

# THE BORDEN STAR

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## Austin Bound . . . Three B.H.S. Students Advance to U.I.L. Academic State Meet

The number "2" has gained a new significance for several Borden County High School Academic competitors following this weekend's U.I.L. Regional Academic Meet held at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. After placing second overall two weeks ago at the District 9-A U.I.L. Meet, Ross Aten, Bekah Hensley, and Trent Pepper have qualified for the U.I.L. Academic State Meet after placing second in their individual contests at the Region II-A Academic Meet.

Ross Aten advances to the State Meet for the second year in a row in Current Issues and Events. Aten placed second in the individual competition and led the B.H.S. Current Issues & Events Team to a second place finish. Completing the state alternate team are two seniors, Nick Flanigan and Robert Stamper.

Also advancing to the U.I.L. Academic State Meet is Bekah Hensley, who placed second in the Prose Interpretation competition. Hensley rose to the top of the region by defeating a state qualifier

from last year's contest in her preliminary round.

Trent Pepper decided advancing to state in one event was not enough, so he qualified in two. After hearing that he had placed second in Calculator Applications, he made the finals in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking. Pepper then went on to place second in the finals in order to advance to the State Meet in both events. He also placed fourth in Mathematics, thus making him the state alternate in that event.

Also representing B.H.S. at the regional meet were the Literary Criticism team consisting of Tom Griffin, Joseph Hardman, Erica Schooler, and Valerie Wootan. Griffin also competed in the Ready Writing contest.

Aten, Hensley, and Pepper will spend the next three weeks preparing for the State Meet, which is scheduled for May 4-6, 2000, on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin. Coaches Darrin Ard, Sue Jane Mayes, and Trey Richey will accompany the students as they compete.

## Devoted Teacher and Friend will be Greatly Missed



**Karan Lynn  
Robinson Key  
1945-2000**

Funeral services were held Sunday for Karan Key, longtime Borden County resident and teacher.

Burial followed in the Gail Cemetery with Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Snyder, officiating.

Mrs. Key died Friday in a Lubbock care center following a lengthy illness.

Born June 6, 1945 in Snyder, Mrs. Key was a graduate of Texas Tech and had been a teacher at Borden County School where she also served as cheerleader sponsor.

## Nurses Needed Now and in the Future

Mrs. Key had lived in Borden County 33 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brice and Darby Key of Gail, Grant Key of Lubbock; one daughter and son-in-law, Ralynn and Will Kirkpatrick of Post; her parents, Raymond and Helen Robinson of Snyder; two brothers, Richard Robinson of Hereford and Bo Robinson of Snyder; one sister, Connie Poarch of Georgetown; and two grandchildren, Olivia and Zoie Key of Gail.

Friends are contributing to the Borden County EMS in Gail or to the Karan Key Scholarship Fund at Snyder National Bank.

To match the national average of RNs per 100,000 population in 1998, Texas would have needed 40,000 more registered nurses, according to a comprehensive report on the supply of registered nurses in Texas released by the Nurse Workforce Data System Project. "This information will help us understand the variations in the supply and demand of registered nurses," said Nancy Ackley, RN, director of the Texas Nurses Foundation and manager of the project. "A few years ago, Texas experienced a surplus of registered nurses; today, shortages abound across the state. Under-

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To Commemorate the Easter Holidays,  
the Star on Gail Mountain  
will shine brightly beginning  
Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> through  
Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
In celebration of  
Christ the Risen Lord.



## District 9-A Tennis

### Coyotes & Lady Coyotes show good effort but come up short in matches

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the High school tennis teams traveled to Big Spring for the District 9-A Tennis Tournament. With seven teams competing, the Coyotes and Lady Coyotes went and gave their very best efforts.

The Lady Coyotes were represented by Lindsey Smith playing in the singles' bracket and two doubles teams consisting of Bobbie and Dalene Kempf and Abby Flanigan and Hailey Adcock.

Lindsey's first match was with Ashlee Coats of Wellman-Union. Lindsey lost the match by a score of 6-3, 6-2 and was eliminated from the tournament.

The Kempf twins played LaRue/Macias from Wellman-Union and lost their match by scores of 6-3, 7-6, and 7-4 and were also eliminated from the tournament.

The Lady Coyotes' other team of Flanigan and Adcock faced Cooper and Hanks of Grady and came up empty handed by being defeated by a score of 6-1, 6-2.

The Coyotes were represented by singles player, Talin Pepper, who faced a very talented player from Loop, Adam Espinoza. Talin had some great rallies, but couldn't put his opponent away and lost the match 6-2, 6-3.

First year doubles team of Rowdy Dunlap and Lee pepper, won their first match against Medina and Rodriquez of Dawson 6-1, 6-1 and advanced to meet the number one-seeded team from Loop, the Arriaga twins. The Arriaga twins didn't allow Rowdy and Lee too much

breathing room beating the pair 6-0, 6-0.

