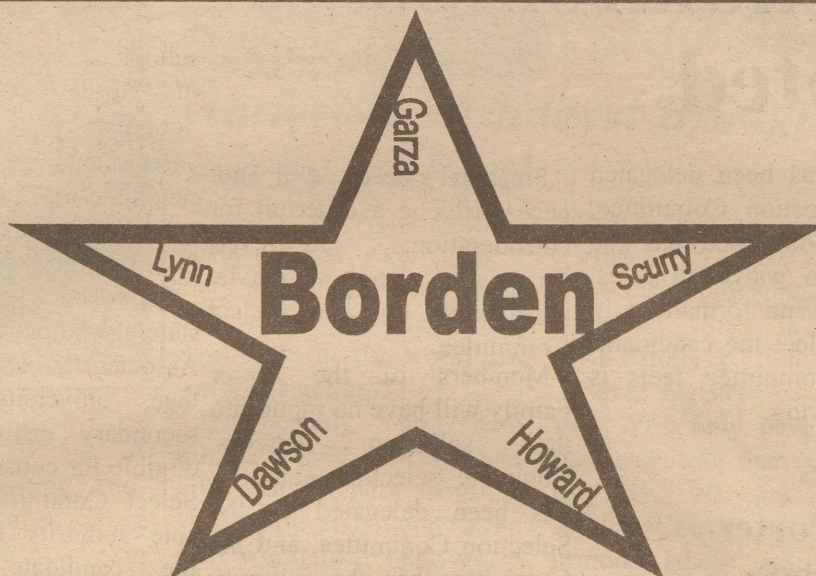


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Academic Excellence

BHS UIL Team Captures Seventh Straight District Championship

The Borden County High School U.I.L. Academic Team captured its seventh consecutive District 9-A district literary sweepstakes championship last Friday, March 30, at the District 9-A Meet at Water Valley High School.

In the process, nineteen BHS students have qualified for regional competition.

Six event teams also captured district championships: Current Issues & Events, Literary Criticism, Social Studies, Spelling & Vocabulary, Journalism, and Speech & Debate.

Finishing with 440 overall points, BHS defeated defending Region II-A and State academic champion Garden City High School, who finished with 358 points. Placing third with 310 points was contest host Water Valley.

Junior Rachel Wilson, along with seniors Rowdy Clary and Becky Dobyms, led the BHS contingent to its championship as they each

qualified for regional competition in three separate events.

Wilson captured district championships in three separate events: Informative Speaking, Current Issues & Events, and Editorial Writing.

Clary placed second in Social Studies, second in Informative Speaking, and third in Current Issues & Events.

Dobyms finished first in Spelling & Vocabulary, first in Ready Writing, and second in Editorial Writing.

BHS also had several students advance to the regional contest in two events.

Junior Kate Wallace was named as district champion in both Persuasive Speaking and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Lindsey Stamper, a senior, finished first in poetry interpretation and third in News Writing.

Junior Hannah McConnell placed second in Ready

Writing and was a part of the first place Literary Criticism Team (5th individually).

D'Nae Johnson, a freshman, won Prose Interpretation and was a member of the Literary Criticism team (4th individually).

Chasiti Rutherford, also a freshman, placed third in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and was also on the Literary Criticism team.

BHS students advancing in one event to regional competition are senior John Cowart (2nd - Literary Criticism), senior Christina Soto (1st - News Writing), sophomore Katherine Froman (2nd - Spelling & Vocabulary), sophomore Carlos Hernandez (3rd - Social Studies), and freshman Eric Espinoza (2nd - Poetry Interpretation).

Additionally, several students will advance to the Region II-A Meet as members of first place district teams.

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BHS OAP Named District Alternate

The Borden County High School One-Act Play production of *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* was named as the District 9-A Alternate at last week's contest.

Earning individual accolades as members of the All-Star Cast were seniors Becky Dobyms and Lindsey Stamper.

Fellow senior Rowdy Clary and freshman Chasiti Rutherford were both named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

The technical crew of John Cowart, Katherine

Froman, Sarah Harding, and Krystal Hobson was named as the "Best Crew" at the contest.

Bronte High School's production of *Unexpected Tenderness* and Highland High School's *Mariner* were selected to advance to the Area Contest.

A final community performance of the BHS production was held on Monday evening in the B.C.I.S.D. auditorium.

Congratulations on a great production, BHS OAP!



