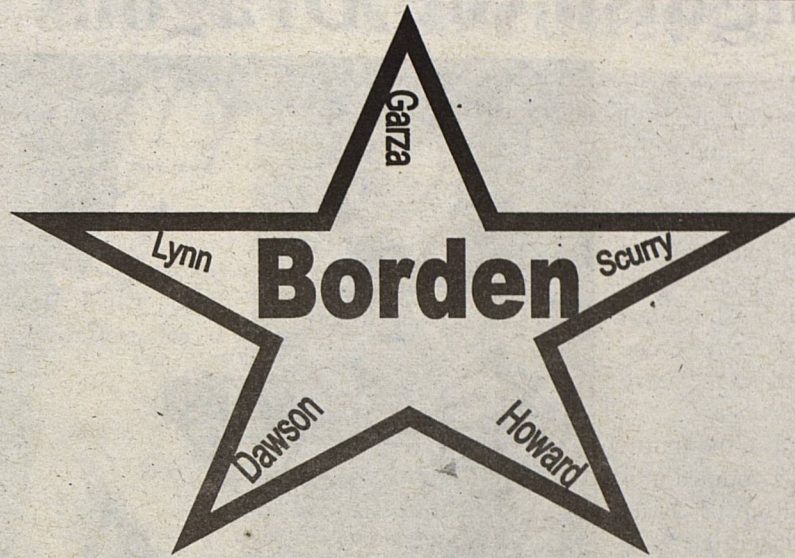


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## Veteran CX Debaters Begin Season with State- Qualifying Win

An early season championship has earned Rowdy Clary and Rachel Wilson a trip to the Texas Forensics State Tournament.

In order to qualify for TFA state, students must earn eight points throughout the season. Winning first place in a tournament with more than fifteen teams garners eight points—and that's exactly what Clary and Wilson did this past weekend at the Big Spring High School Speech Tournament.

The two students defeated teams from San Angelo Central Abilene Cooper, and Odessa Permian en route to the championship trophy.

A 6-0 record over the two-day tournament was the start that the team needed.

Wilson and Clary were able to build on the case they started last June at



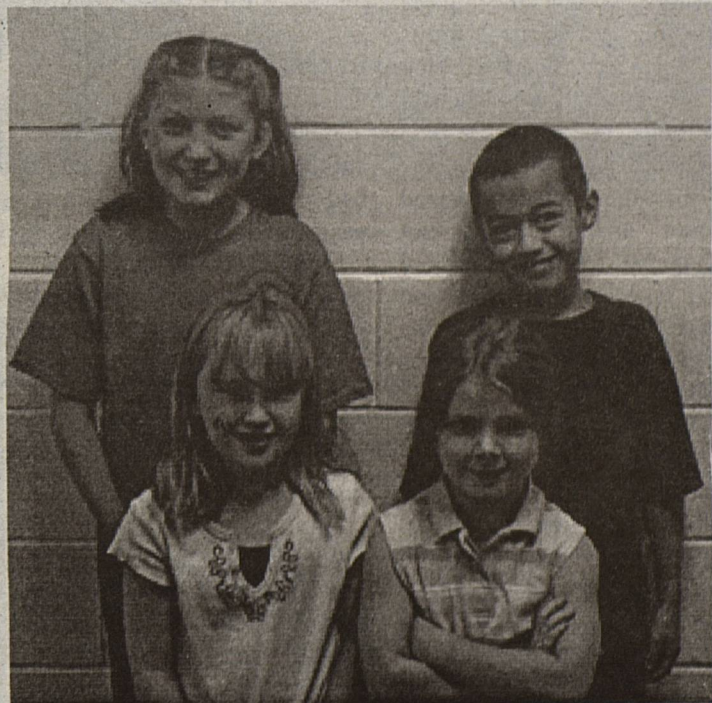
BHS Debaters Rowdy Clary and Rachel Wilson advance to State Tournament.

WTAMU.

Their affirmative case for 2006-2007 supports the resolution that the United States federal government should establish a policy substantially increasing the number of persons serving in one or more of the following national service programs: AmeriCorps, Citizens Corps, Senior

Corps, Peace Corps, Learn and Serve America, or the Armed Forces.

