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Regional Champions!

Coyotes Defeat Balmorhea Bears in Regional Round of the Play-Offs

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes came out of the gates firing on all cylinders in their Regional match up with the Balmorhea Bears. The Coyotes lost the coin flip, but that was almost the only thing the Coyotes lost on Friday en route to a convincing 54 to 8 victory and a date with the Sands Mustangs in the Regional Quarter-finals.

The Coyotes kicked to the Bears, and with great coverage, the Bears were forced to start their first drive inside their own 10 yard line. The defense forced a quick 3 and out to force a punt. The Coyotes used 5 plays to cover 55 yards to take the early lead. The final yard was covered by Michael Cooley to put the Coyotes up 6 to 0. Flynn Chapman came in to kick the extra-point and he connected with the first of seven consecutive kicks he would have in the game.

The 8 to 0 lead for the Coyotes came with 6:43 left in the 1st quarter. On the next Bears possession, John Hensley stripped the ball loose while applying pressure to the Bears quarterback, Karl Lamming was blitzing and found himself in the right spot as he picked up the loose pig skin and raced 10 yards for the Borden County

score with 5:37 left in the opening quarter. Chapman added the extra point for a 16 to 0 lead.

On the Bears next possession, the Coyotes misplayed a ball in the air and the result was a 52 yard pass play that set the Bears up at the Borden County 8 yard line. 3 plays later, the Bears again found an open receiver when a broken tackle on a possible sack enabled a Bear receiver to get lost in the confusion and a 5 yard touchdown pass occurred. The Bears added the extra point and cut the lead to 16 to 8 with 3:20 in the opening quarter.

The Coyotes committed their 2nd mistake of the game as an errant Coyote pass found an open Bear, he returned the ball inside the Coyote 30 yard line to give the Bears great field possession and an opportunity to tie the game. But, the Coyote defense stiffened and forced the Bears to turn the ball over on downs as Lamming intentionally batted a 4th down pass to the ground.

On the first play of the 2nd quarter, Cooley sprinted 48 yards to pay dirt and a two touchdown lead. Chapman added the kick after and the Coyotes were up 24 to 8.

On the next Bear posses-

sion, the Bears managed a first down, but with great pressure being applied by Chapman, Soto and Hensley

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Division II Quarter Final Football Play-Off Game

Saturday, November 28th,
In Lubbock at Lowery Field
at 6:00 p.m.

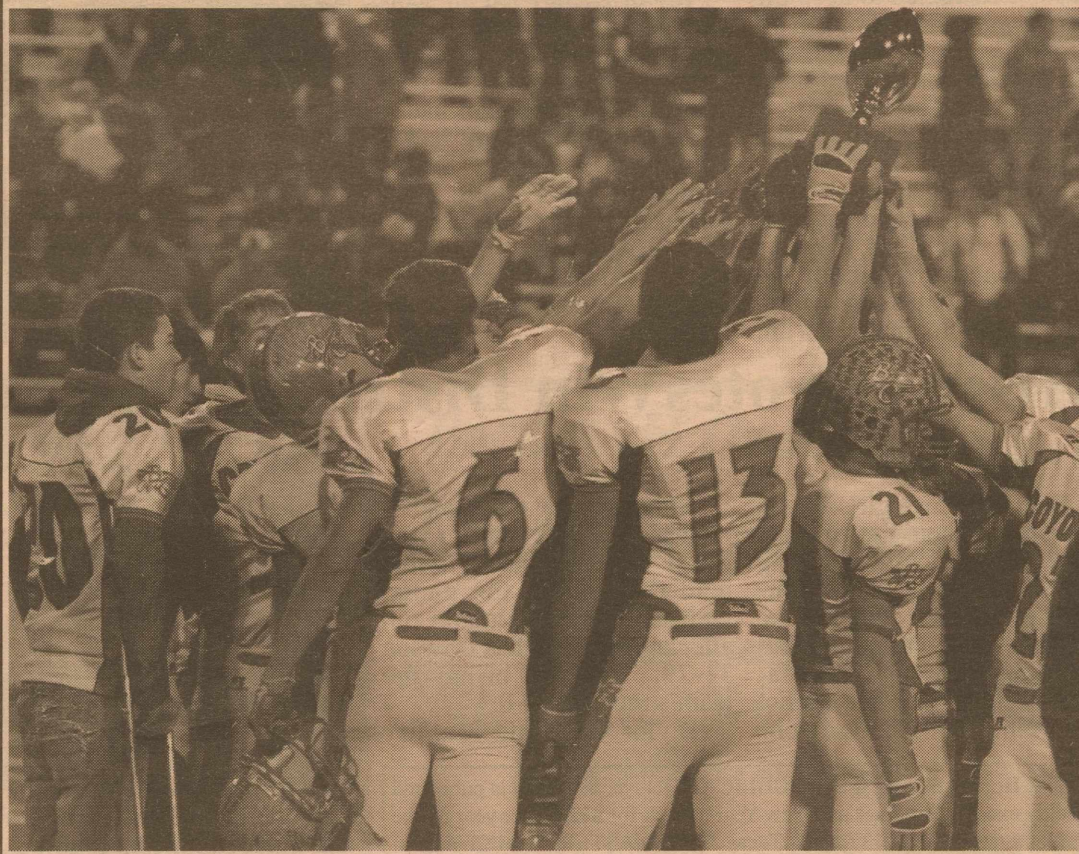
Borden County will be home team

Adults: \$5

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2009 Division II Regional Champs!



Lady Coyotes Top Midland Christian

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes traveled to Midland Tuesday night to face the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs. After a quarter of play, the score was knotted at 18 and it seemed destined to go down to the wire. But in the second and third quarters, the Lady Coyotes outscored the Lady 'Stangs 26-7 to take a 44-25 lead. The Lady Coyotes then held on to win by a final score of 52-36. This victory brought their season record to 2-0.

Taylor Richey led all scor-

ers with 23 points, 7 rebounds, and 2 steals. Olivia Key contributed an additional 10 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 steals. D'Nae Johnson had 5 points, 4 steals, and 6 assists. Stefanie Cooley also had 5 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals, and 2 assists. Bailey Anderson had 4 points and 4 rebounds. Brittany Day had 3 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals, and 2 assists. Raegan Belongia had 2 points and 4 rebounds. And Kylie Voss also contributed to the team's success.

Lady Coyotes Suffer First Loss

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes (currently #12 in 1A, Div. II) traveled to Lockney Saturday November 21st where they met up with the Lady Horns (currently #18 in 1A, Div. I).

