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## Congress Moving Forward; Farm Bill Budget Set to Include \$10 Billion In New Funds

By Shawn Wade

A meeting of high level Democratic leadership from the House of Representatives and Senate early this week ended with a tentative agreement to seek an additional \$10 billion for the farm bill and instructions to the Chairmen of the Agriculture, Ways and Means, and Finance Committees to "get it done."

Following the meeting House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson, (D-MN) said he will continue working closely with the Agriculture Committee's ranking member, Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), and the Administration to find agreement on how the \$10 billion in additional funds could be secured.

The pending March 15 expiration of farm bill funding authority and the release of new budget projections from the Congressional Budget Office were key motivators and the primary reason for the meeting earlier this week.

The meeting was at-

tended by House Speaker Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), Peterson (D-MN) and Senate Agriculture Chairmen Tom Harkin (D-IA), House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT).

Since that time Rep. Goodlatte has reaffirmed his willingness to work with Chairman Peterson to develop a bill that both Congress and the Administration can agree to support.

Unfortunately for Congressional leaders and Agriculture Committee members wanting to develop a compromise with the Bush Administration on farm bill funding issues, USDA Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Conner failed to provide much hope when he reiterated the Administration's position that only program cuts would be deemed acceptable to pay for

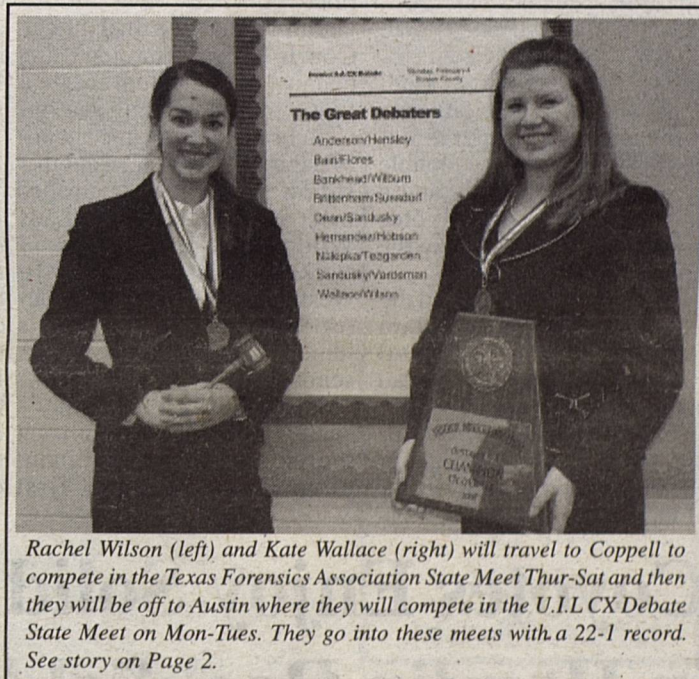
increases elsewhere.

Such a hard line stance probably will not set to well with High Plains members of the House Agriculture Committee, Rep. Randy Neugebauer (Lubbock) and Rep. Mike Conaway (Midland) who have both issued statements in recent weeks noting the importance of getting the farm bill completed.

Equally comforting to High Plains agriculture interests is the strong language both area Congressmen have used regarding the importance of the Administration getting on board with the bipartisan compromise that Congress will ultimately develop once the funding details are finalized.

Both Neugebauer and Conaway have clearly indicated that if the Administration carries out the veto threat, despite the bipartisan efforts of Congress, they would ultimately act in the interest of their district and their agriculture constituents.

In regard to how the extra funding would be used, it is important to note that commodity program participants aren't expected to directly benefit from the additional funding. Instead the main benefit of the additional funds will be paving the way toward a final agreement and passage of the bill.



Rachel Wilson (left) and Kate Wallace (right) will travel to Coppell to compete in the Texas Forensics Association State Meet Thur-Sat and then they will be off to Austin where they will compete in the U.I.L. CX Debate State Meet on Mon-Tues. They go into these meets with a 22-1 record. See story on Page 2.

## Debate Times Two Wallace, Wilson Set for Consecutive State Meets

Borden County High School seniors Kate Wallace and Rachel Wilson will close out their lengthy and successful debating careers over the next few days as they compete in two consecutive Cross-Examination (CX) Debate state tournaments. They are hoping for continued success.

The duo will first compete at the Texas Forensics Association (TFA) State Meet in Coppell on Thursday-Saturday. They qualified for this meet by scoring enough points

at TFA debate tournaments in the fall. Wallace and Wilson claimed championships at the Borger and Odessa High School meets and a runners-up position at the Midland Lee H.S. tournament.

Immediately after the TFA meet's conclusion, the partners will head straight down I-35 to Austin to compete in the University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.) CX Debate State Meet on Monday and Tuesday. They

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### Remember.....

Borden County remains under a Burn Ban.

No burning trash or outdoor grilling.

Please take precautions at all times.



# Borden County Softball Takes Hits from Trent, Westbrook

Despite last week's two losses to playoff teams from a year ago, the Borden High School softball team continues to show signs of improvement.

In Tuesday's game with Trent, the Lady Coyotes led 4-3 after three innings of play. Sharelle Gass's base on balls in the bottom half of the second inning started a rally that saw four runs cross the plate.

The girls capitalized on three walks in the inning along with a wild pitch that hit Krista Tarleton. Gass, Tarleton, Chasiti Rutherford, and D'Nae Johnson all scored in the inning to give BHS a brief lead.

The offense got support from the defense in the top of the third as Trent was unable to capitalize on a walk and a single as the Lady Coyotes turned a double play to end the inning.

