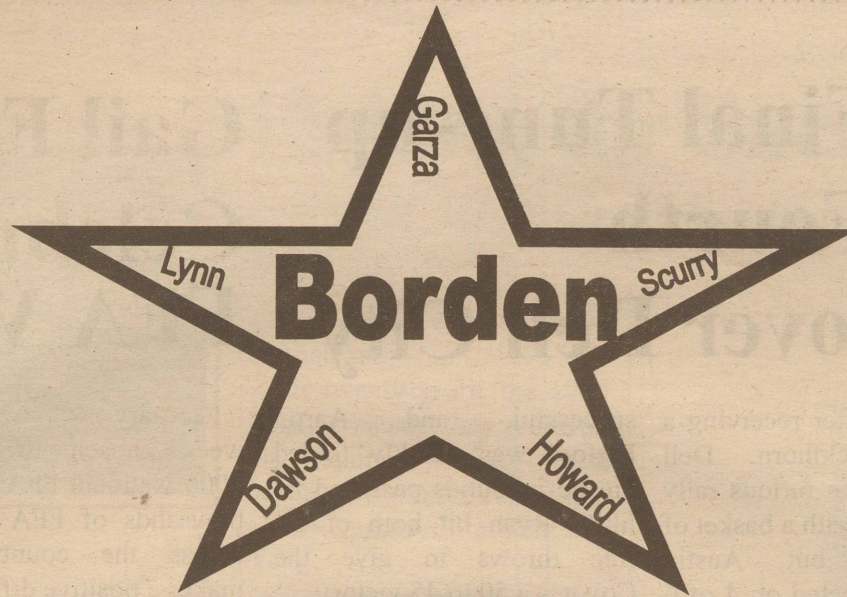


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## Coyotes stepping to plate

### Baseball, Softball ready to make spring debut at Gail

By Dwight Heins  
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Shouts of "Play Ball" will soon be heard as BHS athletes take the field in a new sport for the Coyotes.

Borden County School Board Officials voted to add baseball and softball to their high school athletic program on an experimental basis.

"Right now, we're basically looking at this as one of those experimental deals," Borden County Superintendent Jimmy Thomas said of the Coyotes' newest sports. "This looked like something our community wanted and our school's here for this community, so that's why we're doing it."

Trey Richey and Bobby Avery already help head up the Coyotes' boys and girls track programs, respectively.

Beginning this spring, they will be adding baseball and softball to their list of duties with the Coyotes' athletics.

"It's going to be a big challenge for all of us," said Richey, who will be the Coyotes' first-ever high school head baseball coach. "It's definitely going to take all of us working together."

"We realize that it's going to take up even more of our time, but I think we're up for it."

Avery admits that he has mixed emotions about seeing

the Coyotes pick up their newest two sports.

"I guess it'll help give us new life or a fresh breath by giving us something else to do. Just as long as they don't end up hurting our track programs," said Avery, who now becomes that school's first-ever head softball coach.

While Avery might be best known for the job he has done with the Coyotes' football program, including a State Six-man Championship in 1997 and a State Runners-up in 1998, he also is pretty familiar with coaching their girls. He currently is their girls track coach. He has even headed up their girls hoop program in the past.

"Beginning in baseball, they pretty much had to also offer softball to our girls out here," Richey said. "It really surprised us in a way that our girls jumped on it (softball) like they did, but having Bobby (Avery) coaching it helps."

"These girls really seem to like ol' Coach Avery out here."

Peter Benavidez and Bric Turner will be assisting Avery and Richey with their newest sports teams.

The Coyote sluggers will be playing an "outlaw" schedule this spring.

Without any district affiliation on the high school

diamond in 2006, Richey believes it is the time to do a little exploring.

"About the only suggestion that we've made so far in this whole deal is, that if we do want it to go ahead and do it now," Richey said. "Since we're not in a district we're not really obligated to anything or anybody."

"We just want to see how our kids really take to it and then we'll take it from there."

Although Richey is excited about seeing baseball out at Gail he is somewhat hesitant about what it will do to the Coyotes' track program.

"We can see baseball being good in a lot of ways, but we're still going to be pro track out here," Richey said. "We're still going to push track pretty hard, especially since we feel like we're going to have a chance at being pretty competitive there again."

Like Richey, Avery also does not want to see the newest games in town at Gail hurting their track program.

"Baseball might be a little more fun compared to throwing the discus or running around that track," Avery said. "Hopefully, we'll continue to work on getting better since we've always considered the spring as a building time of the year."

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## Power of One

### BHS UIL Individuals Place Well

At last weekend's UIL Invitational Academic Practice Meet at Post, individual members of the Borden County High School UIL Academic Team continued to make great strides with strong individual efforts.

Conflicts with other events unfortunately prevented many of the teams from being complete, but individual scores by those who attended the meet demonstrate tremendous effort by the squad.

BHS junior Becky Dobyns once again had a tremendous meet, placing first in both Spelling & Vocabulary and Editorial Writing. She also placed third in Ready Writing. Dobyns's score of 98 out of 100 in Spelling & Vocabulary was quite an accomplishment and is a career high for her in the event.

Andrew Lamming, a senior at BHS, continued to perform well and placed first

in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking. This marks the third meet championship for Lamming this season in the event.

Junior Jake Payne continued to improve his individual scores in Literary Criticism and was awarded with his first meet championship with an excellent score of 68.

Christina Soto, another BHS junior, also claimed her first meet championship in News Writing. She competed against several top quality writers from Big Spring and Snyder to win the event.

Junior Rowdy Clary placed second in Social Studies with a score of 73. He hopes to make a return trip to Austin in the event after advancing to the State Meet as a freshman two years ago.