The result came down to a single quarter of play and rebounding. All night the Lady Coyotes struggled to keep the much bigger Lockney team off the boards. But it was the second quarter that proved most difficult to overcome.

Lockney outscored the Lady Coyotes 21-12 in the second quarter to take an 11-point lead which they would never relinquish. The Lady Coyotes fought back throughout the second half, but every time they began to make a run,

Lockney had an answer from behind the arc.

The Lady Horns hit three 3-point shots in the fourth quarter to maintain their lead until the final buzzer. In the end, Lockney won 62-51. This loss brought the Lady Coyotes' record thus far to 2-1.

Taylor Richey led all scorers with 27 points and 2 steals. Olivia Key poured in 16 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, and 5 assists. D'Nae Johnson had 4 points. Brittany Day had 3 points and 2 assists. Bailey Anderson had 1 point, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals. And Raegan Belongia and Lexi Peterson also made significant contributions to the team effort.

Missy Coyotes Win District Opener

By Coach McCook

The junior high girls hosted Dawson in their first district game Monday night. Coming off two wins at the Sands Tournament just two days before, the girls were a little tired, but they fought through their fatigue to claim their first district win of the 2009-2010 season.

After jumping out to an 8-3 lead in the first quarter, the Missy Coyotes held on to that lead throughout the game, withstanding one Dragon run after another, to defeat Dawson 31-29. The win brings the team's record to 3-0.

Taylor Gass and Mallory

School Lunch Menu Nov. 30-Dec.4, 2009

Monday -Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Carots, Fresh Apple, Hot Roll and Milk.

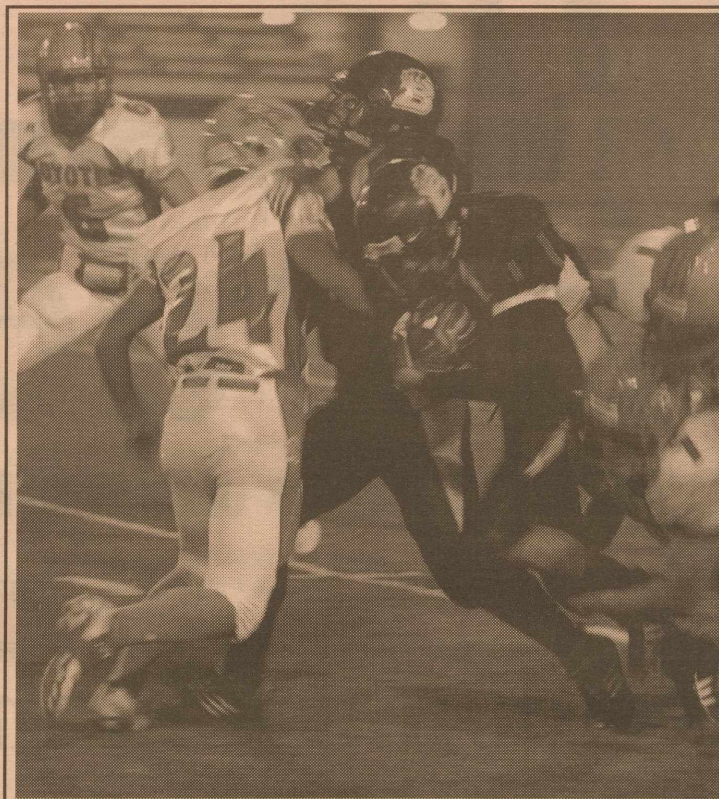
Tuesday - Breakfast: Pop Tart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Crispy Taco, Lettuce & Tomato, Pinto Beans, Fancy Gelatin and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Noodle Soup, Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch, Strawberries & Bananas, Crackers and Milk.

Thursday -Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Seasoned Corn, Salad, French Bread Stick, Peach Cup and Milk.

Friday -Breakfast: Cinnamon Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Patty Sandwich, Tater Tots, Western Beans, Orange Smiles and Milk.

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Borden County cornerback, Austin Fields (#24) puts the heat on a Balmorhea ball carrier.

Borden JH Wins Sands Tourney

By Coach Baeza

The Junior High boy's basketball season kick off on Nov. 14 with a tournament in Sands in which the Coyotes faced Klondike in the first round.

The Coyotes jumped out early on the Cougars as they took a 10-0 first quarter lead due to full court pressure. Ricky Torres led all Coyote scores in the first quarter with four points followed by Kurt Shafer, T. J. Basquez and Matthew Proulx who all had two points each.

In the second quarter good defense by Matthew Ham, Michael McClain, Nathan Ham, and Jaden Huse held the Cougars to only five points. Offensively the Coyotes continued to rack up points as Sean Tucker added two of his own with Cayden Vaughn hitting the back end of his free throws for one point. This allowed the Coyotes to take a 23-5 half time lead.

The second half began with Borden County getting more people involved offensively as Frank Banman putting in seven points in the second half and with Brady Dowds and Hurrikane Vankirk adding two also. Zack McMeans, Riley Herridge, and Michael Taylor

all played valuable minutes in the second half that gave the Coyotes a convincing win of 51-21.

Scoring for Coyotes was Ricky Torres 16, Kurt Shafer 8, T.J. Basques 6, Frank Banman 7, Matthew Proulx 4, Sean Tucker 5, Hurrikane Vankirk 2, Brady Dowds 2, and Cayden Vaughn 1.

In the championship game the Coyotes face off with Grady in a game that came down to the wire. The Coyotes did not get off to a great start but managed to play well enough to be tied at the end of the first quarter.

Borden County however fell behind in the second quarter and were trailing the wildcats 18-13 going into the half. The Coyotes still after half time did not get into gear until the fourth quarter when they outscore the wildcats 17-8 and took the lead with less than a minute and held on for a 34-32 victory. Scoring for the Coyotes: T.J. Basquez 15, Mathew Proulx 7, Kurt Shafer 4, Ricky Torres 2, Mathew Ham 2, Hurrikane Vankirk 2, Mathew McClain 1, and Sean Tucker 1. Good Job Coyotes!

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Coyotes Claim Regional Victory

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a Bear pass toward the endzone was batted in the air by R.T. Shafer, the pass was intercepted by Lamming in the endzone and he set sail, weaving in and out of traffic and following some fantastic blocks on his way to an 80 yard touchdown. The Chapman kick gave Borden County a commanding 32 to 8 lead with 7:40 left in the half.

The Coyote defense again flexed it's muscles forcing the Bears to punt again, this time, Cooley caught the punt and let loose on a 54 yard punt return, untouched as the punt return team provided some amazing blocks on the play. Chapman again added the point after kick and the Coyotes had extended their lead to 40 to 8.

