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*Foston Wilson, Class of 2000,
Arrives for visit*

Borden County Grad Completes Basic Training; Heads for Germany in December

By Sue Jane Mayes

Foston Wilson, son of Willard and Dorothy Wilson of Gail, will report for duty in Frankfurt, Germany, December 10.

Wilson left Gail June 15 for basic training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina.

During the ten-week boot camp, Wilson learned one of the toughest lessons that army newcomers discover.

"We marched everywhere," he said. "Beginning at 4 a.m. until the end of the day...marching from the barracks to the obstacle course to the mess hall and back."

Wilson marched to the orders of Sergeant Langley who led Wilson's platoon during the summer.

The summer training consisted of three phases, appropriately termed the red phase, the white phase, and the blue phase.

"The red phase was the toughest—total elimination from any outside contact. The white phase, which we



earned after about three weeks, allowed us to make a phone call," said Wilson.

"Finally, we got to the blue phase which gave us a little more time to eat."

Once training was completed, Wilson graduated in a ceremony marked by the receiving of his pins and honors for achievements in marksmanship.

The graduation ceremony, held in August, officially earned Wilson his Class A uniform and a place in the U.S. Army.

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South Plains 4-H'ers Receive Gold Star Honors



Outstanding 4-Hers from across the South Plains were honored in Lubbock on November 20th, at the annual south Plains District Gold Star Banquet.

"Approximately 37 4-Hers received their Gold Stars at this year's banquet," said Brad Davis, South Plains 4-H and youth development specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "The Gold Star award is the highest honor 4-Hers can earn at the county level. It is a true mark of their

4-H achievements." 4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, part of the Texas A:&M University System. A complete overview of Texas 4-H is available on the Internet at <http://texas4h.tamu.edu>

This year's banquet at the KoKo Palace was sponsored by Bailey county, Cap Rock, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Lamb County, Lea County, Lighthouse, Lyntegar, Big Country, South Plains and

Swisher Electric Cooperatives.

Parents, government and community leaders, Extension faculty, educators and others were n hand to watch the youths receive their awards.

This year's Gold Star winners for Borden County are Kylia Culp and Tanner Poole.

Kylia is the daughter of Wendell and Ann Culp. Tanner is the son of Dennis and Sheri Poole.

Missy Coyotes take 49-21 Win Jr. High Teams Split with Ira

The basketball season continues for the junior high teams.

In action Monday night, BJH girls defeated the Lady Bulldogs of Ira for their first win of the season.

The girls shot an impressive 44% from the field, including 8 of 12 in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, the Missy Coyotes nabbed 24 steals and dominated the boards with 27 rebounds.

Though they continue with control problems—28 turnovers and 19 fouls—BJH was able to score 21 points in the fourth quarter to Ira's two points to take a convincing win.

GAME STATISTICS

Ashley Ellison: one steal; Cassidy Rinehart: five

points, seven steals; Emily Mayes, six points, four rebounds, two assists; LaShae Johnson, 11 points, five rebounds, two steals; Thelma Balaque, six points, four rebounds, four assists, four steals; Cassidy Ogden, one point, four rebounds, one steal; Keesha Clement, two rebounds, one block, one steal; Megan Brooks, seven points, three rebounds, two steals, one block; Micah Peterson, nine points, one rebound, four steals; Shiloh Poole, two rebounds, one steal; Whitney Anderson, four points, two rebounds, two steals.

In the boys' game, Ira took a 9-3 lead after the first quarter and built on that, winning 35-23, over

the Coyote Pups.

The Pups did outscore Ira in the second and third periods (10-6, 5-4), but the visitors scored 16 points in the final quarter for their margin of victory.

All Coyotes saw action in every quarter of the game, and ten players scored for BJH.

GAME STATISTICS

Adam Carter, four points; Casey Divin, two points; Ben Griffin, two points; Jeffrey Minnick, three points; Cade Peterson, one point; Billy Roper, two points; John Wilson, four points; J. Ryan Gicklehorn, two points; Andrew Laming, one point; Garrett Thomas, two points. Garrett Chapman, Derek Rodriguez, Caden Nowlain, and Aaron Pigford played in every quarter as well.

points; Jacob Zant, two points; Kyle Pinkerton, two points before leaving the game with an ankle injury; Evan Winegarner, two points; Cody Nowlain, one point.

