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EMERGENCY ORDER

FOR BORDEN COUNTY MAY 19, 1998

PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, in accordance with provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, a state disaster has been declared based on the imminent threat of disaster from wildfire; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorized the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of such fires;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Borden County, Texas for the duration of the above mentioned declaration;

(1) **Actions Prohibited:**

A person violates this order if he burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.

(2) **Enforcement:**

(a) Upon notification of suspected outdoor burning, the fire department assigned to the location of the fire shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and/or extinguish the fire.

(b) As soon as possible, a duly commissioned peace officer shall be sent to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire.

(c) If in the opinion of the officer at the scene and/or the Fire Chief, the goal of the order can be attained by informing the responsible party about the prohibitions established by this order, the officer may, at his discretion, notify the party about the provisions of this order, the officer may, at his discretion, notify the party about the provisions of this order and request compliance with it. In such instances, an entry of the notification shall be made into the dispatchers log containing the time, date, and place of the warning, and the name of the person receiving the warning.

(3) At the discretion of the peace officer and/or Fire Chief, second or flagrant violations of this order may be prosecuted in accordance with the statutes and procedures governing misdemeanors.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that this order may be enforced by any duly-commissioned peace officer and that the venue for prosecution of this order will be in the Justice of the Peace Court, Borden County, Texas.

Van L. York

Van L. York, Borden County Judge

EARLY DISMISSAL

Friday, May 22nd

at 1:05 p.m.



800m Relay Nabs 4th At State Track Meet

The relay team of Julie Mayes, Shaina Isaacs, Katie Kemp, and Bekah Hensley will have fond memories of the final state track meet ever to be held at Memorial Stadium in Austin. By virtue of their best time of the year—1:49.18—the girls not only set a new school record but also finished fourth in the race in which they had the slowest time going into it. These Lady Coyotes ran in the noon session on Saturday; at 1:25 p.m. the girls were lined up in lane one, which delighted the girls because they would be able to see the runners they had to catch up to.

Julie started the relay and ran a good leg to start them off

with a chance. After a clean hand-off from Julie, Shaina took off on the fastest 200m of her life as well. The girls were then half way there as Katie Kemp ran like the wind to gain a lot of real estate for the anchor, Bekah Hensley. Bekah took the baton in great shape and extended our lead, out running one anchor and holding off two more. The girls improved their best performance by 1.5 seconds, shattering the previous school record of 1:50.77, which they themselves had set earlier in the year.

These girls knew they had nothing to lose and everything to gain in their trip to Austin. They knew they could improve their

times and were eager to do the work it took to do so. Traveling with four girls and LaNita leaves for never a dull moment (unless it was one of those rare times when they were asleep on the van). They know what it takes to compete and to get them to the next highest level of competition. As for next year—well, they are already making noise. I know they will be ready and are looking forward to the challenge. Great job, girls; let's do even more next season. **I CAN'T WAIT!**

Words From Rambling Bob*

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explain what the State Track Meet is all about. These Ladies, their parents, their kin-folks, and everyone seated around us had to experience this excitement. And that is the spirit of competition. Let me explain.

These Ladies knew that at Regional they ran as good as they had ever run the race, and their time was one of the slowest at the state meet. Only eight class A teams are left alive and get to run. These Ladies are such competitors that they weren't going to settle for last. They had two weeks to improve and that they did.

When they came across the finish line in fourth place and knew they had out run the Rotan team who at Regional had beaten us twice, you would have thought we had won the entire meet. Faces lit up, chills ran up and down my spine as I know it did their fans, and the people around me that didn't know us thought we were crazy.

I was jumping up and down and shouting the time to the girls on the field so loud that I'm sure everyone for two sections knew what time we had run. Some probably would have said, "Sit down stupid, your team came in fourth." Well, I'll tell you, I have never been so tickled with a fourth place finish in my life.

There were other races at the meet where the runner in second place started to slow down because it was hopeless to catch the winner, and through that lack of effort they dropped to third or even fourth. Our Lady Coyotes proved what they were made of and they proved to the state that they certainly did deserve to be there. Way to compete, Ladies. We are all very proud.

Some heartfelt words

J. Pat Porter

Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted

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 28, 1998. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**J. Pat Porter Memorial
Scholarship Committee
P.O. 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 evidenced 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 eligible for consideration. The Selection 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 Selection 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, and 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 in order to select a person that the Committee feels is a dignification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

from Coach Avery.

*He says like Tom Bodett, I'm just rambling.