Trent, however, returned the favor in the bottom of the third as BHS stranded Krystal Hobson and Tarleton who had both reached base after walks.

Eight runs came across for the Trent in the fourth, but BHS answered with five runs of their own, making it an 11-

9 advantage for the guests. In the fifth, the girls had a rally begin when Taylor Richey doubled, driving in Johnson who had walked to reach first base. Lacey Roberts, shortstop Gass, and third baseman Hobson all scored in the inning for BHS.

The wheels came off in the top half of the fifth as Trent scored 18 runs. The Lady Coyotes went three up, three down in the bottom of the fifth to end the game on the ten-run rule.

But for that one final inning, Coach Peter Benavidez and team were in the hunt for their first win of the young season.

In Friday's ballgame against Westbrook, BHS faced another strong pitcher who controlled most of the game for the Lady Wildcats. She recorded 11 strikeouts in the win for Westbrook, who recently defeated Cooper High School's junior varsity (a 1A over a 3A school).

Highlights from Friday's contest included two runs each scored by second baseman/pitcher Olivia Key, first

baseman/pitcher Taylor Richey, and centerfielder Krista Tarleton. The only hits for BHS came from Key (a single) and Richey (single and an inside-the-park homerun). Richey's homer came in the fourth inning and brought in Key from first base.

Pitching duties in the contest were shared by Marla Crenshaw, Key, and Richey—all of whom did a nice job of putting the ball in play. Defensive errors cost the Lady Coyotes several runs. Also seeing action for the Lady Coyotes in her first game was sophomore Brittney Day who played left field and second base.

The roster for the 2008 squad includes pitchers Crenshaw, Key, and Richey. Behind the plate for the Lady Coyotes is durable D'Nae Johnson. Infielders include Hobson at third base, Gass and Roberts sharing duties at shortstop, Key and Day splitting time at second, and Richey or Key at first. Sisters Chasiti and Phenishia Rutherford along with Tarleton, Day, and Bailey Anderson cover the outfield for BHS.

# Coyotes Enjoy Solid Showing in Hamlin Rockfield Classic

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Baseball team continues to improve as the season progresses. The Coyotes finished the Hamlin Rockfield classic with a 2 win and 2 loss record. The Coyotes got quality victories over Winters and district foe Rotan, while dropping games to 2A Stamford and tourney champion Albany.

The Coyotes started the tournament by playing two games on Thursday, with their first game consisting of an early pitchers duel between Quentin Shafer and the young Winters Blizzard pitcher. The

Coyotes held onto an early 2 to 0 lead but an error by sure handed Carlos Hernandez with 2 outs prevented Quentin from having a shut out and allowed the Blizzards to tie the score at 2 to 2. But, Carlos more than made up for his early miscue by coming up with a 2 out, 2 strike double that drove in 2 runs to allow the Coyotes to regain the lead in the bottom of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. The Coyotes scored 3 more runs in the inning to extend their lead to 7 to 2. That was all Quentin needed as he shut the Blizzard batters down the remainder of

the contest that ended due a 1 1/2 time limit for this tournament. Quentin finished this game with 4 solid innings pitched striking out 7, walking 3 batters and only allowing 2 hits in giving up no earned runs for his 4<sup>th</sup> victory of the year.

Leading the way for the Coyotes at the plate were Quentin as he walked twice and scored 2 runs, Karl Lamming was 2 of 3 with a double and 2 RBI's. Miles Valentine was 1 of 3 with a run scored and Flynn was 1 of 2 with an RBI. Michael Cooley and Tyrell Massingill scored a run along with Pinch Runner Brendan Tarleton. Carlos was 1 of 2 with 2 RBI's in this game.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> game, the Coyotes

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## Borden County Booster Club Meeting

Wednesday, March 19  
5:30 P.M.  
Community Center

- \*\* Plan for Teacher Appreciation event
- \*\* Plan for Pre School Easter Egg hunt
- \*\* Begin Scholarship application process

The purpose of the Booster Club is to support, promote, and encourage the students of Borden County School in all school-related endeavors.

Membership is open to any parent/guardian or community member interested in the promotion and support of the Booster club and BCS students.

### District 12-A Girls All-District Team

MVP	Kelci Owens	Sr.	Highland
Offensive MVP	Taylor Richey	Fr.	Borden County
Defensive MVP	Jade Womack	Sr.	Highland
Newcomer of The Year	Callie Sandusky	Fr.	Highland
	Sky Morris	Fr.	Hermleigh
All District Selections (no particular order)	Olivia Key	So.	Borden County
	Kristin Hyde	Jr.	Highland
	Brianne Wilburn	Jr.	Highland
	Kassie Holbrook	Sr.	Westbrook
	Becca Juarez	Sr.	Ira
	Cassie Bass	Jr.	Westbrook
	D'Nae Johnson	So.	Borden County
	Keesha Krapf	Sr.	Westbrook
	Krystal Hobson	Jr.	Borden County
	Janell Ruth	Sr.	Loraine
Honorable Mention	Rachel Wilson	Sr.	Borden County