*In Recognition of the Easter Holidays
the Star on Gail Mountain will
Shine Brightly beginning on
Good Friday, April 6th thru
Easter Sunday, April 8th*



In Celebration of Christ our Risen Savior!

Parent's Club Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 6th, at 11:30 p.m.

At Borden County ISD Practice Field

Please bring 1 dozen

Candy or candy filled eggs



Memorial Scholarships being Accepted

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship.**

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 18th, 2007. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**Brandon Adcock
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Select Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the Brandon Adcock Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection

authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship.**

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 18th, 2007. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**J. Pat Porter
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School community as evidence by his/her high moral character, service minded attitude, dedication and determination to succeed along with maintaining passing grades.

Potential recipients must be a member in good standing of the current Borden County High School graduating class or must be a previous graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need, will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the Porter Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations for formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most appropriate. The selection process is a subjective task that will be left to the discretion of the J. Pat Porter Scholarship Selection Committee feels is a dignification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

John Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **John Harding Memorial Scholarship.**

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 18th, 2007. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**John Harding
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication and participation in

school activities as a student of Borden County High School.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Select Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be

attended. Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the John Harding family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

Pre-School Day

Pre-school Day will be Friday, April 6th. If your child will be 5 years on or before Sept. 1, 2007, he/she is invited to visit the kindergarten class on this day. Please send a copy of their birth certificate, social security card, and immunization record.

Each child is also asked to bring an Easter Basket with a dozen candy or candy filled eggs (No chocolate please) for the Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt.

School will begin at 8:05 and dismiss at 12:30 on this day. The school will provide lunch. If your child would like to ride the bus, please contact the bus driver in your area. If you have any questions, contact the school at 806-756-4313.



Attention Seniors!

Parent's Club Scholarship applications must be returned to Mr. Ard by April 18, 2007. For more information, contact LaNita Avery.

Parent's Club Meeting

There will be a Parent's Club meeting on April 19th at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room.

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Zone 9-A Track Meet at Highland

Jr. High Track Season Ends

By Coach Avery

The junior high girls traveled to Highland last Monday to participate in the zone track meet. There were 6 teams there and our girls were in the runner-up spot for the entire track meet until the very end when Ira's girls overtook us by one point. Highland won the meet with 165 points, Ira was the runner-up with 127 points, and our girls were third with 126 points, Loraine had 79, Hermleigh had 42 and Westbrook had 24 points.

The 800 m. relay was second with a time of 2:10.52; running on this relay was Stefanie Cooley, Phyneshia Rutherford, Krista Tarleton and Bailey Anderson.

The Lady Coyotes won the 1600 m. relay with a time of 4:56.10. Running on this relay was Stefanie Cooley, Phyneshia Rutherford, Bailey Anderson and Taylor Richey.

Kimberly Proulx was third in the 800 m. run with a time of 3:30.11; she ran the 200 m. dash in 36.51.

Taylor Richey won the 100 m. hurdles with a time of 18.36, she won the 300 m. hurdles with a time of 55.99, she won the discus by throwing it 83'4.5", and she was first in the triple jump clearing 29'1.5".

Bailey Anderson was second in the 100 m. dash with a time of 14.58.

Krista Tarleton was second in the 400 m. dash with a time of 77.39, she was third in the high jump clearing 4'4" and she was third in the long jump clearing 12' 1/2".

Stefanie Cooley was 4th in the shot with a put of 19 feet

10 inches.

Kerianne Howard ran the 400 m. dash in 89.46 and she ran the 200 m dash in 37.56.

Phyneshia Rutherford was 4th in the 200 m. dash with a time of 32.24, she was third in the long jump clearing 12'4.5" and she was third in the triple jump with a distance of 26'8.5".

School

Lunch Menu

April 9th - 13th, 2007

MONDAY - NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Corn Dog, Tossed 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: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Sub Sandwich, Salad Cup, Peaches, Sugar Cookie, and Milk.

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Sterling City Relay Track Results

By Coach Avery

The Borden County High School track teams ran at Sterling City last Saturday. There were only 4 students to make this trip, one girl and 3 boys, the rest were busy doing other things on this Saturday like judging in FFA or playing Tennis.

Marla Crenshaw was the lone girl to make the trip and she had a good day in the 400 m. dash, she ran a personal best time in the prelims of 68.25 quali-

fying her for the finals. In the finals she finished sixth with a time of 72.08. Marla participated in the shot put and she ran the 200 m. dash in 30.7 but did not make the finals.

