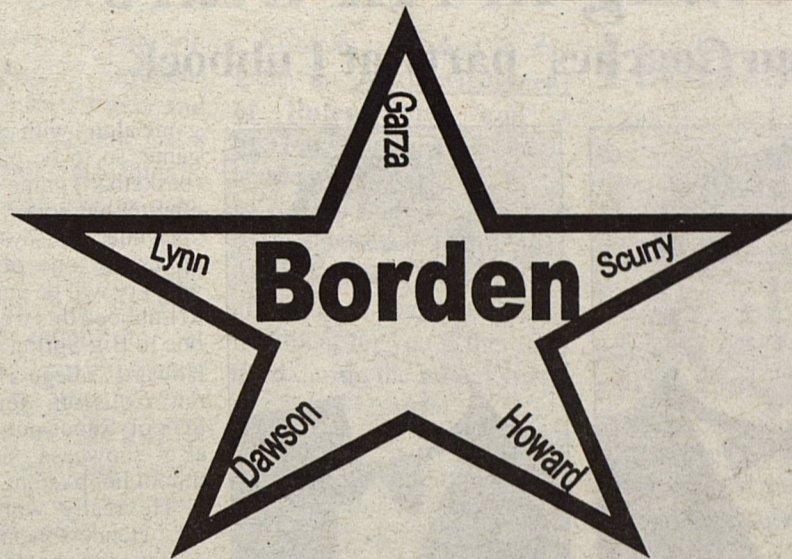


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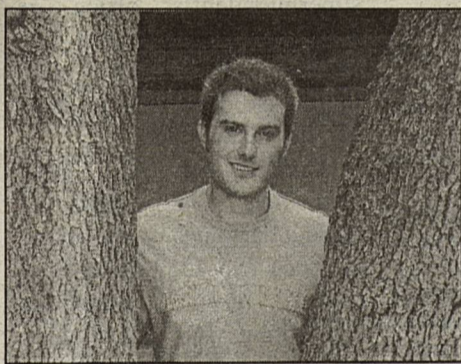
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## Three BHS Graduates Receive U.I.L. Academic Scholarships

*Class of 2007 Scholarships Reach Almost \$70,000*



Rowdy Clary



Becky Dobyms



Christina Soto

Three recent graduates of Borden County High School have been named as recipients of lucrative Texas Inter-scholastic League Foundation (TILF) Scholarships, totaling an astounding \$17,000 between them.

Rowdy Clary and Becky Dobyms both received Abell Hangar Scholarships for \$8,000 each, while Christina Soto received a Spaulding Scholarship for \$1,000.

To qualify for these scholarships, students must

have either competed at the University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.) Academic State Meet or have advanced to the second day of the Cross-Examination (CX) Debate State Meet at some point in their high school careers.

Through an application process, these students then competed against students from all five classifications (1A-5A) in order to receive a scholarship. To have three students receive scholarships

in the same year is

unprecedented in Borden County.

Clary, who is to major in Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University in the fall, submitted an impressive application including three consecutive state qualifications in CX Debate. He finished as an octo-finalist as a sophomore, as a state runner-up as a junior, and as a state champion this past year as a senior.

Clary also added a 2006 state championship in Social Studies, a fourth place finish

in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking this year, and a sixth place finish as a freshman in Social Studies. He also competed at state in Current Issues & Events as a team member in 2004 and 2007.

As a three-time state champion, Dobyms submitted an equally impressive resume to the TILF scholarship committee. She qualified for the U.I.L. Academic State Meet each of her final three years of high school in four separate events.

She must have fallen in love with the trip to the state's capital because she will begin classes at the University of Texas in Austin next month as a participant in the Liberal & Fine Arts Honors Program.

Dobyms won back-to-back state championships in Ready Writing in 2006 & 2007. In Spelling & Vocabulary, she was the 2007 state champion, the state runner-up in 2006, and was sixth in 2005. Dobyms also won back-to-back bronze medals in Editorial Writing in 2006 & 2007 and placed fourth at state in Headline Writing as a sophomore.

While Soto qualified for the U.I.L. Academic State Meet only once in her high school career—resulting in an outstanding state runner-up finish in News Writing in 2007—her overall application certainly must have impressed the scholarship committee. She is set to major in Early Childhood Education this fall at Angelo State University.

