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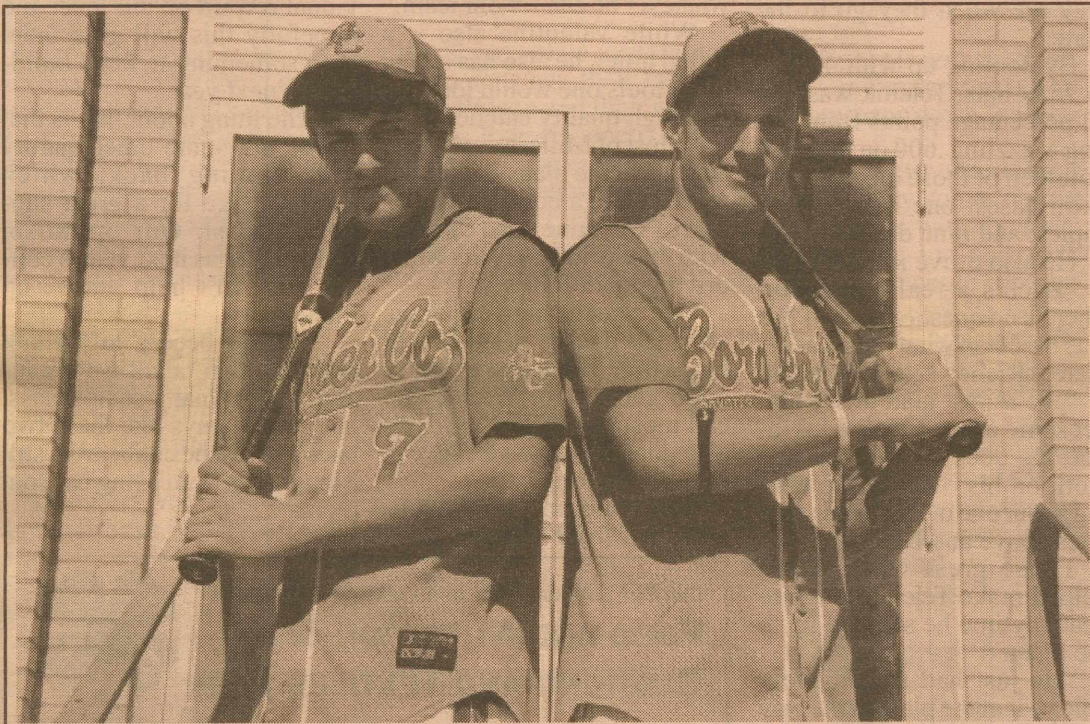


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Zach Telchik (left) and Miles Valentine (right) will represent Borden County on the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's Class 1A All-State Team. Telchik earned first-team all-state at second baseman and Valentine earned second-team all-state at catcher.

Coyote Sluggers All-State

Courtesy Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

By now, most know Borden County's Zach Telchik and Miles Valentine—the high school players.

They both were all-state contributors on the Coyotes' second straight Division II state six-man championship team, which finished a perfect 15-0.

Apparently, the word is getting out as far as what kind of baseball players they are at Gail, as well.

They both were recognized

among the Lone Star's best high school diamond talent by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches' Association on the group's Class 1A all-state team. Telchik earned first-team all-state accolades at second base, while Valentine picked up second-team all-state accolades at catcher.

In the same year—only their fourth as a high school athletic program—that they won their first playoff game in this sport, Telchik and Valentine also are

BC's first all-state players on the high school diamond.

"This is just awesome, finally making this list for also the first time in school history, but the best thing about this whole deal is that both of these guys are only juniors," BC Coach Trey Richey said of his all-staters.

With his hefty .587 batting average, Telchik had one of the best high school batting aver-

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit

Paul Williams: The long and short of him

"All I wanted was for someone to notice me, you know. I'm trying to do something that makes me look like a man. I'm running under coffee tables." Paul Williams is an Oscar, Grammy and Golden Globe recipient and a Music Hall of Fame songwriter. His songs include *We've Only Just Begun*, *Rainy Days And Mondays*, *You And Me Against The World*, *An Old Fashioned Love Song*, *Evergreen*, *The Rainbow Connection* and the theme for *Love Boat*. And that's just a few.

Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Willie Nelson, Ella Fitzgerald, David Bowie, Ray Charles, Tony Bennett, Johnny Mathis, Sarah Vaughan and Kermit the Frog have all sung his songs. His movies include the *Smokey and the Bandit* series and *The Muppet Movie*, scoring the picture and earning Oscar and Grammy nominations in the process. On Broadway, he starred in the one-man show *Tru* as author Truman Capote. He has written music for two plays that are on Broadway now. He is president of ASCAP, the music licensing organization. And on and on. The man has so many talents and accomplishments.

I had the privilege of seeing Paul Williams when he ap-

peared with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra recently. When he wasn't making the audience laugh with some of his humor, he sang some of his famous songs. The audience loved the songs, but was surprised to discover Paul Williams does not have the greatest singing voice. He talked about the reason he's very glad other people sing his songs: "I gotta tell ya I love singing my songs, but I'm also a realist. I know that if I was the only one singing these songs, I'd be walking horses right now."

He grew up in Nebraska and started skydiving when he was 19 years old in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He formed a 4-man team called Grim Business and quit after 100 jumps. "I absolutely loved it," says Paul. He also raced cars and motorcycles and was a jockey. He went to Hollywood to become an actor. Since that didn't work out, he got his guitar and started writing songs. "I wasn't smart enough or educated enough to write about anything except what I felt in the center of my chest. The amazing thing is when you do that, other people usually feel it, too." In Big Spring, he joked with the audience about his short stat-

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Lamesa All-Stars



Photo Courtesy Lamesa Press Reporter

One of the big heroes in last Thursday's thrilling victory over Levelland, Lamesa's Hunter Jones gets a breather before stepping to the plate on Friday. Lamesa's All-Star baseball team placed 2nd in the Cal Ripken District tournament this past weekend in Lamesa. The team will participate in the state tournament to be held July 10 in Lamesa as well. Hunter is a student at Borden County.

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ure: "I love to go to Japan. I buy my clothes in Japan. In Japan, I'm a medium."

It wasn't so much what Paul Williams did on stage, although he put on a great show with two encores, but what he did off stage. He signed autographs for an hour. The line to visit with him stretched the length of a football field. He had time to visit and pose for pictures with everybody indi-

vidually. He says he doesn't take anything for granted. During his performance he repeatedly remarked how fortunate and appreciative he is. Just before he left the stage he thanked the conductor for making him feel important and complimented him on the quality of the musicians. Paul Williams may be just five feet tall, but he is a giant in several ways.

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Borden County's Telchik and Valentine Named All-Staters...

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ages in the state regardless of classification.

Valentine hit a red hot .481.

Both of these of guys are just as aggressive on the base paths." Richey said. "Zach also had something like 25 stolen bases and Miles was right up there (18), too, which proves that they just aren't standing around once they get on.

"We're talking about the kind of guys who are always looking to turn a double into a triple and a single into a double. They're just as aggressive once they get on base as they are when they go to the plate."

By coming up with 44 hits in 75 at bats, Telchik was just 13 percentage points from hitting a sizzling .600 on the year. Fourteen of those hits went for extra bases: one homer; four triples; and nine doubles.

He also drove in 38 RBI's.

"Zach's a real tough out. There's no question a lot of this was based on what he did at the plate," Richey said of Telchik.

"We're just glad to see him get some of the fruits of his labor. He does a lot of outside work on his own. We're talking about one of those kids who goes above and beyond."

Those great work ethics helped make Telchik tough to beat anytime he stepped up to the plate.

"He just had an unbelievable year at the plate in the way that he just kept getting on base," Richey said. "Whenever you've got guys like him in your line-up, you can't help but hope that he's going to get a chance to do something at the plate."

One of Telchik's biggest strengths in this game starts with his approach.

"He's one of those kids who's got a baseball mentality," Richey said of Telchik.

"He's just always going to do what he can to get on (base). He's going to find a way to put the ball into play. Plus, he can also hit the ball with a little power."

There is more than just a dependable bat to Telchik's game.

"He also works hard on the defensive end," Richey said.

"We just kept moving him all over the place until we finally found him a home at second (base)."

Telchik finished the year with a .747 fielding percentage. He had 16 put outs and assisted on 40 other plays.