The Coyote defense stiffened again, not allowing the Bears a first down. The Coyotes took over and used another 5 play drive as Chapman and Cooley carried the ball 18 yards and 24 yards respectively on 2 carries apiece. Cooley's 2nd carry covered the final 15 yards and another Coyote score. Chapman added the kick and with 1:32 left in the first half the coyotes had a commanding 48 to 8 lead.

The Coyote defense held the Bears out of the endzone on their final drive before half, which brought the halftime total to 48 to 8.

The Coyotes would get the ball to start the 2nd half, but the Bears executed a perfect onside kick to regain possession. The Coyotes had the Bears stopped but a facemask penalty gave the Bears a second opportunity, but Zach Telchik intercepted an errant Bear pass and returned it to mid-field.

The Coyote 2nd team offense now had their chance and they did not disappoint. Mixing runs by David Rodriguez and Tony Soto, the Coyotes moved the ball down field. Rodriguez actually scored on a nifty run, but the score was brought back due to a Borden County penalty. Facing a 4th and long situation, Karl Lamming put the capper on his amazing day as he eluded the Bear rush and set loose on a 12 yard touchdown to bring the Regional championship home to Gail, Texas and set up a match-up with district

rival, Sands on Saturday, November 28th at Lowrey field in Lubbock at 6:00 p.m.

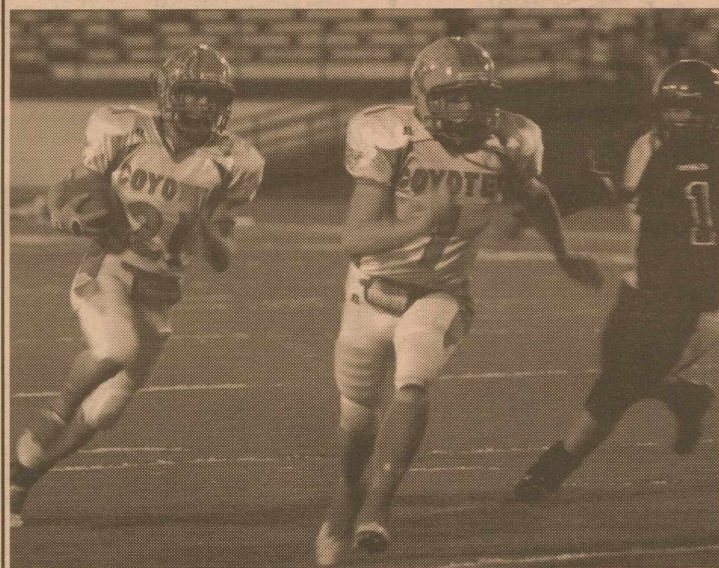
Leading the way for the Coyotes was Michael Cooley had 10 carries for 143 yards and 3 scores and a punt return and was on 5 tackles, 3 passes broken up and a tackle for loss. Miles Valentine was 0 of 3 passing and was in on 6 tackles. Austin Cope was in on a kick-off, David Rodriguez had 2 carries for 9 yards, had a TD called back and a tackle. Skyler had several good blocks, Quint Shafer had 6 tackles. Zach Telchik had 10 tackles and an interception. RT Shafer had 7 tackles a pass deflected and a tackle for loss. Brendan Tarleton kicked off

once and had several good blocks. John Hensley had 8 tackles a caused fumble, a pressure and a tackle for loss. Tony Soto had 3 carries for 31 yards and had 5 tackles. Austin Fields blocked well from the fullback position and was in on 3 tackles. Karl Lamming had 1 carry for 12 yards and a score, a fumble recovery for a return for a score and 5 tackles. Derek Tatum blocked well at center. Flynn Chapman was 7 of 7 kicking had 2 carries for 18 yards and was in on 8 tackles.

Congratulations guys on the huge win, best of luck Saturday against our long time rivals the Sands Mustangs.



R.T. Shafer (#8) and John Hensley (#19) go head to head Balmorhea Bears. The Coyotes defeated the Bears 56-8 for the Regional Championship.



Borden County Coyote, Miles Valentine (#1) makes the way for running back, Michael Cooley (#21) as he heads for the endzone. The Coyotes will take on the Sands Mustangs Saturday at Lowrey Field in Lubbock at 6 pm.

Making the Grade!

2nd Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Senior: Kagan Benham, Flynn Chapman, Brittany Day, Karl Lamming, Eric Espinoza, Lacey Roberts, R.T. Shafer and Brendan Tarleton; **Junior:** Bailey Anderson, John Hensley, Kimberly Proulx, Taylor Richey, David Rodriguez, Phyneshia Rutherford, Krista Tarleton and Miles Valentine; **Sophomore:** Kobie Benham, Shaylie Boles, Austin Fields, Aubree Lester, Chance Taylor and Collin Telchik; **Freshman:** Shea Burkett, Brent Davis, Jordan Day, Hanna Forbes, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Steelie Sanders, and Riley Smith; **Eighth Grade:** Brady Dowds, Taylor Gass, Maeghan Herridge, Kalynn Massingill, Mollie McMeans, Matthew Proulx, Sydnie Rebeles; **Seventh Grade:** Frank Banman, Tye Basquez, McKenna Campbell, and Sean Tucker; **Sixth Grade:** Channing Miller and Tatum Richey, Flint Roberts and Tate Wheatley.

2nd Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: D'Nae Johnson, Laura Ocanas, Chellsie Pigford and Chelsey Sapp; **Junior:** Joseph McConnell, Tony Soto and Zach Telchik; **Freshman:**

Austin Cope, Steven Howard and Jared Smith; **Eighth Grade:** Matthew Ham, Mallory McMeans, Zach McMeans; **Seventh Grade:** Bessie Rhodes.

Sixth Grade: Kelby Miller, Caelan Thuett, Cheyenne Tucker, and Merik Valentine; **Fifth Grade:** Maddie Benavidez, Cheyenne Dowds, Hayley Gray, Hunter Jones, Jayton Lewis, Kace Lott, Dylan Murphy, Maria Neufeld, and Avery Price; **Fourth Grade:** Thadd Basquez, Preslea Hall, Kable Kleck, Madison Matlock, Harley Merrill, Thomas Nix, Nicholas Proulx, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker, and Brittan Webb; **Third Grade:** Thomas Benavidez, Madison Cole, Katie Gray, Tanner Harrison, Rayme Jones, Emma Key, Riley Lewis, Payton Merket, Brooke Swaffer, Russell Wilks, Haylee Wilborn; **Second Grade:** Nicolas Benavidez, Kodie Dowds, Fallon Forbes, Keitlyn Hamm, Anthony Lopez, Zeke Lott, Kenzie Parks, O' Livia Reyes, Jason Robinson and Tatum Treadwell.



