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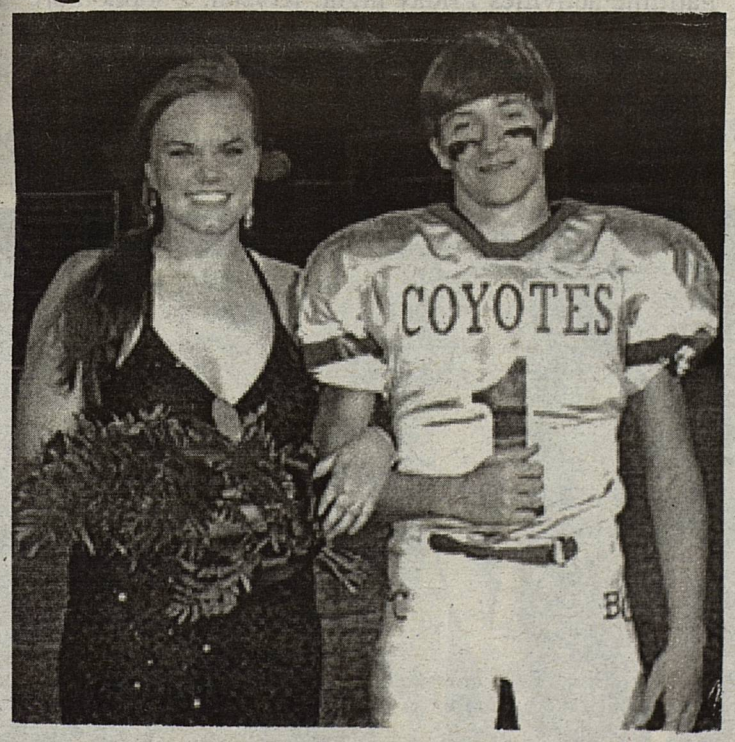
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2006 BHS Homecoming Queen Crowned



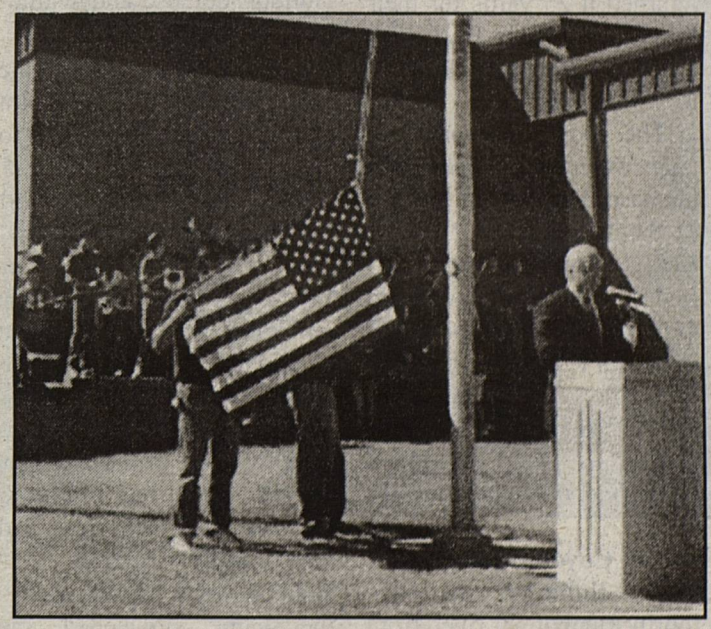
2006 Homecoming Queen and Football Sweetheart – Sarah Harding was crowned Homecoming Queen and Football Sweetheart during halftime activities Friday night. Sarah, a senior, is the daughter of Joe and Rhonda Harding of the Vincent community. She is shown with her escort Asa Rutherford, son of Les and Christy Rutherford of Post. *Photo by LaNita Avery*

Neugebauer Makes Visit

Congressman Randy Neugebauer made a stop at Gail on Friday, October 20th to pay a visit to the students and faculty at Borden County School.

While there Congressman Neugebauer presented the school with a United States flag that was flown over the Capital Building in Washington, D.C. and made a brief speech. He also presented Coach Avery with a dual sided coin he had commissioned with-in the Treasury Department to be used in the coin toss for the Homecoming game to be played in the evening.

After the flag raising ceremony, Congressman Neugebauer visited with students and posed for photo's.



Flag Raising Ceremony – School employees Ross Sharp and Andrew Pigford raise the flag presented to Borden County ISD by Congressman Neugebauer. The flag was once flown over the United States Capital and was given during a special assembly in front of the school on Friday, Oct. 20th.