Also displaying improvement were seniors Austin Tarleton, who placed fifth in Spelling &

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## EARLY VOTING

Early voting for the Primary Election will begin on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 and continue through March 3, 2006 in the Clerks Office. You may vote using Paper Ballots or you may use the ESS AutoMark Voting Machine. The AutoMark Election equipment is designed to make it easier for handicapped voters in casting a ballot to meet the Federal HAVA (Help America Vote Act) regulations.



# Coyotes Win Final Tune-up With Furious Fourth Quarter Rally over Dell City

By Coach Avery

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to Lamesa to play Dell City in their final tune-up before the play-offs start on Tuesday with the Paducah Dragons. The Coyotes got off to a very slow start in this contest, in fact, they played very sluggish for the majority of this contest. Dell City, meanwhile, played very solid defense and hit enough shots to win the first two quarters of this contest. Dell City lead after one quarter 11 to 9 and then extended that lead in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to 23 to 17 with a 12 to 8 advantage.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, the Coyotes came out on fire as they quickly erased the 6 point deficit and tied the game at 23 early in the quarter. But, the scrappy Dell City team would not let the Coyotes surge in front as they managed to put together a little 6 to 0 run of their own. The Coyotes did manage to cut the lead again just as the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was ending with a 6 to 2 run of their own as Jacob Froman connected on back to back to back trips.

As the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter began, the Coyotes again found themselves playing a little sluggish as the visitors from Dell City put together a stretch where they outscored the Coyotes 11 to 2 to build their biggest lead of the contest at 42 to 31 with under 3 minutes to play. Austin Tarleton came out of a time-out and hit a big 3-pt shot to cut into the Dell City lead, and then a forced turnover by the Coyotes lead to an easy basket by J'Ryan Gicklhorn off of an assist from Tarleton. After another Dell City turnover forced by the defensive group on the floor of Michael Bullinger, Clint Chapman, Andrew Lamming, Aaron Pigford and Tarleton, Aaron took matters into his own hands as he connected

on a basket after receiving a pass from Gicklhorn. Dell City slowed the furious rally for a moment with a basket of their own, but Austin Tarleton connected on 4 of 6 free throw opportunities when he was fouled on consecutive 3-pt shots.

Another forced turnover by the defensive group lead to a Gicklhorn basket and foul on an assist from Tarleton to give the Coyotes a lead they had not witnessed since early in the first quarter. J'Ryan hit the free throw to give the Coyotes a 46 to 44 lead with under a minute to go in the game. Dell City missed a shot and J'Ryan rebounded the shot and was fouled with under 30 seconds left. J'Ryan facing a one and one situation, calmly stepped up and hit both ends of the one and one. After the Coyotes fouled, with a four point lead with only a few seconds left, Dell City hit the first free throw but was forced to miss on purpose. This was not

successful, and Aaron Pigford was quickly fouled on the inbounds pass and he like J'Ryan hit both of his free throws to give the Coyotes a 50 to 45 victory.

This victory was very huge, as it gave these young men a twenty win season. Their have only been three such feats in the last 40 years. Congratulations guys and good luck against Paducah.

Scoring and contributing for the Coyotes was Austin with 17 points, Jacob with 14 points, J'Ryan with 7 points, Aaron Pigford and Matthew Tatum with 4 each. Matthew got sick at the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> period, and could not return. Michael Bullinger and Trey Soto had 2 each as well, and the following young men all contributed in some way in this come from behind victory, Asa Rutherford, Clint Chapman, Andrew Lamming, and Carlos Hernandez. Congratulations guys and good luck Tuesday against Paducah.

## Borden Track Season Begins

This past Saturday one lone high school track participant from Borden County High School participated in the 2006 Wes Kitley High School Indoor Track Meet at Texas Tech University. This marks the beginning of the 2006 Track Season for the junior high and high school track participants of the Borden County School.

Garrett Thomas ran a the 55 meter hurdles in the Varsity Boys Division of this track meet. There were 26 participants in this event from 5A schools all the way down to 1A from Borden County. Thomas placed second in this

event with a time of 7.71 seconds.

The top six participants in this race were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
Plinario - Richardson 7.58
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
Thomas - Borden Co. 7.71
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
Blake Reid - Early 8.01
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place**  
Parsons - Abernathy 8.14
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place**  
King - Carlsbad 8.26
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place**  
Shibler - Odessa 8.30

This first scheduled track meet for the Borden County Boys and Girls Track Teams

## Gail FFA Celebrates National FFA Week

February 19<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> is the week chosen to celebrate 2006 National FFA Week by thousands of FFA members across the country. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through Agricultural Education - this is the main goal of the organization. For more than 72 years, the FFA has continued to be an integral part of agricultural instruction by making classroom lessons come to life through realistic applications. From its beginning, in 1928, with 33 delegates at the first national convention, it has grown to encompass 451,997 members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico Virgin Islands, Guam and Rota.

The Gail FFA Chapter is made up of 42 members in grades 9-12. The chapter is very active in leadership training, career development events, mechanical applications, supervised agricultural experience programs, and many other activities. The chapter officers will be doing their part to promote National

FFA Week by wearing FFA attire on Wednesday as they visit with prospective junior high students on the benefits of being in the FFA and Ag. Science Programs.

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to thank the community for all of its strong support this year and the members are proud to represent Borden County in its FFA activities.

## School Lunch Menu

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**MONDAY - Breakfast:**

Toaster pastry, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Peanut butter & jelly sandwich, pork & beans, salad, apricots and milk.

**TUESDAY - Breakfast:**

Oatmeal, fruit juice and milk; **Lunch:** Beef soup, grilled cheese, fresh broccoli w/Ranch, jell-o and milk.

**WED. - Breakfast:**

Waffles, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken stir fry, tossed salad, crackers, fresh fruit and milk.

**THURSDAY - Breakfast:**

Muffin, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken taco casserole, corn, tossed salad, peaches and milk.

**FRIDAY - Breakfast:**

Pancake pup, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken on a bun, French fries, tossed salad, strawberry shortcake and milk.

