1 – 3	Borden County To	ournament			
Dec. 6	O'Donnell	4:00	Н	gGbB	
Dec. 8 – 10	Highland Tournan	nent		GB	
Dec. 13	New Home	4:00	Total	gGbB	
Dec. 16	Coahoma	5:00	Tone	gGbB	
Dec. 27 – 20	Ropes Tourname	nt			
Jan. 3	Southland	4:00	T	gGbB	
Jan. 6	* Grady	4:00	Н	gGbB	
Jan. 10	* Klondike	4:00	Н	gGbB	
Jan. 12 – 14	Forsan JV Tourna	ment		gb	
Jan. 13	* Dawson	4:00	. T	gGbB	
Jan. 17	* Garden City	4:00	Н	gGbB	
Jan. 20	* Sands	4:00	T	gGbB	
Jan. 24	* Grady	4:00	T	gGbB	
Jan. 27	* Klondike	4:00	T	gGbB	
Jan. 31	* Dawson	4:00	Н	gGbB	
Feb. 3	* Garden City	4:00	T <sub>1</sub>	gGbB	
Feb. 7	* Sands	4:00	Н	gGbB	

\*Denotes District Games

#### Borden County Junior High Basketball Schedule

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Nov. 7	Grady	6:00	T	G-B
Nov. 12	Sands Tournament			
Nov. 14	Klondike	6:00	T	G-B
Nov. 19	Borden County Tou	rnament		
Nov. 21	Dawson	6:00	H	G-B
Nov. 28	Garden City	6:00	T	G-B
Dec. 5	Sands	6:00	H	G-B
Dec. 12	Grady	6:00	H	G-B
Jan. 9	Klondike	6:00	H	G-B
Jan. 16	Dawson	6:00	T	G-B
Jan. 23	Garden City	6:00	H	G-B
Jan. 30	Sands	6:00	T	G-B

Girls Coaches: Bric Turner & Peter Benavidez Boy's Coaches: Trey Richey & Bobby Avery

## Hardman, Newbrough wed October 8th in Lamesa

Kristi Marie Hardman and Kyle Jay Newbrough exchanged wedding vows in a ceremony held Saturday, October 8th, 2005 at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Lamesa.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hardman of Gail. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Newbrough of Andrews.

The double-ring ceremony was officiated by Randy Hardman, father of the bride and pastor of the First Baptist Church in Gail, and Jim Hart, grandfather of the bride and pastor of the First Baptist Church in Santa Anna.

Brenda Vogler of Lamesa was the pianist at the ceremony. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" was played while the grandparents and parents were seated. "Canon in D" was played as the attendants, bride and groom

The front of the church was decorated with white tulle and pink illusion bows. A table with white cloth and lace was set up for guests to sign the bride's book. The table was adorned with tulle and pink illusion bows as a complement to the decorations.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. She was wearing a white layered satin and tulle Cinderella style gown. The strapless bodice was adorned with silver sequins and beads, which also cascaded down the floor-length gown. The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of assorted colors of Gerber daisies, pink roses, star gazer lilies and baby's breath.

In keeping with bridal tradition, the bride's something old were diamond earrings, and a necklace from her grandmothers. Her something new was her gown. Two lace handkerchiefs, belonging to the groom's great-grandmothers, were tied into her bouquet for something borrowed. Her something blue was her garter and she carried a six pence in her shoe that the bride had given to her grandmother when she was a little girl.

Brittany Miller of Andrews served as the maid of honor. Cozart of Lamesa.

The maid of honor wore a black polka-dot strapless dress. O'Bannon of Lamesa and Alan



Mrs. Kyle Jay Newbrough ...nee Kristi Hardman

Black organza lace accented the hem of the tea length dress. The bridesmaid wore a pink polkadot dress with spaghetti straps and a black bow accent. They both carried a single longstemmed pink rose accented with baby's breath and a pink illusion bow.

The flower girl was Hailey Stary cousin of the bride, of Canyon. She wore a white organza floor-length dress with self-fabric sash. She carried a white basket with pink rose

The ring bearer was Tanner Freeman of Gail. He wore black slacks with a black tie. He wore a single pink rose boutonniere with baby's breath accent.

