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## Lady Coyotes Return 4 Starters, 8 Lettermen in 2001-2002

### Playoff Road Ends With Hard-fought Loss to Brookesmith, 44-49

In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, the Borden High School Lady Coyotes and Coach Gailan Winegarner built something else—a foundation for many more playoff appearances in the years to come.

Friday night's match-up with Brookesmith, a team starting four seniors, was a rough battle that saw several lead exchanges.

The final lead, however, went the way of the visitors as BHS dropped a 44-39 semi-final sectional game.

From the tip-off to the final buzzer, it was a game of ups and downs for the Lady Coyotes who were playing without starter Micah Hensley, out with a torn ACL.

The downs came first, as the Lady Coyotes turned the ball over three times in the first two minutes.

The ups followed right along, though, as the young team continued to play excellent defense in holding Brookesmith to a 4-3 lead with 4:21 remaining in the first quarter.

The Lady Coyotes also pulled down 10 first-quarter rebounds to prevent

Brookesmith from taking control of the boards.

After the first eight minutes of play, Brookesmith held a narrow 8-5 advantage.

The first five points of the second quarter would change that as BHS used the 5-0 run to tie the score at 10-10 at 5:53.

Turnovers, missed points after steals, and fouls would plague the go-ahead effort as Brookesmith then went on a 6-0 run themselves to jump ahead 16-10 with less than three minutes to play in the half.

Play off the bench by Carolina Arellanos gave BHS a boost as the 5'7" sophomore grabbed an offensive rebound and dish-ed off an assist to Dalene Kempf who scored to make it 14-18, Brookesmith, at the 1:21 mark.

Missed free throws kept BHS from taking the lead at half-time as they trailed 18-16 with two quarters left to play.

BHS could only manage to shoot 11 percent from the free throw line in the first two quarters.

But, because of their great full-court press

defense, the Lady Coyotes held Brookesmith to a dismal 33 percent shooting average from the field.

Part II began much the same way as Brookesmith could not penetrate the Lady Coyote defense and it appeared that BHS was going to make the charge it would need to take the win.

Calling on another sophomore, 5'1" sophomore Pati Rodriguez, BHS stole the ball and Rodriguez took it all the way for the lay-up, knotting the score at 6:37.

With the game sitting at 18-18, Pati took her team up another three points as she nailed the 3-pointer less than a minute later.

In the next six minutes of play in the third period, both teams tugged and pulled to keep momentum.

During this time, the Lady Coyotes' Rika Copeland, a 6'0" junior, blocked a shot and grabbed three rebounds. Unfortunately, she also picked up her fourth foul with only 34 seconds to play in the quarter.

Brookesmith took advantage of her absence

## Borden County employees earn awards at Safety Banquet

Seven Borden county maintenance section employees were honored recently when the Texas Department of transportation's Abilene district held their annual Safety Awards Banquet.

The banquet was held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch in Snyder and honored the district employees' outstanding efforts in the safe operation of TxDOT vehicles

and equipment and for having no work related injuries.

The Borden county maintenance section employees were recognized for combined totals of 47 years as safe operators and 42 years of no injury. Members of the maintenance section receiving awards were Nan Sharp, former section supervisor, Joel McCright, assistant

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Kempf said "take that" with her only 3-pointer of the evening on the Lady Coyotes' opening possession of the final period.

Brookesmith's experience took over from there, however, as they would score the next six points to answer back and take a 34-27 lead with 5:42 to play.

Bobbie would redeem herself at the free throw line and narrow that gap to

the last 34 seconds and scored with only two seconds remaining in the quarter to go ahead 26-24.

With their post player on the bench, Brookesmith may have thought they had this one gift-wrapped.

They thought wrong, though, as the Lady Coyotes displayed a brave effort in the final period to try and save this playoff game.

Sophomore Bobbie  
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## Spring Break Begins - - -

March 5<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>

Classes resume on March 12<sup>th</sup>

SCHOOL HOLIDAY - Fri. March 2<sup>nd</sup>

School will dismiss at regular time

Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>



## Shortage of judges, officials becoming acute

By Bill Farney, UIL Director  
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January/February 2001

Obtaining qualified judges and officials is a constant challenge for schools. As the number of activities increases, demand for more officials increases. While the problem exists in music, speech and other fine arts, it is becoming painfully visible in athletics.

There is a shortage of sports officials in Texas. Most Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO) chapters are hard-pressed to have enough officials just for high school varsity games. The problem is particularly acute in basketball. It is not uncommon for junior high and sub-varsity games to be officiated by volunteers — interested local citizens, high school and junior high coaches, college students and sometimes, from spectators or parents.

