

# THE BORDEN STAR

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## Meet The COYOTES 2000!

Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.  
6:00 p.m.

Home Scrimmage against Jayton  
Practice Field

Immediately following the scrimmage,  
all the High school students will be  
introduced.

Everyone is asked to bring either Home-  
made-Ice cream, or brownies, cookies  
& goodies to enjoy.

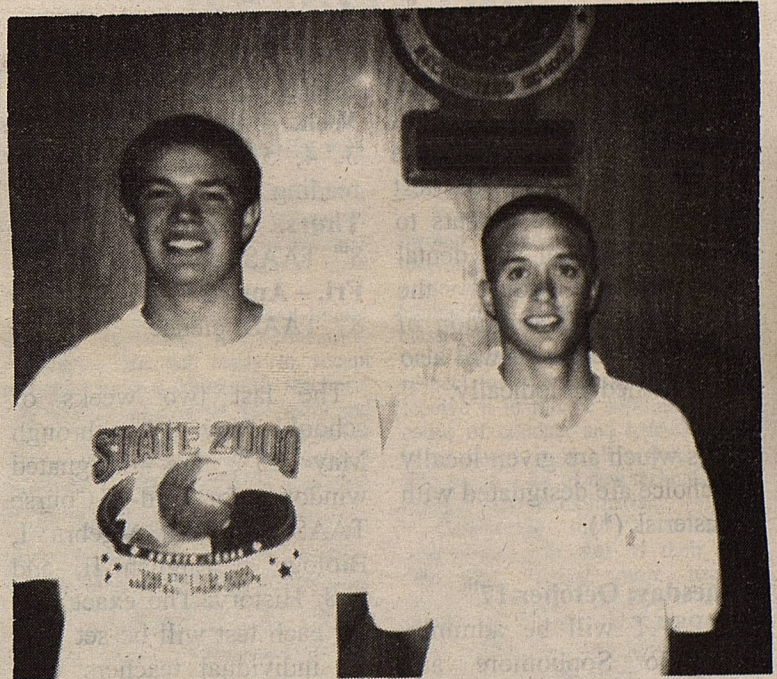
Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and  
enjoy watching the Coyote scrimmage.

## Two BHS Seniors attend Boys State Conference

Trent Pepper and Ross Aten, two Borden County seniors, attended The Boys State Conference on June 3 through 9. The Boys State program is sponsored by the American Legion with the objective of "educating our youth in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American Citizenship." Approximately 900 boys were in attendance and were separated into two political parties, which were then divided into districts, counties, cities and precincts.

Both Trent and Ross campaigned actively for leading roles by making speeches before the entire assembly of 900. Trent was elected state convention delegate, state party secretary and Supreme Court Justice. He said, "It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I met young people who, in all probability, will be the future leaders of Texas. I'm thankful to Mrs. Airhart for pursuing and arranging this opportunity, to Mr. Ard for helping me with my speaking skills and to the George S. Berry American Legion Post in Lubbock for sponsoring me."

Ross, too, made good use of his personal charm and speaking abilities as he was selected state delegate, placed on the Rules Committee and Platform Committee, and



BHS Students attend Boys State Conference: Ross Aten and Trent Pepper

named co-chair of the Appropriations Committee. He also expressed his appreciation for this opportunity. "I really enjoyed Boy's State, and I wouldn't trade this week for the world. I would like to thank Mrs. Airhart for finally talking me into going, and I would

especially like to thank Mr. Thomas and the school for sponsoring me. It was fantastic!"

Trent is the son of Kelly and Lisa Pepper of the Plains Community and Ross is the son of Bill and Donna Aten of Post.

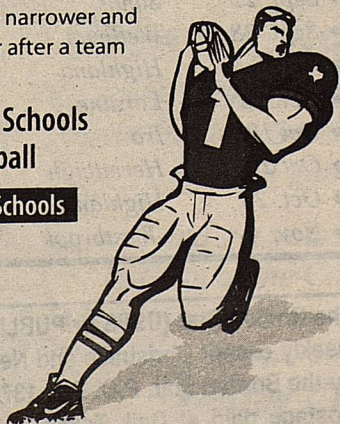
## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Six-Man Football—A Texas Tradition

For small town high schools with less than 94 students, Friday nights in the Fall mean one thing—Texas Six Man Football. It's fast, exciting and high-scoring. It's played on a smaller field (80 yards long and 40 yards wide), the goal posts are narrower and the game may end at halftime or later after a team leads by 45 points.

#### States with the Most High Schools Playing Six-Man Football

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Texas      | 92 Schools |
| Nebraska   | 20 Schools |
| Montana    | 16 Schools |
| Colorado   | 16 Schools |
| New Mexico | 12 Schools |



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)), Texas University Interscholastic League, and National Federation of State High School Associations Handbook.

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*From the Counselor:  
By Mary Airhart*

**Important Testing Dates  
Announced by Counselor**

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) is one basis for evaluating the public school districts of Texas. Every public school student in the state is required to take the TAAS on certain dates and under secure conditions established by state authorities. TAAS results are used by Borden County School administrators and staff to evaluate programs and improve instruction. Cooperation between parents and the school is essential for students success, and the following schedule of test dates may enable parents to schedule medical and dental appointments around the dates or in the afternoon of test dates. Reminder will also be published periodically.

Tests which are given locally by choice are designated with an asterisk (\*).

\*Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> the PSAT will be administered to Sophomore and Junior students.