The senior team from the Coyotes of Robert Stamper and Nick Flanigan, were pitted against Loop's other doubles team in their first match. Hernandez/Espinoza from Loop looked to be a pretty easy match after the Coyote team won the first set 6-1. Then the Loop pair came back and won the next set 8-6. Stamper and Flanigan had to have the final set and prevailed with a score of 6-3. In the second round, they faced the number two-seeded team from Grady, Hinojosa/Tate. The Grady pair allowed Stamper and Flanigan one game in the first set before winning the match 6-1, 6-0.

#### COACHES COMMENTS: By Coach Winegarner

I appreciate all of these athletes for showing an interest in tennis and for representing Borden County. I'll be losing some of these, but for those that remain, with a little summertime work on the courts good things could certainly lie ahead.

## Jr. High Tennis Teams compete in Big Spring

The Junior High Tennis teams traveled to Big Spring on April 8<sup>th</sup>. with some very young and competitive Coyotes representing Borden County with excitement and some nervousness.

First time doubles pairs, Emily Mayes and Shayla Gass and Cassidy Rinehart and LaShae Johnson did very well. Cassidy and LaShae played their match against the team of Blagrave/Yabarra from Sands. It was a nip and tuck match as Cassidy and LaShae pulled off the win with an 8-6 score. In the second round match, they met the number two-seeded team from Grady, Montoya/Spradling. Cassidy and LaShae put up a great battle, but lost by a score of 8-5. This loss sent them to the third place match against Emily Mayes and Shayla Gass.

Emily and Shayla played a first round match against Cleates/Yeakes of Dawson coming out victorious by score of 8-1. Their second round match was against Pinkerton/Tubbs of Grady. Emily and Shayla lead throughout the match and were ahead 6-5, but then allowed Pinkerton/

Tubbs to win the last three games, thus losing by a score of 8-6. This loss set up the match between the two Missy Coyote teams.

Cassidy Rinehart and LaShae Johnson came out on fire winning the first few games, but then Emily and Shayla finished the match with a flurry and won 8-4. Cassidy and LaShae ended as the fourth place team overall.

Emily and Shayla had to wait for the two teams from Grady to play to see if they would get a chance for a playback and an opportunity to play for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. It ended up that they played Montoya/Spradling from Grady for second place. Montoya/Spradling allowed Emily and Shayla one game in the match and won by the score 8-1 sending the young Missy Coyotes home with third place medals.

The two teams brought home the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team plaque from the District 9-A Tennis tournament.

In the boy's action, Garrett Chapman of Borden County represented the Coyotes well by winning consolation in singles play. His first match was with Pribyla of Grady. Pribyla defeated Garrett by a score of 8-1. Garrett then went on to defeat Osborne of Loop in his second round match by a score of 8-2. The consolation game was played between Pedroza of Dawson and Garrett. Chapman started out with a good lead then lost a few games before finishing victorious with a score of 8-4.

Clay John Anderson showed great tennis skills and defeated Muniz of Loop in his first round match with a score of 8-0. After a short break, he was matched against Grady's best, the number

one seed of the tournament, Madison. Clay John had some very good rallies, but came up on the losing side by a score of 8-0. Anderson's next match was for 3<sup>rd</sup> place against Gibson of Loop. Clay John gave Gibson a run for his money, but ended a little short with a score of 8-5. Clay Johnson finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Kyle Pinkerton and John Stamper, the veterans of the team, faced Villa and Mitchell of Grady, Pinkerton/Stamper easily won 8-6. They then met the number one seeded duo from Wellman-Union, Dill and Samaniego. John and Kyle fought a good battle only to lose 8-3 sending them to play for 3<sup>rd</sup> place against Mercado/Tankersley of Wellman-Union. The pair from Wellman-Union took the match 8-4 thus giving John and Kyle 4<sup>th</sup> place in the tournament.


Evan Winegarner and Ben Griffin, first time doubles players, played Mercado/Tankersley from Wellman-Union and fought hard producing a good come-back before falling 8-6. Holder and Pearley of Dawson were up next for Evan and Ben. The Borden County pair took the match by score of 8-2 earning them the right to play for consolation. In this game, they met Wiley/Woods of Sands winning three games before being defeated 8-3.

#### COACHES COMMENTS: By Coach Winegarner

I appreciate the interest that these athletes have shown in the tennis program and look forward to seeing more matches and games won by these students. They need to work this summer to perfect their game and be ready for next Spring. Great Job!

**Parents Club Pre-School  
Easter Egg Hunt**

There will be a Pre-school  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>,  
at 2:45 P.M.  
At the Borden Co.  
Park Pavilion.  
Please bring 1 dozen  
Candy Filled Eggs



**Hope to see you there!**



## Boys' and Girls' Take Team Titles Track Teams Prepare for Area with Wins in Qualifiers' Meet

Borden County High School will ride some momentum going in to Thursday's area track meet as a result of strong showings at last week's qualifiers' meet in Wellman.

