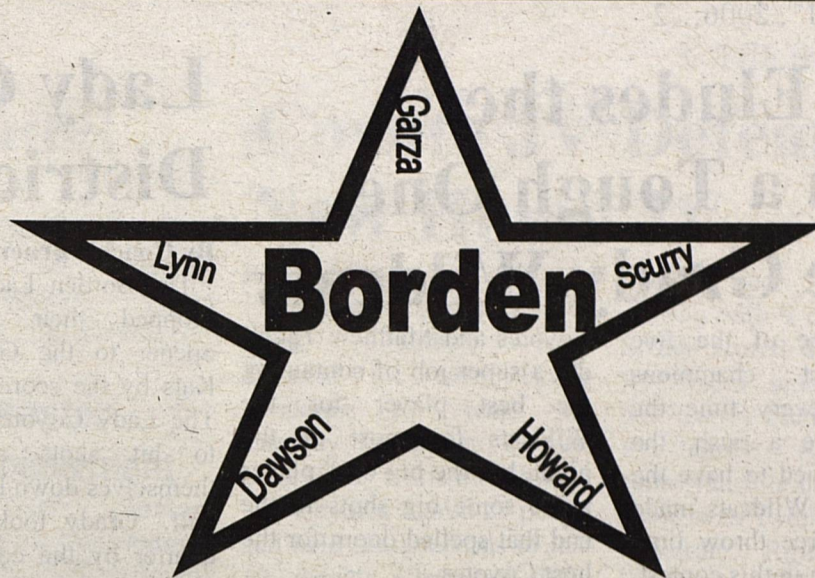


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STEER SHOW - 6:00 P.M.



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GOAT SHOW - AFTER LAMB SHOW
SWINE SHOW - AFTER GOAT SHOW



SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
7:00 - 9:00 AM
COMPLIMENTARY RANCH BREAKFAST



AWARDS CEREMONY - 9:00 A.M.
PREMIUM SALE - 9:30 A.M.

Everyone is invited to attend our 2006 BCJLA Stock Show!!!

Belew seeks re-election as Commissioner Precinct 4

Joe Belew announced today that he would be seeking re-election as County Commissioner. Joe has served as County Commissioner of Precinct 4 and would like to continue serving the people of Borden County. "I appreciate the opportunity to serve the people in Precinct 4 and ask for your continued support and vote in the March Democratic Primary. It has been an honor and privilege," said Joe.

REMINDER: BURN BAN IN EFFECT!

All of Borden County is under a BURN BAN. All trash barrels must have an appropriate covering before burning. Please take Special Precautions with any Fire during this time for the Safety of You and Your Neighbors.



A Texas Gem is a Model for National Renewal

Weekly Column by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

This Thursday and Friday, Houston hosts the third annual conference of The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas, known as TAMEST. Academy members are Texans who have been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering or the Institute of Medicine in recognition of their academic and research achievements. TAMEST is helping to shape the future of Texas and the United States.

Since the birth of our republic, Texans have shown a bold, pioneering spirit that has led to great growth and innovation. Today, many of the world's most remarkable minds are doing their groundbreaking work right here in the Lone Star State. TAMEST acts as a lens to focus that innovation, maximizing the fruits of the exciting new research being done by our doctors, scientists and engineers.

Houston is a perfect setting for the conference because

this city has led so many bold strides taken by Texas and the United States over the years, and it is the nexus for much scientific work today. Houston was the command center for the United States' leap into outer space, and it will be the focus of our launch into nano-space. By supporting Rice University, the University of Houston, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and Baylor College of Medicine, the leaders of Houston have made research excellence and

growth a major priority.

As part of a long-range plan to strengthen our economy, I began working to move Texas to the forefront of research in the United States. In 2002, I helped establish the Strategic Partnership for Research in Nanotechnology (SPRING) to foster nanotechnology research. SPRING is a collaborative effort between Texas universities and the military to create stronger, lighter materials. In 2003, I directed my attention to the creation of TAMEST to encourage our best researchers from

various disciplines to become familiar with work done in our Texas institutions and combine their efforts to master bigger projects. In 2004, Houston leaders conceived the Alliance for NanoHealth, which applies nanotechnology to the treatment and cure of disease. That same year, the National Biocontainment Laboratory was launched at UT Medical Branch in Galveston, the first Biosafety Level 4 Laboratory on a university campus in the country.