October dates are for TAAS EXIT retest only  
Tues. - Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> = Writing  
Wed. - Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> = Math  
Thurs. - Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> = Reading

February TAAS dates:  
Tues. February 20<sup>th</sup> = EXIT

(10<sup>th</sup>), 8<sup>th</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade TAAS Writing  
Wed. - Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> = EXIT level (10<sup>th</sup>) math  
Thurs. - Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> = EXIT level (10<sup>th</sup>) reading

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> :  
\*Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be taking the IOWA TEST OF BASIC SKILLS (ITBS) this week as the following take the TAAS

Tues. - April 24<sup>th</sup> = grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 TAAS math  
Wed. - April 25<sup>th</sup> = grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 TAAS reading  
Thurs. - April 26<sup>th</sup> = grade 8<sup>th</sup> TAAS social studies  
Fri. - April 27<sup>th</sup> = grade 8<sup>th</sup> TAAS science

The last two weeks of school, May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 25<sup>th</sup>, are designated windows for End-of-Course TAAS tests in Algebra I, Biology I, English II, and U.S. History. The exact date for each test will be set later by individual teachers with administrative approval.

Illness and/or accidents may occur, but, hopefully, this schedule will prevent conflicts between testing and medical or dental appointments. As always, we appreciate your help and support to make our students successful

**Children  
with "Special  
Needs"**

Who exactly is a child with "special needs?" We know that all children have needs and that every child is special. However, the needs of some children are greater than or differ from those of the "typical" child. The special need might be in the area of mental, social, emotional, or physical development. If you are the parent or a friend of a child that might qualify for individual services, call Johnnye Smith, Special Education Director at 806/756-4313, or contact the Child Find Coordinator at the Education Center at 806/792-4000.

**School Lunch  
Menu**

Week of:  
September 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY:**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**TUESDAY:** Corn dog, salad, cheese potatoes, fruit cris & milk. **Breakfast:** Muffin, fruit, juice & milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
Cheeseburger Mac, spinach, beans, corn bread, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, fruit, juice & milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Steak fingers, potatoes, corn, hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Sausage, biscuits, juice & milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Hamburger, French fries, salad cup, cake & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancake pup, fruit, juice & milk



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a kid off drugs?**

The truth is, a little of your time can make a lifetime of difference. Because kids with something to do are less likely to do drugs. You can help. For more information on drug prevention programs in your community, call or visit:  
**1 877 KIDS 313**  
**www.youcanhelpkids.org**  
Office of National Drug Control Policy

**2000 COYOTE  
FOOTBALL ROSTER  
High School**

| No. | Name            | Class | Ht.   | Wt. | Position |
|-----|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|----------|
| 1   | Dan Griffin     | Fr.   | 5'10" | 140 | RB/DB    |
| 4   | Tom Griffin     | Sr.   | 5'11" | 140 | QB/S     |
| 5   | Billy Patterson | Sr.   | 5'11" | 155 | E/E      |
| 7   | Raul Rodriguez  | So.   | 5'7"  | 145 | B/DB     |
| 10  | Rowdy Dunlap    | Jr.   | 6'2"  | 185 | B/E      |
| 11  | Tanner Poole    | So.   | 6'0"  | 160 | E/E      |
| 12  | Brienne Jackson | So.   | 5'7"  | 160 | QB/E     |
| 13  | Kyle Pinkerton  | Fr.   | 6'0"  | 200 | E/E      |
| 20  | Andy Lozano     | Fr.   | 5'7"  | 121 | B/DB     |
| 21  | John Stamper    | Fr.   | 5'7"  | 107 | QB/S     |
| 24  | Dusty Gwinn     | Fr.   | 5'10" | 190 | C/E      |
| 30  | Talin Pepper    | So.   | 6'0"  | 150 | E/DB     |
| 32  | T.J. Sharp      | So.   | 5'10" | 185 | B/LB     |
| 33  | Cody Nowlain    | Jr.   | 6'2"  | 160 | E/DB     |
| 35  | Jacob Zant      | Jr.   | 6'0"  | 160 | QB/DB    |
| 36  | T.C. Stipe      | Jr.   | 6'0"  | 140 | E/E      |
| 37  | James Bond      | Sr.   | 6'1"  | 220 | E/E      |
| 54  | Ross Aten       | Sr.   | 6'0"  | 175 | C/E      |

**Head Coach:** Bobby Avery  
**Assistant:** Rich Powers, & Mike Floyd  
**Cheerleaders:** Holly Thomas, Krystle Lee, Rika Copeland, Michele Bond, Micah Hensley & Shayla Gass  
**Cheerleader Sponsor:** Lori Stephens



**2000-2001 Football Schedule  
High School**

|          |                    |       |      |
|----------|--------------------|-------|------|
| Aug. 25  | Dawson (scrimmage) | There | 6:00 |
| Aug 31   | Jayton (scrimmage) | Here  | 6:00 |
| Sept. 8  | Trent              | There | 7:30 |
| Sept. 15 | Ropes              | Here  | 7:30 |
| Sept. 22 | Sands              | Here  | 7:30 |
| Sept. 29 | Wellman            | There | 7:30 |
| Oct. 6   | Whitharral         | There | 7:30 |
| Oct. 13  | **Lorraine         | Here  | 7:30 |
| Oct. 20  | *Ira               | There | 7:30 |
| Oct. 27  | *Hermleigh         | Here  | 7:30 |
| Nov. 3   | *Westbrook         | There | 7:30 |
| Nov. 10  | *Highland          | Here  | 7:30 |

