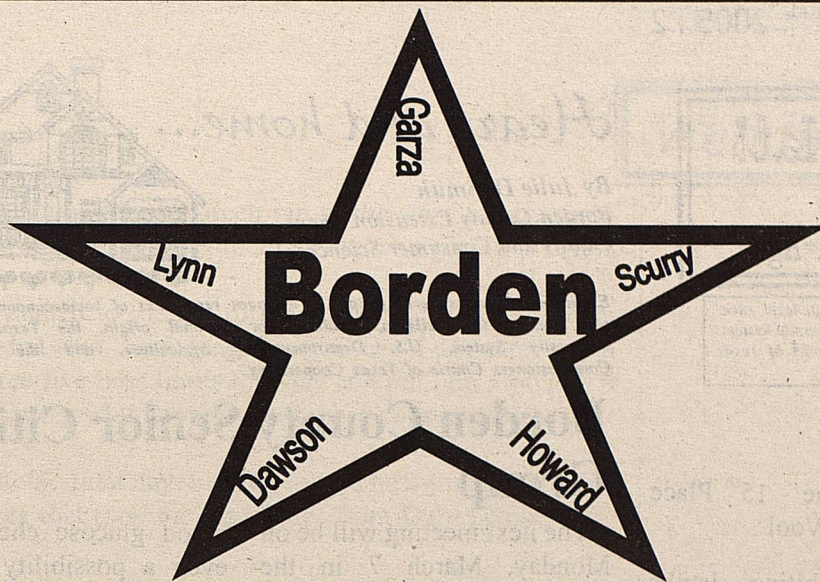


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## Feeling Green

*Pro Jerry Green parlays motor trouble, stunted practice and a spinner bait shortage into a victory on Sam Rayburn*

**FLW Outdoor Article**

*By Jennifer Simmons - 26Feb. 2005*



*Jerry Green poses with his sons following his win on Sam Rayburn. (Photo by Jennifer Simmons)*

JASPER, Texas - It's been a pretty good year for Jerry Green. And it's not even March.

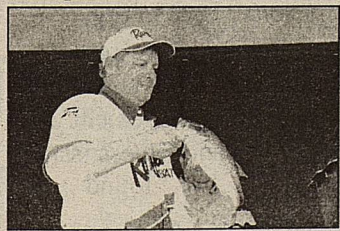
First, Green comes out of nowhere to claim a top-10 berth at the Wal-Mart FLW Tour season opener on Lake Okeechobee. Then, barely a month later, he waltzes into the EverStart Series Central Division opener on Sam Rayburn Reservoir with only a little more than a day's worth of practice and wins the whole thing.

"I started practicing during the tournament," said Green, whose previous-best finish on the EverStart Series was 40<sup>th</sup> at last year's event on Kentucky Lake. "I blew a motor at Amistad and I brought it down here, planning on fishing with my trolling motor."

Green wound up borrowing the brand-new rig of Beaumont, Texas, pro Mark Martin, but he still didn't have hardly any practice time to speak of. And what little practice time he did have produced only one keeper bass.

"I didn't know what to do," he said. "I decided to go to fresh water and chunk a spinner bait."

The spinner bait, tossed from the front deck of a borrowed rig, treated Green well, as he finished 13<sup>th</sup> after day one with a five-bass catch weighing 18 pounds, 6 ounces. He followed that up on day two worth another 16 pounds, 7 ounces that allowed him to slip into the finals in 10<sup>th</sup> place the very last spot.