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District Opener Eludes the Coyotes again in a Tough One point Loss to the Grady Wildcats

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes have had the misfortune of playing the Grady Wildcats for the district opener for the past five years. It just so happens that the Grady is the 5 time defending district champions. Although that task may be tough for the Grady Wildcats to accomplish this year, it still represented an objective that the Coyotes have not accomplished in several years. For three quarters, it appeared that the curse of the misfortunes were going to be reversed or changed. But some untimely missed shots, turnovers, and missed free throws kept the visitors from Grady in the contest. When the pressure began to mount,

the experience of the five time district champions showed, as every time the Coyotes made a push, the Wildcats seemed to have the answer. The Wildcats made big shot or free throw time and time again in this contest. The Coyotes made a furious rally and actually had the final shot but came up just short as senior Aaron Pigford's short jump shot rolled off the rim. The previous possession saw fellow senior Austin Tarleton just miss a 3-pt shot that would have given the Coyotes a 2 point lead with 15 seconds left. The Coyotes played extremely hard, and gave themselves a chance to win, but came up just short and the streak continues. The

Coyotes and Matthew Tatum did a super job of containing the best player for the Wildcats for most of the night, but the big 6'6" player made some big shots in the end that spelled doom for the host Coyotes.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Austin Tarleton with 13 points, Matthew Tatum with 12 points, Aaron Pigford with 7 points, Jacob Froman 6 points, J'Ryan Gicklhorn 4 points, Trey Soto and Clint Chapman had 2 points, and Andrew Lamming and Michael Bullinger contributed in this contest. The Coyotes will now try to bounce back with a huge week against Klondike on Tuesday and at Dawson on Friday.

Final Tune-up For Coyotes a Success with Win Over Southland

By Coach Richey

The Coyotes traveled to Southland on Tuesday to play their final tune-up before the district opener on Friday. The Coyotes had a very successful trip as they jumped out to an early 14 to 6 lead in the first quarter as sophomore Matthew Tatum scored early and often on his way to a career high of 27 points. The Coyotes pounded

the ball inside most of the evening as the host Eagles tried with very little success to press the shorthanded Coyotes. The Coyotes took a somewhat tight contest in the first half and exploded in the 2nd half to the tune of 31 to 10 en route to a 55 to 28 victory. The Coyotes got some solid passing from all involved, especially Senior Trey Soto, who dished out a

game high 7 assists.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Tatum with 27 points, J'Ryan Gicklhorn with 10 points, Michael Bullinger and Jacob Froman with 6 each. Quentin Shafer added 4 points and Clint Chapman scored 2 points in a shortened playing time due to a back injury. Asa Rutherford and Trey also added several assists. The Coyotes are now 11 and 8 on the season.

Coyote JV Wins First District Game Against Grady JV

By Coach Avery

The Borden Coyote JV boys opened District play last Friday with a 3 point win over the Grady Wildcat JV. The score was tied at the half with 12 points scored, and tied at the end of three with 19 points scored by each

team. The Coyotes scored 10 points in the fourth period to the Wildcats 7 points and defeated them with a score of 29 to 26. The game would not even be close if the Coyotes would have hit from the charity stripe, we shot 26

free throws and made only 7 of them. Grady only shot 2 free throws in the game and made one. Scoring for the Coyotes was: Asa Rutherford and Quentin Shafer had 8 points each, John Cowart and Carlos Hernandez had 4

Lady Coyotes Drop District Opener

By Coach Turner

The Borden Lady Coyotes dropped their district 7 opener to the Grady Lady Kats by the score of 45-22. The Lady Coyotes struggled to hit shots and found themselves down by 14 at the half. Grady took the third quarter by the count of 8-1 digging the Lady Coyotes too big of a hole to climb out of. The Lady Coyotes was outscored only 14-12 in the fourth quarter. The defensive effort by the Lady Coyotes was outstanding and many positive things occurred in

the game.

Sarah Harding and Kalli Poole led the Lady Coyote scoring attack with 6 points each. Christina Soto chipped in 5 while Baylee Benavidez finished with 3. Whitney Anderson finished the scoring with 2 points.

Lady Coyote JV

The Lady Coyote JV lost to Grady by the score of 47-23. Becky Dobyns and Dannelle Copeland each finished in double figures with 10 points each. Kate Wallace wrapped up the scoring with 3 points.

Lady Coyotes Thump Southland

By Coach Turner

The Borden Lady Coyotes collected their third win of the season with a 47-40 victory over Southland on January 3rd. The Lady Coyotes found themselves down by 5, 22-17 at the half but dominated the Lady Eagles in the 3rd and 4th quarters by a 30-18 margin. The Lady Coyotes hit six three point bombs and were led by Whitney Anderson with 15 points. Christina Soto had 9 while Sarah

Harding chipped in 8. Baylee Benavidez finished with 7 and Kalli Poole hit for 6. Sharelle Gass wrapped up the scoring with 2 points.

