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Happy New Year!

The New Year Will Bring Important Developments

By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

New Year's is not just a time for ringing out the old year and ringing in the new. It is a time to reflect on how far we have come over the past twelve months, and where we are going.

This past year saw some obvious highlights, not the least of which was the sight of a young Afghan woman casting the opening ballot in that nation's first democratic elections. Some thought it would never happen, yet Afghanistan is heading in a new direction toward peace and prosperity after years of violence and oppression.

In 2005, we are on track to see the same momentous occurrence in Iraq. This storied land, home to the world's most ancient civilization, will see its first free and fair elections as her people establish a democracy. Will there be setbacks and problems? Possibly. But what we do know is this: for decades, this was a nation that knew only tyranny and dictatorship, without hope and without freedom. For the Iraqi people, this New Year offers unprecedented and enormous promise. The ouster of a Saddam Hussein regime known to support terrorism is due to the brave men and women in our armed forces who are fighting alongside stalwart Iraqis to defend liberty. We should stand shoulder to shoulder with the friends of democracy in Iraq in the upcoming year. I think our efforts will bear significant dividends in the years ahead and deal a blow to terrorists worldwide.

I also believe 2005 will bring welcome developments in our own country.

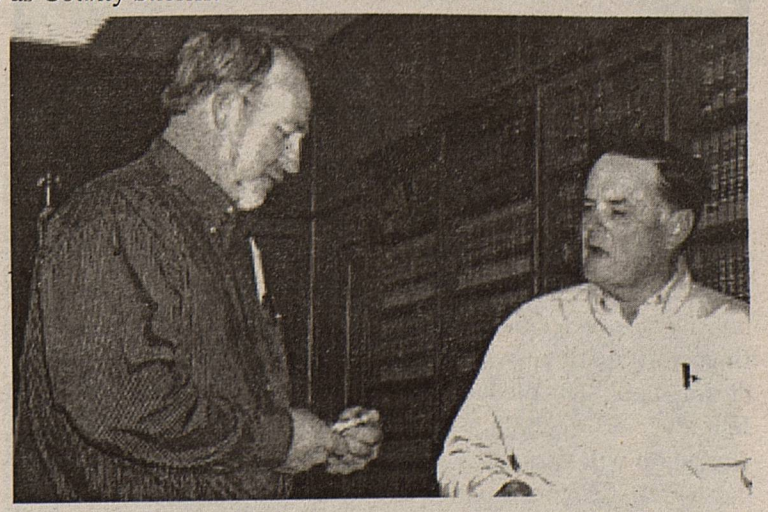
If there is one government program which looks to the future, it is schooling, because public education has laid the foundation of democracy in America. Implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act will continue to provide incentives, funding, and accountability to our public school system. I have also supported grants to many Texas institutions to help our state recruit and retain highly skilled educators to prepare our children to excel tomorrow. We are already seeing gains in education for our children, and these should continue through 2005.

Texas' colleges and universities will continue making strides as well. I have worked to increase our share of federal research, and hope to see our ranking among the states in R&D funding improve in the coming year. That will translate into more discoveries and advances as well as stronger economic growth in our state.

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Taking the Oath of Office: Three Borden County employees were sworn in during Ceremonies held at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse on Friday, December 31st. by County Judge, Van L. York. (L. to R.) Monte Smith will be serving the county as new Commissioner of Precinct #1; Ernest Reyes is returning to his office as Commissioner of Precinct #3 and Billy Gannaway will continue his job as County Sheriff.



Retiring Commissioner: Borden County Judge Van York presents Doug Isaacs with a belt buckle as a token of appreciation for his work and dedication as Commissioner. Isaacs retires after serving 8 years (2 terms) as Commissioner of Precinct No. 1.

Coyotes Wallop New Home

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes played one of their best games here Tuesday in beating a very good New Home basketball team. The Coyotes used a very aggressive and smothering defense that kept the visiting Leopards from any offensive consistency throughout the contest. With the defense keeping the visitors off-balanced, and a good mix of patience and fantastic free throw shooting, the Coyotes made easy work of the Leopards. The Coyotes put together a 17 point first quarter in building an early 17 to 7 lead. The Coyotes never trailed in this contest, but did see an early 15 point lead disappear in the 2nd quarter. Early in the 2nd quarter, the Coyotes saw their lead grow to 23 to 8, but the Leopards showed why they are the best team in their district as they put together a solid 11 to 0 run to cut the lead to 23 to 19 with only a few minutes remaining in the opening half. But, the Coyotes behind a field goal and seven straight free throws to end the half made the score 32 to 19 with a finishing 9 – 0 run of their own. The Coyotes actually were phenomenal from the free throw line all night long, but were an unbelievable 12 of 12 in the first half.