Brionne Jackson, John Stamper, and Dan Griffin also played.

The Lady Coyotes stats will be in next week's paper along with the Meadow game and the Coahoma Tournament Results.

Teams see action this weekend in Coahoma Tournament Basketball teams drop two to Roosevelt before Holiday break

BHS's boys and girls basketball teams found little to be thankful about after last Tuesday's games at Roosevelt.

The boys fell to a balanced team who had 14 of its 15 players score in the game.

After trailing 20-9 at the end of the first quarter, the Coyotes found themselves behind 44-16 at half-time thanks to a 24-point tally by Roosevelt in the second quarter.

The second half was cold for the Coyotes as the young team managed only seven points to Roosevelt's 35. The hosts finished with a 79-23 non-district win.

Scoring summary for the Coyotes is as follows: Trent Pepper, the team's lone senior, nine points; Talin Pepper, four points; Rowdy Dunlap, three

Bert Dennis Memorial Scholarship Applications

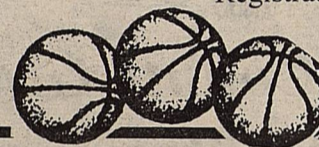
Applications are now being accepted in the Borden County School Principal's Office for the **Bert Dennis Memorial Scholarship**. You may come by that office to pick up an application or you may request one by mail by writing to: Mr. Chet Dye, Box 95 - Gail, TX 79738

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. You must be a graduate of Borden County ISD who participated in school athletics
2. Completion of at least 30-hours at an accredited

- college or university.
3. Minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 system.
4. Previous recipients may re-apply.
5. Completed applications must be in the school office by December 8, 2000.
6. The applications should have a current copy of your transcript for inspection.

The Scholarship Committee will announce the winner on December 15, 2000. Funds will be available for Spring Registration, 2001.



BORDEN VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2000-2001

Tues. Nov. 14	Wall (Girls Only)	Here	6:30
Fri. Nov. 14	Hermleigh (Boys Only)	There	5:00
Mon. Nov. 17	Shallowater (Girls Only)	There	6:30
Tues. Nov. 20	Seagraves (B,G)	Here	6:30
Tues. Nov. 21	Lubbock Roosevelt (B,G)	There	6:30
Tues. Nov. 28	Meadow (B,G)	There	6:30
Nov. 30-Dec. 2	Coahoma Girls/Boys Tournament	TBA	
Tues. Dec. 5	Garden City (B,G)	There	6:30
Dec. 7-9	Borden County Tournament	TBA	
Mon. Dec. 11	Idalou (B,G)	Here	6:30
Fri. Dec. 15	Merkel (B,G)	There	6:30
Dec. 28-30	Sundown Girls/Boys Tournament	TBA	
Tues. Jan. 2	Lubbock Christian (B,G)	There	6:30
Fri. Jan. 5	*Grady (B,G)	There	6:30
Tues. Jan. 9	*Ira (B,G)	Here	6:30
Fri. Jan. 12	*Sands (B,G)	There	6:30
Tues. Jan. 16	Brookesmith (B,G)	Tuscola	6:00
Fri. Jan. 19	*Westbrook (B,G)	Here	6:30
Tues. Jan. 23	*Grady (B,G)	Here	6:30
Fri. Jan. 26	*Ira (B,G)	There	6:30
Tues. Jan. 30	*Sands (B,G)	Here	6:30
Feb. 2	Open		
Tues. Feb. 6	*Westbrook (B,G)	There	6:30
* District Games			

Girls' Coach: Gailan Winegarner
Boys' Coach: Rich Powers

Assistant Coach: Mike Floyd
Assistant Coach: Bobby Avery

Borden County Junior High Basketball Schedule 2000-2001

Mon. Nov. 20	Grady	G,B	Here	6:00
Mon. Nov. 27	Ira	G,B	Here	6:00
Mon. Dec. 4	Sands	G,B	There	6:00
Mon. Dec. 11	Roscoe	G,B	There	6:00
Sat. Jan. 6	O'Donnell Jr. High Tournament			TBA
Mon. Jan. 8	Grady	G,B	There	6:00
Sat. Jan. 13	New Home Tournament			TBA
Mon. Jan. 15	Ira	G,B	There	6:00
Mon. Jan. 22	Sands	G,B	Here	6:00
Mon. Jan. 29	O'Donnell	G,B	Here	6:00
Mon. Feb. 5	Westbrook	G,B	Here	6:00
Mon. Feb. 12	Westbrook	G,B	There	6:00