### DISTRICT 12 A BOYS ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

DISTRICT M.V.P	Tate Burleson	Sr.	Westbrook
OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Ismael Tavarez	Soph	Ira
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Nick Richburg	Soph	Highland
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR	Kyler Fine	Fr	Ira
ALL DISTRICT TEAM	Jackson Richburg	Sr	Highland
	Rance Dunn	Jr	Ira
	Colton Nobles	Sr	Westbrook
	Seth Sanchez	Jr	Ira
	Rey Juarez	Soph	Ira
	Gil Shafer	Sr	Ira
	Jordan Basye	Soph	Highland
	Jace Alaniz	Sr	Hermleigh
	Flynn Chapman	Soph	Borden County
	Brendan Tarleton	Soph	Borden County
	Stefan Cox	Sr	Highland
	Cameron Cox	Soph	Highland
Honorable Mention All District	Quentin Shafer	Sr	Borden County
	Karl Lamming	Soph	Borden County
All Star Selection	Justin Tubbs	Sr	Grady
	Tate Burleson	Sr	Westbrook



## Making the Grade!

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

**Senior:** Sharelle Gass, Shelby Roberts and Rachel Wilson; **Sophomore:** Lacey Roberts; **Freshman:** Bailey Anderson, John Hensley, Kimberly Proulx, Taylor Richey and Krista Tarleton; **Eighth Grade:** Austin Fields, and Blake Turner; **Seventh Grade:** Shea Burkett, Kayla Pepper, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Steelie Sanders, and Mattie Turner; **Sixth Grade:** Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill, Mollie McMeans, Zach McMeans, and Matthew Proulx.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Six-Weeks Honor Roll

**Senior:** Pascual Espinoza, Quentin Shafer and Kate Wallace; **Junior:** Carlos Hernandez; **Sophomore:** Karl Lamming, Chellsie Pigford, Shylo Rinehart, Brendan Tarleton and Raylea Underwood; **Freshman:**

Phyneshia Rutherford; **Eighth Grade:** Chance Taylor; **Seventh Grade:** Steven Howard, Riley Snuth, Teryn Soto, and Kylie Voss; **Sixth Grade:** Matthew Ham, Maeghan Herridge, Mallory McMeans and Sydnie Rebeles; **Fifth Grade:** Frank Banman, Tye Basquez, McKenna Campbell, Blaise Freeman, Sean Tucker and Cayden Vaughn; **Fourth Grade:** Joel Andrade, Rhaeden Bland, Kylee Dean, Zoie Key, Channing Miller, Kelby Miller, Colby Pennell, Samuel Raborn, Kyrsten Rebeles, Tatum Richey, Flint Roberts, Taylor Roberts, Caelan Thuett, Merik Valentine and Tate Wheatley; **Third Grade:** Maddie Benavidez, Tanner Freeman, Hayley Gray, Dylan Murphy, Maria Neufeld, Avery Price and Bryce Turner; **Second Grade:** Thadd Basquez, Kable Kleck, Thomas Nix, Nicholas Proulx and Trace Richey.



Borden County students showing at the San Antonio Livestock Show are (left to right) Kate Wallace (6th place-Southdown), Miller Valentine (2nd place-Medium wool), Miles Valentine (3rd place-Finewool Cross) and Merik Valentine (9th Medium Wool).

## Borden County Jr. High Track Travels to Klondike Relays

### By Coach Baeza

The Borden County Jr. High track team recently traveled to Klondike. Track members name and placing are as follows:

**Girls Division:**  
2400 Meter Run:  
Shea Burkett-11'54.33, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
400 Meter Relay: 58.81, 1<sup>st</sup> place-Lexi Peterson, Mattie Turner, Teryn Soto and Stefanie Cooley.  
800 Meter Run:  
Macie Clark-3'38.77  
100 Meter Hurdles:  
Mattie Turner-19.02, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
100 Meter Dash:  
Kayla Pepper-15.68; Kylie Voss-16.03; and Macie Clark-17.99  
400 Meter Dash:  
Stefanie Cooley-69.81; Teryn Soto-76.72 and Kayla Pepper-81.44.  
200 Meter Dash:  
Lexi Peterson-33.55; Kayla Pepper-35.94; Kylie Voss-36.20 and Macie Clark-37.30.  
1600 Meter Run:  
Shea Burkett-7'34.08, 1<sup>st</sup> place.  
1600 Meter Relay: 5'07.18, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Lexi Peterson, Mattie Turner, Teryn Soto and Stefanie Cooley.  
Shot:  
Kaylyn Dean-25'1.5", 1<sup>st</sup> place; Celina Guerrero-18'3" and Alvina Seyler-18'4"  
Disc:

Vivian Hernandez-47'3"; Seleste Herridge-42'; Steelie Sanders-No mark.

**Long Jump:**  
Mattie Turner-13'3.5", 1<sup>st</sup> place; Stefanie Cooley-10'4 and Lexi Peterson-9'9".  
**High Jump:**  
Teryn Soto-No mark.

**Boys Division:**  
2400 Meter Run:  
Blake Tuner-9'39.73, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Luke Burkett-11'11.83, 5<sup>th</sup> place.  
400 Meter Relay: 53.42-DQ  
Steven Howard, Austin Fields, Blake Turner and Tanner Richey.

**110 Hurdles:**  
Tanner Richey-18.1 and Austin Tyler-21.5.  
**100 Meter Dash:**  
Austin Fields-12.46 and Troy Copeland-15.42.  
**400 Meter Dash:**  
Steven Howard-74.03  
**300 Hurdles:**  
Austin Tyler-56.16  
**200 Meter Dash:**  
Troy Copeland-34.16  
**1600 Meter Run:**  
Luke Burkett-6'22.45.  
**1600 Meter Relay:** 4'23.78, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Steven Howard, Austin Fields, Blake Turner and Tanner Richey.