Also attending the two-day meet were newcomers Carlos Hernandez and partner Krystal Hobson. They won one debate and lost two, but once again made a strong showing for first time debaters.



Winners of the Coyote Opry Patriotism Art Contest were: (L. to R.) back row: Teryn Soto, 6<sup>th</sup> grade; and Ricky Torres, 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Front row: Avery Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Emma Key, Kindergarten.

### Coyote Football

Thurs. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

Coyote J H. vs. Southland – T – 6:00

Friday. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>

Coyotes vs. Southland – H – 7:30

**Come Out and Support our Team!**

The Texas A&M Invitational is next up for Clary, Wilson, and junior Kate Wallace. The Aggies will host this meet October 7.

Novice debaters, depending on cross-country schedules, will travel to a teaching tournament in Salado October 14.

# Coyotes Extinguish the Dragons

The Borden County Coyotes won their first game of the season last Friday night in Welch as they defeated the Dawson Dragons with a score of 58 to 13.

The Coyotes scored first from the defensive side of the ball as Freshman Linebacker Flynn Chapman intercepted a Dragon pass and returned it 59 yards for a touch down. The PAT kick was no good and the score was 6 to 0.

Flynn Chapman scored the next Coyote touchdown, starting at tailback this week Flynn ran behind good blocking and went 43 yards for the score. The PAT kick was good by Michael Bullinger and the score read 13 to 0.

In the second period senior quarter back Clint Chapman found sophomore end Jake Cooley in the end zone from 10 yards out, the PAT failed and the score was 20 to 0.

On the Coyotes next possession Chapman connects with senior end Dore Rodriguez for a 10 yard pass good for a touchdown. Bullinger kicked the PAT good and the score was now 28 to 0.

Just before the half Clint Chapman again found Jake Cooley in the end zone for a score from 4 yards out. The PAT was not good and the score at the half was 34 to 0.

The Coyotes score again early in the third quarter as freshman running back Michael Cooley ran the ball 46 yards for the td. Bullinger kicked the PAT good and the Coyotes went up 42 to 0.

The Dragons then got on the board scoring on a 5 yards pass, their PAT was no good and the score was 42 to 6.

The Coyotes scored on their next possession as

Michael Cooley score again from 47 yards out, the PAT was kicked good by Bullinger and the score was 50 to 6.

The Dragons put up six of their own from a one yard pass to pay-dirt. They then threw the ball over for a one point PAT to make the score 50 to 13.

With 9:37 left in the fourth period Bullinger romped into the end zone from 61 yards out, he then kicked the PAT good and the score was now 58 to 13, game over via the 45 point rule.

Michael Bullinger carried the ball 8 times for 111 yards and one touch down. Bullinger had 10 tackles on defense.

Quentin Shafer carried the ball 3 times for 43 yards, and had 5 tackles and broke up a pass on defense.

Flynn Chapman carried the ball twice for 53 yards and one touch down; he also had 5 tackles on defense.

Michael Cooley carried the ball 4 times for 89 yards and two touch downs. He had 3 tackles on defense.

Clint Chapman completed 3 out of 4 passes for 24 yards and 3 touch downs. He also had 12 tackles on defense.

Jake Cooley caught 2 passes both for touch downs for 14 yards, he also led the team in tackles with 14, and he caused a fumble, had two hurries and had one QB sack.

Dore Rodriguez caught a pass for 10 yards and a touch down.

Asa Rutherford had 4 tackles and broke up a pass.

Miller Valentine had 2 tackles on defense and he snapped for the extra points.

Cory Teel recorded a tackle.

Logan Howard had 6 tackles, recovered 1 fumble and broke up one pass.

Symeron Rinehart had 5



Regina Crutcher/Press-Reporter

## TEXTBOOK BLOCKING

Borden County High School Coyote senior Asa Rutherford (1) blocks Dawson Dragon junior Carson Drennan (22) and another unidentified Dragon, while Coyote junior

Quentin Shafer (7) runs up the field in Friday night's game. The Coyotes beat the Dragons, 58-13, in Welch.



