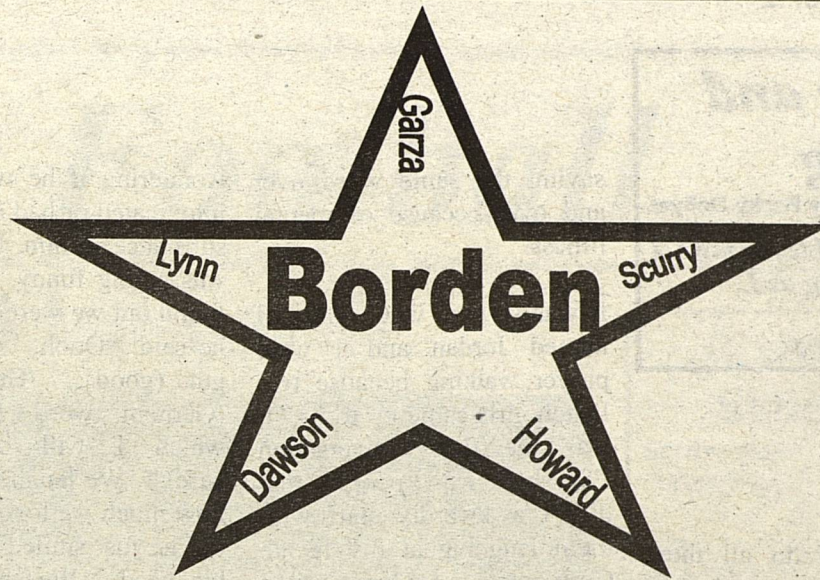


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Family and Friends mourns loss of BHS student

Hike through the Natural Beauty of Texas

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison



Caden Terry Nowlain
1988-2005

The family and friends of Caden Terry Nowlain gathered to celebrate 17 years of his life with services at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church of Post. Rev. Randy Hardman officiated with the Rev. John Hedrick assisting. Burial was held in the Gail Cemetery with arrangements by Hudman Funeral Home.

Caden went to be with his Heavenly Father on Friday, August 26, 2005. He was born April 13, 1988, in San Angelo and was raised in Gail. He attended Borden County School where he was a senior. Caden was actively involved in FFA, 4-H, Horse

Club, and Shooting Sports. He also participated in football, basketball, track and golf during his high school years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gail, and was involved in the youth group. Caden spent his spare time working for the Miller Ranch in Borden County or at his grandparents farm in Post. Caden, as his final act of kindness was an organ donor.

Survivors include his parents Jibber and Cindy Herridge of Gail and Darrell and Diane Nowlain of Crawford; one brother, Cody Nowlain of Fort Worth; grandparents, Mack and Jane Terry of Post, Frank and Joyce Herridge of Gail and George and Lois Nowlain of Moshien; great-grandparents Fannie Ballentine of Post and Una Mae Nowlain of San Angelo. Survivors also include his loving uncles and aunts; Ray Don and Jana Underwood of Gail, Maurice and Tondra Herridge of Post, Patrick and Becky Herridge of Lubbock, Joyce Marie Green of Grape Creek, Donna Rouche of Rochelle and Elmo Nowlain of Moshien. He also had numerous cousins.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist

While there is so much I love about Texas, it is the connection between the people and the land that makes it special. The land influences everything from the crops our farmers cultivate to the way people think. I suspect our land, with its big skies and wide-open spaces, is one of the things that have contributed to so many Texans turning big dreams into reality.

In past articles, I have written about our state's rich history, but Texas's natural beauty was the magnet that drew the early settlers. Texas holds a diverse collection of landscapes, from beautiful beaches on the coast to majestic mountains out west. One of the best ways to absorb a bit of the land is to go for a hike on one of our many trails.

The Panhandle and North Texas are known for their plains, but they are anything but plain. This is where many easterners first encounter the tumbleweeds and vistas that tell them they have finally reached the true West. The big skies make for some of the most beautiful

Church of Gail, Borden County EMS, or the Ronald McDonald House of Lubbock.

sunsets in the world and make it possible to watch powerful storms roll in from a distance.

Some of the most breathtaking sites, and some of the most scenic trails, are in the canyons. The Caprock Canyons have over 90 miles of trails snaking through a landscape bursting with color: the whites, reds, and browns of the canyons contrast with the deep-blue sky and the green vegetation. There, you can hike and catch sight of the state's largest herd of bison. You can also venture out to Lake Meredith, which provides abundant bass and walleye fishing. Or you can mosey on over to Possum Kingdom Lake to fossil hunt or to watch the turkey vultures soar overhead near Morris Sheppard Dam.