Zane Williamson participated in 5 field events. He was second in the pole vault clearing 10', he was second in the triple jump with a distance of 37'3/4", he was sixth in the long jump clearing 16'7" and he participated in the shot and disc.

Michael Cooley competed in the JV division and he won the high jump clearing 5'4, he won the long jump clearing 18'3", he won the 100 m. dash with a time of 12.15 in the prelims and a 12.37 in the finals and he was first in the 200 m. dash with a time of 25.91.

Logan Howard competed at the JV level and he was second in the pole vault clearing 9'6" and he was second in the 1600 m. run with a time of 6:01.62.

Sands senior Jarrod Fry and Borden County junior Matthew Tatum.

Fry averaged 10 points and 10 rebounds per game, while leading the 24-9 Sands boys to the state playoffs.

In addition to being named as District 8-1A's Defensive Player of the Year, Fry was also selected as one of his league's all-star game reps.

Tatum should be a player to watch again next year at Gail after averaging 14.6 points and 13.2 rebounds per game this season.

Four area girls who earned second-team all-region were Sands' senior Dannon Ramey and sophomore Brittini Blaggrave, Klondike junior Jordan Gregory and Borden County freshman Olivia Key.

Ramey and Blaggrave played big roles in helping Sands girls crash the 1A post-season party.

Ramey averaged eight points, five rebounds and five steals per game and was also recognized as District 8-1A's Defensive Player of the Year.

Blaggrave averaged 13 points and 8.5 rebounds per game for Sands girls.

Key is one of the young guns who helped lead Borden County's girls to the state hoop playoffs. Key averaged 13.3 points, 4.5 steals, 4.2 rebounds and two assists per game in only her freshman season in high school at Gail.

Gregory, a three-year starter for the Klondike Cougar girls, averaged nearly 10 points per game this past season.

BC's Froman makes all-state

Other area players honored

Borden County's Jacob Froman has again been recognized as one of the top small high school boy basketball players in the state.

The Texas Six-Man Coaches Association recently put out its all-state, as well as all-region, teams.

After recognizing Froman as one of the top players in his region, the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association then named this Coyote senior to its second-team all-state list.

Rightfully so, according to Coyote Coach Trey Richey.

"He's very deserving," Richey said. "He was the MVP in our district, which proves right there just how much respect the people in our district had for this guy. A lot of game plans went into either trying to stop or slow this guy down."

"Any time you get that kind of distinction it has a way of carrying over into other parts of the state, as well."

In addition to being named as District 12-1A's MVP, Froman was also tabbed to the Division II, Class 1A Boys All-South Plains Basketball Team released this week by the *Lubbock*

Avalanche-Journal.

Froman averaged 17.5 points and nearly 10 rebounds per game, while leading the Coyote boys to a 21-9 season record that included the 12-1A crown. The Coyote boys ended up going three rounds deep into the 1A Division II state hoop playoffs.

"Jacob's one of those players who has that knack for getting to the basket," Coach Richey said. "He's tall and slender, but he still penetrates the baseline extremely well."

"He's also got a good inside game, but he was probably the best three-point shooter that we had on our team this year. He's also one of those players who has a tendency to draw a foul on the way to the basket. He was also a 75 percent free throw shooter."

"He's also hit a lot of clutch baskets for us."

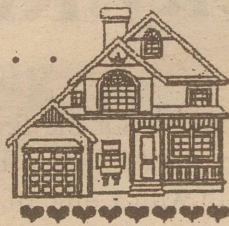
While Froman was also recognized as one of the top players in his region, several other area hoopsters earned second-team, all-region accolades from that group.

Two area boys who received second-team, all-region were

Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith

Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



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Shopping for Health (part 2 of 3)

More and more consumers are aware of the relationship between diet and health, and are interested in learning more about foods that can promote health. With this in mind, it is important that consumers understand how to put nutrition information into practice.

Where better to practice nutrition knowledge than the grocery store! Even the most savvy shoppers can discover something new when it comes to shopping for foods that promote health. There are tools throughout the grocery store that help direct consumers to healthful food choices. Throughout this three-part series on *Shopping for Health*, you will be guided to things to consider when grocery shopping and choosing nutritious foods for your health and that of your family.