The girls brought home the team championship trophy, scoring 101 points to runner-up Rankin's 78. This is the third time this year that Coach Bobby Avery's girls have brought home a first-place team trophy, having won at Jayton and also at the district meet.

Coach Richey's guys duplicated the feat with their 96 points. This title comes a week after their district championship.

Both track teams will be at Abilene-Wylie on Thursday for the area meet. The top four finishers will advance to regional April 28 and 29 in Abilene.

### QUALIFIER RESULTS

#### Girls

Relays—400m 5<sup>th</sup> (58.17)

Pati Rodriguez, Kylia Culp, Carolina Arrelanos, Laura Stamper; 800m 5<sup>th</sup> (2:02.90) Rodriguez, Culp, Rika Copeland, Valerie Wootan; mile relay 2<sup>nd</sup> (4:29.16) Bekah Hensley, Micah Hensley, Valerie Wootan, Julie Mayes

**Field Events—Rika Copeland**, 1<sup>st</sup> in shot put (35' 8 1/2") and 3<sup>rd</sup> in discus (81' 9 3/4")

**Running Events—Holly Thomas**, 1<sup>st</sup> in 3200m run (13:42.75) and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1600m run (6:00.00); **Crystal Dye**, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100m hurdles (17.72) and 4<sup>th</sup> in 300m hurdles (54.04); **J. Mayes**, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 400m dash (65.19); **Bobbie Kempf**, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 3200m and 1600m runs (14:49.79 and 6:27.27); **Dalene Kempf**, 4<sup>th</sup> in 3200m run (14:56.77); **Micah Hensley**, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 300m hurdles (51.21) and 5<sup>th</sup> in 100m hurdles (18.82); **Carolina Arrelanos** and **Laura Stamper** also ran the 100m dash, and **Pati Rodriguez** and **Kylia**

**Culp** also ran the 200m dash.

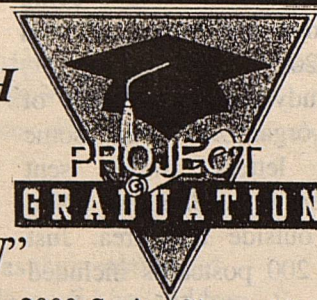
#### Boys

**Relays—400m relay 3<sup>rd</sup>** (45.69) (Ed Rodriguez, Joseph Hardman, Robert Stamper, Rowdy Dunlap); mile relay 1<sup>st</sup> (Tom Griffin, J. Hardman, Trent Pepper, T.C. Stipe) 3:34.74

**Field Events—Lee Pepper** 4<sup>th</sup> in pole vault (12'0"); **Ramon Griffin** (10'0"); **E. Rodriguez** 4<sup>th</sup> in long jump (18' 9 1/2") and 4<sup>th</sup> in triple jump (38' 9 1/2"); **T. J. Sharp** 3<sup>rd</sup> in discus (125')

**Running Events—Trent Pepper** 1<sup>st</sup> in 3200m run and mile run (10:09.98 and 4:39.93); **Robert Stamper** 1<sup>st</sup> in 300m hurdles (42.37) and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 110m hurdles (16.27); **T. C. Stipe** 1<sup>st</sup> in 800m run (58.18); **Payton Brown** (66.13); 400m dash participants **T. C. Stipe** (55.58), **Rowdy Dunlap** (55.48), **Ed Rodriguez** (57.38); **Payton Brown**, mile run (5:26.85).

## BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL "PROJECT GRADUATION"



Parents and friends of the 2000 Senior Class of Borden County High School are asking for donations for "Project Graduation". Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol free celebration for graduation night.

This project helps make this very important event in the lives of our children SAFER and helps to make a very memorable evening for all. Your gifts and donations will be greatly appreciated and will help make this night even more exciting.

You may send your donations to: "BHS Project Graduation" in care of Borden County I.S.D. P.O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738 or contact any senior parent or the school.

## Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

### Applications are now being accepted

Applications are currently being accepted for the **Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship**. Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 15th, 2000. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**Brandon Adcock 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 evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate from 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.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the selection committee by the Brandon Adcock Family, and the committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

## Pre-school Day

Pre-School day has been set for Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. If your child will be five (5) years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000, he/she may attend school in the fall of 2000.

The day will begin at 7:55 a.m. and dismiss at 12:30 p.m. This will be an early dismissal day for the entire school.

Your child will be able to meet their class-room teacher, Mrs. Smith, their principal, their P.E. Coach, music teacher and everyone that will be involved with them in their school day.

A social security card, immunization records, and a birth certificate are needed for pre-registration.

Please notify the bus driver in your area, if your child plans to ride the bus. Lunch will be provided by the school for all pre-school children.

We are looking forward to visiting with you and your child. If you have any questions, please call the school at 806/756-4313.



