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Borden County Youth Horse Club Concludes Summer Series



The Borden County Youth Horse club concluded its summer series at the end of June and enjoyed the awards banquet on July 16th in the Borden County Event Center. Each of our Lead Line contestants received a belt buckle, every contestant received a halter donated by Spike Dyke Ford and we're very happy to present Eurdist Rinehart with an Engle cooler, purchased by the members in recognition of all the hard work he puts into the ground at the arena.

Saddle winners pictured are: MaKaylee Butler, Luke Carpenter, Kat Roman & Katelynn Jones. We would also like to thank all the great 2014 sponsors of the BCYHC that make the organization such a success.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Learning to Let Go

We all have memories, thoughts, experiences, beliefs, and habits that, although limiting to our progress, are hard to let go of. We may not even be aware of their existence or just how constraining they are.

In order to accomplish all that you want, you must learn to let go of those elements which inhibit you. When you hold onto something over an extended period of time, the tendency is to give it credibility just because of its longevity.

Jan was thin and awkward looking when she was in elementary school and through most of high school. She was very self-conscious and shy. Jan watched as other more attractive girls were more popular and had many friends.

In college, Jan got involved in sports. Her body filled out while her coordination greatly improved. Today, Jan is in her early 30's. She is attractive and confident looking. Yet the memories of her school days still affect her. Jan is very shy, fearing people won't be attracted to her as in the past.

Jan's memories of the past have become her current reality. She sees herself as she used to be, not as she is. Jan

won't let go of her school recollections. As a result, Jan finds it hard to meet people because she avoids situations where she may be rejected.

Bill thinks he has bad luck. Invariably, whatever situation he encounters has some type of negative result. Bill is so convinced a dark cloud is always following him that he expects bad things to happen.

If Bill wants to change his luck, he has to first let go of his negative expectations. His pessimistic thoughts actually attract the very situations he doesn't want.

Kathy has worked for the same company, in the same position, for the past ten years. She is a great employee with lots of potential. Her boss is afraid of being upstaged by Kathy. Each year, at her annual review, he gives Kathy only a mediocre report. As a result, Kathy has never received a promotion.

Kathy considers the experience with her boss an indication of her lack of promotability. Kathy now feels she will never get a promotion because she isn't good enough. Kathy has to let go of the experience with her boss and either move to another

department with her current employer or find another job where she will be more appreciated.

Ed's parents repeatedly told him he wouldn't amount to much. They told Ed the world was a tough place which was very unforgiving. His parents made Ed feel as if he didn't have much chance of success. Now, an adult, Ed realizes his parents were wrong in their assessment of him. Nevertheless, he blames his parents for his failure to reach his goals. Ed believes his parents' influence has prevented him from attaining his dreams.

So long as Ed continues to believe he has been limited by what his parents told him, he will be. Until Ed lets go of his parents' influence, he will continue to subconsciously sabotage his future, thus meeting his parents low expectations.

Examine your life to determine what limitations you have been hanging on to. Everyone has something, so there's nothing to be ashamed of. Start with one of the issues you discover and practice letting go. You can do this by replacing the thoughts or behavior with

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My Little Drummer Boy

The Story of a Third Grader Who Stole His Teacher's Heart and Grew Up to Be What She Knew He Would Be: a good man, a devoted husband and a rock and roll dad

In 1978, even though I was not certified to be a gym teacher, I was placed in two P.E. classes with a coach who was. This teaching assignment revealed several life lessons to me: boys were smelly, girls could be downright mean, and dodge ball was a great way to relieve stress.

The Third Grade Class included some very familiar Borden County names to this day. Ralyn Key, Shelly Lewis, Mindy Williams, Kim Turner, and Jennifer Zant. Among the few boys were Will Phinizy and the late David Holmes.

And Sammy Harris.

Now Sammy caught my eye for two reasons. He was much shorter than most in this rather tall class. And, he had longer hair.

In 1978, a boy in a rural school with longer hair would stand out. Sammy and his brother Bruce shared that in common, among other things. I don't recall much else that first year other than Sammy was fast—he could kick the ball, run, and usually jump over my wicked throws to cut his legs out from underneath him in a kickball game. And the look on his face seldom changed. Quiet and quick. I liked that.

