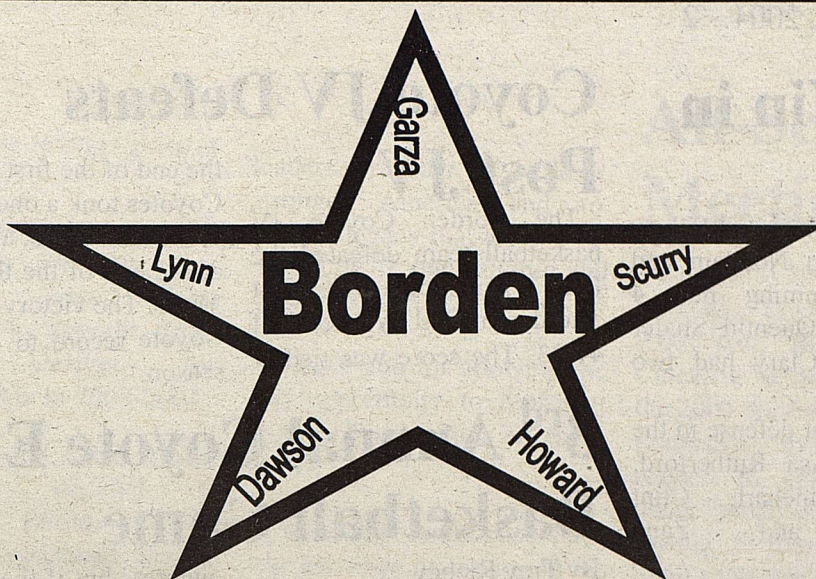


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## Saving for Your Health

Weekly Column by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

It comes as no surprise that health care costs are on the rise. If you've been to the doctor recently, you know that simple procedures and regular check-ups can cost hundreds of dollars, making healthy living more expensive than ever. In fact, over the last decade health care costs have risen at a faster rate than inflation.

In addition to our work to lower the number of uninsured Americans, we also are looking for creative ways for Americans to cover their health expenditures. Under the health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, a limited number of small businesses and self-employed individuals who had health insurance with a high deductible were permitted to make financial contributions to tax-free medical savings accounts to pay for non-reimbursable health care services.

### Health Savings Accounts

Last year's bipartisan Medicare Modernization Act included a provision to bring this benefit to even more Americans, establishing health savings accounts (HSAs) to help individuals and families prepare for and pay their health care costs. Think of it as an Individual Retirement Account, or IRA earmarked for medical expenses with tax-free earnings on the money.

Deposits can be easily withdrawn by check or debit card to pay routine medical bills with tax-free dollars. The accounts are designed to help pay for health expenses until insurance benefits kick in and are linked to a high deductible health plan (HDHP). For example, if you are hit with a medical emergency and have to come up with a \$1,000 deductible, you can withdraw the money from your HSA to cover the cost until your insurance takes over.

These savings accounts have several advantages for qualified individuals and families. Foremost, it allows you to save money for future medical expenses, whether you become unemployed, retired or incur long-term care expenses. Because the accounts are personally owned, you control how much money to put into the account and how to use it, as well as whether to invest any of the money in the account and which investments to make. In addition, the account is transferable if you change jobs or residency and

the money can be rolled-over from year-to-year to be used for future health care expenses. You can even take a tax deduction for contributions made to your HSA.

### Who Can Open a HAS?

Any American can open a HSA if they meet the following conditions:

- You must also have coverage under a HDHP.
- You cannot have any other health insurance coverage except the HDHP, but you can have other types of insurance like specific injury insurance, accident, disability, dental and vision care, or long-term care insurance without being disqualified.
- You cannot be eligible for Medicare.
- You cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return.

## Farewell

By Charlie Stenholm

For the past 26 years, it has been my privilege to represent the 17<sup>th</sup> District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives.

I would have been honored to continue representing you in Washington, however this was not meant to be.

As a result of Congressional redistricting, the voters of the newly drawn 19<sup>th</sup> District elected Congressman Randy Neugebauer to represent you in the next Congress.

I took my first oath of office in January of 1979 and, in an effort to be as effective as possible, I chose to serve on those committees in the House where I thought I could do the best job for my constituents: Agriculture, Small Business, Budget, Veterans Affairs and, more recently, the House Armed Services Committee.

Agriculture is so important to the economy of West Texas, and I am pleased that I was able to spend my entire 26 years on this committee.

As one of a handful of farmers in Congress, I believe I brought a unique



and important perspective to this committee.

For the past eight years I have served as the Ranking Member of the Agriculture Committee, and I was privileged to co-write the 2002 Farm Bill with my friend and former Chairman Larry Combest of Lubbock. This was the fifth Farm Bill I wrote in 26 years.

I am proud of what we were able to do to help restore the income protection safety net for commodity producers and to increase conservation spending.

As Ranking Member, I had a staff of thirteen dedicated professionals who focused solely on agriculture policy, and I know that a lot of you worked with them over the past eight years.

It appears that the new Ranking Member of the Agriculture Committee will be Congressman Collin Peterson of Minnesota.