Not surprising, these three BHS graduates were also the top three ranking students in their graduating class and

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# Coyotes, Mustang in All-Stars

## Crashing Texas Six-Man Coaches' party at Lubbock

By Lamesa Press-Reporter

Sands' Jarrod Fry and Borden County's Jacob Froman will find themselves going from being opponents on the high school hardwoods to teammates next weekend, as once again some of the best small high school athletic talent will swarm Lubbock for the big annual Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's all-star games.

Next Saturday's boys all-star basketball game, which will tip off around 3 p.m. at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center, will be one last hurrah for both area high school standouts who played big roles in helping their respective teams to the state hoop playoffs.

Borden County will be represented in two of next weekend's all-star games as the Coyotes' star quarterback, Clint Chapman, will be playing for the West in Friday's Division I six-man all-star football game at Lubbock's Lowrey Field. Kick-off time for that all-star event will be 7:30 p.m.

The big six-man or Division I all-star football game will kick off around 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The football players for next weekend's all-star game will report Monday in Lubbock, while the all-star basketball players will report on Tuesday in the Hub City.

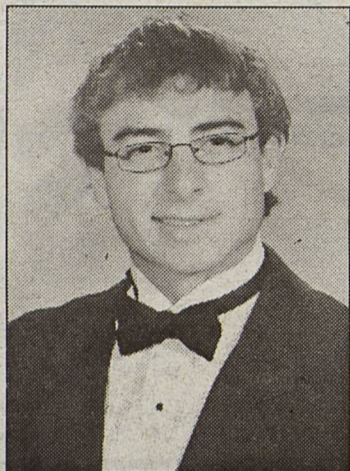
Froman was District 12-1A basketball's MVP after averaging 17.5 points and 9.6 rebounds while helping the 21-9 Coyotes win their league crown.

Fry, on the other hand, was tabbed as District 8-1A's Defensive Player of the Year after averaging 10 points and 10 rebounds for the 24-9 Sands Mustangs, who finished their season by making it to the second round of the playoffs.

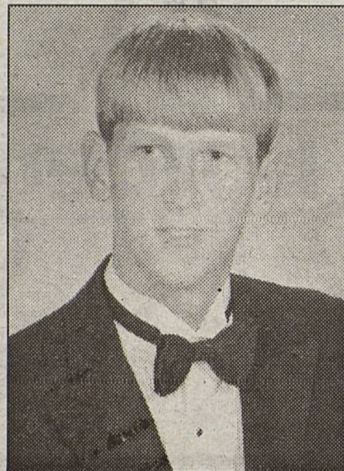
Borden County finished last winter by going three rounds deep in the D II state six-man playoffs. Chapman was definitely one of the 8-5 Coyotes leaders on both sides of the ball. Chapman not only completed

118 of his 187 passes for 1,508 yards and 26 touchdowns, but on defense he came up with 180 tackles including 53 solo stops.

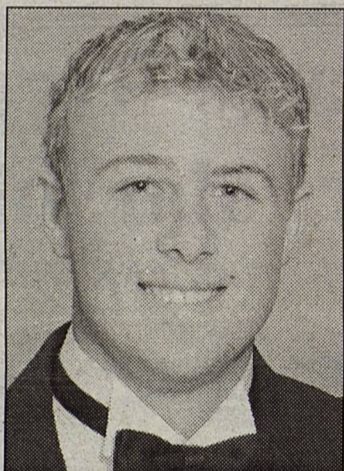
Both Borden County Coach Trey Richey and Sands head man Wayne Henderson agree that getting the chance to play among their game's best is a big



Clint Chapman



Jacob Froman



Jarrod Fry

**“ This game's a good way to put a climatic ending to your high school career and also help prepare kids for the real world and college. It's just a good capper.**

**- BC's Trey Richey on all-star games**

opportunity and honor. “This game's a good way to put a climatic ending to your high school career and also help kids prepare for the real world and college,” Richey said.

“It's just a good capper.” Richey takes pride in having his Coyotes represented in both boys sports at Lubbock.

“That's very, very satisfying,” Richey said.

“Both kids (Chapman and Froman) definitely deserve to be there next weekend after having tremendous senior years. They were both instrumental in the type of years that we had in

game along with one basketball game, so to be picked for this (basketball) game now really is a pretty big honor.”