Photo by Regina Crutcher/Lamesa Press-Reporter

**Running for the side-lines:** The Borden Coyote cheerleaders lead the fighting Coyotes on to the field last Friday night to begin the battle against the Dragons.

tackles and broke up one pass.

Carl Lamming had 4 tackles, 3 of which were solos.

Pascual Espinoza had a quarter back hurry.

The win makes the Coyotes 1-3 on the season so far with Southland as their

next foe here in Gail on Friday. Every one come on out and root the Coyotes to their second victory of the season.

# Coyote Pups Cool CX Debaters Begin Season Down the Dragons

The Borden County Coyote junior high football team won its third game this season here in Gail against the Dawson Dragons, 34 to 13.

The Pups wasted no time getting on the score board in the first period as Austin Fields carried the ball over from the 5 yard line. Fields also ran the PAT over for one point and the Pups took the lead 7-0.

The Dragons then ran the kick-off back and ran a one point PAT over to tie the score at 7 each.

In the second quarter Fields again carried the ball into pay dirt from 7 yards out. John Hensley ran the point after into the end zone for one point and the Pups led 14 to 7.

In the third quarter Hensley and Fields had some nice runs before Fields ran the ball over from 10 yards out, the PAT failed and the Pups extended their lead, 20 to 7.

The Dragons again ran the kick-off back for a touch down, their PAT failed and the Pups lead was reduced 20 to 13.

The Pups scored again in the fourth period after good runs by Tony Soto, Hensley and Fields. Hensley ran the ball over this time from 5 yards out. The PAT was ran over by Fields to make the score 27 to 13.

The Pups last score of the evening occurred on defense as Hensley intercepted a pass and returned it 54 yards for a touchdown. Hensley then ran the PAT over to make the final score read 34 to 13.

The Pups are now 3 - 0 on the season, undefeated. That

is remarkable, these guys are really getting better each week and it makes for a bright future.

Those that played in the game and are not already mentioned are: Miles Valentine, Blake Turner, Austin Tyler, David Rodriguez, Derek Tatum, Chance Taylor, Chris Teel and Michael Froman.

## School Lunch Menu Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**MONDAY - Breakfast:** Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, Corn, Salad, Pineapple, and milk

**TUESDAY - Breakfast:** Muffin, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fresh fruit, and milk.

**WEDNESDAY - Breakfast:** Biscuit w/gravy, sausage, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Green Peas, Potatoes, Roll, Mix Fruit, and milk.

**THURSDAY - Breakfast:** French Toast Sticks, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Ham, Black-eyed peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Rosie Applesauce, and milk.

**FRIDAY - Breakfast:** Oatmeal, toast, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French Fries, Salad cup, Chocolate Chip Cookie, and milk.

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Borden County High School Debate teams participate in meet: Pictured (L. to R.) Krystal Hobson, Carlos Hernandez, Rowdy Clary and Rachel Wilson

### Borden County ISD Regular Board Meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Principal Bart McMeans and Superintendent Jimmy Thomas were also present. John Anderson and Dennis Poole were absent.

1. The meeting was called to order by Joe Harding.
2. There was no community input.
3. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2006 and September 11, 2006 board meetings. The motion

- carried unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the September 2006 bills. The motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to set the time and date for the October 16, 2006 State Required Public Hearing to review the 2006 First Rating for 7:00 P.M. in the School Cafeteria and the regular meeting for 7:30 P.M. on October 16, 2006 in the Board Room. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report, a report on current construction projects, and reported that 143 students were enrolled as of September 12, 2006.

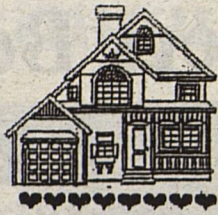
Mr. Thomas also reported that the district received a Superior Achievement Rating which is the highest possible rating on the 2006 Financial Integrity Rating System Of Texas and that a required public hearing to review this rating would take place prior to the regular October 2006 Trustee Meeting. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion passed unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously

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## Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent  
Family and Consumer Sciences



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setting goals.