I have served with Collin since his election in 1990,

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A holiday reminder from your friends at  
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## Borden JV Boys Win in Roscoe

The Borden Coyote JV boys traveled to Roscoe last Monday before the Thanksgiving holiday and walked away with a victory, 46-27. The Coyotes led at the half 26 to 9 and 40 to 17 at the end of the third period.

Leading the Coyotes in scoring was Michael Bullinger with 12 points, Bradley Tatum had 8 points, and Trey Soto had 6 points.

Miller Valentine, Mathew Tatum, Caden Nowlain and Andrew Lamming had 4 points each. Quentin Shafer and Rowdy Clary had two points each.

Playing great defense in the game was Asa Rutherford, Symeron Rinehart, Clint Chapman and Zane Williamson.

The Coyote JV team is now 3-1 on the season.

## Coyote Pups Fall to Dawson

By Coach Avery

The Coyote Pup basketball team was defeated by the Dawson Dragon JH by a score of 32-44. With a minute and a half left in the game the score was tied at 30, and then it seemed that everything the Dragons threw up went through the net. The Pups trailed at the half 13-18, and going into the fourth quarter the score was 23-28. In the fourth it looked as though the Pups might perform another

come from behind victory but the wrong team got hot.

Michael Cooley led the scoring with 11 points including a 3-pointer. Flynn Chapman had 8 points, Carlos Hernandez had 5, Karl Lamming had 4, and Brendan Tarleton and Jake Cooley had 2 points each.

Also playing were Skylar Williamson, Tyrell Massingill, Clay Harding, Cory Teel, and Kegun Clements.

## Missy Coyotes Take a Defeat to Dragons

By Coach Avery

The Missy Coyote JH basketball team could not repeat the feat they made on Saturday, coming from behind and winning the game in fourth quarter. This time the Missy Coyotes were defeated 23-33.

D'Nae Johnson led the scoring with 7 points including one 3-pointer. Olivia Key had 5 points

including a 3-pointer, and Baylee Benavidez hit a 3-point basket. Krystal Hobson, Marla Crenshaw, and Raylea Unerwood each scored two points. A Lady Dragon even helped out by scoring two points for our team.

Also playing in the game was Chellsie Pigford, Shylo Rinehart, Chasity Rutherford, Rachael Payne, and Katherine Froman.

## School Menu

**Week Of: December 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**MONDAY:** Beef & Bean Burrito, Potato Wedges, Salad, Fruit & Milk **Breakfast:** Hot Pocket, Fruit Juice & Milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk **Breakfast:** Sausage, Biscuit, Fruit Juice & Milk

**WEDNESDAY:** Fajitas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Jello w/Fruit, & Milk. **Breakfast:** French Toast Sticks, Fruit Juice & Milk

**THURSDAY:** Turkey & Dressing, Potatoes, Green Beans Rolls, Cobbler, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

**FRIDAY:** Hamburgers, Potatoe Wedges, Salad Cup, Cake, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuit w/gravy, Fruit Juice & Milk

## Coyote JV Defeats Post JV

The Borden Coyote JV basketball team defeated the Post Antelope JV last Tuesday in Gail by a score of 41-33. The score was tied at

the end of the first period, the Coyotes took a one point lead at the half 17-16, and they led at the end of the third period 31-21. The victory pushes the Coyote record to 4-1 on the season.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Coyote Exes Basketball Game

By Trey Richey

The Borden County Coyote Boys Basketball team would like to challenge and invite all Ex-Coyote Boys basketball players to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Borden County Coyote Exes game. This years contest will be conducted as a regular High School basketball game. They will play four 8-minute

quarters but if there is a high turnout, two separate games may split and play. The game will begin at 5:00 p.m. on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Coyote Gym.

