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Texas Highway readers choose Texas' most romantic places

Romance is in the air, and according to Texans it can be found anywhere in the Lone Star state. Results of a reader poll to identify Texas' most romantic places are revealed in Texas Highways' February issue. Survey respondents voted San Antonio's River Walk the state's most romantic spot and the Alamo city itself was number two.

Other Texas destinations the readers felt were conducive to an amorous adventure are 3. Galveston, 4. South Padre Island, 5. Texas beaches (all of them), 6 Padre Island, 7 Austin's Mount Bonnell, 8 Corpus Christi, 9. Fredricksburg and Jefferson, and 10. the Big Ben area.

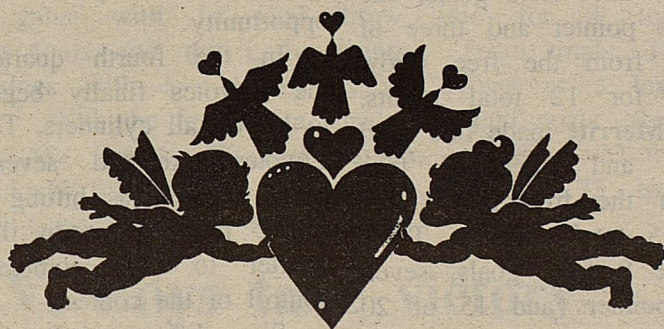
Although the majority of the top ten choices have a strong association to water, readers found romance in other places, too. The Texas Hill county (#14) elicited romance in some readers while other chose the Davis Mountains (#12) and Indian Lodge (#13) nestled in the Davis range.

Among other romantic places chosen were Love's Lookout in Cherokee County, San Angelo's Santa Fe. Park, the Rio Grande Valley and the streets of

Smithville at night.

The survey was inserted in the popular April wildflower issue last year and polled readers on their favorite in 21 categories including Favorite Vacation Destination, Top Tourist Attraction and Most Memorable Scenic Drive.

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Don't Forget Your Valentine

The name Valentine comes from one of two Christian martyrs. Legend has that St. Valentine was imprisoned for his religious beliefs. While awaiting execution, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter. Before he was beheaded, he sent her a letter professing his love and signed, "From your Valentine".

The first commercial Valentine card in the U.S. was produced in the 1840's by Esther A. Howland. Today, St. Valentine's Day is second only to

Christmas in the number of greetings sent.

So don't forget your particular valentine on February 14.

Practice Game
Borden Coyotes
 -vs-
Stanton Buffaloes
Friday, Feb. 12
Dorothy Garrett
Coliseum
Big Spring,
Tentatively 6:30

Gail FFA Chapter recognizes National FFA Week

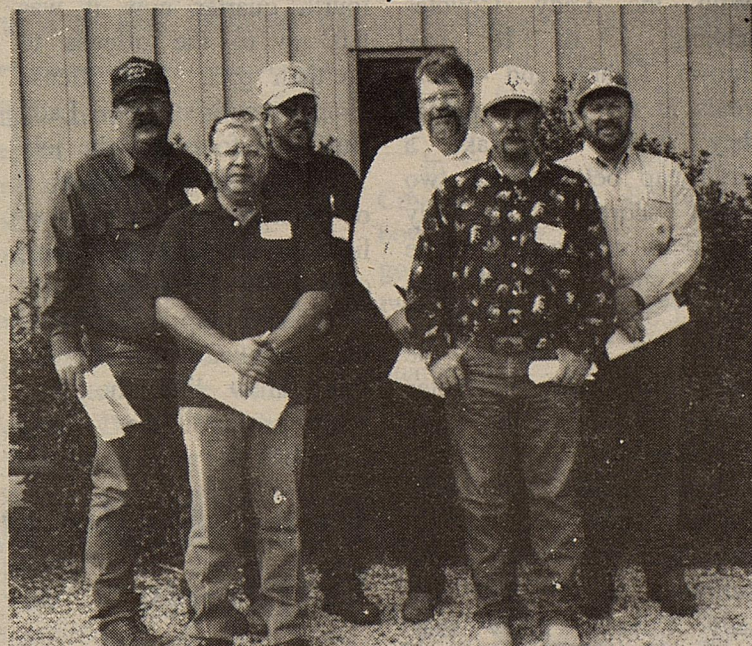
This week recognized Nationwide as FFA Week. The FFA is an organization for students which allows them to study many agriculture areas. It provides opportunities for students to practice what they learn in a classroom, and in real-life situations, while developing their leadership skills.

The Gail FFA Chapter

consists of 38 members for 1998-99. All of which participate in classroom and shop activities. Many of these students are active in many competitive events throughout the years, such as leadership, judging, showing, scholarship and degree applications.

Gail FFA wishes to

express their thanks for the community support that they have received. This is vital to the continuation of a strong and successful chapter.



