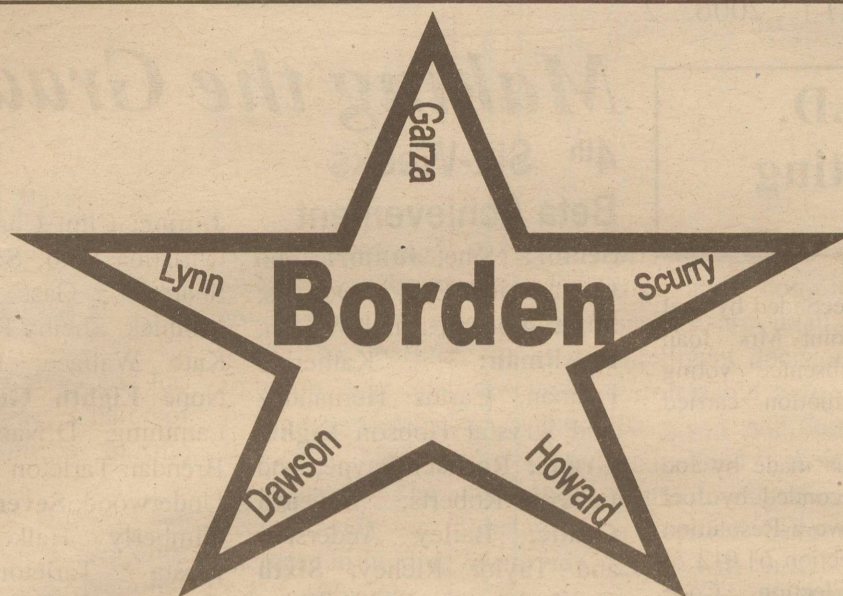


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#5 Paducah Too Much for The Coyotes as Their Season Comes To an End

By Coach Richey

The Paducah Dragons showed early in this Bi-district contest why they are the #5 ranked team in the State as they came out of the gates early to put this game away in the first quarter. The Coyotes actually took a lead in this game on a 3-pt basket by senior Austin Tarleton. Unfortunately, this would be the only time that the coyotes led in this contest. The defending state runners-up wasted little time in taking control of this game as they raced out to a 26 to 13 1st quarter lead. The 26 points the Dragons scored in this game represented the most surrendered in a quarter by the Coyotes this season. After relaxing from the early shock of facing such an athletic team, the Coyotes actually played the Dragons to a 3 point game for the final 3 quarters. The Coyotes played pretty good basketball the final 3 quarters, but the hole that they dug was just too much to overcome. The Coyotes managed to outscore the dragons in the 3rd quarter, but trailing 47 to 26 at halftime, the Coyotes were really playing for pride the remainder of this bi-district contest. That is exactly what the Coyotes displayed was a

lot of pride and determination.

In the 2nd quarter, senior Aaron Pigford put together one of his best stretches of the season as he hit 4 consecutive baskets to keep the Coyotes from being completely blown out in the contest. In the 2nd half, with the Coyotes trailing by 20 points, the Coyotes saw their leading scorer pick up his 4th foul. Knowing that it was a do or die situation, the Coyotes elected to leave Austin in the game with the hopes of making a little push, but unfortunately, Austin picked up his 5th foul and was forced to watch the final quarter and half of his senior season from the bench. Austin ended the game with 10 points. Fellow senior Aaron also picked up his 5th foul minutes into the 4th quarter. Picking up the slack for these two was Matthew Tatum with the scoring as he poured in 12 of his team high 16 points in the 2nd half. In fact, Matthew outplayed the Dragons All-State center as

he held him to only 10 points but only 2 of those came in the 2nd half, and Matthew pulled down a team high 14 rebounds. Clint Chapman did a super job of running the offense in place of Aaron. Also playing big in this game was fellow senior J'Ryan Gicklhorn, as he scored 9 points but grabbed several big rebounds. The Coyotes outscored the Dragons 18 to 13 in the 3rd quarter, and actually outscored the dragons 31 to 29 in the second half. But, as we stated earlier, the opening quarter was just too much for the Coyotes to overcome. As a result, the coyotes came out on the short end of a 76 to 57 score.

Playing in their final game as a Coyote was seniors, Trey Soto, Andrew Lamming who scored 2 points, J'Ryan Gicklhorn who scored 9 points, all-district recipient Aaron Pigford 8 points, and district 12-A most-valuable - player Austin Tarleton with

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Local Angus Breeder Recognized Nationally in Pathfinder Report

Canon Ranch, Gail, Texas, has been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having 6 registered Angus Cows included in the Association's 2006 Pathfinder Report.

Only 2,187 of the more than 34,000 American Angus Association members are represented in this year's report, according to John Crouch, executive vice president of the Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production.

These traits include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights, reports Bill Bowman, association director of performance programs. More than 1,495,360 eligible dams were examined to determine Pathfinder status. All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the Pathfinder Report that is published annually by the Association.