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will take place in O'Donnell on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for the jr. high teams and March 4<sup>th</sup> for the high school teams.

## Attention All Borden County ISD Exe's

If you have not done so, please log onto the alumni website at [www.bcisd.net](http://www.bcisd.net) and register your information



# Lady Coyotes Makes Softball History

By Coach Avery

Despite being defeated in the first ever Lady Coyote Softball game by a score of 14 to 1 the Ladies walked away feeling pretty encouraged about the game. They are getting better. The Lady Coyotes traveled to Post last Tuesday to play the first softball game in Borden County history.

The Lady Coyotes batted first and the fast pitching Lady Antelope struck out 3 out of 4 batters. Katherine Froman was the first ever Lady Coyote to reach base as she was struck by a pitch.

The Lady Coyotes allowed 7 runs in the first inning and never did produce an out. Out of the good graciousness of the Post coach we traded the infield for the opportunity to bat. In the second inning Dannelle Copeland was the first Lady Coyote to put the ball into play as she hit the ball to first base but was put out by the first baseman. This at bat for the Lady Coyotes went three and out. Posts next at bat went a little better for the Lady Coyotes; their first batter was thrown out by Lady Coyote catcher Lacey Newton to the first baseman Sarah Harding for the first ever Lady Coyote put out. The next batter was put out as pitcher Christina Soto fielded a ball, and then threw out the runner at first to Harding. With two away the third batter hit an infield home run



**Lady Coyotes waiting for action:** Sarah Harding, Whitney Anderson and Brandi Hudson.

producing the only run that inning by Post. Soto threw the next batter out at first to Harding and we got out of the inning with only one run scoring and leaving one runner on.

In the third inning the Lady Coyotes did well, Sharelle Gass hit the ball in play but was thrown out at first in a close play. Newton then hit a hard ball back to the pitcher and out ran the play to get on. Soto then hit the ball to the pitcher and was thrown out at first but she advanced the runner to second, and then an alert Newton stole third as the Lady Antelopes were slow to field the ball. Froman then took first base on balls, and on the next pitch she then stole second and there was no play. Harding was the next batter and she took the pitcher to a full count where she was struck out on the next pitch by the speedy Post pitcher. The Lady Coyotes stranded two but were barking at the door to get a run.

The Lady Antelopes scored only one run again in the third inning. Their first batter took her base on balls, the second batter hit the ball to short stop Gass who threw the ball to second and the runner was called by the referee for interference. Another batter got on with a base hit putting runners at first and second. The second

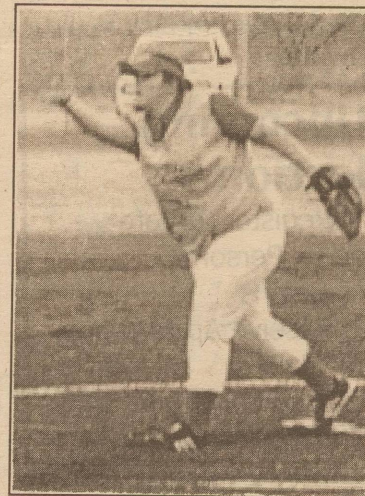


**Lady Coyote Softball Team:** Back row: (L. to R. Coach Avery, Christina Soto, Dannelle Copeland, Whitney Anderson, Brandi Hudson, Sarah Harding and Coach Benavidez. Bottom row: Katherine Froman, Sharelle Gass, Shelby Roberts, Laura Griffin, Jody Rutherford and Lacey Newton.

out of the inning occurred as Gass fielded the ball at short stop and passed it to third where Froman got the force out, two away. Two back to back hits scored a run for the Lady Antelopes and then Lady Coyote catcher Newton fielded a short hit ball and tagged the runner attempting to score. The inning was over and you could see the Lady Coyotes improve and the confidence begin to build.

The Lady Antelopes then substituted their varsity players for their junior varsity players. In the fourth inning the Ladies went three up and three down, Copeland and Laura Griffin did put the ball into play but were thrown out at first. The Post batters went three up and three down as each one of them hit the ball back to our pitcher and Soto made the play on each one for the outs.

In the fifth inning Sharelle Gass got on base with a passed ball by the catcher on the third strike and then she out ran the throw to first. Then Gass stole second on another passed ball and then



**Lady Coyote Pitcher:** Christina Soto

to score Gass for the only run of the season so far. Our at bat did not last long after the run scored. With the Lady Antelopes at bat the Lady Coyotes allowed four runs and faced all 9 of the Lady Antelope batters before the three outs were produced, all three strike outs by the Lady Coyote pitcher Soto.

There were a lot of firsts in this game and history was in the making. These ladies will get better as the season goes on. I believe a lot of the

Ladies had a good time and can see that this is a sport that she advanced to third as Newton grounded out at first. Soto then hit the first ever RBI in Lady Coyote history they could get accustomed to.

The Lady Coyotes that played in this game was Christina Soto, Katherine Froman, Sarah Harding, Whitney Anderson, Dannelle Copeland, Laura Griffin, Lacey Roberts, Brandi Hudson, Jody Rutherford, Sharelle Gass and Lacey Newton.



**Lady Coyote Catcher:** Lacey Newton





## Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,  
Borden County CEA-Ag,

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### Major Stock Show

#### Results

##### San Antonio

Borden County 4-H and Gail FFA had several exhibitors showing lambs, steers, and barrows at the San Antonio Stock Show. Results are as follows:

##### Lambs:

Miller Valentine - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Medium Wool  
Quentin Shafer - 8<sup>th</sup> Place  
Finewool Cross

Also exhibiting a lamb was Miles Valentine and Kate Wallace.

##### Steers:

Chelsea Minnick - 8<sup>th</sup> Place  
LW Chianina  
Shylo Rinehart - 9<sup>th</sup> Place  
LW ABC

Kylan Reynolds also exhibited his steer.