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Thursday, December 3rd

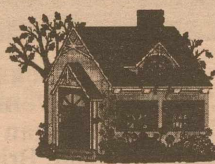
At 6:30 p.m.

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All families, friends and public are invited



Heart and Home ...


 by Julie Smith

 Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

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Holiday Savings For Your Family

Oftentimes the best gifts we give and receive aren't those from the mall or department store, but from our own hearts. There are a variety of things we can give that are more meaningful than spending a fortune on Christmas gifts. From grocery shopping to gift wrapping, get a hold on your family's personal spending this season by taking these simple steps to help save money.

Stop gobbling through food budgets. Create your holiday menus and shopping list in advance, take the list with you to the grocery store, and don't go shopping on an empty stomach! That way you'll stay on target and not be seduced by every pretty package on the shelf. (You might also save calories!)

Decorate your own wrap. Save on expensive papers by encouraging your children to make their own wrapping paper. Collect stamps, stickers, crayons, etc., and let them express themselves on brown paper bags. You can even use newspaper and tie with pretty red and green ribbons. Friends and family will appreciate the personal touch!

Give the license to enjoy. Cut down on shopping time and extravagant spending by giving targeted gift certificates. Consider what the recipient would love and personalize it: a back massage, a trip to the movies with mom, one day

without chores, or a fun-with-me pass for a picnic in the park. Remember that your "presence" in your gifts is priceless. You can even make a packet of certificates specific to each family member.

Flower power on the cheap. Save on expensive flower arrangements by making them yourself. Use unusual vases you can find around the house, such as a colander or jar.

Go natural. Don't go crazy at the craft store: All the natural elements you need, such as branches, berries, holly, and pine cones, can be found in nearby areas, or possibly your own backyard.

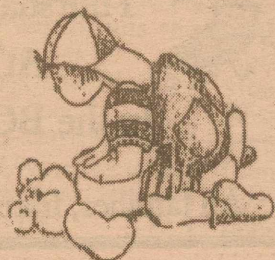
Give the tree of life. Research your family tree online and create your personal Ancestry Tree as a gift to mom and dad, or the grandparents. You can do most of the research online, and if your ancestors came through Ellis Island, you might even discover the boat they came on!

Food for love. Type up your favorite recipe, add a personal story, and put all the unbaked/non-perishable ingredients in a basket or jar to be given as a gift. You can also bake an assortment of cookies, candies and other goodies to give as gifts and "wrap" in decorative tins, baskets and bags.

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Obituary

**Harold Steadman
 1943 - 2009**

Harold Steadman, brother of Doris Steadman of Lake J.B. Thomas, died Sunday, November 8, 2009 in Hospice House in Odessa.

Funeral services for Mr. Steadman, 66, were held at 10 a.m., Thursday, November 12, 2009 in the Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors Chapel.

Burial followed in the Los Angeles Cemetery.

Born August 27, 1943 in San Angelo, he married Amanda Kay Mullenax on May 9, 1970 in Jal, N.M.

A U.S. Army veteran, he worked for El Paso Natural Gas for many years and for Valve Maintenance.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gaston Isaac and Mamie Lillian Steadman and a sister Nelda.


Other survivors include his wife, Amanda Steadman of Odessa, two sons and a daughter-in-law, Justin Steadman of Austin and Jeffery and Lily Steadman of Pflugerville; a daughter and son-in-law, Jodi and Geoff Horni of Austin; a brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and Dee Steadman of Spring Branch; one other sister, Mary Jo Lewis of Lubbock and a grandchild, Ali Marie Steadman of Pflugerville.





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Borden County 4-H News



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Quality Counts...How Does it Apply?

Anyone raising livestock will be forced to deal with sick animals. This is especially true for youth livestock exhibitors because projects may be purchased from different farms or auctions. This "mixing" of animals exposes livestock to new and different "bugs", leaving them vulnerable to sickness. Medicines are frequently used to cure sick animals. Time and experience will allow livestock owners to be capable of identifying and correcting problems using medications. All medications have a set of rules or "directions for use" included on the product label. Using ANY medication inconsistent with its label is against the law! Unless, a licensed veterinarian prescribed an extra-label use for that product. Examples: It is against the law to use a product labeled for cattle on sheep and goats, unless a veterinarian approves it. It's against the law to administer 4 ml/cwt of a product to an animal if the label states 2 ml/cwt, unless a veterinarian approves it. It is against the law to administer a product in the muscle of an animal if the label states "subcutaneous (under the skin) use", unless approved by a veterinarian.

4-H and FFA exhibitors need to be especially careful when administering de-wormers or other medications near

showtime. All medications have a "with-drawal" period that stipulates when the animal can be slaughtered after the product is administered to the animal. In relation to stock shows, no product can be in the animal's system when it is unloaded or arrives at the show.

These rules or laws are put in place to protect humans from potential harm and are strictly enforced at stock shows. It is the responsibility of 4-H and FFA members and their families to adhere to the "directions for use" printed on product labels. Floor buyers at stock shows trust the animals they purchased were treated in a safe and legal fashion. Individuals choosing to break the law will be held accountable for their actions. 4-H and FFA members participating in the game of "stock show" should respect each other and play the game in a fair manner. The lessons learned while feeding, caring for and eventually exhibiting livestock projects help prepare youth for life.

We will hold our second Quality Counts workshop during lunch on Monday, November 30 (3rd-5th Grades from 11:30-12:00 and 6th-12th Grades from 12:30-1:00).