Henderson says good work ethics are one of the reasons why Fry will be making this trip to Lubbock this week, as well as one to Big Spring on July 27 at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the Small School Shoot-out, which will also showcase six-man high school hoop talent.

“He really worked his tail off,” Henderson said of Fry.

“Two of the biggest things going for Jarrod is that he listens and that he works hard. As long as you're willing to listen to somebody and then work at it, you're going to get better. Jarrod did a good job of both of those things.”

A strong competitive edge is a big reason why Chapman has made it to next weekend's six-man all-star football game.

“We're talking about the kind of kid who'd tackle a tree if he had to,” Richey said of Chapman.

“Clint's very competitive and very hard nosed.”

Although Chapman put up some impressive numbers as the Coyotes' star quarterback, Richey looks for this Borden County ex to be on the West's defense next Friday night at Lubbock.

“He's just so smart and reacts to the ball so well and he'd tackle anything which comes at him,” Richey said of Chapman.

Good work ethics have also paid big dividends in Froman's career with the Coyotes.

“As hard as he's worked at everything is one of the biggest reasons why we're so happy about seeing him get the chance to cap it all off by playing in this game next weekend,” Richey said.

“Jacob's really improved a lot in the last year and a half. He also does a good job of shooting the basketball. He's one of those kids who can either play with his back to the basket or facing it, which is a good combination to have in this game for a 6-foot-3 kid.”

# Three Receive Scholarships

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have led the way in scholarships received. Dobyms was the class valedictorian, Soto was salutatorian, and Clary finished a close third.

Thanks in part to a generous \$12,000 Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship that has been divided equally between all college-bound BHS Class of 2007 graduates, the class has now received almost \$70,000 in scholarship honors.

Graduates are reminded to submit appropriate enrollment paperwork to Mrs. Buchanan in the B.C.I.S.D.'s superintendent's office as soon as they register for classes for the fall. Otherwise, local scholarships can not be awarded.

Contact Mr. Ard, BHS counselor, via e-mail at [djard@bcisd.net](mailto:djard@bcisd.net) or by phone at (806) 756-4313 (school) if you have questions concerning your scholarships or college enrollment procedures.



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# Athletic Physicals Scheduled Gail FFA Meat Sale

Borden County athletics are scheduled to take athletic physicals **Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in Abilene Texas.**

They depart from Gail at **8:00 AM.** You will need to have your physical form signed and filled out before leaving school. The doctor will not sign it if your parent or guardian does not sign it. You will need to wear shorts and a T-shirt for the physical.

The physicals will be at the Action Sports Medicines and Physical Therapy Clinic in Abilene. The telephone number there is 325/676-5633. The address there is 1717 Pine Street. Easy directions are, as you come

in on Interstate 20 you will take the Hardin Simmons exit. Stay on Pine Street and it will be on your left, just a few blocks past the hospital.

If you would like to meet them so you can stay and shop in Abilene that would be fine. You will need to bring some money to eat lunch. We will try to be back in Gail by **3:00 PM.**

If you plan to play a sport this year of any kind during the upcoming school year, you are required by our school district to take a physical. The school furnishes the physical at this time. If you can not make this date then you will need to get a physical on your own and at your expense.

Also you will find in this letter an **Acknowledgment of Rules Form and a Steroid Form.** read them, have your parent read them, sign them both and bring all of the paperwork with you. The medical release, will allow us to seek emergency treatment for you if there is a need during the school year.

We are truly excited about the upcoming year and we look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at home or on my cell. Trey Richey: (806)756-4417 (home) and (806)759-3335 (cell.) Take care and enjoy the remainder of your summer.

## Items Available

The Gail FFA Chapter still has several meat items left from their 2006 -2007 sale. Anyone interested in purchasing these items can contact Buddy Wallace (home) 806/756-4478 or (school) 806/756-4313 or email at [bwallace@bcisd.net](mailto:bwallace@bcisd.net).

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Smoked Turkey Breast- \$16.00  
Golden Chicken Tenders- \$18.00  
Pork Tamales- \$15.00  
Chicken Fajita- \$13.00  
Beef Fajita- \$13.00  
Cajun Meat Pies- \$15.00  
Smoked Turkey- \$20.00  
Pit Ham- \$23.00  
The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to thank everyone for their fund-raiser support.