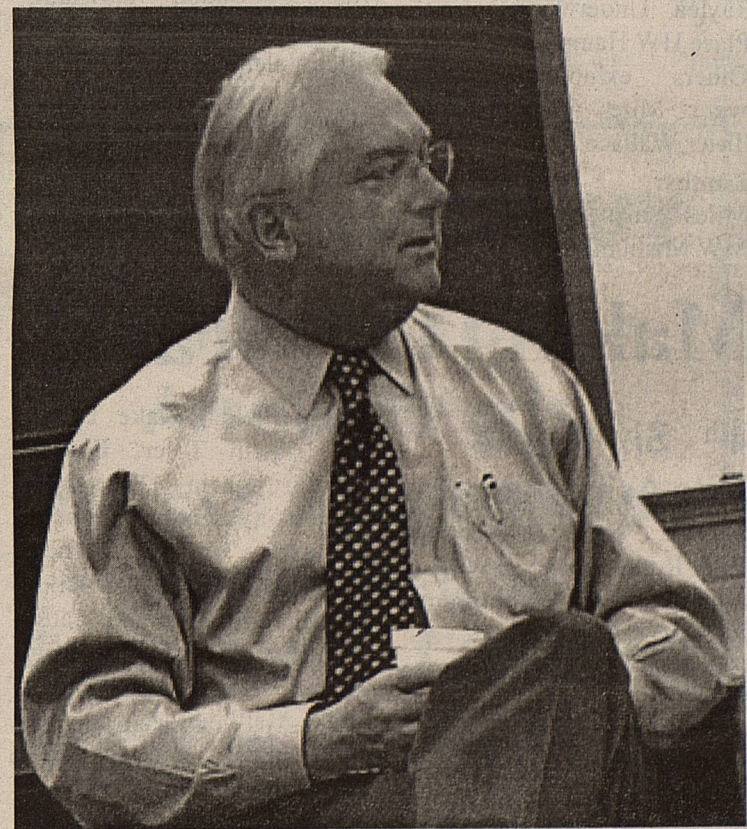


"On day one I was fishing creek arms and pockets and points," he said. "I went back there the next day and didn't get a bite, so I went practicing again."

"My co-angler, Mike Curry, had caught fish on the other side of the creek in another tournament the weekend before. I caught fish again that day, and I expanded from there."

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## Coffee with Congressman Neugebauer



**Congressman Neugebauer visits Gail:** Congressman Randy Neugebauer made a visit to Gail on Thursday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, to discuss issues important to District 19 with local residents.

The meeting was held in the Conference Room of Borden County School. Around 30 Borden County residents gathered to visit with Congressman Neugebauer and ask questions important to Borden County and surrounding counties.

## Borden County Students Headed to State

Sophomore Jake Payne and Freshman Rachel Wilson represented Borden County last Saturday at Lubbock Coronado at UIL Solo and Ensemble, competing in the piano solo contest. They both earned gold medals after performing a Class I piece (the most difficult) and being


awarded a I rating, which qualifies them to compete in San Marcos in May at the UIL State Solo and Ensemble competition.

Jake performed a Mozart piano solo *Fantasy in D Minor*, and Rachel chose Beethoven's *Sonata Op. 13 in C Minor, Movement 1* (the

*Sonata Pathetique*). Jake has studied piano with former Gail resident Jeannette Koehler Kidd, and currently studies with William Murphy of Lubbock. Rachel learned her piano skills from Lavoy Leach, formerly of Lamesa, who now resides in Lubbock. Best wishes to both of these musicians as they prepare to represent Borden County at State!

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**Let Me Get My Hat!**  
By Dennis Poole,  
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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**Major Stock Show Results**

Borden 4-H and Gail FFA had several exhibitors showing animals at San Antonio and San Angelo. Results are as follows:

**San Antonio:**

**Steers:**

Kalli Poole - 1<sup>st</sup> Place LW Brahman

**Swine:**

Miller Valentine - 1<sup>st</sup> Place MW Spot and Breed Champion

Kalli Poole - 13<sup>th</sup> Place HW Poland

Raylea Underwood - 15<sup>th</sup> Place HW Hamp

Others exhibiting swine were: Miles Valentine and Tyler Wallace.

**Lambs:**

Miles Valentine - 5<sup>th</sup> Place MW Medium Wool

Miller Valentine - 15<sup>th</sup> Place MW Medium Wool

Others exhibiting lambs were Tyler Wallace.

**San Angelo:**

**Steers:**

Kalli Poole - 1<sup>st</sup> Place LW American

Kylan Reynolds - 9<sup>th</sup> Place LW British

Others exhibiting animals were: Brandi Hudson, Mandi Hudson, Caden Nowlain, Raylea Underwood, and Miles Valentine.

Congratulations to these exhibitors and good luck to those preparing their animals for the Houston Livestock Show!