Why is there a shortage? Unlike the steady stream of young athletes coming from junior high to high school and the supply of coaches from college to teaching, there is no pipeline of supply for officials.

In every state, administrators are witnessing a declining number of new officials to replace those who “Hang it up” or simply get tired of low pay, difficult hours and abusive treatment from fans and coaches. Other inhibiting factors include unsportsman-like behavior from players — a result of the “me first, I’m number one” prevailing societal attitude; disrespect by coaches and fans that often turn ugly and threatening; and younger people coming into officiating often draw games with lesser-skilled players and neophyte coaches. Too often this is enough to drive the strongest personality away from officiating. Imagine what it does to a gentler soul.

There is a matter of money. A typical college student could pay as much as \$400 for a basic umpire’s uniform,

protective-gear, etc. Additional cost includes rule-books, clinics, and registration fees with a local officials organization. That first year it is difficult to show a profit.

To make matters worse, college and professional games bring terrible role models in players and coaches. As youth observe the antics and whining of these highly paid professionals and scholarship collegians it becomes apparent that officials are not held in high regard.

The sports world has legitimized talk radio and color commentators who literally critique and second-guess officials at every turn. The average listener believes this second-guessing — believes coaches need to get technical fouls to “work the officials.” This attitude carries over to high school sports. It is definitely not “cool” to officiate.

It takes sacrifice, courage, family support, good health and vitality, maturity, patience, ego (but not too much), a sense of humor, love for the game and high regard for young people, impartiality, and knowledge of rules and officiating mechanics.

If married, a loving spouse who doesn’t mind being alone a lot is a blessing. If single, a realization that social time must be scheduled between games is a fact. If officials want to be liked they are in for a shock. People, especially coaches, hold grudges for years after their team has lost an important gem on a close call.

A climate must be constructed to encourage more people to take the opportunity to officiate.

• School administrators must cooperate with state-wide organizations to support the proper goals and working conditions for officials.

- Coaches must control their wrath. It rubs off on their players. Stop blaming officials for everything that goes wrong. Be objective in criticism. Criticize the call, not the person. Don’t label an individual as “sorry” because of a bad call. As a coach you don’t always make the right decisions or use the best strategy. If you continue to berate officials and blame them for your team’s poor performance, it will not take a rocket scientist to discover that some of the fault may be yours. There is a way to communicate when officials do not do their jobs properly. Use those channels. As you do for your player, do for your players, do also for the officials. Seek honest methods of critiquing that may produce improvement. Constant criticism and anger will not bring about better performance. Surely, there is something good to use a starting point. Find it and use it.

- Players in whatever sport must adapt in each contest to different officials. It is you who must adjust, not them. If you are called for holding, don’t hold again. If you don’t think it was a foul, that’s not important. What is important is the official called it the way he saw it. You are not going to win an argument with an official. Don’t whine. If an opponent I doing something illegal, tell the official. Don’t harp on it if the infractions go unpenalized. Do your best under the conditions of the game. That is part of being an athlete. Don’t run home and tell your parents how the officials” took it away from us.” Be mature and steadfast at getting better at the game. Begin officiating youth sports: This will give you

## Making The Grade!

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

#### Beta Achievement:

**Twelfth Grade:** Rebekah Hensley, Shawna Kempf, and Trent Pepper. **Eleventh Grade:** Andrea Lozano. **Tenth Grade:** Michele Bond, Micah Hensley and Talin Pepper. **Ninth Grade:** NONE **Eighth Grade:** Garrett Chapman, Casey Divin, Emily Mayes and Billy Roper. **Seventh Grade:** Whitney Anderson and Shylo Pool. **Sixth Grade:** None.

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

#### Honor Roll:

**Twelfth Grade:** Ross Aten, Tom Griffin, Kandace Kimmel, Krystle Lee, D. J. Smith and Holly Thomas **Eleventh Grade:** Jessica Ellison. **Tenth Grade:** Heather Crawford. **Ninth**

**Grade:** Clay John Anderson, Kyle Pinkerton, and John Stamper. **Eighth Grade:** NONE **Seventh Grade:** Andrew Lamming. **Sixth Grade:** Clint Chapman, Jake Payne, Kalli Poole, Christina Soto and Daniel Williams. **Fifth Grade:** Sharelle Gass, Logan Howard, Shelby Roberts, Quentin Shafer, Miller Valentine, Kate Wallace, Cutter Whipple and Rachel Wilson. **Fourth Grade:** Baylee Benavidez, Clay Harding, Carlos Hernandez, and Krystal Hobson. **Third Grade:** Flynn Chapman, Eric, Espinoza, Rachael Payne, Chellsie Pigford, Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, Chelsea Stephens and Raylea Underwood. **Second Grade:** Bailey Anderson, John Hensley and Miles Valentine.

insights into the game and will provide a service for your community. You will find how difficult it is to officiate, to see all that goes on and make split-second decision in emotional situations. You will learn how to take criticism and hold your tongue. You will not please everyone.

