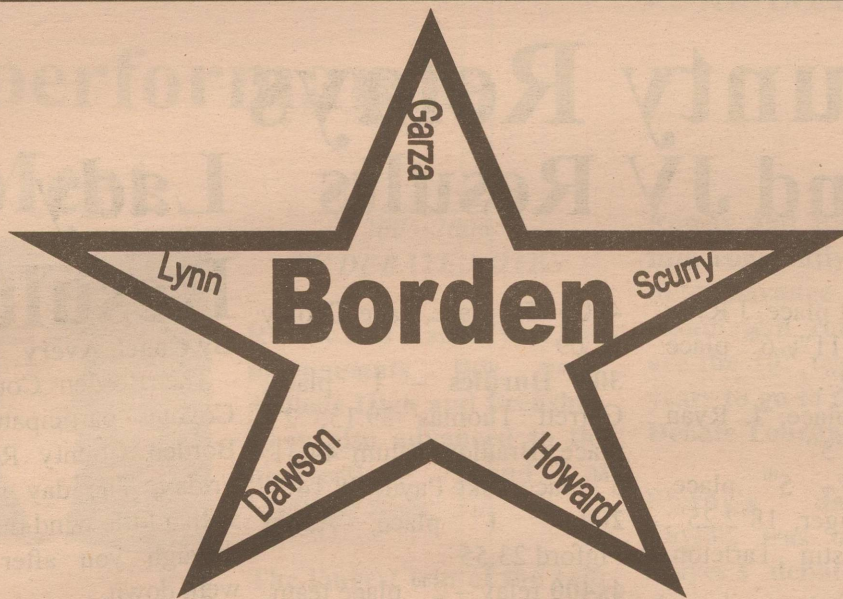


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Clary, Wilson Continue BHS Debate Tradition with Silver Medal Performance at UIL State Meet

Tenth Team to Advance in Past Twenty Years

Depending on point of view, second place is either something a team or person wins or something a team or person ends up with after falling to the champion.

Perhaps there is some truth to both scenarios. Still, when the scenario involves a state championship, it is a more accurate statement to say second place is a medal-winning performance.

Borden High School's Cross-Examination debate team—Rowdy Clary and Rachel Wilson—are disappointed after falling to Thorndale in last week's State UIL Debate meet in the final round.

Chances are years from now they will be able to realize that the silver medals that were draped around their necks by UIL Speech Director Jana Riggins will always rank as a significant achievement in their young lives.

It was an achievement on all levels because the two started off in unfamiliar territory: losing their first debate.

On Monday, March 13, preliminary rounds began on

the University of Texas campus. Rowdy and Rachel lost their first debate to Whitharral. The loss meant that the Borden High School duo would have to win out—the next three debates had to go their way or they would not advance to Tuesday's elimination rounds.

Win they did, against Medina, Sulphur Springs North Hopkins, and Adrian. The 3-1 record along with high speaker points moved Rowdy and Rachel to the octofinals scheduled for Tuesday.

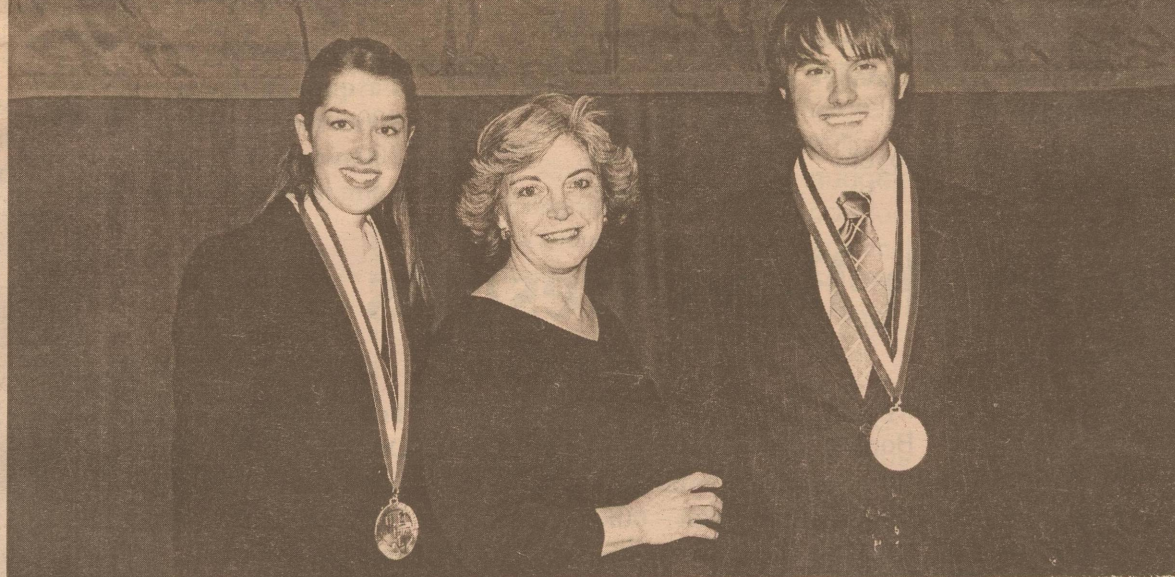
While Monday's rounds were judged by a single person, Tuesday's format is to have a panel of three listen to the debate and determine the winner.