Great Grains: The Bread, Cereal, Rice and Pasta Aisles

Here's where you can find whole grains, which may reduce risk of heart disease, certain types of cancer, type 2 diabetes, and may even help with weight management. How? A whole host of components in whole grains work together to provide protection. These include fiber, vitamins, minerals, beneficial enzyme inhibitors, and hundreds of phytonutrients, such as phytoestrogens, antioxidants and polyphenols. To reap the benefits, consumers should try for at least three

daily servings of whole grains such as oatmeal, ready-to-eat cereals and breads containing whole grains (look for the phrase "whole grain" or "whole" before the grain's name), brown rice, barley, popcorn, pasta, crackers, and couscous, wild rice, buckwheat, triticale, bulgur, millet, quinoa and amaranth.

Fiber is found both in whole grains and in certain enriched grain-based foods. A special type of soluble fiber called beta glucan, found in oatmeal and barley, may reduce the risk of coronary heart disease by binding cholesterol in the gut and transporting it out of the body. Insoluble fiber found in wheat bran and corn bran, and in some cereals and breads may contribute to a healthy digestive tract and reduce risk of cancers.

Shopping tips:

- Fruits and vegetables also contain a mix of soluble and insoluble fibers. Legumes like lentils and kidney beans are especially rich in soluble fiber and can be found with dried and canned food.

- Folate is also found in legumes such as beans, peas, soybeans, and lentils, as well as citrus fruits and juices, spinach and peanuts

The Case for Dairy and Calcium-fortified Soy Milk

Dairy products such as milk, cheese and yogurt are well-known as exceptional sources of calcium, needed for strong bones and to

reduce risk of osteoporosis. Vitamin D, found in fortified milk and some yogurts and cheese, helps the body absorb calcium for strong bones. Emerging research on Vitamin D shows that it may also play a role in promoting immune function as well as reducing risk of certain cancers, and improving balance in the elderly.

Probiotics are beneficial bacteria that may improve gastrointestinal health and immunity by increasing the population of friendly bacteria in the digestive tract. Examples are strains of *Lactobacilli* and *Bifidobacteria*. Look for these specific strains of probiotics in certain fermented dairy products like yogurt and kefir (a tangy milk drink). Probiotics are also becoming available in shelf-stable foods.

Soy milk—plain or flavored—contains the same amount of calcium as an equivalent glass of milk. Research shows that soy protein may reduce the risk of coronary heart disease.

Shopping tips:

- Calcium and Vitamin D are also added to some cereals and juices.

- Prebiotics are non-digestible components that help beneficial probiotics multiply in the intestine, so pair them up to maximize effectiveness. Foods with prebiotics include certain whole grains such as oatmeal and barley, bananas, berries, onions, garlic, leeks, artichokes, greens like spinach and kale, legumes and honey.

- Soy-based foods are found all over the store. Scan the shelves for soy nuts, soy butter, and soy-containing drink powders, and the refrigerated section for tofu and tempeh. Check the freezer and refrigerator

Wedding Plans Announced

Mrs. Pat. J. Porter of Vealmoor, TX. announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Samantha A. Porter, to Robert S. Giffords of Gig Harbor, Washington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Borden High School and Texas Tech University with a B.A. in Psychology. She is currently employed by CGI, a global technology consulting firm.

Her fiancé is the son of Dr. and Dr. Albert Orman from Tucson, Arizona. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona in Tucson with degrees in microbiology, journalism, and computer science and is currently employed in the software engineering field.

The couple will marry at 12:34 P.M. on May 6, 2007 in Gig Harbor, Washington.

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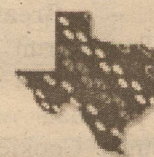
Borden County Commissioners' Court will consider bids for the purchase of one Ambulance to be used by Borden County EMS. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., April 24, 2007 in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Borden County Courthouse in Gail, Texas.

Specifications may be obtained at the offices of the County Judge, 806/756-4391.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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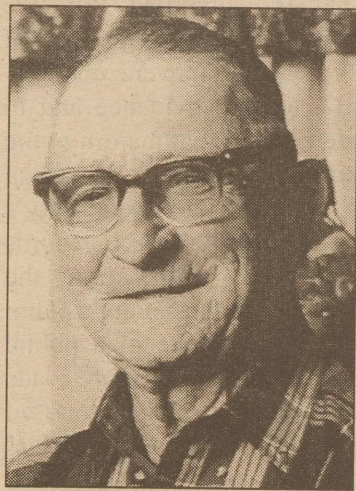
cases for meat alternatives such as soy burgers, hot dogs and sausage, and for bags of edamame (eh-dah-MAH-meh)-green soybeans sold shelled or in the pod.

Next week, we will talk about *The Meat and Seafood*

Shopper; Slick Choices for Oils and Spreads; Coffee, Tea or Wine?; and Chew on this in the Checkout Line.