"The way that he was willing to play second, with everybody knowing that he'd rather play catcher, also proves just how big he also is on the team concept," Richey said of Telchik.

"He's one of those kids who's always willing to do whatever he can for our team."

While Valentine also is a gifted hitter, he also has all the other tools one would look for in a high quality catcher.

"Most of Miller's is what he also did at the plate, but his defense is like a bonus," Richey said of Valentine, who came up with 39 hits in 81 at bats while driving in 29 RBI's.

"He's got an above average arm. He does a good job of blocking. He calls a pretty good game, too. We let him call most of our pitches. He's also got a lot of power. He can also hit the long ball."

Valentine and Karl Lamming led these District 3-1A

co-champs in homers with three. Valentine also had six doubles and three triples.

After blossoming into two of the better high school baseball players in the state as juniors, it not only will be interesting to see what they come back and do for encores next spring as seniors but also what the Coyotes do as a team after going two rounds deep into the post-season this past year.

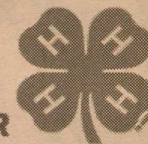
"They both just keep on growing and continue to get better," Richey said. "They've both earned the ultimate individual reward on our level and hopefully this will give them both something to keep building on next year.

"The thing about that is that we've got some other quality kids coming back, which should make for a great supporting cast. Our optimism level, as far as next year's concerned, can't help but be up there."

"There's been a lot of talk about all that talent we graduated in this year's senior class, but getting guys like these two back proves the cupboard's still a long ways from being bare out there."

DISTRICT 2 ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS

**FOOD AND NUTRITION &
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JOIN US,
WEDNESDAY,
JULY 7, 2010



Morning Session - 9:00 a.m.

Groups will meet at assigned location and rotate each hour.

Group 1: Asian Mart (4423 34th)
Bailey, Cochran, Lamb, and Lubbock.

Group 2: Praters (2206 114th)
Borden, Dawson, Garza, Hockley, and Swisher.

**Group 3: International Center for Food Industry
Excellence at TTU** (Experimental Sciences Bldg, Room 313 -
located at S end of RP Fuller Track - S of City Bank Auditorium.
Parking - say you are with 4-H)
Castro, Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Lynn, and Scurry.

LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN.

Afternoon Session - 1:00 p.m.

Groups will meet at assigned location and rotate @ 2:30 p.m.

Group 1: Plains Cotton Cooperative Association
(3301 E. 50th)
Borden, Cochran, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, and Lubbock.

Group 2: Designs 'N Thread
(5048 Frankford, Ste. 200)
Bailey, Castro, Crosby, Dawson, Floyd, Lynn, Scurry and Swisher.



If you can join us, please RSVP to your county by noon on July 6th.

Obituary

R. Lanham "Butch" Hodnett 1941 - 2010

R. Lanham "Butch" Hodnett, 69, of the Vincent Community, passed away peacefully Friday, June 25, 2010, at his home surrounded by family. A celebration of his life was held Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels Street, in Big Spring with Lay Minister Tom Koger officiating. A private burial was held at the Vincent Cemetery.

Butch was born May 7, 1941, in Big Spring to Lanham and Mary Lois Hodnett. He graduated from Coahoma High School in 1959 and attended Texas Tech University with a major in agriculture. He enjoyed farming, hard work and supported his parents and family. After a career in farming, he moved on to oilfield work and maintained production for several companies, Finley, Greathouse and Davis and Chesapeake to name a few.

On January 21, 1956, he married Sherry Huffstetler at the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring. He fell in love with Mom at first sight and they were soon inseparable. Their journey of life together was spent at Vincent where they made many long and lasting friends. Butch was a member of the Coahoma Presbyterian Church where he was an elder and treasurer for many years.

Butch is survived by his loving wife, Sherry, of 45 years. He is also survived by three daughters, twin sons and their families: Stacy (Hodnett) and husband, Mark Wilson and their children Kirby, Tiffany and Taylor of Keller; Pam (Hodnett) and husband Kim Robertson and their children Cole, Luke and Audra of Snyder; Dana (Hodnett) and husband Mike Phipps and their children Lanham and Sierra of Canal Winchester, Ohio; Dean Hodnett and wife Teresa and their children Rhet and Hud of Greenwood; and Darrell Hodnett and wife Gaylene and their children Deston and Jacob, and great-granddaughter, Katryna of Vincent; one brother, Guy Hodnett and wife Peggy and one sister, Ann Baker and husband Bobby, all of Sand Springs.