Borden County employees earn safety awards: Seven employees of the Borden County roadway maintenance section were among 260 Abilene district employees receiving awards during the Texas Department of Transportation's annual Safety Awards Banquet. The event was held in the Haskell Civic Center. Employees receiving awards for safe driving were from the left: (front row) Fred Sanchez, two years of safe driving, and Ray Don Underwood, 12 years. Back row are Darden Stokes, four years; Robert Kempf, three years; Gregg Stamper, assistant section supervisor, seven year; and Jibber Herridge, 11 years. Also receiving an award but not pictured was Nan Sharp, section supervisor, five years. (TxDOT photo by Mary E. Kilgore)

Lady Coyotes defeat Cross Plains 54-37 Fourth Quarter Blitz Crushes Cross Plains

The Lady Coyotes got back on track when they traveled to Merkel to face the top-twenty ranked team in the state the Lady Buffaloes of Cross Plains on February 2, 1999.

The Lady Coyotes started the game by controlling the beginning tip. The Lady Buffaloes caused the Lady Coyotes to turn the ball over and had the first chance to score. The Lady Buffaloes did score the first basket with a free throw. The first quarter turned into a defensive game and a time to feel each other out. With the tough defense of the Lady Coyotes the Lady Buffaloes had 7 first quarter points. The Lady Coyotes answered with 7 points of their own. With the defensive pressure of the Lady Coyotes and the Lady Buffaloes sending them to the free throw line on several occasions the Lady Coyotes offense started to get a rhythm and gained a lot of confidence. With the Lady Coyotes making 7 of 10 free throws, 1 three and 4 field goals in the second quarter they started to make a large gap between the two teams' scores. The Lady Buffaloes managed to come away with half of the Lady Coyotes total with 9 points. At the end of the half the Lady Coyotes score was 25 to the Lady Buffaloes 16.

Even though the Lady Coyotes had a 9-point advantage over the Lady Buffaloes at the half the Lady Coyotes knew that this ranked team was not going to give up. So the Lady Coyotes needed to come out strong in the second half and finish with two more great quarters.

The second half again started with the Lady Coyotes in possession of the ball. This time the Lady Coyotes took charge and scored the first basket of the second half. The

three point shot showed up as the Lady Buffaloes went into a zone defense. The Lady Coyotes made an impressive 18 points in the third quarter. Along with the great offense from the Lady Coyotes came more pressure from the defense, allowing the Lady Buffaloes 11 points. The offensive boost from the Lady Coyotes gave them a 16 point lead at the end of the third quarter with the score the Lady Coyotes 43 and the Lady Buffaloes 27.

Now all the Lady Coyotes had to do was play good solid defense and score a few more points to come out victorious.

The fourth quarter started with the possession of the ball in the Lady Buffaloes hands and they scored the first basket of the quarter and added another field goal, 1 three and 3 of 5 from the free throw line. With the Lady Coyotes defense giving up only three baskets in the fourth quarter now it was left up to the offense to do their part. The offense along with the Lady Buffaloes fouls did the job. The Lady Coyotes made 6 of 6 from the free throw line for an 11 point fourth quarter. With the Lady Buffaloes help in sending the Lady Coyotes to the free throw line the final score was the Lady Coyotes 54 to the Lady

Buffaloes 37. The Lady Buffaloes ended the game with 19 total team fouls (with one fouling out) to the Lady Coyotes 16 total team fouls.

With a 17-point victory over a top ranked team the Lady Coyotes were ready to celebrate a victory that was well deserved. With the victory over the Lady Buffaloes the Lady Coyotes record now stands with 20 wins and 4 losses overall and 6 wins and 1 loss in district.

Individual Scoring: **Shaina Isaacs** made one field goal for 2 total points. **Katie Kemp** made one field goal for 2 total points. **Julie Mayes** made two field goals, two three pointers and three of four from the free throw line for 13 total points. **Lindsey Smith** made four three pointers and four of four from the free throw line for a total of 16 points. **Amanda Watts** made one field goal and two of four from the free throw line for 4 total points. **Valerie Wootan** made three field goals, one three pointer and three of four from the free throw line for 12 total points. **Ky Merritt** made one field goal and three of four from the free throw line for 5 total points. Team made 9 field goals, seven 3-pointers and 15 of 20 from the free throw line for a total of 54 points.

Pups Rally Past The Wildcats

The Borden County Pups brought their 1998-99 basketball season to a climatic close Thursday as they played host to the Westbrook Wildcats. This contest was a definite test of the Pups character. The outcome of this contest would not be decided until the final seconds. In this game, there was a wide range of emotions.

In the early going, it appeared that the Pups would run away and hide. The Pups jumped out to an early 12-2 lead before the visitors closed the period on a 5-2 run to cut the Pups lead to 14-7.

In the 2nd quarter the Pups again looked poised to run away, as they built as much as a 26-13 lead, but the scrappy Wildcats

The Borden County Coyotes took a break from their district schedule to travel to Merkel last Tuesday to battle Cross Plains in a non-district battle between two play-off ball clubs.