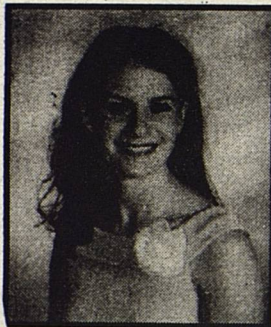
Over to the east, in the Piney Woods, is a national treasure: Big Thicket. This area has been called "America's ark" because of the great diversity of its wildlife. As a crossroads of many different environments, from deserts to swamps, Big Thicket may be the most biologically diverse area in the world. In fact, Big Thicket's abundant assets have earned it a spot on the United Nations' short list of Biosphere Reserves in the world that deserve protect-

tion. It has at least 85 different types of trees and over 300 different varieties of birds. I and many others are working to increase this preserve by adding new land each year.

Down along the 600 miles of Texas's Gulf coastline are some incredible beaches. A gem of the Gulf of Mexico, Padre Island, has gorgeous sand dunes. One of my favorite childhood treks was also on the Gulf Coast. My family used to take the ferry from Galveston to Bolivar to visit my grandmother in Beaumont. My brothers and I would climb up to the top of the ferry and stand tall to let the wind and the water blow in our faces. If you venture down to Corpus Christi, a rainy day will not spoil your appreciation of nature because you can always take a hike in the Texas State Aquarium. Experienced divers can swim through Texas's aquatic beauty by taking a deep water dive in the Flower Garden Banks, a series of pristine reefs south of Galveston Island.

On the way down to the Valley, Laguna Madre offers an opportunity to check out the lagoons and enjoy fly-fishing. In the Valley, the abundant wildlife provides

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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!

- Psalm 119:7

Germany Journey Part four

I felt so much better this morning when I woke up. I had a really good night's sleep - ten hours. Tonight I'm only gonna have 7 ½ hours of sleep, but it's okay because I'm over my jet lag and I can now drink caffeine. This morning I had a great German breakfast and a huge cup of coffee. Coffee has never tasted better in my entire life.

Then we had Quiet Time. Oh, it was amazing. I mean amazing. We began reading Acts and I read 2 ½ chapters of it. Chapter two was so awesome. God really showed a bunch of things to me through it. First of all, Acts 2:40 says, "...Save yourselves from this generation that has gone astray!" It really touched me because that's what a hundred teenagers are here in Germany to do - to bring some good out of a generation that has overall been unfaithful to God. Then, I noticed 2:42-47. It is a clear picture of what the church is supposed to be like. The reason the church is diminishing is that we are failing to do all of the things the early church did in these verses. Something compelled me to underline all the verbs in those verses. These are what I found: joined, devoted, sharing, met, shared, sold, shared, worshipped, met, shared, praising, enjoying, added. I noticed that some form of "share" is mentioned four times - the most out of all the verbs. The church is failing to share, not only with the needy, but also with fellow believers. We go to church as, isolated creatures, not as parts of a

body. If we do all these things: *join* each other in *prayer* and *devotion*, *share* everything we have with believers and unbelievers alike, *meet* all the time, *worship* and *praise* and *enjoy* our God, then and only then the Lord will *add* to those being saved!

Then we had a lesson about plowing, or in other words preparing the people of the area to hear about Jesus through prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit. We then worshipped, which was amazing because I was really in tune with God and I felt His presence with joy. I'm not sure which helped more - the quiet time or the coffee.

After worship, we ate lunch (German food of course) and went to our ministry sites. Our site is called Chorweiler West. Our park in that area is *gorgeous*. Rolling green hills, wildflowers everywhere, all types of trees, cute little old couples, and little kids in cute hats. Random observation: there is a constant smell of body odor and sausage mixed with cologne. You can tell you're in Germany because of the smells. Anyway, we went to our park and had House Church, then prayer walked for thirty minutes at a time and switched partners every time. It was so cool how the Holy Spirit showed us things to pray about - like the apartments around our park that many people have jumped off of because they had that emptiness inside and no way to fill it. Or the ladies in wheelchairs. Or the old woman who just sat on a bench talking to herself,

saying the same word over and over because of mental illness.

It was so cool when this girl named Jordan and I were prayer walking because two Dutch girls came up to us. It was the first conversation I've had with people that didn't awkwardly start with them laughing at my feeble German. They said something very fast in German. When Jordan and I just stared at them blankly, one of them said, "Sprechen sie Deutsch?" We said no, so she said, "English?" and we said yes. She said, "American?" and we again said yes. "We could tell," they said, and we all started laughing. Hick accents! We started talking and found out that they had been needing directions to another park because they were practicing for a biking championship. After some more small talk, I asked if they wanted us to pray that they do well in the biking championship. See, under normal circumstances I wouldn't have, but our head missionary said that the focus was to be on plowing today, so if anyone came up to us we were to focus on bringing it around to prayer. They said, "Oh yes, please pray that we do well." One girl had a bit of a smirk on her face, and she didn't look very interested...but the other girl had a look I will never forget. She said, "Oh yes...thank you...thank you very much." I could just look at her face and tell how curious she was and how hungry she was for God. She then started asking a question, but the other girl interrupted and said, "Let's go to the other park. Nice to meet you!" I pray that when the girls do well, they will remember that Jordan and I prayed for them and maybe that will open a door for Jesus.