October 1-7, 2006 is National 4-H Week. Community members will see various 4-H promotion efforts by the 4-H'ers.

Youth may be making posters, bookmarks, flyers, and wearing 4-H related items to promote 4-H throughout the week. Wednesday, October 4 is designated as 4-H Day! We encourage everyone to wear green to show their support for the 4-H program.

We are grateful for all of our members, volunteers and friends of 4-H! If you are not currently involved in the 4-H program, whether as a member, volunteer leader or friend of 4-H, please contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or visit our web site at <http://borden-tx.tamu.edu>

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Items should be clean, folded and placed in a box or trash bag. (Shoes separate)

Items can be dropped by the Ag. Building or picked up by an FFA student right from your vehicle.

Final delivery date: Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

All items to be delivered by Gail FFA to a needy area organization.

Gail FFA and Lone Wolf District ask you to help "Give the shirt off your back" or...out of your closet...for a worthy cause.

## Wedding Shower Held



A wedding shower was given in honor of Kaci Poole the bride elect of Slate May on Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the School Conference Room. Pictured left to right are: Candice Poole sister-in-law; Kalli Poole, sister; Jaylee Poole, niece; Sheri Poole, mother of the bride; Kaci Poole, Macauley and Mackenzie May sister of the groom; and Brenda May, mother of the groom. Kaci and Slate will exchange vows on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006 in Lubbock.

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There was a man in Bible times called Joseph. He had a smile for every joy, a tear for every sorrow, a gift for those in need, and he was a help in trouble. The apostles nicknamed him Barnabas—one who encourages.

What's your nickname?

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Contract 6150-79-001 for "MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY" in BORDEN County, will be opened on October 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$74,803.00

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div. Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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were having a tough time due to a severe drought. King bought their cattle and brought some of the residents back to his ranch. They became fiercely loyal and acquired the name Kinenos...Kings' men. They protected the ranch against cattle thieves, armies, Indians and bandits. The ranch was often attacked, but never taken. Some Kinenos' descendants work for the ranch today.

King Ranch has always been a hospitable place. King's wife Henrietta made sure of that. She created a gracious atmosphere and made every effort to make everybody feel welcome. After king's death she hired attorney Robert Justus Kleberg to manage the ranch. Kleberg married king's daughter, Alice, the only one of king's 5 children to remain on the ranch. Kleberg descendants now own the ranch, which is in its 153<sup>rd</sup> year of operation. The

ranch has expanded from cattle to include farming, gas and oil, retailing, tourism and hunting. The ranch's corporate offices are in Houston.

King Ranch donated Land for the city of Kingsville. The King Ranch Museum is in Kingsville and contains Toni Frissell's award winning photos taken on the ranch, saddles, guns, antique carriages and vintage cars, including the custom designed Buick hunting car built for Congressman R.M. Kleberg, Sr, in 1949 by General Motors (the museum's number one attraction). The King Ranch Saddle shop, offering upscale clothing and leather goods, is also in Kingsville.

Lisa Neely efficiently oversees the ranch's extensive archives. She knows the exact location of every photo, may, book, ledger, recording, video, item of correspondence, legal record and other information about the ranch.

Justin Dodd, a historical tour guide, showed us King Ranch. The ranch now has 60 cowboys, 400 quarter horses and 60,000 head of cattle. The drilling and exploration for oil and natural gas helped King Ranch open up to other parts of the world. The ranch used to have 11 million acres worldwide and the majority of it, over 9 million acres, was in Australia. There was property in Northern Africa,

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**Social Moms.** With so many activities going on, sometimes moms' social lives are forced to take a back seat. However, a recent trend called "mom-gating" reports that moms' everywhere are putting an end to this and are making social gatherings out of everything from soccer and baseball games to gymnastics. The standard minivan and station wagon have now become portable parties. Make sure you're always prepared with the Tupperware® Rectangular Cake Taker—it's perfect for carrying cakes or pastries and with a simple flip, the container can hold up to 18 cupcakes. With a convenient handle, this container was made to go on the road. For a healthier route, fill the Tupperware Serving Center® with fresh fruit and vegetables. The center bowl is perfect for your favorite dipping sauce.