The Coyotes had a very difficult time with the scrappy and physical Cross Plains Buffaloes. The Buffaloes actually lead for most of the first half as the Coyotes could not muster much offense. In fact, Cross Plains built as much as a 20-12 with only a few seconds left in the first half. During that stretch the Coyotes converted 2 lay-ups all of 22 steals and then got a 3 point shot at the buzzer by Ryan Grant to cut the lead to 1 point.

In the 3rd period the Coyotes and Buffaloes traded baskets as they matched each other basket for basket. The Coyotes looked to take the lead at the buzzer, but a missed denied the Coyotes the opportunity.

In the fourth quarter, the Coyotes finally began to hit on all cylinders. The Coyotes executed several plays as well as hitting 9 of 12 free throws in this quarter to take complete control of the contest.

Six different Coyotes

scored in a 26 point fourth quarter. Meanwhile, the Coyotes defense put the clamps on the Buffaloes as they were held to only 5 points.

The fourth quarter bulge was made in part because the Coyotes finally dominated the boards. As a result of all of this the Coyotes came away with a hard fought 60-40 non-district contest.

Individual stats: **Fernando Baeza** 16 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 steal; **Colt McCook** 15 points, 4 rebounds, 6 assist, and 2 steals; **Jeff Dennis** 9 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assist, 2 steals, 2 blocks; **Justin Lawrence** 8 points, 1 rebound; **Ryan Grant** 6 points, 2 steals; **Kevin Pinkerton** 4 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assist, 3 steals; **Ed Rodriguez** 2 points, 2 assist; **Trent Pepper** 1 rebound; **Nick Flanigan** 1 rebound; and **Preston Sharp** 1 rebound.

COMMENTS:

by Coach Richey

This was a very sluggish game by the Coyotes in the early going. I was very proud of the guys. You really stayed patient and it paid off with a big fourth quarter. Good Job Guys. A very nice end.

closed the quarter on a 10-0 including a humorous close to the half when two Pup players shot at the wrong goal before a Wildcat player got the rebound and scored at the buzzer to cut the Pup lead to 26-23 at intermission.

In the third quarter, the Pups grew ice cold, scoring a mere 3 points, while the visitors poured in 15 of their own. This unexpected output left the Pups trailing 38-29 heading into the final period.

In that final quarter, the Pups looked like they just did not have enough to pull this game out. With just under 2 minutes left, the Pups trailed by 7 points. during this stretch T.J. Sharp kick started the rally as he converted a 3 point play. after a turnover, by the Wildcats Talin Pepper hit 2 big free throws to cut the deficit to 2 after a missed free throw, Talin Pepper put back a Pup miss to tie the

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Lady Coyotes Pound Lady Bulldogs

The Lady Coyotes with a victory over the Lady Buffaloes knew they needed to take care of business with one of the last two district rivals. The Lady Coyotes traveled to Ira to face the Lady Bulldogs in one of those two final games on February 5, 1999. With the Lady Bulldogs starting off with the miss directed tip from the Lady Coyotes they had an opportunity to start with the first points of the game. After some turnovers and a lot of walks called by the officials the first basket of the game came from the Lady Coyotes. The Lady Coyotes found their offense clicking and scored 16 first quarter points. The Lady Coyotes defense took charge as well allowing the Lady Bulldogs 8 first quarter points.

The Lady Coyotes received the ball to start the second period of play. The Lady Coyotes offense didn't score as well from the field, but the Lady Bulldogs sent them to the charity stripe where they made 4 of 5 free throws. The Lady Coyotes did manage to make 13 total points in the second quarter. The Lady Coyotes defense still was stingy giving the Lady Bulldogs only 8 points in the second quarter. With the score at half time the Lady Coyotes 29 and the Lady Bulldogs 16 the Lady Coyotes had given themselves a 13 point lead.

The Lady Coyotes started the second half with the ball in their possession. They took the ball down the floor for the first of their 22 third quarter points. The Lady Coyotes offense was still working well making 8 field goals, 1 three and making 3 of 6 from the free throw line. Even though the Lady Bulldogs managed 13 points in the third period the Lady Coyotes defense

never gave them too many chances to look at the basket. After the end of three quarters of play the score for the Lady Coyotes was 51 and the score for the Lady 29. With the 23-point lead that the Lady Coyotes possessed at the end of three-quarters they were able to relax and enjoy playing the fourth and final quarter.

The Lady Coyotes again had possession of the ball to start the fourth quarter. The Lady Coyotes again scored 22 points in this quarter but in a different fashion. The Lady Bulldogs sent the Lady Coyotes to the free throw line where they connected on 8 of 8 then added 7 field goals. With the lead the Lady Coyotes obtained in the third quarter the defense was moved back to a half court and the Lady Bulldogs had an easier time with their offense. The Lady Bulldogs made a total of 11 fourth quarter points. The Lady Coyotes ended the game with 19 total team fouls and the Lady Bulldogs with a total of 20. With the final score the Lady Coyotes 73 and the Lady Bulldogs 40 the Lady Coyotes brought back

J.V. Boys take victory over Bulldogs

The Borden County boys J.V. basketball team played ball in Ira last Friday evening, and was defeated with a score of 36 to 41. The last time the Coyote J.V. played Ira we beat them in our gym 50 to 36. We met Ira in their tournament earlier as well, where they beat us by 3 points, 41 to 44. This is always a heated match-up between these two schools and with these young guys it seems that Ira will always be a team to contend with.

another district win.