**Making the Grade!**

**4<sup>th</sup> Six-Weeks Beta Achievement**

**Senior:** Garrett Chapman, Billy Roper and John Wilson;

**Junior:** None; **Sophomore:** Rebecca Dobyns, and Christina Soto;

**Freshman:** Shelby Roberts and Rachel Wilson;

**Eighth Grade:** Katherine Froman and Carlos Hernandez;

**Seventh Grade:** Rachael Payne and Raylea Underwood;

**Sixth Grade:** Bailey Anderson and Taylor Richey.

**Honor Roll**

**Senior:** None; **Junior:** Whitney Anderson;

**Sophomore:** Rowdy Clary, Sarah Harding, Jake Payne, Taylor Peterson, Kalli Poole and Kylan Reynolds;

**Freshman:** Kate Wallace;

**Eighth Grade:** None;

**Seventh Grade:** Lacey Roberts;

**Sixth Grade:** Krista Tarleton; **Fifth Grade:**

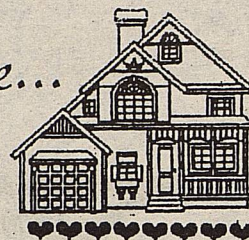
Austin Fields, Blake Turner and Austin Tyler; **Fourth Grade:** Kayla Darbyshire, Celina Guerrero, Jacob McAuley, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Riley Smith, Teryn Soto and Mattie Turner; **Third Grade:** Tristen Benavidez, Taylor Gass, Matthew Ham, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, Zach McMeans, and Tyler Minyard; **Second Grade:** Frank Banman, Mackenzie Moreno, Sean Tucker and Caden Vaughn

**WHAT:** 4-H Clothing Project Activity  
**WHEN:** Sat., March 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
**WHERE:** Community Room  
**PLEASE BRING:**  
\$ ½ yard of 60" wide fleece fabric of your choice  
\$ 1 yard of ¾ inch ribbon that coordinates with the fleece  
\$ 14" square pillow form

We will have a fun and simple sewing project and be working on a fashion design project as well. Please call the Extension Office at 806-756-4336 to RSVP!

*Heart and home...*

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



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**Borden County Senior Citizens Group**

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 7 in the Community Room. This will be a pot luck supper (bring your favorite dish to share) that will begin at 6:00 p.m. We will enjoy our meal and fellowship first, then 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!

**Portion Control 102**

Learning to recognize a standard serving size of all foods "by sight" can help you judge how much you are eating. At home measure your food servings and place them on a plate. Here are some "sight" tips to help you in judging serving sizes of the common foods. In the breads and cereal group a cup of cereal flakes should look like a fist and 1 pancake should look like a compact disc. ½ a cup of cooked rice, pasta, or mashed potatoes should look like a ½ of a baseball and a serving of cornbread should look like a regular bar of soap.

In the fruit and vegetable group 1 cup of salad greens should look like a baseball, a

baked potato should look like a fist or a regular bar of soap and a medium fruit should look like a baseball. 1/2 cup of canned, frozen or fresh fruit should look like ½ of a baseball and a 1/4 cup of raisins like a large egg. In the dairy and cheese food group 1oz. of cheese should look like your thumb, 1 cup of milk or yogurt is about the size of a small hand holding a tennis ball and ½ cup of ice cream looks like ½ of a baseball.

In the meat and meat alternative group, 1-3 oz. serving of meat, fish, or poultry is about the size of a deck of cards, 3 ounces of

grilled or baked fish should look like a checkbook, and 2 Tablespoons of peanut butter looks like a ping pong ball. Finally in the fats and sweets group 1 teaspoon of butter, margarine, sandwich spread or jelly looks like a dice and a 1 Tablespoon serving size of dressing for your salad would look like 2 stacked dice.

It is important that you eat a variety of foods each day and it is important to remember that no food or food group is "Bad For You", rather it is the amount or portion of a food that you consume that makes it "Bad For You". The Food Guide Pyramid is an excellent way to design a healthy eating plan that will give your body its daily nutritional requirements. America's focus has been to put too much emphasis on cutting fat, carbohydrates or sugar from the diet while ignoring portion size. Remember that the most important words you need to know in weight management are not low fat, low carb or low sugar, but calorie content, serving size, and portion control!!

Here are some web sites that are helpful in managing your weight and in portion control information: The Arthritis Foundation at, <http://www.arthritis.org>, and Shape Up America at, <http://www.shapeup.org>.

Tone Teen is a free resource site to help kids and teens with weight management and other health and fitness issues and can be found at,

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**School Menu**

**Week Of: March 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**MONDAY:** BBQ Sausage, Ranch Style Beans, Potatoes, Bread, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** French Toast, Fruit Juice & Milk.

**TUESDAY:** Pizza, Corn, Salad, Pudding & Milk. **Breakfast:** Ham & Eggs, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Coyote Goulash, Salad, Spinach, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, Fruit Juice & Milk

**THURSDAY:** Western Burger, Cheese Potatoes, Green Peas, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Toast, Cereal, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

**FRIDAY:** Steak Sandwich, Tater Tots, Salad Cup, Brownie, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice & Milk.