The groom was attired in a black formal suit with a white shirt and a pink tie. His boutonniere was a pink rose with pink rose bud accented with baby's breath.

The best men were Joe Dan Newbrough of Lubbock and The bridesmaid was Reagan Ryan Newbrough of Andrews, brothers of the groom.

The ushers were Justin

Hart, cousin of the bride, of Goldthwaite.

All the male attendants wore black suits with black and pink ties. The boutonnieres were a single pink rose accented with baby's breath.

#### Reception

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the First Baptist Church parlor.

The bride's table was covered with a white table cloth with a lace overlay. The table was accented with pink candles and crystal. The bride's aunt made pink and white mints that were served on crystal plates with adorning silk roses. The punch was served from a crystal punch bowl and was colored to match the bride and groom's pink punch glasses.

The bride's cake was a fourtiered white wedding cake on graduated pedestals atop crystal blocks. The cake was iced with pink illusion background with loosely swirled white icing. The cake was adorned with pink silk roses that had also been used for the bride's grandparent's 50th wedding anniversary celebra-

## Neugebauer **Announces Mobile** Congressional Offices Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

Washington, DC - In an Garza County Courthouse, effort to better serve the Driver's License Room constituents of the 19th 300 W. Main Street District, Congressman Randy 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Neugebauer invites residents seeking federal assistance or experiencing problems involving federal agencies to visit one of his mobile offices. Staff members from Neugebauer's Big Spring office will be setting up the offices in Post and Tahoka on Wednesday, November 9; and in Gail and Jayton on Thursday, November 10.

The offices will be at the following locations:

Wednesday, Nov. 9

tion. The cake was topped with a white ceramic cross-shaped bride and groom accented with hearts.

The groom's table was covered with a white table cloth with a lace overlay. It was adorned with crystal candle holders that belonged to the groom's mother. The groom's cake featured a chocolate cake with white butter cream icing set on crystal blocks. Chocolate strawberries cascaded over and down the cake.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Lamesa High School. She is employed at Lamesa National

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Andrews High School. He is employed Production Specialty.

Following a wedding trip to Lubbock, the couple will reside

Central Tahoka

Lynn County Courthouse, Basement Highway 472 (Courthouse

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Central

#### Thursday, Nov. 10

Gail Borden County Courthouse, District Courtroom 117 Wassom Road 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Central

#### Jayton

Kent County Senior Citizens Highway 72 (On the Square) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Central



One day I asked a boy, "What's your favorite hymn?"

"Trust and O.K.!" he answered. He meant "Trust and Obey." But if you commit your soul to Christ, everything will be O.K.

When Michael Faraday lay dying, a reporter asked, "What are your speculations?'

"Speculations?" replied the famous scientist. "I have none. I'm resting on certainties." Then he quoted this Bible verse, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

Are you looking for security? Commit the keeping of your soul h

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### **Obituary**

#### Tharon Todd

1922 - 2005

Services for Tharon Rebecca Todd, age 83 of Lamesa, were held Friday, October 28, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. at Second Baptist Church with the Rev. Rush Coffman officiating.

Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Todd went to be with the Lord on Wed., October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Midland Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She was a member of the Second Baptist Church and enjoyed playing the piano at the Senior Citizens Center and Sage Healthcare.

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1922, a little bit of sunshine came into the family when Tharon Rebecca, affectionately known to family members and close friends as "Squeaky" was born. She was the third of five children born to Seaf and Amantha Dugger in Hillsboro, TX.

After moving to several locations, her family settled in Lamesa where she graduated from Lamesa High School in 1939. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1939 she married a very handsome young man named Vernon Todd.

Tharon and Vernon settled in Borden County at Lake JB Thomas in 1951 and there, raised their family in the Murphy Community. They were active members in the Knapp Baptist Church and had many friends in Borden and Scurry Counties. She was very active in the community and enjoyed the activities that their daughters were involved in during school at Borden County ISD. They worked hard on the farm, but always enjoyed friends and family coming to visit and to play at the lake. They left Borden County in 1969, and returned to Lamesa. She was a loving mother and grandmother and will be missed by many.