In the Sweet Sixteen match-up, BHS faced Lindsay and won a 2-1 decision, going negative.

Next up in the quarterfinals was a team that Rachel and her brother John defeated in last year's final, Haskell. Going affirmative, BHS won this time in a split 2-1 decision.

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U. I. L. EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE THROUGH COMPETITION



State Runner-Up With Silver Medals: Rachel Wilson, Sue Jane Mayes and Rowdy Clary at State UIL Meet in Austin.

Opal Advances To District

BHS OAP To Perform on Monday

The Borden County High School One-Act Play production of Robert Nassif Lindsey's *Opal* advanced to the District Contest following the announcement of results from the District 9-A, Zone 1 Contest late Tuesday night.

Individual All-Star Cast honors went to sophomore Rachel Wilson ("Opal"), junior Kalli Poole

("The Mamma"), and junior Becky Dobyms ("The Girl That Has No Seeing").

Named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast was senior Garrett Thomas ("The Man That Wears Grey Neckties").

Senior Trey Soto, who serves as the Light Technician for the production, was named as the

Outstanding Crew Member.

The District 9-A contest will be held on Monday, March 27th, 2006, at Grady High School in Lenorah.

Schedules for the contest were not finalized by press time, but due to an earlier draw for play

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Borden County Relays Boys Varsity and JV Results

By Coach Richey

Last Friday, March 17th, the Borden County hosted the Borden County Relays in Gail. The weather was cold, but that didn't stop the Coyotes from stepping up to the challenge and coming away out scoring the visiting teams. The Coyotes had 162 total team points taking 1st place. Following them in 2nd place was Robert Lee with 100 points, 3rd place New Home with 81 points, 4th place Grady with 71 points, 5th place Midland Trinity 48 points, 6th place (tie) O'Donnell and Westbrook with 34 points each, 8th place Guthrie with 27 points, 9th place Wellman-Union with 23 points, 10th place Lubbock Trinity 9 points, 11th place (tie) Benjamin and Water Valley 8 points each, 13th place (tie) Loraine and Aspermont with 4 points each and 15th place Fort Davis with 0.5 points.

The individual Coyote results are as follows:

Shot Put - 1st place, J Ryan Gicklhorn, 43'11"; 6th place Trey Soto, 36'2".

Discus - 4th place, J. Ryan Gicklhorn, 115'5"

Long jump - 5th place, Michael Bullinger, 18'2.25"; 6th place Austin Tarleton, 17'4.5".

Triple jump - 5th place, Austin Tarleton, 38'9.5"

High jump - 1st place, Aaron Pigford 5'10"; 3rd place, Austin Tarleton, 5'8".

Pole vault - 1st place, Bradley Tatum, 13'6"; 2nd place, Michael Bullinger 12'

4x100 m. relay - 1st place team: Michael Bullinger, Aaron Pigford, Bradley Tatum, Jake Payne, 45.38

800 - 5th place, Jake Cooley 2:20.07.

110 Hurdles - 1st place, Garrett Thomas, 14.65; 3rd place Bradley Tatum 16.31

100 - 1st place, Aaron Pigford 11.45

4x200 relay - 4th place team: Quentin Shafer, Jake Payne, Logan Howard, Michael Bullinger, 1:43.33

400 - 5th place, Jake Cooley 57.09

300 Hurdles - 1st place, Garrett Thomas 39.13; 2nd place, Bradley Tatum 44.31; 3rd place, Jake Payne 48.14

200 - 1st place, Aaron Pigford 23.55

4x400 relay - 2nd place team, Michael Bullinger, Jake Cooley, Miller Valentine, Garrett Thomas, 3:54.92.