### Menu

Lunch: \$1.00 K-6th  
\$1.25 7th-12th  
Breakfast: .50c

April 25-28

#### MONDAY:

**NO SCHOOL**  
**Easter Holiday**

#### TUESDAY:

Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Green Peas, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk

**Breakfast:** Muffin, Fruit, Juice & Milk

**WEDNESDAY:** Pizza, Corn, Salad, Fruit & Milk

**Breakfast:** Waffles, Fruit, Juice & Milk

**THURSDAY:** Enchilada Casserole, Green Beans, Carrots, Tortilla Chips, Pudding & Milk

**Breakfast:** Sausage, Biscuit, Juice, & Milk

**FRIDAY:** Sloppy Joe, Tater Tots, Salad, Cookie & Milk

**Breakfast:** Pancake Pups, Fruit, Juice, & Milk





## Coyote reunion needs names, addresses

An every-five year death, and graduation class reunion of students teaches and employees of Borden County ISD is being planned for August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. 2000.

Judy Kingston, one of the organizers, said some 450 letters were sent earlier to individuals who live outside this area. Just over 200 postcards included with those letters have been returned.

Kingston is encouraging everyone who received a letter to return the card with his or her name on it. Anyone outside the area who did not get a letter should send his or her name, address and graduation year to Kingston at Rt. 1, Box 118, O'Donnell, TX 79351. She also may be contacted by phone at (806) 439-6686 or e-mail at [jrdkings@poka.com](mailto:jrdkings@poka.com).

Letters were not sent to most people with Gail, O'Donnell, Vealmoor, Fluvanna, Snyder and Big Spring addresses. Kingston said anyone in those areas who want information on the reunion may also send their name, address and graduation year to her.

"If you know of the death of any student, teacher or employee, please send their name, year of

death, and graduation class year, if a student," she said.

All information is needed before May 2<sup>nd</sup>, when the organizing committee holds its last meeting before mailing out letters with details about the reunion. That meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Gail. Everyone is encouraged to attend and help make final plans.



**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**

Michael A. Guido  
Metter, Georgia

Psychology students in North Carolina took two rats and put them in different containers that were half full of water.

One was sealed. Escape was impossible. The rat gave up and died in less than three minutes.

The other was partially sealed. Escape was possible. That rat swam for thirty-six hours before dying of exhaustion.

The difference? Hope.

Life for the disciples was about to cave in. What enabled them to go on and preach the gospel? Hope.

Our Lord said, "In My Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you. I will come again, and receive you unto Myself."

## Applications for the Marie Hall Scholarships are 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 resident 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:

1. Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas
2. Howard College, Big Spring, Texas
3. Midland College, Midland, Texas
4. Odessa College, Odessa, Texas
5. Sul Ross University, Alpine, Texas
6. Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
7. Texas Tech University

Health Sciences Center, Midland, Odessa or Lubbock

8. University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa, Texas

Applications may request an application by contacting the financial aid office of one of the above educational institutions. Completed applications are to be returned to the financial aid offices by May 31, 2000.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 2000. 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.

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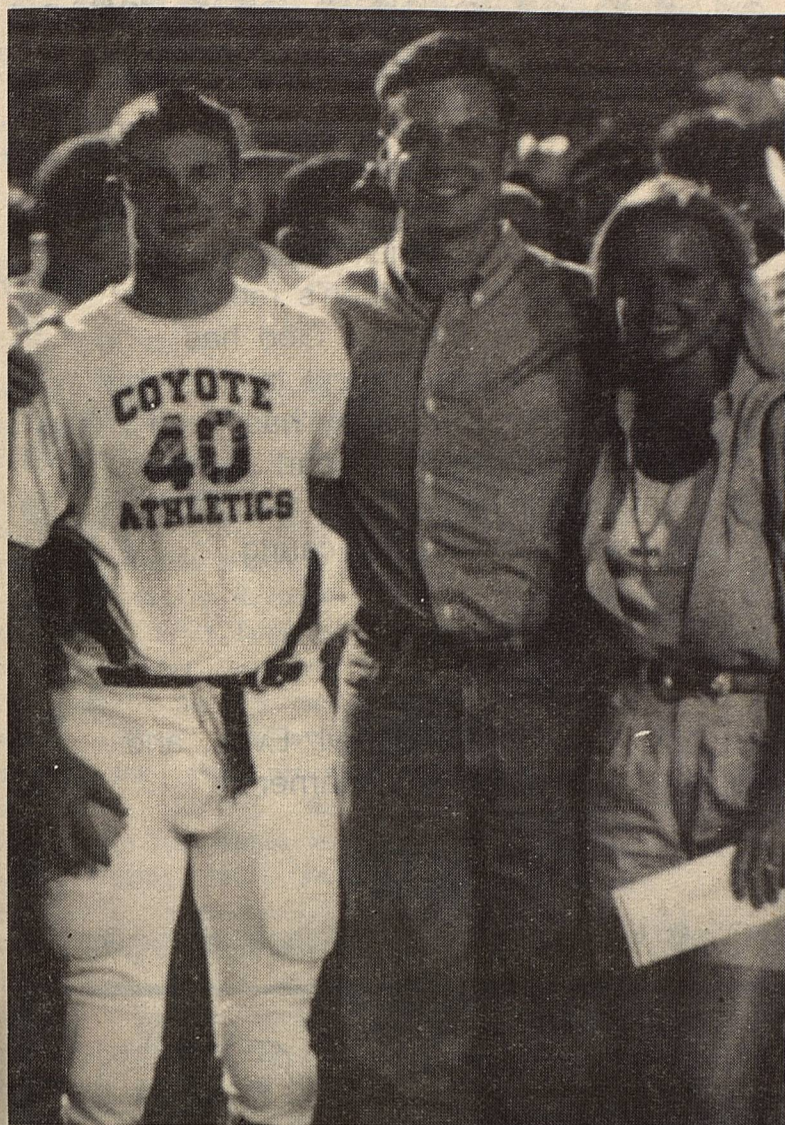


