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## Division II Six-Man State Champions Again! *Coyotes Defeat the Hornets and Win Back-to-Back Championship Titles*

By Dwight Heins  
Lamesa Press Reporter

Good defense still wins championships even in the often crazy and zany world of six-man football.

Coach Trey Richey's Borden County Coyotes proved that again last Saturday afternoon at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium, where they held off the Highland Hornets, 28-14, in the Division II state title game featuring the two top-ranked ball clubs in the state.

"This is a different score than what you'd see most of the time in six-man football, but we're also talking about two teams which play such good defense," Richey said. "After watching both of these teams play their hearts out, it just feels unbelievably sweet to come out on the good end of a game like this."

For the second straight season, BC finished its season undefeated, compiling a 15-0 in 2009. They will go into the 2010 season with a 29-game win streak.

"We knew coming in that Highland would be tough. The way that their defense plays, we knew it was going to be hard to move the ball against these guys," BC senior Flynn

Chapman. "We knew against their defense that we were probably going to have to be able to break some tackles.

"But, our defense came back and played another great ball game again this week."

The Coyotes definitely were not surprised to see Saturday's title game play out the way it did.

"We knew this one would be close," BC junior end Zach Telchik said. "We both had good defenses, so we knew coming in that this had a good chance at being a very good ball game.

"We were able to make the big plays, especially in the key situations, which helped us come out on top."

Saturday's game will go down in the record books as Texas six-man football's lowest-scoring championship game.

"This was a very exciting game to play in," BC junior Tony Soto said. "We knew coming in that we were two teams who were about equal with each other. We could see they played a lot like us."

Highland, which spent a majority of this season ranked No. 2 in the state behind



The Borden County Coyotes defeated the Highland Hornets 14 to 28 Saturday afternoon at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene landing them the 2009 Division II State Championship title. Pictured are (back row left to right) Michael Froman, MacLayne Hall, Kobie Benham, Flynn Cahpman, Tony Soto, Derek Tatum, Matthew Roberson, Austin Cope, Luis Andrade, John Hensley, Brendan Tarleton, Quint Shafer, Zach Telchik, Helio Rosales, David Rodriguez, Jared Smith, Austin Tyler, R.T. Shafer, Luke Burkett, (front row left to right) Austin Fields, Tanner Richey, Karl Lamming, Miles Valentine, Michael Cooley, Skyler Williamson, Collin Telchik, Steven Howard and Brent Davis.

Borden County, finished at 13-1.

"We definitely had our opportunities," said Highland head coach Karry Owens, now in his 17<sup>th</sup> season at his alma mater.

"We ended up overthrowing a couple of passes where we had people wide open. We also had balls come off our finger tips two or three times. We just didn't do as good a job converting when we had those opportunities."

Borden County's defense came up with big play after play, starting with 8:16 left in the opening frame when Karl

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### Community Assembly

Friday, December 18th

At 12:06 p.m.

In the Borden County  
School Auditorium

To honor the Borden County  
Division II Six-Man State  
Champions

# Missy Coyotes Topple Klondike

By Coach McCook

The Missy Coyotes continued their undefeated season Monday against Klondike.

The two teams faced each other in the Sands Tournament earlier in the year. In that game, the Borden County jumped out to a 16-point advantage only to see their lead dwindle as the game eventually went into overtime where the Missy Coyotes narrowly pulled out a win. Monday, the game went similarly.

The Missy Coyotes exploded to a 14-2 first quarter lead and extended their lead to 25-8 at the half. This time, however, the lead did not dwindle; it mounted. After

three quarters, the Missy Coyotes had pretty well iced the ball game with a 39-17 lead. From there they coasted to the 42-32 victory. This win brings the team's season record to 6-0; they 4-0 in district play.

Mallory McMeans led all scorers with 13 points. Kalyn Massingill added 9; Tye Basquez 6; McKenna Campbell 5; Taylor Gass 4; Eva Banman and Sydnie Day 2; and Clair Shafer added 1. Bailey Robinson, Mollie McMeans, Jessica Orosco, Kassie Gaines, Sage Wheatley, Maeghan Herridge, and Bessie Rhodes all also contributed to the team's success.



Tye Basquez (#2), heads for the goal and scores 2 points for the Missy Coyotes.

# Coyote JH Takes Out Klondike

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote Jr. High took on the Cougars on Dec. 7 and improved their record to 6-0 on the season with a 31-21 victory.

The Coyotes jumped out to an early 9-4 first quarter lead on the Cougars, but a slow second quarter in which the Coyotes did not score any points allowed Klondike to cut the lead to one at half.

A strong third quarter by the Coyotes in which they scored 16 points to Klondike's 8 and a good defense was enough for them to hold on for a 10 point victory.

Scoring for the Coyotes: T.J. Basquez 12, Kurt Shafer 12, Tristen Benavidez 3, Matthew Ham 2, and Frank Banman 2. Also contributing to the victory for the Coyotes:

Riley Herridge, Ricky Torres, Michael McClain, Sean Tucker, Zach McMeans, Cayden Vaughn, Nathan Ham, Hurricane Vankirk, Matthew Proulx, Brady Dowds, Jayden Huse, and Michael Taylor. Good job Coyotes!

## School Lunch Menu

Jan. 4 - 8, 2010

**Monday** - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog, Oven Fried, Apple & Orange Smiles, Sherbet Cup and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Muffins, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Pancake Pup Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Teriyaki Chicken, Rice Pilaf, English Peas, Pineapple Tidbits and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Oatmeal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Taco Salad, Seasoned Corn, Fruited Gelatin, Brownie and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle, Baked Beans, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Crispy Cereal Treat and Milk.