Written by: Dusty Tittle, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

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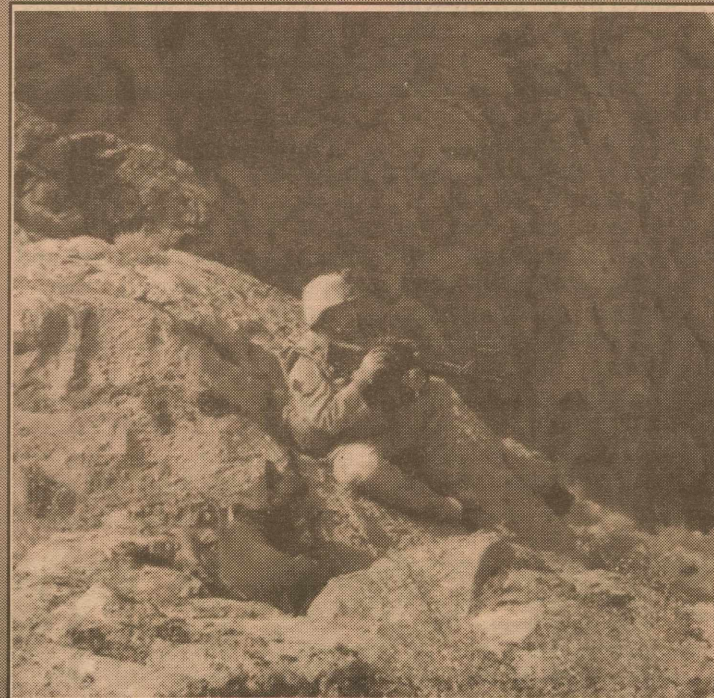
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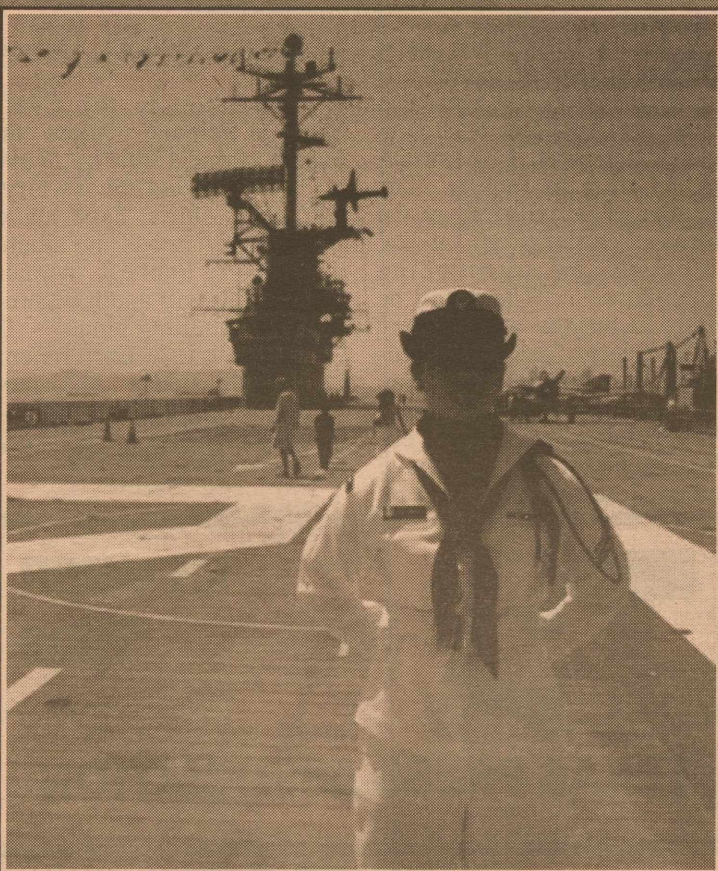
Veteran's Day Assembly



2009 Veteran's Day Assembly stage guests are (top row left to right) Tommy Doyle, Col. Tom Haines, Jerry Copeland, Bob Buchanan, John Harris, Jess stone, Eddie Boucher, Don Miller, (bottom row left to right) Frank Herridge, R.D. Lewis, Frank Beaver and Don Jones.



LC Carter on patrol in the mountainous terrain of Afghanistan. Rex is on alert, too.



Serving at Home and Abroad

Two Borden County graduates were unable to attend the 2009 Veterans Day Program. Currently on his second tour abroad, U. S. Marine Lance Corporal Adam Carter (above and below right) and his canine partner Rex are in Afghanistan. * Carter graduated in 2005.

Hannah McConnell (left) enlisted after her 2008 BHS graduation in the U.S. Navy. She was stationed in Chicago but upon completion of boot camp was sent to San Diego where she is currently stationed. She is studying Japanese to serve as a translator/interpreter for the Navy.

*At press time, Carter was due to arrive back in the United States to attend his grandfather's funeral. Gail resident William Shaw passed away Sunday morning. Shaw was also an Air Force veteran who served 2 tours in the Vietnam war.



Lance Corporal Carter around the campfire with Rex by his side. Winter temperatures in Afghanistan range from 18 degrees to 36 degrees.

Polar Express Ride Returns to Lubbock

The Polar Express Train Ride returned to Lubbock and will run November 13th through December 19th (except November 26th) from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the site of Lubbock Water Rampage, 6602 Marsha Sharp Freeway.

Inspired by the award-winning book by Chris Van Allsburg, the magic of *The Polar Express* will come to life as the train makes a round-trip journey to the North Pole. Passengers are invited to wear their pajamas on the train. En route to the North Pole, the book, *The Polar Express*, will be read, music from the movie will be played and passengers will be served hot chocolate and cookies by the chefs. At the North Pole, Santa Claus and the elves will await the passengers, and then board the train to meet the children and

sing Christmas carols. Each child will receive a silver bell from Santa Claus.

At the event site, a Winter Fun Land will be available for attendees to visit before or after their train ride. A gift store will also be open.

Ticket prices are as follows:
Regular coach seating: Passenger coaches

Adults: \$26.50; Children (2-12 years): \$17.50

Premium seating: Upper or lower seats in the special Dome car plus a souvenir commemorative The Polar Express mug filled with hot chocolate and topped with whipped cream

Lower Dome seating: Adults: \$36.50; Children (2-12 years): \$27.50

Upper Dome seating: Adults: \$41.50; Children (2-12 years): \$32.50

Ticket prices include sales

tax; additional ticket handling charge from ticketing agency may apply. Tickets went on sale beginning Thursday, October 1st and may be purchased through Ticket Web, a national ticketing agency, online at www.ticketweb.com or by phone at 1-866-468-7630. All ticket sales are final.

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Craft Show Set For Dec. 5th in Tahoka

Area crafters are gearing up for their Annual Christmas Craft Show set for Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. The popular event will feature the talents of crafters from Tahoka, Lubbock and surrounding communities. "There will be over 20 booths with a very wide variety of items," according to Amy Preston of Tahoka, Craft Show Coordinator. "We've added a few new vendors this year and will have many of our regulars - back by

popular demand", added Preston.

Admission to the Craft Show is free and visitors can expect to find a little bit of everything, including jewelry, Christmas shirts, hand-made soaps, baked goods and much, much more. Phebe K. Warner Study Club will again be preparing and selling lunch!

Tahoka's Life Enrichment Center is located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. For more information, please contact Amy Preston at 806-759-1690.



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Borden County U.I.L Celebrates Double Victory Junior High & Elementary Win Overall Zone Academic Titles

As the holidays arrive this week, students and teachers at Borden County Elementary and Junior High have much to be thankful for – this time in the form of dual District 4-A, East Zone UIL Academic Meet championships.