Photo by Borden Star

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Coyotes Reign Over Loraine

By Coach Avery

The Borden County Coyotes won a big district ball game last Friday here in Gail defeating the Loraine Bulldogs 62 to 12 and improving their season to 4-3 overall and 1-0 in district.

The Coyotes scored on their first possession as Michael Bullinger carried the ball over from 18 yards out. The PAT kick was good by Flynn Chapman to make the score 8 to 0.

The Coyotes held the Bulldogs on their next possession and then fumbled the ball to the Bulldogs as a dog returned it 25 yards for their first score. Their PAT kick failed and the score was 8 to 6.

The Coyotes score two unanswered touchdowns to increase their lead at the end of the first quarter 20 to 0. Both touchdowns were carried over by Bullinger from 45 yards out and 24 yards out. Both PAT kicks failed.

The dogs got on the board again as they scored from 9 yards out. Their PAT kick failed and the score was 20 to 12.

The Coyotes scored next when Bullinger ran his fourth touchdown over from 7 yards out. Flynn Chapman kicked the PAT good to make the score 28 to 12.

With 2:05 left in the first half Flynn Chapman caught a pass from brother Clint Chapman from 4 yards out to increase the Coyote lead. Flynn kicked the PAT good and the score was 36 to 12 at the half.

It was all Coyotes in the second half as the Coyote defense kept the Bulldog offense out of the end zone for the rest of the game.

Clint Chapman scored next as he kept the ball and carried it 44 yards to paydirt. Flynn Chapman passed the ball to Dore Rodriguez for a one point PAT and the score read 43 to 12.

The Coyote defense scored the next Coyote touchdown as Logan Howard pursued the dog Quarterback into the end zone and then recovered a fumble in the end zone for 6 points. The PAT kick failed and the score was 49 to 12.

The Coyotes quickly got the ball back due to good defense and on the first play of the possession Michael Cooley found a hole in the Bulldog defense and scampered 33 yards for the score. Flynn Chapman carried the ball over for the one point PAT to make the score 56 to 12.

On the Coyotes next possession and on the first play of the fourth quarter Flynn Chapman carried the ball over from 13 yards out to end the game via the 45 point rule, 62-12.

The Coyotes were hampered by a bit of a slow start in the first half with 3 fumbles that were lost and the Coyote offense was stopped twice on downs. As the game proceeded the Coyote offense began to click better and limited the mistakes and took the game over. We did a good job battling the Bulldogs and out hit them and wore them down. The Coyotes did lose a valuable player due to a knee injury in the game. Senior end and Cornerback Symeron Rinehart will likely miss the rest of season with the knee injury. We are truly sorry for the loss and will be a blow to the team especially in the depth of the team. In the last game Jake Cooley suffered a season ending injury to his knee and the Coyotes can't afford to lose anyone else off their roster of 14 healthy bodies that are left.

Michael Bullinger carried the ball 17 times in the game for 207 yards and 4 touchdowns. He had 12 tackles, 1 hurry, recovered one fumble and broke up one pass.

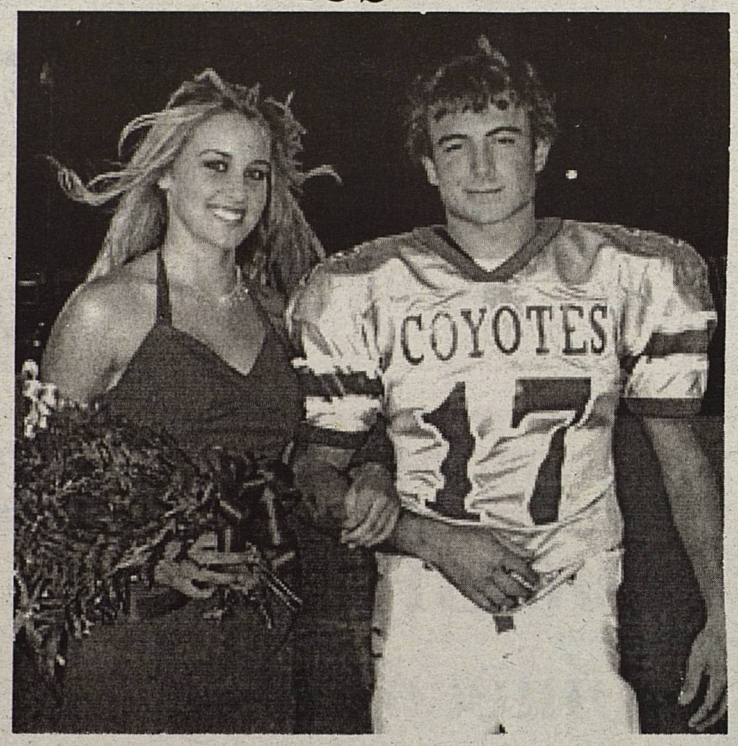
Quentin Shafer carried the ball 5 times for 21 yards. He had 4 tackles as the Coyote safety and one big hit of a lifetime that broke up a Dog's pass.