Source: International Food Information Council *Food Insight* Newsletter September/October 2006

Obituary



J.E. Airhart
1915 -2007

Services for J.E. Airhart, Dawson County farmer and rancher, were held at Lamesa Memorial Park at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28th. Airhart died peacefully in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 25th, 2007 at the age of 91.

J.E., born in Mitchell County in 1915, was the oldest of three sons of Velma and Elonzo Airhart. In 1924, they moved to the Knott community in rural Howard County where J.E. met and married Margie Pearl Burchell in December of 1934. Their first child, Jimmy, was born at Knott, and, shortly after, J.E. bought land in the Sparenburg community in southern Dawson County where he and Pearl farmed, ranched, and raised their six children.

J.E. served as Dawson County Commissioner of Precinct No. 1 from 1955 to 1985. During his 30 years in office, he served on commissions that approved the construction of Lamesa Medical Arts Hospital, Dawson County Library, the county livestock and fair barn, the airport and many roadway improvement

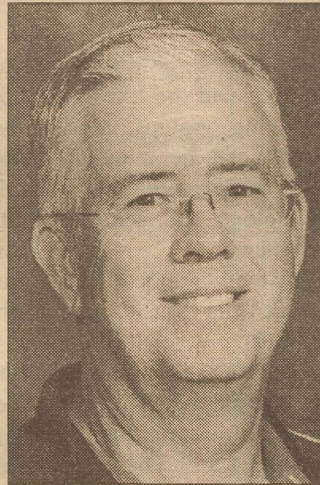
projects. He was instrumental in the successful negotiation of right-of-ways for US Highway 87 north to O'Donnell and south to Ackerly. He also served on the Klondike Board of Education and as a deacon of the Sparenburg Baptist Church. He was widely-recognized throughout the area and state as a livestock trader who was fair in his dealings and could supply almost any animal needed from buffalo to roping calves and horses. One of his most famous clients was George Strait who bought "a good horse from him. J.E. often sold on credit and allowed many to pay him back from their first calf crop.

J.E. and Pearl celebrated 64 years together before her death. They were partners in everything as he did the driving and she did the navigating.

J.E. was preceded in death by Pearl, his parents, a brother, and one grandson.

He is survived by one brother, Bobby, of Winters; six children and their spouses, including Jimmy and Mary Airhart of Lamesa, Donald Airhart of Lubbock, Judy and Charlie Everts of Lamesa, Quinton and Sharon Airhart of the Klondike community, Glenda and Don Shortes of Ackerly, and Gayland and Donna Airhart of Lamesa; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and, a host of wonderful friends.

The family suggests memorials to any of J.E.'s favorite causes; the Dawson County Library; the Dal Paso Museum; or the Lamesa Senior Citizens Center.



Johnny Lynn Peugh
1952 - 2007

Johnny Lynn Peugh, 54, of Stanton, died on Saturday, March 24th, 2007, in a Midland hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 28th, 2007 at the Grady High

School Gym in Grady with Wayne Brown and Gene Glaeser officiating. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

He was born on November 20, 1952, in Big Spring, Texas. Johnny graduated from Sands High School and Texas A&M University. He married Carla Raye Hunt on December 30, 1972 in Ackerly, Texas.

He coached basketball at Grady High School and Sands High School for 13 years. He was active in 4-H and FFA and was a breeder of show pigs. He was a devoted husband, father, Grandad, son and coach. He attended Tarzan Church of Christ and Knott Baptist Church.

Survivors included his wife, Carla Peugh of Stanton; two sons, John Cody Peugh and wife, Shanna, and Robert Brady Peugh, all of Stanton; one daughter, Tandi Dawn Stockton and husband, Richard, of Stanton; his parents, J.E. and Joann Peugh of Stanton; six grandchildren, Ashli, Ryan, Major, Huston and Scout Stockton and Ashlynn Peugh; one brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Michelle Peugh of Stanton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Patty and Kenneth Schuelke of Stanton and Tammy and Koy Blocker of Lenorah; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Found

At City Landfill in Gail several months ago; silver plate salad fork. Badly tarnished. Call 325-573-5003.

