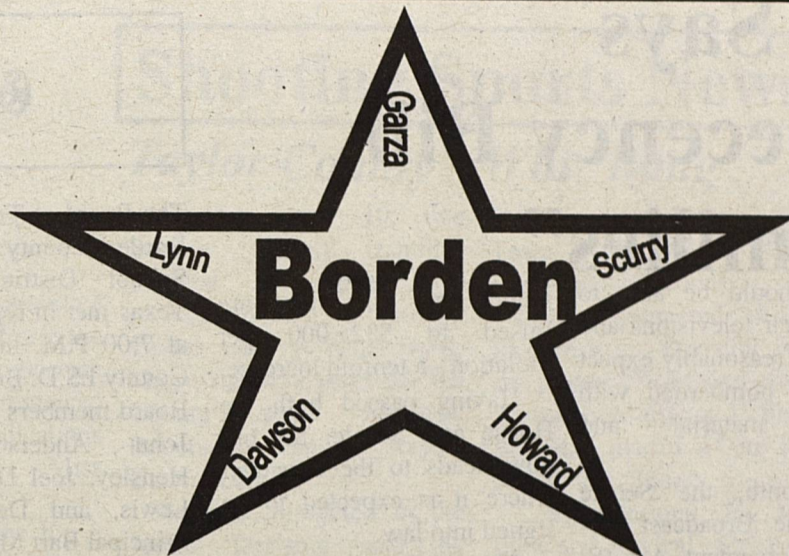


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## CJCAT, AIG VALIC Award Past President's Scholarship

Borden County Judge, Van York, 2006 immediate past president of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas (CJCAT), presented the 2006 CJCAT Past President's Scholarship of \$5,000 to Jodye Rutherford of Borden County High School in Gail.

York, along with Bob Wendel, managing director of AIG Variable Annuity Life Insurance (VALIC) which funds the award, presented a Scholarship Guarantee Certificate to Jodye during the Borden County Commissioners Court Meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>.

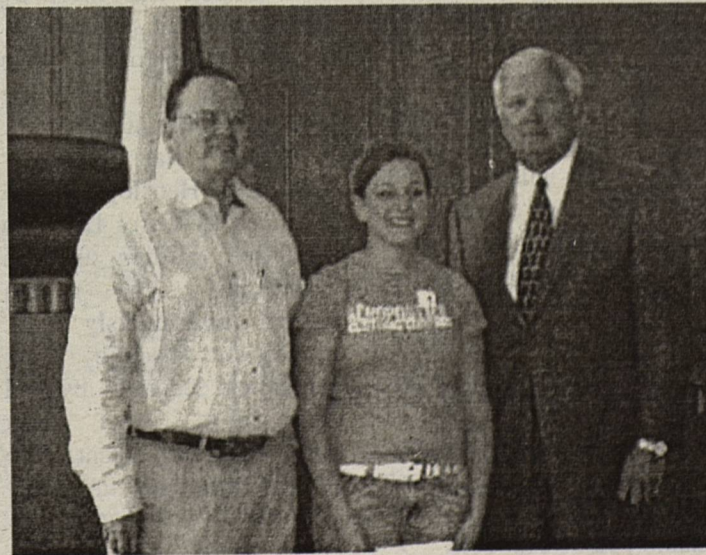
"A good education is of utmost importance in today's society," York said. "It is an awesome feeling to be able to help a young person to have the advantage of going to college, achieve this dream."

In order for a Borden County High School graduate to receive this award, the county judge or a

commissioner of Borden County must serve as president of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas (CJCAT). Borden County's Judge, Van York, served as second vice-president in 2003, first vice-president in 2004, and president in 2005.