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# Lady Coyotes Struggle in Coahoma Tournament

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes began their 2009 Coahoma Tournament experience Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> by facing Odessa Permian. Despite a 9-9 tie at the end of one quarter, the Lady Coyotes struggled to contain the Lady Panthers' athleticism and soon found themselves trailing by 19 at the half. The second half proved equally difficult, with Permian continuing to extend their lead on their way to a 73-38 victory. But what proved even more difficult was having to turn around less than two hours later and play the Lady Buffs from Stanton. The Lady Coyotes jumped out to a 13-6 first quarter lead, and it looked as though they would overcome fatigue. But the Lady Buffs outscored the Lady Coyotes 23-12 in the next two periods, and held on for a 42-39 win. These two losses bring the Lady Coyotes season record to 2-5.

Against Odessa Permian, Taylor Richey led the team with 19 points, 8 rebounds, and 3 steals. Olivia Key added 8 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 assists. Bailey Anderson had 4 points. D'Nae Johnson had 3 points. Raegan Belongia had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Brittany Day had 2 rebounds, 4 steals, and 2 assists. And Kylie Voss had 1 rebound.

Against Stanton, Taylor Richey again scored 19 points, 6 rebounds, and 2 assists. Olivia Key had 8 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 steals. Bailey Anderson had 4 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals, and 3 assists. Stefanie Cooley had 4 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists. Raegan Belongia had 3 points. And D'Nae Johnson had 1 point, 5 rebounds, and 2 steals. Brittany Day and Kylie Voss also contributed to the team effort.

# Lady Coyotes Defeat Lady Buffs

By Coach McCook

After a brutal schedule that left them with a 2-5 record and 5 straight losses, the Lady Coyotes got a much needed win over Forsan on the Tuesday before the Borden County Invitational.

The girls began the game a little sluggish, falling behind 8-5 at the quarter, but kicked it into gear in the second quarter to gain a halftime lead which they would never again relinquish. Converting on free throws in the final minute of the game, the Lady Coyotes came away with a hard fought,

14-point victory, 51-37.

Taylor Richey led all scorers with 27 points and 11 rebounds. Olivia Key added 16 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 steals. Kylie Voss had 3 points, and Raegan Belongia added 2 points and 2 rebounds as well. D'Nae Johnson, Stefanie Cooley, and Brittany Day each scored 1 point. D'Nae also had 2 assists; Stefanie had 4 rebounds and 2 assists; and Brittany 4 rebounds and 2 assists. Bailey Anderson pulled down 7 rebounds and had 2 steals and 2 blocks.

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# Borden County's Trey Richey Coach all-Century Hall-of-Fame Career has Richey among best

By Dwight Heins

Lamesa Press Reporter Sunday, December 13, 2009 edition

Stealing a line from the old Pittsburgh Steelers, Borden County's Trey Richey has a chance to get that one for the thumb going into Saturday afternoon's D II state title game against Highland at Abilene.

Now in just his third season as a high school head football coach, Richey has a chance to be an integral part of five state six-man football championship teams after playing on two back in his own high school days at Jayton, one as a defensive coordinator in 1997 on Borden County's first of two state championship teams before being just a second-year head coach on that second one just this past season.

It is no wonder that Richey is often considered one of the top talents to ever play that game.

That was once again made quite evident this week when this Six-Man Football Team.

"It's pretty flattering," Richey said. "Just like being the tailback now for Borden County, being the tailback at Jayton I got the ball an awful lot. With the offensive linemen that we had, there were times where we didn't even get touched until 15 or 15 yards later. It's another one of those deals where the older we get the bigger those stories get.

"One of the neatest things about this deal is how our kids got to hear about it from my dad. Dad first called us about this one of those mornings where we had a late start for school after seeing it in the Abilene paper."

Being mentioned in the same breath with the like of Amherst's DeWayne Miles and Trinidad's Damien Jackson on the Dream Team still is rather humbling to Richey.

"We don't have nothing against those guys who played ball back in the 40's, 50's and 60's, but it's a different animal even comparing athletes in '86 to ones in 2008," Richey said.

"These guys now are just so much faster and stronger."

Others on this elite first-team offense are Richland Springs' Tyler Ethridge, Panther Creek's Jamie Humphries

and Grandfalls-Royalty's James Stocks.

In addition to being named as one of that game's all-time best running back, Richey tackled second-team at defensive back.

"I always had lots of fun playing this game," Richey said. "It's even more flattering to get something like this on both sides, since that helps make you feel that much more like a complete player."

Richey definitely was one of the driving forces on Jayton's back-to-back state six-man championship seasons in 1984 and 1985. After getting all-state honors in 1984 at safety, Richey received that same recognition on the other side of the ball at running back in 1985. Back in 1986, Richey also was the six-man all-star game's MVP.

In the 1985 state six-man championship game, Richey ran for an amazing 461 yards and eight touchdowns in Jayton's 64-14 victory over Christoval, capping off the Jaybirds' 28-0 run in their back-to-back title campaigns.

Richey finished that phenomenal high school career with 5,120 yards and 101 TDs.

Saturday's D II title game in Abilene featured two of this game's all-time bests on the sidelines. While Richey is in his third year as the head coach at Gail, Monte Richburg is one of Karry Owens' assistants at Highland. Richburg made this all-century team as a first-team linebacker.

"We can remember back in the days when everybody got all excited about Richburg coming to town, and he was never a disappointment in the way that he was always all over the place," Richey recalled.

While both Trey and Monte left their mark on this game, they have two sons who went against each other in Saturday's title game at Abilene.

After being a two-time all-stater back in his days at Jayton, Richey went on to give college ball a shot first at Texas Tech before transferring to McMurry University in Abilene where he became a

four-year starter.

"After they dropped their JV program at Tech, we first thought about going to McMurry for two years before going back to Tech," Richey said. "I ended up starting four years at McMurry, but it still hurt seeing the guy who was once behind me on the depth chart at Texas Tech playing on TV that following season. As much as that bothered me at

the time, we know that the good Lord, put us there for a reason. That's (McMurry) where we met our wife and ended up with four kids out of the deal."

While back-to-back state championship seasons will be hard to match, Richey's fondest memories at Jayton go much deeper than that.

"One of the things that I remember the most is the way

that we all rallied around each other those two years, especially our senior year," Richey said. "The way that we all pulled together made all of our games fun back the.