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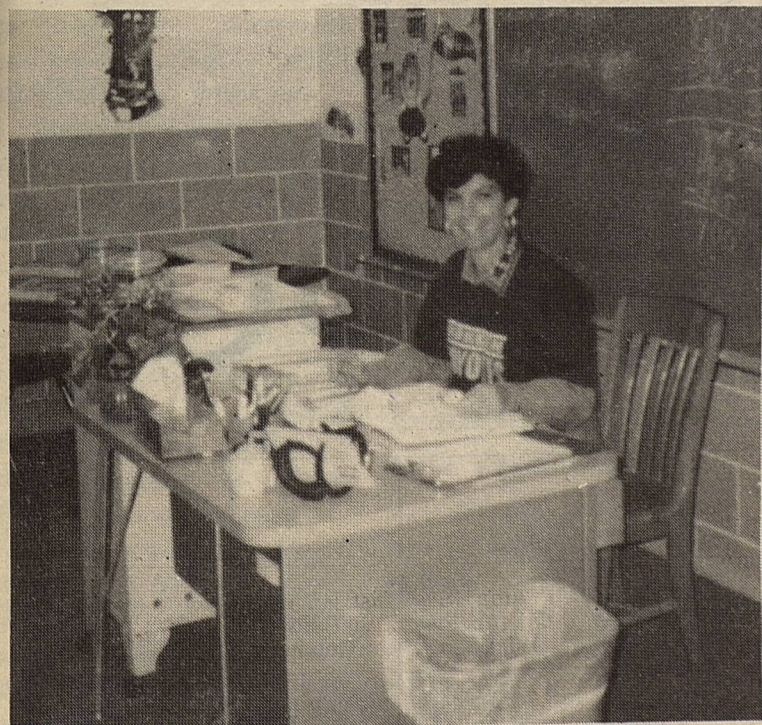
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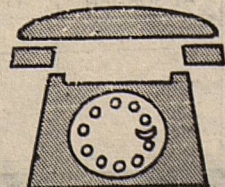
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a eulogy for their mother

Their mother was not the thread that held them together. She was the seamstress, the maker of their quilt—and what a beautiful pattern she created in the three of them. And in her work, she labored with threads unique to her that made her quilt what it was.

She used the threads of devotion.

This person in their lives whose loss they now grieve—and rightfully so—was devoted to her children...to their interests, to their well being, to their education, to their triumphs, and a devoted presence in their struggles...a devotion that comes instinctively from a mother's heart.

She used the threads of joy.

Few people had as beautiful and captivating a smile as their mother did. And nothing, no one gave her as great a reason to smile, as did her children. Throughout the years of athletics and cheerleading and academic and musical accomplishments, during the AJRA and stock show years, their mother was there to share those fun times with them. It is what she lived for. And, after the three of them were gone from Borden County Schools, she transferred her joy to the children she taught. Mother became Mrs. Key, and as any good teacher will do, she loved her school children with a similar joy.

She used the threads of diligence.

Her labors at home and at school were marked by the drive to do them well. She organized and agonized over details to make things work right, and this drive for perfection was not one of an obsessive-compulsive nature—it was a reflection of someone doing her best because that is what one is supposed to do.

And finally, their mother used the thread that tied everything together—love....a word that is easily spoken and spoken of, but one that is hard to get right in so many relationships. Never did she waver in the love she had for the three of them. The sweetest words in her vocabulary were Brice, Ralynn, and Grant. Her success as a person can now be measured not by how wonderfully she always dressed—and she did—or how courageously she fought this disease—and she did.

Her success is now seen in them:

In Brice, as a husband and father.

In Ralynn, as a wife, a teacher.

And in Grant, as a young man finishing college with a promising future.

The three of them now as brothers and sister will use devotion, joy, diligence and love to hold their family together in the years to come.