##### Barrows:

Miller Valentine - 5<sup>th</sup> Place  
HW Spot  
Kate Wallace - 11<sup>th</sup> Place  
MW Spot

Also exhibiting barrows were: Heather Brooks, Symeron Rinehart, and Miles Valentine.

##### San Angelo

Meat Goats were exhibited at the San Angelo Stock Show on Sunday, February 19. Those exhibiting were:

Kaylyn Dean, Brandi Hudson, Mandi Hudson, Chelsea Minnick, Lacey Newton, and Raylea Underwood.

Steers, lambs and swine will show this week at San Angelo. Best of luck to those exhibitors!

### Calendar for Upcoming Primary Election

<b>February 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Last Day to Register to Vote
<b>February 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Early Voting by Personal Appearance Begins
<b>February 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Last Day to Receive Applications for Ballot by Mail
<b>March 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Last Day to Vote Early in Person
<b>March 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b>

### Notice of General Primary Election, Democratic Party

#### To the Registered Voters of the County of Borden, Texas

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006, for voting in a general primary election for the Democratic party to nominate Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers; and the purpose of electing county and precinct chairs.

#### Locations for Polling Places:

Precinct No. (s)	Location
1	Plains Community Center
2-A	Gail Community Room
2-B	Vealmoor Election Building
3-A	Murphy Election Building
3-B	Fairview Election Building
4-A	Borden County Courthouse
4-B	Buck Lemons Residence

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Clerk's Office, Borden County Courthouse.

Congratulations to all exhibitors and their families that attended San Antonio and San Angelo. Best of luck to those that are preparing animals for exhibition at San Angelo and Houston.



**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**  
Michael A. Guido  
Metter, Georgia

With him, every day was an alcoholic day. Liquor mortis was about to set in.

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"I'll turn," he answered. Weeping, he called on the Lord and was beautifully converted.

Do you feel trapped by some emotion or evil? Trust in the Lord. He'll snap your trap!

### POLITICAL CALENDAR

#### DEMOCRATIC PARTY

##### Borden County Judge

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##### Borden

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## Community Prayer Gathering

*Matthew 18:19-20 - "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."*

As a farming and ranching community we depend on the rains to help the crops and grass to grow and to fill the tanks for the cattle. Our economy is affected by the ranches and farms surrounding our community.

We have had more than 100 days without significant rainfall.

I would like to extend an invitation to those of you who are concerned about our land to join me on Saturday, February at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, Gail, to pray for rain. And every Saturday until God answers our prayers for rain.

God's word tells us in *II Chronicles 7:14 - "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will heal their land."*

God Bless You! I look forward to seeing you there.

Bro. Randy Hardman

## Scholarships Available From Poka Lambro

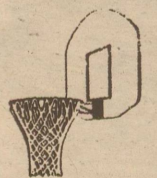
Poka Lambro telephone Cooperative, Inc. is now accepting applications for three \$2,500 scholarships to be awarded in March of this year. Entry deadline is March 10, 2006.

The son or daughter of any member of Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. graduating from an area high school is eligible to apply. Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic achievement, involvement in

extra-curricular activities and financial need.

Applications have been sent to area high schools and may also be obtained by contacting Poka Lambro or visiting Poka Lambro's web site at [www.poka.com](http://www.poka.com). Scholarship presentations will be made at Poka Lambro's Annual Membership Meeting in March. For additional information, please contact Amy Preston at 1-800-422-2387.

### Good Luck Coyotes In Bi-District



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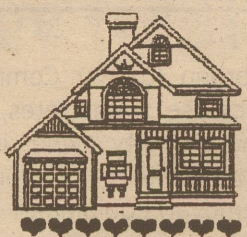
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## Heart and home...

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



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### Reverse Mortgages

A reverse mortgage is a loan against your home that you do not have to pay back for as long as you live there. For many Americans, working toward owning their own home is the dream of a lifetime. Carefully consider all your options and make an informed decision should you decide to take out a reverse mortgage on your home.

To qualify for most loans, the lender checks your income to see how much you can afford to pay back each month. With a reverse mortgage, you do not have to make monthly payments so you don't need a minimum amount of income to qualify. You could have no income and still be able to get a reverse mortgage. The loan amount is determined by the value of your home and the equity you have in it. Other than equity in your home and a clear title, the only real qualification for a reverse mortgage is to be age 62 or older. There are three different reverse mortgage plans from which you may choose and each is different from the other.

A single-purpose reverse mortgage is usually offered by state and local government agencies and non-profit organizations. While these mortgages have low upfront costs they are not available in all areas and the money they provide may only be used for a specified purpose, such as home repairs, property taxes or medical expenses.

Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM) are federally insured reverse mortgages, backed by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These mortgages may be more expensive than a single-

purpose mortgage. The money received from HECMs may be used for any purpose. Since HECMs are federally insured, any change in the valuation of your home at the end of the loan period that may leave you owing more money than the original amount will be covered by HUD.

A third type of reverse mortgage is known as a proprietary reverse mortgage. These mortgages are usually offered by private companies and may have higher total cost than the previous two. Since these loans are offered by private companies, terms may vary from one company to the next.

Single-purpose reverse mortgages are usually only available to individuals who meet certain income requirements. Proprietary reverse mortgages usually benefit those with higher value homes. Careful consideration and consultation with an independent credit counseling service may be necessary to make the decision that best suits your needs.

The cash you get from a reverse mortgage can be paid as a single lump sum of cash, a regular monthly cash advance, a line of credit account that lets you decide when and how much of your available cash is paid to you or a combination of these payment methods. No matter how this loan is paid out, you typically do not have to make monthly payments. The balance of the loan is due when you die, sell your home or permanently move out of your home. Depending on the terms of your loan agreement, you heirs may be responsible for this amount.