Survivors include four daughters and son-in-laws; Lanis and Lloyd Ramsey of Rhome, Tx, Linda and Donnie Dove of Midland, Verna and Randy Adcock of Gail, and Janice and Glenn Hogg of Lamesa; a sister, Emma Ruth Massey of Plains, Tx.; one sister-in-law, Nita Monthey of Lamesa; 13 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Vernon Todd on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1988; and three grandsons, Brandon Adcock of Gail, and Nicholas and Nathan Dove of Midland; her parents, two brothers and one sister.

Pallbearers were her grandsons and grandsons-inlaw; Todd Ramsey, Scott Ramsey, Gregg Ramsey, Keith Dove, Robert Scharfenberg, Chad Fouts, Jon Harrison and Chris Roberts.

Memorials may be sent to a favorite charity or to the Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship c/o Borden County ISD, Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738.

#### In Loving Memory of our Mother Tharon Rebecca Dugger Todd

My life as I have known it, is swiftly coming to the end. And so, my thoughts are turning to my family and my friends.

Please don't dwell upon my leaving,

with sorrow or with tears.

Just remember the joy and

laughter

That we've shared throughout the years.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His Son for me. And I'll stand upon His promise throughout all eternity!

Let not your hearts be troubled as to where I'll be. For I'm going home to Jesus, and I'll be waiting there for thee!

- Lanis Ramsey

#### 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 7 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. Please note that this will be the last meeting for 2005. We will resume meeting on Monday, January 9.

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!

# Safety Tips for Using a Slow Cooker

It is not something new, but it is something old that has become new again! You guessed it, it is slow cooking! Many new products are out on the market to make slow cooking much simpler. From frozen meal packets to boxed meal kits, it is even easier to

put a hearty meal on the table!

Now that the days are shorter, we are probably eating dinner much earlier and wanting a more hearty meal on our family's dinner table. This is the perfect time to get that slow cooker out of storage and start cooking supper at breakfast time and breakfast at supper There are many wonderful easy recipes out there for your slow cooker, but since it is a different type of cooking method, it is important to remember some food safety issues. Here are a few to remember while reaping the rewards of your slow cooker.

- Remember to keep perishable food refrigerated until preparation time. If cut up ahead of time, store meat and vegetables in the refrigerator.
- Always defrost meat or poultry before placing into a slow cooker. It is best to make dishes with high moisture content such as chili, soup, stew, or spaghetti sauce.
- Cut food into chunks or small pieces to ensure thorough cooking. Do not use the slow cooker for large pieces such as roast or whole chicken because food will cook so slowly it could remain in the bacterial danger zone (40E 140E F) too long.
- Fill cooker no less than

half full and no more than two-thirds full.

- Place vegetables on bottom and around sides and corners. Vegetables cook slower than meat and poultry in a slow cooker. Keep the lid in place, removing only to stir or check the food for doneness.
- Food will stay safe while cooking and when completed as long as cooker is operating.
- Throw away food even if it looks done when the power goes out or you are not at home during the entire slow-cooking process, and know the power went out.
- Finish cooking the ingredients immediately on a gas or camp stove or outdoor grill if you are at home when the power goes out.
- If food is completely cooked before power went out and you are at home, it should remain safe to eat up to 2 hours in the cooker with the power off.
- Store leftovers in covered containers, and refrigerate within one to two hours after cooking is finished.
- Reheating leftovers in a slow cooker is not recommended. Cooked food can be reheated on a stove top or in a microwave, and then put into a preheated slow cooker to keep hot for serving.

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The new boxes have the distinctive Priority Mail design, but also feature a large red starburst and the words "Flat Rate Box." They

come in two convenient shapes - one is ideal for garments, board games, books, and similarly thin items (11-7/8 inches x 3-5/8 inches x 13-5/8 inches), and the other is perfect for shoes, model cars, and taller items (11 inches x 8-1/2 inches x 5-1/2 inches). The boxes are available at most Post Office lobbies and through the Postal Service web site, www.usps.com.

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## Astros' Season another First for Texas

Weekly Column by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Throughout the history of our great state, Texans have enjoyed many firsts. This year marks another such occasion as we proudly pay tribute to the Houston Astros, the first baseball team from Texas to make it to the Major League World Series.