In the 2nd half, the Coyotes continued their patient play as they moved the ball around on the offensive end and forced the visitors to expend a lot of energy playing defense. As a result of this patience, the Coyotes scoring dropped a bit, but the results were the same as they built a 16 point lead by outscoring the Leopards 9 to 6 in the period. As the 4th quarter began, the Coyotes put together a 14 to 4 run to build the biggest lead of the contest and put the game away with over 5 minutes remaining in the game at 55 to 29. Over the final 5:30 of the game, the Leopards made the contest appear a lot closer than it actually was by outscoring the home town Coyotes 14 to 4 to give us our final of 59 to 43. This was a very solid victory for the Coyotes as the Leopards will be a play-off team, and could very possibly be an opponent down the road. This victory improves the coyotes record to 9 wins and 6 loses.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Ben Griffin with 20 points, Ben was back from a 3 game leave of absence after injuring his ankle during the Stanton Tournament. Aaron Pigford added 10 points, Garrett Chapman and Adam Carter scored 8 points each, while J'Ryan Gicklhorn added 7 points. Austin Tarleton rounded out the scoring with 6 points. Also contributing were John Wilson and Garrett Thomas.

Tales of Two-Halves Cost Coyotes Against Coahoma Bulldogs

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes witnessed their own version of a Tale-of-Two Cities. As they endured the Tale-of-Two Halves Friday night. They Coyotes looked great in the first half behind a very aggressive and care free attitude early in the contest as the Coyotes built an early 15 to 5 after one period of play. As the 2nd quarter began, the Coyotes saw their 10 point lead quickly cut to 4 points, but the Coyotes used a quick 6 – 0 run to regain that 10 point deficit. The two teams exchanged baskets for a few possessions before the Coyotes saw their 26 to 16 lead quickly disappear during a 3-pt barrage by the visiting Bulldogs in the final minute of the half. The visitors hit 3 straight 3-pt baskets and the Coyotes had their final shot of the half come up just short to see their 10 point lead dwindle to one point at half making the score 26 to 25.

The 2nd half saw the Coyotes start out with 4 straight turnovers and the Bulldogs capitalize on half of them in building their first lead of the game. As they got the lead for the first time, they were not willing to relinquish it either. As the Coyotes continued to make mistakes or just not finish when they did have the opportunities, the hometown Coyotes found the visitors to be very stingy. A 17 to 7 quarter for the Bulldogs gave them a 9 point lead after 3 periods of play. The Bulldogs used a very big zone to defend hard on the perimeter and a big 6'9" kid to completely take away the inside game stifle the Coyotes all during the 2nd half. After Aaron Pigford fouled out, the hottest Coyote on the evening, things really got difficult for the Coyotes. Baskets were very difficult to come by in the game for the Coyotes. As the Coyotes began to force the issue, the visitors were able to take advantage of the Coyotes for some easy baskets. In the end, the Coyotes were left to wonder what went wrong after having such a good start as they were on the short end of a 58 to 42 final score. The Bulldogs are a very good team, and will make the play-offs in their 2A district, so this was a good test for the coyotes.

Scoring for the coyotes was Aaron Pigford with 14 points, Ben Griffin added 11 points, followed by Austin Tarleton with 8 points. Also scoring was Adam Carter with 6 points, Garrett Thomas with 2 points and J'Ryan Gicklhorn 1 point. Also contributing was Garrett Chapman and John Wilson.

Good effort guys, Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you all for your support for the Coyotes. We really do appreciate your attendance and the kids value your willingness to cheer, encourage, and support them as you do throughout a very long and difficult season. Thank you all for all you have done for me and My family in our stay here in Borden County. The Richey family would like to wish you all a very happy holidays, Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May God Bless you all. Thank you again for all you do for us.

The Coyotes will next play in the Post Tournament as they play the Snyder Tigers at 1:30 December 27th. The coyotes will play three games in this tournament and then will play the Exes on January 3rd. I would like to make one more reminder to all exes, we will have the exes game at 5:00 on January the 3rd. It appears that we will have two games. We will play the old time exes –vs- the top JV players, and the younger exes –vs- the varsity Coyotes. I look forward to seeing you all here for the game.

From the Counselor:

By Mary Airhart

Courtney May of Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Lubbock will return to Borden County for a financial aid workshop during noon on Wednesday, January 12, 2005. The workshop will focus on filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on-line, but it will also cover other things which junior and senior students and their parents should be doing at this time.