The Junior Varsity also competed in the Borden County Relays: Their individual scores are as follows:

Tyrell Massingill - 3200 m run 1st place 13:18

1600 m. run 1st place 5:59

Zane Williamson Pole vault no height

High jump - 1st place 5'0"

Shot put - 3rd place 30'5"

300 IH - 3rd place 51.5

110 HH - 3rd place 21.1

Pasqual Espinoza:

400m run - 1st place 65.5

200m run - 6th place 28.8

Long jump - 7th place 14'7"

Jr. High Boys Results

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Jr. High hosted the Borden County Jr. High Relays on Thursday. The weather was really nice and the Coyote Pups competed well. Below is individual results in this meet:

Michael Cooley:

High jump - 1st 5'4"

Pole vault - 2nd 8'0"

Long jump - 1st 16'.5"

400 relay - 1st 51.46

110 IH - 1st 21.23

Flynn Chapman:

200 - 1st 27.07

Shot put - 1st 36'8"

400 relay - 1st 51.46

800 relay - 2nd 1:52.03

Discus - 6th place 72'1"

John Hensley:

Triple jump - 5th 30'5"

Long jump - 2nd 14'11.5"

400 relay - 1st 51.46

800 relay - 2nd 1:52.03

100 meters - 1st 12.89

Eric Espinoza:

Pole vault - 6th 6'6"

400 relay - 1st 51.46

800 relay - 2nd 1:52.03

400 meters - 2nd 65.21

David Rodriguez:

Long jump 13'1 1/2"

2400m - 5th 10:13.93

800 relay - 2nd 1:52.03

1600 relay - 5th 4:56.27

Brendan Tarleton:

Triple jump 27'11"

2400m - 6th 10:23.59

High jump - 6th 4'10"

1600m 6:35.1

300 LH - 5th 58.63

Karl Lamming:

Triple jump 29'1 3/4"

Long jump 13'5 1/2"

800m 3:10

1600 relay - 5th 4:56.27

Tony Soto:

Discus - 3rd 80'11 1/2"

100 meters 14.47

1600 relay - 5th 4:56.27

Shot put - 5th 27'3"

Derek Tatum:

Pole vault - 4th 7'0"

100 meters 15.11

1600 relay - 5th 4:56.27

Drew Tyler:

100m 15.3

200 meters 33.44

400 meters 78.1

Michael Froman:

Shot put no mark

Discus no mark

200 meters 36.93

Miles Valentine:

High jump 4'4"

100 meters 14.2

400 meters 71.7

Lady Coyote Results

By Coach Avery

The Borden County Lady Coyotes participated in the Borden County Relays last Friday. The day was chilly with a little wind that bit right through you after the sun went down.

Sarah Harding ran the 400 m. dash in 73.56 and was 5th in the meet. Sarah also tried her hand in the pole vault but

did not clear opening height, 6'0".

Becky Dobyns ran the 100 m. hurdles in 21.51.

Christina Soto, Kate Wallace and Dannelle Copeland participated in the discus throw but did not place. Soto 7th in the shot with a toss of 25'1". Copeland was sixth in the shot with a put of 25'7".

Missy Coyote Results

By Coach Avery

The Borden County girls track team won the Borden County JH track meet last Thursday held in Gail by scoring 140 points, second was Whiteface who scored 110 points and third was Guthrie with 103 points. It was a beautiful evening for a track meet and the meet was over by 9:30 in the evening. There were 7 girls teams participating in the meet.

The Missy Coyotes won the 400 m. relay with a time of 57.51. Running on this relay was DNae Johnson, Taylor Richey, Olivia Key and Rachael Payne.

The 800 m. relay was fourth in the meet with a time of 2:11.18. Running on this relay was D'Nae Johnson, Shylo Rinehart, Chellsie Pigford and Marla Crenshaw.

The 1600 m. relay was third with a time of 5:07.58. Running on this relay was Marla Crenshaw, Lacey Roberts, Taylor Richey and Olivia Key.

Olivia Key was third in the triple jump with a distance of 27'9 1/2", she was second in the pole vault with a height of 6'0" and she won the 1600 m. run with a time of 6:34.97, a personal best for Olivia.

After winning the mile run she then ran the last leg of the mile relay.

Rachael Payne won the long jump with a leap of 13'6 1/2". She also won the triple jump with a distance of 28'8 1/2". Payne was just barely edged out of first to claim second in the 200 m. dash with a time of 31.06, and she was second in the 100 m. dash with a time of 14.89.

Taylor Richey won the discus event with a distance of 68'10 1/2". She also was 4th in the triple jump with a distance of 27'2 3/4", she was third in the 100 m. hurdles with a time of 20.91, and she did all this with scabs from her head to her toes after falling over a hurdle this week in practice. She showed a lot of guts by getting back on those hurdles again so quickly.

D'Nae Johnson was 5th in the high jump clearing 3'10" she long jumped a distance of 11'10 1/4" and she was third in the 100m. dash with a time of 15.07.

Marla Crenshaw was 4th in the shot put with a toss of 22'8" and she was 5th in the 800m. run with a time of 2:57.89.

Lacey Roberts was 4th in the high jump clearing 3'10" and she was 6th in the 800m. run with a time of 3:00.92.

Shylo Rinehart was 6th in the 200 m. dash with a time of 33.42.