I have many fond memories of cheering for the Astros in Texas as a student, reporter and senator. I remember when the Astros -- then the Colt .45s -- beat the Chicago Cubs in 1962 in their first Major League game and when Nolan Ryan became the first Major League pitcher to reach 4000 strikeouts in a career at the Astrodome in 1985. This year the Astros reached a new milestone in their history by winning the National League Champion-

I know the 2005 season will be among my most cherished. I called Drayton McLane the owner of the Astros after most of the playoff games to let him know I was cheering from Washington for my home state team.

The Astros have enjoyed a great season, which has been characterized by overcoming tough obstacles on their rise to the top. As a team, they have risen above many challenges including injuries, slumps and personal family matters.

Coming into the regular season we were missing four of our key players from last year's playoff run against the Cardinals. Carlos Beltran, our center fielder, went to the Mets; Jeff Kent, our second baseman, to the LA Dodgers; Lance Berkman, our left fielder, was injured and out for the first part of the season; and Jeff Bagwell, our first baseman, was also injured and on the sidelines for the majority of the year.

Late in the regular season, tragedy struck the family of one of the players. On September 14, Bess Clemens, Roger's mother, passed away, ending a long battle believing. with emphysema. Despite his profound loss, and being sleep deprived from staying up with her, Roger Clemens took the mound, dedicated the season to her and brought home a win for the Astros that night against the Marlins.

The Astros began this season with an infield and an outfield that had many holes. The team filled those holes with a free agent and rookies. They rose to the challenge and the season ended with one of those newcomers a candidate for Rookie of the Year.

Though many were skeptical about the Astros' chances this season, the team stayed true to the "never say die" Texas attitude. Before long, things began to turn around for the Astros, and the fans that never stopped

With so many challenges to Houston this year, including opening our doors to thousands of Hurricane Katrina victims and Hurricane Rita that struck our area, the Astros' success was welcome celebration. These Astros embody the good character and moral decency of all Texans. Astros players contribute much to the community.

Throughout the peaks and pitfalls of this season, the Astros exemplified the spirit of Texas. Texas' first baseball team won its first pennant race and will forever hold its place in history as the first team in Texas to make it to the World Series. Thank you Houston Astros. I look forward to next season and accomplishing another first -bringing home the title.

#### Reducing the Deficit By At Least \$35 Billion

Deficit reduction is at the top of the congressional agenda right now as the legislative year winds down. A major part of that effort comes in the form of one of the most important pieces of legislation we will consider this year: The Deficit Reduction Act. This bill is an effort by Congress to reform entitlement and other mandatory programs in order to find at least \$35 billion in savings over the next five

Congress has worked to find these savings without raising taxes. Instead, we are proposing raising money through leasing federal lands and saving money by eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse from several federal programs.

I am certain that there will be some who claim that Congress is trying to take away benefits from those who need them. This is not the case. Rather, a significant number of people who currently receive federal benefits do not actually qualify for this assistance. What Congress is doing is reforming these programs and closing loopholes so that federal dollars go to where Congress and the American people intend it to.

The bottom line is that U.S. citizens who legally qualify for Medicaid or food stamps or free school lunches today will continue to receive these benefits. However, for those who do not, they will no receive longer federal benefits they don't legally qualify for. This is just common sense, and in light of current budget deficits, necessary.

#### **Bush Nominates** Judge Alito to the **High Court**

As I'm sure many have seen in the news, President Bush nominated federal Circuit

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Court Judge Samuel Alito to the U.S. Supreme Court. This announcement comes after Harriet Miers had withdrawn her nomination. Since there had been a lot of questioning by pundits of where Miss Miers stood on constitutional issues, I was looking forward to the hearings when she could say for herself what her judicial philosophy is. She will no longer have that chance, but I applaud Miss Miers on her willingness to serve her country. Regardless of what type of Supreme Court justice she would make, she is fine and decent person.

Now that President Bush has sent a second nomination to the Senate, I hope the process to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor can get back on track. A concrete timetable has not yet been set, but early indications are that the Senate will most likely vote on Judge Alito in December.