# Feeling Green

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Realizing he'd run out of his bass-nabbing spinner baits, Green ran to the store to buy some more, only to discover it was closed. He then ran into fellow pro Jim Tutt, who gave him a few more Santone spinner baits to fish with.

Armed with a new batch of baits, Green vaulted to the top of the leaderboard on day three, when a cold front coupled with sunshine all but shut the fishing down. Green's day-three catch of 14 pounds, 11 ounces was one of only three five-bass limits that day and put him 1 pound, 6 ounces ahead of opening-day leader David Curtis, who had proved to be a constant threat over the course of the week.

Curtis was once again a viable contender on the final day, hauling in five bass that brought his two-day total weight to 23 pounds, 15 ounces that took the lead away from Darrel Robertson, who eventually finished third.

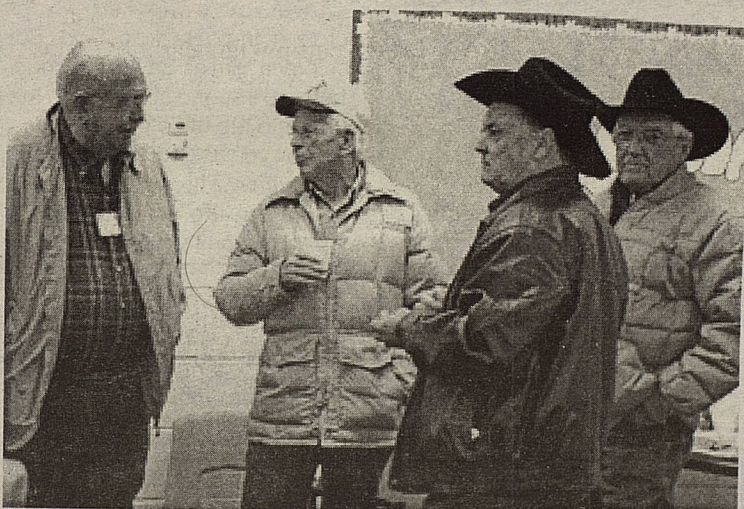
The last to weigh in, the crowd in Jasper waited to see what Green had. Could he beat Curtis? Did he have enough? Indeed he did, weighing in five bass that weighed 13 pounds for a two-day weight of 27 pounds, 11 ounces, just short of 4 pounds heavier than Curtis' two-day stringer.

"I slow-rolled the spinner bait around buck brush and milfoil," said Green, who said the 1/2-ounce bait was white with blue glimmer and a white skirt. "I got fewer bites ever day, and every day I slowed down a little more."

For the win, Green took home \$10,000 cash plus a fully rigged Ranger boat, and he also earned another \$10,000 from Ranger for meeting contingency guidelines. This was his first victory in any FLW Outdoors event.



[Editors note: Jerry Green is a 1986 graduate of Borden County High School and the son of Sue Ringener and Charles Green formerly of Lake JB Thomas.]



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Borden County Judge, Van York ask question concerning issues important to Borden County.

## Wedding Plans Announced



Randy Pritchard & Jeanette Massingill

Jeanette Massingill and Randy Pritchard would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 in Hamlin.

Jeanette is the daughter of Velma Massingill of Snyder formerly of Gail and the late Don Massingill.

Randy is the son of Coye Dean Pritchard and Glenda Pritchard of Hamlin.

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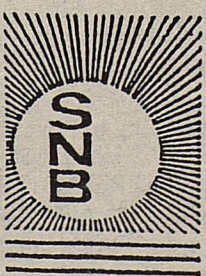
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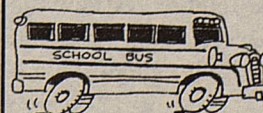
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# Texas Stand Out In Their Support of Our Troops

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Do not tell Staff Sgt. Kevin Hinds, a Guardsman from Orange, that the Texas National Guard is composed of "weekend warriors." He knows better. He has spent months in the mountains of Afghanistan helping train 800 Afghans to become soldiers. These Afghans will become the core of an army helping defend that country's fledgling democracy.

Sgt. Hinds' experience shows that the days when the men and women of the National Guard and Reserves could be called part-time soldiers are long past. Although they were always part of our military, they were originally planned to be mobilized in the event of all-out war, as well as to cope with domestic natural disasters or civil emergencies. Their role evolved into a more active participation in our national security over time, particularly when our armed forces were downsized after the end of the Cold War.

