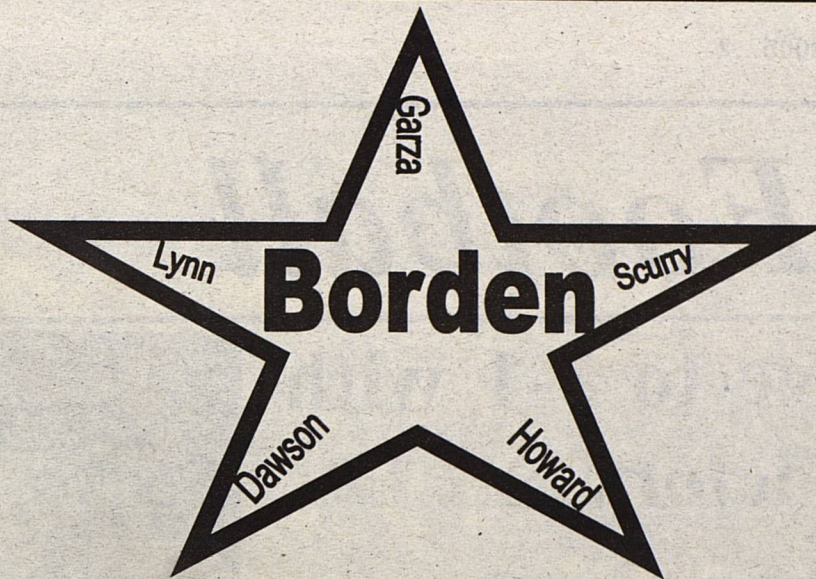


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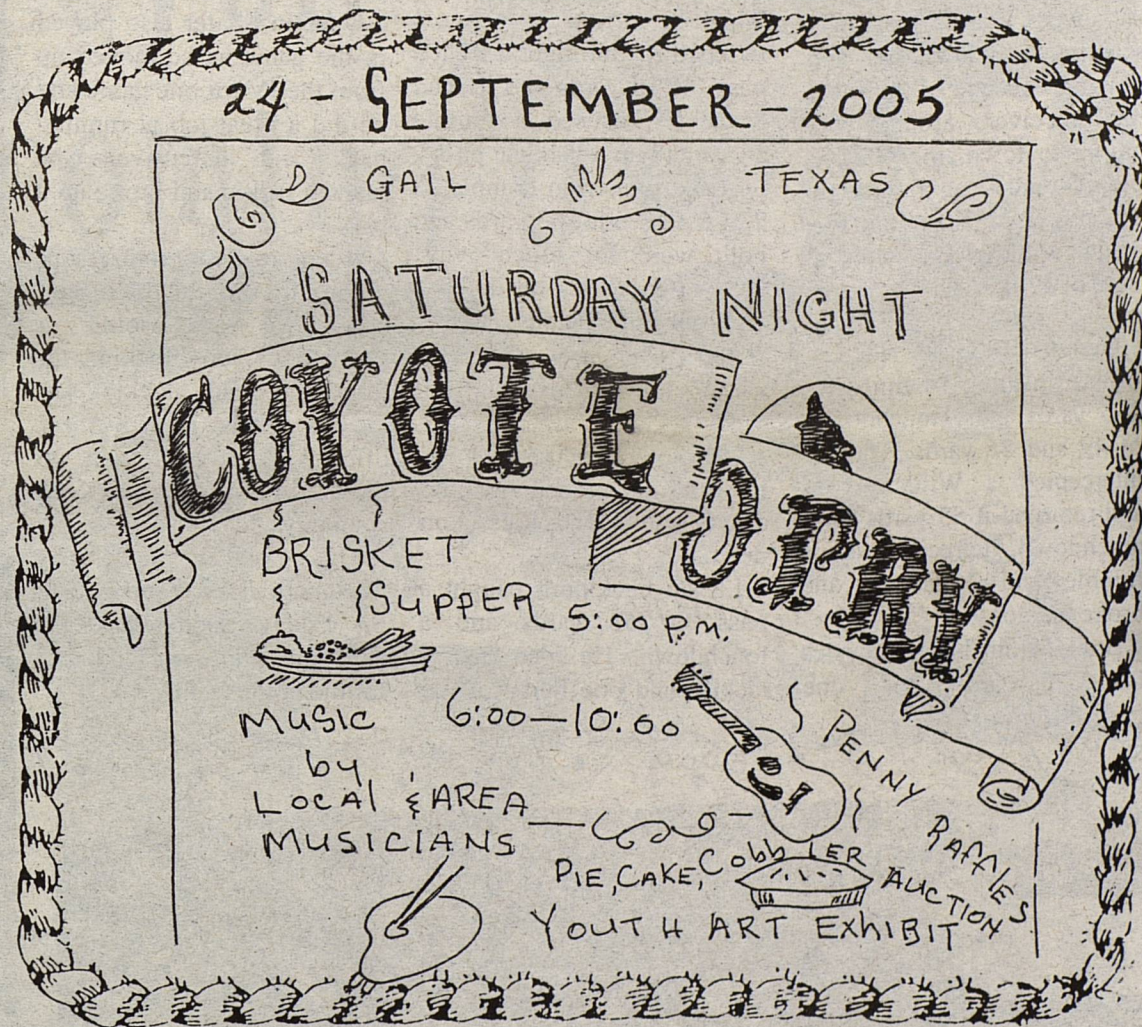
Borden County 4-H Honors Awarded at 2004-05 Achievement Picnic