**Shot:**  
Matt Roberson-30'5", 4<sup>th</sup> place and Chris Teel-26'5", 7<sup>th</sup> place.  
**Disc:**

Matt Roberson-81'4", 4<sup>th</sup> place; Chris Teel-73'8", 7<sup>th</sup> place and Troy Copeland-no mark.

**Triple Jump:**  
Blake Turner-30'5", 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Austin Tyler-29'9", 4<sup>th</sup> place and Steven Howard-26'9.5", 8<sup>th</sup> place.

**Long Jump:**  
Tanner Richey-16'3", 1<sup>st</sup> place; Austin Fields-15'3", 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Austin Tyler-13'4", 9<sup>th</sup> place.

**High Jump:**  
Tanner Richey- 5'6", 1<sup>st</sup> place and Austin Fields-4'8", 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Congratulations to all of you on a job well done.



### Got News?

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### School Lunch Menu

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## Debate Times Two...

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qualified for this meet after finishing first at their recent District 9-A CX Debate Meet.

Wallace and Wilson take a 22-1 record into these meets. Their lone loss was at the Midland: Lee tournament.

This will mark the fourth consecutive year that Wilson has advanced to both the TFA and UIL State CX Debate Meets. She hopes to add to her U.I.L. hardware collection of state medals that were won with her previous partners, brother John in 2005 (gold)

and 2007 graduate Rowdy Clary in 2006 (silver) & 2007 (gold).

First-year CX debater Wallace hopes to add to her own trophy case as well after capturing her own state gold medal in Lincoln-Douglas Debate in 2006, a bronze in 2007, and two consecutive golds in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking in 2006 & 2007.

Best of luck, Kate and Rachel, in your quest for the gold!



## Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent  
Family & Consumer Sciences



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

### Nutrition Experts Advise Parents to Relax

Fruits and vegetables are a basic part of a healthful diet, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's My Pyramid Plan. But what can a parent do if their children refuse to eat fruit or vegetables?

Relax! The situation may not be as bad as the parents might think. Picky eating habits are common in children, no matter what their gender, age, ethnicity or family economic background.

So common is the phenomenon that 21 percent of 4- to 5-year-old children were reported to be picky eaters by their parents.

Picky eating habits in children can be affected by such factors as the child's family situation, personal preferences and stage of development, especially at age 2 when the need for autonomy and independence peaks. Parents who want to help their children overcome their picky eating habits could follow these suggestions, she said:

Give the child plenty of chances to sample new foods. Parents tend to offer a new food three to five times before deciding that the child dislikes the food. Offer (the food) 10 to 12 times. Show them how it's done.

Studies show mothers who consumed more fruits and vegetables were less likely to pressure their daughters to eat, and had daughters who were less picky (and who) consumed more fruits and vegetables.

Don't force the issue. Children who are under less pressure or coercion to eat are less likely to be picky eaters. Do not use food as a reward or a threat.

Excessive control over children's food choices increases the child's preference for restricted foods and compromises the child's ability to self-regulate his or her food

intake. And above all, don't give up! Children have the innate ability to self-regulate food (consumption) in response to hunger and satiety.

Parents need to provide healthful foods and determine when to serve them. Children should be allowed to choose which (of these healthful) foods and how much they will eat.

March is National Nutrition Month. For more information about My Pyramid Plan, visit the Web at <http://www.mypyramid.gov/>. For more information on this and other nutrition topics, visit Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Food and Nutrition.

Source: Dr. Sharon Robinson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Nutrition Specialist

## Winning vs. Losing

By Bryan Golden

Winning vs. losing. This concept is typically used to compare one person or group to another. There is one winner and the rest are losers. In the game of life, everyone can be a winner. The competition is not against someone else but rather you against yourself. You are the contestant, opponent, coach, manager, trainer, owner, and referee. If you are striving to reach or exceed your potential, then you are a winner.

Look over the two categories below. Perform an honest self-assessment. Ideally, you want to have all of the attributes of a winner. If you don't currently possess all of the winner's characteristics, don't feel discouraged. There's nothing preventing you from readily becoming a winner, as long as you want to.

The Winner:

- Is always part of the answer
  - Always has an action plan
  - Says "Let me do it for you."
  - Sees an answer for every problem
  - Says "It may be difficult but it's possible."
- The Loser:
- Is always part of the problem
  - Always has an excuse
  - Says "That's not my

job." Sees a problem for every answer

Says "It may be possible but it's difficult"

Everyone has unlimited potential. Growth and change can only take place through full understanding and recognition of yourself and your present situation. You have the ability to improve and modify your life at any time. If and when you do this, and how long it takes, is up to you.

**Part of the answer vs. part of the problem**-Every problem or challenge has an answer or solution. Solutions are not always evident and are often elusive. But they are there. Look for the answer and you move forward. Complain about a problem, or take on the role of victim, and you regress.

**Action plan vs. excuse**-A plan is your road map to personal development and overcoming challenges. An excuse

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### Borden County Booster Club Meeting

Wednesday, March 19  
5:30 P.M.

Community Center

- \*\* Borden County Booster Club scholarship applications will be available from Mr. Ard beginning March 17.
- \*\* For consideration, all completed applications must be turned in to Mr. Ard by April 11, 3:30 P.M.
- \*\* Eligible applicants are members of the Borden County Class of 2008.