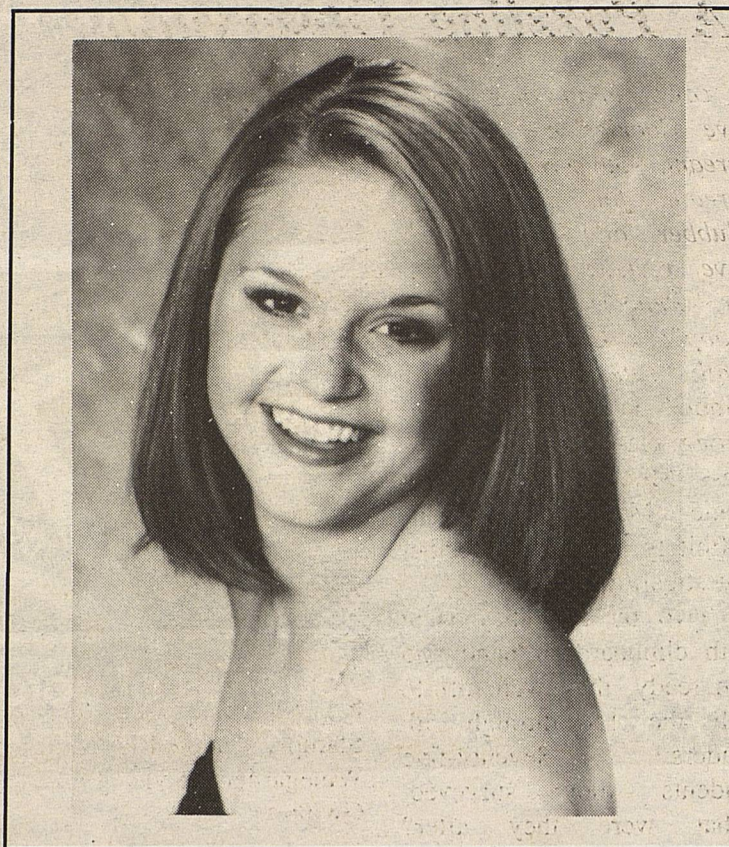
Editor's note:

The Borden Star is proud of all the scholastic and athletic honors our school has achieved, but it takes dedicated teachers and coaches to support and believe in these kids, so their hard work gets to paydirt.

4-H NEWS

Clothing Project Task Force Meeting

The 4-H Clothing Project Task Force will be meeting on Wednesday, May 27th at 5:30 p.m. in the extension office to plan the clothing project for 1998-99. If you are interested in being a leader in this project area, we would love to have you and your input.



**Rana Beth Jones
"Miss Tatum"**

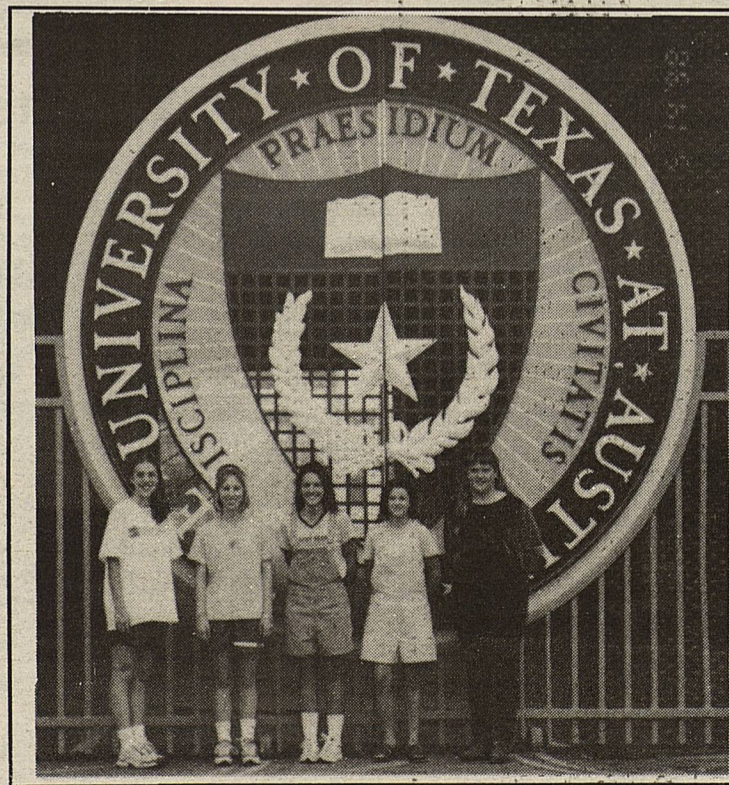
Delegate in Teen Pageant

Rana Jones, the 17 year old daughter of Max and Jane Jones of Fluvanna and Beth Cunningham of New Mexico was selected as Miss Tatum. She will represent that area in the 1998 Miss Teen New Mexico USA Pageant.

Las Cruces is the host city for the yearly pageant to select the young lady who will represent the state

of New Mexico at the Miss Teen USA- Universe nationally televised event.

The delegates will be judged on three different categories, swimsuit, evening gown and interview during the three day competition that will begin Sunday, May 31st and will conclude on Tuesday evening, June 2nd with the crowning of Miss Teen New Mexico.



Four + One At State Track Meet...Julie Mayes, Shaina Isaacs, Katie Kemp, Bekah Hensley, and Tammy Cooley.

A Puzzling Observation

If cows could they would give Cookies n' Cream; I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream; Flubber and Titanic get rave reviews: Make mine Dr. Pepper; What's your scoop?; Chicago Bulls really rate. Now wait a minute. I must be in the wrong class. I thought this was Mrs. Stamper's 6th grade Math class. This definitely required further investigation.

Two by two they went with clipboard in hand and pen ready, they were off to poll the 1st through 5th graders. Seventy-five students they surveyed. What were they after?

STATISTICS or numerical data I was told. I over heard explanations of this strange occurrence. these statisticians were collecting data, analyzing, and reporting the results.

One group wanted to know student's favorite NBA team. Another group was asking for favorite flavors of ice cream. Choice of soft drink and



Mrs. Stamper's 6th grade Math Class: Back row (L. to R.) Alexis Brooks, Thelma Balague, Shayla Gass, John Stamper, and Clay John Anderson. Front row: Evan Winegarner, Kyle Pinkerton; Andy Lozano and Dusty Gwinn.

best movie was another one's query.