Clint Chapman carried the ball twice for 45 yards and one touchdown. Clint completed 4 of 6 passes for 41 yards and one touchdown. Clint led the Coyote defense with 17 tackles and broke up a Bulldog pass.

Michael Cooley carried the ball twice for 46 yards and a touchdown. Michael had 6 tackles defensively and one hurry of the quarterback.

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Homecoming Activities



Band Sweetheart and Football Beau – Krystal Hobson was crowned 2006 Band Sweetheart during halftime activities Friday night. Krystal, a sophomore is the daughter of Danny & Renee Hobson of Gail.

Clint Chapman was named Football Beau. He is a senior and the son of Kurt & D'Linda Chapman of Post.

Photo by LaNita Avery



Candidates for 2006 Homecoming Honors: (L to R.) Homecoming Queen and Football Sweetheart, Sarah Harding, Becky Dobyns, Christina Soto, Olivia Key, Chellsie Pigford and Band Sweetheart, Krystal Hobson. *Photo by LaNita Avery*

Pups remain undefeated

By Coach Avery

The Coyote Pups won sixth game in a row last Thursday by defeating the Loraine Bulldogs in Loraine by a score of 36 to 6.

It was a hard fought contest and the Pups really had a tough time taking control of the game. Loraine had a boy that was tall and lanky and he was hard to bring down. They took the first five minutes off the clock and we only had one possession in the first period and that possession resulted in a turnover. Good defense kept the Bulldogs out of the end zone on their possessions with the ball. But the Pups went to work in the second period and went up 16 to 0 at the half.

The first Pup score came as Tony Soto ran the ball on a reverse that scored from 15 yards out. The point after kick was made good by Austin Fields, Miles Valentine is the holder and Derek Tatum is the snapper. Not many junior high teams can successfully kick the PAT's for two points, but these guys have been working on it and have become pretty good at it. The Pups led 8 to 0.

The next score came as Valentine connected on a 50 yard pass to Soto, again Fields and Company kicked the PAT good to make the score 16 to 0 at the half.

The next score came as John Hensley carried the ball over from 6 yards out. The Pups scored a one point PAT as Valentine hit Soto in the end zone. The score then read 23 to 6.

Hensley scored the next Pup touchdown on a 30 yards romp, Valentine hit Hensley for the one point PAT and the lead was increased to 30 to 6.

The last Pup score came as Valentine carried the ball 30 yards to the end zone. The PAT kick was just short and the score read 36 to 6.

These Pups played well, they fought hard and executed well on both sides of the ball. Every one on the team got to play quite a bit. Those that were not already mentioned were: Blake Turner, Austin Tyler, David Rodriguez, Chance Taylor, Chris Teel and Michael Froman.

The Pups next game is next Thursday here in Gail with the Trent Gorillas. Everyone come out and root these guys on to another victory.

Coyotes Reign Over Loraine

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Flynn Chapman carried the ball 3 times for 38 yards and one touchdown and he caught two passes from brother Clint for 15 yards and a touchdown. Flynn also had 11 tackles on defense and caused one fumble.

Asa Rutherford caught Chapman pass for 9 yards and he had 5 tackles on defense.

Logan Howard had six tackles on defense and one big fumble recovery in the end zone for six points.

Dore Rodriguez caught a Chapman pass for 17 yards that was good for a first down. He also had 2 tackles and caused a fumble on defense.