The 2004-2005 Borden County 4-H Achievement Picnic was held on Monday, September 19 in the county showbarn. Various honors were given to 4-H youth, leaders and friends of the 4-H program. 4-H youth were recognized for their completion of project work in the swine, sheep, meat goat, beef, leadership, shooting sports, consumer education, and clothing and textiles project areas.

Each year the youth recognize Outstanding Leaders for their dedication, hard work and assistance with various 4-

H projects. This year, Buddy Wallace and Mike Valentine were honored as Outstanding Leaders. The youth also honor Friends of 4-H. These individuals are members of the community and surrounding area that contribute in various ways to the 4-H program, whether through monetary, time, or resource donations. Borden County I.S.D. Faculty and Staff were recognized as the Friends of 4-H.

The Gold Star award is the highest award a 4-H'er may receive. This award is given for the 4-H'ers accomplish-



The 2005 4-H Project Achievement Pin recipients

ments in leadership, project work and citizenship. This year's recipients are Lacey Newton and Symeron Rinehart. They will again be honored at the South Plains District 4-H Gold Star

Banquet in November. We congratulate all 4-H youth, leaders and 4-H friends for their accomplishments and wish to thank everyone for their contributions to the Borden County 4-H program.

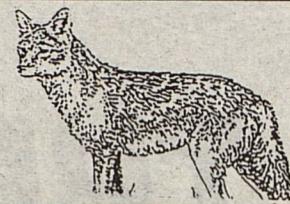
School Zone Safety Tips



- > 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.

Just a Reminder, brought to you from the TxDOT

Coyote Football



Coyotes improve to 3-1 with Homecoming Victory

By Coach Avery

It was homecoming in Gail, and the Coyotes were really nervous in front of a large home crowd. Knowing that they had given up 66 points last week and narrowly escaping with a victory and knowing that one of the most lethal receivers around was coming to town, the Coyote defense really came through on a big night, they shut the Grady Wildcats out with a score of 49-0.

Garrett Thomas led the offense rushing 14 times for 165 yards and 2 touchdowns of 49 and 25 yards. Thomas intercepted a Wildcat pass and returned it 53 yards for a touchdown. He recovered one fumble had 4 tackles and broke up a pass.

Brad Tatum had 10 carries for 72 yards and one

touchdown. He also had 11 tackles on defense.

Michael Bullinger had 2 carries for 66 yards and one touchdown, the latter of which he carried for 60 yards to pay dirt. Bullinger caught a pass for 10 yards and he had 8 tackles, caused a fumble and broke up a Wildcat pass.

Chase Pinkerton completed 2 of 5 passes for 65 yards and both were for touchdowns. He had 8 tackles on defense and broke up one pass.

Clint Chapman was 1 for 1 passing for 10 yards and he had 6 tackles on defense.

Trey Soto caught a pass for 15 yards and a touchdown; he also had 11 tackles on defense.