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Silver Medal performance at UIL State Meet

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That set up a semi-final showdown with Farwell. Among all other 1A schools in Texas, only Farwell--a former 2A school--has traveled and competed as much as BHS.

Farwell won the flip, chose to debate the negative stance, but fell to Rowdy and Rachel on a unanimous 3-0 decision for the affirmative team.

In the championship debate, Rowdy and Rachel met up with the #1 seed coming out of the preliminary rounds, the debate team from Thorndale.

Debating affirmative, Rowdy and Rachel had the definite edge in polish and debate fundamentals, but were unable to pull the swing vote and lost the split decision.

One judge who had voted against them approached them after the round, telling them he really had wanted to vote for them but did not based on one particular part of the affirmative plan that he felt contradicted itself.

The 2006 UIL State Meet concluded Tuesday evening around 8 p.m after two days of competition and eight rounds of debate.

The auditorium is all but empty when gold and silver medals are handed out, as most other schools have gone home and all that are left are a handful of finalists, their coaches, and a few family members that are able to come watch.

Not quite the same as an athletic event with thousands of screaming fans, but the intensity and desire to win are just as visible.

And next year, come spring break on the campus of the University of Texas, Rowdy and Rachel plan to be back in that empty auditorium with a gold medal draped around their necks.

A special thanks to Mr. Darrin Ard, BHS speech teacher, who helped coach



The Silver Gavel Award was presented to Rachel Wilson for being the second highest speaker among 110 Class- A debaters

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with Mrs. Mayes's during the tournament.

While Rachel and Rowdy were competing, Mrs. Mayes had to judge 2A and 3A debates so Mr. Ard "walked the sidelines" in her place.

2005-2006 CX DEBATE NOTES

Rowdy and Rachel won two tournaments this year: Abilene High and Frenship. They also advanced to the quarterfinal round at Midland High.

The longest trip of the year was to the State TFA Meet in Pharr, Texas, March 1-4.

Their overall record, including State TFA, is 19 wins and 9 losses. *(State TFA—a tournament that involves mostly 5A schools from Texas's largest urban areas—is a type of debate where speed reading and analytics are acceptable and preferred. Though not the style that is taught and practiced in UIL debate, it does serve as a good warm-up for State UIL debate. In West Texas, TFA debate mirrors the UIL priority: research, refutation, and communication).*



The group take time out for site seeing as they visit the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. Pictured are Mrs. Mayes, Rachel Wilson, Rowdy Clary and Mr. Ard.

Rowdy and Rachel are the fifth consecutive BHS team to advance to the elimination rounds. They are the 10th team in twenty years to go to the State UIL Debate Tournament.

Rowdy's dad, Doyce Taylor, was one of Mrs. Mayes's debaters in 1986 when he and his partner, Brice Key, made it to Austin. They advanced to

the quarterfinal round that year.

Rowdy and Rachel saw some familiar faces at the state meet as Snyder advanced to the 3A quarterfinals and 2A Post also won the silver medal. Rachel's friends from debate camp, the team from Wimberly, won the 3A championship.

Opal Advances

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performance order for the District Contest, Borden County will be the final show to perform that day. Those interested in show times should contact the Borden County School office after noon on Friday.

Advancing with Borden County was the Klondike High School production of *The Little Princess*, Sara Crewe.

Congratulations, BC OAP, and break a leg at your district contest!

Missy Coyotes

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Raylea Underwood put the shot 19'1" but did not place in the top 6. She also participated in the discus.

Chellsie Pigford threw the discus 53'9 1/2" and she ran the 400 m. dash in 81.90.

Krista Tarleton long jumped a distance of 11'2 1/2", she ran the 400 m. dash in 77.79 seconds and she ran the 200 m. dash in 35.34.

Bailey Anderson ran the 800 m. run.

School Lunch Menu

March 27th – 31st

MONDAY – Breakfast:

Pancake pups, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, corn, salad, pineapple and milk.

TUESDAY – Breakfast:

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

WED. – Breakfast:

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

THURSDAY – Breakfast:

French toast sticks, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Fish, black-eye peas, potato salad, hush puppies, Rosie applesauce and milk.

FRIDAY – Breakfast:

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

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Attention All Borden County ISD Exe's

If you have not done so, please log onto the alumni website at www.bcsid.net and register your information



Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit



Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas

The Tough People of Cross Plains


As I approached Cross Plains on Highway 206, I started noticing the black, charred ground. Partially burned fence posts hung from loose strands of barbed wire. It was like this for a couple of miles before I reached the city limits. When I got to town, the scene was horrible. Mounds of ashes were the only remains of blocks of houses. I went to see my friend David Estes at Texas Heritage Bank. He told me two people had died, 116 houses had been totally destroyed and 39 more damaged. That's about 25 percent of the housing in and near town. The home of Robert E. Howard, the author of Conan and other fantasy works, was not damaged, although fire burned the lawn.