Girls' Coaches: Gailan Winegarner & Mike Floyd
Boys' Coaches: Rich Powers & Bobby Avery

Silent Auction

Once again the Senior Class will be holding a **Silent Auction** during the Borden County Christmas Tournament, December 7-8 & 9th.

The seniors would greatly appreciate your help by donating items to be auctioned during this time. If you would like to donate an item for this fundraiser please bring it by the school or give it to any senior class member or sponsor.

Thank you in advance for your help and support of the Class of 2001.

School Menu

Week of:
December 4th - 8th

MONDAY: Beef fajitas, salad, beans, fruit & milk

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice & milk

TUESDAY: Pizza, salad, corn, fruit square, & milk.

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey, & dressing, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit & milk

Breakfast: Sausage Gravy, biscuits, juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Enchiladas, Mex. bean salad, rice, tortilla chips, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, hash browns, juice & milk.

FRIDAY: Chicken on a Bun, French fries, salad cup, cookies & milk. **Breakfast:**

Pop Tarts, fruit, juice & milk

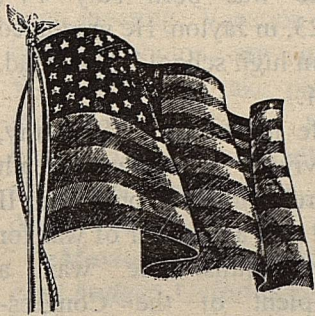
Parents Club News

Faculty & Staff Luncheon

The annual Faculty & Staff Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 13th. To help or for more information contact Carol Wilson @ 806/756-4425.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 11th, in the cafeteria about 6:00 p.m. in between the Junior High basketball games. It will not take long so try to attend!



Pearl Harbor Day
December 7



Holiday Ideas

A Hot New Spot For Hints And Tips

(NAPS)—Some of the holidays' most delightful traditions may be even better, if you and your family establish a new tradition.

Weeks before the big day arrives, an increasing number of families are turning to a terrific Web site for help in making goodies, decorations and parties, as well as amusing stories, quizzes and tips from the experts on family fun at Reader's Digest.

At www.readersdigest.com, you can make and send e-greeting cards, read stories and carols, get great recipes and gift ideas, shop for gifts and create crafts.

Among the site's features:

- Season's Eatings. You can learn how to have a healthier holiday, how to prepare traditional and unusual holiday dishes and learn how to enter the first annual Christmas Cookie Contest.

- On the Homemade Gifts and Crafts page you can find gifts and decorations to make for children, adults, even pets.

- Children and their parents can enjoy the Read-Aloud Stories, Carols & More page, featuring a Christmas IQ test, a look at 12 ways to remember the true meaning of Christmas, six essential steps to simplify the season and a 28-page book of Christmas carols, words and music.



Attention girls and boys!
Chat with Santa online at readersdigest.com on December 8th at 7 p.m. Eastern Time (4 p.m. Pacific).

- The Decorate Your House and Tree section offers a total Christmas tree guide, including tree buying tips, how to keep the tree fresh, seven must-follow safety rules and simple and fun ways to make heirloom-quality ornaments and decorations.

The site also offers links to other Reader's Digest magazine features and articles, a shopping guide and online stores.

You can find all these holiday and everyday happiness boosters and more on the Web at www.readersdigest.com.

Borden County Grad Completes Basic Training

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Upon graduation, Wilson entered the training courses for his field of choice: diesel mechanics. These courses, called AIT for Advanced Individual Training, gave him the hands-on training to work on military vehicles.

The AIT was completed in nine weeks, and now Wilson will face the challenge of putting to use those skills—in another country.

His short visit home will end in the next two weeks when he reports to Lubbock December 10 for a flight that will eventually take him to the army base in Frankfurt, Germany.

That departure may be harder than the two-miles he had to run in less than 15 minutes or the 47 push-ups or the daily boot shining or the weekly haircuts.