- Parents — yell your heart out. Stomp and scream, and yes, disagree. Voicing objections is part of the game. Crying out “you stupid idiot” is not a positive part of the game. Frustration reveals character. Too often parents scream at athletes and coaches, “get your head in the game,” or “you’re stupid.” This doesn’t help. Screaming at officials won’t help either. It just raises your blood pressure, angers others parent and fans, and assures your mother-in-law that the worst premarital concerns about you were not unfounded. Never, never, never confront officials before, during, and especially

after the game. This will lead to your banishment from future games and could penalize your team and school. Your admission price entitles you admission to the game. It does not give you the right to berate players, coaches or officials. Abide by sound standards of behavior.

- In most discussions it is presumed that officials do not need to change their ways. I strongly disagree. There are many disgusting habits and actions that need to be omitted from officials’ repertoires. Be on time. Dress properly. Know the rules. See it before you call it. It is far better to explain why you did not call something that happened than to explain why you called something that did not happen. Do not socialize with coaches and fans. Be courteous, but refrain from joking around with either coach prior to or during the game. This only leads to the perception that you might

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# Playoff Road Ends

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30-34 as she tossed in three free throws after being fouled with 4:49 to play.

There was still lots of game left, even after Brookesmith took another seven-point lead with 3:02 left, 38-31.

Pati found the mark on another 3-pointer at 2:48, cutting Brookesmith's lead to four, 38-34.

At this point, Brookesmith went to the line and converted. In the second half, they would shoot 72 percent from the line, making 8 of 11.

Rika returned to the game in the final three minutes and hit a lay-up to make it a 40-36 Brookesmith lead with 2:13 to play.

Less than fifteen seconds later, however,

Rika would be whistled for her fifth "foul."

Yet, with the adversity came another second wind as the Lady Coyotes refused to give up.

Bobbie Kempf stole the ball with 1:38 to play, but the girls could not score off the turnover.

Senior Bekah Hensley, playing some tight defense, forced a Brookesmith turnover and then took the ball down court, driving the lane for the lay-up. Result:

a one-point game, 39-40, with :31 in the game.

By this point, the Lady Coyotes had to either take the ball away or foul to regain possession. Fouling proved to be the only option, and Brookesmith would make their free throws down this final stretch, pulling out the 44-39 win.

The girls played with young hearts against a seasoned senior team; they left nothing on the court,

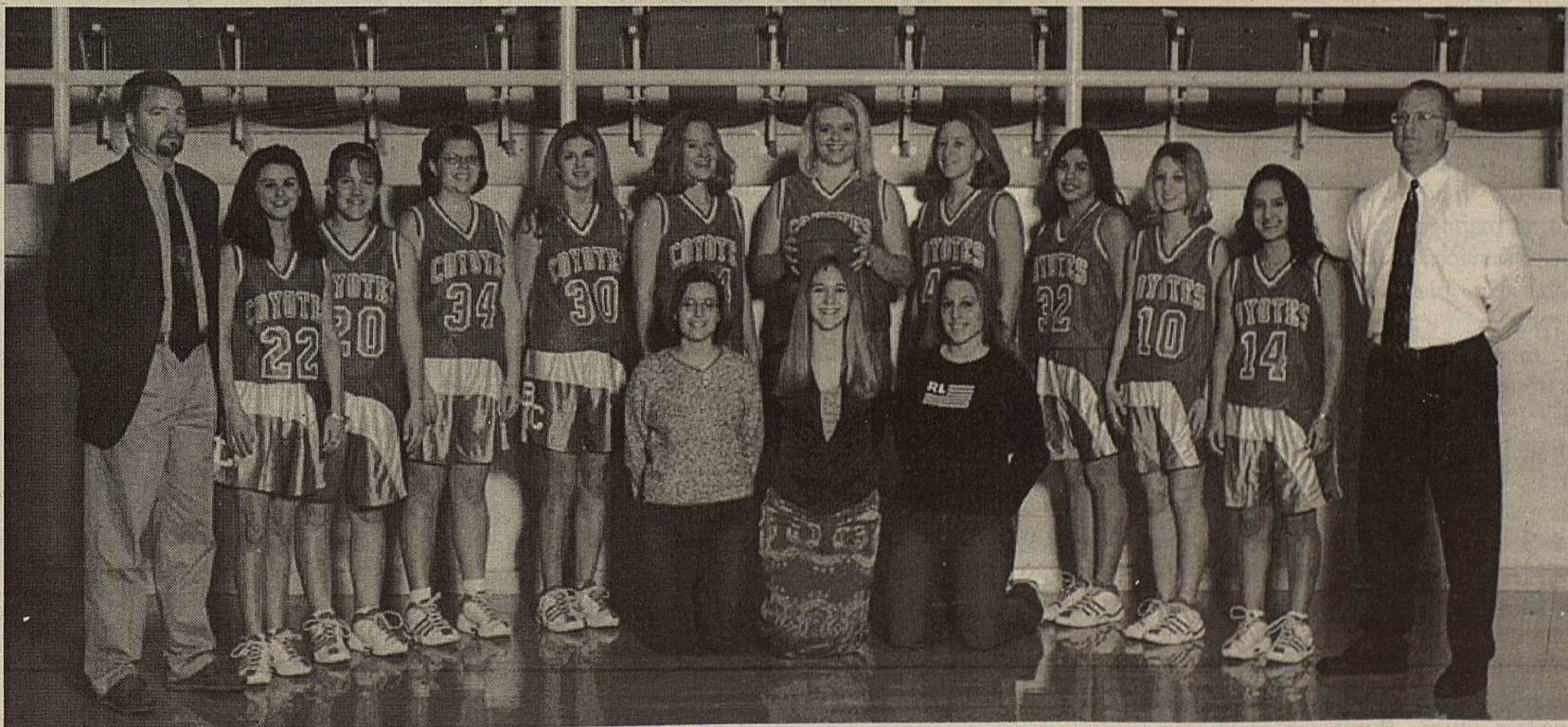
playing to the final seconds and hustling every trip down the court.