The Lady Coyotes overall record is now 21 and 4 and their district record stands at 7 and 1.

Individual Scoring: **Shaina Isaacs** made one field goal and four of seven from the free throw line for 6 total points. **Katie Kemp** made two field goals and zero for one from the free throw line for 4 total points. **Julie Mayes** made four field goals, one three pointer and two of two from the free throw line for 13 total points. **Lindsey Smith** made two field goals and one three for 7 total points. **Amanda Watts** made three field goals and two of two from the free throw line for 8 total points. **Valerie Wootan** made twelve field goals and two of four from the free throw line for 26 total points. **Ky Merritt** made one field goal and three of four from the free throw line for 5 total points. **Rebekah Hensley** made one field goal and two of two from the free throw line for 4 total points. Team totals: The Lady Coyotes as a team made 26 field goals 2three pointers and 25 of 22 free throw line for 73 total points.

The Coyotes took a 5 point lead in the first period outscoring the Bulldogs 10-5. The Coyotes kept the lead at the half despite being outscored in the second period 13-11. The score at intermission was 21-18. The Coyotes were outscored in the second half of the game 15-23. Foul trouble hampered the Coyotes all evening. The Coyotes put the 'dogs on the free throw line 24 times, they made half of them. The Coyotes went to

Coyotes Beat Ira for Third Straight District Title

The Coyotes appear to have taken a liking toward being crowned district champions in basketball, as they outlasted the hometown Ira Bulldogs to garner their third straight district championship. After waiting some 32 years between district titles and play-off appearances, the Coyotes look poised to start another streak of their own by making their third trip to the play-offs in as many years. This was all made possible by the Coyotes 58 to 48 victory in Ira Friday night.

The Bulldogs came out with a lot of fire because they knew that they had to win to insure themselves a place in the play-offs. This coupled with the fact that this was their home finale and also the fact that they had built up their battle with the Coyotes for many months ahead, the Bulldogs were going to be a tough team to beat. With all the

the charity stripe only 7 times and made only two of them. The Coyotes low shooting percentage also hindered the Coyotes.

Scoring in the game was **Robert Stamper** 8 points; **Ryan Sanders** with 6 points; **Javier Galvan** 5 points; **David Wright** with 5 points; **Cody Nowlain** 4 points; **Lee Pepper** with 4 points; **Dale Grant** with 2 points, and **Jacob Zant** with 2 points. Also contributing in the game was **Philip Abalos**, **T.C. Stipe**, **Tom Griffin**, **Joe Castillo** and **Rowdy Dunlap**.

COMMENTS: by Coach Avery

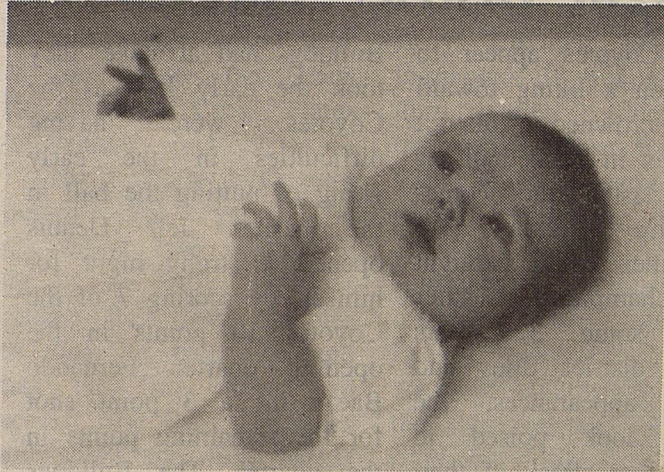
Good job guys, there is one game left this week with Westbrook. Let's go out with a good one. We defeated them already on their court, we can do it again on ours.

Bulldogs had at stake, they took the early lead as the Coyotes were having difficulties in the early going of putting the ball in the basket. Jeff Dennis opened a strong night for himself by scoring 7 of the Coyotes 10 points in the opening quarter. Fernando Baeza hit a 3 point shot for the remaining points in the quarter. The Bulldogs scored 13 of their own to take a lead after one quarter of play.