He is now serving as past-president of the association. Before one can be an officer in the CJCAT, they must have served as president of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association (WTCJCA), a regional association. Judge

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**Scholarship Recipient** 2006 BHS graduate, Jodye Rutherford pictured with Borden County Judge, Van York and Bob Wendel, director of AIG Variable Annuity Life Insurance (VALIC)

## Happy Birthday to an American Institution

Column By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

One of America's greatest institutions, the United States Army, celebrates its 231<sup>st</sup> birthday this month. On June 14, 1775, the delegates of the Second Continental Congress took a bold step by voting to create a military that would protect and serve the new union of states. Our Army has certainly grown over the years, from approximately 15,000 soldiers at its creation to over 1.1 million soldiers today.

America's founding fathers could not have foreseen what an impressive and enduring institution they were establishing so many years ago. The Army's birthday offers an oppo-

tunity to honor our men and women in uniform and remember those who have fought for our great nation. For more than two centuries, the Army has defended the United States and the principles upon which our republic was founded. The Army has a tradition of service, excellence and dedication, with core values of loyalty, duty, respect, honor, integrity and courage.

One of the Army's greatest victories came on June 6, 1944 - D-Day - when a force of 150,000 Allied soldiers led by General Dwight D. Eisenhower stormed the

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### God Bless America!

Flag Day - June 14<sup>th</sup>,

# Neugebauer Says Broadcast Decency Bill

## “Win for Families”

Washington, DC-Congressman Randy Neugebauer hailed Wednesday's action in the U.S. House of Representatives to toughen enforcement of broadcast decency laws in America.

With Neugebauer's support, the House passed the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act by a vote of 379-39.

"The public, not private broadcasters, owns the airwaves," Neugebauer said. "The public, particularly

parents, should be able to turn on their televisions and radios and reasonably expect not to be bombarded with indecent material and images."

Last month, the Senate passed The Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act (S. 193) by unanimous consent. Currently, Federal Communications Commission fines levied against broadcasters who violate decency standards are limited to \$32,500 per violation.

Under this bill, fines are raised to \$325,000 per violation - a tenfold increase.

Having passed both the House and Senate, the bill now heads to the President where it is expected to be signed into law.

"This bill is a win for families and provides real accountability for those broadcasters who choose to violate the law," Neugebauer said.

## RHAA Competition to be Held

On Saturday, July 29, 2006, Borden County Jr. Livestock Association will hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual RHAA Competition. RHAA (Ranch Horse Association of America, Inc.) is an organization formed to promote the qualities and characteristics of the ultimate working ranch horse.

The competition will take place at Gail, Texas, at the county arena (located North of Gail and west of Hwy 669). The entry deadline is Friday, July 21. Entries after deadline will include a \$10 late fee. Late entries will be accepted until 9:30 a.m. on the day of competition with the events to begin at 10 a.m. Classes offered are: Junior, Senior, Cowboy, and Ranch Hand; a Youth class will be offered this year. Entry fees are \$75 per class with the exception of the Youth class and that entry fee will be \$10. A concession stand will be available.

For more information on this event, please contact the Borden County Extension Office at 806.756.4336.

### Borden County ISD Regular Board Meeting

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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, Randy Hensley, Joel Dennis, Carol Lewis, and Dennis Poole. Principal Bart McMeans, and Superintendent Jimmy Thomas were also present. Joe Harding and Mike Valentine were 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 May 1, 2006, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the May 2006 bills. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Board members Joel Dennis and Mike Valentine were sworn into office by Joan Marshall.
6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to elect Mike Valentine as Secretary. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Carol Lewis to elect Joe Harding as Vice President. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to elect John Anderson as President. The motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to sponsor Project Graduation. The motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion was made by

Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the Student Transfers for the 2006-2007 school year as recommended by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to set the time and date of the June board meeting for 7:00 P.M. on June 19, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the bid of \$189,740 submitted by Hindman Ready Built Homes, Inc. for two homes and to allow Jimmy Thomas to negotiate to upgrade the insulation package to insulcot if the price increase is not excessive. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to adopt the 2006-2007 school calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Jimmy Thomas gave a year to date financial report and reported that 151 students are 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.

13. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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## “IDOL” Lives On In Post, TX

An “American” idol may have been chosen recently, but in Post, Texas, the search continues. Old Mill Trade Days is sponsoring the 2006 Post City Idol Contest with the first round of competition on July 7 & 8 and the finals August 5. The performances will be on the Rainmaker Stage at OMTD during the Trade Days events in July and August.

“This event is perfect for performers who would enjoy the competition but don't have an opportunity to go through the rigorous American Idol process,” explains Rosa Latimer, General Manager of Old Mill Trade Days. “We want this to be fun. We will have judges, but we promise there won't be a Simon Cowell,” referring to the infamous judge on the television show American Idol.

The Post City Idol competition is divided into two

age groups – 15 yrs & under and 16 yrs & over and is open to soloists and groups. All contestants will sing 3 minutes of a song of their choice without accompaniment for the first two rounds of competition. Those advancing to the finals will select one song to perform either with or without CD accompaniment. The top three finalists in each age category will receive awards with the Post City Idol winner in each category winning \$100 cash, a Grand Prize trophy, and the opportunity to appear at the Garza Theatre in Post.

There is no cost to enter the Post City Idol competition; however, entries must be received by June 23. The first 50 applicants in each category will be assured a performance time. A Registration form is available at [www.oldmilltradedays.com](http://www.oldmilltradedays.com) or call 806-495-3529

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# Past President's Scholarship

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York was chosen to serve on the Board of Directors of the WTCJCA in 1990. The progression took 7 years and he served as WTCJCA president in 1998. It took 11 years of service to these two associations before Judge York could bring this scholarship to a Borden County graduate. The scholarship was the main reason that York agreed to serve in these offices. "It has been a long, hard, bumpy road at times," said York, "but it was worth it."

This is the seventh scholarship funded by AIG VALIC, of Houston.

"We established the scholarship as a meaningful way to enhance our relationship with the county judges and commissioners," Wendel said. The program is designed to award \$5,000 to a graduating senior from a high school located in the county of the immediate past president.

Criteria for the scholarship selection included class ranking, activities and personal attributes, letters of recommendation, and a

written essay. A committee of representatives from the Region IV Education Service Center of Houston reviewed scholarship applications before choosing Miss Rutherford.

Jodye ranked in the top 5 of the 2006 graduating class. She will attend South Plains College in the fall where she will pursue a degree in business accounting. While attending Borden County High School, Jodye was head cheerleader, basket-ball manager, a member of the UIL accounting team, a member of the UIL calculator applications team, and played softball.

She will receive the first \$2,500 scholarship installment after presenting evidence of full-time college enrollment for the first semester, and the remainder after presenting evidence of full-time status for the second semester.

"I feel that Miss Rutherford will try to the best of her ability to take advantage of this opportunity and succeed in completing her education.

## Shooting Sports News

### Taylor County Whiz Bang

Saturday, June 10, two Borden County families traveled to Abilene to participate in the annual Taylor County Whiz Bang. Those shooters from Borden County were Matthew Roberson and Raylea Underwood.

Matthew competed in the Junior Division and he placed High Over-All, 1<sup>st</sup> in Trap, 1<sup>st</sup> in Skeet, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 5-

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Stand and 1<sup>st</sup> Place 2-Man Team with Seirra Stokes from Crockett County. Raylea competed in the Intermediate Division and she placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Skeet after a 3-way shoot off for 1<sup>st</sup> place. She also placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Trap and 4<sup>th</sup> in 5-Stand. Congratulations to Matthew and Raylea! These and other Gail Trap Club members are preparing for several other matches that they will compete in during the upcoming summer months. Good luck to all of you!

She appreciates the assistance she has received from the teachers, staff and administration while attending Borden County Independent School District. We all appreciate AIG VALIC for making this program available for our students. It is just a wonderful program and I can not think of a better way to show appreciation than to help educate our children," said Judge York.