"Whenever our last game ended, we'll never forget how we cried like a baby just knowing how big of a privilege it was to wear that Black and Gold back then, as well as represent Jayton, Texas."

## Borden County Coyotes State Champions...

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Lamming picked off a Hornet pass inside the BC 10-yard line.

Following a long run by Michael Cooley to Highland's 11, the Coyotes were only two yards away from putting the first points on the scoreboard. But on fourth-and-goal at the two, the Hornets stopped Cooley in his tracks as the pigskin went over on downs in what ended up a scoreless first quarter.

Borden County opened up the second quarter back inside Highland's 20. Again the Coyotes came up empty handed, as the Hornets' Nick Richburg batted down Miller Valentine's fourth-and-one pass intended to Quinton Shafer.

It was the Coyotes' defense that scored their first TD as Tony Soto picked off a Hornet pass in the second frame and raced the theft back 50 yards to pay dirt.

"This was one of those deals where we could see this coming, but it would have never happened without the kind of rush that we were putting on them," Soto said.

Flynn Chapman kicked the PAT, giving BC the lead at 8-0 with 4:54 left in the first half.

Highland tied the game at 8-all with 1:06 left in the half on a four-yard TD pass from Jordan Bayse to Tanner Martin. Cameron Cox kicked the PAT.

With time expiring in the first half, Chapman kicked a 26-yard field goal - worth four points in six-man football - to give BC a 12-8 lead at intermission.

"We still can't say enough about our defense. All they (the Coyotes) got out of their offense in that first half was that field goal," Owens said. "As good as our kids played defense for us, they also did for them."

Borden County increased its lead to 20-8 with 4:23 left in the third quarter as Valentine connected with Flynn Chapman on an eight-yard TD pass. Chapman again kicked the PAT.

Highland cut the margin to 20-14 with 4:02 to go in the fourth quarter on an 11-yard pass from Todd Mueller to Thomas Stewart.

Brendan Tarleton blocked the Hornets' PAT kick.

The Coyotes took away any momentum Highland may have gained from that score just 20 seconds later when Chapman scored an insurance touchdown with on a 46-yard run up the middle. Chapman also kicked the PAT.

Highland got back deep inside Coyote territory at the 11-yard-line with 1:48 remaining on the game clock. On the next play, however, BC's Tony Soto picked off his second pass of

the game on the five-yard line with only 1:43 remaining, putting the game on ice.

"Our guys did a tremendous job of not losing their composure. Defensively we had that one big interception for a touchdown, but we also came up with some big offensive plays, especially there toward the end," Richey said.

Michael Cooley led all BC ground gainers with 142 yards on 18 carries.

Flynn Chapman ran for 79 yards and one score and turned his eight-yard catch into another Coyote touchdown. He also kicked all three of PATs in addition to the field goal.

After putting up 62 points per outing in their first 14 games this season, the Coyotes were held to their lowest score all year.

"We've been telling our kids all last week that there wouldn't be any easy touchdowns in this game, especially with the way that Highland's kids sell out on every play," Richey said.

"Eighteen of our kids got at least one down of football in a championship ball game, which again says a lot about our depth."

See the Dec. 12th issue of the Lamesa Press-Reporter for additional information and photos about the state championship game.

## Dennis Poole Announces Candidacy for Office of County Judge

I am writing this announcement to inform the people of Borden County that I, Dennis Poole, have filed for the opportunity to seek the office of Borden County Judge.

My family and I have lived and worked in and around Borden County 24 years. Sheri and I were blessed with three children. Each of our children grew up here, attended, and graduated from Borden County schools.

Our eldest, Kaci, attended Texas Tech and earned a BS and MS in Agricultural Communications. She also earned her teaching certification and is now teaching kindergarten. Kaci also attends Waylan Baptist College and is working on her counselor certification. Tanner is employed with the Tulia, Lubbock, and Big Spring Livestock Auctions. Kalli attended South Plains College and is now completing her Animal Science degree at Texas Tech. We also have two granddaughters. Jaylee is 5 and Sawyer is 4 months.

I graduated Wylie High School in 1975 and attended Grayson County Jr. College from 1975 to 1977 earning an Associate of Science degree. From there, I went to Tarleton State University and graduated in 1979 with a BS in Agricultural Education with a meat certification and received my Master of Science degree in 1980. Sheri also attended TSU and received a BBA in Business Administration in 1979. From 1980-1982, I taught Vocational Agriculture and Meat Science/Processing in Baytown, Texas; was the Assistant County Extension Agent in Howard County from 1982 to 1985; and served as Borden County Agricultural Extension Agent from 1985 to 2006.

I have had the opportunity to serve on the BCISD school board along with six other board members elected by the people of Borden County.

Since 2006, I have been working in and around Borden County hauling junk iron, alfalfa hay, and round bale hay, working at the Big Spring Livestock Auction, day work, order buying livestock, processing, sorting, and selecting cattle, building fence, operating combines to cut wheat, milo, and soybeans, and judging livestock shows throughout Texas and a few in New Mexico.

I hired on with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in 1982, as its name was then, to take advantage of the opportunity to be able to work closer with the people of West Texas and to be involved in the production of agriculture and the families who have devoted their lives to it as well.

I would appreciate your consideration as you make your selection from the field of candidates for County Judge of Borden County.