\* Denotes District Games - \*\* Homecoming

**Junior High and Junior Varsity  
Football Schedule**

|            |           |            |         |           |
|------------|-----------|------------|---------|-----------|
| • Sept. 14 | Ropes     | There      | JH & JV | 6: & 7:30 |
| • Sept. 21 | Sands     | There      | JH & JV | 6: & 7:30 |
| • Sept. 28 | Wellman   | Here       | JH & JV | 6: & 7:30 |
| • Oct. 5   | Highland  | There      | JH & JV | 6: & 7:30 |
| • Oct. 12  | Lorraine  | There      | JH only | 6:00      |
| • Oct 19   | Ira       | Here       | JH & JV | 6: & 7:30 |
| • Oct 26   | Hermleigh | There      | JH only | 6:00      |
| • Oct. 26  | Highland  | @Hermleigh | JV      | 7:30      |
| • Nov.     | Westbrook | Here       | JH      | 6:00      |

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**Meeting Planned**

**Ex-student Association Meeting  
Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.  
7:00 p.m.  
Community Room in Gail**

**Wrap up concerning reunion past  
and ideas for reunion future.**

# Protect Man's Best Friend During Hot Summer Dog Days

PETA offers cool ideas for hot dogs

A Naples, Florida, man landed in hot water recently when his dog died after being locked in a car for four hours on a warm day. The dead dog's temperature was still almost 110 degrees a full two hours after police removed him from the car. The man was sentenced to six months in jail and slapped with a \$1000 fine for "animal cruelty by abandonment."

"I always try to have sympathy for defendants before making a decision," the sentencing judge told the man. "I don't have any sympathy for you."

**Why did the judge get so hot under the collar? Because he believed the man, a doctor, should have known better than to leave a dog in a car for hours with one window cracked just an inch. Indeed, any of us should know better, especially during the heat wave that is currently baking its way across much of the south. Sadly, common sense sometimes flies out that cracked window - and dogs wind up paying with their lives.**

During these dog days of summer, the temperature inside a parked car can climb

to well over 100 degrees in just a matter of minutes.

Beating the heat is extra tough for dogs because they can only cool themselves by panting and sweating through their paw pads.

Heat stroke can come on quickly and result in brain damage or death. Watch for symptoms, such as restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, rapid heartbeat, fever, vomiting, or lack of coordination. If your dog shows any of these symptoms, get her to shade immediately and call your veterinarian. Lower body temperature gradually by providing water to drink, applying a cold towel or ice pack to the head, neck and chest, or immersing the dog in tepid (not cold) water.

"Every summer we hear about tragedies that could have been prevented," says PETA Cruelty Caseworker Amy Rhodes. "Many people don't realize how quickly animals left in a hot car or outside without shade or water can succumb to the heat."

Prevent heat stroke by taking these precautions.

\*Never leave a dog in a parked car. On a 78-degree day, the temperature inside a shaded car is 90-degrees, while a car parked in the sun can reach 160-degrees in minutes. Animals can succumb to heat stroke in just

15 minutes. \*If you see a dog in a car, take down the car's color, model, make and license plate number and have the owner paged inside the store, or call local humane authorities or police. Contact PETA for a supply of fliers on the dangers of heat stroke to leave on windshields.

\*Don't carry your dog in the bed of a pick-up truck. This is always dangerous, but the heat brings the added danger of burning the dog's feet on the hot metal.

\*Don't take your dog jogging - except on cool mornings or evenings - and don't force exercise. On long walks rest often and bring plenty of water. Hot pavement can burn dog's paws; choose shady, grassy routes.

\*Trim heavy-coated dogs' fur, but leave an inch for protection against insects and sunburn. Keep an eye on areas where hair is thin, like eyelids, ears and nose.

\*Keep your dog indoors. If he must stay outside, avoid the hottest part of the day. Provide shade, water, and a kiddie pool. Keep drinking water in an anchored bucket or heavy bowl.

\*Be a watchdog for chained dogs. Make sure they have food, water and shelter. If you see a dog in distress, contact humane authorities. Give the dog-immediate relief by providing water.

# Opry Talent Search



The 2000 Coyote Opry is just around the corner. In fact it is just 17 days away. Several key entertainers have been lined up, but there is still room for more. The talent committee is still searching for that "undiscovered act" to add to their star studded cast, so tune those pipes and make the call! Anyone interested must contact the Ben & Bud Talent Agency by September 8<sup>th</sup>. Due to the tight schedule "drop in" entertainment will not be accepted on opry night unless time permits. Back up music on tapes should be music and back up vocals only.

Ben Miller - 915/573-6004  
Buddy Walalce - 806/756-4478



# Survey shows teachers rule

Remember that one teacher who had an impact on your life? She taught you more than what was in a textbook. She taught you confidence in yourself, taking responsibility and sticking with a job until it's finished.

You're not alone. According to a new survey, a whopping 86 percent of Americans credit their K-12 teachers for the life skills that helped them become successful adults.

"Despite predictions about online learning replacing live educators, Americans are not ready to accept technology as a substitute teacher," said Louis G. Lower II, president and CEO of Horace Mann Educators Corporation, sponsor of the national survey on the impact of K-12 education and teachers.