I became very curious as to what was going to happen next. Then I heard cutting, taping and coloring going on, and the computer searching World Book and Print Shop hunting graphics. Then I noticed calculators and models of ratios and percents being figured. Hey! They know what they are doing and having a lot of fun. With all the numbers they collected they were able to organize and come to some

conclusions and present what they found in an attractive way. I'm glad I wandered by today. Stop by this week and compare your choices with 75 students at Borden County Elementary.

I heard that they are using statistics to show their final results of their accomplishments in Reading. They have accumulated 1144.9 points in Accelerated Reading this year and this average 114.5 points per students. Congratulations!



Accelerated Reading Program: These students have been busy reading enough books to obtain the points needed to receive prizes this year. Back row (L. to R.) Andy Lozano, Emily Mayes, Laura Stamper, Michele Bond and Letty Lozano. Front row; Alejandra Mujica, LaShae Johnson, Billy Roper, and Charles Grant. Seven of these students received a CD player and two of them received sports jackets of their favorite college teams.

Prom OPEN HOUSE
You are invited to come by and view the couples as they arrive at the 1998 Borden County School Prom beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22nd in the County Show Barn.

Join us for an out-of-this-world week of adventure as we blastoff to a time of fun Bible learning and great activities!

Liftoff will be at:

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Gail, Texas

June 1st- 5th.

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Bring a Sack Lunch

For more information call: 756-4467



Pre-School Day

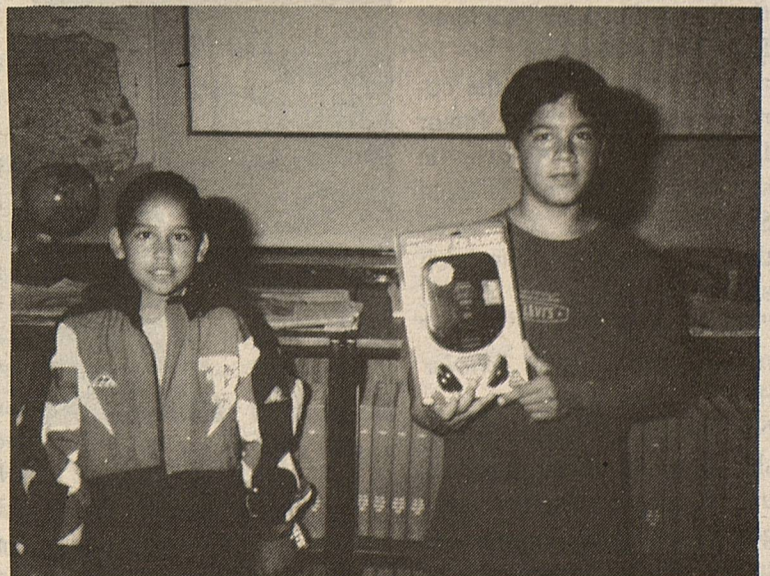
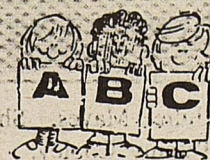


If your child will be 5 on or before Sept. 1, 1998, he or she is invited to visit Kindergarten on Friday, May 22.

Please bring immunization records, the child's social security card, and birth certificate for pre-registration.

If you notify the bus driver in your area, your child may ride the bus.

Lunch will be provided by the school and class will dismiss 1:05 p.m. on that Friday.



More readers: Ana Arrelanos and Adam Carter also received enough points to receive their gifts in the Accelerated Reading program this year. Ana received a Texas Tech sport jacket while Adam was glad to have his very own CD player.

Congratulations to the Senior Class of 1998



CHRISSTENA DAY ARMSTRONG
daughter of Shield and David Armstrong

The Aggie tradition will continue this fall as this senior plans to enroll at Texas A&M. Chrissy, who has been attending Borden schools for the past ten years, will put to action the advice her grandfather has given her that she can do whatever she wants as long as she gets an education."

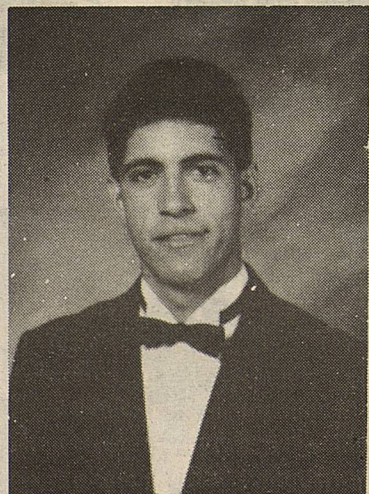
While attending school in Gail, Chrissy was named to the Texas Six-Man Academic Basketball Team in '96-'97 and '97-'98; she was the co-recipient of the Junior Livestock Association scholarship and the 4-H Gold Star Award; and, one week the syndicated television sports program in Texas, "Texas High School Extra," recognized her as its *Scholar Athlete of the Week*.

Not only is Chrissy bright, she's one of those positive, upbeat people. She considers getting to travel around the state with classmates and friends for stock shows, athletics, and UIL as some of her favorite times, and Chrissy hopes that her friends

will remember her as, yes, totally unpredictable, but also as that person who would give what she could to help someone. Her biggest disappointment while attending school—believe it or not, was when she had to pull out of cross county because of an illness—it "broke her heart." Are you sure about that?

While Chrissy lists sleeping and listening to music as her favorite pastimes, she's also planning to (1) never have to worry about money, (2) have a job that she loves, and (3) have a happy, loving family. Some other favorites: food (ice cream); song ("I Believe I Can Fly"); class (Spanish, por supuesto!).