The family suggests memorials be directed to Hospice House Foundation, 6010 E. Hwy 191, Suite 235, Odessa, 79762, or Relay for Life, Attn: Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th St., Big Spring, 79720

Pallbearers were Jimmy Sterling, Maxwell Barr, Steve Wolf, Rodney Brooks, Mike Petree, John Logi, Tony Shafer and Binie White.

Honorary pallbearers were Mrs. J.M. Sterling, John Boyd, Weylin Wolf and Dr. Billy Bob Dunn.

Arrangements were under Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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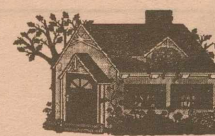
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Heart and Home ...

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School's Out For the Summer: The kids are home, so now what?

There are many ways to entertain the family without parking the little ones in front of the TV or computer. Here are a few tips for active summer fun:

- Plan an outdoor adventure. Explore regional and state parks, rivers and beaches. Walk, fish, canoe and enjoy the time with your children. Texas has many options for outdoor summer fun.

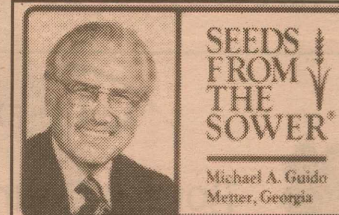
- Cool off with a splash. Enjoy some sprinkler fun or take a few trips down the slip-n-slide.

- Fun is just outside your front door. Play some of your favorite games with the kids: freeze tag, hide-and-seek, kick the can, horseshoes or badminton will get the whole family involved. Set up a bicycle obstacle course or toss a ball.

- Organize a neighborhood adventure. Set up a scavenger hunt - the items can be real or just a picture of something. They can be simple like a rock or more complicated like a fossil.

- Host backyard Olympics. Plan your games for just one day or for a week with different games and activities in different places around your neighborhood. People can enter as individuals or family teams. Events are limited only by your imagination - try the 25-yard lawn crawl, a water balloon toss, tug-o-war, or a limbo contest.

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SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

During the Second World War, when the enemy was dropping bombs on London, two merchants tried to outdo each other in sales and signs.

One night a bomb wrecked the front of one of the shops.

His competitor advertised, "Open as usual."

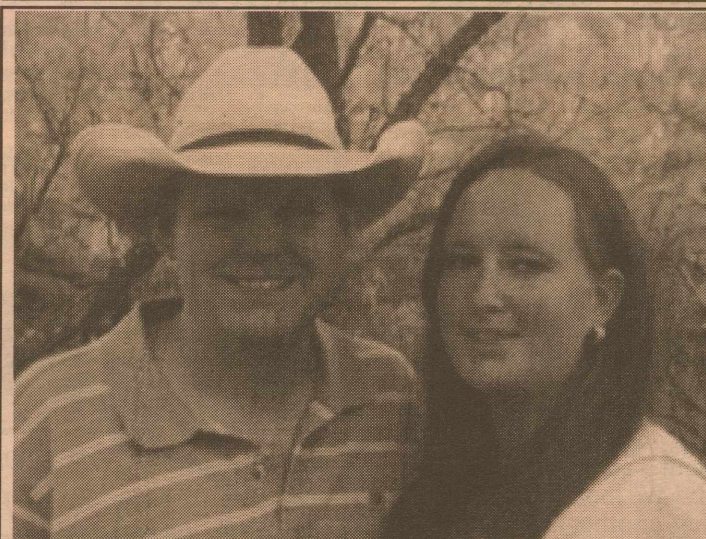
But the other sign read, "More open than usual."

During these critical days, the Lord wants more of you. Really, He wants all of you.

The Living Bible says, "Do not let any part of your bodies become tools of wickedness, to be used for sinning; but give yourselves completely to God - every part of you - to be used for His good purposes."