In a previous session on December 15th, Ms. May worked with senior students and their parents to establish PIN (personal identification numbers) to be ready to file the FAFSA in early January or whenever income tax information is accumulated – **accumulated for filing but not filed.** She will go over that information again as needed. Parents are invited to "brown bag" their lunches and join us for this very informative session which will begin about 12 noon and last until 1:00 p.m. in the conference room at Borden County ISD

School Menu

Week Of: January 10th – 14th , 2005

MONDAY: Frito Pie, Salad, Pinto Beans, Fruit & Milk **Breakfast:** Hot Pocket, Fruit Juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Corn, Hot rolls, Fruit & Milk **Breakfast:** Biscuit & Gravy, Ham, Fruit Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna, Carrots, Salad, Garlic toast, Fruit, & Milk. **Breakfast:** French Toast Sticks, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pickles, Jell-o, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Muffin, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY: Bar-B-Q Sandwich, Beans, French fries, Cake, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice & Milk

Meeting Planned

The Ex-Student Association will have a meeting on Monday, January 17th, in the school cafeteria. There will be junior high basketball game beginning at 6:00 with Dawson. The meeting will be conducted between the games are at the ending of the games which ever is easier for those attending.

Plans for the All-School Reunion to be held on August 6th, 2005 will be discussed. All interested exes are needed to attend and help with this big event.

Make the Grade

3rd Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Senior: Billy Roper and John Wilson; **Junior:** None; **Sophomore:** Rebecca Dobyns, and Sarah Harding; **Freshman:** Rachel Wilson; **Eighth Grade:** Katherine Froman and Carlos Hernandez; **Seventh Grade:** Rachael Payne; **Sixth Grade:** Bailey Anderson and Taylor Richey.

Honor Roll

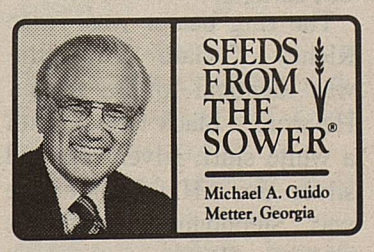
Senior: Emily Mayes; **Junior:** Trey Soto; **Sophomore:** Rowdy Clary, Taylor Peterson; Kylan Reynolds and Christina Soto; **Freshman:** Sharelle Gass, Shelby Roberts and Miller Valentine; **Eighth Grade:** None; **Seventh Grade:** D'Nae Johnson, Lacey Roberts and Raylea Underwood **Sixth Grade:** None; **Fifth Grade:** Austin Fields, Seleste Herridge, Chance Taylor, Blake Turner and Austin Tyler; **Fourth Grade:** Kayla Darbyshire, Celina Guerrero, Jacob McAuley, Lexi Peterson, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Riley Smith, Teryn Soto and Mattie Turner; **Third Grade:** Tristen Benavidez, Taylor Gass, Matthew Ham, Maeghan Herridge, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, and Zach McMeans, **Second Grade:** Eva Banman, Frank Banman, Mackenzie Moreno, Sean Tucker and Caden Vaughn

1st Semester Beta Achievement

Senior: John Wilson; **Junior:** None; **Sophomore:** Rebecca Dobyns; **Freshman:** Rachel Wilson; **Eighth Grade:** Katherine Froman and Carlos Hernandez; **Seventh Grade:** Rachael Payne; **Sixth Grade:** Bailey Anderson and Taylor Richey.

1st Semester Honor Roll

Senior: None; **Junior:** None; **Sophomore:** Rowdy Clary, Sarah Harding, Kylan Reynolds; and Christina Soto; **Freshman:** Shelby Roberts; **Eighth Grade:** None; **Seventh Grade:** Lacey Roberts and Raylea Underwood; **Sixth Grade:** None; **Fifth Grade:** Austin Fields, Seleste Herridge, Blake Turner and Austin Tyler; **Fourth Grade:** Celina Guerrero, Jacob McAuley, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Riley Smith, Teryn Soto and Mattie Turner; **Third Grade:** Tristen Benavidez, Taylor Gass, Matthew Ham, Maeghan Herridge, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, Zach McMeans and Cayden Vaughn.



Many no longer celebrate the arrival of a New Year. They celebrate the survival of the old year. Here's how to have a happy New Year:

Happiness follows service.

The more caring you are, the more cheerful you become. The more serving you are, the more prosperous you become.

Happiness follows sacrifice.

Bear another's burden, and you'll be blessed. Supply another's need, and you'll be strengthened.

Happiness follows sincerity.

Seek sincerity, it will sustain you. Follow God, He will satisfy you.

Local Cowgirl does well in Las Vegas



Kelly Maben made her second consecutive trip to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in November. Kelly is a 1992 graduate of Borden Co. High School. She is the daughter of Randy and Lisa Ogden, the granddaughter of Verna Ogden, and the sister of Cassidy Ogden .Kelly and her husband Tye live in Spur, Texas where she teaches 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade writing at Spur Elementary.

Kelly and her horse "Bubba" qualified to the WNFR in 11th position. She placed in 5 out of the 10 rounds of competition, winning 3 of them. Kelly won the 10th round with a smokin' time of 13.67, only four 100ths of a second off of the arena record.