Rebuilding years usually do not bring such results, but BHS fans have grown to expect good basketball.

This 2000-2001 version lived up to those expectations Friday night in Ligon Coliseum in Wichita Falls.

Coach Winegarner has been assisted this year by Coach Mike Floyd. The team finishes with a 19-14 season record.

# Congratulations Lady Coyotes SECTIONAL CHAMPS



**BORDEN COUNTY LADY COYOTES:** Left to right: Coach Gailan Winegarner, Rebekah Hensley, Kylia Culp, Jessica Ellison, Micah Hensley, Dalene Kempf, Rika Copeland, Bobbie Kempf, Carolina Arellanos, Shayla Gass, Pati Rodriguez, Coach Michael Floyd. Front row: Shawna Kempf, Michele Bond, Krystle Lee, (Managers).

## We are PROUD OF YOU!

## Bond's return to college pays off for community

By Lynn Beck  
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Mary Bond is very good at her job. Other people notice.

Mary Bond loves her job. Other people notice this too.

Last year, some of the people who noticed what a good job Mary Bond has been doing decided it was time to recognize her for her work. In December, she was one of three staff members chosen by Medical Arts hospital as the facility's employees of the year for 2000.

Bond, a registered nurse, was named a "manager of the year" in recognition of the dedicated support she provides to the patients, the staff, and the administrators of the hospital.

As the Case Management R.N., Bond must wear many hats in addition to the traditional nurse's cap in order to do her job. It's the role of the case manager, she explains, to look at the "bigger picture" of a patient's care requirements, not just their immediate nursing care needs while hospitalized.

This bigger picture, says Bond, includes road categories such as managed care criteria, social services needs, and discharge planning. Within each of these categories, there are many "i's" to be dotted and "t's" to be crossed. It is Bond's job to ensure that - putting it in simple terms - the patient

gets the best care available with the least hassle possible.

By serving as the liaison between doctors and the medical system on one hand, and the patient and their family on the other, Bond facilitates the managed care process mandated in medical treatment facilities today.

Bond handles the detail work - ensuring the patient meets managed care admission criteria, working with medicare directives and insurance guidelines, and planning ahead for the patient's eventual discharge

by helping to arrange home health nursing, durable medical equipment, and even nursing home placement.

Because her job is more "management" than "hands-on" nursing care, Bond makes it a point to work-in some patient care time. Although she has an office in the administrative wing of the hospital, she will often be found lending a hand on one of the wards.

Bond also spends each Sunday working in the hospital's emergency room ensuring that her nursing skills stay sharp and her bedside manner stays tender. It's the one-on-one care that Bond likes best, she says.

"When you can see that you've touched someone, that you've made a difference in their life, that's what I enjoy the most."

Bond didn't get to where she's at by any easy roads. After the Borden County native's marriage ended in divorce, she found herself "starting over" at middle age, with two children to raise in the process.

When the changes in her life led her back to school, Bond says she decided on nursing as a new career path. She'd always been interested in the medical field, she says, and at one time had considered becoming a medical technologist.