## Borden County Teachers

### Attend Workshop

"Teachers are the key to improving mathematics education. Regardless of the curriculum or the assessment process in a school district, the person in charge of adapting materials for a particular classroom and student is the teacher. It is through teachers' efforts that students have opportunities to learn mathematics. If students are to have better programs in mathematics, teachers need access to high-quality materials, the support of parents, and on-going professional development.

Students who UNDERSTAND mathematics can think and reason mathematically and use what they've learned to solve problems, both in and out of school," stated Melisa Taylor Hancock in a recent teacher workshop at Borden Co. I.S.D.

Mrs. Hancock provided teachers with assistance,

ideas, and hands-on activities to promote understanding of math concepts BEFORE bombarding students with redundant problem sets and homework. She emphasized the importance of helping students to comprehend basic math skills to help them retain what they are learning. Thus, students acquire and maintain math skills to help with problem



Borden County teachers attending the recent mathematic workshop are (L. to R.) Melisa Taylor Hancock, Darby Key, Deidre Smith, Jodi Phillips, Lisa Gray, Haley Richey, Trey Richey and Paula Miller.

solving in school and everyday life.

Mrs. Hancock, a 1974 graduate of BCISD, trains student teachers at Kansas State University. Her enthusiasm and love of teaching is expressed by her creed to live by: "Excellence can be achieved when you: Risk more than others think is safe, Dream more than others think is practical and Expect more than others think is possible."

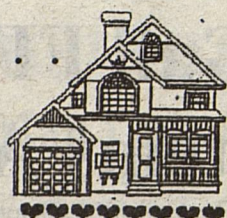
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## Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent  
Family & Consumer Sciences



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 Court of Texas Cooperating.

### Picnic Table Protocol

Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, corn-on-the-cob . . . pull up a seat at the picnic table and enjoy some easy summer fare. But wait! Before you do, look down and make sure that the surface you're about to dine on is clean and germ-free. Summer brings with it many opportunities for a great picnic! Here are some ways to keep the picnic table clean and germ-free.

Picnic tables in public spaces are busy places that can be breeding grounds for germs. Even picnic tables at home may be subject to the unwanted attention of birds and other elements of nature, not to mention the challenge of spilled food.

#### On the Go

Make disinfectant wipes your summer traveling companion! Use them for quick wipe downs on public picnic tables and benches.

#### On the Home Front

For general cleaning, soap and warm water may suffice. However, if you plan to use the table for food preparation—or if juices from meat, seafood or poultry have spilled on the table—the next step is to sanitize it. Mix a solution of three tablespoons of chlorine bleach to one gallon of water. Apply the solution to the surface of the table and let stand for two minutes. Rinse with a solution of one tablespoon of chlorine bleach per gallon of water.

#### Hand Hygiene

Clean hands are as important as a clean picnic table. If soap and water aren't available, use a disposable hand wipe or a hand sanitizer to clean your hands.

Source: *The Soap and Detergent Association Cleaning Matters*  
July/August 2007

# Permian Basin Area Foundation Awards Scholarship to Local Student

The Permian Basin Area Foundation has awarded \$157,250 in scholarships to assist 101 area students, including one from Borden County, with costs of higher education.

Christina Soto, daughter of Tommy and Charla Soto, received the Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship.

The awards, which were made possible with resources provided by donors to 46 of the Foundation's scholarship funds, were announced at the Foundation's annual scholarship recognition dinner recently hosted in Midland. Attending the dinner with Christina were her parents, Tommy and Charla Soto.

"Permian Basin Area Foundation is pleased to partner with our generous donors in making these scholarships possible," said A. J. Brune, chairman of the Foundation's board of governors. "Education is the



Christina Soto pictured left received the Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship from the Permian Basin Area Foundation. Pictured with Christina is her mother Charla Soto.

cornerstone for building personal economic opportunity and we applaud the students who have earned these awards and made a personal commitment to self-improvement through higher education."

Permian Basin Area Foundation facilitates the creation of permanent charitable funds in partnership with many donors, and

provides grants to address changing community needs and enrich the quality of life in the Permian Basin.

