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## Mushaway Peak Historical Marker: 46 Years to Complete

By Lisa Dennis Mahler

The journey for the installation of the Mushaway Peak marker was a long one, but now that the marker is in place many people deserve thanks. The Borden County Historical

Survey Committee was established in January of 1967. These early members were vitally important to the preservation of Borden County's history. They spent untold hours in research, interviews with "old timers" and writing their stories, establishing a museum, composing the *Borden Citizen* newsletter, hosting celebrations and compiling the necessary paperwork with the Texas Historical Commission (THC) for approval of a number of historical markers. One of these markers was for Mushaway Peak, with an original application and payment date of June 10, 1968. Further study of a very large file shows correspondence between the state and the Borden County Historical Chairman, Edna Miller. Delays by the state and disagreements over the marker inscription caused problems and by July of 1972 the state "called it quits" and returned the payment for the marker. Paperwork was filed once again in 1976. It is unknown why the marker was not finalized and ordered. This was the last of the Mushaway Peak correspondence with THC until 2013.

Lisa Mahler contacted Bob Brinkman, coordinator, Historical Markers Program, and inquired about the Mushaway

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Optimism vs. Pessimism

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. For myself I am an optimist - it does not seem to be much use being anything else."

- Sir Winston Churchill

Optimists see the glass half-full while pessimists see the glass half-empty. This is the classic illustration of the difference between optimists and pessimists. Although the statement captures one element of optimism, there is much more.

Optimism is deeper than how one views a particular situation. Optimism is a core belief system that influences attitude, action, and outlook. Optimism drives accomplishment whereas pessimism inhibits progress. Optimists never give up. Their drive is endless. Regardless of the challenges encountered, they keep going until the desired goal is reached.

There has never been a pessimist responsible for any innovation, discovery, or invention. Pessimists are prone to mental stress and physical ailments. Pessimists give up in the face of adversity. Pessimists experience much less happiness than their optimistic counterparts.

Pessimists justify their out-

look as being realistic. They deny being pessimistic and label optimists as unrealistic dreamers. Pessimists claim they don't want to be disappointed. Pessimists don't expect things to work out. When their self-fulfilling prophecy comes true, their outlook is reinforced.

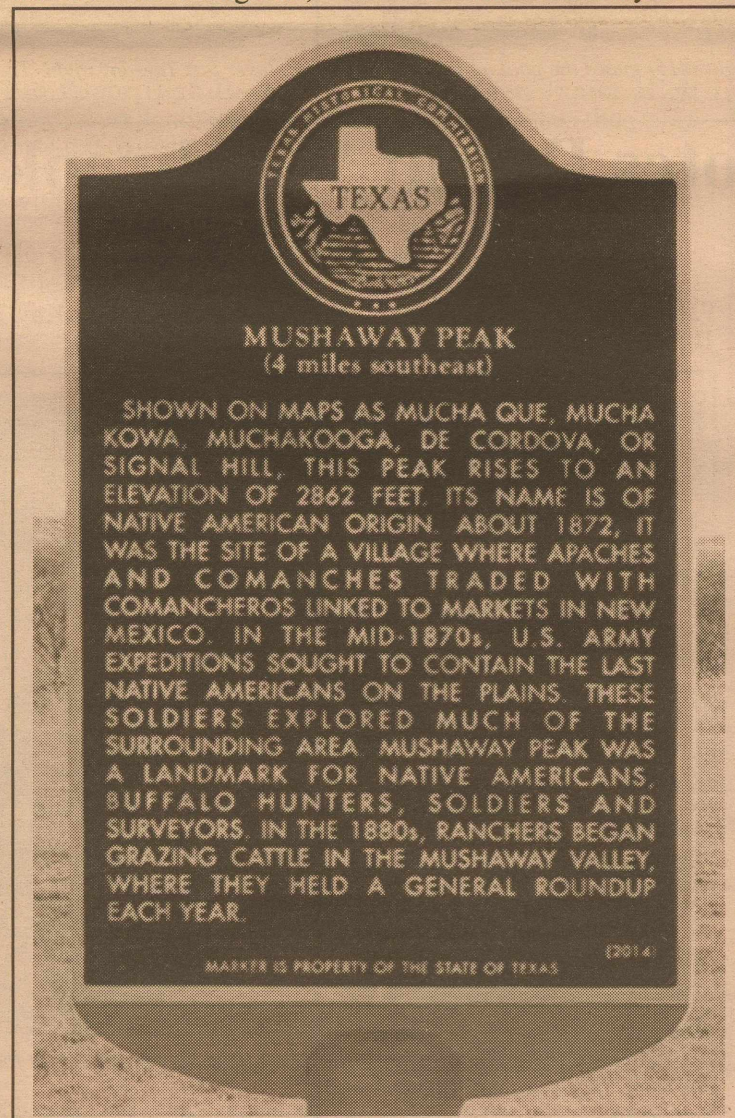
Since there aren't any advantages to being a pessimist, you may as well be an optimist. As an optimist, your life will be more enjoyable. You will find solutions for problems, overcome obstacles, and achieve your goals.