The 2006 Pathfinder Report lists 9,321 individual cows and 258 Pathfinder sires. It is published in the April issue of the *Angus Journal*, and copies are available from the

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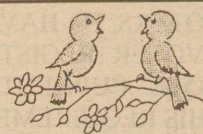
EARLY VOTING

Early Voting for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 7th, will continue through March 3rd, 2006 in the Clerks Office at the Borden County Courthouse. 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.

Note: The Election Laws require voters to have a current Driver's License or a Voter Registration Card to be eligible to vote. Current law allows no exceptions to this requirement.

Spring Break

March 6th - 10th



Classes will resume on Monday, March 13th

**Borden County I.S.D.
Regular Board Meeting
February 20, 2006**

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room.

Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis and Mike Valentine. Principal Bart McMeans, Superintendent Jimmy Thomas, and Bric Turner were also present.

Dennis Poole was absent.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2006, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the February 2006 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the Senior Trip for the Class of 2006 to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to set the time of the March 20, 2006 school board meeting for 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to call a Board of Trustee Election for May 13, 2006, due to the fact that the current terms of Joel Dennis and Mike Valentine will be up for election. The motion carried unanimously.

It was reported that board training requirements were met as follows: John Anderson completed 0 of 6 required hours, Joel Dennis completed 2 of 6 required hours, Joe Harding completed 6 of 6 required hours, Randy Hensley completed 2 of 6 required hours, Carol Lewis completed 20 of 20 required hours, Dennis Poole completed 0 of 6 required hours, and Mike Valentine completed 0 of 6 required hours of training.

8. A motion was made by Mike

Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to appoint Mrs. Joan Marshall as absentee voting clerk. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve a Resolution pertaining to Section 61.012 of the Texas Election Code relating to providing one accessible voting system in each polling place on or after January 1, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to amend the 2005-2006 Borden County I.S.D. Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the 2005-2006 Borden County I.S.D. District Improvement Plan as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve an Emergency Operations Plan as submitted for the Borden County I.S.D. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the Borden County I.S.D. Wellness and Health Services Policy as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to issue a new contract and increase the Bi-County Special Education Cooperative Speech Therapist's salary due to completion of testing and education requirements as recommended by the Bi-County Special Education Cooperative Board of Management. The motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the Bi-County Services Arrangement Records Management Policy as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to extend the contract of Mr. Bart McMeans through June 30, 2008, and increase his salary by \$1,320.

Making the Grade -

4th Six-Weeks

Beta Achievement

Senior: None; **Junior:** John Cowart and Becky Dobyns; **Sophomore:** Rachel Wilson; **Freshman:** Katherine Froman, Carlos Hernandez and Krystal Hobson **Eighth Grade:** Rachael Payne, and Lacey Roberts; **Seventh Grade:** Bailey Anderson; and Taylor Richey; **Sixth Grade:** Austin Fields Blake Turner and Austin Tyler.

4th Six-Weeks

Honor Roll

Senior: Whitney Anderson;

The motion carried unanimously.

17. Jimmy Thomas gave a year to date financial report, a personnel report, and reported that 151 students were currently enrolled in the Borden County School. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

18. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Mike Valentine to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Junior: Clint Chapman, and Christina Soto; **Sophomore:** Sharelle Gass, Chelsea Minnick, Shelby Roberts and Kate Wallace; **Freshman:** None **Eighth Grade:** Karl Lamming, D'Nae Johnson, Brendan Taretton and Raylea Underwood; **Seventh Grade:** Kimberly Halkowitz and Krista Tarleton; **Sixth Grade:** Stefanie Cooley;

Fifth Grade: Kayla Darbyshire, Celina Guerrero, Jacob McAuley, 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:** Frank Banman, Blaise Freeman, Nathan Ham, Mackenzie Herring, Sean Tucker and Cayden Vaughn.

Second Grade: Rhaeden Bland, Thomas Harrison, Colby Pennell, Samuel Raborn, Tatum Richey, Flint Roberts and Merik Valentine

BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION INFORMATION

The trustee election for the Borden County Independent School District will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2006. Two positions will be filled in this election for three-year terms. Interested candidates may obtain an application for a place on the ballot in the central office of the Borden County ISD. Other important school board election information is as follows:

- ^ 3/13/06 - Last day to file for place on ballot
- ^ 3/14/06 - First day to apply for ballot by mail
- ^ 3/20/06 - 5:00 p.m. deadline for filing a write-in declaration
- ^ 4/13/06 - Last day to register to vote for trustee election
- ^ 5/1/06 - First day of early voting by personal appearance
- ^ 5/5/06 - Last day to apply for ballot by mail
- ^ 5/9/06 - Last day of early voting by personal appearance
- ^ 5/13/06 - Election Day (Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT ELECTION LAWS REQUIRE VOTERS TO HAVE A CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE OR AVOTER REGISTRATION CARD TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. CURRENT LAW ALLOWS NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

Let Me Get My Hat

by Dennis Poole,
Borden Co. CEA-Ag.