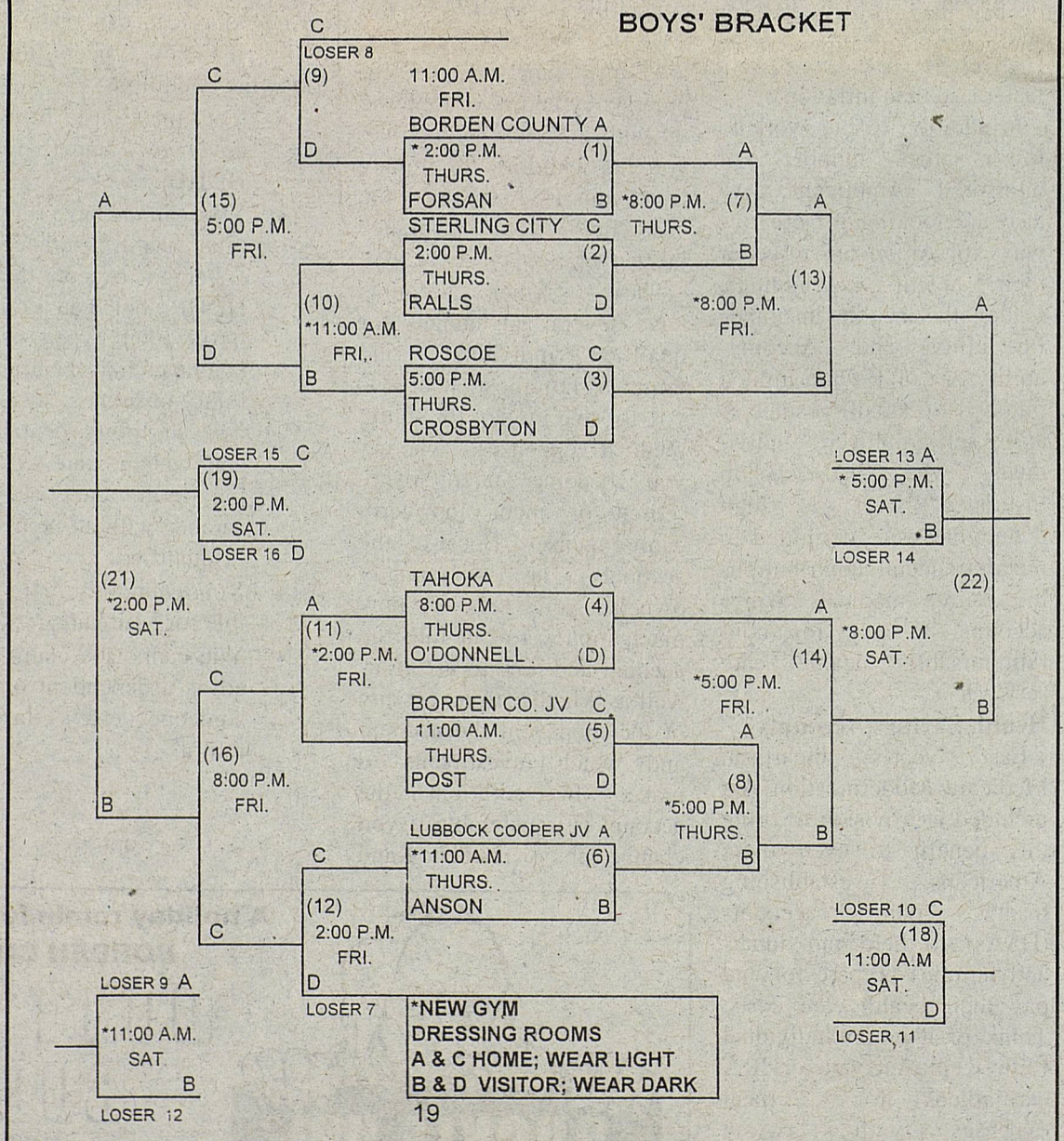
Please come and display the moves that we once loved and share ol'memories with ex-classmates and friends. It would also be a great opportunity to meet the 2004-

Bradley Tatum led the Coyote scorers with 15, Andrew Lamming and Michael Bullinger had 5 points each. Caden Nowlain and Trey Soto had 4 points each. Rowdy Clary, Clint Chapman and Zane Williamson had 2 points each. Quentin Shafer and Asa Rutherford scored a free throw each.

Playing great defense in the game was Miller Valentine, Symeron Rinehart and Mathew Tatum.

2005 coyote Basketball team as they strive to keep the Coyote tradition alive. If you are interested in participating in this year Exes Basketball Game, or need additional information, please call Trey Richey at (806)756-4417 or 756-4313 ext. 225.

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# Farewell

By Charlie Stenholm  
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and his policy interests reflect his Minnesota district: wheat, corn, soybeans, sugar beets, dairy and payment limits.

I am confident he will be an excellent Ranking Member and will continue the tradition of the Agriculture Committee and its staff of serving the national interests of agriculture to the best of their ability.

As your congressman for the past 26 years, it has been my pleasure to bring you a weekly agriculture radio show. While the topics have varied from time to time, price and weather have always been of tremendous concern.

This past October, the President proposed an assistance package for hurricane victims in Florida, to be paid for with an emergency spending measure.

Unfortunately, the President's package did not include assistance for farmers

and ranchers in other parts of the country.

I introduced legislation to compensate farmers and ranchers who were devastated by drought, flood, freezing weather and excessive rain in 2003-2004.

In the end, the House Leadership decided to provide Florida with emergency assistance, but the assistance to producers in other parts of the country would be paid for by taking \$3 billion from the Conservation Security Program enacted in the 2002 Farm Bill.

I continue to be concerned that the cuts made in farm conservation will have dire consequences for the future of 2002 Farm Bill and will probably pave the way for large scale cuts in agriculture programs. I sincerely hope that I am wrong in making this prediction.

Our country is facing tremendous challenges, both domestic and international. The best thing we can do as patriotic Americans is to unite behind our elected

leaders in order to build a stronger America and to leave a legacy that we can be proud of for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent you in Washington all these years.

Very few Americans have the privilege of serving in the halls of Congress, and I can tell you it is an honor that I will always cherish.

*Congressman Stenholm representative of the 17<sup>th</sup> District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1979 and was the Ranking Member of the House committee on Agriculture for many years.*

# All-School Reunion Meeting Planned

There will be a meeting on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria to begin plans for the 2005 All-School Reunion. Interested ex-students are needed to come and help make preparations for this special 5 year event. Your input and ideas will be a great help and is needed.

The reunion is set for August 6<sup>th</sup> 2005 and help is needed to notify ALL exes, and planning the program. Volunteers are needed to get

a detailed mailing list of all ex-students, teachers, maintenance personal and administration, as well as volunteers for the classes of 1992-'93-'96-'98-'2000-'01-'02 and '04 are also needed.