During Kelly's 10 day stay in Las Vegas her earnings totaled around $60,000. She also won 3 buckles for round wins, a saddle for qualifying, and a saddle for the fastest time in the barrel racing of the 2004 NFR.

Congratulations Kelly!

Teachers Appreciation Luncheon

The Parents Club held a Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 14th for the Borden County teachers and employees in the school conference room from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Teachers and parents enjoyed visiting and the good food during their lunch break and conference periods.



Enjoying the good food: Several teachers are shown during their lunch time as they enjoyed the luncheon that was given by the Parents Club in appreciation.



Helping out: Some of the parents that helped with the luncheon were (L. to R.) Delinda Chapman, Diane Griffin, Carol Wilson and Donnelle Hensley.

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Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.

—Bill Vaughn

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The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul.

—G.K. Chesterton

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New Year's Day is every man's birthday.

—Charles Lamb

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Thomas, Harris Exchange Vows in Double Ring Ceremony

Holly Thomas and Link Harris were married in a candlelight ceremony on Saturday, December 11, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. at Saint Paul Methodist Church in Abilene, Texas.

Dr. Steve McMeans, pastor of Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Jimmy and Kim Thomas of Gail and Haywood and Anne Harris of Palestine, Texas. Grandmothers of the bride are Catherine Thomas of Lubbock and LaVerne Davis of Borger. The Grandmother of the groom is Alma Harris of Austin.

Musical selections "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring and "Canon in D" were played by organist, Sharon Leyerle of Abilene. Cathedral chimes rang seven times as the bride prepared to enter the sanctuary with her father. The "Bridal March" was played as the bride entered the church, and the "Wedding March" was selected for the recessional. Soloist, Loyd Jordan of Meadow sang "I Will Be Here", and "You Raise Me Up". "This Is The Day" was also sung by Loyd Jordan as the unity candle was being lit. The mother of the bride, Kim Thomas sang "The Prayer" as the grandmothers were being seated.

The front of the church was decorated with three rainbow branch candelabras. The choir rail and prayer rails were draped with fresh Winter Christmas foliage and votive candles. The right portion of the sanctuary was decorated with a Christmas tree that was illuminated with tea lights and adorned with white Christmas bows and white ornaments. The granite columns on each side of the church were draped with gold lame ribbon and Christmas wreaths made of fresh Winter foliage. Pew bows of white tulle, fresh Winter greenery,



Mrs. Link Harris
...nee Holly Thomas

and flowers lined the aisles.

The bride chose an elegant gown of white Italian satin. The strapless bodice was heavily appliquéd with Alencon lace which was embellished with Swarorski Crystals, bugle beads, pearls, and sequins. A satin band encircled the bodice with a small satin bow in the front center.

The back of the "A" line gown was adorned with satin covered buttons which accentuated the entire length of the dress. A border of wide Alencon lace studded with pearls, crystals, bugle beads and sequins extended around the dress at waltz length and was scattered along the bottom of the long skirt which fell into a semi-cathedral train. To complete her ensemble the bride wore a soft illusion elbow length veil and tiara of rhinestones and pearls.

The bride carried an elegant free-flowing cascade bouquet consisting of white Casa Blanca Lilies, a touch of white roses, burgundy mini-carnations, white stephanotis, purple statice, purple lisianthus, sparkling rhinestones, and Italian ruscus for greenery.

In keeping with the tradition of something old, the bride carried her grandmother's gold nugget dinner ring tied to her bouquet. Something new was her bridal gown, and a lace handkerchief that was a gift from her mother. Something borrowed was her tiara and veil. The veil was hand-crafted with pearls by the late Priscilla Kimmell of Lubbock. Something blue was her garter. The bride wore a sixpence in her shoe and pennies minted in the year of the couple's birth.

Serving as maid of honor was Julie Mayes of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Hailey Adcock of Lubbock, Jennifer York , Emily Jones, Kerra LeBlanc, Kacey Thornton, and Deborah Nichols all of Abilene.

The bridesmaids wore black strapless gowns accented with a white satin neckline band and a matching shawl. They all wore matching jewelry that was a gift from the bride and carried a clutch bouquet that consisted of the same flowers as the bride's bouquet.

The flower girl was Tatum Richey of Gail. She wore a white sleeveless matte satin dress with chiffon overlay which was trimmed with satin ribbon around the hem. A satin band adorned with rose buds accented the bodice of her dress. The back of the dress was accented with a long satin bow and sash. She dropped rose petals and handed flowers taken from the bride's bouquet to guests as she walked down the aisle.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white shirt, silver vest and silver tie. His boutonniere was Stephanotis blossoms and flowers complimenting the bridal bouquet.