The attention of a caring teacher - taking a personal interest, listening, making learning interesting and holding students to high standards - was much more important to success in adult life than the subjects being taught, the survey respondents said.

The three R's are crucial, but when asked to name the most valuable lessons learned from their grade school education, Americans cited taking responsibility for personal behavior, problem solving and learning to work as part of a team.


Half of Americans pointed to one specific educator whose influence back then still impacts their lives today. Nearly 80 percent said this was a teacher rather than a coach, principal or counselor.

"Teachers are role models that no computer could ever be," Lower said. "Through this survey, Americans are telling us, loud and clear, that the life lessons and personal values teachers impart are absolutely essential to success later in life."

When asked how they would get through to students today if they were teaching, Americans would use a personal touch over a flickering computer monitor in today's classrooms. Showing an interest in each student's work, demonstrating respect for students and expecting to receive it in return, enforcing strong codes of conduct and behavior, and being entertaining all ranked higher than using a lot of new technology or being a strict disciplinarian.

Comparing their own school experience with that of their kids, Americans lament more negative student attitudes, including a lack of respect and a rise in school violence. Other changes - some positive, some negative - include greater availability of technology, less discipline, greater educational opportunities, smaller classrooms and less student/teacher interaction.

The telephone survey of 1,009 adults was conducted by Market Facts Inc., an independent research firm. Horace Mann Educators Corporation, the study's sponsor, offers retirement annuities and auto, home and life insurance to the nation's educators through an exclusive sales force of more than 1,000 agents.



**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**  
Michael A. Guido  
Metter, Georgia

One day a man stood on a bridge gazing down into the water. Suddenly a canoeist overturned. He came up gasping. The man just looked on.

Down he went again! When he came up, the man asked, "If you don't come up the next time, may I have your canoe?"

Isn't that just like us?

We look at others, but we don't lift a finger to help them. We want something from others, but we withhold service to them. We party while others perish.

Not our Lord. He didn't "come to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Let's live like the Lord.

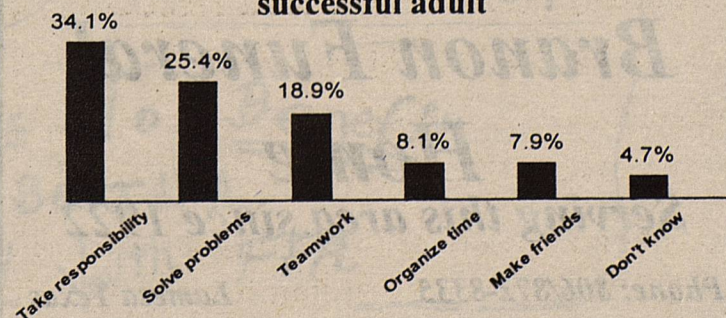
## Stadium Seats and Lawn Chairs for Sale

The Senior Class will be selling Borden County Coyote Stadium Seats and Lawn Chairs at the football games this season.

Be sure and get yours early and enjoy setting in them at the Coyote football games.

Contact any senior or senior class member to get yours and help support the Senior Class of 2001

### Single most valuable thing learned in school that has helped me be a successful adult



## Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of Snyder

Trade with the firms that support Borden County

### Production Builders

In the building construction field of this section there is no organization which has been of greater importance and aid than **Production Builders**, located at 2710 25th Street in Snyder. They specialize in all sizes of welded construction, pre-engineered, portable or on site structures. Years of successful building operations throughout this section have equipped this firm to produce sound structures at a low cost while maintaining quality. Besides just being building contractors, they also are helping in building up the future of this area. They are equipped to do work of the highest quality. The work **Production Builders** does on a small job is just as good and as accurate as one of the largest structure. Their success is due to the ideal of honest workmanship which measures their business conduct. In this review, we take pride in complimenting this firm on their business transactions throughout this section of West Texas.

### Sid Wall Insurance Agency

For all kinds of insurance call **Sid Wall Insurance Agency** located at 2517 College Ave. in Snyder, representative for all types of insurance. This firm represents Farmers Insurance Group, one of the larger and more reliable insurance companies, and they are ready to serve you in your insurance needs. They are now serving a great number of people throughout Scurry and Borden county's with auto, accident, property and life insurance. There are so many things over which we have no control, both of a personal and property nature, that you owe it to yourself and your family to insure against these things which do happen. When you think of insurance, think of **Sid Wall**. Go over your needs with him and he will be able to assist you in selecting the kind of insurance suited to protect you adequately. Once he has made a study of your problems, you will be advised how best to meet that need at a minimum cost. You are invited to come in and discuss insurance with no obligation on your part and see for yourself if your protection is sufficient for all your needs. In this review we feel a sense of satisfaction in recommending this firm in Snyder for insurance of all kinds. Phone 806/573-1941 for any information.

## Texas Receives \$11.4 Million to Fight Drunken Driving

The state of Texas will receive \$11,467,861 in federal funds to enforce the state's new 0.08 blood alcohol content law on drunken driving, U.S. Sen. Phill Gramm announced today.

"These funds will go a long way towards making our streets safer in Texas," Gramm said in making the announcement. "This is money, which will save lives across our state by taking more drunk drivers off our roads.

The grant, from the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration, is part of the 2000 transportation appropriations bill. Under guidelines Gramm helped push through Congress, states which lower the blood alcohol content for DWI cases to 0.08 are eligible for the grant funds. Texas recently passed legislation approving the new standard.