Lady Coyote JV

The Lady Coyote JV defeated Southland by the score of 16-13. The Lady Coyotes took a 10-4 lead at the half and hung on for the victory. Becky Dobyns and Dannelle Copeland each scored 6 to lead BC. Chelsea Minnick wrapped up the scoring with 4 points.

Coyote JV defeats Southland JV

By Coach Avery

The Borden Coyote JV team defeated the Southland Eagle JV squad last Tuesday in Southland with a score of 35 to 18. Scoring for the Coyotes were John Cowart with 10 points, Dore

Rodriguez with 8 points, Symeron Rinehart with 6 points, Carlos Hernandez with 5 points, Clay Harding with 4 points and Jake Cooley with 2 points. Also getting valuable time in the game was Tyrell Massingill and Rowdy Clary. Rowdy injured his knee early in the game and he will be out for an indefinite time period.

Success is relative. It is what we can make of the mess we have made of things.

—T. S. Eliot

Making the Grade!

3rd Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Senior: None; **Junior:** Becky Dobyms and Taylor Peterson; **Sophomore:** Rachel Wilson; **Freshman:** Katherine Froman and Carlos Hernandez **Eighth Grade:** Rachael Payne, Lacey Roberts, and Raylea Underwood; **Seventh Grade:** Bailey Anderson; Kimberly Halkowitz, Taylor Richey, and Krista Tarleton; **Sixth Grade:** Austin Fields Blake Turner and Austin Tyler.

3rd Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: None; **Junior:** Rowdy Clary, John Cowart, Sarah Harding, Jake Payne and Christina Soto; **Sophomore:** Shelby Roberts and Kate Wallace; **Freshman:** Krystal Hobson; **Eighth Grade:** Karl Lamming, Chellsie Pigford, Chasiti Rutherford, and Brendan Tarleton; **Seventh Grade:** None; **Sixth Grade:** Stefanie Cooley; **Fifth Grade:** Kayla Darbyshire, Celina Guerrero, Kayla Pepper, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Riley Smith, Teryn Soto and Mattie Turner; **Fourth Grade:** Taylor Gass, Matthew Halkowitz, Matthew Ham, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, Molly McMeans, Zach McMeans and Tyler Minyard. **Third Grade:** Eva Banman, Frank Banman, Blaise Freeman, Nathan Ham, Mackenzie Herring, Sean Tucker and Cayden Vaughn. **Second Grade:** Rhaeden Bland, Kylee Dean,

Thomas Harrison, Jordan McAuley, Colby Pennell, Samuel Raborn, Tatum Richey, and Flint Roberts

1st Semester Beta Achievement

Senior: None; **Junior:** Becky Dobyms; **Sophomore:** Rachel Wilson; **Freshman:** Katherine Froman; **Eighth Grade:** Lacey Roberts; **Seventh Grade:** Bailey Anderson and Taylor Richey; **Sixth Grade:** Austin Fields and Austin Tyler.

2nd Semester Honor Roll

Senior: None; **Junior:** None; **Sophomore:** Shelby Roberts and Kate Wallace; **Freshman:** None **Eighth Grade:** Rachel Payne, Brendan Tarleton and Raylea Underwood; **Seventh Grade:** Kimberly Halkowitz and Krista Tarleton; **Sixth Grade:** Blake Turner; **Fifth Grade:** Kayla Darbyshire, Celina Guerrero, Kayla Pepper, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Riley Smith, and Teryn Soto; **Fourth Grade:** Taylor Gass, Matthew Halkowitz, Matthew Ham, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, Zach McMeans, and Tyler Minyard. **Third Grade:** Frank Banman, Blaise Freeman, Nathan Ham, Mackenzie Herring, Sean Tucker and Cayden Vaughn. **Second Grade:** Jordan McAuley, Samuel Raborn, Tatum Richey and Flint Roberts

Coyote JV Defeated by Coahoma JV

By Coach Avery

The Borden Coyote JV team was defeated the Coahoma JV team on Friday that we were let out for the Holidays by a score of 59-25. Scoring in this contest was Rowdy Clary with 8 points, Asa Rutherford with 7 points,

John Cowart with 7 points, Symeron Rinehart with 2 points and Carlos Hernandez made a free throw. Also playing in the contest was Tyrell Massingill, Jake Cooley, Quentin Shafer, Clay Harding and Dore Rodriguez.