San Angelo Stock Show Results

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

Steers:

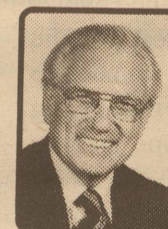
Kalli Poole - 1st Place
HW American and Breed Champion
Shelby Roberts - 1st Place
MW British and Reserve Breed Champion
Lacey Roberts - 5th Place
HW European
Kalli Poole - 10th Place
2nd Class European

Barrows:

Kalli Poole - 10th Place
HW Black OPB

Miles Valentine also exhibited a barrow.

Congratulations to all these exhibitors!



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Lady Coyotes Play Softball in Loraine Post's JV in Softball

By Coach Avery

Last Tuesday the Lady Coyote softball team met the Post Lady Antelope team in an early match before the Coyote basketball team played their Bi-District basketball game with Paducah. We agreed to play at 3:30 and end the game at 5:00 so the Lady Coyotes could be on their way to the play off game. The Lady Coyotes held their own for the first two innings scoring 7 runs and holding their opponent to 10 runs. In the third inning the Lady Coyote defense struggled and allowed 7 runs before time expired and we had to be leaving for the game.

There was much improvement in the three innings that were played. Christina Soto had a base hit in our first Lady Coyote at bat. She ended up scoring the first run of the game. She walked the next two times at bat.

Sharelle Gass walked twice, scored two runs and grounded out.

Sarah Harding hit two singles, scored a run and took a walk to first base.

Dannelle Copeland grounded out three times but had three RBI's.

Whitney Anderson struck out once, had a base hit and eventually scored.

Katherine Froman walked once and grounded out once.

Pathfinder Report

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Association. The reports appear on the Web site at www.angus.org. The largest number of Pathfinder cows from a single herd this year is 68. Started in 1978, the Pathfinder Program continues to recognize outstanding breeders participating in the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) Program.

Lacey Newton stuck out once and had a base hit.

Brandi Hudson hit a triple and scored once.

Chellsie Minnick flied out and Laura Griffin grounded out.

Shelby Roberts was absent for this weeks game.

These girls are improving every week and they are still enjoying the game. Once we become more consistent in our positions and with our batting then we might be able to actually beat someone. Keep working and play hard.

Season Comes to an End

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10 points. These 5 seniors are only the 2nd class in the last 50 years to come through 4 years of basketball with 4 consecutive winning seasons. They were also a part of two 20 win teams. Their 4-year record was 75 wins and 53 losses. Congratulations guys on an outstanding career.

Also playing and contributing in this contest was Michael Bullinger with a huge 3-pt play to end the 3rd quarter and some very solid defense. This sophomore has a chance to be very good. Another Sophomore that has a chance to make a huge mark on Borden basketball is Matthew Tatum as he scored 16 points against a very good team. Clint Chapman added 2 points, but handled the offense well and looks primed to take over that roll for next year. Asa Rutherford added 2 points and got some very valuable experience. Jacob Froman, the winner of the new-comer-of-the-year award in district finished with 5 points but looks to be a real threat from inside and out next year. Quentin Shafer, Symeron Rinehart, and Carlos Hernandez also all got some very valuable experience

during this play-off prep and also in this contest. Next year looks like a solid season and we have a great group of seniors for laying the foundation for the success we hope to have in the future. Congratulations to all of you coyote players on a tremendous season.

By Coach Avery

The Borden County girls softball team traveled to Loraine Monday and was defeated by the Lady Bulldogs 15 to 0, the game was called in the fourth inning via the 15 point rule. Even with the loss you can see improvement on the part of these Ladies. Four innings is still not enough for these girls to improve on their game. Despite the score I wish we could have continued because you could tell our girls were starting to relax out there and play better.

Christina Soto was the only pitcher used for the Lady Coyotes and she struck out 3 batters. There were four hits

made by the Lady Coyotes: Jodye Rutherford, Sarah Hardin and Brandi Hudson hit a single, and Laura Griffin hit a double.

Defensively the Lady Coyotes gave up 5 runs in the first inning, no runs in the second inning, 5 runs in the third inning and 5 runs in the fourth inning. Sharelle Gass

was the short stop, Harding played first, Dannelle Copeland and Griffin played in right field, Chelsea Minnick and Shelby Roberts played center field, Rutherford and Hudson played in right field, Whitney Anderson played second base, Lacey Newton was the catcher, and Katherine Froman was on third base.

2006 Lady Coyotes Softball Schedule

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------|------|
| February 14 th | Post | There | 5:00 |
| February 21 st | Post | There | 5:00 |
| February 27 th | Loraine | Snyder | 5:00 |
| March 14 th | OPEN | | |
| March 20 th | Forsan JV | There | 5:00 |
| April 4 th | Forsan | There | 5:00 |
| April 7 th | Anson | There | 5:00 |

2006 Coyote Baseball Schedule

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

All games are tentative due to conflicts

2006 Track Schedule JH & HS

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



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The people of India speak 14 major languages and 1,000 minor dialects. Two major languages belong to two language families—Indo-European and Dravidian.