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## 4-H News

### 4-H Clothing Project

Youth interested in learning about fashion design, clothing selection, care, and basic construction techniques are invited to participate in the Clothing Project and sew day. We will be meeting Monday, February 11, Tuesday, February 12, Monday, February 25, and Tuesday, February 26 from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab. You must attend 3 of the 4 project meetings to be eligible to compete in the County Fashion Show which will be on Tuesday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room (information about the show will be given during project meetings). The 4-H "Sew Fun" Day will be held on Saturday, March 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab (call to register and for information on project materials; please bring a sack lunch)

### Fashion Design Project

The Fashion Design Project provides 4-H'ers an opportunity to test their creativity. Categories include: garment design, accessory design and textile design. For the competition, 4-H'ers submit a "portfolio" of their design. Information and forms which are required for the "portfolio" may be picked up from the Extension Office. **Entry materials and the "portfolio's" are due on April 1 to the County Extension office.** All entries at the county level will be able to advance to the District 4-H Fashion Design Contest. Please let us know if you are interested in this project. We will have a session on Fashion Design during the Clothing Project.

### County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-fun and Public Speaking Project

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: drama, Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, comedian, vocal and musical. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Levelland Middle School in Levelland.

The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 2.

### Shooting Sports to Begin Soon

The shooting sports project is family oriented and allows the entire family to work together for a common goal. Youth learn about handling the guns, ammunition, proper shooting techniques, identifying targets, as well as leadership, character, and dedication. Shooting sport events that are focused on in Borden County include trap and skeet and other shotgun events. Practices will begin around the first of April. Youth interested in learning about shooting safety and the sport of shooting should contact volunteer leaders Dean Roberson at (432)399-4485 or RayDon and Jana Underwood at (806)756-4412.

### Call for Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with any of our 4-H projects! If you or someone you know, has a special interest in one of the project areas or would even like to learn more about one of the projects, we invite you to become involved as a volunteer. We also need judges for various competitive events, such as Fashion Show, Food Show, or Public Speaking at Roundup. We would greatly appreciate anyone that would like to volunteer! Volunteers are the back-bone of our 4-H program! If you have any questions, would like further information or wish to volunteer, please contact the Extension office.

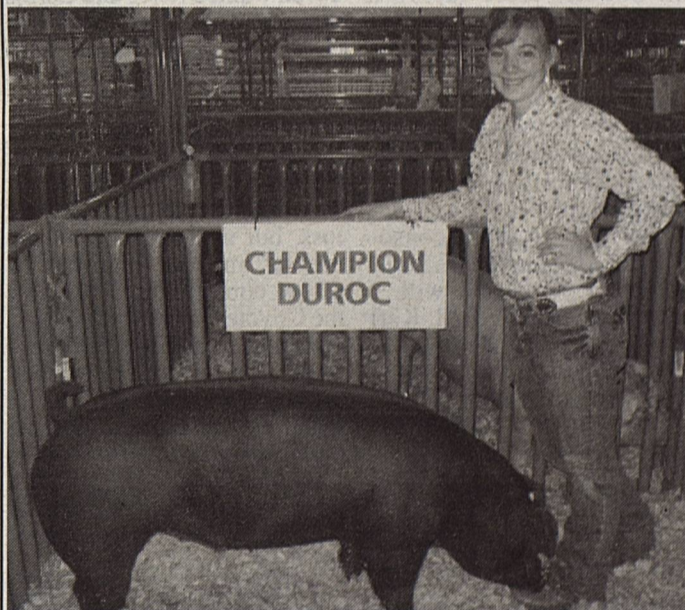
# Borden County Well Represented in San Antonio

Borden County 4-H and Gail FFA members represented Borden County very well during the 2008 San Antonio Livestock Show February 8 - 16, 2008. Over \$22,000 in premiums and scholarships were brought back to Borden County for our outstanding youth. The youth exhibiting throughout the week were: Hunter Jones, Shylo Rinehart, Chance Taylor, Merik Valentine, Miles Valentine, Miller Valentine, Kate Wallace, and Cheyenne Hill.

Placings were:

Shylo Rinehart - Champion Overall Duroc  
Cheyenne Hill - Champion Lightweight Duroc  
Miller Valentine - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Medium Wool  
Miles Valentine - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Finewool Cross  
Kate Wallace - 6<sup>th</sup> Place Southdown  
Merik Valentine - 9<sup>th</sup> Place Medium Wool  
Again, congratulations to all our young people who exhibited and for the outstanding performance by everyone!

## Grand Champion!



Borden County FFA member, Shylo Rinehart, stands next to her champion Duroc at the recent San Antonio Live Stock Show.

## Thought for the Day

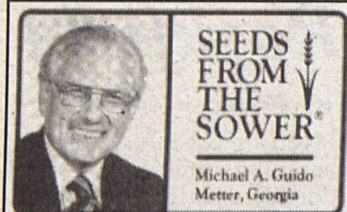
It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.

Source: St. Louis Inspirational Christian Connection.

## A Very Special Thank You

I would like to thank the Borden County EMS for their quick response to my recent heart attack. I would also like to thank all EMT's for the excellent care I received. Thanks to all the local people for all the prayers and concern shown to me and my family. We are all blessed to have good friends and neighbors in our community.

Sincerely,  
Joe & Pam Cooley



A friend asked, "Does the Lord have a sense of humor?"

"He must have," I replied, "He made me."

"But," he wondered, "did He ever laugh?"

"I think so," I answered, "for the Bible says, 'There is a time to laugh.'"

A missionary in China was ordered beheaded. When she came to a hill, she started to laugh. "Why?" demanded her captors.

"I was just thinking," she explained, "how funny it will be to see my head roll down the hill. For as my head rolls down the hill, I'll be on my way to heaven."

"If it's going to make her happy," said the bandits, "release her."