Pessimistic tendencies are common. Even optimists can have pessimistic thoughts. What distinguishes optimists from pessimists is their fundamental attitude. An optimist will not be deterred by a negative thought. They understand that a single thought is not nearly as significant as one's overall outlook.

It's great if you are an optimist. You understand first hand all of the benefits. Although you may be criticized by pessimists, your perspective holds fast. You can't understand why anyone would maintain a negative view of life.

But what if you are a pessimist

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# Lady Coyotes Host #11 Petersburg

By Coach Skelton

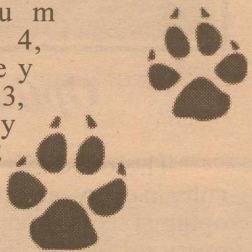
The Lady Buffs came to Borden County Tuesday night looking for some early turkey, and got more than they bargained for. The Lady Buffs who returned not only their All State Post Player, but most of their team from last year's Regional Tourney found out early that the Lady Coyotes showed up to play.

If one had to describe the game in one word that word would have to have been DEFENSE. The Lady Coyotes stymied the All State Post which threw the Lady Buffs completely out of their rhythm early in the match. The first quarter saw a blistering score of 4 to 2 in favor of the Lady Coyotes. As the defensive battle raged on in the second Borden County was down 4 with time running out in the first half when Senior Bailey Robinson hit a 3 to pull the Ladies within one 11-12.

The third quarter saw much

of the same give and take and the lead was still one point for the eleventh ranked team in the state heading into the fourth quarter. The Lady Coyotes found themselves down only 2 points with a minute left when Petersburg went to the stall. Force to over extend and gamble to create something the Lady Coyotes had to play the foul game to try to get the ball back. Petersburg went 6-8 from free throw line to cap off the game 33-26. It was by far and away the team effort from the Lady Coyotes so far this season.

Scorers: Preslea Hall 11, Sydnee Jordan 6, Tatum Richey 4, Bailey Robison 3, Avery Wright 2



Sydnee Jordan (#24) and Avery Wright (#15) guard the goal against a Petersburg player last Tuesday night. The Lady Coyotes lost to the Lady Buffs 35-26.

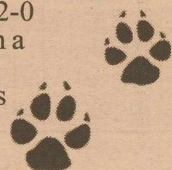
# Missy Coyotes Defeat Westbrook

By Coach Skelton

The junior high ladies had the first game at home against Westbrook, and they hit the floor running. Emma Key led the first quarter scoring with 6 followed by Madi Cole and Katie Grey adding 4 each. The first quarter came to a close with the Lady Coyotes up 16-2.

The second quarter saw much of the same results with Fallon Forbes and Kami Key both hitting a three pointer to help spark a 13-0 second, and the Lady Coyotes went into the half up 29-2. Rayme Jones added four of her six points to start the third, but the offensive output only saw a 6-2 quarter. Fallon Forbes seven of the team's nine points in the final quarter and the Lady Coyotes moved to 2-0 on the year with a 44-6 win.

Scorers



Fallon Forbes 12, Emma Key 6, Katie Grey 4, Kami Key 3, 10, Madi Cole 7, Rayme Jones and Paige Holbrooks 2



Missy Coyote, Fallon Forbes reaches the goal for a lay up and scores for the team. They defeated Westbrook 44-6.