Coyote JV Defeat New Home JV

By Coach Avery

The Borden Junior Varsity Boys basketball team defeated the New Home Leopards JV team on Tuesday December 13 just before the Christmas break. The Coyotes scored 29 points and held the Leopards to just 19. Rowdy Clary and John

Cowart led the Coyotes scoring with 9 each. Quentin Shafer scored 8 points, Asa Rutherford scored 2 points and Carlos Hernandez hit a free throw. Also playing some valuable minutes in the game was Tyrell Massingill, Symeron Rinehart, Clay Harding and Dore Rodriguez.

Klondike Sweeps Missy Coyotes

By Coach Turner

The Klondike Cougars defeated the Borden Missy Coyotes by the score of 34-30 in Gail Monday night. The Missy Coyotes jumped to an early 6-2 lead but missed shots, turnovers, and fouls combined to slow the momentum. Klondike led 20-11 at the half. The Missy Coyotes came back with a frantic fourth quarter, but fell short as the Cougars hit a free throw with 17 seconds left to

ice the game.

Taylor Richey led the Missy Coyotes with 9 points. Rachael Payne scored 8 and Lacey Roberts finished with 4. Olivia Key and Raylea Underwood each had three while Krista Tarleton contributed 2 points. Shylo Rinehart wrapped up the scoring with a free throw.

Next action for BC will be at Dawson next Monday night.

Pups get back to Winning with a big Victory over Klondike

By Coach Richey

The Borden Pups made quick work of the visiting Klondike Cougars as they jumped out to an early lead with their defensive pressure and unselfish offensive play.

Brendan Tarleton led the way in the opening quarter as he scored all 8 of his points in this frame. The Pups had 17 points overall in the period as they built a quick 17 to 2 lead before the Cougars closed the frame on a 5 to 0 run against the 2nd team pups.

The 2nd quarter got off to the same start as Flynn added 4 points to his game high total of 16 in the quarter and before the pups subbed again, the lead had grown again to 24 to 7. The Pups won all 4

quarters which saw the first team work on some game situations for the future and some very solid passing by them all lead by a game high 6 assists by Michael Cooley. The 2nd team got some very valuable playing experience highlighted by Drew Tyler's first basket in junior high. In the end, the Pups had an easy 42 to 15 victory.

Scoring for the Pups was Flynn with 16 points, Michael and Brendan with 8 each, and 2 points from Karl Lamming, Tony Soto, Drew, Miles Valentine, and John Hensley. Also contributing to the win was Michael Froman and Skylar Williamson.

School

Lunch Menu

Jan. 16th – 19th, 2006

MONDAY – Breakfast:

Pancakes, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, salad, peaches and milk.

TUESDAY – Breakfast:

Biscuit & gravy, fruit juice and milk; **Lunch:** Chicken strips, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, applesauce, and milk.

WED. – Breakfast:

Omelet, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Fajitas, salad, re-fried bans, fruit cup, and milk.

THURSDAY – Breakfast:

Muffin, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Grilled cheese, chips, salad, slice apples w/peanut butter, cookies and milk.

FRIDAY –

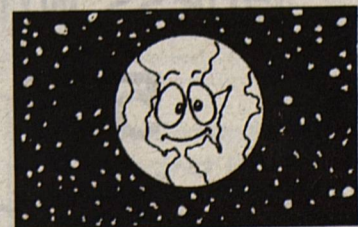
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The Pups will next travel to Dawson on Monday. Good job guys and good luck the rest of the way. Continue to improve as you have so far.

Neugebauer to Host "Coffee" in Big Spring

Washington, DC-Congressman Randy Neugebauer is inviting 19th District constituents to attend a "Coffee with the Congressman" event he will host in Big Spring on Monday, January 16.

The "Coffee" will take place from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Big Spring's Heritage Museum, which is located at 510 Scurry Street. During the event, Neugebauer will give an update on legislative issues currently being debated in Congress and talk with constituents about issues important to them.

This event will be the latest in a series of "Coffees" Neugebauer has held across the 19th District so that he can meet face-to-face with constituents throughout all of the district's 27 counties.

- WHO:** Congressman Randy Neugebauer
- WHAT:** Coffee with the Congressman
- WHEN:** Monday, January 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Heritage Museum
510 Scurry Street
Big Spring

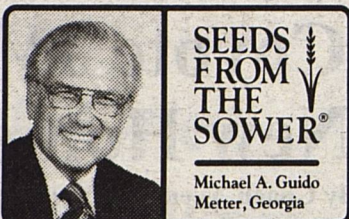
Texas Farm Service Agency Supports Establishing Firebreaks on CRP

(Post, TX) - In response to the continued threat of grass fires statewide, Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds landowners of a provision in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) procedure allowing for the establishment of firebreaks as a preventive measure.