--Randy's Roundup--

Port Security Deal Raises Red Flags

Like most of you, I was surprised to learn that a state-owned company based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was approved to manage a number of terminals at several U.S. ports. Port management entails unloading cargo containers and then holding the containers until they are hauled out by trucks. The U.S. government would remain in charge of security at the ports and the vast majority of port workers would be U.S. citizens.

President Bush has announced that there is now going to be a 45-day investigation of the deal. This is a good decision, and I also welcome further Congressional hearings that will help determine if this is good deal for national security. In fact, one of those hearings will be held by the Financial Services Committee, a committee of which I am a member. As I prepare for this hearing, I will take the following items into consideration.

President Bush has a track record of making the right decisions when it comes to national security. So the fact that he is defending this sale should not be overlooked. The UAE has also been a strong ally in the War on Terror. It has sent soldiers to fight along American troops in Afghanistan and has been instrumental in "freezing"

financial assets of terrorist organizations. And the UAE has contributed \$100 million in humanitarian assistance to help Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. Furthermore, because the business records will be kept in the UAE, our intelligence community will be able to access these records, which means that we can look into the backgrounds of the company's employees on demand.

However, I have some serious concerns with this deal. I am still worried by the UAE's previous ties to terrorism. I am also troubled by the fact that the UAE has not officially recognized Israel's right to exist as a free and independent country. Yes, the UAE has shown improvement in recent years, but in the post-September 11 world in which we live, there is very little room for error.

So we must ask ourselves the following question: Do we want to take this chance? I think the congressional hearings will help educate members of Congress as well as the nation so that we can answer this question knowing all the relevant facts. In the end, this will come down to the effect this deal will have on U.S. security in the future, not what the UAE has done in the past. That is what I will be paying attention to during the hearings, and as I make my final decision,

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Important Deadlines

There are several important deadlines that folks should mark on their calendars. March 13 is the final day for those who experienced losses due to recent wildfires to sign up for individual FEMA

assistance. Victims can register by applying online at www.fema.gov or by calling FEMA toll free at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585. Also, farmers and ranchers in Callahan and Eastland counties can sign up

for Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) assistance from March 1 through April 28. ECP is a cost-share program to help restore fences and rehabilitate farmland damaged by fires.

--Randy

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Jim Landtroop is a 5th generation Texan and a conservative Republican. He led the traditional marriage campaign in his county to change the state constitution to define marriage as between one man and one woman. The Landtroop family helped start Plainview Bible Church, where Jim serves on the leadership team. He and his wife Cathy have three children: Braden, Kenneth, and Lauren Grace.

Committed to Education

Jim will oppose any efforts by Austin-based education bureaucrats to force a "one size fits all" solution on West Texas schools. For example, Jim opposes vouchers for our district. As a product of public education, Jim will fight to ensure that West Texas schools - and our teachers - have the resources they need to educate our kids.



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2005-2006 District 8-A All-District Selections

Boys

Most Valuable Player

Austin Tartleton Senior Borden County

Offensive Player Of The Year

Justin Tubb Sophomore Grady

Defensive Player Of The Year

Taylor Niehues Junior Garden City

New Comer Of The Year

Jacob Froman Junior Borden County

All-District Selections

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|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Cory Multer | Senior | Garden City |
| Santos Ybarra | Senior | Sands |
| Aaron Pigford | Senior | Borden County |
| Shaun Maxie | Senior | Garden City |
| Alex Halfmann | Junior | Garden City |
| Cevan Smithson | Senior | Sands |
| Evan Jansa | Junior | Garden City |
| Dustin Rivas | Senior | Dawson |
| Josh Pugh | Junior | Grady |
| Clemente Gomez | Junior | Sands |
| Garrett Nichols | Junior | Sands |

Honorable-Mention All-District Selections

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| J'Ryan Gicklhorn | Senior | Borden County |
| Matthew Tatum | Sophomore | Borden County |
| Kenneth Peacock | Junior | Sands |
| Drew Hunt | Junior | Dawson |
| Brendan Murphy | Junior | Dawson |
| Mike Slaughter | Junior | Dawson |
| Sterling Scott | Junior | Klondike |
| Tommy Lee Rivas | Sophomore | Grady |
| Jonathan Tunnell | Junior | Grady |
| Clay Mitchell | Junior | Grady |

All-Star Selections - 1st two will play in Six-man All-Star game

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|--|----------------------|
| *Austin Tarleton | Borden City |
| *Shaun Maxie | Garden City |
| 1 st Alt. - Santos Ybarra | Sands |
| 2nd Alt. - Aaron Pigford | Borden County |
| 3 rd Alt. - Cevan Smithson | Sands |
| 4 th Alt. - Dustin Rivas | Dawson |