Then, when I was prayer walking with J.T. and Junior, a German came up to us and randomly started talking. I'm

wondering if he was a little intoxicated or had some other substance in him, because he was acting funny. When he found out we were American, he said, "Oooh. America is gut (good). Germany is (German word for "poo" which I will not repeat here)." We laughed and said how much we love Germany, but he just smiled and shook his head. We then prayed that he would have more pride in his country, and that he would come to know Jesus. Nothing's ever a coincidence. If you meet someone, even for a second, it's for a reason. Pray for them. After prayer walking, we went to eat pizza and gelato (Italian ice cream). Good stuff. A German girl walked up to a girl in my group and thought she was Ashley Olsen. Weird.

Something cool is that Lindsey's stationed in Chorweiler East, so I think we'll be seeing a lot of each other. We've already seen a lot of her group. Her group intern saw teenage boys on a bench the other day and prayed that God would bring guys on Super Summer Global who could connect with them. This guy named Jeff in her group talked to those guys today on that

same bench! Also, our group intern Lara prayed that a black person would come on this mission because she says they're pretty scarce, and a guy in Lindsey's group is black.

My ministry group is already bonding. Every time we blunder around and are too loud, we call each other "stupid Americans!" in heavy German accents (with no Germans in earshot, of course). We've also taken to using this German expression called "doch!" It's hard to explain, really, because it's one of those weird words that can be used a lot of different ways. It sure is fun to say though. We've also started calling each other "duf" and no, I do not know if I've spelled that right, but it's the German word for "stupid". Another thing that's cool is that on Thursday I have to give a lesson to our ministry group during debriefing over a passage that Lara said she felt was specifically for me. And it is. I can relate to it amazingly well, as it's a huge part of my testimony.

Anyway, I pray for Spirit eyes and ears again tomorrow, and that I get a good night's sleep so I can be awake to serve God.



Coyote Cheerleaders: Mascott, Christina Soto, Sarah Harding, Becky Dobyns, and Krystal Hobson. Bottom row: Baylee Benavidez, Jodye Rutherford and Katherine Froman.

Coyote Football



Coyotes Maul Leopards

By Coach Avery

The Borden County varsity football team traveled to New Home last Friday night and tore the Leopards up by a score of 49 to 18.

Brad Tatum led the Coyotes rushing for 166 yards in just 8 carries and scored 4 touchdowns. He caught two passes for 8 yards and 11 tackles, 3 hurries, and caused one fumble.

Chase Pinkerton completed 6 out of 8 passes for 139 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. He had 7 tackles, caused a fumble and hurried the quarterback once.

Michael Bullinger carried the ball 3 times for 23 yards, caught a pass for two yards, had 11 tackles and broke up a pass.

Garrett Thomas carried the ball 12 times for 67 yards, and he caught a Pinkerton pass that he ran 65 yards for a touchdown. He had 9 tackles and broke up 6 passes defensively.

J.Ryan Gicklhorn caught a pass for 50 yards and a touchdown; he had 11 tackles, caused a fumble and recovered the ball after stripping it from Leopard runner.

Trey Soto had 13 tackles, one hurry and he recovered a fumble that he returned 22 yards for a touchdown.

Andrew Lamming caught a pass for 14 yards and he had 8 tackles and one interception.

The Coyotes are now 1-0 starting the 2005 season out right. The Coyotes dug a little bit of a hole for themselves early giving up 12 unanswered points in the first 4 minutes of play. The Coyotes did not panic though and they were soon leading the Leopards 15 to 12 at the end of the first quarter. The Coyotes scored the only points of the second quarter



Headed for the End Zone: Garrett Thomas gets by a Leopard with the help of Trey Soto, #15, for another good gain.