Senior Lady Coyote, Bailey Robinson shoots and scores for the home team Lady Coyotes during their match up with the Petersburg Lady Buffs.

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# Lady Coyotes Win First Game

By Coach Skelton

Lady Coyotes posted their first win of the season last Friday against the New Home Lady Leopards. The Lady Coyotes' Bailey Robinson, Kylee Dean, and Preslea Hall each had 4 points to give the Lady Coyotes a 12-6 first quarter lead. A pair defensive steals by Zoie Key and Tatum Richey led to each with a bucket and an assist.

The half time led was Borden County 24 New Home 14. The New Home Ladies

came out in the second half and cut into the led by only two points and the Lady Coyotes nursed an eight point lead going into the fourth. Avery Wright and Preslea Hall hit late game shots to help pull out the first win of the year for the Lady Coyotes.

Scorers: Preslea Hall 12, Bailey Robinson 7, Kylee Dean 7, Tatum Richey 2, Avery Wright 2, Zoie Key 2, and Sydnee Jordan 2



Zoie Key (#20) puts pressure on a New Home player. The Lady Coyotes came home with a win against the Lady Leopards.

# Pups Bury the Wildcats, 40-13

By Coach Edwards

The Junior High Boys hit the hard court again last week against the Westbrook Wildcats. The Coyotes improved to 2-0 with a decisive victory, 40-13.

The Coyotes jumped out to a 9-2 lead after the first quarter. Payton Merket scored five points in the quarter and Ben Justice chipped in four points. In the second period, Borden continued a strong defensive front allowing only two points again to the Wildcats. Merket added six points in the quarter followed by Justice with three points, and Will Yarbrow with two points. Borden led 20-4 at the half.

The Coyotes increased their lead outscoring Westbrook 12-5 in the third quarter. Justice and Yarbrow each scored four points. Merket and Riley Lewis added two points each. Merket scored six more points in the fourth quarter and Justice with two more helping the Coyotes to secure the victory.

Merket led all scorers with 19 points followed by Justice with 13 points. Yarbrow contributed six points and Lewis with two points.

The Borden Junior High Hoopsters are 2-0 on the young season.

(Right) Peyton Merket attempts to score for the Pups in last weeks bout with Westbrook.



(Left) The Coyote Pups hosted the Westbrook Wildcats last Monday. Pictured is J.W. Nix guarding a Wildcat.

## School Lunch Menu

Dec. 8-12, 2014

Menu subject to change

**Monday** - Breakfast: Waffles & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Breaded Pork Chop, Garden Salad, Carrot Coins, Sliced Peaches, Breadsticks, Chocolate Pudding and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Cheese Omelet Wrap, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Enchiladas, Tortilla Chips & Salsa (9-12 Grade only), Garden Salad, Charro Beans, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.


**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberries & Bananas, Roll and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog, Sweet Potato Fries, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate chip Cookie (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Beef & Bean Burrito, Chips & Salsa (9-12 grade only), Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk.

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## Clean Ideas: De-Clutter in Gift Giving Season

'Tis the season of giving ... which means it's also the season of getting. And while receiving gifts can bring great joy, it can also lead to a home overrun with clutter.

Here are some tips for paring down - which not only leave you with a cleaner house, but also can help others in need and lead to more sustainable living.

**One In, One Out rule** For every new item that comes into your home - be it an article of clothing, decorative item, book or toy - get rid of a similar item. If you're feeling really overrun, change the ratio: one in, two out.

**Room by Room** Don't look around your entire house in despair. After all, Rome wasn't built in a day. Focus on one room at a time. Perhaps one week, you clear out only old magazines and catalogues that have piled up everywhere. Or, maybe you just tackle the playroom. Success breeds success, so if you can see just a little bit of progress, you'll be more motivated to continue with the task at hand.

**Unwanted gifts** Fortunately, fruitcakes can't last in your home too long. (They'll either get eaten, or ants.) But for other unwanted gifts with a longer shelf life, it's important to realize that you don't need to keep everything you get. You can try to return items if you know where they came from. Or you can sell them on eBay or Craig's List. Many communities even have social media-based swaps.