"We're laying down the law against drunk drivers in Texas," the senator added. "And we're going to see more drunk drivers taken off the road with the commitment of these funds.

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## Warehouse Furniture, Inc.

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## Snyder Oaks Care Center

**Snyder Oaks Care Center** is conveniently located at 210 E. 37th. St. in Snyder, Texas. **Snyder Oaks** is a long term care facility that offers complete care for the aged and disabled with 24-hour nursing services. They, also offer rehabilitation services on site, such as, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech Therapy for those who maybe recovering from illness or injury. **Snyder Oaks Care Center** has a Special Care Unit that was developed to meet the specialized needs of individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementia. The surroundings are pleasant and inviting; stimulating yet less stressful, to promote a feeling of safety and security. Residents in the facility are encouraged to bring their own mementos and family treasures to enhance their long-term memories. Care is provided by a staff that is specially trained in caring for persons with Alzheimer's and related dementia. The staff of **Snyder Oaks Care Center** is dedicated to providing a healthy and safe environment in which those with Alzheimer's, related dementia and long-term care needs will be actively involved in living their lives. The facility provides an activity program, well-balanced meals, social work, nursing and therapy services. For more information about the Long Term Care Facility or the Special Care Unit at **Snyder Oaks Care Center**, please contact us at 915/573-9377.



## Borden County EMS Member Profile

In an effort to inform Borden County residents of current EMT, Intermediate, and paramedic personnel in the county, *The Borden Star* will run a summer series profiling these people who volunteer their time in providing a valuable service for this county. Special thanks to Borden County EMS Reporter Brice Key for his input with this article.



This week's Borden County EMS Member Profile is **Shirley Bennett**

Shirley lives in Gail along with her husband Kenneth Bennett where she is serving as Justice of the Peace of Borden County.

Shirley has been a member of the BC EMS for 6 years. She is an EMT-Intermediate and is certified in Pre-hospital

Trama Life Support, and EMT Defibrillator. She has held offices of director, reporter and secretary while serving the community as a EMT.

When asked why she wanted to join the BC EMS she replied, "after having worked in the medical field for 8 years, I had a desire to learn more and to be able to make a difference. When I first moved to Gail, I saw the Borden County EMS in action one day at the school and I was so impressed with them that I wanted to join them and to help them make a difference for Borden County.

Shirley said, "we as Borden County citizens are truly blessed with wonderful citizens, leadership and devotion. Without the devotion, the donations and the leadership that we've had, the Borden County EMS would not be the wonderful organization that it is. The Borden County EMS is and will always be there for its citizens. Wouldn't you like to join us? You can! Or if you just need help give us a call.

806/759-5111



## Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,  
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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

## Control Black Widow and Brown Recluse Spiders

By: Patrick Porter, Extension Entomologist

Spiders are abundant this year on the Southern High Plains. In general, these insect relatives play a positive role in the ecosystem because they are predators and feed on other pests, especially insects. For example, a medium-sized black widow spider was recorded to have consumed 250 houseflies, 33 vinegar flies, 2 crickets and one other spider.

In spite of the good that they do, spiders become pests when they enter our houses or yards. Black widow and brown recluse spiders are of special concern this year. Black widow venom is extremely toxic; approximately 15 times more toxic than the same amount of prairie rattlesnake venom. Symptoms caused by the venom can be severe; abdominal pains, increased blood pressure, nausea, perspiration, tremors, leg cramps, vomiting, and loss of muscle tone. Prompt medical attention is necessary, especially since the venom can be fatal.

Brown recluse bites may cause either immediate or delayed symptoms depending on how much venom was injected and the sensitivity of the individual. Early symptoms include a stinging sensation that might include intense pain. Fever, chills, weakness, nausea, restlessness and/or joint pain occur in 24 to 36 hours. The venom produces a small blister where the bite occurred, and the blister is usually surrounded by a larger swollen area. The venom kills human tissue, which

gradually falls away and exposes other tissue. In time the edges around the wound thicken and the center of the wound fills with scar tissue. The wound may take six to eight weeks to heal, and a permanent scar is often left where the bite occurred. Medical attention is necessary, in part because complications can be life threatening.

There are three common black widow species in our area. However, they are not all black and they do not necessarily have the distinctive red "hourglass" shape on the underside of the body. The hourglass is characteristic of the most common species, the Southern black widow. Sometimes the hourglass is not formed completely and will appear to be two small triangles instead.

Most brown recluse spiders are brown, but some may be lighter, even approaching an orange-yellow color. Their legs are long, but the body itself will be from one-quarter to one-half of an inch in length. Most will have a characteristic "violin" shaped

dark brown spot on the top of the body. The base of the violin starts just behind the eyes, and the neck of the violin ends somewhere in the center of the back or between the legs. Photographs and detailed information can be found on a web page specially constructed as a compliment to this article (<http://lubbock.tamu.edu/spicers>)

Both types of spiders are rather shy and move about mostly at night in search of food. They will not ordinarily

bite people, except if they are squeezed or if their webs are touched. For example, it is not uncommon for spiders to inhabit shoes, and bite humans when the shoes are put onto the feet. Spiders live in sheltered areas such as bathrooms, basements, closets, under furniture, behind boxes and stored objects, in firewood piles, and in clothes that have not been worn for a long time. Humans are occasionally bitten while in bed when they roll over onto a foraging spider.