We are trying to see a big crowd at this year's reunion and help is needed to make it all come together. Please help us make this a special time for everyone. For more information e-mail Joel Dennis at [jbdennis@poka.com](mailto:jbdennis@poka.com).

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**Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened; vision cleared; ambition inspired, and success achieved.**

—Helen Keller

# Saving Your Health

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## How Much Can I Contribute?

Just as with an IRA, there are limits to how much you can contribute to a HSA. Contributions of \$2,600 can be made annually by individuals who have healthy plans with a minimum deductible of \$1,000 and out-of-pocket expenses not exceeding \$5,000. Families may invest \$5,150 each year if they have catastrophic health insurance that has a minimum deductible of \$2,000 without-of-pocket expenses not exceeding \$10,000. Individuals between the ages of 55 and 65 can make annual "catch-up" contributions of up to \$500 in 2004, with annual increases of \$100 until the limit

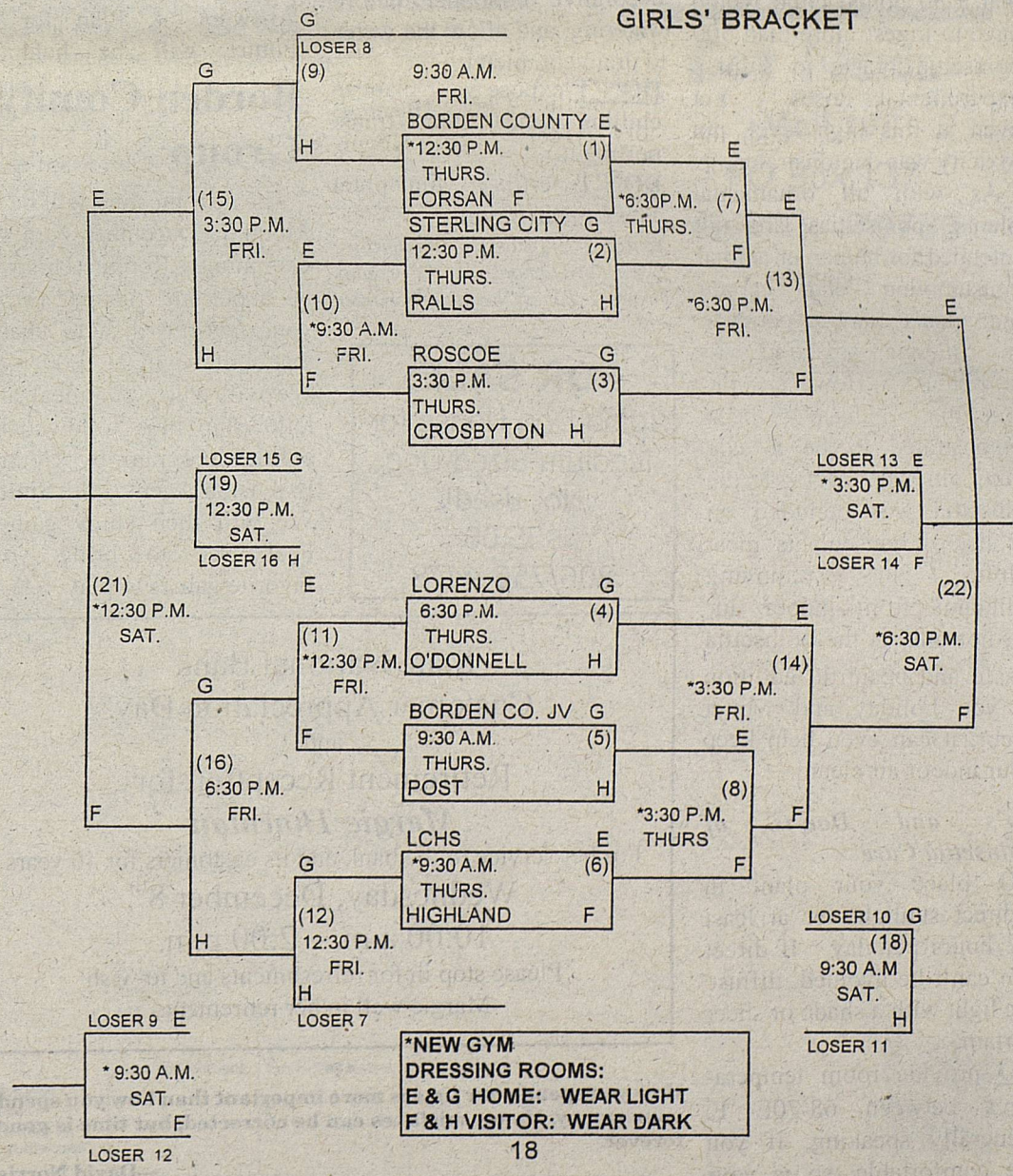
reaches \$1,000 in 2009.

Health Savings Accounts can be set up with any financial institution such as a bank, credit union, or insurance company. If you're looking to start a HDHP, contact your current health insurance carrier, licensed insurance agent, or the Texas Department of Insurance to find out which insurance companies offer HDHPs in your area.