**Fill a basket (or bag)** Get the whole family in on the fun. Give each member a basket or paper grocery bag, set the timer, and see who can fill it the fastest, with the most stuff. Just make sure kids stick to their own rooms. Nothing kills the spirit of cleaning like a little sister poking through her big

brother's treasures.

Now, what to do with all of these items you've cleared? You can sell them, or donate. Sure, you might make some cash selling the items. And that's great. But they may not sell quickly or easily or at the price you think they should. Fortunately, there are a lot of organizations that will happily take your goods. Some will even pick up boxes or bags left outside of your house. Consider the following:

**Area libraries for books**  
**Day cares, preschools or children's hospitals for toys** (just make sure there are no recall items.)

**Dress for Success for business attire**

The following organizations happily accept clothing, toys, appliances, housewares and more, and some may come to your home or office to pick them up: Catholic Family Services, Lighthouse for the Blind, Salvation Army, Goodwill, The Bridge of Lubbock and there are more charities to be found at The Giving Effect (<http://thegivingeffect.com/>).

Remember, it's not the season of gifting, but giving - with wishes of peace on Earth and goodwill to all.

Source: American Cleaning Institute November/December 2014 Cleaning Matters Newsletter

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# Mushaway Historical Marker...

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Peak file. To her surprise Mr. Brinkman told her that this marker was approved and all that was needed was payment. The current members of the Borden County Historical Commission got to work on fine tuning the inscription, which was easily approved by Mr. Brinkman. The big lingering question...how to raise the money. The marker no longer cost the original amount of \$175 but was \$1200. Fate would have it that a visitor to the museum, Mart Sherman, graciously donated a substantial amount of money. Mrs. Mahler told Mr. Sherman that the money would be earmarked for the Mushaway Peak marker. The next phase of fundraising was led by Sue Jane Sullivan and her idea to have a kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade penny fundraiser hoping to match Mr. Sherman's donation. Her 7<sup>th</sup> grade history class would lead the fundraiser by learning the importance of the landmark and present their knowledge to each of the classes. This class was also in charge of collecting, counting and keeping records straight. To say the fundraiser was a success is an understatement.

These classes raised over \$1500 in less than two weeks. Phenomenal is a better description! The Borden County community is to be commended for their support.

All the classes that participated in the fundraiser received a tour of the museum and the 1896 jail along with cookies and lemonade on the courthouse lawn. The top fundraising class would receive the tours, cookies, lemonade and extra time to eat lunch on the courthouse lawn. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class toured the museum with Ms. Sullivan as part of their reward for a job well done. The final steps for the marker occurred on November 20 on a beautiful fall day. The organizing class was driven by bus by Michael Skelton, history teacher, to a location on Willow Valley road with Mushaway Peak prominently in the background. The

brief ceremony reminded the students that they were standing on land that once saw Apache and Comanche campgrounds, an area where large buffalo herds roamed freely in the shadow of the Peak. Federal troops often rode through the land mapping formations, including Mushaway, and tracking the last of the illusive Native Americans. Early surveyors sketched the Peak prominently on their early charts. And by the 1880s the early cattlemen of the area would combine their resources to work their cattle in the lush valley. These students join another historical chapter of Mushaway Peak, forever making them an integral part of Borden County's story.

The Mushaway Peak marker may be viewed at the roadside park on East Highway 180.

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## 2013 7th Grade Class



Last years' 7th grade class headed up the penny fundraiser for the Mushaway Peak historical marker. Pictured (back row l to right) are Ben Justice, Jeremy Souder, Peyton Merket, J.W. Nix, Riley Lewis, Brooke Swaffar, Emily Todd, (front row l to r) Kenley Dean, Reina Hernandez, Myka Blissard, Katie Gray, Paige Holbrooks, Rayme Jones, Kami Key, Emma Key, Madison Cole, Lucas Grantham, Kelbie Kleck and Kaile Hernandez.

# Lighting of the Star Winners

Thank you to everyone that attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain this past Friday evening. Attendees enjoyed hayrides, visiting Santa, storytime for children, touring the museum and visiting with friends and neighbors. Thanks to volunteers and Borden County 4-H'ers for their assistance in decorating beforehand and hosting our guests throughout the evening.