The fire started around noon on Tuesday, December 27, about 3 miles west of Cross Plains. The temperature was 80 degrees and the wind was blowing toward the east at 30 miles an hour. By 3 o'clock, the blaze turned north and headed into town. 31 fire departments fought the blaze and stayed around until Friday putting out flare-ups on trees and bales of hay.

As soon as news of the fire spread, donations of food, clothing, furniture and money poured in from Texas and states as far away as Minnesota and North Carolina. The First Baptist Church became a command center. The First Methodist Church was the only public structure completely destroyed. Flames got close to the school, but it was spared.

The cleanup continues. City and county are clearing the lots at no charge to the residents. The people affected by the fire are amazing. David and Bethany Parker and their children, Amber and Taylor, are excited about the new home they're designing. The Parkers were out of town when the fire burned their house. Bethany saved all her photos to disc and had them with her in her laptop. Before she went digital, she had duplicates made of her pictures and sent them to family members, who are now making copies and sending them back to the Parkers.

Kathy Chesshir put her family photos in the back seat of her car as flames approached her home. She punched in the garage door opened and the door opened. When she drove out and punched it again to close it, there was no electricity and the door remained open. Kathy says she doesn't have to worry not about which of her possessions to keep or pass on the family members. She says she feels a sense of freedom from stuff, most of



Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag,

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

Houston Livestock Show Results

Several Borden County 4-H and Gail FFA exhibitors attended the 2006 Houston Livestock Show during the past two weeks. Results are as follows:

Meat Goat:

Brandi Hudson, Mandi Hudson, and Raylea Underwood exhibited their

meat goat projects.

Lambs:

Miller Valentine - 2nd Place
LHW Medium Wool
Miles Valentine - 2nd Place
HW Southdown
Kate Wallace - 17th Place
Southdown

Steers:

Shylo Rinehart - 9th Place-LW
Brahman
Kylan Reynolds - 10th Place
LHW AOB

Others exhibiting steers were: Chelsea Minnick, Kalli Poole, Lacey Roberts, Shelby Roberts, and Riley Smith.

Swine:

J. Ryan Gicklhorn - 4th Place
LW Berkshire
Kalli Poole - 5th Place
HW Spot
Shylo Rinehart - 10th Place
Class 8 Duroc
Baylee Benavidez, Heather Brooks, Symeron Rinehart and Kate Wallace exhibited their barrow projects.

Thanks again to everyone who assisted in preparing for this show and to those that assisted in hauling animals and exhibitors. Congratulations to each of you on your accomplishments!

GOT NEWS?

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which doesn't mean anything.

Cross Plains residents are helping each other cope with what has happened. Kathy is helping fire victims make inventories of their losses. Bethany says just about everybody in town was affected by the fire, but the town will be better because everybody is pulling together like never before.

As I left Cross Plains and headed west on highway 36, I passed about 5 miles of black, burned fields. The smell of smoke and ashes was still in the air.

Thank You!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your vote during the Democratic Primary Election and ask for your continued support. I consider it a privilege to serve Borden County as Judge and I will strive to do my best for the people of this county.

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

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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 13th, 2006, set the schedule of rates for water users on the Borden County Water system as follow:

To be effective beginning April 1st, 2006

Senior Citizen
&
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

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

A Call for Fiscal Responsibility - UPDATE

Readers may remember that I have been working with some of my colleagues in the House to push for greater fiscal discipline in the budget process. I offered an amendment that would have removed Gulf Coast recovery money from the War on Terror emergency supplemental spending bill. If my amendment had passed, it would have allowed Congress to take a closer look at how taxpayer dollars are being spent along the Gulf Coast. My amendment did not pass, and, as a result, the price tag on the legislation swelled to more than \$90 billion, much of which is being spent on items that do not qualify as emergencies. When it came time to cast my vote, I voted for fiscal discipline. Here is an excerpt from the statement I released following last Thursday's vote (full statement can be found at www.randy.house.gov).

"...I fully support our military as well as President Bush's request to provide further support for our troops as they fight the War on Terror. Unfortunately, the bill we voted on today in the House is a far cry from what the President sent to

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Democratic Run-Off Election held on April 11, 2006 will be tested on March 31st at 10:00 a.m. at the Court House to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices.

Judy Kingston
Democratic County Chair

Congress. Along the way, this bill became unrecognizable, with \$20 billion inserted for hurricane relief, \$750 million for home heating assistance despite winter ending in four days, and millions more devoted to foreign aid. In the end, I could not support this bill because I could not in good conscience use our troops as an excuse to spend taxpayer dollars irresponsibly..."