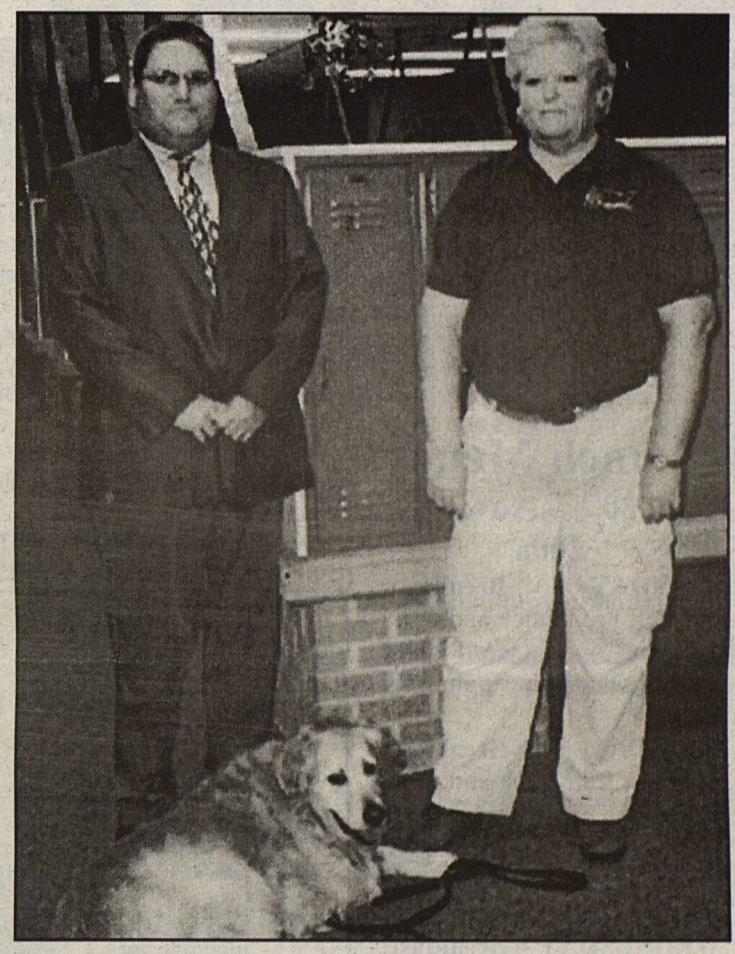
Symeron Rinehart had 2 tackles before he left the game with an injury.

Miller Valentine snapped the ball on the PAT's as well as playing some quarterback and he recorded a tackle on defense.

Zane Williamson is playing a new position at offensive end and he recorded 12 tackles on defense and sacked the quarterback twice.

Also seeing valuable time in the game was Brendan Tarleton, Karl Lamming, Pascual Espinoza and Cory Teel.

The Coyotes recorded 398 total yards of offense and held the Bulldogs to only 127 yards. The Coyotes are on a roll winning their last 4 games. We have 3 district games left with Trent, Hermleigh and Jayton left on the schedule. We can not afford to lose any more to injury and we need to continue to roll over the opponents each week. It looks good for the Coyotes to enjoy some post season play but talking about that right now might jinks the team so we will concentrate on the Gorillas and take it one game at a time. Ya'll come out and watch these Coyotes in action.



Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Week - To proclaim the week of October 23-27, 2006, as Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Week in Borden County, ISD, principal Mr. Bart McMeans welcomed Ms. Sharon Fairchild and "Spensor" of the Interquest Detection Canines of West Texas to an assembly attended by students in Kindergarten- 5th grades. The anti-drug team makes regular visits to the Borden County campus to help ensure a drug-free environment for the students. At the assembly, the students listened to a motivational message from Ms. Fairchild and a demonstration from "Spensor" and enjoyed a petting session with him following the assembly.

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- LOST -

Silver Cross Necklace with stones on a silver chain. Last seen in new gym. If found, please bring to Mrs. Rinehart's office with NO questions asked.

TRICK OR TREAT!

Sheriff Gannaway and Deputy Allison would like to invite all Borden County *Spooks and Goblins* to come by the office on Halloween night from 6 - 9 p.m. for Treats.



Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!

Children's Art Contest

McDonald's of Post is offering a $100 U.S. Savings Bond to the first place winners in each of the three age groups of the "What I Love About . Christmas" children's art contest at Old Mill Trade Days. Second place winners will receive personal CD players from Radio Shack and third place winners will receive a $25 gift card.

There will be a first, second and third place winner in each age group: Preschool & Kindergarten, 1st through 3rd Grade, and 4th through 6th Grade.

The art contest will give participants the opportunity to depict "What I Love About Christmas." The art can be of any medium such as watercolors, crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc. It must be original work and no larger than 9" x 12". There is a limit of one entry per child and only artwork submitted with an entry form will be accepted. Entry forms are available at the following businesses in Post:

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School Lunch Menu

Oct. 30th – Nov. 3rd, 2006

MONDAY – Breakfast: Omelet, Fruit Juice and milk. **Lunch:** Coyote taco, Refried beans, salad, pineapple, and milk.

TUESDAY – Breakfast: Waffles, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger Mac, Green Beans, Carrots, Corn Bread, Jell-O w/fruit, and milk.

WEDNESDAY – Breakfast: Ham & Egg Patty, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Fresh Fruit, and milk.

THURSDAY – Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Polish Sausage, Bake Potato w/Ham & Cheese, Steam Broccoli, Crackers, Ice Cream, and milk.

FRIDAY – Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken on a Bun, French Fries, Salad Cup, Brownie, and milk.