The seamstress is no longer with them, but they can wrap themselves in her quilt.

It is her legacy to them  
and will warm their broken hearts until they see her  
in another time, another place.

**Borden Co. EMS Memorials**

The following donations have been made to the Borden County EMS

**In Memory Of:**

**Horace Boyd**

By Bo & Jacque Hendricks  
Ross & Sarah Sharp  
Margaret Sharp

**Carolyn Stone**

By: Ms. John Dennis and Family

**C.C. Nunnally**

By: Ms. John Dennis and Family

**Morris Miller**

By: Ms. John Dennis and Family

**Fran Bennett**

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## Pawn Shop Surgery

Bill Murchison was trying to put in some new light bulbs in his apartment in Huntsville. The light fixture was on the ceiling, so Bill got a chair to stand on while he screwed in the light bulbs. Now bill is one of those impulsive types who takes what is handy to get the job done.

The closet chair happened to be one that was on rollers.

"It rolled one way and I fell the other way," says Bill. "I was unconscious for a few moments and woke up to find I had broken both wrists."

The doctor put casts on both of Bill's arms and told him to come back in seven weeks to have the casts removed.

Bill happened to be out of town when it was time to take the casts off his arms. So he decided to do it himself.

"I went to Wal-Mart and looked in the tool department. The only thing I found that I thought I could use was hacksaw. I bought it, went to my car and sat in the Wal-Mart parking lot and sawed on the cast. My left hand was stronger than my right, so I sawed the right cast off."

He was exhausted after the ordeal and decided to tackle his left cast later.

"After a day or so, it was running me crazy," says Bill.

He was driving in Henreitta, Oklahoma when he thought he found a solution to his problem.

"I looked to my left and saw a sign that said

'Pawn Shot and Tools.' I slammed on the brakes and came to a screeching halt in front of the place. I told the owner what I needed to do. He said he had a little vibrating tool that would do the job.

"I looked at it and realized it was like what the doctors used to vibrate through the plaster. If it hits your skin it won't cut you. I asked the man if he would let me rent it or buy it. HE said I could just borrow it and told me to go to the back of the pawn shop to take off the cast."

- MAY CALENDAR**  
 May 2 - FFA Lone Wolf Spring Meet at Ira 4:00  
 May 3 - FFA Lone Wolf District Banquet at Loraine  
 May 4 - 6 - State Academic UIL  
 May 9 - FFA Banquet at Borden County  
 May 11 - Spring Concert  
 May 12 - Weather Day HOLIDAY  
 May 12 & 13 - Band Trip, State Track Meet  
 May 16 - Awards Banquet  
 May 19 - Junior Senior Banquet  
 May 21 - Baccalaureate  
 May 25 - Junior High Graduation - 8:00  
 May 26 - High School Graduation - 8:00

Now Bill's right wrist still didn't have much strength in it and he couldn't bear down like he needed to. The pawn shop owner and one of his clerks went to the back to see how Bill was coming along.

"I told them I wasn't having much luck because of my weak right arm. They offered to help."

The pawn shop owner weighted around 300 pounds. He took the vibrating tool and cut right through the cast all the way to Bill's elbow.

"After about 30 minutes, he and I and the clerk managed to get that cast off. There was a webbing material between my arm and the cast, but that proved to be no problem. The clerk went and got a big knife and cut it off nice and neat."

When Bill went to see his doctor he dismissed Bill. "HE told me he didn't see nay use in keeping me as a patient anymore."

A simple thank you seems so inadequate to convey our appreciation for the cards, gifts, phone calls, personal visits, and prayers during and after Ethan's recent accident and surgery. God has answered those prayers in a mighty way. Ethan's recovery has been remarkable thanks in part to your prayers for him. What a joy to live in such a loving and caring community!

Gailan, Sheryl, Evan, and Ethan Winegarner

**Drive Safely**



Watch out for the Children . . .

# April 2000

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2	3 District HS Tennis at Big Spring	4	5 Dist. HS Golf @ Gaines County	6 Area HS One-Act Play @ Eden	7 Dist. HS Track @ Borden County	8 Area FFA Judging @ Texas Tech JH Dist. Tennis @ Big Spring
9	10	11 TAAS 3-8 Math <small>Cheerleading Applications due by noon.</small>	12 TAAS 3-8 Reading	13 TAAS 8th Social Studies	14 TAAS 8th Science End 5th Six Weeks Regional Academic Meet at Abilene	15 Area Qualifiers Meet @ Wellman State FFA Judging at Texas Tech
16	17 Dist. East Zone JH Track at Sands	18 Cheerleading Tryouts	19 Band Contest & Sight Reading @ Sundown	20 Area HS Track (Wife or Merkel) State FFA Judging @ Tarleton	21 HOLIDAY!	22
23 <small>Foster</small>	24 HOLIDAY! (Weather Day)	25	26 TASP TESTING AT BORDEN COUNTY ISD	27	28 Mobile Dairy Unit Regional Track at ACU	29 State FFA Judging-A&M Floydada Band Festival at 3:30
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## Nurses Needed Now and in the Future

### Unique Report Analyzes Nurse Workforce Data

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standing why is possible only with good information about nurses in the workforce, their careers and their changing work environments," Ackley added.