For more information on HSAs, please view the Department of Treasury website at <http://www.treas.gov/offices/public-affairs/hsa>. If you have additional questions, contact the Treasury via email at [hsainfo@do.treas.gov](mailto:hsainfo@do.treas.gov) or call (202)622-4HSA.

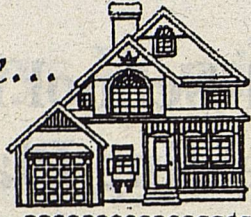
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### GIRLS' BRACKET



## Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent  
Family and Consumer Sciences



*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 Courts of Texas Cooperating.*

### Poinsettia Care

*The Poinsettia is NOT Poisonous*

The widespread belief that poinsettias are poisonous is a misconception. The scientific evidence demonstrating the poinsettia's safety is ample and well documented. Studies conducted by Ohio State University in cooperation with the Society of American Florists concluded that no toxicity was evident at experimental ingestion levels far exceeding those, likely to occur in a home environment. In fact, the POISINDEX Information Service, the primary information resource used by most poison control centers, states that a 50 pound child would have to ingest more than 500 poinsettia bracts to surpass experimental doses. Yet even at this high level, not toxicity was demonstrated.

As with all ornamental plants, poinsettias are not intended for human or animal consumption and certain individuals may experience an allergic reaction to poinsettias. However, the poinsettia has been demonstrated to be a safe plant. In fact, in 1992, the poinsettia was included on the list of houseplants most helpful in removing pollutants from indoor air. So, not only is the poinsettia a safe and beautiful addition to you holiday and winter decor, it can even help keep your indoor air clean!

#### Do's and Don'ts of Poinsettia Care

**DO** place your plant in indirect sunlight for at least six hours per day. If direct sun can't be avoided, diffuse the light with a shade or sheer curtain.

**DO** provide room temperatures between 68-70E F. Generally speaking, if you are comfortable, so is your

poinsettia.

**DO** water your plant when the soil feels dry to the touch.

**DO** use a large, roomy shopping bag when transporting it, especially if it is windy.

**DO** fertilize your plant AFTER THE BLOOMING SEASON with a balanced, all-purpose fertilizer.

**DON'T** place plants near cold drafts or excessive heat sources. Avoid placing plants near appliances, fireplaces or ventilating ducts.

**DON'T** over-water your plant, or allow it to sit in standing water. Always remove a plant from any decorative container before watering, and allow the water to drain completely.

**DON'T** expose your plant to chilling winds when transporting it.

**DON'T** fertilize your plant when it is in bloom.

Source: Texas Cooperative Extension-Lubbock County Growing Times Newsletter, Winter 2002

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#### State National Bank Customer Appreciation Day and Retirement Reception for Margie Thornton

For her service to the bank and its customers for 46 years  
Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Please stop in for refreshments and to wish  
Margie well in her retirement.

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How you spend your time is more important than how you spend your money. Money mistakes can be corrected, but time is gone forever.

—David Norris

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## Aging Gracefully Educational Program Series

Once again, Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County will be offering an educational program series entitled *Aging Gracefully*. This program has been designed to help everyone understand and cope with the various issues that take place as a result of the aging process. You may benefit from this program whether you are aging gracefully yourself, or whether you have parents, friends or relatives that are growing older. There will be three different programs which will be held throughout the fall. The programs that have been offered are: Utilizing the Internet in August, Medication Management in September, and Keeping Your Marriage Alive in October.

The next program on Life Answers: A Plan for the Future will be held on

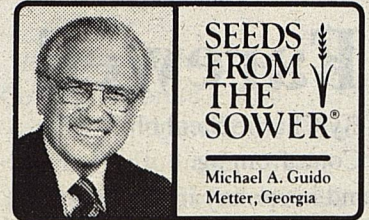
### Borden County Senior Citizen Group

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 6 in the Community Room. This will be a pot luck supper (bring your favorite dish to share) that will begin at 6:00 p.m. We will enjoy our meal and fellowship first, followed by a brief program by County Extension Agent, Julie Smith. We will then enjoy games. Feel free to bring your favorite games to play.

Monday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gail Community Building. This program will be a small portion of the Sr. Citizen's Group Meeting night and will follow the meal. We hope that you will join us to learn about how to find the answers to many retirement and aging questions.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all programs. We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our programs. We request that you contact us at the Extension office as soon as possible to advise us of auxiliary aid that you will require. For more information on any of the topics listed above, or more information on the Aging Gracefully program series, please feel free to contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

There are many possible opportunities this group can provide, including wonderful fellowship, fun games and activities, great learning experiences, a chance to have your blood pressure and



There was a young fellow who painted a picture of our Lord and brought it to a great artist for his verdict upon it.