When a reverse mortgage becomes due and payable,

you may owe a lot of money and your equity may be very small. Remember, a hallmark of the reverse mortgage is decreasing equity in your home and increasing debt to the lending institution. In fact, the debt owed to the lending institution will draw interest at a rate that is usually determined by a market average. If you have the loan for a long time, or if your home's value decreases, there may not be any equity left at the end of the loan. Reverse mortgages do not always have rising debt and falling equity. If a home's value grows rapidly, your equity could increase over time. Keep in mind that most home values do not grow at consistently high rates. So the majority of reverse mortgages end up being "rising debt, falling equity" loans.

HECM applicants are required to receive counseling from an independent counseling agency prior to initiating their mortgage. It may not be a bad idea that anyone considering a reverse mortgage, no matter if counseling is required or not, receive some sort of financial counseling. HUD maintains a list of HUD-approved counselors through their website. Go to <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hecm/hecmclist.cfm> for more information.

If you are interested in a reverse mortgage, consider the following tips from the Federal Trade Commission

- Shop around and compare your options
- Remember that all HECM lenders must follow rules set by

HUD meaning that all fees, interest rates and other terms of the loan will be the same

- Be certain that you understand all the terms and conditions that could make the loan due and payable
- Be cautious if anyone approaches you about a reverse mortgage
- Generally, you have three business days after signing the loan document to cancel it for any reason

A reverse mortgage is not an arrangement into which you should enter lightly. Carefully consider other alternatives and seek independent, outside counsel before you make any decision regarding your home or the equity you have amassed in it.

For more information, contact your County Extension Agent. You may also contact the Federal Trade Commission at <http://www.ftc.gov> or 1.877.382.4357.

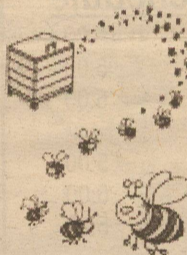
WHAT: Cool Clovers

4-H Club Meeting

WHO: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders

WHERE: County Show Barn

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>  
3:45 to 4:45 p.m.



Program: All about Bees  
by Mel Reed, Game Warden -  
Texas Parks & Wildlife  
Scurry County

Refreshments will be provided by Blaise Freeman and Kylie Voss. We hope that you will make plans to attend and bring a friend! For more information, please contact the Extension office at 806/756-4336 or [borden-tx@tamu.edu](mailto:borden-tx@tamu.edu).

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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

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—Geoffrey Household

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# Coyotes stepping to plate

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Richey is not surprised to see the Coyotes preparing to step to the plate in high school baseball.

"They sent out forms last summer to all of our kids, just to see what their opinion was and to see how much interest was there if we ended up doing this," Richey said.

"The response that we got back on those questionnaires was an overwhelming 'yes' on all accounts."

Without an actual playing field, or even a practice field for that matter, the Coyote sluggers will be literally forced into taking their new act on the road.

"Right now, we don't have a field. We don't even have a practice field out here, but we're hoping to have a practice field real soon," Thomas said. "We're looking

forward to giving it a whirl anyway."

"It might be another two or three years before we have an actual field to play on, but if this is something that our community really wants then we're going to go ahead and do it,"

Richey says there is a good chance that the Coyotes will play up to 10 games this spring on both varsity schedules and then five or six more games on the JV level.

"Since we don't have any field of our own, we'll be playing all of our games on the road. We'll just be distinguishing places like Snyder or wherever as our home field," Richey said.

"I'm really getting a little initiation into baseball. We've already ordered

uniforms and baseball equipment," Richey said.

"We realize that there's a big difference between Little League and high school baseball. Unfortunately, for us, that was the last time that a lot of our kids even played this game so it'll be a different atmosphere."

Interesting could very well end up being the best way to describe the season's inaugural run for the Coyotes sluggers.

"It's not like we're going to jump right into this deal with our eyes closed," Richey said. "We're going into it a little cautious. We're going to feel our way through it."

"It'll be another challenge, just like sitting on that curve ball or jumping all over a fastball."

## 2006 Lady Coyotes Softball Schedule

February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Post	There	5:00
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Post	There	5:00
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Loraine	Snyder	5:00
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	OPEN		
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Forsan JV	There	5:00
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Forsan	There	5:00
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Anson	There	5:00

## 2006 Coyote Baseball Schedule

February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Loraine	There	4:00
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	OPEN		
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ira	Snyder (WTC)	4:00
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anson JV	Anson	5:00
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Midland Greenwood JV		TBA
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Anson JV	Anson	5:00
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Forsan	Forsan	4:30
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Forsan	Big Spring ??	5:00
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Midland Greenwood JV		TBA
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Loraine	Snyder (WTC)	5:00
April 14 <sup>th</sup> or 15 <sup>th</sup>	Forsan	Forsan	5:00

All games are tentative due to conflicts

## 2006 Track Schedule JH & HS

JH	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	O'Donnell
HS	March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	O'Donnell
JH	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Borden County
JS	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Borden County
JH	March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Highland
JS	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Highland
HS	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	Dawson
JH	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	Grady (West Zone)
HS	March 31 <sup>st</sup> - April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fri. & Sat.	San Angelo Relays
HS	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Borden Co. Dist. Meet
HS	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Roby - Area Meet
HS	April 28 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	Fri. & Sat.	Abilene - Regional
Hs	May 12 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fri. & Sat.	Austin - State Meet

## UIL Meet

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Vocabulary, and Trey Soto, who finished just out of the top six in Literary Criticism.

Also participating in the meet were seniors Whitney Anderson (News, Feature, Editorial, & Headline Writing), Aaron Pigford (Science), and Jodye Rutherford (Number Sense, Calculator, Accounting, and Mathematics).

Additional participants were juniors Clint Chapman (Persuasive Speaking & Number Sense), Reynaldo Hernandez (Persuasive Speaking and Current Issues & Events), and Taylor Peterson (Current Issues & Events, Informative Speaking, and Social Studies).