Chrissy has provided a good example for many underclassmen, and she wants everyone to remember this: *That which does not kill you makes you stronger. Never, never give up!*



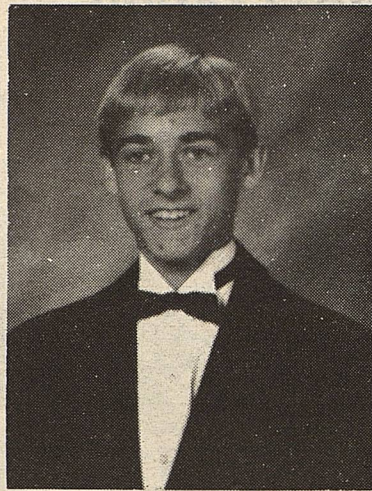
OSCAR BAEZA
son of Oscar and Lydia Baeza

For eight years now, the Baeza family has been back in Borden County—and the county has been mighty glad.

Oscar's athletic achievements have been instrumental in the success the boys' teams have enjoyed the past few years. As a freshman, he earned honors as a linebacker and qualified for regional on the cross-country team. His sophomore year he was tabbed for honors in both basketball and football. As a junior, he added track to the list of accomplishments as he won second at district in the triple jump. And that senior year—well, let's just say that he's not through. He will be playing in this summer's all-star games in Lubbock, mainly because of that All-State honor, offensive end. But, Oscar will also be playing basketball in July at the all-star games. One person to whom Oscar wants to give credit is Coach Richey—"he is the one that showed concern and kept me in line. He always believed in me."

Oscar hopes his friends will remember him as a person they could depend on and wishes that if he could change anything in the world, it would be his study habits. His biggest disappointment in high school came when the boys lost to Aspermont in basketball at the area level. His three wishes include being rich, being more athletic, and being smarter. While hanging out with friends is a favorite thing to do, Oscar also lists English as his favorite class—with Mrs. Lewis. Pizza is a favorite food and "Face Off" is his favorite movie.

Final words from this senior: "Do not have any reason to regret not doing something while in high school."



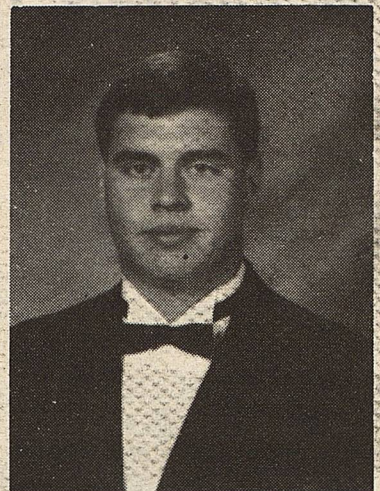
LEE BARKOWSKY
son of Barron and Gay Barkowsky

Lee came to Borden County ISD from Fayetteville High School four years ago. He said that high school athletics have been very important to him. Playing basketball and golf have been some of the best times he has spent at BHS. Along this same line, some of his wishes are to win the lottery, and play professional golf. He certainly would be able to buy some awesome clubs with all that lottery money.

One of Lee's favorite pastimes was watching basketball on television with his grandfather. When he passed away suddenly that left an empty space in Lee's life.

He is a typical teenager as hamburgers are his favorite food. His favorite movie is Caddyshack and it comes as no surprise that his favorite class is athletics.

Lee wanted to leave this thought with his underclassmen: *Try not to have too much fun!*



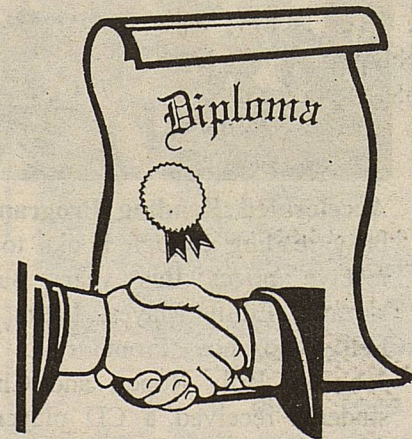
JOHN BRUMMETT
son of Audrey and Debbie Brummett

John has attended Borden County Schools all of his life; his dad graduated from BHS as did his sister, Sandy. While attending school, John received honors in football where he was named honorable mention all-district kicker and offensive lineman. He, too, says that the state championship in football was a highlight of his high school years; John also participated in track.

He hopes his friends remember him as he is now—a guy who wishes for everyone to get along, wishes for lots of love and happiness, and wishes for a great life.

John's favorites include steak and oyster on half shell and Big Macs, depending on how much money he has in his pocket. "The Program" is his favorite and his class of Physics with Mr. Lewis is fun.

While in school, one of John's best friends died. That's probably why he enjoys spending time with his friends now and advises that everyone "make the best of it and enjoy life."



GOOD JOB, GRADS!

All your hard work has paid off. Here's hoping graduation is only the beginning of a string of successes.



TAMMY COOLEY
daughter of Joe and Pam Cooley

Surviving 13 years of school at Borden ISD has been easy for Tammy--it was living with three older brothers that truly was remarkable. Now, those three brothers are very proud indeed of baby sister--in fact, they **have** to look up to her. Tammy spent a great deal of time laughing and enjoying her classmates and teachers--when they were in a good mood. She hopes these same classmates will remember her as fun, sweet, and kind--no doubt they will; Tammy's biggest disappointment is knowing that some students do not get treated like others. No wonder she feels like her friends were her greatest influence.