Girls

Most Valuable Player

Erin Hirt Junior Garden City

Offensive Player Of The Year

Mackenzie Gregory Senior Klondike

Defensive Player Of The Year

K'Lan Niehues Junior Garden City

New Comer Of The Year

Brittni Blagrove Freshman Sands

All-District Selections

| | | |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Lauren Plagens | Junior | Garden City |
| Jordan Gregory | Sophomore | Klondike |
| Sara Meadows | Senior | Dawson |
| Dannon Ramey | Junior | Sands |
| Crystal Ybarra | Sophomore | Sands |

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| Kelsi Howard | Junior | Grady |
| M'Laci Webb | Sophomore | Klondike |
| Kandance Schuelke | Sophomore | Grady |
| Kenzi Madison | Sophomore | Grady |
| Lyza Lopez | Sophomore | Garden |

Honorable Mention All-District- Whitney Anderson, SR. BC, Baylee Benavidez, FR. BC

All-Star Selections - 1st two will play in Six-man All-Star game

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| *Mackenzie Gregory | Klondike |
| *Sara Meadows | Dawson |
| 1 st Alt. - Kenzi Miller | Klondike |
| 2 nd Alt. - Taylor Woolfolk | Grady |
| 3 rd Alt. - Tracy Eggemeyer | Garden City |
| 4 th Alt. - Naomi Salinas | Dawson |
| 5th Alt. - Whitney Anderson | Borden County |
| 6 th Alt. - Ruby Perez | Klondike |
| 7 th Alt. - Brittni Drennan | Dawson |

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.



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 7th, 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.

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Jane Jones

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Have Podium, Will Travel

I really get excited when I'm asked to make a speech somewhere. Within a 5 week period from mid-January to mid-February I spoke in McCamey, Dayton, Burkburnett, Stonewall, Brenham and Fort Stockton. I've never had so many speeches this early in the year. In March I speak in Rankin, Colorado City, Midland, Sweetwater and Big Lake. Speaking is so much fun! I love to look at the audience and see all those smiles.

Finding out some background on the communities where I speak is fascinating. McCamey used to have rattlesnake races. Somebody drew a big circle, put a bunch of snakes in the middle of it and the first one out of the circle was the winner.

McCamey was founded as an oil field town. It's named for the wildcatter who hit pay dirt in 1925. Now the sound of pump jacks is joined by the soft pulsating whirr of wind turbines on nearby Mesas, earning McCamey the title of wind energy capital of Texas.

Dayton is on the coastal plains, where the marshland meets the tall trees and water, wildlife and woods combine to show off nature at its best, offering a paradise to people who love the outdoors.

Residents of Burkburnett call their city Burk. It is named for Burk Burnett, the owner of the 4-6's Ranch, which had its first headquarters just outside of town. In 1918, Burkburnett had one of the biggest oil booms in Texas.

Of all the oil booms before and after the one at Burkburnett, this was the one to be documented and made legendary by Hollywood. The boom at Burk was the inspiration for the movie BOOM TOWN, starring two of the biggest stars to ever appear on the screen: Spencer Tracy and Clark Gable.

When I spoke at the Stonewall Chamber banquet, we stayed on a ranch just outside of town. At the banquet, people told me about The Cave Creek Church, which we would pass on the way back to the ranch. They said during the Christmas Holidays it was outlined in white lights. As we neared the entrance to the ranch after the banquet, we saw that someone had turned on the church lights just for us. On a small highway in the dark of night to see the church all lighted up was some sight.

Brenham is special because it's the home of Bluebell ice cream. It's near Washington

(NAPS)—It's Monday night and dinnertime again. You think to yourself, "How am I going to make a meal that the whole family will eat—even the kids?" You want everyone to eat together. You want the kids to eat a healthy meal. You want to make something easy for you.

Do you think that onions could be the solution to your mealtime dilemmas? Well, they are. Not just any onions, but sweet onions—and the sweetest of all is OSO Sweet, the winter sweet onion.

Sweet onions are healthy, easy to cook with and sweet enough for the pickiest little eaters in your family. They contain fiber, calcium, iron, several B vitamins and more vitamin C than apples. They are rich in flavonoids, antioxidant compounds that have been shown to decrease tumor formation, heal stomach ulcers and inhibit proliferation of cultured ovarian, breast and colon cancers. The main flavonoid in onions is quercetin, which remains potent even after cooking.

There's also good news for keeping kids healthy: Onions have been shown to possess antibacterial and antifungal properties that can protect against oral bacteria and possibly cavities. If your child has asthma, consider this: quercetin's antihistamine effects appear to inhibit asthmatic response.

Unlike regular onions, sweet onions have low levels of pyruvic acid, responsible for onion's harshness (and the cook's crying), and a super-high sugar content. The result is an onion that is mild, sweet and perfect for every purpose. You can serve them raw on burgers, in salsa and so many salads without overpowering the other flavors. When cooked, they provide richness to soups and stews and add a tasty touch of sweetness.