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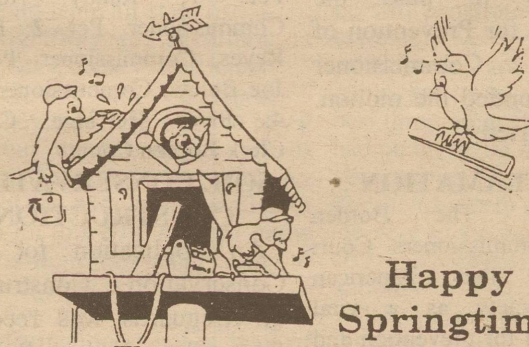
1974 Chevy Pickup, 350 engine, runs well, good tires. Would make a good farm, or hunting truck. \$850.00. Call 806-756-4432.

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Calendar For 2007 Constitutional Amendment Election

- March 13th - First day to submit application for early voting.
- April 12th - Last day to register to vote.
- April 30th - Early voting by personal appearance begins
- May 4th - Last day to receive application by Mail
- May 8th - Last day to vote early by personal Appearance
- May 12th - ELECTION DAY

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Commissioner's Court Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 13th day of March, 2007, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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 HERIDGE**, 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 February 27th, 2007 were read. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

COUNTY REPORTS

County Reports were reviewed. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the County Reports and Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RC&D BOARD

Commissioner Belew made a motion to appoint Glen Bray as representative for the Borden County RC&D Board.

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S 2001 FORD CAR

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to donate the Sheriff's 2001 Ford Car to the West Texas Centers Mental Health Mental Retardation, a government agency, for their use. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER

David Perkins, representative with Oller Engineering, visited with the Court. He will gather more information on the pad and the dirt work needed for the construction planned on the improvements for the Borden County Water System.

BORDEN COUNTY ROADS

David Perkins, representative from Oller Engineering, presented a map for review by the Commissioners Court on the proposed paving and seal coats in the precincts. Corrections were made

PREVENTION OF CANCER RESOLUTION

Commissioner Smith made a motion to pass the Resolution for Prevention of Cancer. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Borden County Commissioners Court recognizes the American Cancer Society as a vital organization for prevention and treatment of cancer; and **WHEREAS**: In the United States, over the next 10 years an estimated 11.5 million men and women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 600,000 will die if something is not

done; and, **WHEREAS**: Most colon cancers can be prevented by removing polyps, and most deaths can be avoided if the best currently available technology for screening and treatments is consistently/applied to all of our constituents/citizens at risk; and,

WHEREAS: Colon cancer in its early stage, when it is curable, produces no symptoms; and **WHEREAS**: The American Cancer Society recommends that all men and women of normal health should start preventative screening for colon cancer at the age of fifty or sooner with a family history of colon polyps or cancer; and,

WHEREAS: The Borden County Commissioners Court recognizes the importance of preventing and eliminating colon cancer for the well-being and prosperity of our community, **NOW THEREFORE**, we the Commissioners Court of Borden County do hereby proclaim and dedicate the year 2007 to

Colon Cancer Prevention and Awareness Year

In Borden County and encourage all citizens to take the Initiative and discuss with their health care provider the necessary screening for colon cancer so that we can all enjoy full and healthy life.

Signed this 13th day of March, 2007.

Van L. York, County Judge; Monte Smith, Commissioner, Pct. 1; Randy Adcock, Commissioner, Pct. 2; Ernest Reyes, Commissioner, Pct. 3; Joe Belew, Commissioner, Pct. 4; Joyce Herridge, County Clerk Borden County

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards was received from Chris Norris, Precinct No. 2. A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to approve the applications at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer.

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Van L. York excused himself from meeting.

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to appoint Ernest Reyes to preside for remainder of Commission's Court Meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

BOARD OF VIEW

Commissioner Belew made a motion to appoint the following members for Jury of View Panel: Precinct 1, Sadie Ludecke, Jim Mac, Burkett, Randy Hensley; Precinct 2, John Anderson, Steve Bodine, Donna Issacs, Sam Hunnicut. The Court having heard objections to the proposed County Road Map, the Commissioners Court is required by statue to appoint residents of Borden County to serve o a Jury of View as provided by #258.002 (b), Texas Transportation Code. The Jury of View, consisting of five property owners who

have no interest in the outcome of the protest shall be randomly drawn from the names submitted by the commissioners. The Jury of View shall convene on 3-38-07, to hear evidence and to determine by a majority vote after a public hearing and an examination of the county's road maintenance records and other information, the validity of the county's claim of the existence of a public interest in one or more roads depicted in the proposed County Road Map. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items presented.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 27TH day of March, 2007.