*The Supply of Registered Nurses: First Look at Available Data* organizes data gathered on registered nurses from different sources for the period 1994-1998. Among the findings are that nurses are aging, retiring early, and withdrawing in increasingly larger numbers from active participation in the workforce. The average employed RN in 1998 was 44 years of age. The situation is not improving according to the report, which shows that nursing graduates are decreasing and nursing schools' applicant pools are shrinking.

Due to changes in the manner in which health care is delivered, "Substantial adjustments in the size and quality of the workforce" are required, according to Antonio Furino, Ph.D., director of the Center for Health Economics and Policy at the University of Texas (Health Science Center) at San Antonio and project director. "Without timely information and effective communication, a good match between preferences and decisions by nurses, educators and employers is unlikely to occur," the lead researcher said.

The reduction in the average length-of-stay of hospital patients has not curtailed the employment of RNs in hospitals as much as expected. In fact, vacancy rates in Texas hospitals for most nurse specialties have been increasing, according to the

report. "As major employers of registered nurses, Texas hospitals want to break the cycle of shortages and surpluses," said Elizabeth Sjoberg, NR, J.D., associate general counsel for the Texas Hospital Association and project coordinator for THA's nonprofit foundation, the Texas Institute for Health Policy Research, one of three partners in the project.

"Nurses are essential to delivering high quality health care to the more than 22 million patients who are admitted or treated at Texas hospitals each year," Sjoberg said. "As the nursing workforce ages, hospitals are eager to attract young people to the nursing profession, and to provide a working environment that provides career satisfaction for these important caregivers."

The information con-

tained in *The Supply of Registered Nurses: First Look at Available Data* will assist those who are considering a career in nursing, practicing nurses, employers, educators, policy makers, and the public. The report has seven sections, including "Texas Demographics" and "Health Care in Texas," which provide details about the practice of nursing in Texas. Other sections provide a demographic profile of practicing RNs, education and training, employment status and RN education and training programs. Texas and U.S. statistics for the period 1983-1998 are compared. Information is grouped by three regions: urban, rural and border counties.

Through subsequent research, the partnership will gather information about market incentives, career plans, educational opportunities and changing demographics in the nurse workforce.

While nursing workforce data have been available from a number of state agencies and trade associations, the scope,

comprehensiveness and comparability of the information have been limited. The Nurse Workforce Data System Project will change the situation by filling the nurse workforce information gap with valid, empirical data collected and analyzed systematically. "We are creating a permanent data collection, analysis and dissemination system that will produce, over the years, timely reports about health care and nurses in Texas," Ackley explained. This information will assist educators, policy-makers and employers, and help ensure a stable workforce for the future.

The Nurse Workforce Data System Project is a partnership of the Texas Nurses Foundation, a nonprofit foundation of the Texas Nurses Association; the Texas Institute for Health Policy Research, the non-profit foundation of the Texas Hospital Association; and the Center for Health Economics and Policy at the University of Texas (Health Science Center) at San Antonio.

Copies of the report maybe purchased by contacting the Texas Nurses Foundation at 512/452-7015, or visit the TNA's Web site at [www.texasnurses.org](http://www.texasnurses.org).

## Kids' Nutrition Q&A

**Q:** Won't giving children Easter candy promote poor eating habits?

**A:** Banning the Easter bunny could backfire by making sweets seem more desirable, said Dr. Theresa Nicklas, a nutritionist who studies children's diets and eating behaviors at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Children who feel deprived of sweets might actually become secret eaters who consume lots of candy when parents aren't around.

According to Nicklas, as long as a child's overall diet includes adequate amounts of fruits, vege-

tables, dairy products, whole grains and meats, a small, sweet treat after a meal is a harmless pleasure. It's when sweets replace these foods in a child's diet that parent should be concerned.

Although letting children have occasional sweets after meals is fine Nicklas discouraged using sweets as a reward.

To help limit the amount of candy children receive, consider adding kid-friendly non-food treats like coloring books, stickers, and small toys to Easter baskets.

## PET HEALTH CLINIC

### Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Dr. Sid Hanslik  
Big Spring, Texas

#### Offering:

- Rabies Vaccination - \$6.00 (per dog/cat)
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## Bringing Your Boat Out Of Winter Storage

Boat enthusiasts know that better climates are approaching and that maintenance is a necessary safeguard in ensuring your vessel is in tip-top condition for water.

Boats require an expended amount of upkeep to preserve safe performance and the watercraft's market value. Take steps to ensure the safety of your boat by referring to your owner's manual to find specific maintenance instruction.