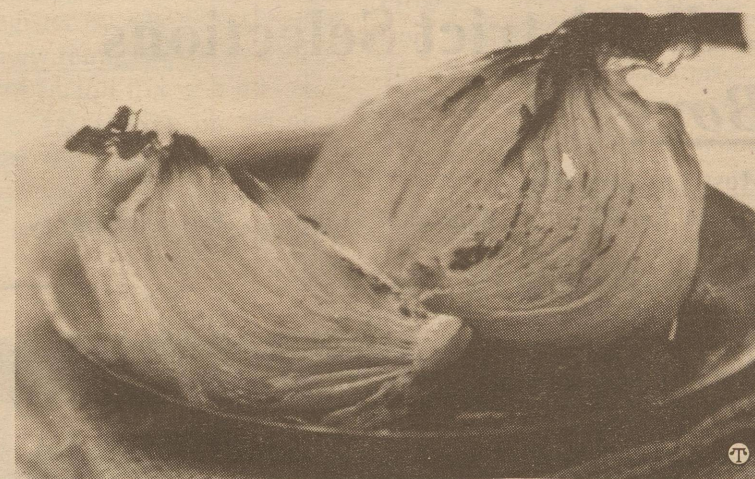
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on the Brazos, the place where Texas was created. Every Texan should visit Washington County.

At Fort Stockton you can look at the horizon and sense the history of Indians, soldiers, bubbling water and wagon trains. The view is spectacular and the sky is a perfect blue.

Touring Texas, especially with a podium, is extremely rewarding.

Picky Kids Pick Sweet Onions



Although there is no official industry standard, it is generally accepted that an onion should con-

tain at least 6 percent sugar to be in the "sweet" category. OSO Sweet onions have shown the highest recorded sugar content at 12 percent, beating out the other sweet onions. In fact, they usually contain 50 percent more sugar than Vidalias.

OSO sweets are available from January to March, which makes them an ideal winter vegetable that the entire family can enjoy together. Togetherness is what makes family meals enjoyable. But it is important, too. According to a 2000 White House Council of Economic Advisors' report, teenagers who had dinner with their parents are far more likely to avoid smoking, drinking, violence, suicide and drugs. It is never too early to start getting everyone to sit down together.

That togetherness can begin in the kitchen. Cornell University research has shown that children who have had opportunities to prepare nutritious foods will be more likely to eat those healthy meals. So get your children to help out making the family meal.

This recipe for Roasted Balsamic Brown Sugar Onions is ideal for getting them involved. You cut the onions and place them

in the dish and have the kids help by sprinkling on the remaining ingredients. They will be so proud of their accomplishment in the kitchen and will gobble it up at the table.

Roasted Balsamic Brown Sugar Onions

Makes 6 servings

3 OSO sweet onions
¼ cup butter, melted
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
3 tablespoons brown sugar
Salt and ground black pepper

Heat oven to 375°F. Cut the onion in quarters or halves through the stem end, keeping the stem intact. Remove brown outer layers of peel.

Place the onions in a 13 x 9 inch glass baking dish with ¼ cup water and drizzle with butter and balsamic vinegar. Sprinkle with brown sugar, salt and pepper.

Bake, covered with foil, for 30 minutes, then uncover and roast, basting occasionally until tender and golden, about 30 to 45 minutes longer.

For more sweet onion information and tasty recipes for the whole family, visit SweetOnionSource.com.

I want your vote March 7 in the Democratic Primary.



Joe Heflin

for State Representative
District 85

Pd. Pol. Adv. By Joe Heflin Campaign, Gary Hardin, Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Election held on March 7th, 2006 will be tested on March 3rd, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. at the Borden County Courthouse to ascertain that it will accurately count the vote's cast for all offices.

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion que se llevara a cabo el 7 de Marzo de 2006 se probara el 3 De Marzo a las 2:00 P.M. en Casa de la Corte del Condado de Borden para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales.

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“Silvers Want Older Americans Act Reauthorized”

The National Silver Haired Congress recently concluded its 9th Annual Session in Alexandria, VA

The NSHC is a non-partisan, non-profit grassroots advocacy organization composed of Silver Senators and Silver Representatives 60 years and older who represent their state or Congressional District. The group was established by the U. S. Congress in 1994. Attending from this area was Pat J. Porter, Silver Representative, who was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of NSHC. She has been

attending for 6 years and has served as Vice Chair of several committees in the past.

Silver Senator Homer Lear of San Antonio, TX, outgoing Chairman of the National Silver Haired Congress, announced the "Top Five" priorities which resulted from a committee process that involved an in-depth screening, modification, and ranking of 70 resolutions by the entire body.