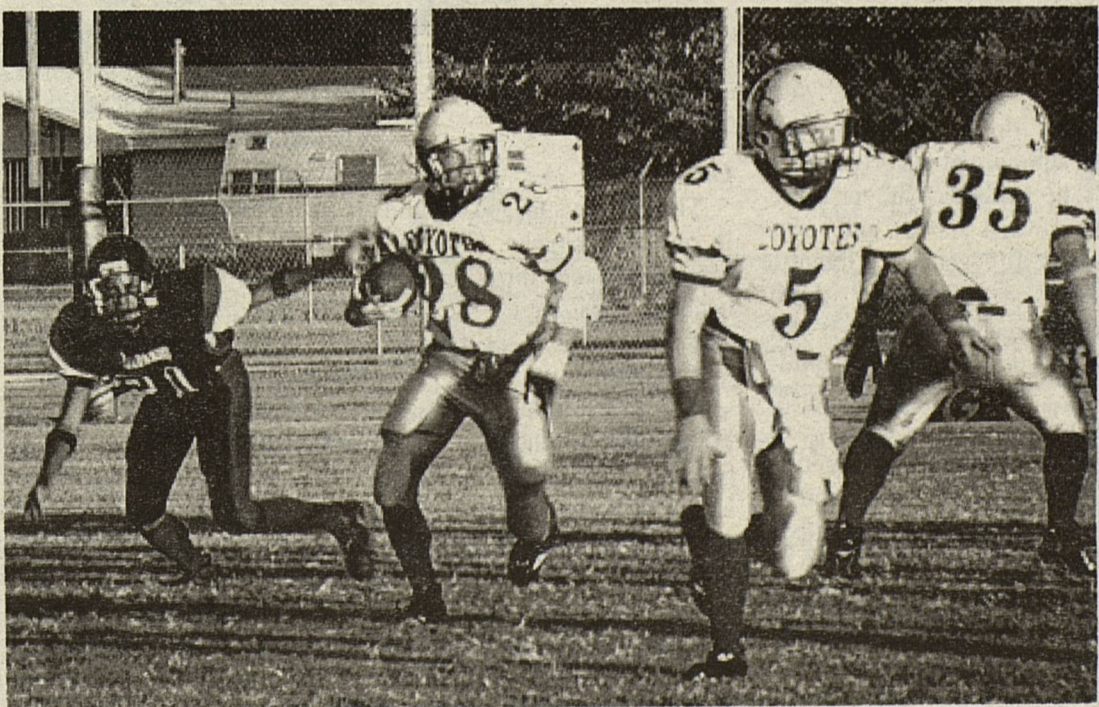
to extend the lead the lead 23 to 12 at the half. The Leopards scored next to make the score very uncomfortable at 23 to 18. The Coyotes went to work both offensively and defensively and scored 26 unanswered points to put the lid on the game.

Team stats show that the Coyotes had 11 first downs and the Leopards had 8. We had 439 total yards of offense, including 300 rushing and 139 passing. We completed 6 of 8 passes for two touchdowns, and two interceptions. We lost 3 fumbles and had 9 penalties for 105 yards. They 207 total yards offense, 121 rushing and 86 passing. They completed 10 of 25 passes, threw one interception and lost 2 fumbles. The punted twice for 25 yards and had 5 penalties for 35 yards.

"I would like to thank all the fans that made the trip to New Home to support these kids. We had more people in our stands than they had in theirs. Under the special circumstances that these kids had to play this game, it made it a whole lot better with a large and loud crowd there to back these athletes up. You are a special group of people and we live and

work in a very special place. Thank you very much. These kids responded well during the game and showed great courage and fortitude. I am also very proud of them."

Our next game will be Friday, September 2 here at home with the Meadow Broncos. Our JH season will start Thursday in Meadow at 5:00, and we will have a JV game there after that. We will see you at the games.



Making his move: Brad Tatum, #28, follows Chase Pinkerton, #5 and J Ryan Gicklhorn, #35, for a good gain in Friday's game against New Home.

Coyote Varsity Football Schedule for Fall 2005

Scrimmage:

Friday, August 19th, Aspermont & Motley Co.

@ Aspermont 6:00

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 26 th	New Home	There	7:30
Sept. 2 nd	Meadow	Here	7:30
Sept. 9 th	Ropes	There	7:30
Sept. 16 th **	Grady	Here	7:30
Sept. 23 rd	Wellman	There	7:30
Sept. 30 th	OPEN		
Oct. 7 th	* Westbrook	There	7:30
Oct. 14 th	* Loraine	Here	7:30
Oct. 21 st	* Ira	There	7:30
Oct. 28 th	* Highland	Here	7:30
Nov. 4 th	* Trent	There	7:30

*District Games ** Homecoming

Junior Varsity and Junior High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Team	Time
Aug. 25 th	New Home	Here	JV	6:00
Sept. 1 st	Meadow	There	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 8 th	Ropes	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 15 th	Grady	There	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 22 nd	Wellman	There	JH & JV	6:00
Sept 29 th	Trent	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 6 th	Westbrook	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 13 th	Loraine	There	JH	6:00
	Highland	Here	JV	TBA
Oct. 20 th t	Ira	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 28 th	Highland	There	JH & JV	6:00

SUMMER SERIES NO. 8

The Llano River runs through it

By Mark K. Campbell
Photos by Paula Campbell

You never know about Texas rivers. Some are cloudy, some clear, and some dry up completely regularly.