By working days and attending school at night, Bond completed the pre-requisite work for a nursing program before taking on the next, and hardest, leg of her journey.

Moving her son James and daughter Michele to the family farm in Borden

County where she was raised, Bond took advantage of her parents' offer of help.

"My parents have really been there for us," she says of her folks, Borden County residents Herman and Christeen Ledbetter. "I wouldn't be where I am if it wasn't for them."

Bond says she made a deal with her children to soften the hardship - put up with her while she finished school, and after graduation she'd take them on a trip to Disney World.

For the next two years, Bond went to South Plains College during the week. The full time curriculum was intense. On weekends, she commuted to the farm to spend time with her children. It was a tough two years, she admits.

Bond was 37, she says, when she started nursing school. Two years later in December of 1996, she graduated. It was a Friday. The following Monday, she reported for work at Medical Arts Hospital.

She hired on, she says, with the understanding that she'd be allowed a specific period of time off that coming summer. She had a debt to pay. True to her word, Bond took her kids to Florida that summer, seeing the sights and visiting Disney World.

Bond is pleased with her life right now, she admits. She enjoys her work and enjoys being involved in her children's activities. James is a senior at Borden County High School this year; Michele a sophomore.

Right now, Bond says, her favorite leisure activity is spending time with her kids.



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### WHERE THE ACTION IS

Although she has an office in the hospital's administration wing, registered nurse Mary Bond will more likely be found where the action is - somewhere out on the hospital wards.

Mom can have a life of her own, she jokes, when the kids finish school and are on their own. And that will come all too soon.

Both have already formed their plans for the future, Bond says, with James looking forward to a career in agriculture and Michele, a career in law. Bond says she plans to go back to school herself in a few years.

She stresses the importance of education to her children, and reminds them how important it is to get that education while they are still young, still free of the

responsibilities that come with spouses and children.

"I live in a country that would let a middle age person with two kids go back to school and start their life over," Bond says gratefully. "Not everyone has that opportunity."

Bond encourages anyone who wants to go back to school to do it. There are avenues, she says, if you look for them.

"There's a lot more help available now than there once was," she points out. "It's just a matter of what you set your mind to do."

### Spring Break Time is finally here!

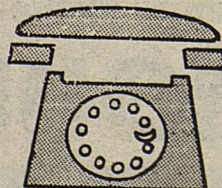
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# 4-H News

## Texas 4-H Reaches Million-Member Milestone

Each child in Texas 4-H is now literally "one in a million." Enrollment figures announced at a Capitol news conference today show that nearly 1.2 million Texas children ages 5-19 took part in one or more 4-H programs last year.

In reaching the million-member milestone for the first time, Texas 4-H also leads the nation in participants, accounting for one-sixth of the total national enrollment of 6.6 million. In Texas, 4-H is administered by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in partnership with The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas.

Texas 4-H began in 1908 with a 25-member boys' "corn club" in Jack County west of Fort Worth. Formed initially to teach rural children new methods of agricultural production and food preservation, 4-H has evolved into an organization dedicated to the development of young people themselves.

Many people think that 4-H is only about animals, but it is involves a variety of projects that educate the whole child. Through such projects as food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, horticulture, electricity, entomology, housing and home environment, and shooting sports, 4-H'ers learn leadership, citizenship, community service, and character.

Texas 4-H has more than 68,000 members of 4-H clubs, the cornerstone of the organization in which young people elect officers, meet and work on projects outside of school. But much of its rapid growth in total participation — more than 700,000 since 1993

— has been through special interest groups and in-school educational programs. Texas 4-H also offers more than \$1 million in scholarships each year for outstanding 4-H members.

There are more than 13,000 4-H members on the South Plains, in more than 300 local 4-H clubs. Borden County has one local 4-H club with 87 members.

Texas 4-H is active in every county, led by county faculty of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service working with 55,700 youth and adult volunteers statewide.

While the 4-H Pledge remains a constant -- Head to clearer thinking, Heart to greater loyalty, Hands to larger service and Health to better living — 4-H members today face a world vastly different from the one of a century ago. For more information about 4-H, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

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## Weather Spotter Training Class to be held

The National Weather Service Midland/Odessa will have a spotter training class on March 19, 2001, at 7 P.M. It will be held at the Community Building in Gail.

This course is in preparation for the upcoming severe weather season. It will be a multimedia presentation lasting for two hours. Topics will include spotter safety, thunderstorm formation, and spotter techniques.

If you need more information about this course contact Pat Vesper at (915)563-5006, or contact the Borden County Sheriff's Office at 756-4311.

## Borden County employees earn awards at Safety Banquet

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section supervisor, Carrie Stokes, Norman Herridge and hart, Robert Kempf, Darden Ray Don Underwood.