#### Reminder About Medicare Workshops

I mentioned last week that I will be hosting a series of workshops on the new Medicare prescription drug benefit that goes into effect January 1, 2006. This benefit will offer insurance coverage for prescription drugs through Medicare prescription drug plans and other health plan options. All who qualify for Medicare will be eligible for this new benefit. Enrollment begins November 15, 2005. All are invited to attend these workshops where experts will be on hand to answer any questions about the benefit. More information regarding dates and locations of the workshops can be found at website my (www.randy.house.gov) or by calling my office, toll free, at 1-888-763-1611.

-- Randy

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

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

October 11th, 2005 Last day to register to vote for the Nov. Election

October 24th, 2005 First day to vote early in person November 1st, 2005 Last day for clerk to receive applications for a

ballot to be voted by mail November 4th, 2005 Last day to vote early by personal appearance

**ELECTION DAY** November 8th, 2005

701 8th. Street O'Donnell, TX

#### **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

## Your #1 **Borden Coyotes** Moore-Rains Insurance Frances Rains Stephens

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

It's that time of year once again. Time for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighting of the "Star" on Gail Mountain which will take place on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. The "Star" will continue to shine thru January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

Again, the Borden County Museum and the Courtyard will be open at 5:00 p.m. for reminiscing, visitation and refreshments. Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause will be on hand to take Christmas wishes from the children and have their pictures taken with them

A drawing for a huge Christmas stocking, full of goodies and door prizes will be given away throughout the evening.

The winners of the Christmas Ornament contest will be announced and the ornaments will be displayed on a tree in the courthouse.

"Toys for Tots" donations can also be made during this time. These gifts will be presented to the Buckner's Children's Home in Lubbock to help make Christmas a little brighter for the children there. Please bring an unwrapped new toy or gift and place it in the donation box designated for these children. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated by many happy children.

Make plans to be a part of this Christmas Celebration and come and join your friends and family at this special Borden County Community event.

#### Borden Star Subscription

Only \$12.00 yearly
Call: 806/756-4313 ext. 275
Get yours today!

Below is a list of donations for the Lighting of the Star in Memory or in Honor of some special people. If you would like to add someone to this list or make a donation, please contact Jacquie Hendricks at 756-4398.

The "Star" on Gail Mountain will be sponsored on the following nights:

Nov. 25 – In Memory of: Delmo Pearce, Karen Pearce By the Citizens of Borden County

Nov. 25 – In Honor of: Martha Pearce

By the Citizens of Borden County

Nov. 26 – In Memory of: T. E. Burkett By Carolyn & Earl Chapman

Nov. 27 – In Honor of:

M. J. Taylor, Ruth Taylor

By G. E. Millhollon

Nov. 27 – In Honor of:

Our children, Sally, Mary,

John & Martha
By Rich & Barbara Anderson
Nov. 28 – In Memory of:
Lillo Munger

By Marjorie Munger Middleton Dec. 1 – In Memory of:
O.D. & Jessie B. Jackson

By R.D. & Carol Lewis

Dec. 5 – In Memory of:

Binie & Nell White

By Binie & Edna White

Dec. 8 – In Memory of:
The J.W.C. Mullins Family
By Margaret Cary Billingsley
Dec. 9 – In Honor of:

Mildred Sevey
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks
Dec. 10 – In Memory of:
Bert & Dorothy Dennis

By Joel & Betty Dennis

Dec. 10 – In Thankfulness for:

The Reinecke Family

By Margaret Novak

Dec. 10 – In Memory of:

Beno & Donna Hendricks

By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Dec. 11 – In Memory of:

Caden Nowlain

By Cindy & Jibber Herridge

Dec. 11 – In Honor of:
My parents, Mack & Jane
Terry; my grandmother,
Fannie Ballentine

By Cindy & Jibber Herridge Dec. 15 – In Memory of: Karan Key

By the Karan Key Family Dec. 15 – In Memory of:

The Sealy Family

By Jean & Bill Sealy
Dec. 18 – In Honor of:
Terry Millenbine Family
Dec. 23 – In Memory of:
T. E. Burkett