There were numerous entries in the 2014 Lighting of the Star Ornament Contest this year. Congratulations to the first place winners! We selected one per grade of those submitted (K-5th):

- Kindergarten: Shaylee Falcon
- First Grade: Randen Williams
- Second Grade: Evalynn Rodriguez
- Third Grade: Rhett Kingston
- Fourth Grade: Brooklyn Torres
- Fifth Grade: Christian Torres

Each first place winner received a \$25 cash prize which has been sponsored by Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for their winning ornament and their ornament will be on display in the Commissioners Courtroom until mid-December. We appreciate all the youth and the teachers that supported this year's contest. All non-winner's ornaments will be returned to the school.

This year's Child-size Stocking Winner was Megan Williamson.

We would also like to thank Lyntegar Electric Cooperative for donating two electric grills and two cookbooks for door prizes.



## Thought for the Day

*"But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."*

-Luke 6:35-36

## Christmas Craft Show Saturday

Area crafters are busily preparing for the Annual Christmas Craft Show which is set for Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The popular event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka and will feature the talents of crafters from Tahoka, Lubbock, Brownfield and surrounding communities. "There will be over 20 booths with a great 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 as well", added Preston.

Admission to the Craft Show is free and visitors can expect to find a little bit of everything. Phebe K. Warner Study Club will be preparing and selling lunch during the event!

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

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 6:00 P.M.  
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- \* Join us for a fun and educational program focusing the Christmas season. We will have a tasting of several recipes and participants will make a decorative item to take home and will also receive a recipe booklet to take home. (Note that the project is always something that does not require a lot of creativity - so please to not let that intimidate you!!)
- \* Cost is \$15 per participant to cover supplies.
- \* Please RSVP by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2nd so that we may purchase supplies. (Note - you may still attend if you do not RSVP by the deadline, but you may not get to make a craft to take home.)
- \* An optional community service opportunity is to bring a pair of pajamas for the Buckner's Children's Home (size newborn to age 18).



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## Dare to Live...

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mist. Is it possible to become an optimist? Yes, if you want to. A good place to start is by monitoring what you say to yourself and others. You want to purge the following negatives: I can't, it won't work, I don't know how, there is no chance, I'll probably fail, or I don't have what it takes. Instead, use this positive language: I can, I'll find a way to make it work, I'll learn how, there is a chance, I won't stop until I succeed, and I have what it takes.

At first you will catch yourself with mostly, if not entirely, negative self-talk. Each time, replace the negatives with positives. It will take time and practice to change your language. Don't get discouraged.

As you change your internal concepts you must apply them. When faced with any obstacle or adversity, believe in yourself and your ability to find solutions. Answers always exist. It's the optimists

that discover them.

Don't allow others to dampen your spirit. Ignore any assertions that you are dreaming or being unrealistic. Dreaming is a source of inspiration. "Unrealistic" thinking enables you to evaluate any and all possible paths for your journey.

Your transformation to optimism will be eminently worthwhile. From my own experience, along with studying the lives of many others, being an optimist will empower you to accomplish much more than you ever thought possible. At times, it may seem difficult to remain optimistic. But look for, and you will find, the spark which will keep you going.

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# Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

## Totem Poles in the Museum

Nat Shick was a person who was in love with life and expressed that love in many ways. His house was a labyrinth of passageways and rooms filled with bottles, fossils and all the things he collected. At Christmastime he tied tin can lids on trees and they whirled and sparkled. When he married his wife Holly he made a cheesecloth path among the West Texas brush to the church nearby. He twisted the trunks of two young trees together to signify their love. The trees grew intertwined.

Nat was the Big Spring postmaster. To inaugurate airmail service, he put a horned toad named Big Jim in a cage and sent it around the country. A stack of envelopes addressed to postmasters in American cities was on top of the cage. When a postmaster in Detroit opened his letter, the instructions were to send it to the address on the next envelope.

Nat created perhaps the biggest news story ever to come out of Big Spring. One Sunday morning he put a rose on his pastor's pulpit. The preacher didn't think about it but for twenty years a single rose was delivered to him, whether he was aboard ship, traveling in another state or wherever he was. Finally the word got out that the sender of the secret rose was going to be revealed in the following Sunday service. The pastor, Dr. P. D. O'Brien, asked who had been sending the rose all these twenty years. From a rear pew, Nat stood up. "Why, Nat," the preacher asked. Nat said, "I just wanted to."