J.Ryan Gicklhorn caught a pass for 53 yards and a touchdown. He also had 9 tackles and one hurry of the

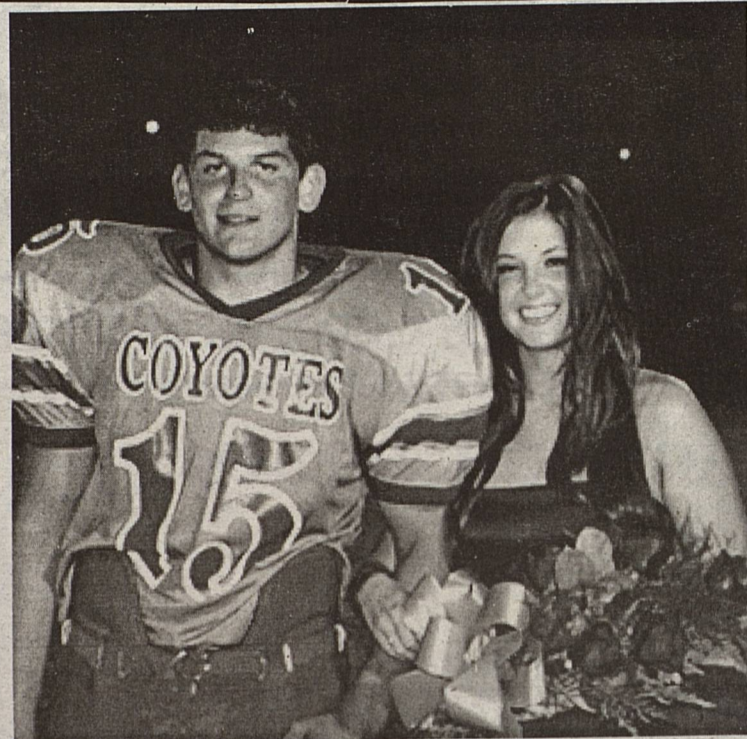
Wildcat QB.

Andrew Lamming played guard and end on offense and did a great job blocking, and he had 7 tackles on defense.

Quentin Shafer also played in the game as he moved up from the JV for one game and he did a great job at running back and defensively he made a tackle and broke up a pass.

"I am really proud of our ability to run the ball right now, we are doing a tremendous job blocking up front and lead blocking on sweeps. This improvement offensively is the reason we have 3 wins in 4 games. Keep it up guys."

The Coyotes next play Wellman-Union here in Gail on Friday September 23rd. Everyone come out and root for the home team.



Homecoming Queen: Senior Whitney Anderson was crown Homecoming Queen during halftime activities on Friday. She is the daughter of John and Kevva Anderson of Borden County. Whitney is escorted by Trey Soto. Other Queen candidates were: Megan Brooks, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brooks. She was escorted by Bradley Tatum. Brandi Hudson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hudson. She was escorted by Garrett Thomas.



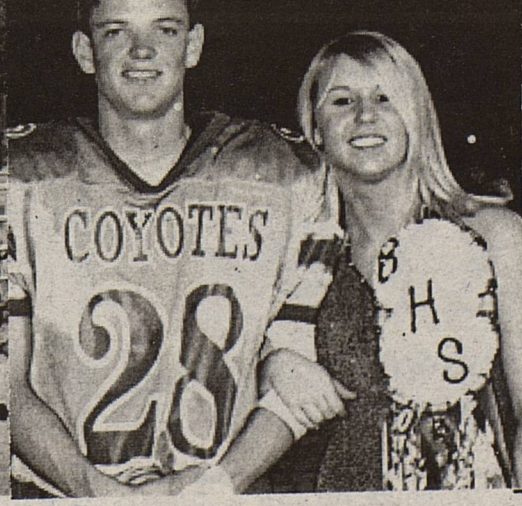
Band Sweetheart, Football Sweetheart and Football Beau: Freshman, Krystal Hobson was crowned Football Sweetheart and Band Sweetheart for 2005. Her escort Trey Soto was elected as Football Beau. Krystal is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hobson. Trey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Soto.

Other Football Sweetheart nominees were: Katherine Froman and Sarah Harding. Katherine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Froman. Sarah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harding. The Beau candidates were: Garrett Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Thomas and Bradley Tatum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Tatum.

Other Band Sweetheart candidates were: Kisha Clement, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clement and Katherine Froman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Froman



HOMEcomings PARADE: The 2005 Coyote Football team arrives at the bon fire and pep rally that was held on Friday, Sept. 16th. The Coyote Pack attacked the Grady Wildcats with a score of 49-0



Coyote Homecoming '05

Coyote JV Escapes with One-point Victory over Grady

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Junior Varsity riding the momentum from their first victory of the year traveled to Lenorah, to take on the Grady Wildcats. The Coyote Junior Varsity would have to ride their momentum without the services of leading rusher safety Quentin Shafer who was called up to the varsity to fill in for an injured Coyote. This meant that Freshman Jake Cooley would have to fill in on a full time basis at the tailback position, while Miller Valentine and Logan Howard would have to spend more time at fullback and Asa Rutherford would have to spend more time at safety on defense.