"Although disking CRP ground is not a typically authorized practice, the benefit outweighs the cost in terms of fire protection of life and property," said Victor

Ashley, County Extension Director for the Garza-Borden County FSA.

Individuals who are interested in disking perimeter firebreaks on ground enrolled in CRP must first visit the USDA Service Center and work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to modify CRP contracts to include firebreaks. NRCS will determine acceptable firebreak widths on a site-specific basis.



A thief broke into a church in Buffalo and stole some expensive equipment.

The next day the bulletin board in front of the church bore this message: If the person who burglarized this church will contact the pastor, he'll receive good news.

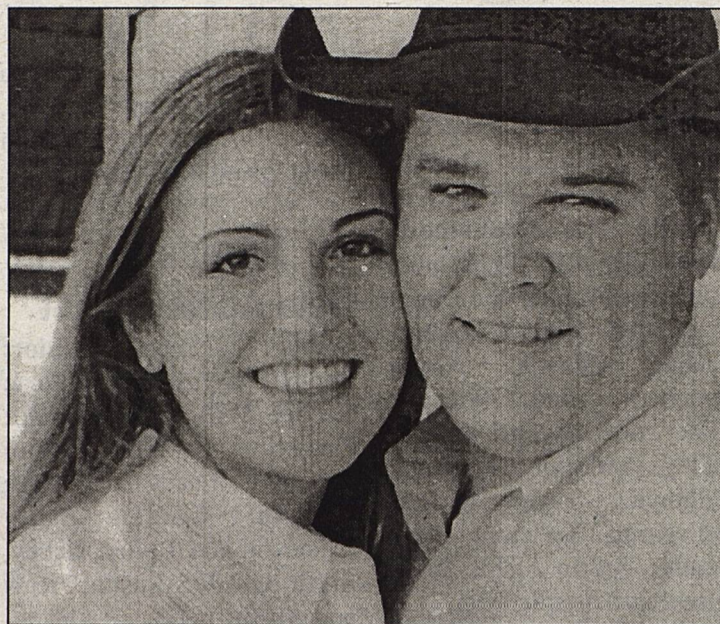
"What's the good news?" asked a reporter.

"If we confess our sins," said the pastor, "God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

But God doesn't only cleanse your sins. He cures your sinning. You won't become sinless, but with His help you'll sin less.

Accept His pardon and power, won't you?

Wedding Plans Announced



Kacie Beth Daves & Chad Stephen Beaver

Leah Daves of Ira and Tom Daves of Mertzon announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kacie Beth Daves to Chad Stephen Beaver. He is the son of Steve and Becky Beaver of Fluvanna. Kacie is a 2005 graduate from Texas Tech University and is employed by D.H. Blattner & Sons Inc. Chad is a 2003 graduate from Tarleton State University and is a self employed farmer-rancher. The wedding is planned for March 25, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. The couple will reside in Borden County.

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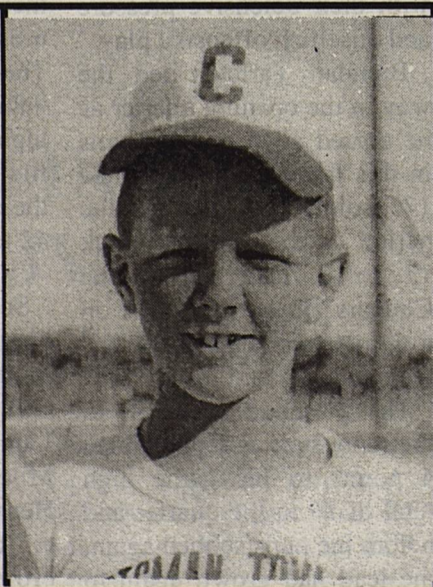
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-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
January 9, 2006

Fire Response and Recovery Efforts

The grass fires in Texas continue to be my primary focus. I mentioned last week that I had been to Cross Plains and sent a letter to President Bush urging him to declare an emergency in Texas. Since then, I have spoken with the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) David Paulison to get his perspective on the response and recovery efforts. And I've traveled a second time to Cross Plains and to Carbon in Eastland County as well.

In my conversation with Director Paulison, I was reassured that FEMA understands the urgency of the situation in Texas. FEMA has already provided grants to Texas to pay for firefighting costs, and the agency is currently on the ground assessing the damage from the fires.

On my return trip to the region this week, I was encouraged by response of the local communities and how quickly they are moving forward. I was especially moved by the donations and contributions that have been made to help our fellow Texans in need. It never ceases to amaze me how Texans don't wait for things to happen, they go ahead and make things happen on their own. A perfect example of this generosity can be found in an Eastland County teenager who raised \$2,500 in a bake sale and donated it to local fire victims.