"Establishing a scholarship fund with the Foundation is a very simple process for a donor," noted Guy McCrary, president of Permian Basin Area Foundation. "However, the value is a lasting investment in community and the future of our nation."

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Summer Educational Programs

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Saving the Fruits of Summer . . . . . Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room  
Have you always wanted to "put up" a few vegetables from your garden or the farmer's market? Now is the perfect opportunity to learn about up-to-date canning, freezing and drying techniques through this hands-on opportunity. Join us as we preserve some of the fruits of the summer garden. There will be a cost of \$10 per person to cover supplies (participants will get to take home the items that they preserve). The favor of a reply is requested to help plan for materials and supplies.

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# Locks of Love



Kelsey Martin, daughter of Chad and Amy Martin of Arlington, Texas and the granddaughter of R.D. and Carol Lewis of Gail, had 10 inches of her ponytail cut off last Saturday to donate to Locks of Love. This organization supplies hairpieces for kids up to 18 years old who are suffering medical hair loss.

# GREAT GRILLING

## Preventing Food-borne Illness

(NAPS)—Grilling season is upon us. Thousands of Americans will enjoy the juicy, tasty creations of backyard cooks this summer. Many of these weekend chefs will worry about overcooking or charring their food. But what is more important is for these cooks to know about the dangers of food-borne illness and learning how they can prevent it.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food-borne illness is a serious public health issue. According to figures from the CDC, 5,000 people die every year due to some type of food-borne illness—that is almost 14 people every day.

"Bacteria grow more quickly in warmer temperatures and that is why we see an increase in food-borne illnesses every summer," said Dr. Richard Raymond, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's highest-ranking food safety official.

Everyone should learn the four simple lessons of food safety—clean, separate, cook and chill. These are the messages of USDA's Be Food Safe campaign and they will help people prevent food-borne illnesses.

**Clean**—Hand washing is one of the simplest ways to help reduce the threat of food-borne illness. Research has shown that you need



Bacteria that cause food-borne illnesses grow more quickly in warmer temperatures.

to wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds to ensure they are clean enough to handle foods. Also be sure to clean surfaces and utensils.

**Separate**—A common mistake people make is serving cooked food on the same plate that was used to transport the raw meat or poultry from the kitchen to the grill. Cross-contamination can also occur when vegetables or other uncooked foods come into contact with cutting boards, plates and utensils that were used for raw meat and poultry products. Try using different-colored cutting

boards for vegetables and for raw meat.

**Cook**—Meat and poultry must be cooked to a safe minimum internal temperature in order to destroy the bacteria that may be present in the foods. Doing so requires the use of a food thermometer; you simply cannot tell if food is safely cooked by looking at it. For hamburgers, the thermometer should show a safe minimum internal temperature of 160°F. For poultry, the safe minimum internal temperature is 165°F.

**Chill**—Play it safe by putting leftovers and perishable foods back on ice or in the refrigerator after eating—within one hour during the warm summer months. Don't send leftovers home with the guests unless this food is transported in a cooler with ice and immediately chilled. These foods can reach the "Danger Zone" (40°F to 140°F), where bacteria can grow and multiply if not properly chilled. Also, cold foods need to be kept cold (40°F or lower). Use coolers and ice to maintain these temperatures.

You can get your food safety questions answered 24/7 by logging on to [www.askkaren.gov](http://www.askkaren.gov). If you have a food safety question, you can call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at (888) MPHOTline.

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## Pointers for Parents

### Teens Speak Up Against Reckless Driving



Speak Your Mind—Encouraging teens to speak up against reckless driving could help keep them safe.

(NAPS)—A new campaign from the Ad Council is putting the brakes on the No.1 killer of American teens: car crashes.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data show that, on average, more than 300,000 teens are injured in car crashes each year, nearly 8,000 are involved in fatal crashes and more than 3,500 are killed.

A new national program may help turn those statistics around. It encourages teens to

be the spokespeople against reckless driving by empowering them to speak up when they're in the car with friends and don't feel safe. Launched by the Ad Council, the "UR the Spokesperson" campaign includes a series of public service announcements (PSAs), a new Web site and a tool kit for classroom and community-based outreach. It was created pro bono by North Castle, an ad agency specializing in reaching teens.