We chose the Llano to visit mainly because of a place we had read about that was considered remote and promised close proximity to the water; you know you're off the beaten path when your instructions to the inn are to "turn by the red barn" and travel two miles down a "terrible" road.

That's where we found Raye Carrington on the Llano River, a bed and breakfast that attracts flies – and the anglers who tie them.

The inn

The a/c in our chosen unit (\$110) was out of order so we got upgraded to the aptly named River View (\$135).

About 100 yards away, the Llano gently slid past, beyond a long green lawn and some smooth, multi-colored river rocks.

There were no phones – and our cell phones didn't work, either – TVs or radios. However, our laptop did connect to the wireless internet hook-up.

When we arrived, it was smoking hot and still. We walked directly to the river and submerged ourselves.

The water was never more than waist deep and was remarkably clear. Gigantic rocks rerouted and accelerated the current. If you sit long enough on a mid-river boulder, you'll eventually see a variety of aquatic life – bass, perch, minnows, carp, gar, and a million turtles – cautiously nudging about.

We just sat in the water. It was a good time to do nothing but just sit in a river.

Fly fishing

The inn attracts fly anglers by the score. The inn

comment book was filled with remarks about how much like an Alaskan fishing experience a visit here was.

In fact, Ms. Carrington is an expert fly angler herself as well as a published author.

Fly fishing certainly has somewhat of an arrogant air; it's the Lexus of fishing – there's an inherent haughtiness about it.

We had hoped to take lessons, but the \$300 per half day cost was a tad too rich for us, even from a pro.

Another couple at the breakfast table – where the food was excellent – discussed their distant fly fishing adventures while most of my angling tales involved a cane pole.

Fish were being caught with great regularity on the Llano, the fly fishers noted. Now, I *had* to fish. While it rained all day, we drove to Wal-Mart and bought a \$19.96 (they tried to charge too much at the register; you gotta watch Wal-Mart on that) Zebco 33 combo that included a container of small lures.

We rented a canoe (\$30 daily) and investigated the Llano.

On the river

The fly guys tooled around in one-man kayaks. (The inn rents them, too, for \$30.) We headed upstream in our canoe, having to portage it just once.

We spied plenty of fish, including golden carp basking in Beaver Creek's sunlit shallows. A 2-foot long spotted gar cruised past our boat.

Back near the inn, I cast the Zebco about and, on throw No. 3, I thought I was hung up. But the line began to whiz off the reel; I really should've set the drag.



Rock painting: you can paint with water on the Llano River. These rocks, usually sun-baked, reveal a bevy of oranges and bronzes and browns when wet.

Trying to not tumble out of the canoe while fiddling with the drag, I eventually began to get my catch closer to the boat.

Twice the prey shot away again, ripping line off the poor Zebco. But I battled on, finally getting the valiant beast to the canoe.

It was a big ol' soft-shell turtle.

To make matters worse, I had foul-hooked its heimie. This was not the sort of poetic-sunshine-kissing-the-water's-surface-as-I-enticed-a-wary-fish-while-enjoying-the-beauty-of-nature sportsman story I had hoped to tell at the breakfast table.

Down river

Guadalupe bass prowl the Llano, taking cover under boulder shadows while attacking food in the current that zips past the rocks. We had hoped to catch one but never did.

In fact, turtle butt is all we managed to pull from the river, despite hundreds of casts. Apparently, purple plastic crawdads are not native to the Llano.

With the river swollen somewhat by the prior day's rain, we went downstream to "the falls" – where the Llano scoots over a variety of rock formations in the riverbed.

I cast all during the trip. Later, while walking amid the rapids, I glanced back to see a punk kid in a canoe haul out a 2-pound bass from a growth near the bank where I had just thrown about 100 times.

Obviously I needed a *silver* crawdad.

At the falls, water colors the granite. Where the rock is dry, you can "paint" the area by splashing onto the boulders. It's amazing to see ten different browns/oranges/bronzes leap out of the sun-bleached rock.

The water

The Llano is one of Texas' few wild rivers. It isn't dammed; it dumps into Lake

LBJ after meandering from its starting point as a West Texas spring.