Huntleigh Harris, brother of the groom from Houston served as best man. Groomsmen were Brad Langley of Baytown, Matt Langley of Marshall, Ross Chandler of Hondo, Jeff Pevehouse of Frisco, Patrick Baca of College Station, and Stewart Chalmers of Abilene. They wore black tuxedos, a white shirt, black vests, and black ties. Their boutonnieres were made of Stephanotis blooms.

Ushers were Garrett Thomas, brother of the bride from Gail, Ric Summers of Houston, David Clark of Houston, and Corbett Boone of Pearland.

The ring bearer was Trace Richey of Gail. His attire was identical to the groom. He wore a black tuxedo with a white shirt, silver vest and silver tie. His boutonniere was Stephnanotis blossoms and flowers which complimented the groom.

Serving at the registry table were sisters of the groom Elizabeth Powers of Waco, and Margaret Harris of Dallas.

A reception hosted by the bride's parents was held at the Elks Contemporary Art Center Ballroom. The stairway leading to the ballroom was adorned with bows of white tulle and Winter Christmas foliage. The bridal portrait and engagement pictures were displayed in the entry area of the ballroom.

The bride's cake was a six-layer multi-flavored cake with a spiraling confection of flowers and lace. White columns decorated with ivy, tea lights, and tulle towered behind the bride's table.

The groom's cake was a four-layer square basket weave Russian Chocolate Cake accented with hand-dipped chocolate strawberries.

The buffet table featured a centerpiece mirrored with fresh cascading fruit and finger foods.

Guest tables were draped with long white table cloths. Each table was decorated with hurricane candleholders, candles, rose pedals and fresh Winter foliage.

The bride is a graduate of Borden County High School in Gail, Texas, and graduated from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. She is currently attending Abilene Christian University where she is pursuing a Masters degree in speech and language pathology.

The groom is a graduate of Palestine High School in Palestine, Texas. He also earned a Bachelor and Masters degree from Hardin Simmons Univeristy in Abilene. He is currently employed by Cisco Junior College at Cisco, Texas, as a counselor and academic advisor.

After a honeymoon trip to Riviera Maya, Mexico the couple will reside in Abilene, Texas.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Perini Ranch Steak House at Buffalo Gap on December 10, 2004.

An engagement dinner was held October 16, 2004, in Palestine, Texas, at the Crystal Lake Lodge by friends of the groom.

A bridal brunch and tool shower was held on October 17, 2004, in Palestine, Texas, at the Fig Tree Manor by friends of the groom.

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A bridal brunch and shower was hosted at the Borden County School on October 23, 2004, by friends of the bride.

A Christmas ornament luncheon was hosted by Hayley and Tatum Richey on October 9, 2004.at Pedrozas' Restaurant in Lamesa, Texas.

A lingerie shower was given by Julie Mayes, Hailey Adcock, and Jennifer York at the Jennings Lounge on the Hardin Simmons University Campus in Abilene, Texas, on November 13, 2004.

The bride and bridesmaids were also honored with a bridal breakfast by the mother of the bride on her wedding day.

Obituary Brief

Services for David Dennis, 59, of Post was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 1, 2005 at the Holly Cross Catholic Church in Post. Burial followed under the direction of Justice-Mason funeral Home of Post.

Mr. Dennis passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004 in Lamesa.

Obituary will be in next week's edition of the Borden Star.

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South Plains Agriculture Conferences Slated in January and February

LUBBOCK – South Plains producers can update their skills in everything from crop production to pest management and earn continuing education units at any of six upcoming Texas Cooperative Extension conferences in January and February.

"These conferences are designed to provide farmers with the latest information on ways to improve their operations," said Bob Robinson, Texas Cooperative Extension Region I Program Director. "Each conference is designed to help producers in that particular region by providing a look at the latest research information and new production techniques."

Conference dates and locations are:

Jan. 13th; West Plains Cotton Conference at the Women's Building (1921 black gold Road) in Levelland. Conference begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. Three continuing education units will be offered. Call the Extension Office in Hockley County at 806/894-3159 for more details.

Jan. 26th; Caprock Cotton Conference at the Plains Baptist Assembly south of Floydada runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with at least four continuing education units offered. Call the Extension office in Floyd County at 806/983-4912 or in Crosby County at 806/675-2347 for more details.

Jan. 27th; Southern Mesa Ag Conference at the Dawson County Annex Building (609 North First) in Lamesa begins with registration at 8 a.m. Five continuing education units will be offered. Call the Extension office in Dawson County at 806/872-3444 for more details.

Jan. 28th; Llano Estacado Cotton Conference at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe. Conference begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. Five continuing education units will be offered. Call the Extension office in Bailey County at 806/272-5484 for more details.

Feb. 9th; The Terry County Ag Conference and Trade Show at the Nikki Vinson Youth Center (110 East Hill Street)in Brownfield will run from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. with three continuing education units offered. Call the Extension office in Terry County at 806/637-4060 for more details.