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Engagement Announced



Joe Isaacs and Jena Cody

Couple Set to Wed in September


Tony and Donna Isaacs of Fluvanna, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Joe (JT) Isaacs to Jena Maree Cody, daughter of Jim and Lea Cody of Mancos, CO. The couple will make their home in Mancos and Fluvanna. JT received his Associates Degree from the Texas Institute of Jewelry Technology and is operating a jewelry design/repair business while also remaining the foreman of Isaacs Ranch. Jena is a horse clinician who studied under Pat Parelli of Parelli Natural Horsemanship for 2 years and is a 3 star endorsed instructor/clinician who is operating her business from her family ranch in Mancos, the Flying J Stables Ranch. The wedding will be held at the Flying J Stables Ranch in Mancos, CO on September 18, 2010. You can visit the couple's wedding site at www.codyisaacs.website.com for more information.



Thought for the Day

Where God guides he provides. He is responsible for our upkeep if we follow his directions. He is not responsible for expenses not on his schedule.

--Vance Havner

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Borden County 4-H News


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Tri-County 4-H Bat Camp

Bat Camp - what does that mean to you? Well, Borden, Dawson and Garza Counties held the first ever Tri-County 4-H Bat Camp on Thursday, June 24th. Forty-five youth, volunteers and County Extension Agents from the three counties traveled to Carlsbad, NM and enjoyed a day FULL of fun! Our first stop was lunch at Pizza Inn and then a trip down the Pecos River on the George Washington Paddlewheel Boat. Afterward, we headed to the Carlsbad Caverns where we spent a few hours delving deep into the earth! What fun! Lots of walking and hiking, but saw so many amazing formations. After our cavern tour, we enjoyed a nice picnic dinner overlooking Guadalupe Mountains and desert terrain. Once finished with dinner, we went back to the mouth of the cave to wait for the bats to come out. We were afraid we were going to miss them as it was almost dark when they finally started venturing out. They did not come out in the big vortex you hear about, but did slowly swarm out and fly about the area. Super neat! We finally left the park and arrived back in Gail about 2 am. What a wonderful day! We look forward to planning another adventure next


Summer with these counties! Participants from Borden County 4-H included: Kylee Dean, Kenley Dean, Kaylyn Dean, Robert Jordan, Sydnee Jordan, Kylie Voss, Avery Price, Sandi Price, J. Tom Price, two Price family members, Hayley Gray, Kable Kleck, Kelby Kleck, Maddie Benavidez, Keigan Benavidez, Selesté Herridge, Julie Smith, Gerry Smith, Cheyenne Hill, Garrett Hill and Cody Hill. BCISD student, Steelie Sanders also attended via Dawson County 4-H.


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Abilene 4-H Shoot

Members of the Gail Trap Club participated in the Abilene 4-H Shoot on June 12th.

Riley Herridge participated in the Intermediate Division and placed 4th in trap with a 45 out of 50 targets. He also participated in skeet and 5-stand.

Matthew Roberson participated in trap, skeet and 5-stand in the Sr 1 Division, placing 5th in trap and 6th in skeet.

Raylea Underwood participated in the Sr 2 Division, placed 2nd in trap and participated in skeet and 5-stand. Raylea also received Ladies High Overall.

Midland County Fun Shoot

Riley Herridge, Raylea Underwood and their families traveled to Midland on Saturday June 19th to participate in the 4-H Fun Shoot.

Riley shot a 48 out of 50 trap targets and won 1st place. He also won 5th place in 5-stand and participated in skeet.


Raylea won High Overall by placing 1st in skeet, 2nd in trap and 2nd in 5-stand.

A good time was had by all at both shoots!

Save This Date
August 6 & 7, 2010
Borden All-School 2010 Reunion

- The last "5 Year Reunion" held on the old school campus
 - See plans for the new campus
 - Send suggestions for activities this year
- Send new addresses of Exes/Employees/Parents/Friends of Borden School
 - More information to follow

BHS All-School Reunion
 PO Box 316
 Gail, Texas 79738
 E-mail: rdclewis@poko.com



**Please! Don't forget to send RSVP
letters in by July 15th.**

Bat Campers



Borden County 4-H'ers enjoyed a trip to tour the Carlsbad Caverns this past Thursday. The Dawson and Garza 4-H clubs also attended.



Borden County 4-H'ers Riley Herridge (far left) and Raylea Underwood (far right) recently participated in the Midland Fun Shoot. Also pictured is Savannah Herridge.

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