The Lord gives His children hope and happiness. Yes, there's a time to laugh.

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## Rockfield Classic...

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played the eventual tourney champions and state ranked Albany Lions. Quentin Shafer started this contest as he had not thrown very many pitches in the earlier game and he continued his marvelous work from the mound as he pitched 2 1/3 innings before being relieved by Flynn Chapman. Quentin struck out 4 batters and walked only the last batter that he faced which would actually score when Flynn walked him home in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Quentin gave up 2 hits, one of which was a solo home run, but because Karl Lamming made Coyote history earlier with a 2 run home run over the Rock Fence to give the Coyotes the early 2 to 0 lead.

The solo Lion home run cut the lead to 2 to 1 before Lamming connected with a 2 run double to give the Coyotes a 4 to 1 lead heading into the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. That is where the fun stopped as reliever Flynn Chapman had a difficult time finding the strike zone as he walked 8 batters and gave up 6 hits in an inning of work that resulted in 9 earned runs for the Lions and a 12 to 4 lead. Tyrell Massingill inherited 3 runners from Flynn and 2 hits allowed those 3 to score which pushed the lead 15 to 4.

The Coyotes could not

mount a come back and as a result the early scare was gone and the Coyotes were on the short end of a 15 to 4 score. Karl led the Coyote offense collecting a double and the history making home run for all 4 RBI's. Quentin was 1 of 3 with 2 runs. Miles was 1 of 1. Flynn was 1 of 2. Tyrell was 1 of 2.

On Friday, all but one of these young men traveled back to Hamlin to participate in the Leap Year Piper Relays (track meet).

On Saturday, they all woke up early and returned to Hamlin to play district foe, Rotan Yellowhammers. The Coyotes got a great pitching performance from Flynn Chapman who set aside his previous struggles to pitch four strong innings giving up 1 run on 4 hits while striking out 6 and walking only one batter. The Coyotes were facing a young man that beat the Coyotes twice last year in a double header so they figured this would be a very tough task against the Rotan hurler, but the Coyotes scored 5 runs in the 1<sup>st</sup> to knock him out of the game and cruise to a 9 to 1 victory and a place in the consolation final against Stamford.

Quentin was 1 of 1 with 2 walks and 2 runs scored, Karl

was 1 of 3 with a double and 2 RBI's bringing his tourney total to 8 RBI's. Miles was 1 of 3 with an RBI, Flynn was 2 of 3 with an RBI. Miller was 1 of 3 in his return from a stock show. Clay Harding was 1 of 1 with a walk and 2 RBI's. Tyrell was 1 of 1 with a walk and an RBI, and Carlos Hernandez walked twice and Brendan Tarleton scored while running for him.

In the Consolation contest against Stamford, the strike zone and defense failed the Coyotes again as freshman Miles Valentine suffered his second defeat of the season as he walked 5 batters, gave up 7 hits and 9 earned runs as the Coyotes were throttled 17 to 2. Carlos Hernandez also pitched and was on the wrong end of poor defensive help as he gave up 6 unearned runs as the Coyotes committed 5 errors in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning alone.

Quentin was 1 of 3 at the plate while Miles was 1 of 2 and scored a run. Flynn was 1 of 2 with a double and an RBI. Tyrell walked twice and Carlos walked twice as well but picked up an RBI in a bases loaded walk.

In the end, the Coyotes played two great games, played some great baseball in the Albany loss and had some nice moments in the Stamford loss, but inexperience on the mound and our inability to throw consistent strikes hurt the Coyotes in their two losses, but all in all a very solid experience for the Coyotes as they proved that they could play with the elite when they put the ball in play and threw strikes.

Quentin Shafer for his pitching and his on base percentage while scoring 8 runs for the Coyotes led him to receiving All-tournament honors. Karl Lamming for a couple of great defensive plays in the outfield and a nice Home run and 8 RBI's was also on

the All-tournament team. Congratulations guys on this nice honor.

The Coyotes will next play Roby at a time and date to be determined after snow forced the postponement of Monday's district opener. The Coyotes

will play Rotan during spring break on Monday at WTC and then play Loraine on the 15<sup>th</sup> in a double header at Moffett.

Good luck guys in district play as our 6 and 4 start should help prepare us for the tough district schedule.



Borden County Ag teacher, Buddy Wallace poses with his daughter, Kate. Kate placed 6th with her Southdown.

## Winning vs. Losing...

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is a path of least resistance that justifies why you are where you are. Formulating and implementing plans take more effort than concocting excuses but yield results far in excess of the energy expended.

**Let me do it vs. it's not my job-**Take initiative. Don't wait to be asked or told. Seek to anticipate other's needs and provide assistance wherever and whenever possible.

**An answer for every problem vs. problem for every answer-**Every adversity carries the seed of an equal or greater opportunity. Innovators are the minority and critics are the majority. Yet no statue has ever been erected to a critic. Be an innovator and you will have little competition.

**Difficult yet possible vs. possible yet difficult-**The de-

gree of difficulty or energy required to solve a problem or accomplish something is irrelevant. Everything worthwhile takes effort. The greater the effort, the greater the rewards. You can achieve whatever you want in life by expending energy in the right way.

Being a winner is not an accomplishment; it's a way of life. To remain a winner in life, just like in sports, takes constant training and practice. Challenges, problems, and adversity make winners stronger and losers weaker. If you think like a winner, you are a winner.