In addition to encouraging teens to speak up, the campaign is meant to increase awareness of the dangers of reckless driving and educate teens on how to be safe drivers. The campaign also offers these tips to parents:

- Know the state's Graduated Driver License Law, including requirements for supervised driving and restrictions on time of day and passengers in the car.
- Set family rules about driving, such as no driving after 10 p.m. and no changing CDs or handling MP3 players.
- Establish and enforce consequences, including loss of driving privileges for breaking the rules.
- Give Them A Ride—Let your teens know that they can call you for a ride home any time they don't feel safe getting in a car with a friend.

For more information on the campaign and to see the ads, visit [www.URtheSpokesperson.com](http://www.URtheSpokesperson.com).

## Borden County ISD Regular Board Meeting

June 18, 2007

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, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Joe Harding was absent. Jimmy Thomas and Bart McMeans were also present.

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 21, 2007 board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the June 2007 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve an Option 3 & 4 Agreement with the State to equalize wealth, to fund a technology consortium, and obtain an efficiency credit for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis to give a raise of \$1,320 to Terri Buchanan, a raise of \$1,320 to Amy Rinehart, and a raise of \$2,640 to Joan Marshall. The motion died of a lack of a second.

A second motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to give a raise of \$2,200 to Terri Buchanan, Amy Rinehart,

and Joan Marshall. Dennis Poole moved to amend the motion by striking \$2,200 and insert \$2,640. Carol Lewis withdrew her motion from the table.

A third motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to give a raise of \$2,640 to Terri Buchanan, Amy Rinehart, and Joan Marshall. Voting for were Dennis Poole, Mike Valentine, and Carol Lewis. Voting against were Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, and John Anderson.

A fourth motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to give a raise of \$2,200 to Terri Buchanan and Amy Rinehart and a raise of \$2,640 to Joan Marshall. Dennis Poole moved to amend the motion by striking \$2,200 and \$2,640 and insert \$2,640 for both figures, with a second made by Carol Lewis. Voting for the original motion were Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Mike Valentine, and John Anderson. Voting against were Dennis Poole and Carol Lewis. Those voting for the amendment were Dennis Poole and Carol Lewis. Those voting against the amendment were Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Mike Valentine, and John Anderson.

7. Mr. McMeans conducted a review of the results of the 2006-2007 reading inventory for grades K-2 as required by law.

8. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to extend the Borden County I.S.D. Bank Depository Contract with Snyder National Bank through August 31, 2009. The vote passed with John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Dennis Poole voting in favor. Mike Valentine abstained.

9. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to solicit bids for school propane and vehicle fuel for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to set the July 2007 School Board Meeting for July 16, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the 2006-2007 Borden County I.S.D. Budget Amendments as recommended by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial and investment report, a personnel report, a legislative report, and a six-week student grade report. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

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

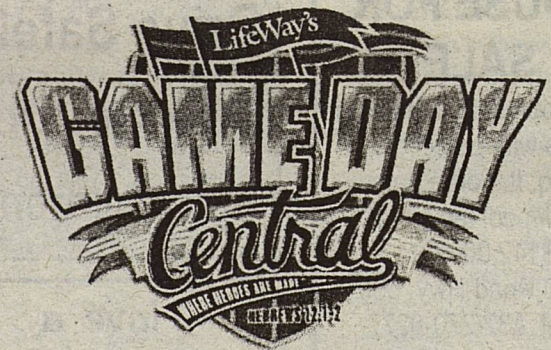
What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk?  
Whatever you have to!  
Friends don't let friends drive drunk.

## Cheering on the Coyotes!

The 2007-2008 Jr. High cheerleaders recently attended cheer camp in June at Hardin Simmons in Abilene. They learned many new cheers, chants, dances, and stunts. As a squad, they earned a spirit stick and numerous blue ribbons. The girls worked hard and had a great time.



Borden County Jr. High cheerleaders attending camp are (L. to R.) Mattie Turner, Teryn Soto, Stephanie Cooley and Kylie Voss.