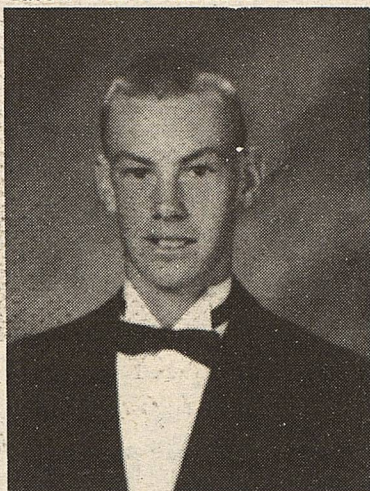
Tammy's own influence has been seen especially in her FFA honors. She received the Star Greenhand Award and Lone Star Degree. She has also been named an All-American scholar.

Tammy is fairly practical but when asked what her three wishes would be, she reveals another side: (1) to be rich, (2) to be taller (come on, Tammy! Don't be greedy); (3) to be a little more book smart.

This senior enjoys listening to the radio while talking on the phone with friends, eating lasagna and pizza, and attending her favorite class, Spanish III. Her favorite song and movie? Try "Truly, Madly, Deeply" and "Dirty Dancing."

And, this young lady has some words of wisdom, too. *No matter what happens,*

just do your best and never give up until you have reached your goal. She adds, "Oh, by the way, see you later. I'm outta here."

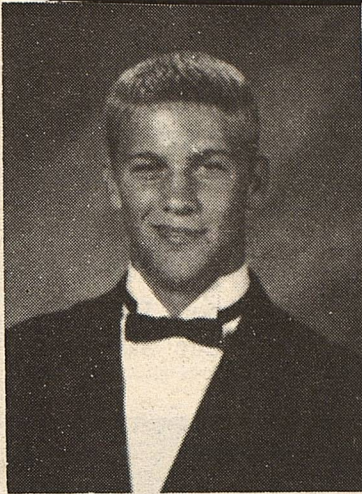


CLINT COWART
son of Clay and Amy Cowart

Since coming to Borden ISD four years ago, Clint has become a regular participant in FFA and football. He's a very proud member of the 1997 State Champion Six-man Football Team--that's probably why his senior year has been his favorite of the four.

Clint says his dad has been his greatest influence because he has encouraged him to do well in everything. His dad would be proud to know that Clint hopes his friends remember him for being an honest and hard-working guy. What would Clint like to change? He says that a little more money sure wouldn't hurt, and his three wishes include (1) finishing college, (2) getting a good job, and (3) making that good money. Clint's a typical cowboy--he enjoys roping as his favorite pastime and lists eating steak as his favorite meal. And, true to form, he lists his biggest disappointment as.....when his truck broke down. His favorite class is probably typical of most high schoolers--study hall.

While in study hall, Clint has had plenty of time to share these words of wisdom with upcoming seniors: *Stay out of trouble and don't do anything I wouldn't do.*



BRYCE DYE
son of Chet and Shirley Dye

Bryce has spent the last two years at Borden County High School after starting out his high school career in Crosbyton.

In these two years, Bryce has earned many sports honors as well as being named valedictorian of his senior class. His sports honors includes, Honorable Mention All State defensive end; All-District center and end, first team All-District punter; Honorable Mention All-District basketball; and Regional Qualifier tennis and golf.

Bryce says that the coaches he has had in high school have been his major influences. He feels very lucky to have had good coaching which set good examples for him to follow.

Some of Bryce's best time spent at BHS have been the Regional trips he was fortunate enough to get to take. He really enjoyed these trips and will always remember the fun.

He wants his friends to remember him as "someone they could come to". His biggest upset while in high school was when the Coyote football team was knocked out of the playoffs by Southland in Bi-District last year.

Bryce said if he could change anything in the world, it would be to get rid of all nuclear weapons. Three wishes he would like: (1) have a productive career, (2) have a good

marriage and (3) for someone to find a cure for the common cold.

Bryce enjoys playing football and golf in his spare time and likes to eat steak and potatoes every chance he can get. Caddyshack is one of his favorite movies.

Bryce plans to attend San Angelo State University in the fall and study kinesiology and math.

His final word of wisdom for his underclassmen would be, "*do what you think is right.*"

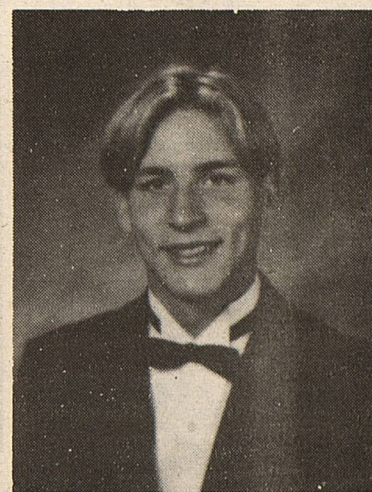


RANDI FARMER
daughter of Philina Farmer

Thanks to Mrs. Deidre Smith, kindergarten teacher at Borden, Randi Farmer may find herself teaching some young students of her own. She credits her year of helping Mrs. Smith as being the experience that has helped her realize what she wanted to do.