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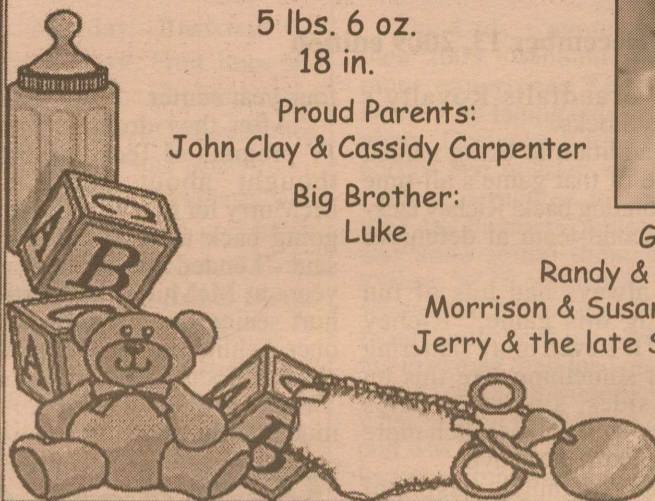


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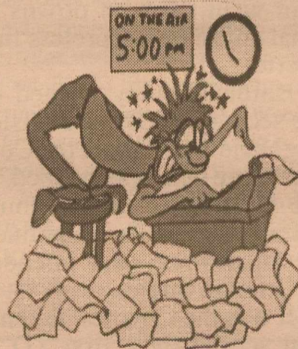
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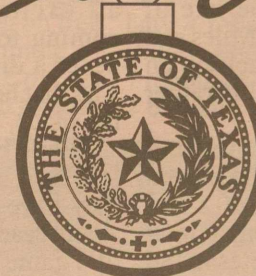
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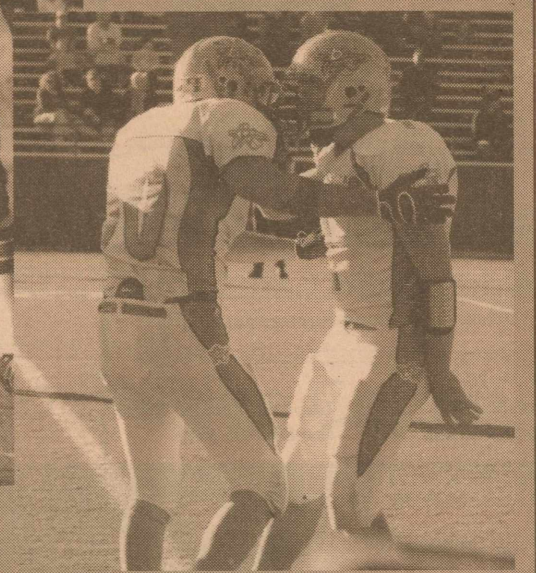
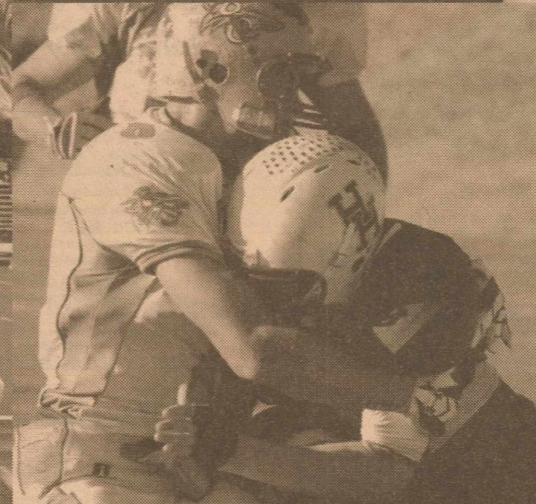
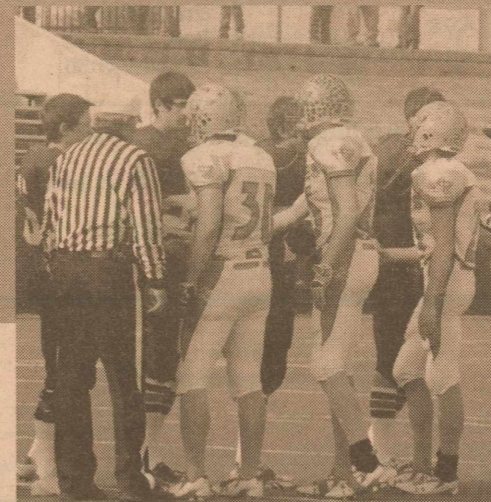
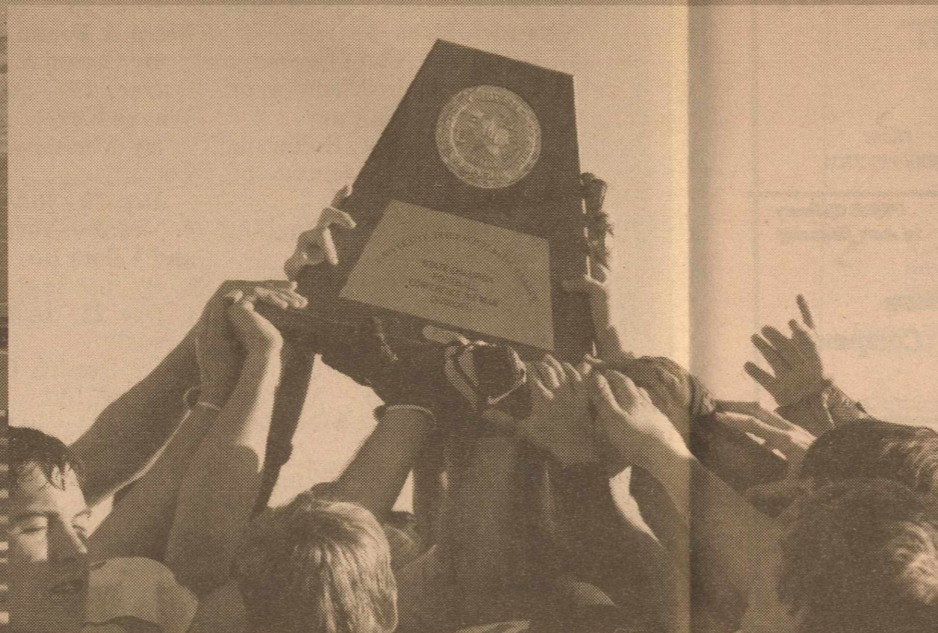
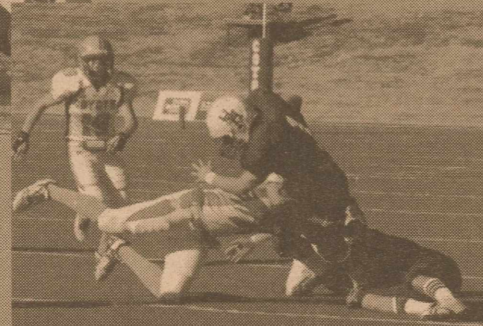
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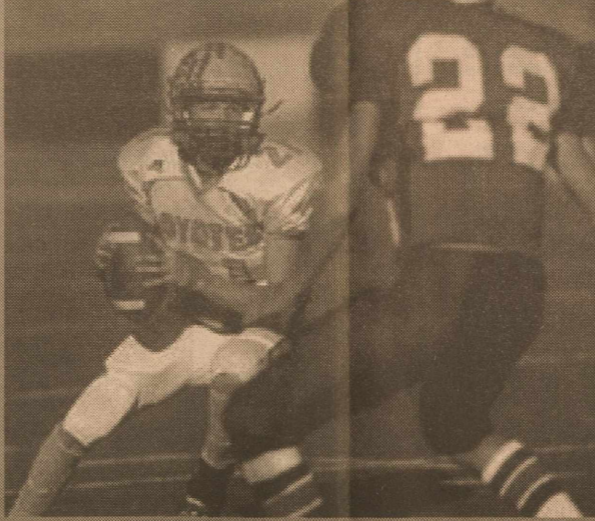
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**ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS  
 IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Borden County; and