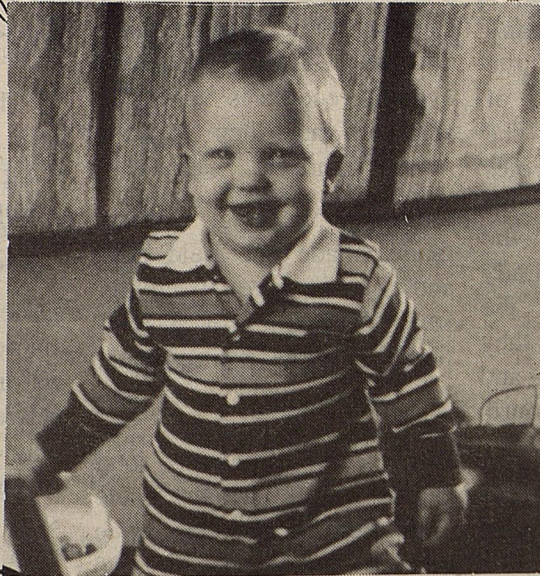
In the second quarter the Coyotes opened with a quick 9 to 4 run to take a 19 to 17 lead. For several minutes, both teams had trouble scoring. With 2:33 on the clock the Coyotes put an end to the combined scoring drought. The Bulldogs drought continued as the Coyotes made a last minute surge ending the half on an exciting 8-0 run sparked by a Fernando Baeza steal and Kevin Pinkerton lay-up. As a result of this run the Coyotes took a 27 to 19 lead into the locker room.

In the third quarter, the Coyotes and the Bulldogs both played some very good basketball. In fact the two teams traded baskets for the better part of the quarter. The Coyotes stayed in control throughout the second half. The Bulldogs never got closer than 7 points, but never trailed more than 13 points. In the waning moments of the third quarter, the Coyotes had an opportunity to put the game away as a Coyote player had a one and one free throw opportunity with an 11 seconds remaining in the quarter. The free throw was missed and a Bulldog player rebounded the ball, hitting a 3 point shot at the buzzer to cut the Coyotes lead to 44 to 36.

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Hayley Marie
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Grandparents: Borden & Dorothy Gray,
Rod & Annette Waller



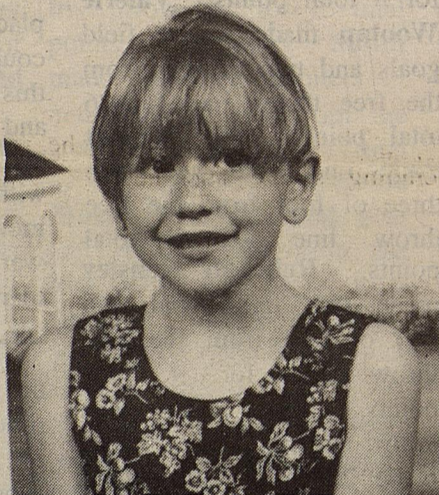
Jon Thomas
Parents:
Jon & Kristi Harrison
Grandparents:
Randy & Verna Adcock
Perry & Suzie Harrison



Bronwyn Channing
Parents: Clay & Vanessa Miller
Grandparents: Ben & Paula Miller
Bronwyn Shaw
Great-Grandparents: Paul & Lou Etta Turner
Riley & Mary Miller & Joan Banks



Zoie
Parents: Brice & Darby Key
Grandparents: Roland & Karan Key



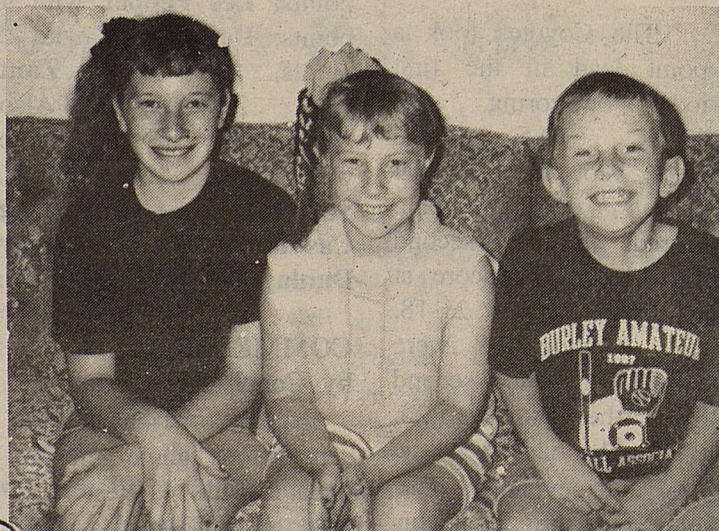
Olivia
Parents: Brice & Darby Key
Grandparents:
Roland & Karan Key
Billy Max & Nancy Gordon
and the late Linda Gordon



Matthew, Micah & Macy
Parents: Steve & Diane McMeans
Grandparents: Mickey & Shirley McMeans



Riley Taylor & Savannah Nicole
Parents: Patrick & Becky
Herridge
Grandparents:
Frank & Joyce Herridge
Great-Grandmother:
Estelle Hampton



Sharissa, RoChelle & Jonathan
Parents: Ken & Elesha McMeans
Grandparents: Mickey & Shirley McMeans

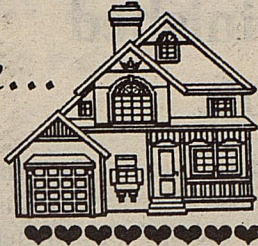


Mollie, Zack, & Mallery
Parents: Bart & Vivian McMeans
Grandparents: Mickey & Shirley McMeans



Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
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.