As the contest began, the Coyote JV saw a golden opportunity slip through their hands as a possible touchdown pass was dropped on a big 3rd down play. After punting the ball to the Wildcats, the home team, the Coyotes defense under the direction of Coach B (Benavidez) stiffened and forced a turnover. But, the visiting Coyotes immediately gave the ball back as Jake fumbled the ball on a nice run and the home team wasted little time in taking advantage of the generosity by the Coyotes as they scored a touchdown to take a 6 to 0 lead. In what proved to be some of the biggest plays of the game, the Coyotes held the Wildcats on the conversion attempt. The Coyotes then responded with a quick score of their own when Jake Cooley broke several tackles to set sail on a 55 yard touchdown run. Jake got some good blocking from Dore Rodriguez, Zane Williamson, Clay Harding, Pasqual Espinoza, Miller Valentine, Asa Rutherford, and Cory Teel on the drive to allow the Coyotes to tie the

score. On the conversion attempt, Miller took a quick pitch from Asa and stretched across the goal line for the 1-pt. play. At the time, the Coyotes did not know just how big that play would be.

On the ensuing kick-off, the Coyotes had two defensive starters go down. Logan went down for only a few plays, but defensive stand-out Zane Williamson went down for the rest of the 1st half. As a result, the Wildcats exploited the Coyotes holes while they searched for replacements. The backups for the Coyotes got things figured out, but a trick play, a reverse gave the Wildcats the lead again at 12 to 7. Another great defensive effort on the extra point kept the score at 12 to 7 with only 1:30 left in the half. The Coyotes now had to fill Zane's spot on offense. Cory Teel was called upon to do just that, and he did. With only a few seconds left in the half, the Coyotes used a screen pass from Jake to Asa to cover 40 yards and move the ball to the Wildcat 5 yard line with only 5 seconds left in the half. Jake Cooley behind a great block by Logan, Miller and Asa scampered that final 5 yards to pay dirt and a 13 to 12 halftime lead.

In the 3rd quarter, the Wildcats used a time consuming drive that resulted in a touchdown for the home team. But, when the coyotes

had to step up, they did yet again by holding the wildcats out of the end zone on the extra-point attempt. The Wildcats now led 18 to 13.

The Coyotes marched down the field for what appeared to be a lead changing touchdown. But on the 2nd play of the 4th quarter, and the 2nd try inside the one yard line, the Coyotes came up short when Miller Valentine was stopped just short of the end zone for the go ahead touchdown.

But, under the direction of Coach B and a timely blitz by Zane Williamson, he caused a fumble and defensive end Logan Howard recovered the fumble in the end zone for what would end up being the winning touchdown, as the Coyotes took a 19 to 18 lead early in the 4th quarter.

On the Wildcats ensuing drive, they marched down the field, but Zane, Logan and Dore teamed up for some quality defensive pressure on critical passing downs to keep the Wildcats from scoring and took over the ball with only a few minutes left in the contest. The Coyotes however, could not run out the clock and the Coyote defense was forced to stop the home team one more time. A tackle at the 25 yard line as timed expired gave the Coyotes their second win of the season in a very impressive team effort. Congratulations Coyotes on the victory.

Borden JH Team Loses Close One

By Coach Avery

The Borden County junior high football team lost a close one last Thursday to the Grady Wildcats. With less than two minutes left on the clock the Coyote Pups trailed 13 to 19 Flynn Chapman connected with John Hensley for a 40 yard pass play for a touchdown. The extra point would have given the Pups a one point lead but it failed. So with the score tied at 19 and about one and a half minutes left all the Pups had to do was hold the Wildcats and score again. But instead the Wildcat running back got loose and tromped about 50 yards for a score to go up 25 to 19. That is the way it ended as time ran out on the Coyote Pup offense.

Brendan Tarleton scored first for the Pups as Michael

Cooley hit him with a pass from 30 yards out. After the Wildcats scored again Cooley returned the kick off 55 yards for a touch down. This time Hensley carried the ball over for the one point PAT.

This is the first game for these young Coyotes to lose this year and maybe there were some valuable lesson learned.

Others playing in the game were, Dalton Thuett, Miles Valentine, Tony Soto, Skyler Williamson, Austin Tyler, David Rodriguez, Derek Tatum, Austin Fields, Karl Lamming, Chance Taylor, Shane Howell and Chris Teel.