In the Sixth Grade, Sammy was in my Social Studies class. It would have been the year that I was pregnant with my first daughter. While I don't remember details from that year because of being self-absorbed with that condition, I vividly recall how much I enjoyed teaching this group because they were curious and asked great questions—and that always makes a Social Studies class thrive. And Mr. Phinizy told some great stories—sure helped me out as a teacher.

When junior high came around, the challenges of being different in a small, rural school would begin to mount

for Sammy. Different meant that he didn't play sports. And, he still had hair longer than most. And he really wanted to wear an earring. That's when I remember really engaging Sammy in a conversation that sealed the deal as far as I was concerned.

In that discussion, I reminded him that the Ancient Egyptian men we had studied the previous years not only wore jewelry but make-up. And, more than likely, some of my favorite Bible characters had beards and long hair. I told him that the time would come when he could choose to wear his hair and pierce his body anyway he wanted to, but that time wasn't while he was in school—especially not in Borden County. It was simply a matter of timing, not a matter of right and wrong.

This is the part of the story where music saves the day.

Sammy still recalls the bullying and the not-fitting-in routine. At the time, it was rough. But, he knows now that this real-world experience did two things for his development as a person: (1) he became a more tolerant person himself, and (2) his love of music developed as the escape to a place where he did belong.

Sammy took to music naturally, in part because his own father Samuel D. Harris had a country band called "Singing Sam and the Cowboys." Playing George Jones and John Conlee songs were staples, though this music would not be Sammy's favorites....just yet.

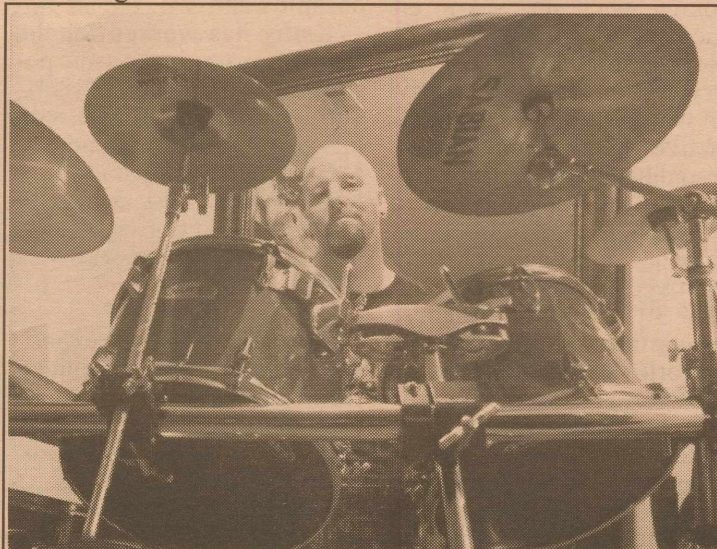
His dad bought Sammy his first drum set—a white Pearl 7-piece—and Dad even built a shed out back in which Sammy could practice to his heart's content. And he did.

"My groundbreaking moment regarding learning to play a drum set came while I

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3rd grade school picture.



Sammy sits behind his drum set.

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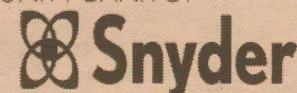
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ones that are more positive. Learning to let go becomes easier with practice. You are never too old and it's never too late for you to get started. *consultant, motivational speaker, author, and adjunct professor. E-mail Bryan at bryan@columnist.com. © 2007 Bryan Golden*
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Avoid Accidental Poisonings

Most of us do not realize that there are numerous poisons lurking around our house. Every year, there are thousands of poisoning incidents that result in frightened families, ambulance trips and emergency room visits. However, if we take precautions, we can prevent these poisonings from occurring. And, if they do occur, we can take steps to reduce the effects and treat them at home.

Here are a few tips for preventing accidental poisonings:

- Store potentially harmful products and medications out of sight, out of reach and best of all, locked up. (A list of these potentially poisonous products is included as an insert in this newsletter.)

- Read and heed precautionary labels on the products you buy.

- Store products in their original containers. When empty, rinse and discard. Never use food or drink containers to store harmful substances!

- Always put products away immediately after use. Never leave children alone with household products.

- Store household products and medications properly.