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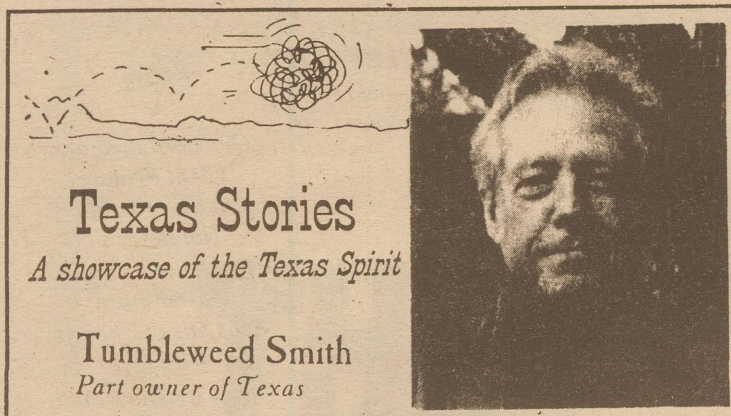
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The Hills of Oakland

I used to think Oakland, California was the place where you got off an airplane and high-tailed it to San Francisco as fast as you could. But my thoughts of Oakland have changed since my son BZ and his family moved there from San Francisco.

BZ, Margaret, Max and Aiden moved into an area with tall redwood trees and giant cedar trees with wide, graceful branches. It absolutely looks like a national park. His house, like so many others in his neighborhood, is nestled into a hillside. It has four stories and a dumbwaiter, which BZ fully expects four-year old Max to put 18-month old Aiden into and give him a ride. Huge picture windows give a great view of the scenery and tall gabled ceilings with large wooden beams create spacious living room.

When our son BZ picked me up at the Oakland airport the other night, he was anxious to show me his new place. My wife was already there. She had been babysitting the two children while Margaret was away on a business trip. Although it was dark, I could tell he had moved into a nice part of town. We wound around hills and small roads and when we rounded a curve he said, "That's my house up there, the tall one with the interesting windows." The lights in the house were on

and it did look inviting. And tall. In Texas, homes spread our horizontally. In California, where land is at a premium, vertical is the name of the game.

We unloaded the luggage and climbed the six flights of stairs to the living room area. Susan and Max were sitting on the couch, holding each other. They hardly said a word when we walked in. It seems there had been a 4.2 earthquake just about the time my plane landed. Susan said it felt like a truck had run into the house. She was visibly shaken, partly because Aiden was sleeping one floor below.

Northern California gets a bout 50 small earthquakes a day. This one was the biggest one since 1989 (7.1) when the Bay Bridge collapsed and hundreds of homes were damaged. There was no damage around BZ's house. Since the '89 earthquake, building codes have required homes to have stronger foundations. BX's house, built in '91, has a strong concrete foundation reaching 20 feet down to bedrock.

Oakland is half the size of San Francisco (400,000 population to San Francisco's 800,000) and in my way of thinking, has twice the beauty. We had made arrangements to have lunch with Susan and Nathan Miron, a couple we met on a cruise. They live in the Napa area. Susan grew up in



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He Lives

Happy Easter! Allelujah!
Jesus Christ, He lives!
Serve Him to receive salvation;
Eternal life he gives!

By Joanna Fuchs

DRIVE SAFELY
Watch-out for
Our Children
Playing!

Oakland and knows the area well. After lunch she gave us a tour. We went to Skyline Drive, where some of the Oakland Raiders live. Nice homes. She showed us where Henry J. Kaiser lived. His home had a special entrance for President Roosevelt when he visited. We saw the Ghiradelli mansion and downtown Oakland, which has a beautiful lake right in the middle of it. We went up and down hills, which most people think only exist in San Francisco.

I know for a fact that the Texas Rangers, when they play Oakland, insist on staying in San Francisco. They're missing a lot.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: **Abilene**

Contract 6160-35-001 for **MOBILE RETROREFLECTIVITY DATA COLLECTION** in **TAYLOR** County, etc. will be opened on **April 25TH, 2007** at **2:00 p.m.** at the District Office for an estimate of \$232,080.00.

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 pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification 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 and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Academic Excellence

Cont. from pg. 1

Both Karl Lamming and Reynaldo Hernandez will join Clary and Wilson as members of the Current Issues and Events team.

Joining Clary and Carlos Hernandez on the Social Studies team will be Taylor Peterson (4th at District individually) and Symeron Rinehart.

Chellsie Pigford and Brendan Tarleton, both freshmen, will join Dobyms and Froman as members of

the Spelling & Vocabulary team.