Despite the result of last week's vote, I remain committed to the goal of fiscal discipline. It is my hope that last week's vote is the beginning, not the end, of the effort to bring serious reform to the budget process. My amendment garnered the support of 88 of my colleagues, and the number of members who want to restore fiscal sanity to Washington is growing stronger.

FINAL REMINDER: Academy Forums Slated for March 25

This is a final reminder that I will be hosting military academy forums Saturday,

March 25 in Abilene and Lubbock. For more information, visit my website (www.randy.house.gov) or call my office toll free at 1-888-763-1611.

Thank You and Congratulations

I want to extend a special thank you and congratulations to all who worked on the effort to bring the George W. Bush Presidential Library to West Texas. Unfortunately, the West Texas proposal is no longer in the running, but that should not diminish the hard work that went into the proposal and the community ties that were strengthened as a result of this process.

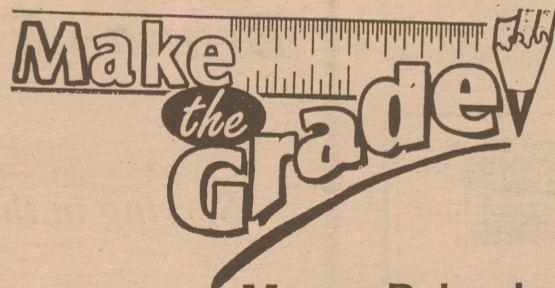
--Randy

Wind Turbine Service Technician

Mitsubishi Power Systems has an Immediate opening for full-time position at our Fluvanna, TX facility. Candidates must be able to climb and work at heights up to 300', must possess experience in electrical and mechanical functions of wind turbines. A minimum amount of industrial experience is desired, along with a valid driver's license, and the ability to closely follow directions. Salary will be based on experience. Please fax or send resume to:

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Fluvanna, TX 79517
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Poka Lambro Annual Meeting

March 30, 2006

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is set to host their 55th Annual Membership Meeting Thursday, March 30th, 2006. The meeting will be held at the Poka Lambro business office located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka, Texas on US Hwy. 87.

Member registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. The business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. One important time of business on the agenda will be the election of three directors of the

Cooperative.

Other meeting highlights will include the reports of officers and directors, the presentation of Poka Lambro Scholarships, and any other business that may come before the membership. All Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative members are encouraged to attend. Members may pickup door prize cards when registering at the meeting.

For more information contact Amy Preston at 1-800-422-2387

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.



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.

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Texas Port Security is Critical to America's Safety

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

The Texas Gulf Coast is one of our state's finest resources. The 367 miles of shoreline along the Gulf of Mexico has beaches that boost our tourism industry as well as natural resources that nourish our economy. Texas' position on the Gulf of Mexico has made shipping a bedrock of our state's commerce.

But, our coast is not being protected the way it should be. In the Senate, my highest priority is our country's national security, and I have been concerned that port security is not moving forward with the proper urgency. The planned transfer of American port management from a British firm to an Arab-government owned company brought port security to the national forefront.

Texas is home to 29 ports, including four of the 10 busiest in the country. Unfortunately, these thriving ports are inviting targets for our enemies. Only about five percent of containers arriving in our ports are inspected. This is unacceptable. Our ports must not continue to be a hole in our homeland protection.

Not only does shipping play a large role in our economy, it is also a national security issue. We learned on Sept. 11, 2001, that immediate steps had to be taken to protect our airports, and since then, the federal government committed to heavy investments in homeland security by providing \$18 billion to strengthen airline security. Yet in that same period, there has not been enough emphasis on securing our nation's ports.

Last year, a study by the Coast Guard and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security confirmed that significant gaps remain in our port security. The study

identified 66 of the nation's 359 ports as being especially vulnerable to terrorist attacks.

One of the most important ports in the world is in Texas. The Port of Houston ranks first in the United States in foreign waterborne tonnage, second in total tonnage, and is the sixth-largest in the world. It is also home to one of the planet's biggest petrochemical complexes and the \$20 billion U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the world's largest oil stockpile.

The Port of Houston's significance is unquestioned, and its stature has only increased in the months since Hurricane Katrina. It has become even busier by adding much of the business that used to go through the Ports of South Louisiana, New Orleans and Baton Rouge. With this additional traffic, strengthening its security is even more critical.

I recently met with officials from Texas ports, including officials from the Port of Houston, to discuss our security concerns. I am thankful for all of the hard work that local officials are already doing with the resources they have, but they need greater support to be sufficiently protected from potential threats.

As a result of the controversy over a company from the United Arab Emirates managing some U.S. ports, Congress is now focusing more attention on port security. We have the momentum for more comprehensive programs for port security, and I am pleased we

are finally moving more decisively in the right direction.

I first introduced the Shipping Container Security Act in 2004; and last November, most provisions of my bill were included in a comprehensive package of transportation security improvements approved by the Senate Commerce Committee.