**Simple Snacks.** After a long day at school, kids have one thing on their mind—snacks. Busy moms can plan ahead and always be prepared with healthy snacks to keep kids happy and satisfied. Pack raisins, mini crackers or Cheerios into mini containers. For bigger kids with a heartier appetite, keep sandwiches or wraps fresh in the Tupperware Sandwich Keeper set.



To keep kids happy and satisfied, pack raisins, mini crackers or Cheerios into mini containers.

Don't forget to stay hydrated. Keep water and sports drinks handy for kids on the go.

**Calendar Convenience.** The best way to reduce stress and stay organized is to be aware of all activities that are going on—ahead of time. Create a calendar and color code each child and their corresponding activities. Be sure to place the calendar in a common area of the house like the kitchen or the playroom for all family members to see. Keeping practices, recitals, programs and meetings all in one place will help even the busiest families stay organized.

**Team Family.** Invite kids to help keep mom organized. Ask them to pack their own snacks the night before school or a big game and encourage them to make sure that school backpacks are packed and team uniforms are ready to go before bedtime. Remember, being a family is like being part of a team—working together works.

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## Commissioner's Court Meeting

**WHEREAS**, On this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court

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

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and minutes of Public Hearing on Tax Increase held on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

### COUNTY REPORTS

After examination of the reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the reports for the Extension Office, County Treasurer Report, County Monthly Report and the County Tax Assessor Report. Commissioner Adcock seconded the

motion. Motion carried.

### BUDGET HEARING

At 10:00 A.M., Commissioner Belew made a motion to recess Commissioner Court Meeting and to call the 2007 Budget Hearing to order, as advertised. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No interested person appeared at the 2007 Budget hearing.

A motion was made at 10:15 A.M. by Commissioner Adcock that said Hearing be adjourned and reconvene the Commissioner Court Meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### 2007 TAX DISCOUNTS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to allow discounts of 3% for October, 2% for November and 1% for December for early payment of taxes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 2007 TAXES-SPLIT PAYMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to NOT ALLOW split payment of taxes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### 2007 BORDEN COUNTY BUDGET

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the 2007 County Budget as proposed with Commissioner Adcock seconding the motion. Motion carried.

### PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to pass the Proclamation for "Disaster Preparedness Week" in Borden County for the week of September 10-16, 2006. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### SPECIAL BUDGET PRECINCT NO. 4

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Special Budget for Precinct No. 4 as required by Section 111.0108 Texas Government Code. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock.

Motion carried.

### BURN BAN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to lift the Burn Ban for Borden Co. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to recess the Regular Session of the Commissioners Court meeting and Court entered into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to close Executive Session and reopen Commissioners Court Meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ANNUAL ROAD REPORTS

Of Precinct No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 are hereby placed of record to-wit.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**  
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### ADJOURN

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

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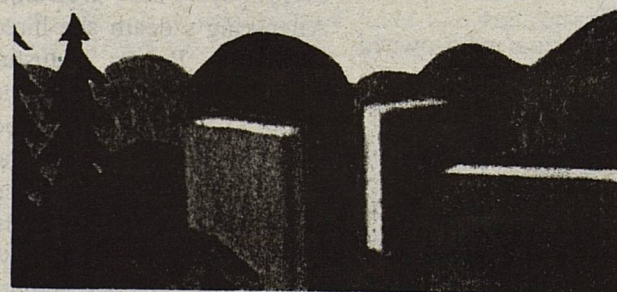
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## Learning and Living

By Becky Dobyns

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

# Japan Journal

## Part 12: An AWESOME Day

June 17

Okay, remember those flyers we were passing out? The ones that talked about how The DaVinci Code was false and gave the receiver an opportunity to come see a showing of the REAL Jesus movie? Well, 65 people came and watched the film! That may not sound like a lot considering we passed out thousands of flyers, but usually only about 30 people come! The fact that some Japanese people responded to just a mere impersonal flyer is amazing!