This 1997 Homecoming Queen and Miss BHS is more than just a pretty face. Randi has received the Caprock Electric Scholarship for her work in FFA and was also a Gold Star Recipient. She has served on the administrative council at UMC as well. Still, her fondest memory from her high school years is one that relates to a team concept--she is proud of her fellow classmates' accomplishment in winning the 1997 State Championship--that experience in the fall was Randi's favorite time at BHS. Her biggest disappointment came when Coach Frisbie left BHS; her favorite class

has been Spanish III. If she could change anything, Randi would like to see hatred in our world come to an end and wishes for (1) prosperity, (2) happiness, and (3) happiness for her family. So what does Miss BHS enjoy?--she lists her favorites as chicken strips and the song Marina del Rey by George Strait. And of course, she has advice: *Don't sweat the small stuff; it's going to be o.k.*



JOSHUA HOBSON
son of Danny and Renee Hobson

Coming from Lamesa three years ago, this senior sees his parents as the greatest influence on his life. "No matter what I did, they were always there to back me up with a loving hand."

Hanging out with friends and listening to music are Josh's favorite pastimes--eating bean burritos at Taco Villa in Lamesa rank high, too. "Inter Sandman" by Metallica and "The Crow" are his favorite song and movie. And, that Physics class with Mr. Lewis is at the top of his academic list.

His three wishes would be for a successful career, a nice house, and a loving wife. He would like to see the world change the drug and alcoholic incidents.

Josh lost his grandpa this year when Mr. Buddy Sharp died and that was the low point.

After all is said and done, Josh wants his friends to think about him being funny and talkative and of course,



Congratulations grads!

Teamwork played an important part in your school life.

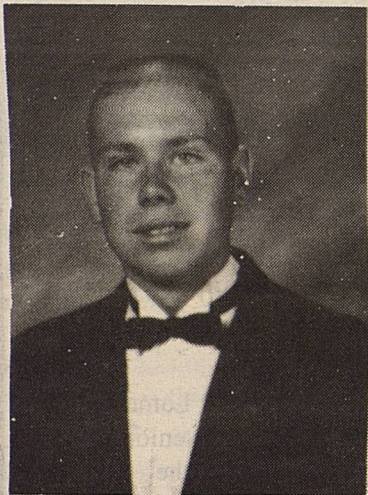
Remember it is vital to your future success.

Science is James's favorite class. Song—"The Dance," and movie, "The Program." James mentions drugs and violence as things that need to be changed in this world.

(movie) "Cool Runnings," and (class) Life Skills with Mrs. Stamper.

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charming. Josh also enjoyed the school's state championship victory run and sees that as a highlight. He advises underclassmen to "always be yourself and follow your heart."



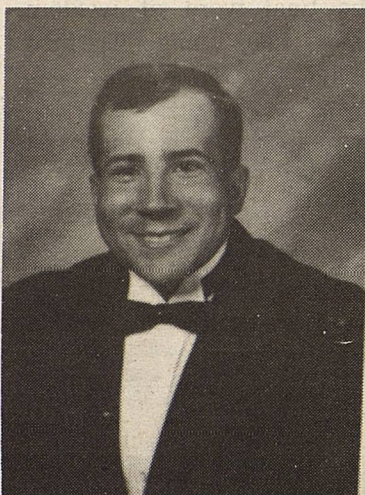
JAMES NANCE
son of Royce and Nora Nance

For twelve years James has attended school in Gail. Participation in FFA—winning the Ag Mechanics Proficiency Award in 1998—was one of his accomplishments.

As most seniors have indicated, James remembers last fall's state football championship as a highlight and believes that Coaches Avery and Richey have had a major influence on this school.

He wants his friends to remember him as someone who was his own person and advises others to "not try to be something you are not."

If James had three wishes, he would ask for a long life, wealth, and a successful career. Hunting is a favorite pastime and steak would be the meal of his choice. Ag



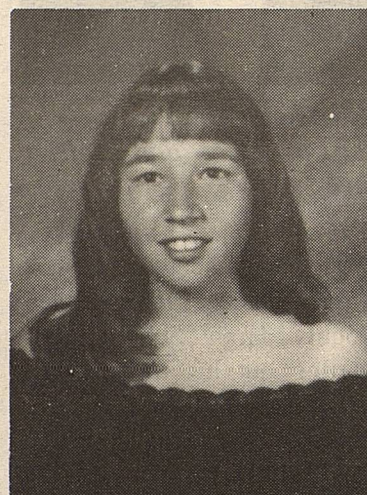
CLINT O'BRIEN
son of Barry and Susan O'Brien

Most BHS faculty and students will miss this young man for one very good reason—he's one of the best cooks to ever graduate from this school. Clint spent a lot of time with Mrs. Stamper preparing a lot of great sweets and was always eager to share those with the rest of the school.

Not only has Clint been a great cook, he has made the honor roll, been named as a class favorite, and voted the student with most school spirit during his high school years. His best time was this year, following the State Champion Football Team in the state of Texas.

Mr. McMeans and Mrs. Susan Smith have been his greatest influences because they believed in him. Clint's wishes are to (1) win the lottery, (2) put an end to cancer, and (3) get rid of dishonesty.

When he has time, Clint enjoys watching television and eating Mom's green enchiladas. His favorites include (song) "The Devil Went Down to Georgia,"



SHALINA REYES
daughter of Ernest and Cindy Reyes

Another student who has completed 13 years at BCISD, Shalina has been active in the band and current issues and events. She was a member of the regional qualifying team as a junior. Shalina plans to finish college with honors, try to make enough money so as not to worry about debt, and would like to see a good president in office.

Like most typical people her age, she enjoys talking on the phone, reading books, or going to see movies. Shalina's favorite movie is "Titanic" and "Pink" by Aerosmith is her favorite song.