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### The Beatles Experience at the Mirage

In honor of my youngest son BZ's birthday we gathered at Las Vegas. All of our immediate family was there except for the three youngest ones whose ages range from two to four. My son Kevin spent four months putting together a video of BZ's life. He did a superb job. Producing TV spots is the way he makes a living. He was extremely protective of it and never showed it to anybody until he unveiled it at BZ's birthday party. It was worth the wait. We all just howled. It was hilarious.

BZ is a musician and loves the Beatles. So does Jackson, our 17-year-old grandson. We went to see the Beatles' LOVE show, produced by Cirque Du Soleil at the Mirage. It is the most thrilling stage presentation I have ever seen. It literally took my breath away. The custom built theater must be a dozen stories high. It needs that space because people appear to fly through the air. We see the ropes they use, but the illusion of flight is still there.

The music is stimulating. The Beatles' producer went back to the master tapes and took the words to one song and put them to the music of another. It was an extremely innovative piece of audio production. Throughout the performance we heard playful conversation among the Beatles at a recording session.

LOVE has every theatrical trick ever imagined and then some. It features skateboarding, sky-high trampoline bounces, set pieces coming down from above or below and two Volkswagens on stage, one of which suddenly breaks up, sending parts flying. The audience is on sensory overload from the beginning. Huge screens on opposite sides of the theater show the Beatles in front of a psychedelic background while the stage and the space above it are filled with people doing all kinds of stunts. Giant slid-

ing screens show digitally projected images of Beatles in silhouette. A tricycle maneuvers around the stage with no one on it. A giant silky sheet covers the entire audience. It is a whirlwind of new, fresh ideas possible only with advanced technology.

LOVE is unbridled fantasy performed with the joyous exuberance that only talented young people can provide. It is not only an interpretation of the Beatles' music, but also an interpretation of their impact on the world. Beatles music is almost sacred. Nobody can perform it the way the four lads from Liverpool could. One of the early scenes shows the devastation in Liverpool after World War Two, the time the Beatles were being born. Suddenly the stage opens up and the catastrophic rubble falls into the abyss. The stage can instantly transform itself into different shapes, sizes and levels. The theater has hundreds of lights that put on a show of their own. You not only hear Beatles songs. You see and feel them as well. Please go experience LOVE. Your life will be enriched.

### All Smiles!



Shylo Rinehart (left) and Cheyenne Hill (right) take time to pose for a picture during the San Antonio Livestock Show. Cheyenne is the daughter of Borden County Extension Agent, Cody Hill. She received Champion Lightweight Duroc.



### "Mail Bag"

#### For Communications Value, Use First-Class Mail

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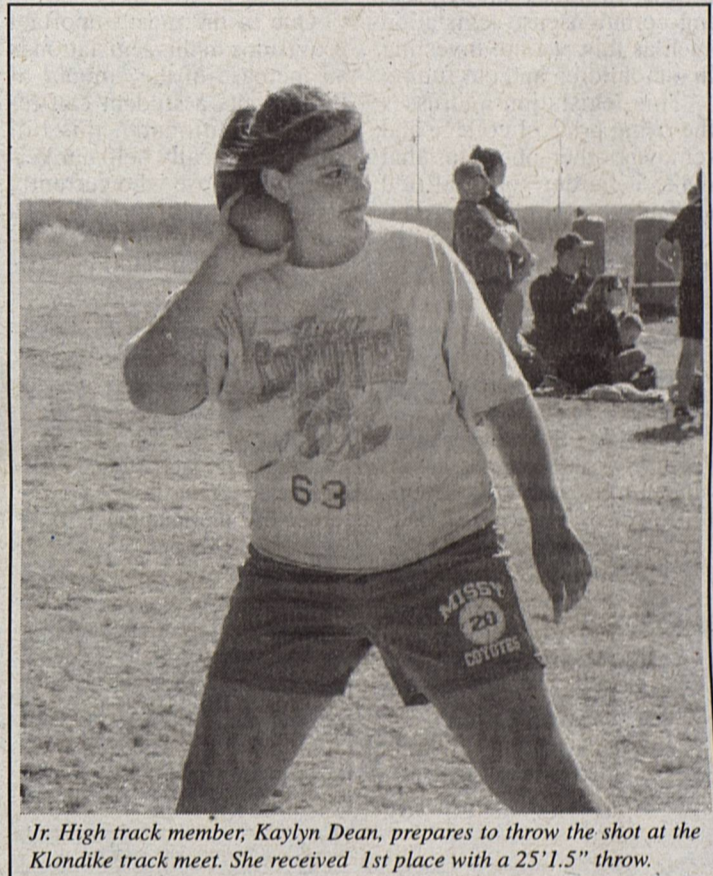
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Jr. High track member, Kaylyn Dean, prepares to throw the shot at the Klondike track meet. She received 1st place with a 25'1.5" throw.

#### Borden County Track and Field Schedule 2008

Day	Date	Location	Teams
Thursday	Feb. 21	Klondike Jr. High Track Meet	boys/girls
Friday	Feb. 22	TBA	Boys/Girls
Friday	Feb. 29	Hamlin Pied Piper Relays	Boys
Saturday	March 1	Loop Jr. High Track Meet	boys/girls
Saturday	March 1	Loop Invitational	Boys/Girls
Thursday	March 6	O'Donnell	boys/girls
Saturday	March 8	O'Donnell Invitational	Boys/Girls
Thursday	March 13	Jayton Jr. High Meet	boys/girls
Friday	March 14	Jayton Rolling Plains Relays	Boys/Girls
Friday	March 21	Borden County Jr. High	boys/girls
Friday	March 21	Borden County Invitational	Boys/Girls
Monday	March 24	Junior High Zone @ Highland	boys/girls
Saturday	March 29	TBA	Boys/Girls
Wednesday	April 2	District Track @ Water Valley	Boys/Girls
Tuesday	April 8	Area Track @ Bronte	Boys/Girls
Thursday	April 17	???: Regional Qualifier Meet	Boys/Girls
Fri. - Sat.	April 25-26	Abilene: Regional Track Meet	Boys/Girls
Fri. - Sat.	May 9-10	Austin: State Track Meet	Boys/Girls