This morning when we had house church, I was sad to find that many on the team are homesick. I guess it's hard for me to understand because I'm having so much fun that I could stay here much longer! But I'm praying that God will renew their love and excitement for the Japanese and for Him.

I'm on the train to Makuhari now, and Michelle and I just met this lady, her husband, and her adorable little boy. The dad is Japanese, but the mom is American. They used to live in Silicon Valley, but now they live here! Isn't that crazy?

A Japanese girl sitting across from me is wearing tall Playboy bunny socks. Her father is right next to her. She looks like she's about 9 years old.

Well, we got to Makuhari and it turned out to be a *beautiful* day. There were tons of kids there today! I love Japanese kids. I want to take one home with me.

After some of the group and I went to eat at an amazing Italian restaurant for lunch, we prayer walked. I loved watching the little kids run by. Ahhh, they're just so CUTE!

Anyway, Father gave us a lot to pray for.

After prayer walking, some people went to the beach, some to the park, and others stayed in the square. Those of us who stayed in the square did face paint, balloons, tattoos, and stickers for the kids. I loved making balloons and handing them to the little kids and talking to them! There were SO MANY there today, along with all their moms and dads...it was amazing having so many people to tell about Jesus! We were so busy...so many tracts were handed out, and so many people heard the Gospel.

As I was making balloons, I saw some girls walking by who looked really interested in what we were doing. They kept staring, so I waved them over. Their names are Cherish, Marie, and Nina...and they also had a little boy with them named Ken. As we were talking, I kept noticing that Cherish's English was amazing. She didn't have an accent or anything! She said she had been homeschooled with English books, so her English is even better than her Japanese.

As I talked to them more, I found that they are all local missionaries that live in an area about an hour away from Makuhari. They said they hardly ever come here, but this morning when they prayed about where to go today, they all said "Makuhari!" What a God thing! As they were walking by, they said they saw us with the balloons and face paint and thought, hey, they're doing the same stuff we do at ministry sites! Then they saw

"Jesus" on someone's shirt, so they thought, these people must be Christians!

They said it was so encouraging to meet us. I know it was so encouraging for us to meet them as well, to know there are Japanese missionaries working all year round to help their country! We found out they have other permanent teams all over Japan! They're part of a type of organized church thing called The Family International, and they really believe in Acts 2, which says that the Church should be a total community, sharing everything, rejoicing -mily. So they're part of this Christian community that's like a family and does everything together. So cool! Anyway, they may come to the Friendship Party. They would be great to have there because they're fluent in both Japanese and English. We exchanged literature and tracts that our different groups use to minister. I'm so glad we met them.

Later on, I noticed a magician doing balloon tricks and juggling in the square. Many Japanese families were gathered around. After he was done, I went over there and asked two schoolgirls what the guy had been doing. Their names were something like Aia and Aruki. As we got deeper into conversation, I gave them a "The Hope" tract. I probably should have presented it to them more fully, because they

looked totally blank when I said "Yesu Kirisuto (Jesus Christ)?" Of course, I'm not sure I could have presented more fully because they only understood basic English. I found that these girls weren't into sports, but they both play bass in their school's symphony orchestra. I gave them my e-mail address... I hope they contact me at some point.

Wow. God totally works in the hostel. Do you remember that girl from Belgium that I wrote about in the entry before last, who came up to me as I was sorting my souvenirs? Well, I saw her again today in the lobby and we talked for a long time! I found out she had

been born and raised in Belgium but lived in London. It makes sense because her accent is way unique and cool. It's like half-German and half-British. Her name is Joelle (no I don't know if I spelled that right). We ate some Pocky together (it's this awesome candy you can get here that's like these long pretzel sticks with chocolate all on the outside). I told her what we're doing here and everything, that we're trying to tell people about Jesus. She's really cool, and she's traveled all over the world! Allan came up and joined us. I pray that I see her again and get to ask her about her beliefs. I shared mine already...in a pretty indirect way, but I shared them nonetheless! She's very laid-back and open-minded. She went to the Buddhist temple today. I'm not sure that she knows Jesus because she said, "Oh, it was so cool!" She didn't seem to feel that darkness there that we all felt.