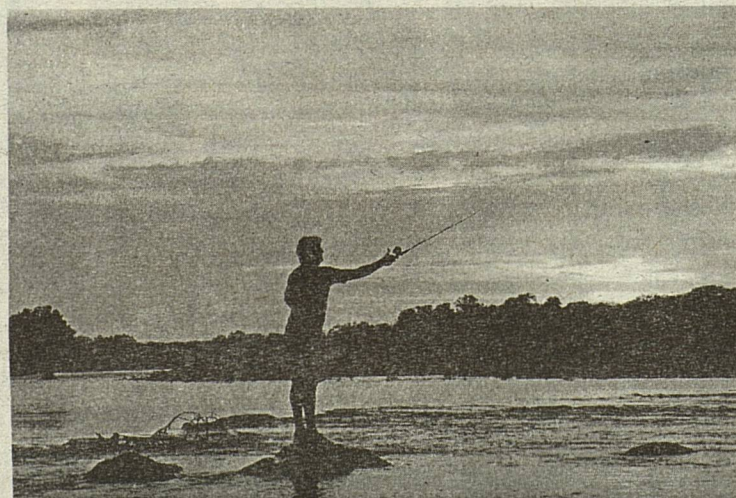
The Llano is a great wading river and the water and adjacent banks are all public lands.

If you go upstream far enough, the Llano meets the James River. Nearby is the great Eckert James River Bat Cave.

Wide-petaled flowers bend over the river. Hawks fly above and cranes stride through the water until you get too close.

The isolation of the Llano makes it appealing; it's over 100 miles to the nearest big city.

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After raining most of the day, the sun finally made it out near dusk. Fly fishing is popular on the Llano, but this Zebco 33 managed to snag a turtle with no problem.

Wedding Announcement



Mr. & Mrs. Randy Pritchard
nee . . . Jeanette Massingill

Jeanette Massingill and Randy Pritchard were married on July 23rd at the Ford Park in Hamlin. The bride is the daughter of Velma Massingill of Brownfield and the late Don Massingill. The groom is the son of Coye and Glenda Pritchard of Hamilton. Randy and Jeanette will reside in Hamlin.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

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This place is a rock hunters dream: Every shape and size and color rests on the shores or towers in or adjacent to the river.

The inn was nice - Peepers the dog was friendly, the hosts, too, and the grounds were filled with rabbits, songbirds, and quail.

But the best part of the trip occurred each night. There's an enclosed wooden outdoor shower with heated water. Nothing beats washing off a day's worth of river under a warm stream while looking up at a View-Master sky full of stars.

I relished the spray as the Big Dipper moseyed across the northwest sky.

That made just catching only the rear end of a turtle almost worth it.

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Obituary

Billie Stipe 1913-2005

Services for Mrs. Billie Stipe, 92, were held on Monday, August 29th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bell-Cypert-Seal Chapel with the Rev. Randy Hardman, pastor of Gail Baptist Church officiating. Burial was held in Hill Side Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Snyder.

Mrs. Stipe, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, August 26, in the Baptist Retirement Center in Oklahoma City after a lengthy illness.

Born April 16, 1913 in Summerville County, she married Walter Vernon Stipe on November 19, 1936 in Johnson County. She was a

homemaker and long-time resident of Scurry County before moving to Oklahoma City. She was long time member of the Union Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Marie and Robert Houk of Oklahoma City; and three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Connie Stipe of Gail, Mike and Wanda Stipe of Snyder, and Robert and Judy Stipe of Fort Worth; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Friends are contributing to the Good Shepherd Hospice 4350 Will Rogers Pkwy. No 400, Oklahoma, City, 73108; or the Baptist Village, 9700 Mashburn Blvd. in Oklahoma City, 73162

Old Western Boots

Needed

Boots hurting your feet? Too old, too little too "punchy"? It does not matter. They are needed for decorations for the County Judges and Commissioner's Association of Texas Conference Banquet to be held in Lubbock.

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Scholarship recipient – Tyler Wallace a 2005 graduate of Borden County High School received a \$500.00 scholarship from the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas during the annual awards ceremony held on August 3rd at the Galveston Island Convention center. Tyler along with 36 graduating seniors from across Texas whose parents are active members of the VATAT received this scholarship. The Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas awarded \$18,000 in scholarships at its annual awards ceremony. "The VATAT is very proud to give scholarships to our members' children. We wish these students the best of luck in the future," commented Gerald Young, executive director of the VATAT. Tyler is shown accepting his scholarship from Mr. Young. Also shown with Tyler are his parents Buddy and Kip Wallace.

Gail FFA Begins Cookie Dough Sale

The Gail FFA Chapter has officially started its' first fund-raiser of the year with a cookie dough/cobbler sale. The sale began on August 22nd and will conclude on September 7th. The following items and flavors will be available:

1. Chocolate Chunk
2. Chocolate Chunk Pecan
3. Chunky M & M Delights
4. Oatmeal Raisin
5. Peanut Butter

6. Snicker Doodle
7. White Chocolate Macadamia
8. Twice Chocolate Walnut
9. Pecan Cobbler – 2 lbs.
10. One dozen Cinnamon Rolls

All items will cost \$13.00 and customers may pay upon delivery in late September. Anyone wishing to purchase these items may contact a Gail FFA member or Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4378

School Lunch Menu

Sept. 5th – 9th, 2005

Monday – LABOR DAY HOLIDAYS – NO SCHOOL!