Both groups won their zone titles by wide margins last Wednesday and Thursday in contests held in O'Donnell.

On the elementary level, Borden County finished with 782.66 points overall, outpacing second place O'Donnell, who finished with 480.83 points. Ira was third with 252.5, while New Home was fourth with 200. Wilson and Southland finished out the contests with 39 and 24 points respectively.

Borden County more than doubled its next closest competitor on the junior high level with an overall total of 1257.5 points. Ira was second with 558 points. O'Donnell finished in third with 422.5, and New Home was fourth with 319. Southland ended with 239, and Wilson was sixth with 44.

These sweepstakes points were awarded for both individual and team placements in over 70 different academic contests. In team events, point were awarded as follows: 1st – 8 points, 2nd – 6, & 3rd – 4. Individually, the top six students received points: 1st – 15, 2nd – 12, 3rd – 10, 4th – 8, 5th – 6, & 6th – 4. These points accumulated to reach the overall totals.

A special thank you goes to the faculty and staff who worked with these students and to the parents who encouraged their children in these endeavors.

Congratulations to the following students from Borden County who placed in their respective events!

4th Grade Art Smart-1st Team: 3rd-Preslea Hall, 5th-Brian Torres and 5th-Trace Richey.

5th Grade Art Smart-2nd Team: 1st-Maria Neufeld, 5th-Madison Benavidez and 6th-

Cheyenne Dowds.
6th Grade Art Smart-1st Team: 1st-Tatum Richey, 2nd-(tie) Kelby Miller, 2nd-(tie) Merik Valentine and 3rd-(tie) Flint Roberts.

7th Grade Art Smart-2nd Team: 1st-(tie) Eva Banman, 3rd-(tie) Frank Banman, 3rd-(tie) Tye Basquez and 6th-Ricky Torres.

8th Grade Art Smart-1st Team: 1st-(tie) Taylor Gass, 1st-(tie) Sydnie Day, 3rd-Brady Dowds, 4th-Mallory McMeans and 5th-Matthew Proulx.

6th Grade Calculator Applications-1st Team: 1st-Tatum Richey, 2nd-Zoie Key and 5th-Samuel Raborn.

7th Grade Calculator Applications-2nd Team: 1st-McKenna Campbell.

8th Grade Calculator Applications-1st Team: 1st-(tie) Kalyn Massingill, 1st-(tie) Maeghan Herridge and 4th-T.J. Basquez.

2nd Grade Creative Writing: 3rd-Zeke Lott.

5th Grade Dictionary Skills-1st Team: 1st-Cheyenne Dowds, 3rd-Kace Lott and 4th-Avery Price.

6th Grade Dictionary Skills-2nd Team: 3rd-Tatum Richey and 4th-Channing Miller.

7th Grade Dictionary Skills-1st Team: 1st-Cayden Vaughn, 2nd-(tie) Bessie Rhodes and 6th-(tie) Eva Banman.

8th Grade Dictionary Skills-1st Team: 1st-Maeghan Herridge, 2nd-Sydnie Day and 3rd-Matthew Proulx.

7th Grade Editorial Writing: 1st McKenna Campbell.

8th Grade Editorial Writing: 2nd-Mallory McMeans, 3rd-Mollie McMeans and 4th-Matthew Proulx.

7th Grade Impromptu Speaking: 3rd-Sean Tucker, 4th-Jessica Orosco and 6th-Nathan Ham.

8th Grade Impromptu Speaking: 2nd-Taylor Gass, 3rd-Mollie McMeans and 4th-Matthew Proulx.

5th Grade Listening Skills-1st Team: 1st-Kace Lott, 2nd-Hayley Gray and 3rd-Cheyenne Dowds.

6th Grade Listening Skills-

1st Team: 2nd-Thomas Harrison, 3rd-Taylor Roberts and 4th-Channing Miller.

7th Grade Listening Skills-3rd Team: 2nd-Tye Basquez and 5th-McKenna Campbell.

8th Grade Listening Skills-1st Team: 2nd-Mallory McMeans, 3rd-Zach McMeans and 5th-Brady Dowds.

5th Maps, Graphs, & Charts-1st Team: 1st-Kace Lott, 4th-Cheyenne Dowds and 5th-Maria Neufeld.

6th Maps, Graphs, & Charts-1st Team: 1st-Tatum Richey, 3rd-Rhaeden Bland and 5th-Tate Wheatley.

7th Maps, Graphs, & Charts-1st Team: 1st-Frank Banman, 2nd-Sean Tucker and 5th-Tye Basquez.

8th Maps, Graphs, & Charts-1st Team: 2nd-Matthew Proulx, 3rd-Mollie McMeans, and 5th-Zach McMeans.

6th Grade Mathematics-2nd Team: 2nd-Samuel Raborn and 4th-Tatum Richey.

7th Grade Mathematics-1st Team: 1st-Sean Tucker and 6th-Cayden Vaughn.

8th Grade Mathematics-2nd Team: 5th-Mallory McMeans and 6th-Kalyn Massingill.

7th Grade Modern Oratory-1st-Tye Basquez, 2nd-Bessie Rhodes and 4th-Cayden Vaughn.

8th Grade Modern Oratory: 1st-Zach McMeans, 2nd-Maeghan Herridge and 4th-Sydnie Day.

3rd Grade Music Memory-1st Team: 1st-Madison Cole, 2nd-Thomas Benavidez, 3rd-Katie Gray, 4th-Rayme Jones and 5th-Tanner Harrison.

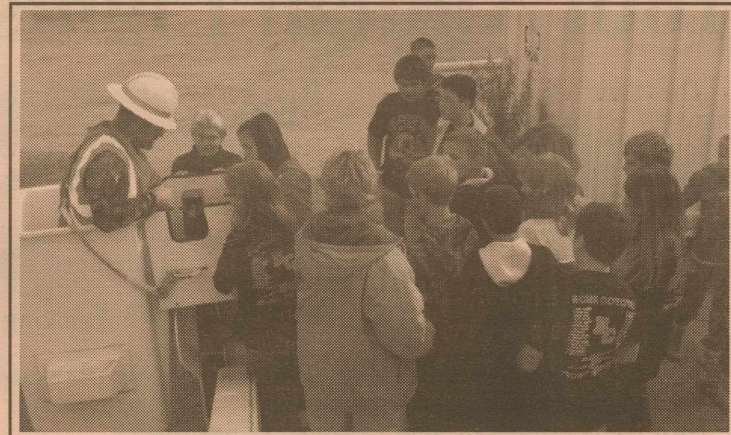
4th-Grade Music Memory-1st Team: 1st-Maddie Matlock, 2nd-Brittan Webb, 3rd-Harley Merrill and 6th-Nick Proulx.