Their next game is Thursday Sept. 22 at Wellman, see you there.

Roper awarded Scholarship

Billy Maurice Roper, a 2005 graduate of Borden High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Roper received a Hatton W. Summers Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, payable \$500 each semester of the first year. This year the Summers Foundation awarded a total of eight grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who plan to major in government, political science or history.


This year the TILF awarded 346 new awards and will renew approximately 200 awards for a total of more than 500 scholarships for 2005-06, with an approximate value of \$1,025,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Billy competed in cross examination debate at the 2002, 2003 and 2004 UIL Academic State Meets, placing first in 2003 and 2004. He also participated in UIL informative speaking, mathematics, calculator applications and football throughout his high school career. He is the son of William and Juna Roper.

Billy plans to attend Texas A&M University-College Station and major in political science.

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4-H Honors



Gold Star Award: Lacey Newton is the 2005 4-H Gold Star recipient. Raylea Underwood presented her with the award.



Gold Star Award: J. Ryan Gicklhorn presented the 2005 4-H Gold Star Award to Symeron Rinehart.



Outstanding Leader: Mike Valentine received his Outstanding Leader Award from Shylo Rinehart.

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family and 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 Courts of Texas Cooperate

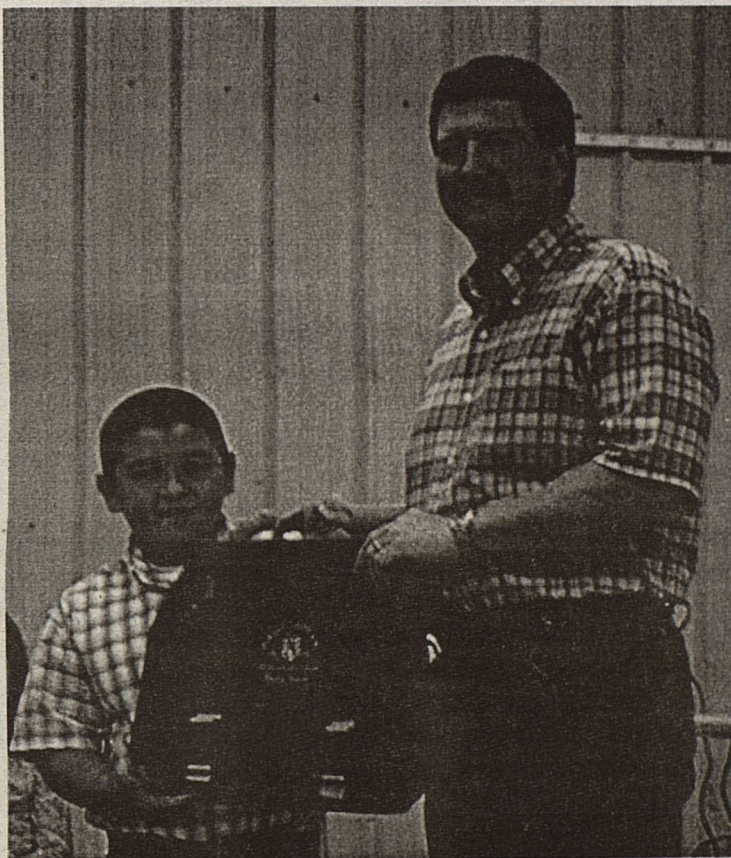
Safe Self-Care At Home and Medicare Part D Update at next Senior Citizen Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Monday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Community Room. This will be a pot luck supper (bring your favorite dish to share). We will enjoy our meal and fellowship first, followed by an educational program by Julie Smith on Safe Self-care

at Home and then a brief program by the Area Agency on Aging. They will be providing an update on Medicare Part D. Following the programs, we will enjoy games and more fellowship!

Please keep in mind that there are many possible opportunities this group can provide, including wonderful fellowship, fun games and activities, great learning experiences, a chance to have your blood pressure and blood glucose checked, and even a possibility of group outings. We invite you to participate in the second Borden County Senior Citizen Group Evening. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Julie Smith at (806)756-4336. Also, if you need transportation to and from the Community Building, please contact us to make arrangements. We look forward to a great new opportunity for our friends in Borden County!

For more information about the update on Medicare Part D, contact Raynetta Williams with the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging @ 800-491-3696.



Outstanding Leader: Tristen Benavidez presents the Outstanding Leader to Buddy Wallace.