Still, Wilson is up to the challenge.

"I am looking forward to seeing another country," said Wilson.

Wilson would like for anyone interested in contacting an army recruiter to either see him in the next two weeks or call his recruiter, Staff Sergeant Zachary Harris, in Midland

(915 694-5426).

And, since Christmas won't be spent at home this year for Wilson, he would love to hear from you via e-mail at fostonwilson@hotmail.com.



Time for a visit with friends and teachers at BHS:

Foston takes time to visit with Terri Buchanan, Borden Co. school bookkeeper.

Drive Safely
Watch for our Children

December 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				30 Coahoma Tournament There TBA VG, VB	1 Coahoma Tournament There TBA VG, VB	2 Coahoma Tournament There TBA, VG, VB State FFA Leadership Contest @ Huntsville
3	4 JH @ Sands 6:00 Herff Jones orders for invitations from Seniors	5 Garden City There 6:30 VG, VB	6	7 Borden County Tournament VG, VB, TBA	8 Borden County Tournament VG, VB, TBA	9 Borden County Tournament VG, VB, TBA JH Zone One Act Play, Klondike
10	11 6 Wks. Testing Periods 1 & 3 Idalou Here 6:30 VG, VB JH @ Roscoe 6:00	12 6 Wks. Testing Periods 2 & 8 6:00 pm Community Performance JH One Act Play, Theatre Arts Class Play	13 6 Wks. Testing Periods 5, 7 & 9	14 6 Wks. Testing 4 th Period Christmas Concert	15 End of 3 rd Six Weeks, School Dismissed for Christmas Holiday Merkel There 6:30 VG, VB	16 Workday
17	18 BEGIN CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Sundown Tournament VG, VB, TBA	29 Sundown Tournament VG, VB, TBA	30 Sundown Tournament VG, VB, TBA
31	1	2 Basketball VG, VB @ Lubbock Christian 6:30	3 School Resumes	4	5 Basketball VG, VB, @ Grady 6:30	6 JH O'Donnell Tourney There TBA



Texas Stories
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Star on Gail Mountain

You can see it from fifteen miles away. It appears as just a light above the horizon at first, but as you get closer you begin to see it as a star. And you smile.

This is the seventh year that the star has shined over the small community of Gail, the county seat of Borden County. The star is lighted the day after thanksgiving.

"Everybody gathers at the court house about five o'clock in the afternoon," says Verna Adcock, publisher of the local newspaper. "There's singing and refreshments and every thing is decorated. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus talk to children. Then about seven o'clock the star is turned on and we stand around and sing Christmas carols. It's exciting and fun because so many people come here for the lighting of the star. It's kind of a homecoming."

County Commissioner Buck Lemons has an old tractor that he brings to town. It's all lighted up and pulls a trailer with hay on it and people take hay rides around the court house square."

The Star on the mountain is maintained by contributions. People can either buy a sponsorship or bulb in memory of someone. The names of the sponsors and the people being remembered are printed in the paper. The star remains lighted 24-hours a day until January first. It's also lighted at Easter.

Sarah Sharp and her husband Ross arrange many activities around the star. Seven years ago, some friends of theirs saw a lighted star in El Paso and told them it would be great to have a

star on Gail Mountain.

Ross, an electrician at the school, talked to the electric company and made sure they could get power to the site. Concrete people from Post came down and poured a slab to stabilize the base of the star.


Ross designed the star on his computer and bought the steel tubing to build it. "We laid that thing out in my back yard and welded it together. We built it in three pieces so we could haul it up the steep, mountain road on a trailer. We put it together once we got it up on the mountain."

The star is twenty feet across, twenty feet tall and has 742 light bulbs. "Every year, kids and adults have to climb that mountain to replace bulbs," says Sarah. "Sometimes there's as many as 600 bulbs that have burned out or have been damaged by hail or cows. It's really a community effort."

Extremely high winds have blown down the star twice. The mountain, owned by Delmo and Martha Pearce, is 300 feet higher than the land below. "A lot of people tell us they get the Christmas spirit when they see the star," says Sarah.

Ross says the first thing he does every morning is look at the star through his kitchen window. "On cold, foggy, wintry mornings when the sun really doesn't shine, the star gives off a real warm glow. It really kinda warms your heart. I get goose bumps just thinking about it. It's just really special to us."