WHEREAS, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, 2009, the Commissioners Court of Borden County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Borden County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Borden County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Borden County.

- A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in anyway use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Borden County.
- B. This Order does not prohibit:
  - 1. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;
  - 2. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).
- C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 8th DAY OF December, 2009, BY THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

*Tom L. Cook*  
 COUNTY JUDGE

Attest:  
*Joyce Herridge*  
 Joyce Herridge  
 County Clerk

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**

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 Contract 0295-02-025 for INSTALL LEFT TURN BAY in BORDEN County, etc will be opened on January 06, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days

prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available form TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
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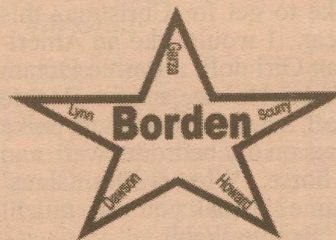
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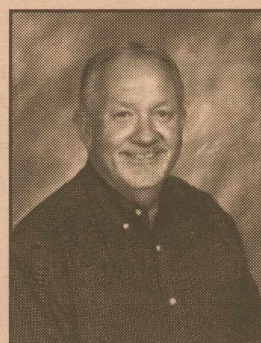


**Photos Now Available**

The photos taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus, on the night of the "Star Lighting", can be picked up at the Borden County Courthouse. They will be available during the regular business hours of 8-12 and 1-5.

**Thought for the Day**

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**1st Grade**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Justin Willborn. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I would like a bike, a G.I. Joe game for my D.S., an iPod Touch, and an electric bike. Thank you very much! Have a Merry Christmas!

Justin Willborn  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Erin Nix. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I would like a Game Boy, a new bike, a goldfish, a D.S., and a chalkboard. Thank you very much! Merry Christmas!

Erin Nix  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Camree Miller. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I would like to get the stuff to have a pet bird, a new D.S.I., and lots of Webkins. I would like to have some new Paperonnis, an American Girl doll and some Junie B. Jones books. Thank you very much! Have a very, very Merry Christmas! Can you tell me anything about the Elves? I want to know more about them!

Camree Miller  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaci Hudson. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I would like a laptop, a baby doll, a D.S., a Wii, and a fuzzy pillow. Thank you very much! Have a great Christmas! How are the reindeer doing? And how are the elves doing?

Kaci Hudson  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Haddie Flanigan. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I would like a D.S., a Wii, a baby puppy, a Border Collie, a pet reindeer (Dixon), some Texas Tech boots, and a snow suit. Have a good Christmas.

How are you doing? Thank you very much!

Haddie Flanigan  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Mason Cole. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I would like a rabbit, slime and a jumbo candy canes. How are you doing? Thank you very much!

Mason Cole  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Jaci Slover. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I would like Junie B. Jones' 'Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!' book, and Ipod, a zebra snuggie, a camera, a zebra blanket and a D.S.I. Thank you very much!

Jaci Slover  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Miles Wilson. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I would like to get for Christmas this year. I would like a Candy Land game, a calendar, and some shirts. Happy Christmas! Thank you very much!

Miles Wilson  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Klancey Kleck. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I would like to get for Christmas this year. I would like a D.S., a Wii, five Wii games, a lot of Thomas the Train stuff, and a Thomas Cuddle Pillow. I would also like a toy tazer, a Secret Saturday Claw, an Ultimate Army Tricks, and a toy light saber. Why is the North Pole so big? Why does Santa know all about everywhere? Thank you very much!

Klancey Kleck  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Kennedy Tucker. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I would like to get for Christmas this year. I would like a mini laptop, a D.S. game of Hannah Montana, a fake phone, some handcuffs, and a poster with

cats on it, a stuffed Rudolph, and a baby doll that can drink. I would also like some purple goggles, some ear plugs, some workbooks, a Christmas coloring book, and some Christmas music. I would also like a necklace with a "K" on it, a snow globe, and a waterproof watch. How do you make all of the toys? What do you do when the Elves make stuff? How do you get here so fast? How do you get into my house? How do you fly? What do you do after Christmas is over? What do you do before Christmas? Have a good Christmas! Thank you very much!

Kennedy Tucker  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Brinlie Webb. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I would like to get for Christmas this year. I would like an American Girl doll, a Barbie Dream Town House, a new Barbie doll, a new bike, a kitten, polka dots on my bedroom wall, and a horse. What is Mrs. Claus' name? Thank you very much!

Brinlie Webb  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Trent Lewis. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I would like to get for Christmas this year. I would like a D.S.I., a bike, a football, and a remote control car. Thank you very much!