Control measures range from sanitation to pesticides. Clean undisturbed areas like storage sites, closets, garages, etc. several times per year. Seal buildings with caulk, weather stripping, or screening to prevent entry. Tape or seal stored boxes, especially in areas infested with brown recluse spiders. Wash the outside of buildings to

remove spiders and their webs.

Some spiders like the brown recluse can be difficult to control, and a professional pest control operator maybe a good option for many people. If you intend to use pesticides yourself, use products containing diazinon, chlorpyrifos, propoxur, bendiocarb, synergized pyrethrins, carbaryl, cypermethrin, resmethrin, tetramethrin or malathion. Because these chemicals are sold by many different brand names, do not hesitate to ask the store clerk for assistance in choosing a product. Always follow label directions and use only products labeled for spider control or for use in areas where spiders are found. Room foggers (complete release aerosol "bombs") available to homeowners may be effective in killing exposed spiders, but

are not generally effective in reaching all the spaces that spiders hide. Chemical control may not always be completely successful because spiders can move away from a pesticide and return later when the area is no longer toxic. Additionally, spiders that sit suspended on a web may not be exposed to pesticides on nearby surfaces. Houses frequently need to be treated more than once.

It is important to note that after pesticides are used; spiders often come out of hiding and wander around the term increase in the risk of encountering spiders. Many people are surprised at just how many spiders were in the house.

Outdoors, spray or dust under roof eaves, window ledges and porch and patio roofs. Inside, spray around

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## The Language in Movies

I don't know about you, but I've had it up to here with the poor level of cussing in movies. It is not creative. I have friends who have turned profanity into an art.

It is common these days in movies to hear the same three cuss words repeated at least six thousand times during the one hundred-minute movie.

Come on Hollywood. If you must use that kind of language, please work on it a little bit. Go to some web site that deals in this sort of thing and learn a few new words.

When Clark Gable uttered the words, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn," in *Gone With the Wind*, he had no idea what he was unleashing on the theater-going public. The producers of that movie had to pay some language-screening board \$5,000 to use the word.

Boy! Just think if today's movie-makers had to pay that kind of fee to use cuss words. The price of movie making would increase to astronomical heights.

Maybe a tax on cuss words in films might not be a bad idea. The proceeds would go to rehabilitate young prisoners who were put behind bars because they learned about the hard life through movies.

I sort of wanted to see Jim Carrey's latest movie. When I got to the box-office, I saw a disclaimer posted on the window. The theater management was apologizing for the rough language in the film, and was showing it only because of a contractual obligation.

I decided not to see it.

I remember seeing the movie *Mash* years ago. I expected to hear profanity in

that movie because I am an Army Veteran and heard that exact same language while I was in uniform. The cussing in *Mash* didn't bother me. In fact, I laughed in several places because I identified with it and thought the film presented a true picture of how things were in the military at that time.

Movie cussing does not reflect the language we hear in everyday activities. Unless you hang around with criminals or gang members who like to shoot guns and blow up things.

The military used to be the place where new weapons of war were developed. The way the movies have so much violence in them, I wonder if Hollywood has taken over that chore of introducing new instruments of destruction.

And while I'm ranting and raving, it's an uncomfortable feeling to see on the screen a man and a woman who in years past showed their first attraction to each other by a kiss now in bed together moments after meeting.

Movie-makers try to shock us, to see what they can get away with. We all know they can get away with anything. By trying to shock us they have desensitized us to where explosions and death and raw sex don't shock us anymore. I think it all started with language.



## Western Rolling Plains Cow/Calf Clinic

The annual Western Rolling Plains Cow/Calf Clinic will be held in Jayton on Tuesday, September 12, starting at 5:15 p.m. Program activities will start out at the Jayton Roping Arena with a Live Cattle Handling Demonstration with representatives from South Plains Equipment Company, WW Livestock Handling Equipment Company and Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Extension Livestock Specialist. Dr. Carpenter will also discuss injection sites, shot applica-

tions and new products on the market.

Around 6:30 p.m. the program will move to the Jayton Community Center where cow/calf clinic participants will be treated to a steak supper. After the meal Dr. Carpenter will visit with the group about the latest beef quality audit and what it means to the producer. Last on the program will be Randy Carson, owner of Abilene Livestock Auction Company and he will talk about

marketing opportunities for back grounded and weaned calves.

If you are interested in attending this cow/calf clinic please RSVP to the Kent County Extension Office by Friday, September 8, 2000. The phone number is 806/237-3751

This program is being conducted by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service in Kent, King, Dickens and Stonewall counties.

## Shock-wave therapy may relieve heel pain

If every step you take hurts due to chronic heel pain, relief might be a sound wave away.

Baylor College of Medicine in Houston is one of eight centers in the United States using ultrasound shock-wave therapy to treat plantar fasciitis, and inflammation of the foot's connective tissue.

"The procedure is minimally invasive and gives patients with chronic heel

pain another option before surgery," said Dr. John Marymont, an assistant professor orthopedic surgery and an investigator in the study designed to evaluate the new approach.

That's good news for people suffering from sharp pain, aches or stiffness on the bottom of the heel. Many of those people have tried inflammation-reducing pain relievers, cortisone shots and heel-cushioning shoe inserts

to get rid of the pain, with little or no success.

For some time, shock-wave treatments have been successfully used to break up kidney stones. Now a lower-frequency device called an OssaTron is being used to treat chronic heel pain.