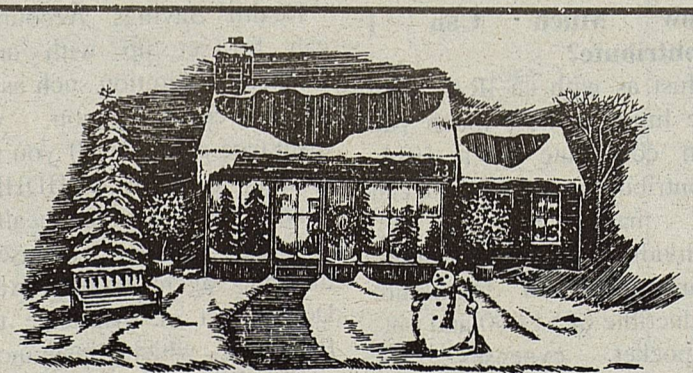
He looked it over carefully and said to the young man, "You don't love the Lord, or you'd paint Him better."

You can't understand the Lord, and you can't help others to understand Him, unless you take Him into your heart as well as your head.

When you love the Lord with all your heart, you're going to show that love for the Lord in all that your mind thinks, in all that your lips speak, and in all that your hands do.

If the Lord is in your heart, the loveliness of the Lord will be seen in your life.

blood glucose checked, and even a possibility of group outings. We invite you to participate in the second Borden County Senior Citizen Group Evening. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Julie Smith at (806)756-4336. Also, if you need transportation to and from the Community Building, please contact us to make arrangements. We look forward to a great new opportunity for our friends in Borden County!



### CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL

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**For Whom The Bell Tolls**

Nothing beats the holidays! Cheek pinching, penny pinching, and a whole lot of "grinch"ing. Cloudy skies remind us of our cloudy lives as a blizzard of depression snows us in. Bah humbug in the air with people frantically shopping everywhere. Pushing and shoving, yelling and scowling, and tender words shared through clinched teeth. A mad dash to the grocery store for the yams that sold out three days before and a futile quest for the toy of the year all the stores promise will be here . . . after New Year's. It's enough to make a grown man cry (especially when he's putting together a 1000 piece toy in the middle of the night with instructions written in Chinese). You've got to love the holidays!

It is easy to get side tracked during the holiday season. As a friend of mine said this past week, "Its like everything is amplified around the holiday's. If you are happy, your happiness is amplified. If you're depressed, your depression is amplified. Whatever you're feeling, those feelings are amplified."

One such amplification you can witness in every Wal-mart around the world is disdain for our fellow man. The day after Thanksgiving holiday greetings will be reduced to grunts and sighs as people elbow their way through crowds buying treasures to spread Christmas cheer. You had better hit the door running, or you will get run over. You don't stand around or leisurely stroll down the isles. If you do, you just may go home with shopping basket tire marks down your backside. You'd be nothing more than a speed bump on the freeway to holiday savings.

It's during these times that I struggle with kindness, patience, compassion, . . . love. I can relate when G. K. Chesterton says, "All men matter. You matter. I matter. It's the hardest thing in theology to believe." It is hard to believe. Sometimes, I struggle with caring for people I know, much less for the idiot that just butted in front of me in the checkout line.

There are times when I just want to be a recluse. I want to be alone. I just want to get out of the madness. Who needs it? Well, the truth is that I need it.

John Donne once wrote, "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. . . . any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

The death of any man, even my enemy, diminishes me. God loves every person born in this world. He has a plan for their life. He has hopes and dreams for them. He has a vision for their life. Whether they choose God's plan or not, He always believes in who He created them to be. People matter to God. I matter. You matter. I know it's hard to believe, but even the guy who cut in front of me at the checkout line matters.

Paul said to his friends in Philippians 1:3, "I thank God every time I remember you." Jesus said of our enemies, in Matthew 5:44, "I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you,

**"Pigford Fund" to remain open indefinitely**

A fund has been established at the First Baptist Church of Gail for anyone wanting to make a donation to help the Pigford Family with medical and living expenses.

You can make this tax-free donation to the First Baptist Church of Gail. The memo of the check will simply need to be designated as "Pigford Fund".

Donations may be given to a member of the First Baptist Church of Gail at your convenience, or you can leave your donation at the central office of the Borden County School.

This fund will remain active indefinitely for anyone wanting to donate to help the Pigford family in this special time of need during Peggy's

recovery. Please be assured that the Pigford family will receive 100% of these proceeds.



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and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you." We are to be thankful for all people.

Friends, when someone cuts in front of you at the checkout line, or bah humbug is ringing in your ear, or you are tempted to become a grinch yourself, remember that people matter to God. And Jesus wants to work through your life to touch theirs. He wants to love them, bless them, and do good things for them through you and me.

Be thankful for the people around you. They are a part of what makes you who you are. They matter to God. So, the next time someone cuts in front of me, I'm going to tap him on the shoulder and say, "Thank you! Thank you for being here today. You have played a valuable part in making me who I am!" Okay, maybe I won't do that. It would probably come across a little sarcastic. Maybe I'll just pray, "Lord, live through me in this moment because that person matters. Teach me to be thankful for them."

Don't wait for the bell's tolls to be thankful for someone's life. Ask the Lord right now to live through you to reach other people. Ask Him to teach you to be thankful for everyone that crosses your path. Who knows I may be the next one to cross your path. I hope we can be thankful for each other.