Borden County maintenance section employees attending the annual Abilene district Safety Awards Banquet in Snyder are shown here following the presentation of awards. They are from the left Carrie Hart, Bob Kempf, Terry McCright, Jacquie Hendricks, Darden Stokes and Jibber Herridge. Borden County employees were honored for having amassed 47 years of safe driving and 42 years of no work related injuries.

(TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

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### BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTION

The Borden County Independent School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, February 19, 2001, and took official action to call a Trustee Election for Saturday, May 5, 2001. Three current trustee positions will be up for election this year. Incumbents Mr. John Anderson, Mr. Joel Dennis, and Mr. Kenny Hensley will have terms that will expire in May.

Mr. Joel Dennis will not be seeking another term as a School Trustee. As of the present time Incumbents John Anderson and Kenny Hensley have filed for a place on the ballot. In addition, Mr. Dennis Poole has filed for a place on the ballot. Candidates

Important dates associated with the upcoming trustee election are as follows:

- ◆ Last Day to Register to Vote—April 5, 2001
- ◆ First Day to file for Place On Ballot—February 19, 2001
- ◆ Last Day to file for Place on Ballot—5:00 p.m. March 21, 2001
- ◆ First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail—March 6, 2001
- ◆ Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail—April 27, 2001
- ◆ Deadline For Write-In to file declaration of Write-In Candidacy For School Trustee Election—5:00 p.m. March 26, 2001
- ◆ First Day An Election May Be Cancelled if there are no Opponents to the Candidate/s that have filed for a Place On Ballot—March 27, 2001

## Shortage of Judges, officials becoming acute

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be partial to one team. Get off the field or court after the game. Go directly to the designated area. Do not stop. If you are detained, it will only cause problems. Don't try to explain anything to anyone. A losing coach is not rational. Allow for a cooling off period of at least one day. Give the coach an opportunity to see the film. Take younger officials under your wing. Give them wisdom. Talk about how to avoid problems and handle situations. Transfer the love of the game. Help them see the big picture and know the service they provide. When you attend a game as a spectator, don't criticize on-the-floor officials. You will have the opportunity. Let it pass. To do so is unprofessional because it validates negativity in your profession. Do unto others . . . Do not discuss how bad or sorry some coach is at a particular school when you are with other officials. Reporting ejection's and penalties to coaches is a professional duty that is handled within specific procedural guidelines. Coaches need to adhere to the same standard. That way everyone starts fresh each game with few preconceived ideas about one another I am getting idealistic here, but I believe none will disagree in spirit. Schools can help by providing directions, facilities to dress, and safety measures for working officials. They can see to it that officials are paid promptly. Nothing is more frustrating to an official than to wait six to eight weeks for a check. Administrators should designate a school

employee to act as game liaison. This individual should not be the coach. Officials should know where the designated liaison is, in the event problems occur during the game. Officials should be met at the door after having been instructed where to park. They should be escorted back to their car(s) after the contest by either uniformed officers or a designated school employee. Schools can further help by giving high school youngsters the opportunity to officiate in intramural and junior high games. This not only satisfies an immediate problem but opens a door for expanding the available pools of officials for the future. Most importantly, schools can create a wholesome atmosphere for officiating with zero tolerance for idiot behavior. If the supply of officials is ever going to catch up to the growing demand, new attitudes and behaviors must emerge. It is trite to say that "you can't play the game without officials," but it is true. We in the educational community have a task to enhance the games we play - to provide continuing lessons through competitive sports. To do so we need to direct our efforts to expanding the number of officials. It is our obligation and our opportunity.



**Buckle Up for Love!**

## Persuasive Pepper

Trent Pepper, a Borden High School senior, has recently added to his list of accolades, this time in U.I.L. academic practice meets.

This past weekend, Pepper placed first in U.I.L. Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking at the Snyder Invitational Speech Meet. Competing against all classifications, he held his own and came out on top in the finals with a 1-1-2 decision from the judges. His topic concerned the possible missile defense system that President Bush is proposing. He received first place decisions in both of his preliminary rounds as well.

Pepper's recent success in Persuasive Speaking is not isolated to the past weekend. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, he also placed first in the event at the Abilene Wylie U.I.L. Invitational meet that was attended by over 30

schools ranging in size from 1A to 3A. He received straight ones in the preliminary, semifinal, and final rounds, speaking on topics such as President Bush's foreign policy objectives and tax cuts proposals.

Pepper then went from words to numbers as he also won the Calculator Applications contest at the same meet.