People from nearby Communities drive to Gail to see the star. They think if the star is bright, everything's all right.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER®
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

Roger Babson was asked by the President of Argentina, "Why is it that South America, with all of its natural advantages, is so far behind North America, when South America was settled first?"

Babson replied, "What do you think is the reason?"

"South America was settled by the Spanish who came in search of gold," he answered. "North America was settled by the Pilgrims who went in search of God."

We owe more to the godliness of our forefathers than we do to the genius of her sons.

They wisely put our country second to One - God; and He put our country second to none. Where do you put her?



MEMBER 2000
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OBITUARY

Donald Cox 1923-2000

Graveside services for Donald (Don) Cox, 77, of Gail, were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 27th, 2000 in the Snyder Cemetery with Larry Miller officiating.

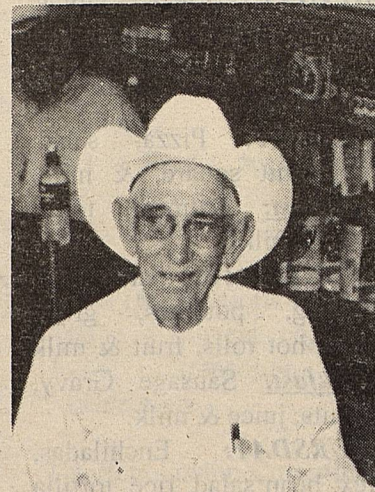
Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mr. Cox died Friday, November 24th 2000, in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born July 14th, 1923, in Jayton. He graduated from high school in Carlsbad, NM.

He joined the U.S. Army, survived the Bataan Death March during World War II and was a prisoner of war for 43 months. He was a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

He married Joyce Miller in April 1948 at Rafter Cross



Ranch. She died January 28, 1958. He was a rancher and Borden County treasurer.

Survivors include a son, Rex of Weatherford; a daughter, Donna Gee of Wichita Falls; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden County EMS.

In the Spirit of Christmas and the
"Star on Gail Mountain" help us help . . .

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Lubbock, Texas

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Toys for the Tots



Examples: (Big Need) Items include socks, gloves, pantyhose & tights (big & little girls), nail polish, cologne, bubble bath, bath oil, boys cologne, These items make great stocking stuffers.

Also: inexpensive board games, educational toys, card games, books or any unopened new toy, large or small, will be greatly appreciated by these kids.

The drop off for any donation is located in the Borden County Courthouse.

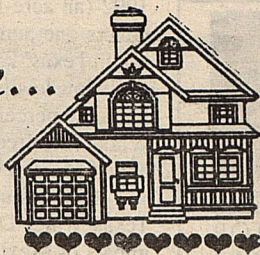
Many thanks, Lights for Gail Committee

They must be in Lubbock by the 15th.

Thank you!

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
Borden County Extension Agent -
Family and Consumer Sciences



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Tips for Sending Your Holiday Greetings

It is once again time to send out our holiday greetings to family and friends. There are a number of ways to send a holiday greeting. You may choose to involve your family in preparing homemade cards and enclose a family photo. You may choose to purchase printed cards that have a special verse or message inside, or ones with a photo pocket and message. You may also choose to spend time writing a letter telling everyone all the news that is happening in your family. There are a number of inexpensive preprinted papers with matching envelopes and labels that you can choose from to send your letter on.

No matter how you express your holiday wishes, there are some things that you will want to keep in mind when sending them.

◊ **Think of your message.** Holiday stories and poems, Bible scriptures, memories and quotes from children spark thoughts that convey a message that is uniquely yours. No matter what the message is, you want it to come straight from your heart.

◊ **Involve the entire family.** Ask family members to suggest messages and designs for your card. Also, have every family member sign the greeting.

◊ **Include a recent family photo.** This is especially great for the people you do not see often and if you have growing children and/or a new addition. If possible, select a picture that ties in with the theme or message of your greeting. Vacation and holiday photos are great. When trying to take photos for cards, shoot them horizontally and vertically to allow for options in card design and selection.