5th Grade Music Memory-1st Team: 1st-Dylan Murphy, 3rd-Hayley Gray, 5th-Marie Neufeld and 6th-Hunter Jones.

6th Grade Music Memory-2nd Team: 1st-Kelby Miller.

4th Grade Number Sense-1st Team: 1st-Thadd Basquez, 2nd-(tie) Ashlyn Tucker and 2nd-(tie) Brittan Webb.

5th Grade Number Sense-1st



Mr. Andy Hudson demonstrates the need for safety using the harness before entering the bucket

Sixth Grade Visits TxDOT on Field Trip

By Sue Jane Mayes

Borden County's TXDOT office welcomed the Borden County Sixth Grade class last week. Mr. Jibber Herridge (Regional Manager), secretary Jacque Hendricks, and Andy Hudson took time to tell the class about the duties and responsibilities of the office here in Gail.

Students saw a computer demonstration performed by the Abilene branch office. Mr. Hudson took the students outside to show them how he operates the "bucket" lifts him to elevated work areas. He also demonstrated how TXDOT uses backhoes. Mrs. Hendricks had a special treat for students as they came back inside to enjoy cookies and lemonade.

Finally, Mr. Herridge presented each student and Mrs. Mayes with a special TXDOT backpack with souvenirs inside.

Team: 1st-Maria Neufeld and 3rd-Kace Lott.

6th Grade Number Sense-1st Team: 1st-Samuel Raborn and 3rd-Tatum Richey.

7th Grade Number Sense-2nd Team: 1st-Sean Tucker.

8th Grade Number Sense-1st Team: 1st-Kalyn Massingill, 2nd-Sydnie Day and 3rd-(tie) Taylor Gass.

Kindergarten Oral Reading: 6th-Christian Torres.

1st Grade Oral Reading: 2nd-Ashlyn Lott.

2nd Grade Oral Reading: 1st-Kaitlyn Hamm.

3rd Grade Oral Reading: 4th-Madison Cole and 5th-Katie Gray.

4th Grade Oral Reading: 1st-Maddie Matlock and 3rd-Trace Richey.

5th Grade Oral Reading: 1st-Dylan Murphy and 5th-Hunter Jones.

6th Grade Oral Reading: 1st-Tatum Richey, 3rd-Cheyenne Tucker and 4th-Zoie Key.

7th Grade Oral Reading: 2nd-Tye Basquez and 3rd-Sean Tucker.

8th Grade Oral Reading: 2nd-Taylor Gass, 3rd-Zach McMeans and 5th-Mollie McMeans.

3rd Grade Ready Writing:

1st-Riley Lewis, 2nd-Katie Gray and 3rd-Madison Cole.

4th Grade Ready Writing: 2nd-Preslea Hall.

8th Grade Ready Writing: 3rd-Mollie McMeans and 4th-Kalyn Massingill.

7th Grade Science I-1st Team: 5th-McKenna Campbell.

8th Grade Science II-1st Team: 1st-Brady Dowds, 3rd-Zach McMeans, and 6th-Sydnie Day.

5th Grade Social Studies-1st Team: 1st-Hayley Gray, 2nd-Kace Lott and 4th-Maria Neufeld.

6th Grade Social Studies-1st Team: 1st Team: 2nd-Samuel Raborn, 4th-Channing Miller and 6th-Tatum Richey,

7th Grade Social Studies-1st Team: 1st-Sean Tucker and 6th-Tye Basquez.

8th Grade Social Studies-1st Team: 1st-Zach McMeans, 3rd-Mollie McMeans and 4th-Brady Dowds.

3rd Grade Spelling-1st Team: 1st-Madison Cole, 2nd-Riley Lewis and 5th-Katie Gray.

4th Grade Spelling-1st Team: 2nd-Harley Merrill, 4th-Brittan Webb and 6th-Trace Richey.

5th Grade Spelling-1st Team: 3rd-Maria Neufeld and 5th-

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16th Annual Lights for Gail

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

Nov. 27 - In Memory of: **Delmo Pearce, Karen Pearce**
By the Citizens of Borden County

Nov. 27 - In Honor of: **Martha Pearce**
By the Citizens of Borden County

Nov. 28 - In Honor of: **Our Grandchildren**

By R. D. & Carol Lewis
Nov. 29 - In Memory of: **Mary D. Mullins Cary**
By Margaret Cary Billingsley

Nov. 30 - In Memory of: **Wayne Key**
By Musslewhite Trucking Co.

Dec. 1 - In Memory of: **Doris Beaver**

By Frank J. Beaver
Dec. 2 - In Memory of: **Mr. & Mrs. Mardes Clayton, Mr. & Mrs. Newton Wilson**

By Carol & Tim Wilson
Dec. 3 - In Honor of: **Our Kids & Grandkids**

By Larry & Wanda Smith
Dec. 5 - In Memory of: **Binie & Nell White**

By Binie L. & Edna White
Dec. 6 - In Honor of: **Carol & R.D. Lewis**
By Jeff & Lovinda Beal Blohm

Dec. 7 - In Memory of: **Charles Vaughn**
By Melba Dempsey & Children

Dec. 8 - In Memory of: **Herman Ledbetter**
By Ross & Sarah Sharp

Dec. 10 - In Memory of: **Beno & Donna Hendricks**
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Dec. 10 - In Memory of: **John & Peggy Dennis, David & Debby Dennis**

By Mary Ann & Paul Awtry & Family & Jacquie Whalen

Dec. 11 - In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**
By Jibber & Cindy Herridge

Dec. 11 - In Honor of: **Mr. & Mrs. Mack Terry**
By Jibber & Cindy Herridge

Dec. 12 - In Memory of: **Bert & Dorothy Dennis**
By Joel & Betty Dennis

Dec. 12 - In Honor of: **Mr. & Mrs. Frank Herridge**
By Jibber & Cindy Herridge

Dec. 13 - In Memory of: **Wayne Key**
By Musslewhite Trucking Co.

Dec. 14 - In Memory of: **Nell Price**
By Cliff & Sandi Price

Dec. 18 - In Memory of: **Flora & Fagan Johnson**
By Carroll & Jane Stone

Dec. 19 - In Memory of: **Wayne Key**
By Musslewhite Trucking Co.

Dec. 20 - In Memory of: **Mr. & Mrs. Jim York, Buster York, Velma Burt**

By Juaeise B. York
Dec. 21 - In Honor of: **Steve Lewis**

By Borden County Waste Disposal, Ltd.