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Friend of 4-H: The Borden County ISD Faculty and Staff received the Friend of 4-H Award. It was presented by Shylo Rinehart and Tristen Benavidez.

One Hundred Doses on Sale at Coyote Opry; Author on Hand to Sign Copies

The following interview did not take place, but it was going to be a bit awkward to write a first-person feature story. So, let's assume that a reporter from Book Times really did drop by. Maybe it would go something like this:

Reporter: You don't look like a writer. Just exactly who are you?*

Sue Jane: Well, first of all, I am a biker. It's true. I have a yellow Honda Metropolitan. Tattoos will be forthcoming. In my spare time, I like to teach school, watch CSI and Law and Order episodes. Maybe kick back and have some buttered popcorn every now and then. You know, chill.

Reporter: What does that have to do with the book you wrote?

Sue Jane: Nothing.

Reporter: Well, can you tell us a little about the book?

Sue Jane: No, but I can tell you a lot about it. Two years ago I took our debate students to Friona, Texas, for a meet—it was a cold, cold day in January. I remember it just like it was yesterday.

Reporter: What does that have to do with the book?

Sue Jane: Gee, hold on. There's always a story. Let me tell it. Well, at speech tournaments there are these rooms called tab rooms—it's where the ballots and results are posted and put in paper sacks for the coaches to get after the meet.

Reporter: What does that have to do with the book?

Sue Jane: Seriously, do you get paid to do this? Good grief, just hush up for a minute. I'm getting



Sue Jane Mayes

to it. Back to my story. In this tab room was a lady who was the wife of the guy running the tournament. We struck up a conversation about me leaving early to get to a Texas Tech Lady Raider game I had to cover for a newspaper. I also was doing some free-lance writing at the time.

Reporter: What does that have to do with the book?

At this point in the interview, the reporter is slapped silly and sent to the principal's office.

Sue Jane: Please, continue this terribly interesting story for us.

Sue Jane: Thanks, I believe I will. The lady, named Teddy Jones, and her husband are avid Lady Raider fans, so she found it interesting that I wrote for some small newspapers and covered the players who came from small towns. She told me she also did some writing and was working on a book at the time that was soon to be published. I got my ballots, told her I had enjoyed the visit, and then headed for Lubbock with my debaters.

Teddy e-mailed the following week and asked if I ever wrote anything else. I do—a little newsletter of encouragement

and devotion for special friends and family called "A New Song."

She suggested we exchange some of our writing, share ideas, etc... and so we did. As it turns out, she does a column for The Farmer-Stockman called "In the Middle of It All."

We discovered that our stories had a similar theme—offering advice and encouragement to people, particularly women, in a light and often humorous way.

Thus, an idea was born that perhaps our stories could be complementary of each other.

Teddy's columns reflect her background of nursing and health care. She served as Dean and professor of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing in Lubbock for years.

My essays contained elements of my childhood growing up in a small town, teaching in a small community, and even some reflections of my grandmother's experiences on a farm near Rotan, Texas during the Depression.

So, as the weeks went by, Teddy approached her editor and publisher in

Santa Fe about another book. He was very interested in something that he could market, especially to women in the Southwest.

Perfect, we thought. So for a year, we compiled our pieces, edited, revised, wrote a few more, and came up with One Hundred Doses: Capsules of Advice and Encouragement for the Health and Well-being of Farm and Ranch Women.

What began as a chance meeting at a debate tournament has led to a project that I couldn't have done without Teddy's expertise.

She and Jim Bob aren't really retired; they live and work on the family farm near Friona. She continues to work part-time as a nurse practitioner in Ruidoso where they also have a home.

She has written another book, A Stone for Every Journey, and so her experiences with getting that book in print, marketing it, etc. has been invaluable. She's been a wonderful mentor for me—I am not a detail person. I have the ideas and the vision, but I need others to help put it all together.

My brother Shane also chipped in his talents as a graphic designer to help with note cards, which we hope to sell and bookmarks, which we will give away.

The book isn't going to make the New York Times

bestseller, but it's a simple, easy read book that looks great on a coffee table. And students, it won't be on the Accelerated Reader list, so don't worry.

Included in my "doses" are stories of local folks like Kent and Ollie Holmes, Mary John Phinzy, Cookie Dyess, Karan Key, and a fun parody of the Wallace family at a stock show. Tyler and Kate gave me their blessings on this one, knowing it was written strictly for entertainment merit.