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NOTICE

JOB TITLE: Transportation Maintenance Tech II
SALARY: $10.22 - $13.31 per hour
LOCATION: Borden County Maintenance Office
400 East Wasson
Gail, Texas 79738

Applications will be accepted Wednesday, October 25, 2006 through Tuesday, October 31, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

To apply for a position as a Transportation Maintenance Tech II, call 806/756-4491 or apply in person at the above address. Applications may be mailed to the above address and must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2006.

"An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply for this job may call the phone number of the Human Resources Office (325)676-6817

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BORDEN COUTNY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive Design/Build proposals for visitor side football seating, a visitor side press box, and a home side press box for the Borden County Football Stadium.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Football Seating and Press Box". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 15, 2006. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated researched, and presented to the board of trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net or by calling 806/756-4313. (fax 806/756-4310).

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Borden County Independent School District
Mike Valentine, Secretary

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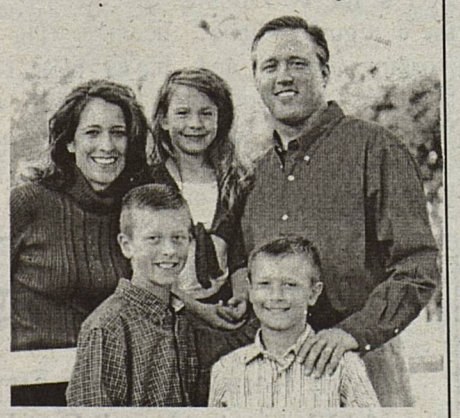
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Meeting Congressman – Congressman Neugebauer took time to meet the students at Borden County School and wish the Coyotes luck on their homecoming football game to be played that evening. Congressman Neugebauer is pictured in the middle of the crowd of Jr. High and High school students.

Branon Funeral Home

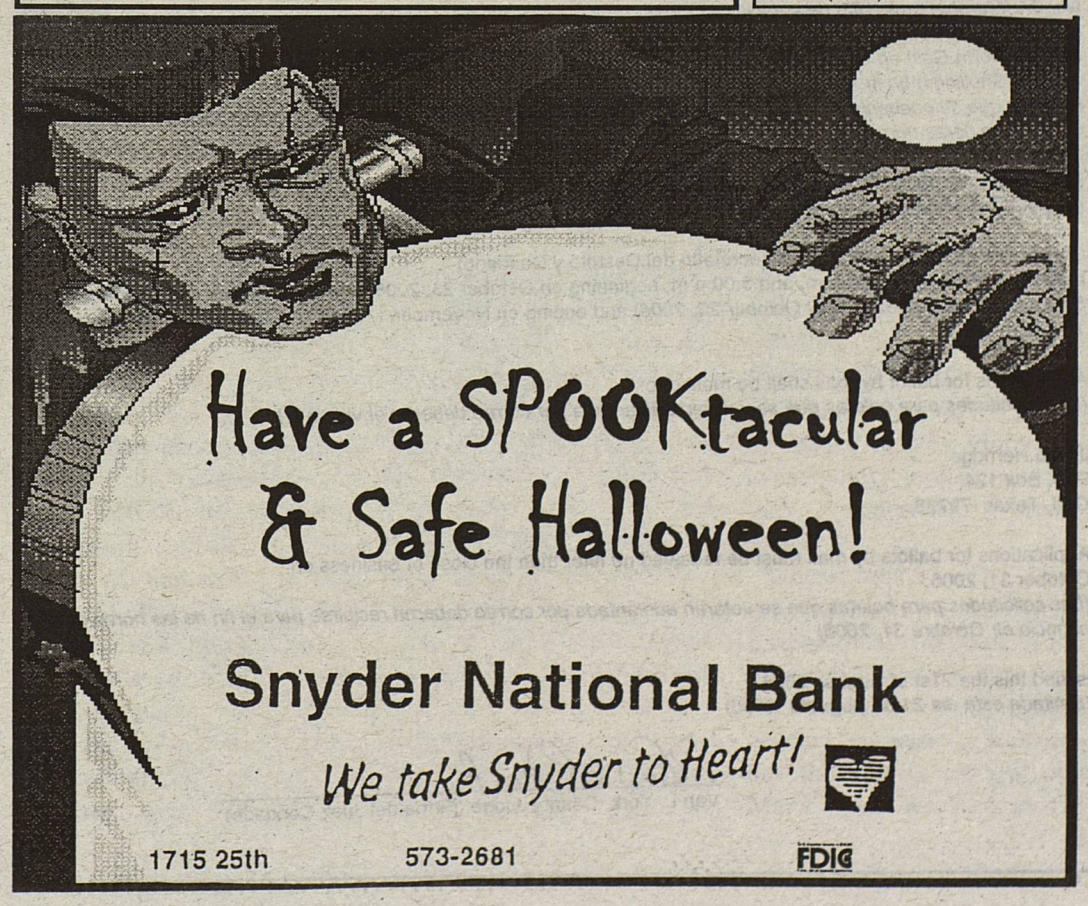
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Will be having their Annual Fundraising Banquet on Nov. 14th, Also, a pre-event raffle for a Browning Medallion Rifle, is currently being held. Contact bill Tarleton, of Gail, for tickets and information at (806)756-4432