Focus on Child Passenger Safety

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, 146 children age 12 and under were killed in motor vehicle crashes in Texas in 1997. Additionally, there were 31,142 injured in motor vehicle crashes.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has joined the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation to promote the week of February 14th-20th, 1999 as National Child Passenger Safety Week. This special week is a national observance to increase awareness about the need for children to ride buckled up on EVERY trip. Even part of the community has a role to play in getting children buckled up.

There are many things that can be done to curtail the problem of unrestrained and improperly restrained children. Parents should understand that a child needs a safety seat that is appropriate for the child's age and weight. It is important for parents to read and follow their vehicle owner's manual and safety seat instructions.



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February 11,

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Pot Luck Supper
Community Building

Nutrition

Q & A

Q. I am confused over the labeling terms fat-free, reduced-fat, low-fat and lite. Do these foods have fewer calories?

A. Not necessarily, says nutritionist Dr. Debby Demory-Luce at the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center. While fat calories may be reduced, additional carbohydrate-based substances are often added to these foods for flavor and texture. If your goal is weight loss, experts agree that it's total calories eaten that count, not just fat grams.

This doesn't mean that controlling fat intake isn't important. Reducing fat to no more than 30 percent of total calories is an important step in preventing some serious diseases, including stroke and heart disease.

The FDA has standardizing fat content-related terms used on food labels to help consumers make informed choices.

Here's the skinny on fat terms:

Label Term: Fat-free

Means the food contains:

Less than one-half gram of fat per serving

Label Term: Low-fat

Means the food contains:

Three grams of fat or less per serving

Label Term: Reduced-fat

Means the food contains:

At least 25 percent less fat per serving than the original food.

Label Term: Lite

Means the food contains:

At least 50 percent less fat per serving than the original food.

It's important to remember that while low-fat and fat-free foods contain very small amounts of fat, they might still contain a significant number of calories. Reduced-fat and lite foods, while containing

OBITUARY

Bonnie Wilson
1923-1999

HEREFORD -- Services for Bonnie Wilson, 75, of Hereford was held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 1, 1999 in Parkside Chapel with the Rev. Bob Miller officiating. Burial was held in Rest Lawn Memorial Park in Hereford.

Mr. Wilson died Thursday, January 28, 1999, in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born October 25, 1923, in Royce City. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He moved from Gail to Snyder in 1942, then from Snyder to Hereford in 1946. He farmed for 2 years, then was in grocery and produce business, until he retired in 1979. He was a member of Avenue Baptist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4818.

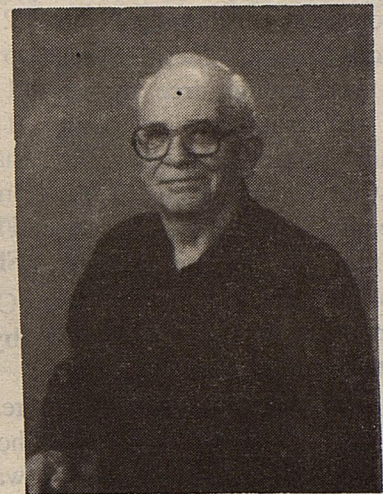
He married Jo Ann Howard in 1949 at Clovis, N.M. He was preceded in death by his wife Jo Ann, his parents Obe and Thelma Wilson; a brother Darwin Wilson; and a stepson Bobby Stockinger.

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The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., February 22, 1999 for the purchase of a used diesel truck with mounted 2400 minimum gallon water tank to be used in Precinct #3. For more information, contact Commissioner Vernon Wolf at 915/965-3393 or the County Judge's office at 806/756-4391.

The commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

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Coyotes Beat Ira

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The fourth quarter was much of the same as the two teams continued to trade baskets. The Coyotes hit just enough free throws to maintain their 8 point lead giving them the district Championship. Jeff Dennis capped off the scoring as he hit a shot just before the buzzer to cap off a good night as he connected for 22 points.

The Coyotes are now 3-time district champs with a convincing 58-48 road victory.

Individual Stats:

Jeff Dennis 22 points, 13 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, and 1 block; **Fernando Baeza** 13 points, 3 (3-3's), 4 rebounds, 3 assist and 2 steals; **Colt McCook** 10 points (2-3's), 8 rebounds, 5 assist and 3 steals;

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I (Shawna Wills Patterson) received a very unexpected surprise this week at my office in Portland, Oregon. It was an e-mail from a friend at Gail that I had not seen since about 1965. He had seen my name and e-mail address at an Internet web site that lets people list where they went to school, the year, and then their e-mail address. I'd like to pass the Web site on to your readers - it is really fun to hear from people from the past! The web site address is www.classmates.com

My work e-mail address spatterson@providence.org, and I would love to hear from anyone who went to school with me. And, if any of you are ever in the beautiful, green Northwest, please let me know, and I'll show you the mountains!