One dollar of every book sold will go to the Jr. Livestock Association. I know, it doesn't sound like much, but hey, I have a wedding (daughter Julie) and a college education (Emily) to help pay for.

The book will also be in the school library as a donation from the Herridge family in memory of Caden. He would have enjoyed the life my grandmother lived on that farm....

Reporter: (back after 30-minute punishment of having to sit in on a Jr. High class)

I had no idea 8th graders could talk so much.

Sue Jane: Welcome to the real world, buddy. I suggest you buy my book and get out of Dodge. Hey, leave your phone number, though, in case we need you to substitute some time.

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It's time to Texercise "Your Step to Health"

WHAT: The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Garrison Institute on Aging will present an opportunity to local seniors to learn more about getting and staying healthy.

WHEN: 10:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, (Sept. 23rd)

WHERE: UMC HealthPoint, located 4004 82nd. Street

EVENT: The event will include nutritionist guest speaker Carmen R. Roman-Shriver, Ph.D., health screening, Tai-Chi, yoga and Texercise demonstrations.

TEXERCISE is a statewide fitness campaign, developed by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to educate and involve older Texans and their families in physical

activities and proper nutrition. The TEXERCISE campaign promotes activity among individuals, as well as community events and policies that support fitness in all life areas.

Research has shown that cardiovascular disease and stroke, both of which are related to physical inactivity, remain the No. 1 and No. 3 causes of death in Texas. Together they account for nearly half of all deaths in our state. By combating high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, osteoporosis, and other health problems associated with a sedentary lifestyle, TEXERCISE hopes to make all senior Texans healthier.

The project is a partnership with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center,

Healthy Lubbock, TEXERCISE and HealthPoint.

CONTACT: Annette Nichols Boles, assistant director of the Garrison Institute on Aging, (806)743-7821, ext. 244.

School Lunch Menu

September 26th - 30th

Monday - Breakfast: Hot pocket, fruit juice & milk
Lunch: Beef & bean burrito, potato wedges, salad, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, fruit juice and milk;
Lunch: Chicken strips, potatoes, corn, hot roll, fruit and milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Waffles, fruit juice and milk
Lunch: Fajita, salad, pinto beans, jell-o w/fruit and milk

Thursday - Breakfast: Cereal & toast, fruit juice and milk;
Lunch: Meat & gravy, potatoes, green beans, bread, cobbler and milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, fruit juice & milk.
Lunch: Hot dog w/chili, chips, salad cup, cake, and milk.

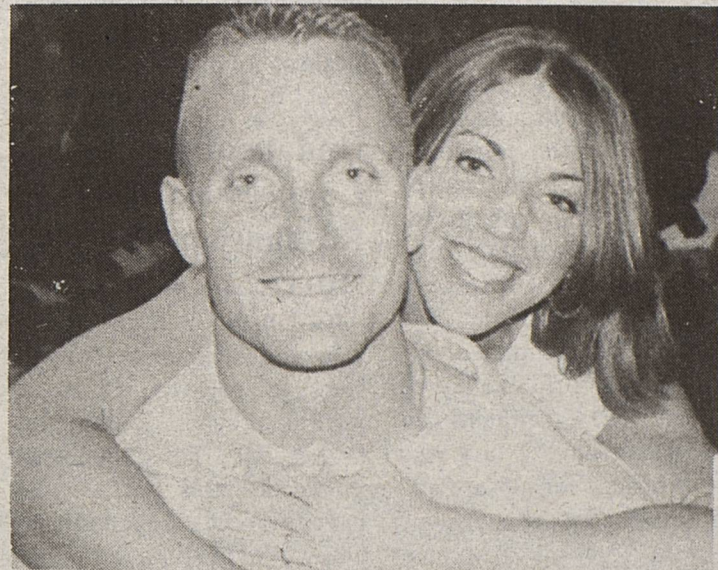
- FOUND -

A pair of glasses was found in the Borden County School Cafeteria following the Homecoming Supper. If they are yours, please contact the principal's office at 806/756-4313 ext. 228.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Your life can be what you want it to be. DREAM and ACHIEVE. The LEARN INC., Educational Opportunity Center program was designed to motivate and assist adult Students from disadvantaged backgrounds who want to attend college. Contact Rebecca at WTO for an appointment at 872-8354 in Lamesa on Thursday, September 22, 2005. For more information contact Maria Montes at the LEARN INC. office 763-4256.