Although progress is undoubtedly being made, the recovery process is far from over. I will continue to work with local officials and the federal government to help the individuals and communities affected by the fires get back on their feet.

Good News for a Surging Economy

The economic numbers for

2005 are now in, and they tell a remarkable story. The addition of more than 400,000 jobs in November and December brought 2005's total job growth to more than 2 million jobs. Further good news out of the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that shows that the current unemployment rate is 4.9 percent, lower than the average of the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. Another indication of a thriving economy is the strength of the stock market, which topped 11,000 for the first time since before the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Since President Bush signed the Jobs and Growth Act into law in May of 2003, more than 4.6 million jobs have been created. Texas has reaped the benefits from our surging economy as well. Over that same time span, 317,000 jobs were added in our state, including 17,300 in November of 2005 alone.

The Department of the Treasury has compiled a graph that shows this 30 month-long surge in jobs. Since pictures can speak a thousand words, I encourage you to follow this link to Treasury's website to take a look at the [job growth since May 2003](#).

Upcoming Stops in the District

I will be taking advantage of the House being out of session for most of January to make my way across the 19th District. Highlights of my trip include speaking at the West Plains Cotton Con-

Windbreak Trees Available

The Upper Colorado SWCD is once again selling windbreak trees, and would like to notify everyone in Borden County of this program.

Windbreak trees provide a variety of benefits ranging from controlling wind erosion in fields to decorating around homes. Windbreaks help control soil blowing, reduce the drying effects of wind on

Recipe for success: Study while others are sleeping; work while others are loafing; prepare while others are playing; and dream while others are wishing.

—William A. Ward

ference being held at South Plains College in Levelland on Thursday, January 12 and hosting a Coffee with the Congressman at the Heritage Museum in Big Spring on Monday, January 16 (3:00-4:00 p.m.).

--Randy

soil and plants and help prevent the abrasive action of rapidly moving soil particles on young tender seedlings.

Anyone with questions or to place an order for the trees contact Paige Anderson at the Upper Colorado SWCD office or call (325)573-6317, ext. 102.

The deadline for ordering these trees will be January 31, 2006.

Texas Red Oak

Growing up to 80 feet tall with a 50 to 60-foot spread, Texas Red Oak forms a stately tree with a narrow, rather dense rounded canopy. This oak is similar to the Shumard Oak. The crown spreads with age becoming round at maturity. The four to eight-inch-long deciduous leaves are deeply-lobed and have bristles on the tips of some lobes. A lovely dark green during most of the year, Texas Red Oak puts on a vivid display of brilliant red

to red-orange fall and winter foliage, providing a dramatic landscape statement. During the winter, the bare tree provides interesting branching patterns. The 1.5-inch-wide acorns are surrounded by a shallow, enclosing cup and are popular with wildlife. This tree has a fast growth rate and a high drought tolerance.

This is only one of the many trees available through the Upper Colorado SWCD. For further information or to place an order, come by 5309 Big Spring Highway or call (325) 573-6317, ext. 102.

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Open Lab Night!

The school computer lab will be available on Thursday, January 26th and February 2nd. from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 20th day of December, 2005, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of December 15th, 2005, were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHOW BARN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve improvements for the Show Barn which consists of rubber mats for the swine wash racks in the amount of \$640.00 and a retaining wall for waste removal in the amount of \$370.00 for a total of \$1,100.00. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS

Julie Smith, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent and Dennis Pool, Agriculture County Agent, met with the Court and presented the

Educational Program Highlights for 2005.

VISITOR

Lance Wells representative of Warren Cat visited with the Court.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Applications for Soil Conservation Construction for Fireguards were received from Ray Herring in Precinct #4 and Bill Phinizy in Precinct #2. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the applications at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motorgrader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No items were presented.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BURN BAN

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has declared a statewide disaster due to wildfires throughout Texas; and

WHEREAS, the current drought conditions continue to exist in Borden County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court has a 90 (ninety) day burn ban in place as of December 12, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the current burn ban states that "a person violates the order if he or she causes the burning of any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others"; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court has already restricted the sale of "skyrockets with sticks and missiles with fins"; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court intends that the burn ban includes a prohibition of all outdoor burning, including fireworks;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, holds that the use of all fireworks is prohibited under the current burn ban and a violation of the burn ban is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

Signed the 30th day of December 2005

Van L. York, County Judge
Monte Smith, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Randy Adcock, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Ernest Reyes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Joe Belew, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 9th DAY OF January, 2006

Special Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 30th day of December, 2005, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JANA UNDERWOOD**, Deputy County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court

with Joyce Herridge, Clerk of Court absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

Special Emergency Called Meeting Under Sect. 551.045 Of the Government Code

Motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to approve Declaration of Disaster and pass Resolution in Support of The Burn Ban. Commission Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VISITOR

Sheriff Billy Gannaway visited with the court

ADJOURN

A motion was made By Commissioner Belew to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 9th day of January 2006

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DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the County of Borden on the 30th day of December, 2005 is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from:

The Threat Of Wildfires Due To Drought And Other Weather Related Conditions;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Borden County have determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Proclaimed By The Commissioners Court Of Borden County.