By Carolyn & Earl Chapman

Dec. 23 – In Memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. John Johnson

By Billie Jane Rantz

Dec. 24 – In Memory of:

Caden Nowlain

By Mack & Jane Terry

Dec. 24 – In Memory of:

Our Parents

By the Doyle Newton Family Dec. 25 – In Memory of: Houston Tarleton

By Frances Tarleton
Dec. 25 – In Memory of:
Caden Nowlain

By Austin Tarleton
Dec. 25 – In Honor of:
Our grandchildren & great
grandchildren

By Martin & Louise Parks
Dec. 25 – In Memory of:
Clint O'Brien

By Barry & Susan O'Brien Dec. 26 – In Memory of: Susan Marie Parks

By Martin & Louise Parks

Dec. 31 – In Memory of:

Bert & Dorothy Dennis

By Lisa Dennis Mahler
Dec. 31 – In Memory of:
Our parents, Mary & Jerry
Clayton; Brookie & Bill
Anderson

By Rich & Barbara Anderson **Dec. 31** – In Honor of:

Borden County EMS

By Mildred Sevey

Dec. 31 – In Memory of:

John Harding

By Joe, Rhonda, Sarah & Clay Harding

Light bulbs for the "Star" on Gail Mountain are being sponsored for the following:

IN MEMORY OF:
Garland Doyle, Glen

Kingston, Clay Kingston By Eva Doyle Bonnie Sneed

By Norman "Slick" Sneed My parents, Charlie & Margie Engle

By Helen Engle Humphrey
Barbara Sharp, Buddy Sharp
By Margaret Sharp
Caden Terry Nowlain

By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Martin Reinecke

By Alma G. Reinecke

Charles Berry Family
John Doyle Family
By Anna Lee Cole Harris &

Susan Smith Lewis
Lela Porter, Skeet Porter &
J. Pat Porter
By Bob & Cookie Dyess

IN HONOR OF:
Gerry and Julie Smith
By Dick & Kathryn Cade
Ross & Sarah Sharp, Beverly
& John Beatty, Helen &
James Warden, Toby Sharp,
Renee' & Danny Hobson

By Margaret Sharp

Brian & Sharon Jones & Robyn

By Bo & Jacque Hendricks Mr. & Mrs. Sid Cathey John Cathey

By Charles Cathey
Jibber & Cindy Herridge
Ray Don & Jana Underwood
Cody Nowlain
Raylea Underwood

By Mack & Jane Terry Vickie, Gayla, Cody, J. Ky, Lacey

By the Doyle Newton Family Jim Zack, Clara Zack, Era Lewis, & Herb Lewis

By Tumbleweed Smith
Buster York, Velma Burt,
Jim York, & Katie York
By Juaeise B. York

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Joey Parker & Family,
Kay Wilson & Family,
Jacque Hendricks & Family,
Johnnie Sevey & Family,
Jan Rios & Family, &
Jimmie Sevey & Family

By Mildred Sevey Ross Sharp Family & Margaret Sharp

By Sarah Gilleland

#### DONATIONS FOR THE STAR:

Big Country Electric Cooperative
Marjorie Munger Middleton
David A. Dorward
Warren & Betty Beaver
Sue S. Smith
Mrs. Horace R. Ledbetter
Sue Jane Mayes
Mr. & Mrs. Arlan Youngblood

#### CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Make your plans now to enter your home and/or yard in the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Co-op. Entries will be judged on originality, quality and visual impact by an impartial party from Lyntegar. Prizes provided by Lyntegar Electric Co-op will be awarded for the top three winners and will be announced at the Lighting of the Star. First place will receive a large electric grill, second place a small electric grill and third place Volumes I and II of Lyntegar's Typically Texas Cookbooks.

Join in the fun! Complete and mail the entry form below and help decorate Gail for the Holidays!

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Mail your entry to "Lyntegar & Lights for Gail – Christmas Decorating Contest", P.O. Box 312, Gail, TX 79738. All entries must be received by November 21, 2005 at 5:00 pm, and the location of the entry must be within a five-mile radius of Borden County Courthouse. Judging will be done on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.