LEGAL NOTICE

Sale of Surplus Equipment

Borden County will accept sealed bids for the following used equipment. Bids will be opened November 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Borden County Courthouse.

The following building can be inspected at the Borden County Landfill, or by calling Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391.

8x8 Portable Metal Building on Skids

The following equipment can be inspected in Gail, Texas or by calling Ernest Reyes, Commissioner, Precinct 3, phone 432/965-3212.

One 1975 Ford F7000, 6 yard, Dump Truck with 3208 Engine
One 1996 GMC Sierra ½ ton pickup, V6 gasoline engine
One Lincoln Welder, Shield Ace SAE 300, 6 cylinder engine
One 200 barrel Water Tanker Trailer

The following equipment can be inspected in Gail, Texas or by calling Monte Smith, Commissioner Precinct 1, phone 806/439-6379.

One John Deere Batwing Shredder

For further information contact Monte Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 1, phone 806/439-6379 or Ernest Reyes, Commissioner, Precinct 3, phone 432/965-3212 or Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391.

Mail bids to P.O. Box 156, Gail, Texas 79738. All bids should be marked "BID" on outside of envelope.

Borden County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Van L. York, County Judge
Borden County

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CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING 2006 GENERAL ELECTIONS

Applications for Early Voting by mail are now being accepted in the Clerks Office

October 10th	Last day to register to vote
October 23rd	Early Voting by personal appearance begins.
October 31st	Last day to receive application by mail
November 3rd	Last day to vote early by personal appearance
November 7th	**ELECTION DAY!**

NOTICE
Early Voting

Early voting for the general Election will begin on Monday, October 23, 2006 and continue through November 3, 2006 in the Clerks Office. You may vote using Paper Ballots or you may use the ESS AutoMark Voting Machine. The AutoMark Election equipment is designed to make it easier for handicapped voters in casting a ballot to meet the Federal HAVA (HelpAmerica Vote Act) regulations.

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TEMPRANO LA VOTACION temprano de la votacion por la eleccion general comenzara el lunes 23 de octubre de 2006 y continuara hasta el 3 de noviembre de 2006 en la oficina de los vendedores. Puedes votar con las balotas de papel o puedes utilizar la maquina de votacion de ESS SutoMark. El equipo de la eleccion de AutoMark se disena para hacerla mas facil para los votantes perjudicados en echar una balota para resolver las regulaciones federales de HAVA (acto del voto de HelpAmerica).

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Election held on November 7, 2006 will be tested on November 1, at 2:00 P.M. at the Borden County Courthouse to ascertain that it will accurately count the vote's cast for all offices.

Joyce Herridge, County Clerk

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AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR ELEQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que elequipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion que se llevara a cabo el 7 de November de 2006 se probara el 1 De Noviembre A las 2:00 P.M. En Casa de la Corte Condado Kerr para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitude los votos para todos los puesto oficiales.

Joyce Herridge, Secretario de Condado

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the registered voters of the County of Borden, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Borden, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 7, 2006, for voting in a general election to elect Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers. (Notifiquese, por las present que las Noviembre de 2006 par votar el la eleccion General para elegir miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislature, y officiales del estado, distriot, condado y del precincto y PARA.)

LOCATIONS(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

No. 1 (Plains) at Plains Community Center
No. 2A (South Gail) at Gail Community Room
No. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) Vealmoor Election Building
No. 3A (Murphy) at Murphy Election Building
No. 3B (Fairview) at Fairview Election Building
No. 4A (North Gail) at Borden County CourtHouse
No. 4B (Snellings) at Don Jones Residence
Absentee at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal office hours.