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**December 2004**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Library closed	2 Borden County Tournament	3 Borden County Tournament	4 Borden County Tournament  State FFA LDE Contest
5	6 Junior 4-H Meeting 3:45-4:45 Show Barn  Sands There 6:00 JH Girls/JH Boys	7 O'Donnell There 4:00 gbGB	8	9 Stanton Tournament  Elementary/JH Academic UIL @ Garden City	10 Stanton Tournament	11 Stanton Tournament
12	13 Grady There 6:00 JH Girls/JH Boys	14 New Home Here 4:00 gbGB	15 HS 4-H Meeting 12:36-1:06 Conference Room	16 Faculty Christmas Party 6:30  Christmas Concert 8:00	17 End of 3rd Six Weeks & 1st Semester/Early Dismissal-12:30  Coahoma Here 4:00 gbGB	18 Staff Development
19	20 <b>BEGIN CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	21	22	23	24	25
Both gyms closed according to UIL guidelines						
26  Both gyms closed according to UIL guidelines	27 Post Tournament	28 Post Tournament	29 Post Tournament	30	31	

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## Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2004, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

### AIG VALIC

Wayne Chowning, Financial Advisor, of the AIG Valic, met with the court offering the county a retirement plan.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of October 22, 2004 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

### APPRAISAL BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock and seconded by Commissioner Isaacs to appoint Van L. York, Monte Smith, Randy Adcock, Ernest Reyes, and Joe Belew as Directors for the Borden County Appraisal District Board for the 2005 and 2006 Term. Motion carried unanimously.

### SPECIAL COURT DAY

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to move the Special Commissioners Court Meeting from December 27, 2004 to December 20, 2004 in

observance of the Christmas Holidays. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for soil conservation construction of fireguards was received from Scott Clayton of the 49 Ranch co., Precinct No. 1. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to advertise for bids on one (1) pick-up to be used by the Sheriff Office. Bids will be opened December 13, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The Current accounts were examined. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Opening road in tow of Gail, Employee Manual updating.

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs and approved unanimously.

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WHEREAS, On this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2004, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

### ELECTION CANVASSED

The result of the General Election held on November 2, 2004 was canvassed. A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes that the returns of the Election are official as recorded in Volume 2, Page 144, Election Records. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs.

### DECEMBER SALARY INCREMENT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion with Commissioner Isaacs seconding the motion that the December

Salary Increment to as follows:

1. Only full time employees will be eligible to receive the December Salary Increment (DSI). Employees must be employed by Borden County at the time the DSI is distributed. Elected officials will not receive the DSI.
2. The employee supervisor will determine the amount of the DSI that will be paid to the employee. The DSI cannot exceed the amount budgeted for that year.
3. Employees must be employed by Borden County for two (2) years prior to December 1 to be eligible to receive the DSI, with the following exception:

- a. Employees employed before November 15, 2004 with less than two (2) years of employment will be paid a prorated amount based on the number of months the employee has been employed by Borden County.

Motion carried unanimously.

### MOTOR GRADER BID

Lance Wells, representative of Warren Cat, and Rick Leaverton, representative of

Associated Supply Company, Inc., were present. Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept the bid from Associated Supply Company, Inc. bids opened October 22, 2004, for the motor grader for Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Borden County Commissioners' Court will consider bids for the purchase of one pickup to be used by the Borden County Sheriff's Office. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., December 13, 2004 in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Borden County Courthouse in Gail, Texas.

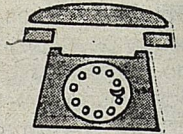
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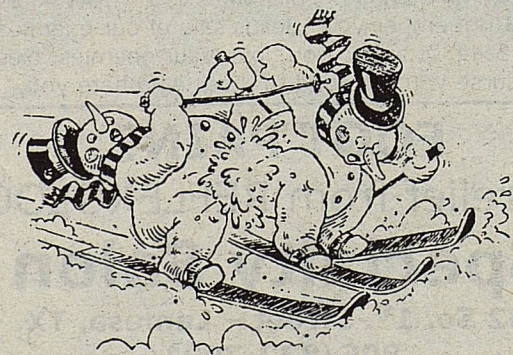
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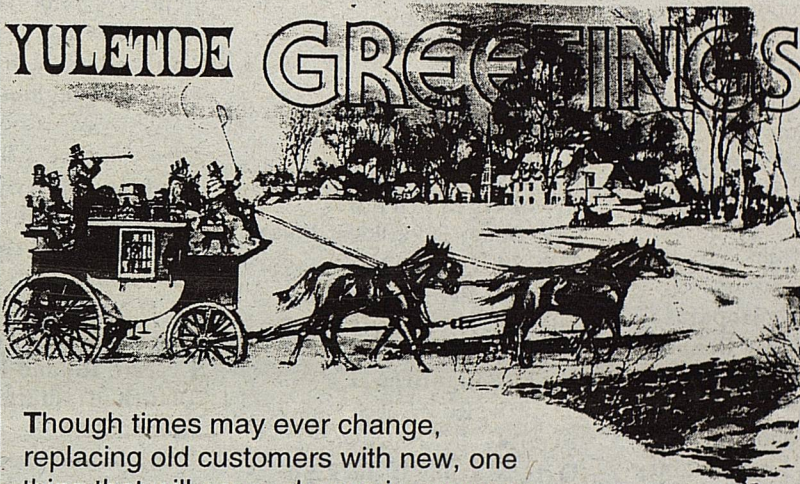
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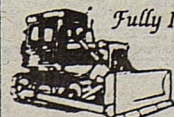


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# Eleventh Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

## Lighting of the Star Christmas Ornament Contest Results

There were numerous entries in the 2004 Lighting of the Star Ornament Contest this year. Congratulations to the first place winners! They were Pre-School: Trace Richey; Kindergarten through First grade: Madison Benavidez; Second through Fourth grade: Kalyn Massingill; Fifth through Sixth Grade: Miles Valentine; and Seventh through Eighth grade: No entries; High School: Garrett Thomas.