Associated Press ran the story and reporters all over the country contacted Nat. They loved the story and had fun talking to Nat. Paul Harvey

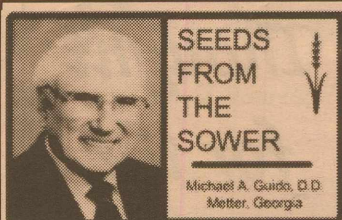
used the story.

Nat carved totem poles. He made his first one in 1934 and eventually made twenty of them, some taking as long as three years to complete. They are found in several cities, Six Flags Amusement Park in Arlington and even as far away as Japan. Nat got hold of the first telephone pole in Big Spring and used it to make a totem pole thirty feet high. It was placed in the Big Spring City Park with a Boy Scout ceremony in 1939. Nat kept in in good shape, going out every two years to repaint it and make any necessary repairs. It became a Big Spring landmark and residents were proud of it.

A few years ago, vandals chopped down the totem pole. Since Nat died in 1973, it had not had as much care as when he was alive. When the tall pole fell to the ground, it shattered because woodpeckers and termites had done their damage.

In the 60's, James Johnston was a teenager and used to go to the pole with Nat to help with the upkeep. When James, now living near Austin, learned about the vandalism, he got the pole, took it to his workshop and carefully restored it. It is in two pieces now, one about fifteen feet high and the other about half that. The poles are going on display at Big Spring's Heritage Museum on November first. Commemorative writing pens, made from the discarded cedar wood by District Judge Tim Yeats, will be for sale. Three other Nat Shick poles will also be on display.

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Two of the world's most famous theologians, Karl Barth and Paul Tillich, were having a debate about the important questions people have about life. Tillich said that theology should answer the psychological questions people have about their "felt needs." Barth responded with a loud "No!"

He continued his objection to that idea stating that "The world does not know the right questions to ask. God," he continued, "must reveal the right questions to man as well as the right answers!"

In Psalm 15 God revealed both the right questions and the right answers through David. "Who," David wanted to know, "may live in the presence of God? Who can stand before Him? Who can know Him now and forever? And Who can go to heaven?"

David asked questions that force us to look at both our attitude and our actions. They cover our walk as well as our works. It also addresses the fact that it is not possible to remain neutral in our relationship with God. We are either growing closer to Him or drifting farther away from Him.

He did not ask any superficial questions of God. He was serious as well as sincere. He was not only concerned about his journey through life but about his ultimate destination - abiding with Him forever.

Jesus addressed the necessity of "abiding" in Him. "Those who abide in me," He said, "will produce much fruit. But apart from me, you can do nothing."

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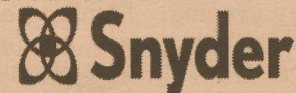
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**Nov 30** - In Honor of: **Our Grandchildren** by Rich and Barbara Anderson

**Nov 30** - In Honor of: **Our Grandchildren** by Larry and Nan Martin

**Dec 1** - In Honor of: **Our Great-grandchildren** by Rich and Barbara Anderson

**Dec 1** - In Memory of: **Delmo, Martha & Karen Pearce**

by Nancy Pearce  
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by Nancy Pearce  
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**Dec 8** - In Honor of: **Charli Blair**

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**Dec 8** - In Honor of: **Jennifer Ferguson**

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**Dec 8** - In Memory of: **Herman Ledbetter**

by Betty Beaver  
**Dec 10** - In Memory of: **Debby Dennis Awtry, David Dennis**

by Jacquie Whalen, Paul & MaryAnn Awtry  
**Dec 10** - In Memory of: **Jere Clayton Hubbard and W.C. Hubbard**

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**Dec 10** - In Memory of: **Beno and Donna Hendricks**

by Bo & Jacque Hendricks  
**Dec 11** - In Honor of: **John Hensley's Birthday**

by Randy & Donnelle Hensley  
**Dec 11** - In Memory of: **Pat & Jo Hensley**

by Randy & Donnelle Hensley  
**Dec 11** - In Memory of: **Don A. Jones**

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**Dec 11** - In Memory of: **Jere Clayton Hubbard and W.C. Hubbard**