Trent Lewis  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Ashlyn Lott. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I would like to get for Christmas this year. I would like some Texas Tech boots, a basketball goal, a basketball, some minutes for my cell phone, my own Christmas tree, a bike, and a chapter book. How do you make things? What are your elves' names? Merry Christmas. Have a good Christmas! Thank you very much!

Ashlyn Lott  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Cutter McNeely. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I would like to get for Christmas this year. I would like an iPod, a Wii, a bike, a scooter, and a skateboard. Thank you very much!

Cutter McNeely  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Macy Matlock. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I would like to get for Christmas this year. I would like an art set, a teacher set, a new movie (Two-

light), a new soft blanket, some new earrings that say "Go Coyotes", a new Webkin, some clothes, and a Husky. I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope you have a full tummy. Thank you very much!

Macy Matlock  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Morghan Oaks. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I would like to get for Christmas this year. I would like an iPod touch. I saw you on the Polar Express and wanted to tell you I changed my mind. Have a great Christmas.

Morghan Oaks  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Jaiden Dimas. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I would like a bike, a dog (Pitt-Bull), a kite, a computer, a book, a ball, a Nintendo, and a phone. Thank you very much!

Jaiden Dimas  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Keigan Benavidez. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I would like a four-wheeler, a coloring book, shoes, painting book, a Wii game, a DS game, a book, Game Boy, football, and an iPod. Merry Christmas! Thank you very much!

Keigan Benavidez  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Gunner Shofner. I am in the first grade. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I would like an iPod Touch, MP3, and a Guitar Rock Band for Wii, an Xbox, and Indiana Jones Wii game. How do you get to people's houses so fast? How can you get so skinny when you go through the chimneys? How do you know to go to people's places at their houses? How do you make the presents? Merry Christmas! Thank you very much!

Gunner Shofner  
**2nd Grade**  
Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a psp, dsi, ds, playstahan, xbox, Larry's hot wheels garodge, dragstip hot wheels, change color hot wheels, flat screen tv, I thouch I phone, ps3, army man, and army tank.

Jason Robinson age 7  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a wii, wii games, dsi, games for my dsi and my ds, if you can make this happen I would like to spend

time with my causans and the rest of my family. I would like a gameboy, gameboy games, can you get me some books to read. I would like some picsoze and bandroos and some adoring books. Also psp and a gutar also a horse if you can git me one.

Kenzie Parks age 7  
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a phone, a puppy, dsi, a sighn to let people you are real, a new book, a remot car, ad, a cow-girl, boots and shurt, sparkling pens, paints, coloring, books, a seat for my desk, a marstar truck, a new move, some more blue jeans, a play kichin, some fart boms. I will be good tool Christmas.

Kaitlyn Hamm age 7  
Dear Santa,  
I want a dsi, a phone, some warm clothes, kids roping rope and a letter from you and that is all a want.

Tatum Treadwell age 7  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a some pink skys, basketball and basketball shoes, a gameboy, a under armer with zebabera, band rooes, a psp, a juet box, a new saddle, a dictionary, pupit, a neckles, a gliter, my own red foler, a horse holter, spirs, and boots.

Fallon Forbes age 7  
Dear Santa,  
May I have a ds, a wee, a dsi, a cerama, and roler skacks and endtendo and macup and erings, a nechcles, an masc, a bike, and a bisicl and games, a sweter, a new basketball and a cpouter, berasese and lipsick, chapstick, and nelpolesh and mackrs. Good night.

O'Livia Reyes age 8  
Dear Santa,  
I want a football signed by DREW BREES, TOM BRADY, and Santonio Holmes. And a PSP go. And a Packet Rocket mini motor cycle.

Zeke Lott age 8  
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I wan't to spend time with my family. The thing I want the most is a dirtbike. Ps. Tv. Merry Christmas!

Kodie Dowds age 8  
Hello Santa,  
Can I hav a autograph football Sheffield and a hot girl-friend, and dsi and a rubequb.  
Will Yarbro age 8  
Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a marry Christmas and I want a ds and a dsi and a music player and a nutcracker and a little car that 's like a real car but it realy

worksand a new moon stuff a puppy game a babby game a dress up game. I hope you get this letter and anythaning I cercold on the pappyer under my crismas tree and my memey's crismas tree and have a good crismas .

Dymon Gomez age 7

Dear Santa,

I whant a hores whith a carit and a bruch a jagit, a par of nou choos, a ds, psp, a camru, a backpack, a culering boock, a bowe, a senger, a fone.

Susie Neufeld age 8

Dear Santa,

I love you and I want a psp and a tindow dsi and a nuther tindow ds becuae I lost my tindow ds and it is osum and I want a fack Elf. And I want it to tock and I want a nuther wii saw I can play o it and it will be far because my brother is not good at shering and bring my brother a Elf that pos ot and a chrepting and bring cars and a Elf just like Kaitlyn and a modsicl and a 4 weller, a bike and a swimming pool and a bunny please and a hester and a giny pig and to more kittin no dog, new cummuder just for me and a cage for my bunny and lispick and chespick and a box where sow the bunny can poop and nell polish and a necklis.

Maegen Bland age 7

Dear Santa,

I want a dirt bike, psp, a horse, rubeirkx cube, a tramplean, toy car, a baseball stuff, dsi, a ds, xbox 360, a coyotes tshirts, a pool, games, a playground, bacogone, a desk, roler skates, a jurnle, football feld, a play stashen 3, diving stuff, a horse.

Nicolas Benavidez age 7

**3rd Grade**

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a devastator. Santa don't work too hard.

Love,

Thomas Benavidez

Dear Santa,

How are you? I'm doing great. I can't wait until Christmas Eve. I'm going to leave snacks for the reindeer. Will you please give them to them? Please say hi to the elves for me.

Love,

Madison Cole

Dear Santa,

I would like a DST for Christmas and an art set. What is the North Pole like? Is it magical with elves everywhere and toys everywhere? Can all of your reindeer fly? Have a

Merry Christmas.

Love,

Kenley Dean

Dear Santa,

I want you to come to my house and I will leave you cookies and milk. I hope you have a Happy Christmas because I want it to snow.