To prepare your boat for open season, Progressive Insurance recommends the following check points:

**1. Change the Engine Oil and Spark Plugs.** Many boats manufacturer recommend that you change the engine oil and filter twice a year - prior to storage and in the spring. During storage, the oil can separate causing a condensation buildup that may harm your engine. While you're there, replace the spark plugs. Be sure to set the gaps to the recommended manufacturer's setting using a gap setting tool.

**2. Prepare the Outdrive.** The outdrive has many parts that need your attention. Check or change the oil in the gear housing, inspect the seals for signs of deterioration, check the power steering oil level and grease the entire drive.

**3. Check Battery.** Clean the cables and terminals with a wire brush and reconnect. Depending on your battery, you may have to fill the cells with distilled water.

**4. Flush the Cooling System.** If you drained the cooling system and filled with a mixture of antifreeze and water to prevent freezing during

storage, you need to flush and replace with a proper coolant. be sure to check for cracks in all hoses and replace if necessary.

**5. Check the Fuel System.** Replace the fuel filter and examine the fuel lines for cracks and make sure they are connected and supported with approved clips and straps. you should also inspect fuel tanks and pumps for leaks.

**6. Other Basic Maintenance.** Be sure to check the belts for signs of wear and tear. Inspect the bilge pump, adjust the steering cables and check all navigational equipment.

**7. Prepare the Hull.** Visually inspect the hull for signs of cracking and peeling paint. Seal any cracks with a marine sealant approved for your type of boat, wait for the sealant to cure and prepare the hull for painting below the water line. After painting, apply a high quality wax to the hull above the waterline and deck, avoiding areas where passengers may walk.

**8. Prepare the Trailer.** If you will be towing your boat, don't forget to inspect

the trailer. Check the tires and spare for cracks, worn treads and correct tire pressure. Check and grease the hubs. The back up and taillights should be tested. If needed, replace the bulbs and cracked wires. you may also want to operate the winch to be sure it is working properly.

**9. Prepare the Safety Equipment.** Even after all the mechanical components have been checked, you should never board a boat that does not have properly working safety equipment. Take the time to inspect personal floatation devices, check the expiration dates on fire extinguishers, replace old fire extinguishers, replace old flares, test the radio and sound all warning horns.

**10. Be Sure You're Covered.** After making all the routine checks listed above, be sure to check your insurance policy and review your coverage's to make sure they meet your current needs. (Call 1-888-BOAT-PRO or an Independent Agent to get estimates on various boat coverage's.) If you have added any equipment, you'll want to make sure it is covered.

Taking the time to be prepared will ensure an enjoyable and safe boating season.

*Thank You! I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You. I appreciate your words of encouragement, support and most of all, taking time out of your busy schedule to vote. I am looking forward to serving the people of Borden County come November.*

*Sincerely,  
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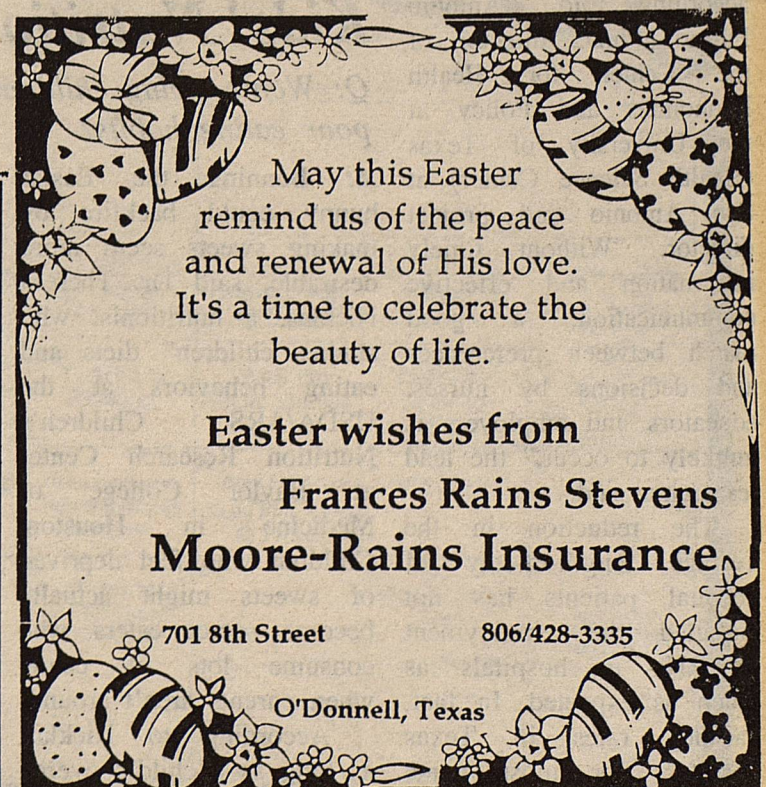
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