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**Dec 12** - In Memory of: **Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dennis**

by Joel and Betty Dennis  
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**Dec 14** - In Memory of: **Nell Warren Price**

by Cliff, Sandi, Avery and J.Tom Price  
**Dec 15** - In Honor of: **Jim Wade**

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**Dec 15** - In Memory of: **Herman Ledbetter**

by Christeen Ledbetter  
**Dec 16** - In Memory of: **Warren Beaver**

by Betty Beaver  
**Dec 17** - In Memory of: **Debbie Martin**

by Robby & Tricia Willborn Family  
**Dec 18** - In Memory of: **Lera Willborn**

by Robby & Tricia Willborn Family  
**Dec 19** - In Honor of: **Our Friends and Family**

by Larry and Wanda Smith  
**Dec 20** - In Memory of: **William Reinecke**

by Margaret Novak  
**Dec 20** - In Memory of: **Harold Guthmiller**

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**Dec 20** - In Memory of: **William H. Bash**

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**Dec 20** - In Memory of: **Johanna R. Guthmiller**

by Margaret Novak  
**Dec 20** - In Memory of: **John and Peggy Dennis**

by Jacquie Whalen, Paul & MaryAnn Awtry  
**Dec 20** - In Memory of: **Herman Ledbetter**

by Christeen Ledbetter  
**Dec 21** - In Honor of: **Borden County Historical Commission Members**

by Lisa Dennis Mahler  
**Dec 22** - In Honor of: **Terry Wade**

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**Dec 23** - In Honor of: **Our Friends and Family**

by Larry and Wanda Smith  
**Dec 24** - In Memory of: **Arvil (Babe) Brewer**

by The Ross Sharp Family  
**Dec 24** - In Memory of: **Buddy and Margaret Sharp**

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**Dec 24** - In Memory of: **Danny Hobson**

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**Dec 24** - In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**

by Mack and Jane Terry  
**Dec 24** - In Memory of: **Jessie B and O.D. Jackson**

by R.D. and Carol Lewis  
**Dec 24** - In Honor of: **Our children & grandchildren**

by R.D. and Carol Lewis  
**Dec 24** - In Memory of: **Doyle Newton**

by Shirley Newton and Family  
**Dec 25** - In Memory of: **Warren Beaver**

by Betty Beaver  
**Dec 26** - In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**

by Jibber & Cindy Herridge  
**Dec 27** - In Memory of: **Skeet Porter Family**

by Bob & Cookie Dyess  
**Dec 27** - In Honor of: **Maylee Nowlain**

by Jibber & Cindy Herridge  
**Dec 28** - In Memory of:

**J.W.C. Mullins Family** by Margaret, Cary and N.A. Billingsley

**Dec 28** - In Memory of: **Johnnie and Mildred Sevey**

by Bo & Jacque Hendricks  
**Dec 29** - In Honor of: **George Garza**

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**Dec 30** - In Memory of: **Leslie and Dan Copeland**

by Bertie Copeland and Family  
**Dec 31** - In Honor of: **Brian and Sharon Jones**

by Bo & Jacque Hendricks  
**Dec 31** - In Honor of: **Cabo Lewis**

by Tumbleweed Smith  
**Dec 31** - In Memory of: **Herman Ledbetter**

by Christeen Ledbetter  
**Jan 1** - In Memory of: **John Harding**

by Joe, Rhonda, Sarah & Clay Harding  
Light bulbs for the "Star" on Gail Mountain are being sponsored for the following:

**IN MEMORY OF:**  
**Garland Doyle**  
**Kay Doyle**  
**Glen Kingston**  
**Clay Kingston**

by Eva Doyle  
**Kenneth and Mozelle Vestal, Lee Ray and Lou Bonds**

by Kenneth and Glenda Vestal  
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**Charles Vaughn, Hennie & Shirley Gass and Rube & Sue Smith**