No. 1 (Plains) en Plains Community Center
No. 2A (South Gail) en community room de Gail
No. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) en la sitio de votacion Vealmoor
No. 3A (Murphy) en la sitio de votacion Murphy
No. 3B (Fairview) en la sitio de votacion Fairview
No. 4A (North Gail) en Courthouse de Gail
No. 4B (Snellings) en la residencia Don Jones
Para los que se encuentran ausente, para eldia propuest pueden votar en oricina del County Clerk en Gail, Texas durante las horas normales.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

County Clerk's Office (oricina del Secretatio del Destrito y Condado)
between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 23, 2006 *(entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el October 23, 2006)* and ending on November 1, 2006 *(y terminando el Novembre 1, 2006)*

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Joyce Herridge
P.O. Box 124
Gail, Texas 79738

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
October 31, 2006.
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: Octobre 31, 2006)

Issued this the 21st of August, 2006.
(Emitada este dia 21 de Augusta, 2006)

Van L. York

Van L. York, County Judge (Firma del Juez Condado)



Learning and Living

By Becky Dobyns

When I learn your righteous laws, I will thank you by living as I should!
-Psalms 119:7

Japan Journal

Part 14: Kanda University, Starbucks, & An Answered Prayer

June 19

Morning

God…why do I always do this? I have a right attitude, I stay in Your Word, I focus on You…and then I mess it up. I distance myself from You, and it's so hard to get back to normal. Don't let me let my guard down, Father, like I always do! I'm crying out to You, God! Save me from myself, however unfaithful I may be. I don't like being enslaved to myself, because things may be going well for a while, but sooner or later I mess up. I've got to give You everything! MY WHOLE LIFE. I want to give everything up to You. I've got to let You drown out all other voices. What do YOU want me to do? What kind of person do YOU want me to be? I've got to quit worrying. You will take care of me…every single detail. I've got to remember to seek what You want every moment of every day. Other people who give advice so authoritatively don't KNOW what's going to happen; You DO. I want to be at that point where YOU ALONE determine my actions and feelings, where I don't run away from the only One who knows what I need, from the only One who can take care of me.

Father, You amaze me. You have spent so much time investing in me. I can't believe You bother to do it, but You do. Please invest in me today.

Evening

Today I prayed with Kristin, Heather, Kathryn, and Shana in the Makuhari plaza. After we prayed, some of the interns decided to take a group over to Kanda University of International Studies to minister to the students. I asked God what He wanted me to do, and He nudged me in that direction, so I volunteered. Eight people went altogether. Some went to the main cafeteria, but a few of us others went to the nicer one.

Once we got in there…okay, I don't think I've ever been so confused in my LIFE (and that's saying a lot). The lines were complicated, the drinks were complicated…I couldn't figure out which line went where, or how much anything cost. It was so crowded too, which didn't help matters because I felt like I was in the way. I also felt really stupid because when I asked a girl about the lines, first I said, "Eigo o wakarimasuka?" (I don't know if I spelled it right), which means, "Do you understand English?" Anyway, I felt stupid because I then found out that nearly everyone there majors in English.

One group of girls was really nice and asked us to sit with them. They were so polite, even though we must have looked pretty stupid. Their names were Miyoko, Yuki, Shoko, Haruka, and Ayaka. Miyoko and Yuki were the main ones I talked to. As far as the meal went, it was so good for cafeteria food. It was chicken, vegetables, rice, and eggdrop soup. Yum!

We had great conversation with the girls about music, movies, school, and other things. They laughed when they heard what I said to the girl in the line and at my imitation of silly Americans stabbing food with chopsticks. We're going to meet them for lunch again tomorrow! They're so fun to talk to. The college is a great ministry spot because nearly everyone there knows quite a bit of English, Spanish, or both. Father, I pray that You bring every single one of them back tomorrow so we can bring You into the conversation.

When walking back from the university, we came across this group of break-dancers. They were so good! They looked so cool! We talked to this really interesting girl named Mimi (Misuzu, but she said she always tells foreigners to call her Mimi because it's easier to say). It was funny because they looked exactly like American break-dancers.

Guess what? The local missionaries with Family International can come to the Friendship Party tomorrow!! I'm excited. And there's another surprise… Remember those girls, Ayumi and Mana, who we met in the hostel? They were with a travel agency and asked what we would want in a travel book to Japan. Anyway, I emailed them and said we should meet for dinner sometime in Iidabashi. I didn't think they would actually respond! But in fact, Ayumi CALLED me on the group cell phone right after we got back to the hostel from Makuhari! It was really cool because it was the first time during the whole trip that I had gotten a call from one of my Japanese friends. I told her we'd already eaten dinner, but that I'd be glad to meet her for Starbucks. So Meagan and I both went to meet her at the train station. Mana had to work late, so it was just us three.

While we were there, Ayumi taught us some Japanese, like how to say, "Your shoes are cute!" See, all the Japanese girls have such cute shoes that I've been dying to know how to tell them. Ayumi wrote down, "Kutsu kawaii desu ne!" Yay. We also talked about cultural differences, even with holidays, between America and Japan. For instance, in Japan, Christmas is a time for lovers and parties while New Year's is a time for family! We told her it's usually the opposite in America.