Results from the study, sponsored by Health Tronics of Marietta, Ga., the manufacturer of OssaTron, indicated that 47 percent of

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## How Salts Effect Water Quality

(Part 3 of 5 part series)

**Electrical Conductivity:** A measure of a solution's ability to conduct electricity. In water, the electrical conductivity reading depends on the concentration of dissolved salts. The more salt in a sample of water, the higher the electrical conductivity reading. The units are in ohms/cm. 1 millimho/cm (mmho/cm) = 640 parts per million (ppm).

### Irrigation Use:

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| .000 - .075 mmhos/cm<br>Low Salt Hazard | 0.75 - 1.50 mmhos/cm<br>Medium Salt Hazard | 1.50 - 3.00 mmhos/cm<br>High Salt Hazard | 3.00 mmhos/cm and up<br>Very High Salt Hazard |
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### Livestock Use:

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| 0 - 1.5 mmhos/cm (0-960 ppm)              | Water is satisfactory for all classes of livestock   |
| 1.5 - 5.0 mmhos/cm (960 - 3,200 ppm)      | Usable level for all classes of livestock. May cause temporary diarrhea in livestock non-accustomed to this salt level.                  |
| 5.0 - 8.0 mmhos/cm (3,200 - 5,120 ppm)    | Reasonable livestock use; may cause temporary diarrhea. Poor level for poultry; may decrease growth.                                     |
| 8.0 - 11.0 mmhos/cm (5,120 - 7,040 ppm)   | Reasonable level for dairy and beef cattle, sheep, swine, and horses. Not for use with pregnant animals. Unacceptable level for poultry. |
| 11.0 - 16.0 mmhos/cm (7,040 - 10,240 ppm) | Unacceptable for poultry or swine. Not acceptable for pregnant cattle, horses, sheep, or the young of these species.                     |
| 16.0 mmhos/cm and Up (10,240 ppm)         | Unacceptable for all uses.   |

If you choose to participate in the Borden County Rural Water Well Screening, your water sample will be tested for salts.

## The Region F Regional Water Planning Group

### Draft Regional Water Plan Complete

The draft water plan for the Region F Regional Water Planning Area has been completed and hearings will be held on September 5<sup>th</sup> in San Angelo and September 6<sup>th</sup> in Odessa to receive public comment, according to John Grant, Region F chairman.

The meetings will be conducted Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 7887 U.S. Highway 87 North in San Angelo; and the next day, Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at the UPTB Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 North FM 1788 in Odessa. The hearings are one of the final steps in the development of a water plan for the future of the 32-county region.

"In June, 1997, Governor George Bush signed Senate Bill 1 into law, mandating that the Texas Water Development Board take the lead in development of a comprehensive state water plan," Grant said. "The TWDB divided the state into 16 regional planning areas, and selected individuals in each region representing different interest groups to actually prepare the plan for their region."

Grant said that the "bottom up" method recognizes that the people in each region, representing groups like municipalities, agriculture, small businesses, water districts, river authorities, utilities, industry and environmental groups are best equipped to understand the issues in their geographic area.

"Given the state's vulnerability to drought, and the fact that Texas' population is expected to almost double by the year 2050, water development, conservation and drought planning are essential to the state," Grant said. He noted that the plan is to be updated every five

years.

Region F is composed of the counties of Andrews, Borden, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward and Winkler.

"The Region F group has been meeting, working and conducting studies and public meetings since March of 1998 to compile a comprehensive overview of water supplies and plans for the wise use of those resources," Grant said. The group's tasks included identifying and quantifying both available and potential water resources, projecting future water demand, identifying threats to natural resources and planning for development of water supplies and drought contingencies.

The chairman said that the two major Region F problems identified in the draft plan were the shortage of water available for irrigated agriculture in some of the counties, and regulations the Environmental Protection Agency may adopt pertaining to radio nuclei in public water supplies that could eliminate the Hickory Aquifer as a regional water source.

"Radio nuclei is present in water from the aquifer, located primarily in McCulloch County", Grant said. "If the EPA rules are stringent, several communities in the area may be forced to discontinue municipal use of the water."

Grant said it is vital that the plan be as complete and correct as possible, since its recommendations will be a key component in both regional and statewide water planning. The Texas Legisla-

ture will refer to the plan's recommendations when considering water issues and financial assistance, and the TWDB will use it in determining availability of low-interest loans to finance water supply projects.

The draft plan may be viewed in the county clerk's offices and public libraries in each of the counties, as well as on the Internet at [www.freese.com/senbill1/regionf/index.htm](http://www.freese.com/senbill1/regionf/index.htm). Grant said that oral and written comments from the hearings will be given consideration as the Region F plan is finalized.

## Spiders

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windows, door facings and baseboards, and in attics, basements and storage places according to the directions on the pesticide label.

If you find a spider or scorpion and want to have it identified, you can take it to your County Extension office or view the web page referenced above. The Extension Service is part of the Texas A&M University System and has been helping homeowners with their insect problems for more than eighty years. The extension agent can provide additional information on these pests and give detailed control information.

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In England and parts of America it is believed by some that if your nose itches you will become angry, see a stranger, kiss a fool or be in danger.

## Shock-wave therapy

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patients reported improvement within a three-month period.

"For plantar fasciitis, a nearly 50 percent success rate is excellent," Marymont said. "However, the progress is gradual. It usually takes three months to see any improvement."

Marymont said that the procedure is a relatively simple one.