Love,

Jacob Dimas

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I would like some new inline skates, some new clothes, and I would also like to redo my room.

Love,

Katie Gray

Dear Santa,

I would love to have a Wii. How are your reindeer? I would like a new trampoline. How are you? What have you and your elves been doing? I would love to have a kitten too.

Love,

Tanner Harrison

Dear Santa,

I would like some new PJ's. I would like some new clothes from Gap, Justice, and Abercrombie. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I would like some new DS games. Merry Christmas,

Rayme Jones

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I want a cupcake maker. I would like pixos and bendaroos.

Love,

Emma Key

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? Do you like chocolate chip cookies? Here are the three things I hope to get for Christmas: Moxie Girl, a new makeup set, and a Wii for the family. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Love,

Kelby Kleck

Dear Santa,

Thanks for everything last year. This year I would like NCAA 10 for our Wii. I would really like a DSI. I also would like NBA 10 for my PSP. Thanks again!

Your friend,

Riley Lewis

Dear Santa,

I don't want you to work your tail off so I just want a few things for Christmas. Number one, can I have this really cool army game and I would really like Ice Age 2 Dawn of the Dinosaurs, but what I would really like for you to do is keep my family safe.

Love,

J.W. Nix

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolf? I would like a DSI, wii sports resort, laptop, and TV. I love you. You're the best!

Brooke Swaffar

Dear Santa,

Can I have a dirt bike for Christmas? Thank you.

Love,

Russell Wilks

Dear Santa,

I would like a dollhouse, and I would like a some makeup. Last I would like a doll.

Love,

Hayley Willborn

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want a four wheeler and a great Christmas for my family.

Love,

Payton Merket

**4th Grade**

Dear Santa,

I have been good this whole year. So has my family. This year I would like an Ironman game for PSP.

I would also like Ice age Dawn of the Dinosaurs and a couple of toy soldiers. Say Hi to Mrs. Claus and the reindeer for me.

Sincerely,

Thomas Nix

P.S. Say hi to the elves and fly safely.

P.S.S. Can I have a small elf?

Dear Santa,

How are you doing this Christmas? I don't want very much this year. I would like a new bike and a few PSP games like Lakeview left for the dead.

Sincerely,

Ryan Willborn

P.S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa

How are you? Hope the reindeer are fast! And Christmas isn't all about the gifts. It's about Jesus's birthday and all the love you share with your friends and family. Anyway, I want Ruthy the American girl doll. And Baylee wants a collar for when she's older) and some new squeaky toys.

Love,

Brittan Webb

Dear Santa,

School has been doing well in Gail. I'm so glad Christmas is coming. I'm asking for clothes for school. My mom keeps saying every morning, "you need some warm clothes-it's winter!"

Also, I want a puppy. I would be so glad if I did. Puppies are my favorite animal. Their like little elves, you have

to love them because they're so cute.

Oh! I forgot to ask, How are the reindeer? Hopefully well or we won't get Christmas. Here is a tip...don't eat too many cookies or you won't fit through the chimney.

Merry Christmas!

Preslea Hall

Dear Santa,

I can't wait until Christmas! How are you and your reindeer? Don't worry about my chimney, I don't have one! So, far my school year has been fun. What kind of cookies do you want? I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Kable Kleck

Dear Santa,

My school year is doing fine and all but math and spelling is fine. Please bring me some gloves and a scarf. A coat will be fine too and Nancy Drew books but no Harry Potter please. I will do better to bring my grades up.

Sincerely,

Blane Culver

Dear Santa,

My school year was great. I met new friends. I want Lego Rock Band, PS3, and Call of Duty World at War. Call of Duty Modern Warfare 2 and the game Call of Duty 4 Modern Warfare and an XBox 360. And a DSI. How are you?

Sincerely, Morgan Wilson

Dear Santa,

I hope all the elves and Mrs. Claus are ok. I like Christmas because I get to spend time with my family. For Christmas I would like Bowser's inside story, new Super Mario Bros., Scribblenots.

P.S. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Thadd Basquez

Dear Big S.,

How are the reindeer? I was just wondering since they have to be healthy. I would like to see an elf, but most of all... how are you? Do you feel healthy enough to deliver presents and eat all those cookies? One tip: try not to eat too many cookies before you reach my house. I don't want much for Christmas. The one thing I want is my family to have a good Christmas.

Sincerely,

Trace Richey

Borden County ISD

P.S. Merry Christmas, Santa!

Dear Santa,

Really wish Christmas would come early! Too much waiting! School's...ok. I've

made a lot of new friends. Too tell you the truth I don't remember what I want for Christmas. There's one thing I want, a chance on Broadway. This year I've been good and good things came my way. This year I was honored with the title of Little Miss of Texas 2010. Also, my cousin Dawson was born this year. And we've had some snow and some snow ice crea. YUM! I sang at one of the foot ball games. It was sooo much fun! I've eaten some new things like squid. It was so yummy and chewy. Speaking of yummy and chewy, what are you hungry for this season? Cookies, Reese's, vegetables. (Err, I thought so.) How's dancer and vixen? Good, great, fantastic! Well, I must say I really admire your work.

Merry Christmas!

Maddie Matlock

P.S. Am I on the nice list?

Dear Santa,

I hope you are feeling well.

I hope you aren't busy because my whole class wrote a note to you. How are the reindeer? Are they strong and fast? What is your favorite type of cookie? Well mine is chocolate chip. I hope your elves are doing well. This school is the best. What is your favorite of song, well mine is Jingle Bells. What I want is a Wii and a guitar hero 111.

Sincerely,

Luke Slover

Dear Santa:

I think I have been pretty good, but that is not what everyone thinks. For Christmas I want a DS game called Super Mario Bros. Also, I want a Wii game, but I don't know which one I want. And if you don't mind I also want an electric scooter. By the way, I hope you, Mrs. Claus, the elves and the reindeer don't get sick.

P.S. I will leave out some milk and cookies.