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**August 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>**

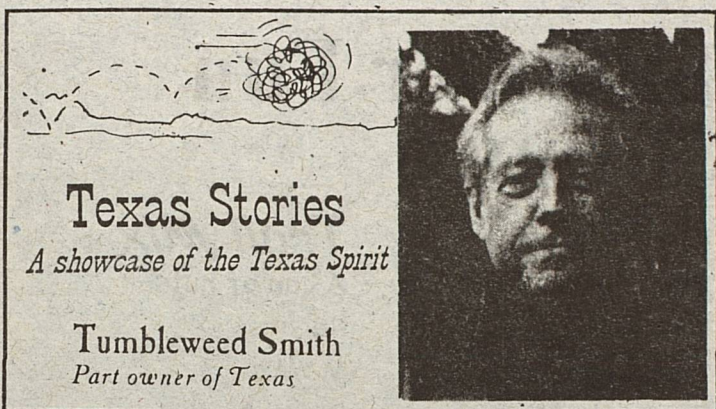
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# Important FSA Deadlines Approaching

Last week U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Teresa Lasseter reminded farmers and other landowners that several important dates are on the horizon.

Lasseter explained that farmers and other landowners with base acres and yields have only until August 3, 2007, to enroll in the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) without incurring a late enrollment fee. Producers failing to sign up by Aug. 3, 2007, but before Sept. 30, 2007, will pay a late-file fee of \$100. The final date to enroll in the 2007 DCP is Sept. 30, 2007.

Enrollment in DCP for the 2007 contract period began Oct. 1, 2006. FSA extended the DCP sign-up deadline in March 2007 to August 3, 2007. The original DCP enrollment deadline was June 1, 2007.

The deadline to enroll in the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program is rapidly approaching and Lasseter encouraged all eligible producers to enroll in DCP before the August 3 deadline to avoid paying a

late fee." DCP provides payments to eligible producers on farms enrolled for the 2002 through 2007 crop years. There are two types of DCP payments - direct payments and counter-cyclical payments. USDA computes payments using the base acres and payment yields established for the farm. The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (2002 Farm Bill) authorized DCP. Lasseter also reminded farmers and ranchers that the also have until August 1, 2007, to nominate eligible candidates to serve on local FSA county committees. FSA county committees assist local farmers through their decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs and disaster programs, and by working closely with county executive directors. To hold office as a county committee member, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election

and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

A complete list of eligibility requirements and additional information are posted online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on News & Events, then County Committee Elections.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing minorities and women are encouraged to nominate candidates.

All nomination forms for the 2007 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 1, 2007.

The county committee nomination period began June 15. Voting takes place in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 2. The final day to return voted ballots to the local USDA Service Center is December 3. Newly elected county committee members take office January

## Dick Kendall/Crandall/Candall In Vegas

My roommate at Baylor was Dick Kendall. We have remained friends and see each other frequently. He majored in Philosophy and ended up doing chamber of commerce work and banking. He had his own bank marketing company and still does bank training all over the country. His book, NOBODY TOLD ME I'D HAVE TO SELL has been translated into several languages.

In high school, Dick created skits at assemblies and later at church camp. He made audiences laugh by talking about ordinary experiences that everybody in the audience had.

Dick has traveled the world on cruise ships. Somewhere along the way he decided he could be as funny as the paid comics who entertained passengers on cruises. He put it to the task once when a cruise ship had a talent night. When Dick got on stage, the audience laughed and laughed at Dick's material and the cruise director took Dick's name.

Since that first cruise ship appearance as a guest some twenty years ago, Dick has been in demand as a speaker and entertainer. He has appeared in comedy clubs all over the country and on cruise ships around the world. Every once in awhile Dick will get a call from a

cruise line that will ask him if he can be in Singapore in two weeks to do some comedy gigs between there and Australia. Dick is different from most comics. His material is clean. Dick appeared in Las Vegas a few years ago on a showcase with other comics. Early this year he told me he was going to be at the Riviera Comedy Club in Vegas the week of May 21st. It was his first real paying job in Vegas. We went to see him.

On the cell phone when we arrived, he mentioned something about his name on billboards around town. There was some static on the line and I was in a noisy place, so I couldn't hear him too well.

On the monorail to his hotel we saw a huge sign advertising Dick's appearance. His name was spelled Candall. I quickly made a sign like chauffeurs have when they pick up people at airports. In large letters I printed C A N D A L L. I held it up when he came down to the lobby. When Dick saw the sign, he doubled over with laughter. He then took us outside to view his name on a lighted building sign miles away with letters 5 feet tall. That sign spelled Dick's name Crandall.