"We give the patient an ankle block, or anesthetic, and we use the OssaTron to send about 1,500 shock waves into the heel,"

Marymont said. "The procedure lasts between 30-45 minutes, and only a small percentage of people need a second treatment."

Marymont said ultrasound shock-wave therapy, although relatively new, might be an attractive option to many patients.

"If patients opt for surgery and the pain doesn't go away, they could be out of luck. The results are not reversible," Marymont said. "The OssaTron gives patients another alternative. This could be a breakthrough."



Nicole Rodriguez was killed by a drunk driver while walking next door to play with her friend.

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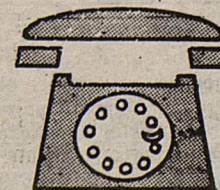


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# Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

## Aphids Threaten Sticky Cotton Problem

LUBBOCK, August 25, 2000  
By Shawn Wade

Early crops on the Texas High Plains have brought the need for timely and effective aphid control measures to the fore in recent years. The 2000 growing season is no different.

The month of August has been especially hard on both dry land and irrigated cotton and has dramatically shortened the season in many years. As a result many producers will be considering the application of harvest aide materials to their fields as early as the first week of September. At least some

harvesting activity will probably be starting as early as the middle of the month.

With the rapidly maturing crop changing up some production plans, growers across the area are being encouraged to take a close look at aphid populations and do what it takes to avoid the potential harm they can cause.

Growers need to keep in mind that even the spottiest problems can be enough to scare longtime customers away. Considering the potential for long-term problems in the marketplace is of equal importance to the problems aphids can cause in the field.

Various steps can be taken to either prevent or mitigate the problems brought on by

rapidly increasing aphid populations and it is important that growers know what their options are and their relative effectiveness.

The old axiom that it is better to be safe than sorry is very appropriate in this situation. Playing it safe may not be the cheapest alternative, but it is much better in the long run than being sorry about the loss of hard won markets for West Texas cotton.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service website has information regarding aphid control strategies and avoiding sticky cotton problems. The Internet address is: <http://entowww.tamu.edu/extension/bulletins/aphweb99.html>

## Plains Ginners Annual Meeting August 29, 2000

The Annual Meeting of the Plains Ginners' Association has been scheduled for August 29 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza Hotel.

Scheduled activities will actually start earlier in the day at 7:30 a.m. with an appreciation breakfast honoring State Representative Delwin Jones of Lubbock, also at the Lubbock Plaza. Anyone interested in attending the appreciation breakfast is welcome to attend. Tickets are priced at \$12.50 per person.

The PGA Annual Meeting program is geared toward a better understanding of how

legislative and regulatory issues are dealt with from grass-roots organizations through the legislative process and the development of laws and regulations that affect agriculture.

Scheduled speakers include: Congressman Charles Stenholm of Stamford; Tom Sell, Deputy Staff Director, U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture committee; Phil Burnett, Executive Director, National Cotton Council; Dr. James G. Butler, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University; and Dr. John Abernathy, Dean, Texas Tech University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Panel Moderator.

Also on the PGA agenda are reports and comments from Plains Cotton Growers, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association, National Ginners Association, and the Cotton Board.

All ginners and cotton producers are encouraged to attend the meeting and hear from Representative Stenholm and the rest of the panelists.

## Stoneville Cottonseed Schedules Field Day

Stoneville Texas, Inc. has scheduled its 2000 Field Day for Tuesday, September 12 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Stoneville Texas headquarters located on U.S. Highway 62/82, 3 miles east of Idalou, Texas. A BBQ lunch will be served to those attending.

Producers will get the updates on the availability and performance of Stoneville cottonseed varieties available in the High Plains. Highlighted varieties include BXN, RoundupReady, BollGard and RR/BG Stacked varieties offered by Stoneville Texas.

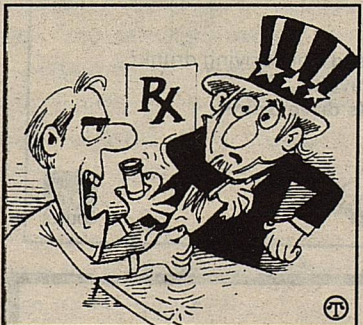
Representatives from Monsanto will be on-hand to discuss RR and BG products and Aventis representative will be there to talk about BXN production systems.

Attendees will get to view and tour demonstration plots showcasing the different varieties to see firsthand how they perform in the field.



## Seniors Favor Measures To Control Drug Prices

(NAPS)—According to a new survey conducted by TREA Senior Citizens League (TSCL), an overwhelming majority of seniors favor measures that would control prescription drug prices, in addition to adding prescription drug coverage to Medicare.



Prescription drugs are a growing expense for many seniors, who want Congress to control the rising costs.

The survey also found that the number of seniors without prescription drug insurance might be much higher than the government estimates—nearly 44 percent instead of 33 percent. Meanwhile, 56 percent of all seniors considered a \$24 per month premium and 50 percent copayment too high, even with full government assistance.

"A prescription drug benefit targeted only to low-income seniors would not help many seniors who are still in need," says Michael Zabko, Executive Director of TSCL. "We urge seniors to contact their members of Congress and ask them to add prescription drug coverage to Medicare that would be available to all Medicare-eligible seniors."

For more information, send a self-addressed, business-size envelope and \$1 for shipping and handling to: TREA Senior Citizens League, Dept. N937, 909 N. Washington St., Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314.



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| CLUB    | GLOVE         | STROKE      |
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