Tuesday – **Breakfast:** Sausage & biscuit, fruit juice and milk; **Lunch:** Corn dog, salad, macaroni & cheese, fresh fruit and milk.

Wednesday – **Breakfast:** Waffles, fruit juice and milk **Lunch:** Sausage wrap, corn, cheese potatoes, fruit cup and milk

Thursday – **Breakfast:** Omelet, fruit juice and milk; **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, potatoes, green beans, bread, fruit salad and milk.

Friday – **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, fruit juice & milk. **Lunch:** Sub Sandwich, salad cup, fresh fruit, sugar cookies, and milk.

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Letter

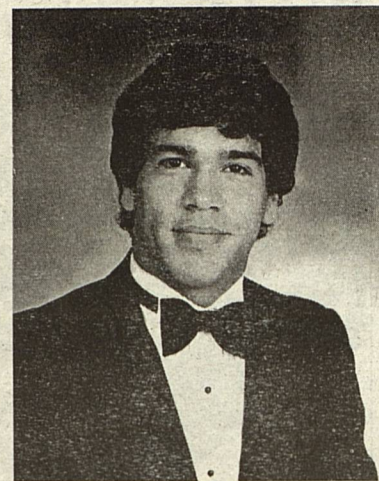
To Adam's Friends:

Just a note to let you know that Adam is doing great and anyone wishing to write or send a card to him can do so at the following address: RECRUIT CARTER, DAVID ADAM 1st BN BRAVO CO. PLTN 1125 36001 Midway Ave. San Diego, CA 92140-1125

I know that he cares deeply for lots of you, some are like extended family. I know that he would be overjoyed after along trying day to be able to read about some home town news. Also, I am having the paper sent to him so Coyotes, Beat 'um Bad so he will have something to brag about, LOL.

I would like to share something with all of you. For those that did into know, Adam loves to write poetry and this is one he got published right before leaving.

*A Heart Has Beat
Decisions are made and a heart has beat.
A mind is thinking and eyes keep staring.*



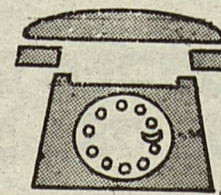
*Leg mindlessly wandering.
Things to be done and to do them they must first be said.
Wanting to steel time and the glisten from her laugh.
Decisions are made and a heart had beat.
A hole I have fallen in when her smile is so unique.
Forced is my smile when hers is revealed.
Decisions are made and My Heart Has Beat.*

I love you Adam and am so very proud of you. May you be with God in all that you do. You can accomplish anything you are determined to as long as you have God on your side.

Love you,
Mom, Grammie, Gramps and Rusty

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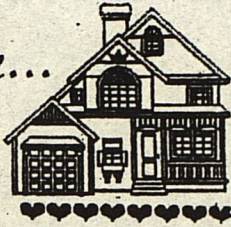


Going Out Tonight? So Are We.
Drink. Drive. Go to Jail.

Save a Life
Texas Department of Transportation

Heart and home...

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



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Panhandle-South Plains Fair Items Needed

Anyone that needs assistance in entering handmade items or goods in the Panhandle-South Plains Fair, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336. Entries must be submitted on Tuesday, Sept. 20 and Wednesday, September 21. For more information, visit the fair web site at <http://www.southplainsfair.com> or contact the Extension Office.

Medicare Part D Update at next Senior Citizen Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Community Room. This will be a pot luck supper (bring your favorite dish to share). We will enjoy our meal and fellowship first, followed by a brief program by the Area Agency on Aging. They will be providing an update on Medicare Part D. Following the program, we will enjoy games and more fellowship!

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

arrangements. We look forward to a great new opportunity for our friends in Borden County!

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

Cool Clovers 4-H Meeting Rescheduled

The Borden County Cool Clovers 4-H will meet on Tuesday, September 6 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (This is rescheduled from August 30.) Refreshments will be provided by 4-H. We will be re-enrolling and learning about all the projects offered through 4-H. Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring outgrown clothing to be donated to an area shelter. Any youth age 8 (or currently enrolled in 3rd grade) through 6th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

Back-to-school Wardrobe: Keeping it in A+ Condition

The start of a new school year invariably means a new wardrobe. But, clothes that are bright and promising at the onset of the semester may soon fail to make the grade. While everyday wear and tear does take its toll, here are a few tips for helping keep the new school wardrobe in A+ condition.