## Spelling Bee Results

Eight Borden County students competed in the Borden County Spelling Bee which was held in the Borden County ISD library on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Eight graders John Wilson and Casey Divin competed against sixth graders Reynaldo Hernandez, Rowdy Clary, John Cowart, Christina Soto, Lindsey Stamper, and Daniel Williams.

Spellers began to be eliminated after the sixth round until only Reynaldo

Many other Borden County High School students, in addition to Pepper, are busily working toward the upcoming District 9-A U.I.L. Academic Meet. The meet is being hosted by B.H.S. on March 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Borden High School is looking to either match or beat their second place district finishes from the last two years. A list of competitors will be published in the *Borden Star* in the coming weeks.

Hernandez and John Cowart were left standing. Reynaldo missed a word which was then correctly spelled by John. John then spelled the final word correctly to become the winner and advances to the regional bee in Lubbock on March 24, 2001. Reynaldo will serve as alternate. Congratulations to all contestants for their good showing due to preparation time and hard work. Good Luck to John Cowart in the regional bee.

### OFFICIAL BASKETBALL BOX SCORE -- G A M E T O T A L S Brookesmith High School vs Borden County High School Feb. 23 7:30 at Ligon Coliseum - Wichita Falls, TX

VISITORS: Brookesmith High School 33-3		REBOUNDS														
No.	N A M E	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
23	RICE, Randi	* 2-11	0-4	0-0	0	0	0	1	4	4	2	0	3	32		
24	MACKEY, Kayla	* 0-6	0-5	3-5	0	1	1	2	3	5	6	0	1	28		
32	BEEN, Kristi	* 2-8	0-1	0-0	2	5	7	0	4	1	0	0	0	18		
34	RICHMON, Buddie	* 3-3	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	3	8	1	3	0	1	25		
44	JENNINGS, Amy	* 5-11	0-0	2-2	3	7	10	3	12	0	3	2	7	31		
20	NEWTON, Maggie	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
21	NEWTON, Tessa	5-7	0-2	3-4	4	6	10	3	13	1	3	0	0	25		
TEAM		0-5		5												
TOTALS		17-46	0-12	10-13	10	26	36	12	44	12	17	2	12	160		
TOT-FG 1stH: 8-24 33.3%		2ndH: 9-22 40.9%		OT: 0-0 00.0%		Game: 37.0%		Deadbl								
3pt-FG 1stH: 0-5 00.0%		2ndH: 0-7 00.0%		OT: 0-0 00.0%		Game: 00.0%		Rebs								
FThrow 1stH: 2-2 100.0%		2ndH: 8-11 72.7%		OT: 0-0 00.0%		Game: 76.9%		0								

HOME TEAM: Borden County High School 19-13		REBOUNDS														
No.	N A M E	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
20	CULP, Kylia	* 0-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	1	5	0	1	17		
22	HENSLEY, Bekah	* 2-11	1-9	0-2	0	3	3	3	5	1	7	0	1	32		
42	KEMPF, Bobbie	* 2-11	1-8	4-8	2	5	7	1	9	5	1	0	3	27		
44	KEMPF, Dalene	* 4-6	0-0	1-3	3	4	7	2	9	0	3	0	1	32		
55	COPELAND, Rika	* 3-9	0-0	2-4	3	6	9	4	8	0	0	1	0	23		
10	GASS, Shayla	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
14	RODRIGUEZ, Pati	3-7	2-6	0-0	1	2	3	1	8	1	0	0	4	24		
32	ARELLANOS, Carolina	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	4		
TEAM		1-1		2												
TOTALS		14-46	4-24	7-17	12	22	34	13	39	9	17	1	11	160		
TOT-FG 1stH: 7-19 36.8%		2ndH: 7-27 25.9%		OT: 0-0 00.0%		Game: 30.4%		Deadbl								
3pt-FG 1stH: 1-9 11.1%		2ndH: 3-15 20.0%		OT: 0-0 00.0%		Game: 16.7%		Rebs								
FThrow 1stH: 1-6 16.7%		2ndH: 6-11 54.5%		OT: 0-0 00.0%		Game: 41.2%		4								

### OFFICIALS: Curtis Evans, Larry Duncan

TECHNICAL FOULS:  
Brookesmith High School - none  
Borden County High School - none

ATTENDANCE:		SCORE BY PERIODS:						
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Brookesmith High School		8	10	8	18			44
Borden County High School		5	11	8	15			39



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## Permian Basin Area Foundation's Marie Hall Scholarship Available

The Permian Basin Area Foundation announces that applications for the Marie Hall Scholarships are available for distribution to students who either (1) graduated from a high school located in one of the following counties, or (2) maintained a permanent residence for the last five years in one of the following counties:

**Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Scurry, Sterling, Ward, and Winkler.**

Scholarship awards, ranging generally from \$250 to \$1,500 per semester, are available to students of any academic pursuit. Recipients of the scholarship must attend one of the following colleges or universities:

- Angelo State University, San Angelo
- Howard College, Big Spring
- Midland College, Midland
- Odessa College, Odessa
- Sul Ross University, Alpine

- Texas Tech University, Lubbock
- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Midland - Odessa or Lubbock
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa

Interested students may request an application by contacting the financial aid office of one of the above listed educational institutions. Completed applications are to be returned to the financial aid offices by May 31, 2001.