- Never call medicine "candy." Remember that children love to imitate. Do not take medicine in front of your child.

- Use child-resistant caps. Remember that these are not child-proof.

- Teach your child to ask you first before eating or drinking anything given to them by anyone other than parents or caregivers.

- Remember that plants and flowers can be poisonous. Make a list of what is in your home and garden (both common and scientific names) and check them out.

If for some reason, someone in your family ingests something poisonous, keep the number to the Texas Poison Center Network near a phone. Someone will be there 24 hours a day to answer your call. The number is 1-800-222-1222. You can also visit the Texas Poison Control Center's Web site at <http://www.poisoncenter.org>.

Remember that your pet can be poisoned as well. You should keep in mind things that could harm your pet, just like your child they are curious and do not know the difference between a household product and food. Should your pet become poisoned, contact the National Animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435, or visit their Web site <http://www.anapsid.org>

Source: *How to Get Poison Smart brochure, Texas Poison Center Network*

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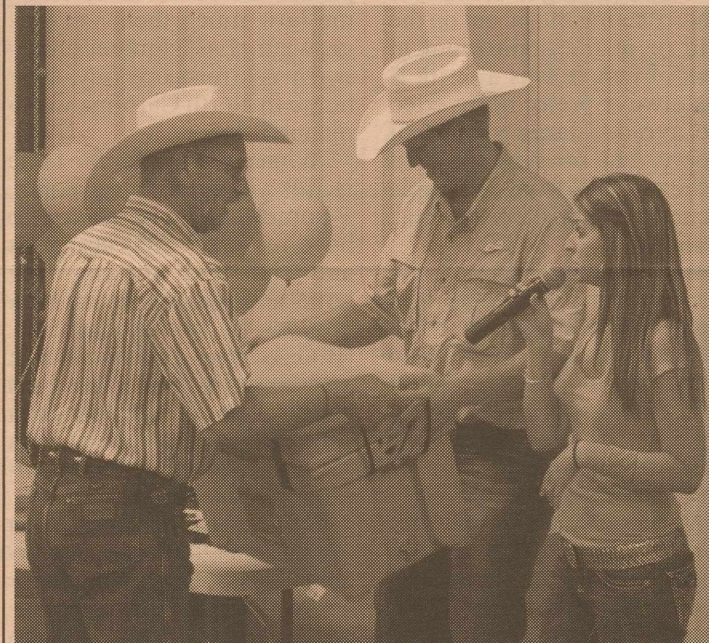
Donnie Kelley
1937 - 2014

Funeral services for LaDonna "Donnie" Kelley, 77, of Lamesa were held Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Lamesa Church of Christ with Mark Hackett officiating. Interment followed in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Visitation was held Tuesday, July 22, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home. She passed away Saturday, July 19, 2014 in Lamesa. Donnie was born June 27, 1937 in Lipan, TX to Roy and Murl (Dyer) Addison. She married Jack Kelley June 17, 1955 in Lamesa; they were married 59 years. Donnie was a member of Church of Christ. She collected pretty dolls and Coca Cola memorabilia. She enjoyed putting together puzzles and solving cross word puzzles.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Kelley of Lamesa; children, Rocky Kelley and wife, Jay of Odessa, and Brandi Brooks and husband, Scott of Borden County; sister, Joan Lyles of San Angelo; brother, Mike Addison and wife, Connie of Horseshoe Bay; grandchildren, China Mendenhall, Alexis Haden, Dustin Kelley, Megan Smith, Heather Miller, Shaina Lasater, and Taran Kelley; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Donnie is preceded in death by her parents; sons, Dusty Kelley, and Randy Kelley; and great-granddaughter, Brooke. The family suggests memorials to Church of Christ, 702 N. 14th St., Lamesa, TX, 79331. To send condolences online, please visit www.branonfuneralhome.com.

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Eurdist Rinehart receives a cooler from the members of the horse club.



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Former Student Follows His Heart in Music...

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was sitting and listening to AC/DC's 'Back in Black,'" he said. "I was pretty solid at playing a two-part beat using both hands, but I was having a heck of time learning how to play a three-part beat and incorporating my foot."