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## -- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

March 3, 2008

### Working to Make Higher Education More Accessible

Recently, I voted with a substantial majority of my colleagues in a bipartisan effort to pass the College Opportunity and Affordability Act. This bill is a good step in making college more accessible to those who desire to go, but have limited resources. Education is a priority of mine, and by passing commonsense legislation such as this, we are investing in our children and our future.

This legislation addresses the rising price of college and removes other obstacles that make it harder for qualified students to pursue higher education. Not only is the cost of a college education increasing,

but the process of receiving aid is becoming more difficult. This legislation will help students and parents make the right choices by streamlining the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process, creating an easy-to-navigate two page FAFSA-EZ form for low-income families and providing families with extra time to plan for their college expenses.

One of the most important provisions in this legislation is an increase in the amount of Pell Grants a student can receive. Additionally, this bill will dramatically help our veterans and those who currently serve in the military achieve a higher education for themselves and their children. The

College Opportunity and Affordability Act creates a new scholarship program for veterans, active duty personnel and their families. It also establishes support centers to help veterans and service personnel to succeed and ensures fairness in student and housing aid to make it easier for them to pursue their education while also fulfilling their military service duties.

### House Passes a "No Energy" Energy Bill

One of the most important issues the government must address is reducing our dependence on foreign energy, most notably, oil. Relying upon unstable nations with leaders that are often at odds with American interests is damaging to our national security. If we continue down this path, we are certainly going to lose the global race for energy.

This past week, the majority party brought an energy

bill to the floor that was more idealistic than realistic. While there were some positive provisions in the bill as a whole, it does nothing more than increase our dependency on foreign oil and threaten our national security.

My greatest concern with this bill is that it pits one sector of the energy industry against another. It extends tax credits for wind energy production, which I support, while unfairly increasing taxes on oil and gas producers. The 19<sup>th</sup> District is on the cutting edge of both traditional fossil fuel production as well as alternative energy. I simply could not vote for a bill that would create an \$18 billion tax increase on oil and gas producers that ultimately trickles down and hits consumers with higher prices at the pump.

We must increase domestic production by assisting

American companies, not penalizing them. I was tremendously concerned this bill exempted Dictator Hugo Chavez's state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela (owner of CITGO), but focused the tax increases on American companies. Democrats continually cite oil companies' profits as the reason to increase taxes on them. Meanwhile, Wall Street analysts are predicting the price of oil could climb to \$105 per barrel soon, as inventory stays low and the dollar continues to grow weaker.

The best path to true energy independence is a diversified energy portfolio in which one aspect of the energy industry is not favored by burdening another. This bill has no plan to reduce dependence on oil and would simply raise costs on Americans during a time of record high energy prices.

—Randy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>MARCH 2008</h1>						
	Houston Stock Show - March 10 - 21, 2008			Hamlin Baseball Tournament - February 28 - March 1, 2008		
2	3 Softball @ Aspermont 4:30  * Baseball @ Roby 4:00	4	5 TAKS Reading 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup>  TAKS Writing 4 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>  TAKS 10 <sup>th</sup> & Exit Level (11 <sup>th</sup> ) ELA	6 JH Track @ O'Donnell  SPECHEA HS Tennis Meet, Levelland	7 Baseball vs. Wilson @ Post 4:00 Softball @ Forsan JV 4:30  ACT Registration Deadline for April 12 <sup>th</sup> Administration  Early Dismissal 12:30	8 HS Track @ O'Donnell
	TFA State Speech & Debate Meet					
9	10 * Baseball vs. Rotan @ Snyder (WTC) 4:00	11	12	13	14 HS Track @ Jayton	15 * Baseball DH vs. Loraine @ Snyder (Moffett) 3:00
	UIL State CX Debate Tournament		SPRING BREAK!			
16	17 * Baseball vs. Hermleigh @ Snyder (Moffett) 4:00  Softball @ Abernathy JV 5:00	18 4-H County Fashion Show in Community Room	19	20 OAP Community Performance 7:00	21 JH & HS Track @ Borden County  <b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b>	22
23	24 <b>HOLIDAY</b> ** Softball vs. New Deal @ Snyder (Cates) 4:30 JH District Track @ Highland <b>MEET THE PRESS</b> 12-2 p.m. UIL Journalism lunch/practice conference room	25 Zone OAP @ Borden County  District 4-H Roundup Training @ 6 p.m. in Community Room	26 * Baseball vs. Ira @ Snyder (Moffett) 6:00  Garden City Golf Tournament @ Slaton	27 District 9-A OAP @ Bronte  Judging @ TTU	28 HS UIL Academic Meet @ Water Valley Judging @ WT A&M. Canyon Teacher Self-Reports II & III Due SPECHEA HS Tennis Meet, Levelland	29 ** Softball DH vs. Seagraves @ Snyder (Cates) 1:00  * Baseball vs. Roby @ Snyder (Moffett) 6:00  Judging @ Clarendon
30	31 District Golf @ Maxwell			* Denotes Baseball District Game  ** Denotes Softball District Game		