We enjoyed going around Vegas together. At Dick's show that night, he was the

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## "Mail Bag"

### Top 10 questions about stamp collecting (and answers, too!)

What's the world's most popular hobby? Millions of enthusiasts around the world will tell you it's stamp collecting. However, most people know very little about stamps, except that they go on a letter!

#### Where did stamps come from?

Postage stamps were invented in the 19<sup>th</sup> 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, showing the image of Queen Victoria portrayed against a black background.

#### What did we do before stamps?

The person receiving a letter paid for delivery. Back then, it cost a lot to deliver a letter—too much for many people—so when a letter came, they would refuse to pay for it. The Post Office was providing the service, and getting no money. This is the primary reason that postage stamps came into being.

#### Who appears on the most U.S. stamps?

George Washington and Benjamin Franklin.

#### How much did the first U.S. stamp cost?

Two were issued in 1847: the one featuring George Washington cost 10 cents, and the one with a picture of Benjamin Franklin cost five cents.

#### How did stamp collecting start?

Like a lot on new things

when first introduced, stamps were quite popular in Great Britain from their launch in 1840. In fact, according to the American Philatelic Society—a great resource for stamp collecting information—a woman placed an ad in the *London Times* in 1841, asking for help in collecting stamps so she could use them to wallpaper her bedroom! And through the years, stamp collecting has continued to grow in popularity.

#### What makes a stamp valuable?

Beyond its denomination, or "face value," for mail delivery, a stamp may be worth more to other stamp collectors based on the number printed and available for purchase, the demand, and its condition.

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

The price listed in a stamp catalog gives you some idea of how valuable it is.

#### What is the world's most valuable stamp?

November 2005 saw a blockbuster stamp trade that established a new world record for the value of a single stamp. 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 an 1868 1-cent "Z Grill" stamp, one of only two known to exist. 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 form the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

#### Why are there so many

#### stamp designs? Why not have just one with different prices?

First, different designs help postal employees and customers recognize the different values of stamps. For many years the Universal Postal Union—the United Nations-based organization that negotiated and oversees the exchange of mail around the world—required that stamps be of a particular color to help identify their value.

Second, the United States and many other countries use stamps to pay tribute to great citizens, celebrate natural wonders, recognize important historical events, share cultural icons, and promote worthy causes and social issues.

#### Who decides what subjects appear on U.S. stamps?

The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC), founded in 1957, makes recommendations on stamp subjects and designs. The Committee, whose members represent a wide range of educational, artistic, historical and professional expertise, reviews tens of thousands of stamp subject proposals each year before making its recommendations. The Postmaster

General makes the final decision. Only a few dozen stamps are issued annually.

To suggest an idea for a new stamp, write to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, c/o Stamp Development, U.S. Postal Service, 1735 North Lynn Street, Suite 5013, Arlington, VA 22209-6342. 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.

## Summer Fun Recipes

### Rubber Blubber

1 qt. water  
1 Tbsp. Borax  
Food coloring  
White glue

#### Directions:

1. Combine water and borax in a large jar, stir well and let stand a few minutes.
2. Fill a disposable cup three quarters of the way with the borax solution and add a few drops of food coloring.
3. Add white glue, stirring continuously until a large stringy mass wraps around the spoon.
4. Pull off the spoon and drop into cold water.
5. Remove the rubber blubber, and with dry hands, squeeze to remove are bubbles.
6. Finally roll into a ball and see how high it will bounce!!
7. Store in a plastic bag.

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To learn more about stamp collecting or check out the latest stamps, visit your local Post Office or go to [shop.usps.com](http://shop.usps.com) and look under "For Collecting" and "For Education."

### Trail Mix

A can of nuts  
Raisins  
M&M's  
Dried fruit  
Sunflower seeds  
Cheerios

#### Directions:

1. Divide into Ziploc-style bags and freeze overnight.
2. The children never fail to ask to do this treat.

### Blue

### Mountain

### Milk Shake

2 c. vanilla ice cream  
2 c. milk  
1 c. vanilla yogurt  
2 large bananas  
1 ½ tsp. vanilla extract  
4 drops blue food coloring

Blend all the ingredients in a blender until creamy. Makes 6 servings.

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Fear less, hope more; eat less, chew more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; love more, and all good things will be yours.

—Swedish Proverb