Feb. 10th; The Sandyland Ag conference at the Gaines County Civic Building in Seminole begins with registration at 8 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. Five Continuing education units will e offered. Call the Extension office in Gaines County at 432/758-4006 for more details.

Feb. 11th; The Hale and Swisher County Cotton Conference in Plainview begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. Five Continuing education units will be offered. Call the Extension office in Hale County at 806/291-5267 or in Swisher County at 806/995-3726 for more details.



Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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

Stock Show Scholarships

The Borden County Junior Livestock Association, friends and family of the late Don Cox, and Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc. each offer a $500.00 scholarship annually. Eligible Seniors at Borden County High School have been mailed an application. Guidelines also were included with each application. Applications and guidelines may also be picked up at the Borden County Extension Office. These scholarships will be presented during the awards ceremony on Saturday, January 22, 2005.

If you have any questions about these scholarships, please feel free to contact us at (806) 756-4336.

Junior 4-H Club Meeting
Monday, January 10th
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
County Showbarn

Notice to Contractors

of Routine Facilities Contract Work for the
Texas Department of Transportation

Sealed proposals for: **Construction of a Truck Wash Pad and Evaporation Pit at the Maintenance Site in Gail, Borden County Texas**
Project No. –TWP-2004-2005
will be received by the Abilene District Office of the Texas Department of Transportation located at:
1305 North Arnold Blvd. Abilene, Texas 79603 until **10:00 a.m. Friday, January 14,** 2005 then publicly opened and read.
There will be no pre-bid conference for this project.

Bidding documents, including proposal/agreement form and specifications, may be obtained from:

Scott Mitchell
Texas Department of Transportation
102 E. College Drive
Abilene, Texas 79601
(325)676-6911
(325)676-6958 Fax.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **GUSSIE MARIE GRAY**, Deceased, were issued on **December 21, 2004**, in Cause No. **336**, pending in the County Court of Borden County, Texas, to: **Borden Gray, Jr.**.

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Mark Hargrove**
Attorney at Law
1312 Commercial Ave.
P.O. Box 149
Anson, Texas 79501

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Some Personal Glimpses at 2004

I did a lot of neat stuff during the past year. Besides the regular work things like writing 52 columns, producing 260 radio programs and 120 or so radio and television commercials, teaching 9 university courses and making some two dozen speeches. I premiered a new one man show "Natural Born Storytellers" (based on the CD of the same name which cam out the previous year), did my first entertaining on a ship (actually a barge), took my grandson to the White House and the Smithsonian, produced a video on the only remaining refinery in the Permian Basin, had our first family reunion vacation at Lake Tahoe, went to hear Simon and Garfunkel, celebrated my two newest grandsons' first birthday, cruised to Alaska, took a 25 mile bicycle ride with my son and grandson, had 8 or so book signings, had cataract surgery in both eyes and am now cruising to Belize.

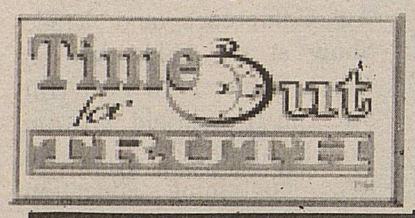
Gee, that's quite a lot. You don't realize all the things you're doing during the year until you write them down.

On my report cards growing up, my citizenship grade was seldom an A because the teacher always checked the square opposite the words "does not recognize the value of time." As a student, I would procrastinate. I remember in the third grade each student was to bring in something old and put it on a big table in the center of the room. When the student brought in the item, he or she showed it to the teacher who made a notation in her grade book. I kept putting it off and the teacher said there was just one day left to bring in your old item. I brought it in a day late. The teacher would probably be proud of me now because I have grown to fully recognize the value of time.

My wife gave me a paperweight a few years ago with the words THE UNTILATE INSPIRATION IS THE DEADLINE written on it. Suits me just right. I haven't missed a deadline since the third grade.

A friend once told me "there is no real honor in work." If work is all you do, he's right. The trick is to balance work with the rest of life: family, civic and religious activities, free time. If work is all a person has,

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Happy New Year!

It is my hope and prayer that as we move into the New Year each of us would make Just One Thing the object of all our resolutions. Happy New Year!

Just One Thing

A classical pianist descended from the stage after an exhilarating concert. Many in the audience could still hear and feel the life of the music echoing off the walls of their minds. One noble lady was so moved, she insisted upon making the pianist's acquaintance. Upon taking his hand in hers, she squawked, "Wonderful! Splendid! Phenomenal! I was moved to tears and lifted to the clouds. I would give anything for the ability to play the piano as you have tonight." The pianist unmoved by this radiant response coldly replied, "Eight hours a day for fifteen years; would you give that?"