This March 15, the Senate passed an amendment that I sponsored to the Senate Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Resolution. The amendment calls for \$978 million to improve port security measures. This is a positive start, but much remains to be done. In particular, we must require all foreign countries shipping goods to the U.S. to grant access to U.S. inspectors. This will permit containers headed to the U.S. to be inspected at their port of origin. In addition, we need to develop a comprehensive plan to increase the number of containers inspected as they enter the U.S. Finally, cargo transported within the U.S. should be monitored until it reaches its final destination.

Now is not the time for grandstanding about who manages the ports. The U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for port security and the U.S. Customs Service is responsible for container security. The level of the security they provide is the real issue that needs to be addressed. We must not simply talk about improving port security - we must continue to take constructive actions.

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2006 Track Schedule JH & HS

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

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

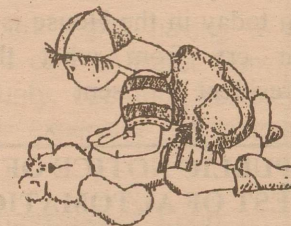
2006 Coyote Baseball Schedule

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

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- > Obey speed limits
- > Watch for students walking and riding bicycles
- > Be prepared to slow down and stop when school buses flash yellow and red lights.

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"Mail Bag"

Top Five Questions about Stamps – and Answers that Stick!

Stamp collecting is called the world's most popular hobby, enjoyed by millions of people in the United States and around the world. And yet, most of us know very little about stamps, except that you stick them on an envelope to mail a letter.

Here are the Top 5 questions about stamps, and answers that stick!

"Where did stamps come from?"

Postage stamps were invented in the 19th Century in Great Britain. English schoolmaster and government employee Rowland Hill suggested the postage stamp as a means of taxing newspapers and collecting prepaid mail fees based on weight.

In 1840, Great Britain issued what has come to be known as the "Penny Black," the world's first adhesive postage stamp. It (and all subsequent regular issue British stamps) carried the likeness of the reigning monarch, in this case Queen Victoria portrayed against a black background.

"What is the world's most valuable stamp? How much is it worth?"

November 2005 saw a blockbuster stamp trade that established a new world record for the value of a single stamp – nearly \$3 million.

Wall Street investment manager Bill Gross traded a plate block of four "Inverted Jenny" 24-cent airmail stamps to Donald Sundman, president of Mystic Stamp Co., for a 1-cent "Z Grill" stamp. Gross had just purchased the block of four at auction the month before for a total price – bid and fees – of \$2.9 million. The "Z Grill" gives Gross the only known collection of every U.S. stamp from the 19th century.

The "Z Grill," issued in 1886 with a profile of Benjamin Franklin, is one of only two such stamps known to exist. Its name comes from the unusual waffle-like grill on the back of the stamp, employed at the time to better absorb postmarks and prevent people from reusing the stamp. The block of four stamps was part of a single sheet of 100 that survived from 1918 on which the border around the Curtiss JN-model biplane, known as "the Jenny," was accidentally printed upside down.

Prior to this historic trade, the previous record holder was the 1857 Swedish "Tre Skilling Banco," also known as the Treskilling Yellow, at the time touted not only to be the most valuable single stamp in the world, but the most valuable *thing* on the planet based on its weight.

According to the book, *The Treskilling Yellow*, the stamp was discovered in 11885 by teen-ager Georg Wilhelm Backman, the only known example still in existence of the stamp printed in yellow instead of green. The David Feldman Zurich auction house sold the stamp in November 1996 to a dealer for 2.87 million Swiss Francs, approximately \$2.3 million in U.S. dollars at that time.

The book goes on to state that the Swedish National Testing and Research Institute in Boras, Sweden, has since calculated the weight of the stamp to be 0.02675 grams (0.0009 ounces). That made the stamp worth nearly \$86 billion per kilogram, or \$189.6 billion per pound. The most expensive *thing* in the world.

The Treskilling Yellow is expected to be on exhibit at WASHING 2006, the World Philatelic Exhibition being held in the nation's capital

May 27-June 3.

"When did the U.S. start making stamps?"

In 1847, George Washington and Benjamin Franklin appeared on the first U.S. postage stamps. Washington was featured as the first President and Franklin as the first Postmaster general, named so by the Continental Congress in 1775.

"How can I tell what a stamp is worth?"

Ask yourself two questions: "How rare is it?" and "What condition is it in?" the price listed in a stamp catalog gives you some idea of how rare it is. However, the stamp may sell at more or less than the catalog price, depending on its condition.

"Who decides what subjects appear on stamps?"

The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC), founded in 1957, makes recommendations on stamp subjects. The Postmaster General makes the final decision.