The Reserves and Guard shouldered an increasing part of our defense burden as the operational tempo of our military increased during the 90s, with peacekeeping duties in countries such as Bosnia and Haiti. However, after the 9-11 attacks in 2001, they came into their own. National Guard and Reserve troops protected vital installations throughout the United States. Others participated in the liberation of Afghanistan. Finally, the Guard and Reserves helped overthrow Saddam Hussein's dictatorship and freed the Iraqi people.

Of the National Guard's 15 best-trained, best-equipped and most ready-to-deploy combat brigades, all but one are either in Iraq now, have demobilized after returning from a one-year tour in that country, or have been alerted

for duty in 2005-2006. Although the percentage of Reserve and National Guard troops serving in Iraq is slated to go down in the next troop rotation, today the mix stands at 50-50.

These men and women have all stepped up to do their duty to defend freedom. While they directly bear the burden of service, their family, friends and their employers also face demands during their tours of duty overseas. The job is made easier, however, because their neighbors in Texas are providing them a great deal of support.

For instance, when the 56<sup>th</sup> Combat Team of Texas' 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division shipped out for Iraq, 30,000 people gathered in Waco for the send-off. Imagine what it meant to those young men and women that so many of their fellow Texans cared enough to come out and wish them well. I am extremely proud that the Lone Star State is so supportive of our soldiers.

Employers play a significant role when a reservist is activated, because many of them struggle when key personnel report for long tours of duty. Recently, I traveled to Addison to attend a ceremony recognizing an employer's commitment to our troops and their families. The company, Concentra, was receiving the 5-star award from the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for its support for the men and women who make up our National Guard and Reserve forces.

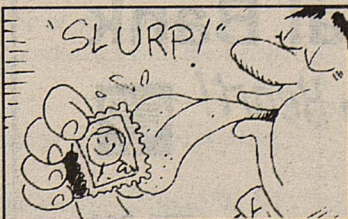
Concentra is entering an exclusive club. Nationwide only one percent of the 8,500 companies who support their Guard and Reserve employees have achieved the 5-Star Level of Recognition. This award means the employer has signed a statement of support for their

National Guard and Reserve employees and supplements their salaries.

In addition to the above, Concentra has done something new. It helped create the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network - called the MSCCN. This organization is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing career opportunities and job portability for military spouses through a nationwide network of employers. With the frequent transfers that are a feature of military life, many spouses have found it difficult to pull up stakes and find work. In addition, they have often found themselves having to start from the ground floor at each new community where their spouse has been transferred.

MSCCN was started, with Concentra's assistance, by volunteer military spouses to help spouses find jobs and build careers despite the frequent moves. This organization charges no placement fees to employers, service members or military spouses and is funded through the support and commitment of its network members. I applaud those who are working to improve the lives of our soldiers and their families.

Texas stands behind our citizen soldiers because they are one of America's unique traditions. The shot heard around the world at Concord Bridge was fired by our first National Guardsman, a Minuteman. They are always on duty to defend our freedom, and it helps them to know that all of us appreciate the sacrifices they make on our behalf.



The first adhesive postage stamps went on sale July 1, 1847.

## Portion Control 102

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<http://www.toneteen.com>, and to find The National Institutes of Health's "Aim for a Healthy Weight" web site that contains a Healthy Weight Home Page, Body Mass Index Calculator, and Menu Planner use <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov>. To access an interactive portion control quiz "The Portion Distortion Quiz" at this same website use, <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/portion/>. For more information and tips on portion control and for answers to other health questions you may have please contact Julie Smith at Borden County Extension Office at 756-4336

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## Obituary Brief

Services for Clint O'Brien are pending at Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa. Clint passed-away Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 a.m. in Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa He is the son of Barry and Susan O'Brien of Borden County.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido  
Metter, Georgia

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#### SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION INFORMATION

The trustee election for the Borden County Independent School District will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2005. Three positions will be filled in this election. Two positions will be three-year terms, and one position will be a one-year unexpired term. Interested candidates may obtain an application for a place on the ballot in the central office of the Borden County I.S.D. Other important school board election information is as follows:

- 3/07/05 Last day to file for place on ballot
- 3/08/05 First day to apply for ballot by mail
- 3/14/05 5:00 p.m. deadline for filing a write-in declaration
- 4/07/05 Last day to register to vote for Saturday, May 7, 2005 election
- 4/20/05 First day of early voting by personal appearance
- 4/29/05 Last day to apply for ballot by mail
- 5/03/05 Last day of early voting by personal appearance
- 5/07/05 Election Day (polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

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