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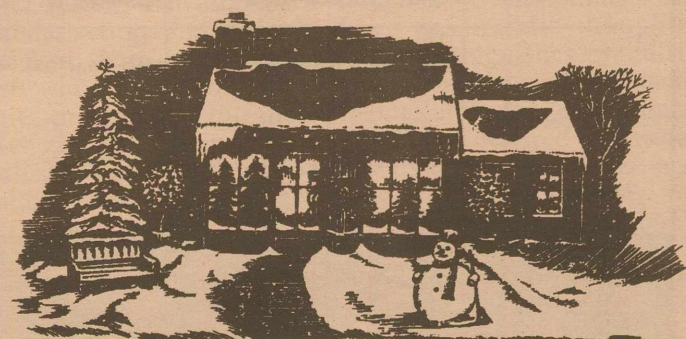


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# Gail FFA Chapter Competes at Area II LDE Contest

Several teams and members of the Gail FFA chapter competed at the Area II LDE Contest held on Saturday, November 22 at Howard College in Big Spring.

Nathan Souder competed in Creed Speaking and finished up the day in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

The Public Relations team consisting of Cheyenne Tucker, Avery Wright, and Ashlynn Tucker took 5<sup>th</sup> place in their event.

Cayden Vaughn, Merik Valentine and Robert Jordan competed as a team in Radio Broadcasting placing 10<sup>th</sup>.


The Senior Quiz team of Bailey Robinson, Flint Roberts, Hayley Gray and Colby Pennell placed 10<sup>th</sup> in their event while the Junior Quiz

team made up of Morgan Wilson, Clayton Addison, Carley Bell and Caytlynn Summers placed 9<sup>th</sup>.

Also competing were at the Area II meet in Junior Chapter Conducting was Carley Bell, Tori Huckaby, Braxton Barnes, Thomas Nix, Clayton Addison, Morgan Wilson and Caytlynn Summers coming in at 10<sup>th</sup> place.

The Senior Skills team consisting of Cheyenne Tucker, Riley Herridge and Rhaedan Bland placed 11<sup>th</sup> and the Junior Skills team placed 9<sup>th</sup> with Braxton Barnes, Josh Murphy and Nick Proulx competing in that event.

Congratulations to all of the teams on a job well done!



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# Lights for Gail...

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 by Gerry, Julie & Granger Smith

*IN HONOR OF:*  
**Annie Mae Mullins**  
**Nevill-Smith**  
 by Doris Burleson  
**Jibber & Cindy Herridge,**  
**RayDon & Jana Underwood,**  
**Raylea Underwood, Cody &**  
**Emily Nowlain and Maylee**  
**Nowlain**

by Mack and Jane Terry  
**Our Children, Our**  
**Grandchildren and Our**  
**Great-grandchildren**  
 by Rich and Barbara Anderson

**Charli Blair**  
 by Thomas and Charli Snell  
**Jennifer Ferguson, Jim**  
**Wade**

**Terry Wade and George**  
**Garza**  
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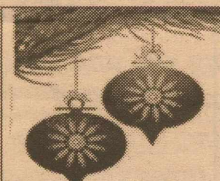
By Sarah Gilleland  
**Sarah L. Gilleland, Jason**  
**Sharp and LeAnn Robbins**  
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# DECEMBER 2014

December 20, 2014– January 4, 2015 Christmas Holidays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 JH BB @ Hermleigh-5:00  OAP Practice-6:30	2 BB @ Roby-4:00, All	3	4 New Home Tourney-GB	5 New Home Tourney-GB  Speech Tournament @ Abilene	6 New Home Tourney-GB  Speech Tournament @ Abilene
7	8 JH BB vs. Loraine-5:00  OAP Practice-6:30	9 BB @ Crosbyton-4:00, All  Picture Retakes Basketball Pictures	10	11 BC Tourney-GB	12 BC Tourney-GB	13 BC Tourney-GB
14	15 JH BB @ Ira-5:00  OAP Practice-6:30	16 BB vs. Post, 4:00 All	17 JH/Elementary UIL Awards Ceremony 2:30	18 Christmas Concert-6:30	19 End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks/Semester  Early Release 12:30  BB @ Klondike-4:00 All	20 Work Day
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS						
28	29 Jayton Tourney-GB	30 Jayton Tourney-GB	31			
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