Mayes, Allison to wed in St. Thomas



John Allison and Julie Mayes

Julie Mayes and John Allison are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Sue Jane Mayes of Gail and David and Liz Mayes of Snyder. She is the granddaughter of Norman and Pasty Mayes of Snyder, Guy and Elaine Sullivan of Lubbock, and Lillie Sullivan of Brownfield. She is a 2000 graduate of Borden High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University with a BA in Marketing. She is currently employed as Assistant Operations Manager for Select Staff in Lubbock.

The future groom is the son of Jim Allison and Susan Allison, both of Lubbock. He is a 2000 graduate of Whiteface High School and a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is an exercise specialist for Covenant Lifestyle Center.

The couple will ex-change wedding vows on October 28th on the island of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. They will reside in Lubbock.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 26, 2005 at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas on Proposed Traffic Regulation, (closing road to thru truck traffic) on certain county road, as required by Subchapter E., Section 251.151 of Texas Transportation Code. Road to be considered is Cemetery Road.

Any interested persons are invited to attend and present oral or written comments.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
Van, L. York, County Judge
Borden County

Thank You!

To our Borden County Family, Friends and Neighbors,

We are so blessed to live in a community where so many have shown their love and concern when we have really needed it. Words cannot express the gratitude that we feel for all of the visits, phone calls, helping with the kids, delicious food but most of all, for your thoughts and prayers. Everything that ya'll have done and said has meant so much to us and has really helped us out during this hard time. From the bottom of our hearts, Thank you and May God Bless each and everyone of you.

*With Love and Appreciation,
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-- Randy's Roundup *Start Your Engines!*

Proposals for FSA Offices

Many readers may have seen stories in the news last week that mentioned plans for the future of the Farm Service Agency and its county offices throughout the country. Several proposals have been offered to handle a wave of retirements in the near future that will cause many county offices to become understaffed. The news stories mentioned that some county offices may be closed. USDA maintains that it does not have a proposed list of offices for closure and that it is not asking each state to close a particular number of offices. Rather, the department is seeking input from state FSA directors to develop a solution to this problem.

Nothing has been decided yet, and it is important to me that farmers continue to receive quality service from their FSA offices. I will follow this issue closely and send out new information as it becomes available. I believe no decisions should be made without thorough review and input. If FSA can improve service to farmers, I am willing to take a look at their proposals. My goal is to make sure farmers have quality, convenient services, especially in areas where there is a heavy FSA workload.

Strengthening "Head Start"

The House will consider legislation this week that strengthens the Head Start educational program that has helped many children enter elementary school ready to learn. This legislation will help parents become more involved in their children's

education, create a greater role for states in Head Start, maintain all current health and nutrition services for participants, and increase Head Start integration with local school districts.

Update on Congressional Response to Hurricane Katrina

As I mentioned last week, Congress has taken several steps to get the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort into high gear. I have supported those measures because we have a moral obligation to help our neighbors along the Gulf Coast. A responsible approach to the recovery effort not only includes getting aid to those who need it, but it also requires that we figure out how to pay for it. I do not support raising taxes to reach this goal. As we are trying to revitalize a major region of our country, the last thing we need to do is stifle the economy by raising taxes. But I do support increasing our efforts to weed out federal programs that are wasteful or redundant in order to offset the recovery costs. The House will be considering this very topic in the coming days, and I will provide updates as legislation develops on this front.

It is also important to note that it is not just the federal government that has a role in the rebuilding of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region. The private sector and non-profits should also remain involved; incentives for investment are necessary; and leadership at the state and local government levels is essential.

--Randy

Antique Tractor and Engine Show

Experience pumping water, cranking tractors, hand shelving and grinding corn just like your ancestors did in the old days!

Join members of the South Plains Antique Tractor Association for an antique tractor and engine show on October 15th and 16th on the grounds of the American Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock.

The fun-filled weekend begins at 9:00 Saturday morning. Interactive displays will be available all weekend. Tractor games will begin at 10:30, followed by the Parade of Power at 1:30. Another round of games will conclude the afternoon's activities at 2:30.

A Sunday morning worship service will kick off the day's

events at 10:00 a.m. the tractor parade will begin at 1:30, with awards being presented at 2:00 p.m. Concessions will be available both days.

Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for children, and those under 10 years old are free. Proceeds will benefit the American Museum of Agriculture. The museum is located at 1501 Canyon Lake Drive - one mile east of I-27, between Broadway and 19th Street.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2005

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)

HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)

SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)

SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)

SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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