The Number One resolution for the NSHC is the "Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act." This act,

originally created in 1965, provides a framework for government and the private sector to partner in the common goal of improving the independence and quality of life for all older Americans. The resolution recommends a substantial increase in funding to provide for adequately serving an estimated 17% increase in the aging population. About 78 million "boomers" started turning 60 this year and will impact all systems and programs for seniors.

The second most important issue involved the new Part D Medicare Prescription Drug Program. The many choices and multiplicity of plans available through many

private agencies are confusing and complex. Many seniors are unable to make intelligent decisions they are comfortable with and should be given additional time to understand their choices. Right now anyone postponing a decision beyond May 15, 2006 will suffer a 1% per month penalty. The resolution recommends that Medicare recipients, who have not joined a drug plan by May 15, may enter a plan by December 31, 2006, without penalty.

Over 30 resolutions on many critical issues for America's seniors were approved. Recommendations to include dental care in

Medicare, establishing a national background registry for health caregivers, and initiating action on priority issues in the 2005 White House Conference on Aging proposals rounded out the NSHC's top five which will be presented to Congress and the President.

Copies of the "Top Five" resolutions will be presented to the U. S. Congress and the President as recommendations for legislation or policy changes to address key senior issues.

For more information, please contact Pat J. Porter, 432 399-4456 or email pjporter@crc.com.net

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| <h1>March 2006</h1> | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 State TFA Debate @ Pharr | 2 JH Track @ O'Donnell State TFA Debate @ Pharr | 3 Early Dismissal 12:30 Deadline for April 8 th ACT Registration Baseball vs. Anson JV There 5:00 State TFA Debate @ Pharr | 4 HS Track @ O'Donnell State TFA Debate @ Pharr |
| 5 | 6 Spring Break Houston Stock Show | 7 Spring Break Houston Stock Show | 8 Spring Break Houston Stock Show | 9 Spring Break Houston Stock Show | 10 Spring Break Houston Stock Show | 11 Houston Stock Show |
| 12 Houston Stock Show | 13 State UIL Cross-X Debate Houston Stock Show | 14 Baseball vs. Midland Greenwood JV TBA State UIL Cross-X Debate Houston Stock Show | 15 JH & HS 4-H 12:35-1:05 @ Conference Room Houston Stock Show | 16 JH Track @ BC Houston Stock Show | 17 PROGRESS REPORTS HS Track @ BC Houston Stock Show | 18 OAP Work Day OAP Community Performance @ 6:30 |
| 19 | 20 Baseball vs. Anson JV There 5:00 Softball vs. Forsan JV There 5:00 | 21 Zone OAP Contest @ BC JH Track @ Highland | 22 | 23 FFA-CDE Tarleton | 24 HS Track @ Highland SPCHEA Tennis @ SPC Levelland | 25 SPCHEA Tennis @ SPC Levelland |
| 26 | 27 District OAP Contest @ Grady Teacher Self-Report Parts 2 & 3 due | 28 District UIL Academic Meet (General events) @ BC | 29 | 30 District UIL Academic Meet (Speech events) @ BC FFA-CDE TTU Invitational | 31 HS Track @ Dawson Tennis @ Garden City FFA-CDE Canyon | 1 Tennis @ Garden City JH/JV District Track @ Grady FFA-CDE Clarendon |

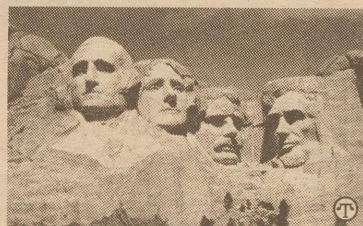
Recognizing The Faces Of History

(NAPS)—Think quickly. Who's on Mount Rushmore? If you can't answer, you've got plenty of company. Research reveals 87 percent of Americans can't name all four U.S. presidents featured on the national memorial.

In addition, a recent telephone survey questioning more than 1,000 respondents, discovered that almost one-third of those surveyed did not know there are four presidents—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt—featured on the mountain.

However, if given an option, people surveyed said they knew who they'd like to see on Rushmore. Twenty-two percent chose John F. Kennedy Jr., followed by Ronald Reagan (21 percent) and Franklin Roosevelt (15 percent). Don't plan on seeing any of these new faces anytime soon though—the national monument will never add another president, due to an agreement with the family of Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

While worrying if people can name the presidents on Mount Rushmore may seem like making a mountain out of a molehill, educators say it does point to a larger problem. Many students are not learning American his-



A new essay contest gives students the chance to come face-to-face with history.

tory or lessons about the country's founding fathers. The "Jeep Commander in History" essay contest may help change that. The educational program rewards children for learning about American history and the commanders in chief.

"With this survey, we identified the need to promote civics and national history education," said Jeff Bell, vice president, Jeep, the company that sponsored the study. "We think this initiative is a good opportunity to reach the younger generation and instill an interest in our nation's past."

The contest is open to seventh graders, an age when American history is a central part of the curriculum. Students are invited to submit a 350-word essay with their thoughts on the following two subjects:

- Choose one of the Mount Rushmore presidents and explain what you feel was his most important contribution to the history of the United States.