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Borden County pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Court.
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Borden County.
4. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Borden County Emergency Management Plan.

This Proclamation Shall Take Effect Immediately From And After Its Issuance.

ORDERED THIS THE 30th DAY OF DECEMBER 2005

Van L. York, County Judge
Monte Smith, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Randy Adcock, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Ernest Reyes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Joe Belew, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4



Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



Memories of the Store

My father had a corner grocery store in Fort Worth. Growing up, I worked there when I wasn't in school or sleeping. Our lives revolved around the store.

My dad was a fabulous meat man. He could make choice taste like prime just the way he sliced off a steak or roast. He was an artist with a butcher knife. It was fascinating to watch him stand at the meat block and work. He did lots of cutting up. He told me he had butchered about 10,000 head of cattle. He had the strongest right arm I've ever known about. It got that way by suing a hand meat saw for decades.

Customers came from as far away as Austin to buy this meat. The store carried a complete line of groceries and produce, but about half the income came from the neat market. That's where the action was. When salesmen came in, my dad just kept right on working at the meat block, talking and answering questions just like he was giving the salesman his full attention.

My dad was a philosopher and a poet. He had the unique

ability to make people feel good. State legislators came to the store and leaned over the counter for advice and counsel, to hear a story or joke and get their batteries charged. He was premed at Baylor, but left after two years to tend to business and raise a family. He quoted poetry that suited the occasion, no matter what the occasion was. He was a Kiwanian and served as Lt. Governor for the Texas-Oklahoma district. He also served on the school board and taught a Sunday school class. He always wore a dress shirt and tie while working in the store and seldom walked out the front door without a coat and hat.

He always enjoyed a certain status. He was valedictorian of his high school class at Athens. He was so popular that once he exploded a firecracker in a classroom and nobody would tell the teacher who did it.

When he and my mother began to travel, I came home and managed the store and its dozen or so employees. I loved the constant parade of characters that came in, especially the ones from

across the street that walked over just to visit. My dad discouraged that, but I thought they provided the most interesting part of the day.

My dad jot up a 3 or 4 o'clock Saturday mornings to get the meat counter ready for the biggest day for the week. A few days after I got back from an Army tour in Europe, the two of us sat on meat blocks one Saturday morning and just talked. It meant a lot to me because I was 25 years old and wasn't sure just what I was going to do with the rest of my life. That was a very special time for me, especially knowing how valuable time was on Saturday mornings.

My dad passed away in 1975 at the age of 64. He always had a goal of doing \$5,000 worth of meat business in a single day. I was taking care of the store while he was in the hospital near the end of his life. One Saturday night I took the adding machine to his hospital bed and showed him the bottom number. It was \$5,000.

**EARLY
DISMISSAL
12:30 – Thurs.
Jan. 19th**

**NO SCHOOL
Fri. Jan. 20th**

Cooking Corner

Family Recipes To Warm The Holiday Season

(NAPS)—What better way to celebrate the holidays than with classic flavors of fall?

Country Crock spreads has come out with Limited Edition flavors such as Cinnamon, Honey and Pumpkin Spread. Here are some easy-to-make recipes and tips for holiday treats. For more family-fun recipes, go to www.countrycrock.com.



Honey-backed ribs and cinnamon cupcakes are some of the scents of the season.

Cinnamon Cupcakes
1 box (1 lb., 2.25 oz.) yellow cake mix
1 1/4 cups water
1 container Shedd's Spread Country Crock Cinnamon
3 eggs

CREAMY CINNAMON FROSTING
1 container Shedd's Spread Country Crock Cinnamon
4 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 box (1 lb.) confectioner's sugar

Preheat oven to 350° F. Line 24-cup muffin pans with paper cupcake liners; set aside. In large bowl, with electric mixer, combine all cupcake ingredients at low speed until moistened. With mixer at medium, beat 2 minutes, scraping down sides. Evenly spoon batter into prepared pans. Bake 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean. Remove cupcakes to wire cooling rack and let cool completely. For the frosting, use an electric mixer to beat the Country Crock and cream cheese in a large bowl until smooth, scraping down sides. With mixer on low, gradually beat in the sugar until smooth. Spread evenly on cupcakes.