Freshman Carlos Hernandez also participated in Current Issues & Events, Informative Speaking, and Social Studies.



## NOTICE

Borden County Commissioners' Court regret having to increase water rates, but increased cost of water from the property owner in Dawson County, operating costs, and State - Federal mandated expensive (arsenic removal) equipment.

Therefore, the Borden County Commissioners' Court on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006, set the schedule of rates for water users on the Borden County Water system as follow:

To be effective beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

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Churches - \$17.50 minimum for the first 3000 gallons, Thereafter \$5.50 per each 1000 gallons

All other - \$33.25 minimum for the first 3000 gallons, Thereafter \$5.50 per each 1000 gallons

FOR THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
Van L. York, County Judge  
Borden County



## Youth Save Horses Thousands of Miles Away

(NAPS)—Nearly 3,000 miles—close to the entire width of the United States—separate Salmon, Idaho from Abaco Island, Bahamas. Yet when the Salmon 4-H Model Horse Club learned of the plight of endangered horses living there, they took action.

"Our 4-H leader told us about how the Abaco Barb horses on Abaco Island are close to extinction and we knew we had to help save them," said 11-year-old Cameron Angeny.

The Abaco Barb, a strain of the critically endangered Spanish Barb breed, is believed to be descended from Spanish Conquistador horses that survived shipwrecks 500 years ago. Only nine horses remain of the original 200 due to human intervention and habitat changes.

Cameron and his fellow club members developed a plan, using the writing skills they'd learned keeping 4-H record books. They petitioned Breyer® Animal Creations® to create a model to raise awareness about the horses.

The company was so inspired by the leadership of these young 4-Hers that it developed an Abaco Barb model for its 2005 line and created an annual benefit model horse program.

"These young people were an inspiration for us all," said Kathleen Fallon of Breyer. "This is a powerful lesson for these children, to know that they can make a difference."

Capella, named after one of the Abaco Barb stallions, was the first horse in the annual benefit series, and one of the company's top five



4-H member Cameron Angeny used his leadership skills to help save endangered horses.

model horse sellers in 2005. A portion of the profits from sales of Capella models help Arkwild, a nonprofit organization that works to protect the Abaco Barbs by providing medical care and a protected forest preserve for the herd to live in.

The 4-H club continues to raise money and awareness for the Abaco Barb horses through the Abaco Barb Youth Project, a program that provides ideas for others to help.

Cameron encourages all youth to take on big projects themselves. "Once you have an idea, get your thoughts on paper, and try to accomplish it," he said. "The biggest thing I have learned is that I can make a difference in the world!"

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Find out more at [www.4husa.org](http://www.4husa.org).

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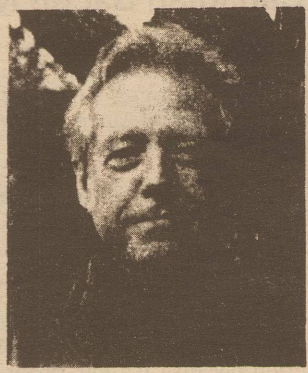
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**Horses and Scents**

Linda Lamka and her family moved to Pecos from Missouri three years ago. She was looking for a home for her horses.

"The area where we were was rather rocky and we were looking for flatter ground," says Linda. "We were getting pretty desperate, so I went to one of my chat rooms and just put the message out there that we were looking for property on an interstate highway that was good for raising horses. This one gal emailed me back and said she had property on Interstate 20 in Pecos."

While growing up in Missouri, Linda read about Pecos Bill, cowboys and grew to love the western way of life, so the possible move to Pecos interested her.

"After about six weeks of emailing back and forth, her mailing pictures and us talking on the phone, we made a deal to buy the property. I had never seen the place in person, had never met the woman, and had never come to Pecos. We just stepped out on a leap of faith and came down."

She and her family hope to raise quality ranch horses. They have twelve horses now. When Linda isn't tending to her horses, she runs her Oak Street Gallery. It features western art and crafts, Montana Silversmith products, rustic home décor, books, and her special line of cosmetics and soaps, which she makes.

"Back in Missouri, my son was working for a candle shop that also had glycerin soap. I went into work part time and got intrigued by it and started finding all kinds of recipes on the Internet for

lotions, gels and shampoos. I found out where I could order the ingredients and ended up with a pretty nice little business in Missouri. We weren't selling on the internet in Missouri, but we are here."

Her line of soaps and body products started with hand milled soap and grew to include shower gels, lotions, body scrubs, face cleaners and creams and foot scrubs.

"I make the products with the West Texas climate in mind."

She calls herself an alchemist.

"I get in my little room put on my had and lab coat and just start making things. If you can cook, you can make soap. It's all recipes. You can make it in a cookpot now, instead of the old kettle your grandmother used. I sometimes use the oven. I just add certain ingredients, like oatmeal, which is good for the skin. I make a line of lotions and shampoos using carrot oil. People love it. I don't need a lotion after I bathe because I use a sugar scrub while I'm washing. I have dozens of fragrances, some for men. Our mineral cosmetics are made with all natural ingredients."

Ingredients in all her products are listed on the

**Fishing for Success**

*Another BHS Grad Reels Em' In*

By Sue Jane Mayes

Blane Dyess will go where the fish are.

For twenty years, the 1980 BHS graduate has enjoyed his fishing hobby. It's become even more fun of late as the hobby is paying for itself.

In a recent outing, Dyess won first place with a total catch of 33.74 lbs. His biggest bass in the 99.5 Bear Bass Classic weighed 12.6 pounds.

The top weight earned him some notoriety, a nice check of \$1,800, and the chance to call an old friend to rub it in a little.

Seems Dyess and angler Jerry Green (yep, we wrote a story about him not long ago!) stay in touch. Don't be surprised if you read about the two of them hosting their own television show in the future.