Many of us possess a willingness to give everything for greatness, but an insufferable stinginess to give anything at all merely for a chance at greatness. We want the glory and praise without the ration of suffering that almost always accompanies such.

Thus, many of our days end much as Finger Eleven's song *One Thing* begins, "Restless tonight/ 'Cause I wasted the light." I can relate with the reality of broken promises and missed opportunities in the verse, "I promise I might/ Not walk on by/ Maybe next time/ But not this time." I know I make petty excuses for a feeble attempt, and ... "Even though I know/ I don't want to know/ Yeah, I guess I know/ I just hate how it sounds."

Because I know how pathetic the reality sounds, I can imagine how extraordinary my life could be just if ... "If I traded it all/ If I gave it all away for one thing/ Just for one thing/ If I sorted it out/ If I knew all about this one thing/ Wouldn't that be something?"

The biggest problem most of us face is diversion. I get caught up in so many things that the One Thing gets lost in the mix. It's no secret. If we want to be great at something, we are going to have to give up many things. It is the power of focus.

My top three priorities in life are God, my wife and my family. Yet, if I kept a log of how I spend my time, there are many weeks where these three do not rank in the top half of the list. It's during these weeks I am plagued by remorse for wasting my time, breaking promises, and walking right by life changing opportunities. And yes, I hate how that sounds.

Understand, even during the worst weeks, I am loved, accepted, and in right standing with God. What Jesus Christ has done has permanently established my feet on the solid and unshakeable rock of grace. What I am talking about here is letting go of diversion and focusing on the One Thing that can radically impact the world around me: Jesus Christ.

I want to join Him in the work He is doing. I want to be the catalyst through which Christ works to inspire, lead, teach, encourage, and uplift my family. I want to be a participant of the divine nature and experience His abundant life flowing through me to the world around me. I want to trade diversion for discovery and become who God created me to be.

"If I traded it all/ If I gave it all away for one thing/ Just one thing/ ... Wouldn't that be something?"

As with Martha, I too am troubled daily by futile seemingly urgent matters. And Jesus said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But ONE THING is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-42)

What was the one thing? Sitting at the feet of Jesus!

I get to choose in this moment, how my day will go. I cannot control the circumstances, but I get to choose how I will live in those circumstances. I get to choose. If I choose just One Thing ... wouldn't that be something?

"...ONE THING I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13,14)

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New Rules could thin ranks of EMS

[Borden County EMT, Kent Holmes read the following article in the Snyder Daily News and wanted Borden County residence to have the opportunity to read it. This is a real concern for our community and the Borden County Emergency Medical Service, because it could very well affect our community.]

CENTER, N.D. (AP) – When there's a car crash or a heart attack near this rural town, the emergency medical technicians who rush to help are familiar faces from the high school, the county clerk's office and the coal mine.

The 17 members of the Center ambulance squad who serve nearly all of Oliver County are volunteers, much like most EMTs in the state.

And like many of their counterparts around the country, members of the Center squad are worried that proposed national standards could more than double the amount of training they must have and think their ranks.

"A lot of people can't comprehend what it's like to drive 345 miles and not see a house, not see anything, and to have to cover that," said Mickie Eide, the squad's leader. "If you keep requiring us to do more, there's going to be less of us to do it."

The revamped certification rules are being developed for federal regulators by doctors, EMTs and state emergency medical directors.

Supporters say more training requirements would ensure a better qualified national corps of emergency medical providers. But in rural areas where volunteer crews are the rule, many fear the change will limit the pool of new recruits and force experienced EMTs to drop out.

"This is one of the most difficult decisions that I have been involved in EMS (emergency medical service) in the last 20 years at the national level," said Bob Brown, director of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

The goal is a national standard that would guarantee highly trained workers in ambulances across the nation, Brown said.

"When those ambulance people come up to your side following your incident, you want them to be the best. Capitalize it – The Best," he said. "And those EMS workers want to be the best as well. But it's bridge too far."

The proposed changes were designed to give EMTs skills to treat conditions they commonly encounter, said Bob bass, the Maryland state emergency medical director who sits on a national committee overseeing the reclassification efforts.

"They decided that an EMT could handle more than we currently handle," he said.

For example, what new level of training would allow EMTs to administer such emergency medications as epinephrine, a form of adrenaline given to peoples suffering severe allergic reactions.