We talked about Christ and church quite a bit with her. She had gone to a Christian high school, so she had already been exposed to the Gospel. She said that when they prayed and sang songs, she liked the songs because they were pretty…which made me think she might have been a Christian. But then she said that Christianity was just a "part" of her life, like friends and movies and such. It seemed like just a ritual to her.

That's one thing that's really hard about ministering in Japan. These people grow up with Buddhism and Shinto which only require rituals to be believers and not actual faith, so it's very hard to explain the difference in Christianity.

I asked her if anyone had ever presented the Gospel to her personally, and she said, "Not personally, but many times in church." Then I went on to give her my testimony of how I was saved. I asked her what kept her from trusting Christ. She said she just couldn't believe it all, and that she never really thinks about spiritual stuff anyway. When I asked how she could have peace without God, she said her peace came through family and friends. She said that if they were taken away from her, she would have no peace. I pray that God shows her she needs more than family and friends to have everlasting peace.

When it was time for Meagan and me to head back to the hostel, Ayumi gave us these boxes of bath salts that had Japanese writing all over them. They were really neat. Luckily I had some cross key chains and a necklace in my bag that I had just randomly stuck in there.

Today was an amazing day. I'm just so tired that it's hard for me to fully appreciate how amazing it was. Thank You, Father. You did invest in me today.

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Art work can be brought to the Old Mill Trade Days office, 318 So. Avenue F in Post, Monday – Friday, 9 am to 5 pm or mailed to OMTD, P. O. Box 898, Post, TX 79356.

All entries will be displayed throughout Old Mill Trade Days during the November and December events. Winners will be announced on the Rainmaker Stage at Old Mill Trade Days, December 2.

For more information, call 806-495-3529 or email tradedays@oldmilltradedays.com.

BORDEN COUNTY LAUNCHES PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD THAT CAN BE USED BY ALL RESIDENTS

Discount Cards Offering Savings of 20 Percent off retail Price

On November 1 Borden County will launch a discount card program to help the consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The Borden County Commissioners' Court is making free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACO) that offers average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The cards may be used by all residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, and are accepted at majority of the area's pharmacies also will honor the NACO prescription discount card.

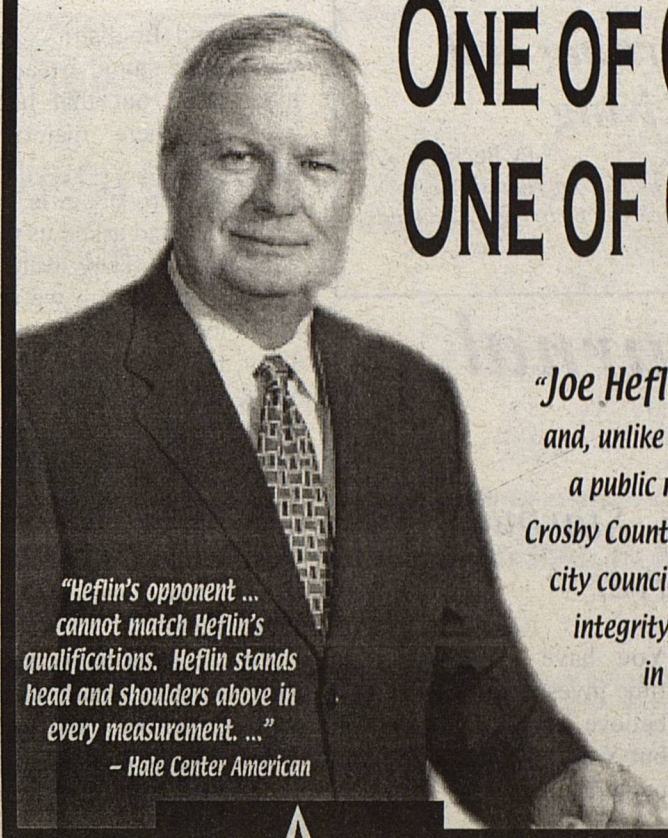
"Borden County is proud to be one of the counties nationwide participating with NACO, SAID County Judge Van York, "The NACO prescription discount card offers significant saving for the uninsured and underinsured residents of our county, and even those fortunate to have prescription coverage can use the cards to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan. Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to be eligible for this program.

Best of all, there is no cost to county taxpayers for NACO and Borden County to make these money saving cards available to our residents.

Cards will be available at the Borden County Courthouse. County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit https;//naco.advancerx.com for assistance with the program.

"Using the NACO prescription discount card is easy," said Judge York. "Simply present it at a participating pharmacy. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance."

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