Additional results from the district meet included senior Clint Chapman (4th - Persuasive Speaking), Reynaldo Hernandez (6th - Persuasive Speaking), Stamper (5th - Feature Writing), Sharelle Gass (6th - Poetry Interpretation), Tarleton (6th - Prose Interpretation), Michael Porter (5th - Lincoln-Douglas Debate), McConnell (4th - Headline Writing), Pigford (5th - Headline Writing).

The Region II-A UIL Academic Meet is set for Friday and Saturday, April 13 & 14, 2007, at Abilene High School. Hardin-Simmons University staff will serve as contest hosts.

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Easter Joy

By Joanna Fuchs
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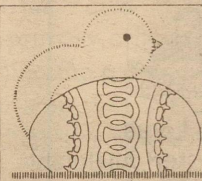
Jesus came to earth,
 To show us how to live,
 How to put others first,
 How to love and
 How to give.

Then He set about
 His work,
 That God sent Him to do;
 He took our
 Punishment on Himself;
 He made us
 Clean and new.

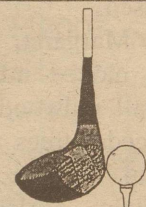
He could have
 Saved Himself,
 Calling angels
 From above,
 But He chose to
 pay our price of sin;
 He paid it out of love.


Our Lord died on
 Good Friday,
 But the cross did
 Not destroy
 His resurrection on
 Easter morn
 That fills our hearts
 With joy.
 Now we know our
 Earthly death,
 Like His, is just a rest.
 We'll be forever with Him
 In heaven,
 Where life is best.

So we live our
 Lives for Jesus,
 Think of Him in all we do.
 Thank you Savior;
 Thank you Lord.
 Help us love like you!



April 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 TAKS 5 th Math District Golf @ Big Spring Country Club Baseball @ Hamlin (Double Header) 4:00	4	5 HS District Track @ Bronte	6 Early Dismissal 12:30 Pre-K Day Easter Egg Hunts End of 5 th Six Weeks Softball vs. Seagraves @ WTC 4:30 Baseball vs. Rotan @ WTC 4:00	7 Little Dribblers @ Borden County
8 Easter	9 Holiday District Golf @ Big Spring Country Club	10 Beginning of 6 th Six Weeks Immunization Clinic District Tennis @ Garden City District 4-H Fashion Show	11 District Tennis @ Garden City	12 HS Area Track @ Roby Cheerleading applications distributed	13 HS Region II-A UIL Academic Meet @ Hardin-Simmons	14 HS Region II-A UIL Academic Meet @ Hardin-Simmons Area II CDE @ TTU ACT Test (must have pre-registered)
15	16 ITBS Testing (K-2)	17 TAKS Math 3,4,6,7,8,10 Exit ELA Retest ITBS Testing (K-2)	18 TAKS Reading 4,6,7,8 Exit Level Math ITBS Testing (K-2)	19 TAKS Science 5,8,10,11 Exit Level Science Cheerleading applications due ITBS Testing (K-2) Parents Club Meeting 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room	20 TAKS Social Studies 8,10,11 Regional Qualifiers Track TBA ITBS Testing (K-2)	21 Softball @ Seagraves 5:00 Baseball vs. Hermleigh (Double Header) @ Moffett Field, Snyder 6:30 JH SPECHEA Tennis Meet, Levelland State CDE Judging @ TTU
22	23 Regional Golf @ Abilene, Maxwell	24 Baseball vs. Ira @ WTC 5:00 Cool Clovers 4-H 3:45-4:45 @ Show Barn Regional Golf @ Abilene, Maxwell	25 MADD Exhibit JH/HS 4-H 12:35 in Conference Room Regional Tennis @ HSU in Abilene	26 Cheerleading tryouts. Progress Reports Regional Tennis @ HSU in Abilene	27 Bad Weather Day Registration deadline for June 2 nd SAT Test Regional Track @ Abilene	28 JH SPECHEA Tennis Meet, Levelland Regional Track @ Abilene
29 	30 FFA Lone Wolf District Meeting @ Snyder Metropolitan 8 Test (K-2)	1 JH District Tennis @ Sweetwater Metropolitan 8 Test (K-2)	2 Metropolitan 8 Test (K-2)	3 JH District Tennis @ Sweetwater Metropolitan 8 Test (K-2) State Academic UIL	4 Band Trip leaves @ noon Metropolitan 8 Test (K-2) State Academic UIL	5 Band Trip District 4-H Roundup in Levelland State Academic UIL