Honey Baked Ribs
1/2 cup Shedd's Spread Country Crock Honey
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/2 cup ketchup
2 Tbsp. firmly packed brown sugar
2 Tbsp. white vinegar
2 tsp. hot pepper sauce
2-1/2 to 3 lbs. baby back ribs or spareribs

Preheat oven to 400° F. In small saucepan, melt Shedd's Spread Country Crock Honey over medium heat and cook garlic, stirring occasionally, 1 minute. Stir in ketchup, brown sugar, vinegar and hot pepper sauce. Bring to a boil over high heat, then simmer 2 minutes on low. In bottom of broiler pan, without rack, arrange ribs. Pour sauce over ribs. Cover with aluminum foil and bake 45 minutes. Remove foil and bake an additional 10 minutes or until ribs are done, basting once with sauce. With knife, slice between ribs and toss with sauce in bottom of pan.

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At the TAMEST conference, engineers are presenting their impressive work on the latest advances in fuel-cell technology. Scientists are sharing their insights on cutting-edge research in plasma physics, creating new avenues for further innovation. And physicians, such as the preeminent Dr. Michael DeBakey, are elaborating on their successes in medicine, providing a fertile climate for others to join their work and suggest new possibilities for additional research.

TAMEST and our other research initiatives have been a great success. In 1998, Texas was ranked fifth nationally in federal research expenditures with \$908

million. Since that time, Texas has moved up to a strong third. Last year, expenditures rose to over \$1.5 billion. Since the advent of our initiatives, important funding has been drawn to Texas: \$37.5 million for SPRING over the last four years, \$10.4 million for the Alliance for NanoHealth from 2004 to 2006 and \$158 million for the National Biocontainment Laboratory. MD Anderson receives more research funding from the National Cancer Institute than any other medical center in America.

TAMEST should not be just a Texas initiative; instead, it should become the first step in a broader

American agenda to redouble our efforts in the hard sciences. America's leadership in scientific research is responsible for its economic success since World War II, but our edge has begun to erode. In 1975, the U.S. conferred 59 percent of the world's doctorates; now it confers just 41 percent. During the same time, China has increased the number of doctorates its students earn from near zero to 12 percent. India has also become competitive, training large numbers of engineers who speak English and often are willing to work for one-fifth the salary of their U.S. counterparts. Our recent trend has been in the wrong

direction.

This new year, 2006, is the time for us to start reversing that trend. TAMEST is a

gem for Texas and should be our model for the renewal of American leadership in science, engineering and medicine.


NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR [COMMERCIAL] FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Chaparral Energy, LLC, 701 Cedar Lake Blvd., OKC, OK 73114 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **San Andres** formation, **Rock Canyon** Unit, Well No **509**. The proposed injection well is located **5.2** miles **NW** of **Gail, TX** in the **Mesquite Creek (Miss.)** Field in **Borden County**. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval **3489 to 5834** feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within 15 days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711- (512)463-6792.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2006</h1>						
1 	2 Classes resume - Beginning of Fourth Six Weeks HS One-Act Play Auditions	3 Southland There 4:00 gbGB	4 HS One-Act Play Auditions	5 HS One-Act Play Auditions	6 *Grady Here 4:00 gbGB ACT registration deadline for February 11 th test	7 Friona Bobsled Classic Speech Meet
8	9 Klondike JH Here 6:00 GB	10 *Klondike Here 4:00 gbGB Cool Clovers 4-H 3:45-4:45 @ Show Barn	11 JH/HS 4-H meeting during lunch	12 Spring Photos & BB Boys group & individual retakes Forsan JV Tourney	13 *Dawson There 4:00 gbGB	14 Forsan JV Tourney Andrews or TTU UIL Practice Meet
15	16 Dawson JH There 6:00 GB	17 *Garden City Here 4:00 gbGB	18	19 Early Dismissal 12:30 Borden County Jr. Livestock Show	20 Staff Dev./Comp Day/Holiday *Sands There 4:00 gbGB Borden County Jr. Livestock Show	21 Lubbock Coronado UIL Practice Meet Borden County Jr. Livestock Sale
22	23 Garden City JH Here 6:00 GB	24 TAKS Field Test ELA 10 th & 11 th Grades *Grady There 4:00 gbGB	25	26	27 *Klondike There 4:00 gbGB	28 SAT Test (registration was due by December 22 nd)
29	30 Sands JH There 6:00 GB District Cross-X Debate at Highland	31 *Dawson Here 4:00 gbGB				* Denotes District Games