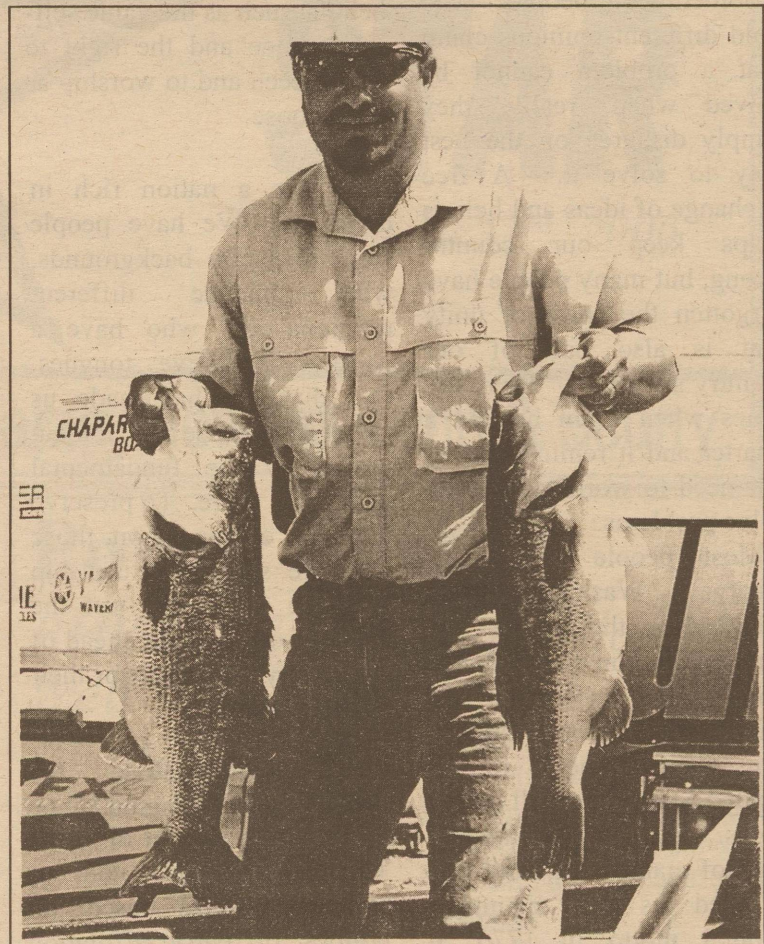
My hope is that they'll

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No amount of time can erase the memory of a good cat, and no amount of masking tape can ever totally remove his fur from your couch.

—Leo Dworcen



labels. Much of her business is conducted on the internet. Her website is [www.oakstreetgallery.com](http://www.oakstreetgallery.com).



someday return to Gail, on-site clinics for retired restock the city tank, and give teachers.

**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.



**Sale of Surplus Equipment**

Borden County will accept sealed bids for the following used equipment. Bids will be opened February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Borden County Courthouse.

Equipment can be inspected in Gail, Texas. Equipment is as follows:

- One 1983 Ford F600 6yd. dump truck (Prt. #4)
- One 1984 Ford F600 6yd. dump truck (Prt. #2)
- One John Deere 15' Shredder (Prt. #2)

For further information contact Randy Adcock, Commissioner Precinct 2, phone 806/756-4378, Joe Belew, Commissioner, Precinct 4, phone 325/573-7718 or Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391.

Mail bids to P.O. Box 156, Gail, Texas 79738. All bids should be marked "BID" on outside of envelope.

Borden County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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The First Baptist Church of Gail will be having a Youth Scavenger Hunt Sunday night

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# E Pluribus Unum

Weekly Column by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Sometimes people who hold different opinions claim that a problem cannot be solved when, really, they simply disagree on the best way to solve it. A free exchange of ideas and beliefs helps keep our country strong, but many people have forgotten the spirit of unity that is also part of our country's identity. There are times when I am handed a quarter and it reminds me of our need to work together to solve problems.

Most people know that George Washington is depicted on the front of the quarter, but you may not have noticed the motto on the back: "E Pluribus Unum." This official motto of the United States is on all of our coins. The motto is Latin for "out of many, one," and was adopted as our country's official motto in 1776. It refers to the formation of one nation from 13 colonies.

The phrase was made popular by the Roman poet Virgil, author of the epic poem *The Aeneid*. He used "E Pluribus Unum" in the poem *Moretum* when describing the blending of many colors into one. "E Pluribus Unum" has taken on additional meaning over the years as America has welcomed people from all over the world and added states to our union. In many other countries, national identity has everything to do with who your parents are or the particular piece of land on which you grew up. Being a true American has more to do with what you believe than where you are from.

When immigrants earn citizenship, they are given the same rights and freedoms as every other American. It does not matter that their parents were not American. It does not matter that they cannot trace their family's lineage back in time to find an ancestor who shed blood in the Revolutionary War. The key to being American is sharing certain fundamental

beliefs, such as the value self-governance and the right to free speech and to worship as you choose.

We are a nation rich in diversity. We have people from disparate backgrounds, who practice different religions and who have a variety of native tongues. Our diversity has made us stronger because we remain united by the fundamental beliefs we share. To preserve the unity of our nation, those who are seeking citizenship must be willing to put the interests of America ahead of the loyalty they have for their former countries.

Unfortunately, today the climate in Washington, D.C. is frequently one of division. Too often people vote or make decisions based on politics or party affiliation instead of first carefully examining the issues and then backing solutions that are in the best interests of the country. Political partisanship often divides our country, but we are strongest when we move past it and work together across party lines.

One area where the nation needs its legislators to unite is in strengthening America's competitive edge in science and technology. For years, I have been working with educators to strengthen science and technology programs at the state level. Recently, I introduced legislation to strengthen math and science education throughout the Country, and President Bush has shown support with his American Competitiveness Initiative.