At school, Mrs. Poole's class, Introduction to Business, has been Shalina's most enjoyable. During her senior year, she lists her classmates' football state championship as the highlight.

If she could change anything in the world, she would like to see all the rage and hatred turned into peace and happiness. And, she credits her parents for always being there for her, encouraging her and supporting her when she failed or when she succeeded. How does she want her

friends to remember her? Talkative, for sure, but also sweet and caring—and the advice she would leave behind for underclassmen is pretty straightforward—study hard, don't make your teachers mad, keep your head up, do all you can, and be yourself.



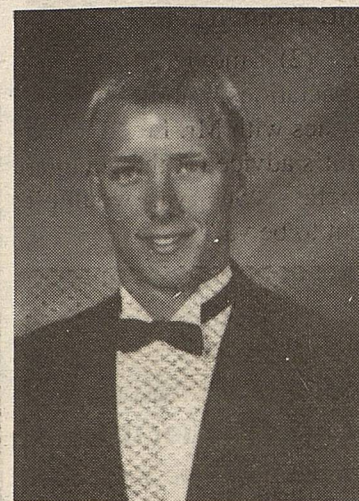
HALEY ROE
daughter of Terry and Danita Roe

Haley wants her friends to remember her as "humorous." No doubt they will. Since coming to BCISD, she has enjoyed her friendships because they kept her going when it would have been easy to quit or when she was tired. In fact, Haley's favorite pastime has been going to parties with friends. Her favorites include (1) pizza, (2) "November Rain"...song, (3) "Legends of the Fall"...movie, (4) Spanish III.

Haley's three wishes are for a **great** husband, lots of money, and a **huge** mansion. While in high school, she was most disappointed by Coach Frisbie leaving since he was her favorite teacher, but her most exciting time came when the school joined together to celebrate the state championship in football. Haley herself participated in golf, placing 3rd at district one year.

Violence, drugs, the crime rate and explicit movie scenes would be some negative things Haley would like to see changed in the world. And, as for advice for younger students, Haley says this: "Don't try to be different—be your own

person and let your true feelings flow."



CLINT SCOTT
son of Tony and Sue Scott

Clint began his sophomore year here in Gail, coming here from Lamesa High School. Since arriving, he has made his mark in football with numerous honors, both team and individual. The past two years he has won honors as running back and linebacker, earning All-State as a linebacker. This goes along with winning the state championship in December in Abilene. Track success has also been his, qualifying for regional in the 100m dash and 400m relay. It's no wonder that he lists his coaches, Avery and Richey, as major influences in his life during the past three years—they have "always believed in me and given me a chance in all the sports."

Clint hopes his friends will simply remember him, not for any particular reason. His biggest disappointment was not qualifying for state at the regional track meet in the sprint or mile relays, but he knows that the state football championship was the crowning point of the year. If he could change anything in the world, Clint says that it would be the economy. His three wishes include all the money he would need, a new car, and a new ski boat. That explains why going to the lake and fishing and skiing are his favorite pastimes. And to eat? Clint prefers chicken crispers at Chili's. On his list of favorites are (1) song: "3 A.M. by Matchbox

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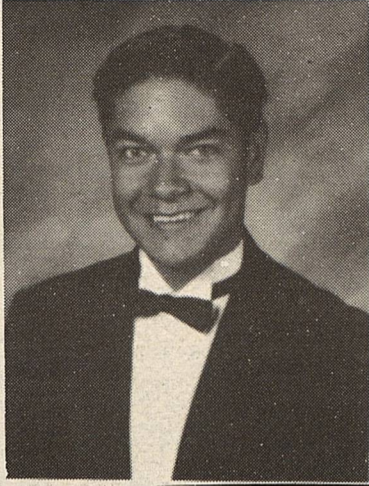
20, (2) movie: "Great Expectations," and (3) class: Physics with Mr. Lewis. And Clint's advice for the younger bunch: "See ya, wouldn't want to be ya."



TERA STAMPER
daughter of Gregg and Beth Stamper

The graduating class of 1998's salutatorian has attended all four years here in Gail. While in high school, Tera's honors included being voted most likely to succeed, being a member of the National Beta Club, earning state qualifier in FFA horse judging and poultry judging, being listed in Who's Who, and participating in basketball, track, UIL accounting, 4-H, and being a teacher's aide for Mrs. Lewis. Tera's greatest influence in her life has been her great-grandmother, Nellie—"she has always been there for me and given me advice when I needed it. She also encouraged me to be the best and to work hard to achieve my goals." Hanging out with friends and watching the state championship team this year have been Tera's favorite pastimes. She lists chicken fried steak as her favorite food and study hall as her favorite class. Her three wishes are for a 1999 Mustang Cobra, lots of money to pay for speeding tickets, and ten more wishes. For all the underclassmen back for next year, Tera advises that their high school days are going to go by fast—enjoy life to the fullest

and don't be afraid to try new things.