- What advice would you give the current president and future commanders in history that would support America's ideals of freedom?

Student essays can be submitted by parents, guardians or teachers

at www.JeepCommanderInHistory.com or by mail. Essays must either be postmarked or submitted online by Friday, Feb. 3, 2006.

The grand-prize winner will be announced on Monday, March 6, 2006, one day after the bill was signed in 1925 granting permission for Mount Rushmore to be carved. The author of the grand-prize-winning entry will be awarded a family vacation for up to seven people to visit Mount

Rushmore National Memorial in celebration of the monument and the Jeep brand's 65th anniversary.

The contest coincides with the launch of the 2006 Jeep Commander—the first seven-passenger 4x4 that is Jeep Trail Rated, and the only SUV in its class to offer a choice of two V-8 engines.

More information on the survey and contest can be found at the Web site www.JeepCommanderInHistory.com.

Apricot Chipotle Fusion



Apricot and Chipotle Sauce can add a tangy flavor to most any meal.

(NAPS)—If you're looking for a way to spice up your next get together, add a little Apricot Chipotle Sauce to the menu.

Try using the zingy, flavorful sauce to baste pork kebabs or add a southwestern flavor to rotisserie chicken. It's easy to make and stays fresh in your refrigerator up to three weeks. Plan ahead by freezing part of the recipe in Ball plastic or wide-mouth freezer jars to add flair to your cooking.

Apricot and Chipotle Sauce

5 cups ½-inch chopped, pitted apricots (about 14 medium)
2 cups water, divided
4 dried chipotle chilies
¼ cup finely chopped onion (about ¼ medium)
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cumin
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon coarsely ground white peppercorns

1½ cups white wine vinegar, 5% acidity

Cook apricots in 1 cup of water until apricots are tender. Puree apricot mixture in a food processor; set aside.

Remove stems from chipotle chilies. Bring remaining 1 cup of water to a boil; remove from heat. Place chilies in hot water, cover and allow chilies to steep for 15 minutes. Puree chili mixture.

Combine apricot puree and chili puree in a large saucepot. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cook sauce over medium-high heat 15 minutes, stirring to prevent sticking. Use immediately or cool sauce then ladle into Ball freezer jars and freeze. Yield: about six half-pint jars.

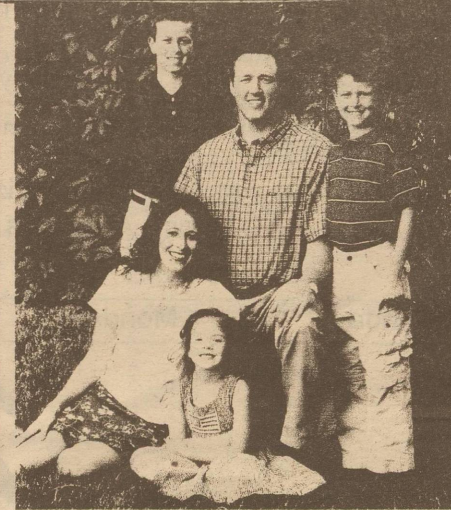
Note: When handling hot peppers, wear rubber gloves to prevent hands from being burned.

Visit www.homecanning.com for other entertaining and recipe ideas.

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Committed to our Values

Jim Landtroop is a 5th generation Texan and a conservative Republican. He led the traditional marriage campaign in his county to change the state constitution to define marriage as between one man and one woman. The Landtroop family helped start Plainview Bible Church, where Jim serves on the leadership team. He and his wife Cathy have three children: Braden, Kenneth, and Lauren Grace.



Committed to Education

Jim will oppose any efforts by Austin-based education bureaucrats to force a "one size fits all" solution on West Texas schools. For example, Jim opposes vouchers for our district. As a product of public education, Jim will fight to ensure that West Texas schools – and our teachers – have the resources they need to educate our kids.

"A good leader understands and embraces the responsibilities of leadership. Jim Landtroop is that kind of leader. I am confident that the 85th District will be in good hands with Jim in office. I gladly give my support to Jim Landtroop."

– Bryan Bishop, Plainview Farmer

Jim Landtroop Supports:

- ✓ Ensuring first-rate public schools for West Texas
- ✓ A strong agriculture and oil and gas industry
- ✓ A pro-business environment to bring jobs to West Texas; fighting frivolous lawsuits
- ✓ Standing firm for prayer in schools, the sanctity of life, and traditional marriage
- ✓ More local control
- ✓ Protection of water and property rights
- ✓ Cracking down on illegal immigration and securing our border with Mexico
- ✓ The right to keep and bear arms

"I'm supporting Jim Landtroop because when it comes to education, he believes that government should be maintained at the local level and that is very important to small, rural towns. Jim's strong conservative beliefs reflect those of the district and will help him make the right decisions regarding education and other matters for the constituents."

– Mark Noland, Reagan County ISD School Board President

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- Supported by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association



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