## Why Do We Say Gesundheit?

I do remember my parents saying "God bless you" or "Gesundheit" after I sneezed. Is that a Yankee thing? The practice wasn't in use much during my college years at Baylor. I heard it a lot when I was in the Army, mostly from guys up north. I heard the phrase most when I attended classes in Mexico. When someone sneezed, the whole class shouted "Salud?" (health).

I really don't like to hear the phrase. I'm so shaken up during the violent upheaval going on in my nose and mouth during a sneeze I don't feel like saying "thank you."

It appears the practice of blessing sneezers originated in ancient Greek or Roman times, or perhaps even earlier. In 77AD, Pliny the Elder, a Roman naturalist, asked why Tiberius Caesar, who was most unsociable, would insist on a salutation when one sneezed.

According to folklore this custom comes from the idea that you are sneezing out your soul. People thought the soul could separate from the body, escaping through the sneeze or through a yawn, leaving one open to evil spirits. A variation of this idea is that the heart stops when you sneeze.

Some believed that because sneezing indicated the onset of illness, a blessing was invoked for protection.

Other folklore of sneezing: A sneeze before breakfast is the sign that you will hear exciting news before the end of the day.

Always say "God bless you" when you sneeze to keep the devil from flying down your throat.

Five consecutive sneezes

will bring you something new. If you sneeze at the table, you will have one more person to the next meal.

When someone sneezes say "God bless you and may the devil miss you."

When someone sneezes say "Gesundheit" (health). The sneezer must answer "Gesundheit ist besser vie krankheit" (health is better than sickness).

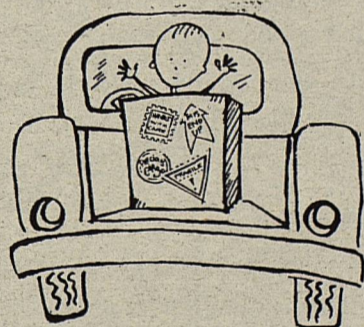
Sneezing between noon and midnight is a good omen. Sneezing between midnight and noon is a bad omen.

If you place a hand in front of your mouth when you sneeze, your soul won't escape.

A cat sneezing is a good omen for everyone who hears it. A sneezing cat means rain.

Sneezing to the right signifies prosperity.

When I turned to the Internet for information on sneezing. It directed me to some websites with erotic stories about sneezing. It said sneezing after sex prevents pregnancy. Does everything on the Internet take you to sex sites? I searched the Internet for the phrase "God bless you," expecting to find loads of information about that. There was only one. It dealt with religion.



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## West Texas Courthouses to Be on Display

"West Texas Courthouses - Past and Present" opens March 4<sup>th</sup> with a reception at the Scurry County Museum from 1 to 3 p.m. Nine counties have submitted items for display: Borden, Dawson, Fisher, Garza, Howard, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry. The reception will be hosted by the Scurry County Historical Commission that has also supported the reproductions of photographs and exhibit props.

Each county has provided photographs of past and current courthouses, as well as stories about each structure. The stories are presented in exhibit labels and well worth the time to read. A courthouse quiz will allow you the opportunity to discover which courthouse had to be torn down immediately upon being completed, which one had structural problems tow years after it was constructed, and which one had a dome removed!

Other interesting facts will

emerge about the people who occupied and events, which took place in the courthouses over the past 100 years. Newspaper clippings, photographs, courthouse records, poll tax receipts, and the three dimensional items, such as ballot boxes and courthouse furniture, are all part of the exhibit which has taken five months to assemble.

This is the first of several exhibits, which the nine counties will developed together. After the exhibit closes at the Scurry County Museum on March 22, it will be available as a traveling exhibit. It is anticipated to circulate first within the nine counties and then beyond.

For additional information, please call (915)573-6107. The Museum is located on Western Texas College's Campus at 6200 College Avenue, Snyder. The Museum is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. Other times can be arranged by appointment.

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BID REQUEST**

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District is in the process of requesting bids for school housing.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "HOUSE BID". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, March 2, 2001. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the board of trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposals that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to [jthomas@esc17.net](mailto:jthomas@esc17.net); or by calling 806/756-4313. (fax 806/756-4310)

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