Sincerely,

Ashlyn Tucker

Dear Santa,

This has been a great year. My family and I have been good. Thank you for all of my presents lately. I have loved them all. I would like a stereo and a computer. If there is anything you want let me know. Hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

Sincerely,

Harley Merrill

Dear Santa,

How have you been? Are your reindeer fine: I have been

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very good this year. I wish this Christmas will be the best ever. I wish I would get a lot of Army guys, and the game Mario party for Nintendo ds, and the game Left for Dead for ps3. I also want an xbox 360. And I want an I-pod touch and some new headphones. I want some underarmour shorts and some more short sleeve shirts.

I hope your elves are good. P.S. I will put a lot of cookies out for you.

P.P.S. Can you bring me a small elf? Thank you, Merry Christmas!!!

Sincerely,  
Nick Proulx

Borden County 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa Claus,

Our School is the best. It is in Gail, Texas. I have been a good boy. I hope God has told you how I've been. What I want for Christmas is a new Nintendo DSI and also I want a phone this year is because I am eleven years old and I am getting older. Also, I want a lot of games for my Nintendo DS that I have. One of the games I want is transformers audio bots. The second game I want is backyard football 09. The third one I want is Bowser versus Mario and Luigi. The fourth game that I like is Madden NFL 08. The 5<sup>th</sup> game that I want is Madden NFL 09.

Sincerely,  
Brian Torres  
P.S. Merry Christmas!  
Dear Santa,

I want a BOW and DS for Christmas, and a good Christmas, too. Borden County is doing good, and I am doing good, and I hope you have a good Christmas.

Merry Christmas, Santa  
Sincerely,  
Brooklyn Cheatham  
Dear Santa,

I'm pretty sure God has been telling you how I've been, but please give me and my brother another chance. Santa, we had a Fun day and it was awesome. There were water slides and everything. How

are Donner, Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Cupid, Vixen, Dasher, Blitzen, Rudolph? Santa, can you bring me some games for the Wii and for my ds?

Bye,  
Daniel Gomez

**Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,

My Name is Ethan Stephens and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like an I-pod, a Christmas Monopoly Game and a Nintendo DSI.

Thank you,  
Ethan

Dear Santa,

My name is Shelton Teel and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like a stuffed alligator, a Nintendo DSI and play dough.

Thank you,  
Shelton

Dear Santa,

My name is Tatum Harrison and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like a Nintendo DS, a dog and a cat.

Thank you,  
Tatum

Dear Santa,

My name is Ryann Phillips and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like an i-pod, a Nintendo DSI and a stuffed Rudolph.

Thank you,  
Ryann

Dear Santa,

My name is Lindy Miller and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like a Nintendo DS, Mario games and an i-pod.

Thank you,  
Lindy

Dear Santa,

My name is Slade Scott and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like an i-pod, Mario Galaxy DS and a toy Rudolph.

Thank you,  
Slade

Dear Santa,

My name is Christian Torres and I am in Kindergarten.

ten. For Christmas I would like an i-pod, a Bingo game and a snowman sweater.

Thank you,  
Christian

Dear Santa,

My name is Charli Snell and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like a pink go-cart, a Nintendo DSI, and a stuffed Rudolph.

Thank you,  
Charli

Dear Santa,

My name is Brooklyn Gray and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like an i-pod Nano, a Nintendo DSI and Mario games.

Thank you,  
Brookie

Dear Santa,

My name is Rae'Lynne Clement and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like a Nintendo DSI, an i-pod and a stuffed Rudolph.

Thank you,  
Rae'Lynne

Dear Santa,

My name is Thomas Snell and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like a tree house, a motorcycle and Kid vs. Cat game.

Thank you,  
Thomas

Dear Santa,

My name is Rachel Thomas and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like Nintendo DS, a Nintendo DSI and a dollhouse.

Thank you,  
Rachel

Dear Santa,

My name is Jadeyn Merrill and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like a stuffed puppy, a stuffed kitten and a bike.

Thank you,  
Jadeyn

Dear Santa,

My name is Sheridan Gomez and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like a Nintendo DS, puppy and a Kid vs. Cat game.

Thank you,  
Sheridan

Dear Santa,

My name is Noemi Garcia and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like a treehouse, doll and a chocolate box.

Thank you,  
Noemi

Dear Santa,

My name is Avery Kleiner and I am in Kindergarten.

For Christmas I would like a Nintendo DSI, i-pod Touch and a stuffed Rudolph.

Thank you,  
Avery

Dear Santa,

My name is Haley Car-

penter and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like a stuffed Rudolph, Nintendo DSI and an i-pod.

Thank you,  
Haley

## All-Century Coach...

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As the head man at Gail, Richey has had the chance to coach a very special back of own on Borden County's ride to success. BC senior Michael Cooley once again has surpassed the coveted 2,000-year rushing barrier this season, while fueling the Coyotes back to this weekend's title game.

"I wasn't near the athlete," Richey said of that comparison.

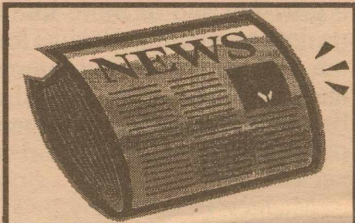
"People thought I was pretty fast back then, but a lot of times I just ran out of fear. Michael's also a 6-foot-7 high jumper and I'm not even a six-foot jumper. That's why I always carried around a pole vault with me."

Richey's Hall-of-Fame career is highlighted by four state championship rings going into this weekend's title game. In addition to the two that he helped Jayton win back in 1984 and again in 1985, Richey was also the defensive coordinator on Borden County's first state championship team in 1997 before guiding the Gail Gang to the D II throne room a year ago.

"They're all different in

their own way and they're all very special," Richey said. "The good Lord's blessed us with some opportunities. We know that He's already got a plan for all of us. We're just hoping that a second state championship is in our's this weekend."

"What's helped make all of this even that much more special is the way that our whole family's been involved. With one of our boys as a ball boy, one of our daughters as a cheerleader and the other one being a flag girl and now a son who's playing has really helped make this like a family affair."



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