## 4-H News

### Summer 4-H Tours

4-H youth interested in a Veterinary Science and/or Photography Project are invited to participate in the half day 4-H tours on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> in Lubbock. Please contact the Extension Office (806-756-4336) for more information and to sign up. These tours are being sponsored by the District 2 Association of Extension 4-H Agents and have limited space available, so please sign up today! Youth will be provided transportation to and from the tours on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

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### Fun Day

Thursday, June 22, 2006  
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We will play games, sing songs, make crafts and snacks,  
and learn all about how to Color Me Healthy!  
For more information, or to RSVP, please contact  
the Extension Office at (806)756-4336.

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

# Happy Birthday

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beaches of Normandy in Operation Overlord. Each year on June 6, we recognize the anniversary of D-Day, a day of hope and courage when many Americans sacrificed their lives to free our allies from the shadow of tyranny and ensure such oppression never darkened our lands.

The invasion at Normandy reminds me of the threats to freedom and liberty we currently face and how important it is for us to achieve victory in the War on Terror. I am proud of the American people's resolve to stand up for freedom wherever it is in danger, and I am grateful for the men and women of the United States Army and other branches of the military for turning that resolve into action.

Among the brave soldiers who stormed the Normandy beaches over 60 years ago was a Texan named James Earl Rudder. As Commander of the Second Ranger Battalion, he steadfastly led his men up the cliffs at Normandy despite being wounded twice in the ascent. If you haven't visited the cliffs scaled by those men that day, try to do it. It was amazing that any of them made it under heavy enemy fire.

By the end of WWII, James Earl Rudder had risen to the rank of Colonel. Upon his return to Texas, he remained active in the Army Reserves as he began a career in public service. He eventually became Major General of the Army Reserves and later President of the Texas A&M University System.

The most decorated soldier of WWII was Audie Murphy, from Farmersville, Texas. Rejected by the

Navy, Marines and Army paratroopers because, at just 5 feet 5 inches tall, he did not meet their height requirements, Audie Murphy joined the Army and built a record that has never been surpassed. He earned 33 awards and dedications, including the Congressional Medal of Honor, and was credited with killing over 240 enemy soldiers.

The Texan tradition of service that Audie Murphy and James Earl Rudder helped to uphold continues today. Texas boasts the most active duty troops in the Army, as well as the largest overall number of active duty servicemen and women. Texans in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserves outnumber soldiers from any other state. There are more U.S. Army bases within our state borders than any state in the nation. These numbers do not simply reflect our state's size. They are a testament to the respect our state has for military service and the fact that Texans hold the defense of freedom dearly.

A story of Texan bravery and self-sacrifice that is deeply moving for me is the rescue of Private Jessica Lynch. In 2003, after the 507<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company based out of Fort Bliss was ambushed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Private Lynch was taken captive by Iraqi forces. In a noble display of bravery, special

**WHEREAS**, On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2006, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court Constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

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operation forces risked their lives to force entry into the hospital where she was and take her to safety. This dedication to our military's credo of leaving no soldier behind exemplifies the value our country places on human life.

In honor of the Army's birthday, please take a moment to remember its awe-inspiring history, the sacrifices of its members from Texas and its continuing tradition of excellence.

## Commissioner's Court Meeting

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

### INDIGENT HEALTH CARE APPLICATION

Borden County received an indigent health care application. This case no. 1-06 was received by the Court. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the application as it met the requirements. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Voting For: Commissioners Adcock, Reyes and Belew. Voting Against: Commissioner Smith

### DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Discussion of Fireworks for the July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 holiday.

### ADJOURN

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

### GOT NEWS?

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### Appraisal Review Board for the Borden County Appraisal District, Texas

#### Notice of Public meeting of the Appraisal Review Board:

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Appraisal Review Board of the Borden County Appraisal District will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at the meeting room in the county courthouse.

The board will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by Texas Property Tax Code.

The Appraisal Review Board will be in session on other days, notice for which will be duly posted, until all timely field appeals are heard and resolved.

This notice is given pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.

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