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 13th day of December, 2004, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS,** Commissioner, Prect. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK,** Commissioner, Prect. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES,** Commissioner, Prect. No. 3; **JOE** BELEW, Commissioner, Prect. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE,** County Clerk and Ex-officio of the Commissioners Court

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioner Court meeting of November 27th, 2004, were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

SALARY INCREMENT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to PAY Jeanette Kidd, former Deputy Tax Assessor Collector, the December salary Increment for the months served as Deputy. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL AUDIT

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to approve the 2004 Audit as submitted by Don H. Stephens, CPA, P.C. of Lamesa, Texas Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

REGULAR COURT DAY

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to set the second Monday of each month as the Regular Session for the Commissioners Court to convene for the year of 2005. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR 2005
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2005 HOLIDAYS

President's Day	Feb. 21st
Easter	March 28
Memorial Day	May 30th
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	Sept. 5th
Thanksgiving	Nov 24th & 25th
Christmas	Dec. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th,

PICKUP BID

As advertised, bids were opened at 10 A.M. for the purchase of a pick-up to be used by the Borden County Sheriff Office. Bids were received from Big Country Autoland of Snyder; Gene Messer Ford of Lubbock; Benny Boyd of Lamesa; Chuck Spaugh of Lamesa; and Wilson Motors of Snyder. Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept the bid from Big Country Autoland as the best bid. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to return the unused portion of the State Supplement for the yearly county Attorney salary back to the State Comptroller. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation construction of fireguards was received from Gary Stipe, Precinct No. 3. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the application at the rate of $35.00 per hour for a motor grader and $65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FURTHER AGENDA

No new items were presented

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and was proved unanimously.

Annual Christmas Luncheon



Christmas Luncheon: The County officials, employees and their families enjoyed a pot-luck luncheon on December 20th held in the Community Building in Gail. Good food and visiting was enjoyed by all. Door prizes were given to everyone attending. At the conclusion of the meal all County officials and employees joined in the courthouse for a Christmas present exchange. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed to meal and fun.



Swearing In: Borden County Sheriff, Billy Gannaway is shown swearing in Jill Freeman as the Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector for Borden County. Also sworn in but not pictured was Benny Allison as Deputy Sheriff of Borden County.

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The New Year Will Bring Important Developments

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One of most important legislative initiatives we shall see in 2005 will be a plan to improve and strengthen the Social Security program and preserve it for future generations. As the Baby Boomer generation retires, the system will be placed under tremendous strain and will eventually become insolvent unless we take steps soon. President Bush has shown courage and vision in addressing this issue now. Delaying action would only make changes that are inevitable more painful to implement.

Any legislation I support will be based on two bedrock principles. First, the United States will fulfill its promises to present beneficiaries and those who will be retiring soon. Reform will also allow recipients to voluntarily invest a portion of their Social Security payroll tax payments into personal accounts which will provide a better return on investment and offer beneficiaries ownership over their retirement security.

This subject requires serious study and discussion before Congress takes action, but I am hopeful we will make progress in 2005 to strengthen Social Security.

America is a land of optimism and opportunity. We remain mindful of our past, but look forward to the future. With this positive attitude, I am confident that together we will make 2005 a year to remember.

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Tumbleweed Smith

Some Personal Glimpses at 2004

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that person doesn't have much. I think it was Norman Cousins who wrote "Nobody on his death bed ever said, 'I wish I had spent more time at the office.'"

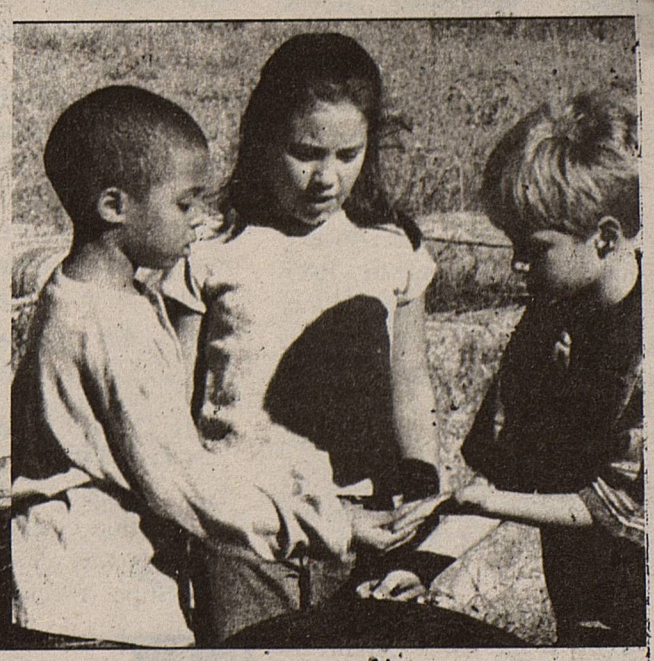
I saw a poster once of an ape sitting in a tree. The caption read "Sometimes I sit and think. Other times I just sit." Both are good pieces of advice. When people are at rest, their minds are open to new ideas. They get new energy and are rejuvenated. Europeans say they can do twelve months' work in 11 months, but not 12. They always take a month off for vacation.

Simple pleasures bring the greatest joy: observing a sunset, listening to birds, having a drink with the person you love the most or just sitting.

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