As the frustration mounted, Sammy gradually became aware that while his hands were playing their two parts, his head was also bobbing to the beat. He figured out that by transferring what his head was doing to his feet would accomplish what had previously eluded him. From that point on, he was a drummer.

The Borden County school band was a safe haven for Sammy.

"I loved being in the school band. Playing music out on the field or in the auditorium in front of people was a thrill. I was always pretty introverted and avoided large groups of people, but for some reason performing in front of people elicited the opposite response," he said.

While in high school, the marching band earned the right to participate in the state competition in Austin. They marched out onto the giant field at Memorial Stadium with more people than Sammy had ever seen in one place. He felt completely at ease.

After having attended Borden County schools since kindergarten, Sammy left suddenly in the summer of 1987, prior to his senior year. His dad's work had played out in Gail, so Mr. Harris took a job in North Carolina. The Harris Family left Texas. The last place Sammy visited before leaving was his dear friend and

classmate's gravesite, David Holmes, who had died the year before.

Years have gone by. I look back now and am very thankful that Sammy attended school before the testing epidemic took over—oh, he would have aced those tests. But, Sammy would have seen no merit in those exams determining his worth as a student or a person. I'm glad he was spared that.

Sammy and his wife B.G.—another former Borden County student who has loved this fellow for as long as I can remember—and their son Ian live in North Carolina. B.G. stopped in Gail several years ago when Ian was small and then sent photos on occasion to show me how much their son was growing. Last summer on my two-week road odyssey, their home in North Carolina was a planned stop.

What an honor for me to be in this young couple's home, a home they have waited to have for years after struggles and trials and working long hours and odd jobs so that B.G. could stay home with Ian. (B.G. is now a phlebotomist and working with the Red Cross. Sammy has worked in web design and is now with Verizon Business in their technology division).

Sammy's home looked just as I had imagined it: comfortable, art-filled, and personal.

And the music keeps playing. As most anyone who knows Sammy from his days in Borden County (will remember?), those early influences of 80s metal remain. But, he also loves the old Rat Pack singers, real country,

swing, big band, and the blues.

Sammy is now the drummer for the band Revelus, a band that has been active on the North Carolina music scene with varying members for about six years. The band practices once a week now, but that may change as more and more shows are booked. Like any other husband and father who has a "real job" in addition to his band gig, Sammy says that balancing those demands falls into the category of figuring it out as he goes. The partnership in parenting and family that he and B.G. have had for over 25 years provides a solid foundation for finding that balance together.

When I asked Sammy months ago if I could write a feature about his band, I really thought the band's music and new CD would be my focus.

Instead, my focus has been on the real story, and that's this young man. A former student who has stayed true to his passion for art and music and who is now sharing that with his own son just as his dad did with him.

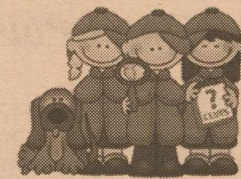
And as for that hair style now, be sure to check out the photos we included with this story.

I always knew Sammy understood irony when I taught it in class.

Editor's note: Sammy goes by **J Harris** (his middle name is Jay), so any coverage re-

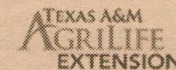
garding the band will list him by that name. Contact information for the band is [Facebook.com/revelusmusic](https://www.facebook.com/revelusmusic) and [Reverbnation.com/revelus](https://www.reverbnation.com/revelus)

Borden 4-H MYSTERY Fun Day



- When:** Tuesday, August 12, 2014 (we will leave Gail at 8:00 a.m.)
- Cost:** \$20 per person
- Who:** All Borden County 4-H'ers and their friends! (We ask that any youth under 8 be accompanied by a parent/adult.)
- What:** Join us for a day filled with mysterious fun!
- You need:** Comfy shoes, sunscreen, swimsuit, towel, shades, change of clothes, 2 cans of food per person and a positive attitude!
- RSVP:** Please RSVP by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8th!
- Notes:** We will need some parents to come along to help transport youth and chaperone for the day.

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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 appropriately as "Propane Bid" and/or "Gasoline/Diesel Bid". Proposals may also be submitted by fax and/or by e-mail to the numbers or address listed below. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. on Friday, August 8, 2014. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

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Borden County Independent School District
Joel Dennis, Secretary



Sammy (second from right) is pictured with the other members of his band Revelus.