Clothes that turn grey and dingy look old before their time. Improper laundry procedures, including insufficient detergent and water temperature that's too low, are common culprits. Im-

proper sorting (clothes that are not separated by color and by heavy soiled versus light soil) can cause dirt and dyes to transfer from one item to another. If soil transfer occurs, rewash using additional detergent, the hottest water that's safe for the fabric and a bleach that's safe for the fabric. If color transfer occurs, don't dry the item. Quickly rewash with detergent and a bleach safe for the fabric, or use detergent and a dye/color remover purchased from the grocery or discount store.

As preventative measures, use the recommended amount of detergent for the load size, properly sort laundry and use the hottest water that's safe

for the fabric. Also, consider using dye magnet laundry sheets or a detergent that's formulated to preserve colors. Dye magnet laundry sheets are embedded with dye particles of dye and other foreign materials in the wash water. Detergents that preserve colors contain ingredients that bind or react with dyes so they cannot easily be redeposited onto fabrics in the load.

Color loss or fading is irreversible. Common causes are unstable dyes, water that's too hot, improper use of bleach and applying undiluted bleach directly onto fabric. Unstable dyes most commonly occur with neon and fluorescent colors, as

well as bright reds, greens, blues, purples, pinks, black and peach. To remove excess dye, new items in these colors should be washed separately the first few times.

Wrinkles make a garment look unkept, which tends to make it look older. To avoid or minimize wrinkles in permanent press or synthetic fabrics, use the permanent press cycle on both washer and dryer. Remove items from the dryer as soon as it stops. Then hang or fold them.

If you would like more information on clothing care, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

Source: *The Soap and Detergent Association Cleanliness Facts Newsletter* September/October 2002

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for Borden County for 2006 beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 12, 2005.

A summary of the proposed Borden County budget is as follows:

Jury Fund -	\$2,100.00
General Fund -	\$979,437.00
Road & Bridge Fund -	\$697,250.00
Permanent Improvement Fund -	\$45,000.00

This proposed budget does include a 3% cost of living salary or wage increase for County employees and elected officials.

Elected Officials Salaries for 2006 will be:

County Commissioners	\$19,181.00
County Judge	\$25,523.00 + \$10,000.00 State Support + \$5,000.00 pending action by governor
County/District Clerk	\$26,473.00
Sheriff/Tax Assessor	\$28,770.00
County Treasurer	\$26,473.00
Justice of the Peace	\$7,732.00

Any interested person is invited to attend and present oral or written comments. The proposed budget may be examined at the office of the County Clerk or the County Judge.

The proposed tax rate for 2005 is .3306 per \$100.00 valuation. Last years tax rate was .4292 per \$100.00 valuation.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York
Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 25th day of July, 2005, 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 July 11th, 2005, were read.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

The Burn Ban for Borden County was discussed. No action was taken.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to amend the Budget by adding \$3,000 to the Borden County EMS. Commissioner seconded the motion.

COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to make no changes in the Health Insurance for the County Employees with the Texas Association of Counties for the year 2005 and 2006. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

TEXAS BUILDING AND

PROCUREMENT COMMISSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to pass the Resolution for request to the Texas Building and Procurement Commission to approve Borden County for participation in purchasing program. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2006 BUDGET

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to give a 3% pay increase for County Officials and employees. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

2006 BUDGET

Commissioners held a Budget Work Session for 2006 Budget.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Burn Ban, Borden County Budget for 2006 and Texas County & District Retirement System Plan.

ADJOURN

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

Hike through the Natural Beauty of Texas

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

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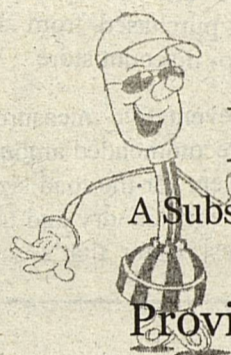
both excellent bird-watching and great game hunting with everything from hares to javelinas. And no one should miss the quiet beauty of the desert around the Rio Grande.

In Central Texas, there are refreshing hikes in the Hill Country that showcase its greenery, rivers, and natural rock formations. During hot summer days, you can rest in the shade of the numerous cedar trees or go for a swim in the natural swimming pool at Barton Springs. In Enchanted Rock Natural Area, there is a nice four-mile hike through rock outcroppings. Some ancient tribes believed one of the outcroppings was haunted because of

the strange noises heard from the granite at night.

Finally, out in far West Texas lies some of the most majestic mountains in the country. You can hike on some of the 280 miles of trails in Big Bend and Guadalupe National Parks. And there is even a way to appreciate Texas's natural beauty at night; just pay a visit to McDonald Observatory where astronomy enthusiasts can enjoy the "darkest night skies in the continental" United States.

Even this relatively short hike through just a handful of the state's treasures reveals that Texans have been blessed with a great deal of natural beauty.



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