Shawna Wills Patterson
720 SW St. Charles
Sherwood, OR 97140

Justin Lawrence 7 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assist and 2 steals; **Kevin Pinkerton** 6 points, 5 rebounds, and 1 assist; **Trent Pepper** had 1 rebound; **Ed Rodriguez** had 1 steal. Also playing in the game were **Nick Flanigan** and **Preston Sharp**.

COMMENTS:

by **Coach Richey**

What a win, the guys really stepped up in a very hostile environment. This was a big victory for the Coyotes and a big win for Coyote basketball program. I was really concerned going into this contest, as four of the five starters have been sick during the past week, and we have not had a practice with all five starter there because of sickness in over two weeks. So, with all the adversity, this was a very impressive victory for the Coyotes.

Congratulations guys on a super year, but let's not stop now. Congratulations also go out to the Lady Coyotes for their third straight trip to the playoffs as well, good luck down the road to the Coyotes and Lady Coyotes.

Missy Coyotes Finished Undefeated Season

Thursday, February 4th, the Missy Coyotes concluded their season with a 42-28 victory over Westbrook. The win raised the Missies record to 14-0. For the eighth grade, it marked their second consecutive undefeated season.

The Missy Coyotes led 32-11 at the end of the third quarter, as the victory was never in doubt. The Missies connected of 14 of 22 free throws. High point scoring honors were shared between **Bobbie Kempf** and **Mikah Hensley** with 11 points each. **Mikah** made 9 of 13 free throws.

Pati Rodriguez contributed

Silent Pastry Auction

Do you need a special *Sweet* for that special *Sweetie* for Valentines? Then you won't want to miss the Silent Pastry Auction that will be held Sunday, February 14th, at the Gail Baptist Church.

Everyone is invited to come and place your bid on items, before and after church services.

9 points and **Carolina Arellanos** scored 6 points. **Dalene Kempf** 3, **Michele Bond** 2 and **Yessi Gonzales** 1 completed the scoring.

Missy Coyotes 1998-99

Roster

Eighth Graders: **Pati Rodriguez**, **Laura Stamper**, **Oralia Galicia**, **Tabitha Grant**, **Yessi Gonzales**, **Bobbie Kempf**, **Dalene Kempf**, **Michele Bond**, **Carolina Arellanos**, **Mikah Hensley**, **Kylia Culp** and seventh grader, **Shayla Gass**.

COMMENTS:

by **Coach Wootan**

Rarely does a coach have the opportunity to coach a group through an undefeated season. It was certainly a joy to work with such an exceptional group. These young ladies are a very spirited and talented group. I am certain with their continued hard work, they will have great careers at Borden County High School. We had a super season and shaped some great memories. I am

proud to have been a part of the process.

Pups Rally

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contest at 44 all.

With only 15 seconds remaining, a Pup foul gave the Wildcats a chance to regain the lead. But a missed free throw gave the Pups a chance of their own. T.J. Sharp was fouled with only 8 seconds remaining in the game and calmly stepped up and hit the first of 2 free throws, after the miss at the second free throw, the Wildcats had one last shot as a desperation 3 point shot came up short and the home town Pups had a very dramatic 45-44 comeback victory. What a way to finish the season.

COMMENTS:

by **Coach Richey**

What a tremendous comeback. The guys never stopped believing and as a result, the Pups came away with a 1 point victory. This was a total team effort and a terrific way to end the season. Good job guys. this had been a super year.

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for Interior Decorating for the School Resource Center.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Interior Decoration's Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. February 11, 1999. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

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

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Borden County Independent School District
Joel Dennis, Secretary

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BORDEN COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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Ft. Worth Stock Show Results

Several 4-H members were Carey Cox and Kaci Poole traveled to Ft. Worth last week to participate in the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

Results are as follows:

- Steers:**
Kylia Culp - 3rd place
 Light Weight American
Tanner Poole - 4th place
 Heavy Weight American
Kalli Poole - 12th place
 Middle Weight American

Also exhibiting steers

Lambs:

- LaShae Johnson** - 14th place
 Fine Wool Cross
 LaShae Johnson also exhibited a Medium Wool lamb.

Thanks to all of you who helped transport the animals and the exhibitors! Good luck to those of you preparing for San Antonio.

Let Me Get My Hat!
 By Dennis Poole,
 Borden County CEA-Ag.

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**Horticultural Pointers - - -
 A Nurseryman's View**

With the summer of '98 behind us, it's not only time to breathe a sign of relief but to start planning for a more normal growing season in '99. Winter is a good time to make plans and start preparing garden, orchard and future landscape sites for planting.

The first thing that needs to be done in planning your new planting is to select a proper site for whatever you are considering planting, whether it is for food or landscape purposes. Soil drainage, water availability, soil type and hours of sunlight are all important to good plant growth.