Well, as if that wasn't enough of God working in the hostel, later on two Japanese girls came right up and talked to Haleigh, Meagan, me, and eventually Amy when she walked up. They work for a company called Lonely Planet and they're trying to make a travel guide for Japan. Their

job sounds like so much fun; basically they get to stay in all the hostels and hotels and such and ask foreigners what they would have wanted to know about Japan before they got here! They asked what we would like to have in a Japan travel book, and we said we definitely would have liked to know which things are impolite so we know what NOT to do (like my dressing room disaster!)

Well, after the business side of the conversation was done, they continued talking to us! They were so friendly. We found out their names are Ayumi and Mana, and they spoke amazing English. All of us girls shared our photos from home with them. We must have talked to them for at least an hour. Their favorite music artist is Pink, Ayumi loves volleyball and rollercoasters (which is way awesome!), and their favorite movies are I Am Sam and Pay It Forward. They're so easy to talk to, and I was so glad to meet them. We all exchanged contact information and gave them "the Hope" tracts. Unfortunately, they're busy on Tuesday so they can't come to the Friendship Party, but we are really hoping to meet with them for dinner on another night! God, thank you for this amazing day!

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# White Buffalo Days Approaching

The Silver Anniversary celebration of the White Buffalo Days Festival is scheduled to get underway, at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Snyder on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, and will continue on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Snyder chamber of Commerce spokesmen announced that final plans are being made for full participation in this event.

The day will start with a Grand Parade, led by the Hardin Simmons cowboy Band from Abilene, as well as the Ft. Chadbourne 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. The Co-Grand Marshalls, Brenda Hedges and Elizabeth Potts will preside over the day; most residents will remember that Ms. Potts and Ms. Hedges were the originators of White Buffalo Days in 1981.

Activities for the days

are a Kiddie Korral for the little ones, a live production of Han, the Cowdog, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, story-telling, gun slingers, and much more. "There is something for everyone and every age," the Chamber says.

Please call for information on activities, schedules, contests . . . 325-573-3557.

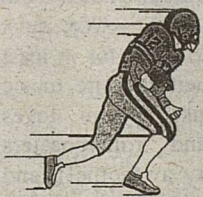
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Aspermont JH & JV Here 6:00	6 Aspermont Varsity There 7:30	7 "White Buffalo Stampedè" Cross Country @ Snyder 8:30
						Texas A&M Invitational Varsity Debate
8 Senior/Senior Parent Meeting 2:00 @ Community Room	9 HOLIDAY	10 Cool Clovers 4-H Meeting @ Show Barn 3:45-4:45	11	12 Open (No football game)	13 Open (No football game) Salado Novice Debate Tournament Sat. if not running cross-country	14 "Give the Shirt off your Back" FFA Clothing Drive "Romp in the Park" Cross Country @ Lamesa 9:00
15	16 County 4-H Food Show @ Community Room 6:00	17 State FFA Officers @ Borden County TAKS ELA Retest	18 TAKS MATH Retest	19 Loraine JH There 6:00 TAKS Science Retest	20 <u>HOME COMING</u> Bonfire 5:00 Sr. Supper after bonfire Loraine Varsity Here 7:30 TAKS SS Retest Randy Naugebauer 3:00	21 Open (No cross country)
22	23	24 Child Immunization & Flu Shot Clinic 12:00	25 District 9 Cross Country @ Water Valley	26 Trent JH Here 6:00	27 Trent Varsity There 7:30 Picture Retakes	28 Amarillo Caprock Speech Tournament (tentative)
29	30 Whit-Wilson basketball scrimmage 5:00 Here gG	31 	1 JH/HS 4-H Club Meeting @ Conference Room 12:35-1:05	2 Hermleigh JH There 6:00	3 Hermleigh Varsity Here 7:30 Abilene-Cooper Speech Tournament, Fri. p.m./Sat. if not running CC	4 Fall Festival 6:00-9:00 Region 2 Cross Country @ Vandergriff Park, Arlington