TRINI VASQUEZ
son of Edward and Alice Zepeda

This Mariah Carey groupie has impacted BHS since coming here two and a half years ago. He hopes that in this short time span his friends will remember him as the sweetest and nicest guy they ever knew...and that they never forget he was fast. Speaking of fast, Trini's track accomplishments—along with football—are some of his high school highlights. He has been a member of the regional qualifying cross-country teams, the district champion sprint and mile relay teams, and individually, qualified for regional in the 300m hurdles. While also playing basketball, Trini was on the district champion teams in that sport. But, his highlight like so many others, is this year's state championship in football—and Trini played a big role in winning that title. Mariah Carey was mentioned earlier—Trini sees her as his biggest influence because he believes she is a person who kept her own dreams alive, never giving up and succeeding. If he could change anything in this world, it would be that there were nicer guys like himself and more good-looking girls that liked him. Money, the perfect wife, and a nice, big mansion are his three wishes and hanging out with friends are favorite pastimes. Trini's favorite food is chicken fried rice; "Getting Jiggy With It" is his favorite song, and no wonder that a dancing movie,

"Footloose" is his all-time favorite. He has enjoyed Mr. Lewis's Physics class this year, but lists his grandpa's heart surgery as the one low point.

To conclude, this senior wants his fellow classmates who will still be around next year to "leave all your worries and kick it with your friends—that will soothe your problems all through life."

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"Emergency medical response all across Texas has improved dramatically since the day of that crash some forty years ago," said Gene Weatherall, chief of Texas Department Health's Bureau of Emergency Management. Today, ambu-

lances staffed with at least two trained and certified medics respond to medical assistance calls and at least one medic provides care to the patients during transport. Some ambulances are as well-equipped as hospital intensive care units. And emergency calls can be made in all counties in Texas. The Borden County EMS and TDH remind you and your family that emergency response teams provide a lifesaving link between ill or injured individuals and medical care.

"Nearly 50,000 trained and certified emergency personnel are part of Texas EMS," Weatherall said. "They respond to people in need and give the best emergency medical care possible. These highly trained medics are an integral part of our system of care for victims of sudden and serious illness and injury."

In Texas, this system begins with an informed public able to recognize a medical emergency and make the call for help, and includes a network of trauma centers that provide highly specialized care for the most seriously ill or injured.

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Fire Blazes, Prevention Effort Continues

Firefighters continue their efforts to rein in a 58,000-acre fire in the Chinati Mountains in Presidio County. The fire is spreading on two fronts with about one-third of total acreage still actively burning. As this fire rages in Far West Texas, a Texas Forest Service fire prevention team dispatched to West Central Texas labors to increase public awareness in hopes of preventing possible disastrous wildfires in this region. Since May 1st, 109 fires have burned 38,927 acres in the 31-county area targeted by the prevention team.

The assembled fire-fighting force battling the Cibolo Creek Fire in Presidio County includes 133 firefighters and fire overhead team members, eight engines, one dozer, three handtool crews, three National Guard helicopters, eight water trucks and a fuel truck. The Texas Forest Service supplied about 70 of the assembled firefighters and fire overhead personnel, with others coming from volunteer fire departments.

Some of the handtool team members came from Palo Pinto and Travis counties. Handtool crews are employed to construct fire lines in areas inaccessible to mechanized equipment like dozers of maintainers.

Meanwhile, members of the Texas Forest Service fire prevention team have been making contacts with

newspapers, radio and television stations to encourage publicity about the extreme fire danger conditions that exist generally west and south of a line from Abilene to San Antonio to Laredo. Vegetation in this broad area is dry and dangerous. All it took is a spark from a saw cutting a pipe to ignite a recent 5,000-acre wildfire that burned two structures and a vehicle in Edwards County. A careless camper's campfire reportedly started 1,000-acre blaze south of Rocksprings during the same period.

The state forestry agency's fire prevention team urges all residents in this area to postpone outdoor burning. In some areas outdoor burning may not only be inadvisable, it may also be illegal. Several counties in the

region have enacted burn bans, and others are reportedly considering similar action. Fines for violation of outdoor burning bans can range up to \$1,000.

Residents can help avoid wildfires by being careful with all spark-producing equipment around dry vegetation. Where vegetation can't be removed from an area in which sparks may be generated, spraying the vegetation with water prior to equipment use will lessen the likelihood that the vegetation will be ignited by flying sparks.

Smokers can help prevent wildfires by disposing of smoking materials properly, either in vehicle ashtrays or if on foot, by crushing smoking materials dead out in bare mineral soil.

"Public cooperation can

help prevent needless, potentially disastrous wildfires from occurring in this area," said Jim Blott, Texas Forest Service state wild and/urban interface coordinator and leader of the Texas Forest Service prevention team in Abilene.

"Most fires result from someone's carelessness," said Blott, "so increased observance of fire safety

precautions can greatly reduce wildfires and the destruction they cause."

Counties known to have burning bans in effect: Bastrop, Burnett, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Crosby, Fisher, Hays, Howard, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Mitchell, Moore, Nolan, Runnels, Shackelford, Taylor and Walker.



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Declaration of Disaster Threat of Wildfires

May 19, 1998

WHEREAS, Borden County had not had rainfall for an extended period; and

WHEREAS, weather forecasters offer little promise of a change in the hot, dry conditions in the near future; and

WHEREAS, these hot, dry conditions pose the threat of large, dangerous and fastmoving wildfires; and

WHEREAS, such fires have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 authorized declaration of a state of disaster 'if the threat of disaster is imminent', and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity at which such a fire could escalate to major proportions constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorized the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of fires; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of dangerous fires;

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, Van L. York, County Judge of Borden County, do hereby declare a state of disaster based on the threat of large wildfires in Borden County, Texas; and

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above statute and order, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without authorization by the Borden County Commissioners Court;

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster is being declared solely for the purpose of implementing controls aimed at mitigating the hazard posed by wildfires during the current hot, dry weather.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED THAT the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 19th day of May, 1998.

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