Soil drainage is important, especially in planting large trees and shrubs. When selecting trees, try to match the different type of soil profiles with trees that are adapted to that particular area. For example, pecan, peach and many of your oaks need a well-drained soil. Persimmons, bald cypress and willows are more tolerant of the wetter conditions. A good way to test soil drainage is to dig a 3-foot hole and see what the subsoil is. A red clay means the soil is full of oxygen and lets water move freely, while a gray or yellow clay is deficient in oxygen and often becomes stagnant because of the poor drainage. If you are still in doubt about the water drainage, a simple perc test can be done by filling the hole with water and check to see just how long the water is held. Do keep in mind that this should be done under normal weather

conditions. (Normal weather conditions in Texas is only a state of mind.)

Plants need water in order to survive, so in your site selection be careful to choose plants that are adapted to your area's rainfall. You should be able to supplement with some type of irrigation, either drip, sprinkler or even simple hand watering.

Soil type plays an important part in plant growth. In Texas we are blessed with several types of soil. It is sometimes easier to describe by color, Red clay, black clay, white sand or grayish loam are ways soils can be identified. Often you can have three or four soil types on the same piece of property. Here again it is best to match soil types with your plant selection. Always try to get a simple soil test before planting. This can be done by randomly collecting a cup of soil in about 6 different locations at a depth of 6 inches and sending it for testing either to a private lab or to the soil testing lab at Texas A&M. Soil test information sheets may be obtained at

the Extension office. The results of this test will have soil fertility, sodium content and soil ph which is very important for plant health. All of these factors can be changed or amended but if the numbers are way out of proportion, it might not be economically feasible.

Sunlight requirements are often listed on tree and plant labels and are important to the plant's ability to produce plant nutrients for growth. Measuring sunlight can be done by observing the hours in which the area is exposed to direct sun. Some people with backyards surrounded by large trees or some type of structure will need to be careful as to the type of plants selected. Some plants that are more tolerant to shade are Redbuds, Mexican Plums, and St. Augustine grass - plus many others.

In conclusion, the winter months are considered to be an inactive time for horticulturists but this is far from reality. December thru March is an ideal time to plant bareroot trees, trim existing limbs on dormant plants and to start preparing for the upcoming spring planting season.



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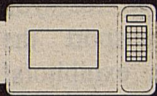
The last Readers' Poll was conducted in 1991, but the new survey asked more questions - it was the first time the magazine queried readers about their favorite romantic places in the state.

More than 1,700 readers responded to the survey,

and most of the results were published in the 1998 August and 1998 December issues. The magazine's staff chose to release the state's most romantic places in the February issue in honor of Valentine's Day.

The February issue is now available at news stands or can be ordered by calling Texas Highway at 800-839-4997.

cooking



LIGHT AND LEAN

the microwave way



(DM)—When the appetite—or the waistline—suggests having just a salad for supper, it is important to consider that some dressings and toppings add unnecessary calories or fat. This recipe for Wilted Spinach Salad, using turkey bacon and a sweet and tangy fat-free dressing, has all the taste of the traditional version but is very low in fat. According to Whirlpool Corporation home economists, each serving contains only 3 grams fat and just 86 calories. In a hurry? It's simple to fix with the help of the microwave oven. What a delicious encouragement to shape up for summer!

WILTED SPINACH SALAD (4 servings)

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| ½ cup thawed, cholesterol-free egg product | 1 teaspoon sugar |
| 4 slices turkey bacon | ½ lb. (or 10-oz. pkg.) fresh trimmed spinach, washed, dried and chilled |
| 2 green onions, thinly sliced | |
| ¼ cup fat-free honey dijon or Italian dressing | |

1. Pour egg product into a 1-quart glass bowl. Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 1 minute. Push cooked portions to center. Microwave at HIGH 1 to 1½ minutes longer or until set. Cool. Cut or chop into small pieces. Set aside.

2. Place bacon strips on microwaveable plate. Cover with absorbent paper towel. Microwave at HIGH about 3 minutes, turning plate after 2 minutes. Cool. Cut into small pieces. Set aside.

3. Combine green onions, dressing and sugar in glass measuring cup. Microwave at MEDIUM (50%) for 1 minute or until mixture begins to boil. Pour over spinach in 2 to 2½-quart glass casserole, tossing to combine. Sprinkle with egg product and bacon.

4. Cover and microwave at MEDIUM for 1½ minutes or until spinach begins to wilt. Serve immediately.

Nutrient Information (per serving)

Calories	86
Protein	6 g
Fat	3 g
Cholesterol	10 mg
Carbohydrates	10 g
Sodium	430 mg

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Youth Valentine Fellowship

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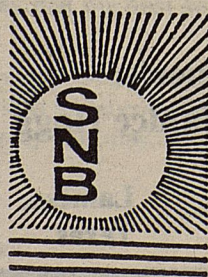
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