Dec. 22 - In Honor of: **Jim Wade**
By Borden County Waste Disposal, Ltd.

Dec. 23 - In Honor of: **Tip Baker**
By Borden County Waste Disposal, Ltd.

Dec. 23 - In Thanksgiving
By Rich Anderson Family

Dec. 24 - In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**
By Mack & Jane Terry

Dec. 24 - In Thanksgiving
By Rich Anderson Family

Dec. 24 - In Honor of: **Our Parents**
By Shirly & Doyle Newton

Dec. 24 - In Memory of: **Brandon Adcock**
By John B. Harris Family

Dec. 24 - In Memory of: **All our beloved family members and friends**
By Ralph Miller Family

Dec. 24 - In Memory of: **Arvil (Babe) Brewer**
By Ross & Sarah Sharp

Dec. 24 - In Memory of: **S. C. (Buddy) Sharp**
By Ross & Sarah Sharp

Dec. 24 - In Memory of: **Beno & Donna Hendricks**
By Ross & Sarah Sharp

Dec. 24 - In Memory of: **A.B. & Effie Lee Telchik**
By James & Sherry Telchik

Dec. 24 - In Honor of: **Mark May**
By Borden County Waste Disposal, Ltd.

Dec. 25 - In Honor of: **Mildred Sevey**
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Dec. 25 - In Honor of: **John Paul Harris**
By John B. Harris Family

Dec. 25 - In Honor of: **Guy Edwards**
By Borden County Waste Disposal, Ltd.

Dec. 26 - In Memory of: **Wayne Kay**
By Musslewhite Trucking

Co.
Dec. 31 - In Honor of: **Brian & Sharon Jones & Robyn**
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Dec. 31 - In Honor of: **Those who work tirelessly to keep the Christmas Spirit glowing in Gail**
By Mildred Sevey

Jan. 1 - In Memory of: **John Harding**
By Joe, Rhonda, Sarah & Clay

Light bulbs for the "Star" on Gail Mountain are being sponsored for the following:

IN MEMORY OF:
James W. Petty
By Mrs. James W. Petty

Martin Reinecke
Alma Reinecke
Lindell Koonce
Erwin Reinecke

Erna Gray
Johanna Guthmiller
Hattie Bell
Clara Bash

By Margaret Novak
Jym Hendricks
Madge Hendricks
Edward Rinehart
Joe Canon
Bill Finley

By Jym Rinehart Family
Cleo Couture
Charles Couture
Edna Buchanan
Floyd Buchanan
Caden Nowlain
Brandon Adcock
David Holmes

By Bob & Terri Buchanan
James Kenneth Williams
Kenneth Vestal
By Kenneth & Glenda Vestal

Preston & Ella Sharp
Tom & Ann Nelms
Billy O. Gilleland
By Ross & Sarah Sharp

IN HONOR OF:
Cindy Herridge
Jibber Herridge
Jana Underwood
Ray Don Underwood
Raylea Underwood
Cody Nowlain
Emily Nowlain
Randy Hardman
Debra Hardman

By Mack & Jane Terry
Ross Sharp Family
Margaret Sharp
By Sarah Gilleland
Tumbleweed Smith
Susan Lewis
Jackson Lewis
Max Lewis
Caleb Lewis
Aiden Lewis
By Orange House Produc-

tions
Vickie & Earnest
Gayla & Mark
Cody & Robin
J. Ky & Josh
Lacey
Chelsea & Jeffery
By Shirly & Doyle Newton
Our grandchildren,
Madison Rocha
Byan Rocha
Reece Redwine
By Larry & Nan Martin
Johnny Dempsey
By Melba Dempsey & Children

The Sharp Family
By Margaret Sharp
Arlan Youngblood Family

M. L. Standefer Family
Joe Raines Family
Benny White Family
By John Montgomery Family

Jason Sharp
Sarah L. Gilleland
Margaret Sharp
By Ross & Sarah Sharp
Mr. & Mrs. Cody
Nowlain

Ray Don Underwood Family
Fuzz Herridge Family
Maurice Herridge Family
Joyce Marie Green Family
By Jibber & Cindy Herridge
Don & Nelva Jones
By Chad & Amy Martin & Family

Grandad & Grandmother Lewis
By Kelsey, Quincy & Eli Martin
Connie L. Johnson
By T. Ruffin Johnson, Jr.

DONATIONS FOR THE STAR:
Lamesa Butane Company
Sue S. Smith
Caprock Federal Credit Union

Dorothy Browne
Dorward Farms
Warren & Betty Beaver
Big Country Electric Coop.
Mickey & Shirley McMeans
Farmers Coop. Assn. of O'Donnell
Bill & Donna Aten
Dennis Poole Family

LIGHTS FOR GAIL

Sixteenth Annual
Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

Borden County Museum and Courthouse Courtyard
Gail, Texas

Friday, November 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
(day after Thanksgiving)

The Courthouse will be open at 5:00 p.m. serving refreshments
Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will arrive at the Courthouse at 5:30 p.m. and will be taking special requests

Children's photos made with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus
Winners of Christmas Decorating Contest, sponsored by
Lyntegar Electric Co-op will be announced
Winners of Christmas Ornament Contest, sponsored by Poka Lambro, will be announced, all entries will be on display

~~~~Register to win a child-sized stocking full of fun prizes~~~~  
~~~~Drawing for Door Prizes~~~~

The Museum will open at 5:00 p.m. for viewing, reminiscing,
and serving refreshments

Hayrides throughout the evening

EVERYONE COME!!!!!!

Drop off for "Christmas For The Kids" at Buckner's Children's Home
will be in the Borden County Courthouse again this year.
New toys and gifts must be dropped off by December 10.
Also including New Pajamas, Socks, Etc. and personal hygiene products
(toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)
Children's ages Toddler - 18 years.

Borden County UIL...

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Cheyenne Dowds.
6th Grade Spelling-1st
Team: 1st-Tatum Richey and
3rd-Channing Miller.
7th Grade Spelling-1st
Team: 2nd-Bessie Rhodes.
8th Grade Spelling-1st
Team: 1st-Brady Dowds, 2nd-
Matthew Ham and 3rd-Taylor
Gass.
Kindergarten Storytelling:

3rd-Charli Snell, 4th-Brooklyn
Gray.
1st Grade Storytelling: 2nd-
Camree Miller and 4th-Kaci
Hudson.
2nd Grade Storytelling:
O'Livia Reyes and 5th-Tatum
Treadwell.
3rd Grade Storytelling: 1st-
Kelby Kleck, 4th-Madison Cole
and 5th-Katie Gray.