Everyone has a stake in creating a better future for our children and grandchildren, and leaders in Washington have a responsibility to work together to achieve common goals. Our nation's framers supported this notion when they fought for our independence. "E Pluribus Unum" reminds us that we must continue to promote strong public education for all citizens and cooperate in the best interests of our nation.

The next time you see one of our quarters with its portrait of George Washington, think of how the country united behind him, voting unanimously to elect him as the first president. But also remember our need to come together now. The new quarters, honoring each of the 50 states, will all feature the motto "E Pluribus Unum." This is appropriate because all states comprise one united nation.

We Texans know better than anyone that we can accomplish much on our own. Yet, when all Americans work together, there is no limit to what our great country can achieve.

## Canadian Bacon Now An American Favorite

(NAPS)—The phrase "pass the bacon" is beginning to have a more nutritious meaning for millions of health-conscious Americans incorporating Canadian bacon into their diets.

Best known as an ingredient in Eggs Benedict, Canadian bacon's recent rise in popularity stems from the low-carbohydrate diet craze. Although carb counting is no longer as fashionable, Canadian bacon remains a healthy cooking option because it's low in fat and high in protein.

With "bacon" in its name, consumers often confuse Canadian bacon with traditional American bacon, according to Philip Jones, president of Jones Dairy Farm, a leading U.S. producer of Canadian bacon. However, unlike its fatty American counterpart, Canadian bacon is a lean smoked meat made from the tender pork loin. It's pre-cooked and has an appearance and flavor more similar to ham.

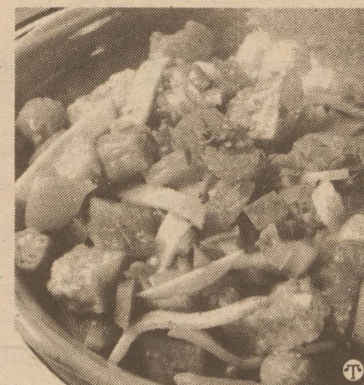
Jones points out an important difference between Canadian bacon and Canadian-style bacon. Real Canadian bacon is strictly the loin meat, but Canadian-style bacon is typically made from sirloin hip meat and includes ground pork trim. Jones believes consumers will prefer the higher-quality authentic product because it provides a more uniform appearance, better texture and superior taste.

"Real Canadian bacon provides fuller flavor and firmer texture," said Jones. "It's a premium ingredient that adds a wonderful smoky flavor in salads, sandwiches, soups or even by itself." He offers the following recipe showcasing the versatility of Canadian bacon.

More recipes are available at [www.jonesdairyfarm.com](http://www.jonesdairyfarm.com).

### Cajun-Style Gumbo Makes 5 (1½-cup) servings

1 teaspoon olive oil  
1 green bell pepper, diced



Cajun-Style Gumbo made better with the addition of real Canadian bacon.

1 medium onion, diced  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 (14½-oz) can diced tomatoes, undrained  
1 cup chicken or beef broth  
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves  
½ teaspoon dried oregano  
¾ teaspoon hot pepper sauce  
1 (10-oz) package frozen sliced okra, thawed  
8 Jones Golden Brown precooked sausage links or patties, coarsely chopped  
1 (6-oz) package Jones Canadian Bacon slices, cut into strips  
2 cups hot cooked rice  
¼ cup chopped parsley

Heat oil in large saucepan over medium heat. Add green pepper, onion, garlic; cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add flour; cook and stir 1 minute. Add tomatoes, broth, thyme, oregano, pepper sauce; bring to simmer. Cover; simmer 5 minutes. Stir in okra and sausage; simmer covered 5 minutes. Stir in Canadian bacon; simmer uncovered 3 minutes. Ladle into five shallow bowls; top with rice, parsley.

## Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

### Warm Up With Fresh Mushroom Soup

(NAPS)—Mushrooms add something special to a meal and mushroom soup is a classic example.

But mushrooms give us more than great taste. Did you know that mushrooms help contribute to our daily intake of potassium, selenium and riboflavin? Plus, mushrooms are low in fat and have only 20 calories per serving.

Try "Light 'n Creamy Fresh Mushroom Soup" soon. This soup has only six grams of fat per serving, yet tastes rich and delicious. Prepare your favorite grilled sandwich while the soup simmers—and dinner is served.

Time-saver tip: Cook up a double batch and freeze half for another dinner.

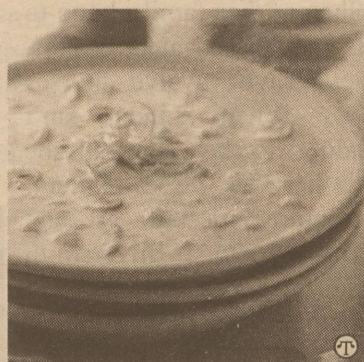
**LIGHT 'N CREAMY  
FRESH MUSHROOM SOUP**  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 cup diced carrots  
½ cup thinly sliced green onions (scallions)  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon dried thyme or

oregano leaves  
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper  
1½ pounds white mushrooms, sliced (about 9 cups)  
1 can (14½ ounces) ready-to-serve chicken or vegetable broth  
1 cup white wine or water  
1½ cups lowfat milk

In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add carrots, onions, garlic, salt, thyme and pepper; cook, stirring often, until onions just begin to brown, about 5 minutes. Add mushrooms, broth, and wine; bring to a boil; cook for 1 minute. Using a slotted spoon, remove 1 cup of the vegetables; set aside. In a blender or food processor, place half of remaining soup from the saucepan; puree until smooth; remove to a bowl; repeat with remaining mixture; return entire pureed mixture to saucepan; stir in milk and reserved vegetables. Simmer just until heated

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Mushroom soup tastes creamy—without the cream.

through, about 5 minutes. If desired, garnish with thinly sliced green onion.

**YIELD:** 4 portions (about 6 cups)

**Per portion:** 153 cal; 6 g fat; 10 g protein; 17 g carbohydrate

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