The CSAC's 15 members are appointed by the Postmaster General, chosen for their interest in philately and their backgrounds, which reflect a wide range of educational, artistic, historical and professional expertise. The Committee reviews tens of thousands of stamp subject proposals each year. Only a few dozen stamps are issued annually.

To suggest an idea for a new stamp, write to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, c/o Stamp Development, U.S. Postal Service, 1735 North Lynn Street, Suite 5013, Arlington, VA 22209-6432. Submit subjects at least three years in advance of the proposed date of issue to allow sufficient time for consideration and for design and production, if the subject is approved.

ATV Raffle Raises Money for AG

Are you tired of walking back and forth from the house to the barns hundreds of times each week? Wouldn't it be nice to have an ATV to ride around the place? Let the American Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock come to your rescue.

You can purchase raffle tickets for a John Deere Trail Buck 500 and a Utility Trailer. Tickets cost \$20, and there will only be 1,500 tickets sold. To purchase your tickets, either stop by the museum or call Angela

Beesley at (806) 239-5796.

The drawing will take place on Saturday, May 20, at the museum. Plan to meet at 11:00 a.m. for lunch and to begin the elimination drawing. The last ticket in the hopper wins the ATV and Utility Trailer. No tickets will be sold or auctioned off once the drawing begins. The winner does not need to be present to win.

For more information, call Angela Beesley at (806) 239-5796 or e-mail amadirector@door.net.

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NOTICE OF RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION DEMOCRATIC PARTY

To the Registered Voters of the County of Borden, Texas
Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. April 11th, 2006, for voting in a runoff primary election to nominate Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state officers.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE

PRECINCT NO.	LOCATION
4-A	Courthouse

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PRECINCTS RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION

The following county election precincts have been consolidated as permitted by Sec. 42.009, Texas Election Code for the Democratic runoff primary to be held April 11, 2006.

PRECINCTS CONSOLIDATED:

1, 2-A, 2-B, 3-A, 3-B, 4-B

ACTUAL VOTING PRECINCT NUMBER:

4-A

Early voting begins Monday, April 3rd, 2006

Judy Kingston
County Democratic Chair

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Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

Easy-To-Make Baked Macaroni And Cheese: A Satisfying Favorite

(NAPS)—Macaroni and cheese is a common lunch or dinner menu item in many households, especially those with children. But most people would enjoy it even more if it arrived homemade and bubbling in a casserole dish as compared to the mac and cheese from a box or freezer.

If you're ready for the seriously delicious version, try this new recipe for Baked Macaroni and Cheese—with its soft noodles; real, melted, gooey cheese; and a crisp topping.

It's not only mouthwateringly wonderful, but the recipe is fast and easy to make. And, there are many simple variations on this basic recipe. Start by varying the pasta shapes you use—try penne, campanelle or pipettes instead of traditional elbow macaroni. Mix in whatever excites your taste buds—whether that's sliced hot dogs or sauteed mushrooms. Then top the dish with cornflakes, saltine crackers or croutons. If some family members like it without the extra toppings, top only half of the dish.

When using corn starch as a thickener, the experts at Argo Corn Starch and Kingsford's Corn Starch brands recommend mixing



Delicious cheesy goodness is a crowd pleaser every time with this easy-to-make baked macaroni and cheese dish.

the corn starch in a cold liquid, as mixing it with hot liquids may cause clumping.

Baked Macaroni & Cheese
Ingredients:
Sauce
 ¼ cup Argo Corn Starch or

Kingsford's Corn Starch
 4 cups milk
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon white pepper (optional)
 Pinch cayenne (optional)
 4 cups shredded cheddar cheese

2 cups extra cheese to spread on top (optional)

Pasta
 1 pound small tube-shaped dried pasta (elbow, penne, celentani, pipette, campanelle)
 3 quarts water
 2 tablespoons salt

For sauce:
 Preheat oven to 350° F. Spray 3-quart casserole dish or 9x11" pan with cooking spray.

In medium saucepan, combine corn starch and milk. Add salt, pepper and cayenne. Stirring constantly, bring to a boil. Continue stirring while bubbling for 1 minute or until very thick. Remove from heat. Stir in 4 cups cheese until melted. Add

cooked pasta (recipe below) and stir well. Pour mixture into casserole dish and sprinkle with 2 cups cheese, if desired. Bake at 350° F for 25-30 minutes or until brown.

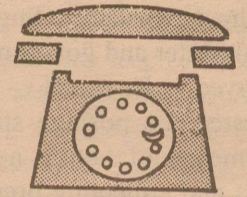
For pasta:
 Fill large pot with 3 quarts water. Bring water to a boil; add pasta and salt. Allow to boil 10-15 minutes or according to box directions until pasta is al dente (resists bite slightly).

Topping suggestions: Crumbled cheese and garlic croutons, saltine crackers, cheese crackers, cornflakes. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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