Each first place winner will all receive a \$25 cash prize for their ornament and their ornament will be on display in the Commissioners Courtroom throughout the holidays. This year, the prizes are being sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc.

We appreciate all the youth and the teachers that supported this year's contest. All non-winner's ornaments will be returned to their classroom at school later in the week.

## Lighting of the Star House Decorating Contest Results

There was only one entry in the 2004 House Decorating Contest. We know that everyone is quite busy this time of year, but we do hope that more families will participate throughout the season and plan to participate next year. This year, the winner is A'Darrin, Rona, Corey and Christopher Teel. We greatly appreciate their spirit and the beautiful lights they have on their home. We encourage everyone to take a tour of all the lighted homes and the courthouse block in Gail throughout the holiday season.

*This year's Child-size Stocking Winner was Colby Pennell.*



The "Star" on Gail Mountain will be sponsored on the following nights:

- Nov. 26** - In Honor of:  
**Delmo & Martha Pearce**  
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- Nov. 27** - In Honor of:  
**Margaret Sharp, Ross & Sarah Sharp, Toby Sharp**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Nov. 28** - In Honor of:  
**Bob & Sue Beal, Van & Barbara York, Fiddler & Joyce Herridge**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Nov. 29** - In Honor of:  
**Larry & Sherrie Hopkins, Kenneth & Shirley Bennett, Zella Nixon**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Nov. 30** - In Honor of:  
**R. D. & Carol Lewis, Sidney & Connie Hart, Billy Gannaway**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 1** - In Memory of:  
**Sterling & Gladys Williams**  
By Warren & Betty Beaver
- Dec. 2** - In Honor of:  
**Mildred Sevey**  
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks
- Dec. 3** - In Memory of:  
**Bert & Dorothy Dennis**  
By Joel & Betty Dennis
- Dec. 4** - In Honor of:  
**My wife, Connie**  
By T. Ruffen Johnson
- Dec. 5** - In Memory of:  
**Binie & Nell White**  
By Binie & Edna White
- Dec. 6** - In Memory of:  
**J. W. C. Mullins Family**  
By Margaret Cary Billingsley
- Dec. 10** - In Memory of:  
**Beno & Donna Hendricks**  
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks
- Dec. 10** - In Memory of:  
**Martin Reinecke**  
By Alma G. Reinecke
- Dec. 11** - In Honor of:  
**Lisa Bleeker**  
By Borden Co. Waste Disposal, Ltd.
- Dec. 13** - In Memory of:  
**James Eubanks**  
By Dennis Poole Family
- Dec. 14** - In Memory of:  
**Jim York Family**  
By Van & Barbara York
- Dec. 14** - In Memory of:  
**Charlie & Margie Engle**

- By Helen Engle Humphrey
- Dec. 17** - In Memory of:  
**Sarah Estelle Hampton**  
By Frank & Joyce Herridge
- Dec. 18** - In Honor of:  
**Terry Millenbine Family**
- Dec. 19** - In Memory of:  
**Lillo S. Munger**  
By Marjorie Munger Middleton
- Dec 20** - In Honor of:  
**My children, Joey, Kay, Jacque, Johnnie, Jan & Jimmie**  
By Mildred Sevey
- Dec. 21** - In Honor of:  
**Arlene Brown**  
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- Dec. 22** - In Honor of:  
**Bayleigh Olvera**  
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- Dec. 23** - In Memory of:  
**Karen Pearce**  
By Delmo Pearce
- Dec. 24** - In Memory of:  
**Our Parents**  
By Doyle & Shirley Newton
- Dec. 24** - In Memory of:  
**Our Beloved Family Members & Friends**  
By Dewey Fay & Ralph Miller
- Dec. 24** - In Honor of:  
**Mark & Belinda Stephens**  
By The Lights for Gail Committee
- Dec. 24** - In Memory of:  
**Arvil (Babe) Brewer**  
By The Ross Sharp Family
- Dec. 24** - In Memory of:  
**O. D. & Jessie B. Jackson**  
By R. D. Lewis Family
- Dec. 25** - In Honor of:  
**Our Lord**  
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- Dec. 25** - In Honor of:  
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- Dec. 25** - In Honor of:  
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**Don Cox**  
By N. R. King
- Dec. 27** - In Memory of:  
**The Sealy Family**  
By Bill Sealy
- Dec. 28** - In Honor of:  
**Terry Millenbine Family**
- Dec. 28** - In Memory of:  
**S. C. (Buddy) Sharp**  
By The Ross Sharp Family
- Dec. 31** - In Memory of:  
**Chip Thompson**  
By Texas Boll Weevil
- Jan 1** - In Memory of:  
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