◊ **Maximize your greeting card budget.** Unfortunately it is too late to buy the sale cards for this year, but after Christmas, watch for sales on Christmas cards and buy them then. You won't have to fight the crowds to choose your greetings and you will be able to be thinking of a photo opportunity throughout the year. Also compare greetings from store to store, or look into having them printed at a printing shop, sometimes it is less expensive.

◊ **Plan ahead.** You generally know how many people are on your greeting list, start making them out ahead of time and pre-buy stamps. This will make it less stressful when it comes time to send them out. Also, there are a number of beautiful Christmas and holiday stamps available through the

Annual "Live" Drive-through Nativity December 14th - 17th, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

See one of the most beautiful and meaningful Christmas presentations in Texas this season at First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, Big Spring, Texas, December 14-17, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. each evening. This is one of the most unique and captivating presentations of the Christmas story anywhere. This wonderful presentation began in 1986, when Pastor Gary Smith encouraged the members of Big Spring First Church of the Nazarene to do

United States Postal Service. Also, be sure to watch the card size, some cards will require extra postage to send.

◊ **Check out the Web.** If you and your family are online, consider sending an Internet card. There are a number of e-greeting sites available with a wide variety of cards. Some sites you might look to are <http://www.hallmark.com>, <http://www.bluemountain.com>, and <http://www.egreetings.com>. You can also check out the search engines and your Internet Service provider to see if they offer any web greetings.

something very different for the community in presenting the story of Christmas. It began with only seven scenes and has grown over the years to include seventeen scenes, live animals and a cast of over 130 people. Every scene is beautifully painted and decorated to authentically represent the ancient buildings and places of years gone by. A beautiful trail of luminary leads you through this wonderful presentation of Christmas. A professionally produced cassette tape or compact disk, played in your car stereo, tells the story of each scene that takes you back over 2,000 years ago. Children and adults alike will thrill to the sights and sounds of this incredible event. As the story of Christmas unfolds before your very eyes.

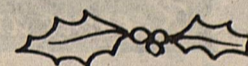
Each year this wonderful event is brought to the community free of charge. And as always, there is opportunity to make financial contributions at the exit that enables us to continue to make the Drive-Through Nativity a part of your family's Christmas tradition. We cordially invite everyone to this wonderful 14th Annual Drive-Through Nativity. We

are sure it will warm your heart and bring you back to the reality of the true meaning of Christmas.

The entrance to the Nativity Drive-Through is best approached from the west on Martin Luther King Boulevard and then turn south onto Lancaster. For further information, please call 915/267-7015.

Scurry County Arts and Craft Festival

The tenth annual Scurry County Arts and Crafts Festival will be held December 2nd and 3rd in the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will be on hand with original art and hand-crafted items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to the general public.



Home for the Holidays 2000

Delicious recipes, holiday crafts, table settings and decorations, and much more!

Come join the fun, and prepare for a festive holiday season!

A fee of \$5.00 per person will be charged to cover food and craft costs.

Extra recipe books will be for available for \$5.00



Borden County
Thursday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m.
Community Building

FM 669 and Wilbourn (behind courthouse), Gail



For more information and to RSVP, please contact the county Extension office at (806)756-4336

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our programs. We request that you contact your Extension office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.

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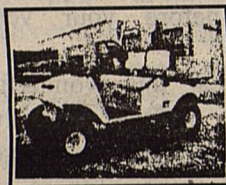
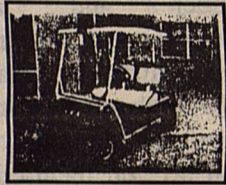
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Service Honor Award recipient: Robert (Bob) Kempf, right, a Borden county maintenance employee, receives a service certificate from Bill Hale during a recent supervisors meeting in Abilene. Kempf, a maintenance crew chief, was presented the award to honor his five years of service with the Texas Department of Transportation. Hale is the Abilene district engineer.

(TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Bringing Home the Bucks

Hunting bolsters the Texas economy by about \$3 billion annually. This year, Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists estimate a white-tailed deer population of more than four million, and deer harvests in the top counties should be comparable to those reported in 1999.

Top Counties in 1999		
COUNTIES	HUNTERS	HARVEST
Llano	13,321	17,165
Gillespie	11,989	12,665
Mason	11,656	14,529
Edwards	10,990	11,829
Kerr	10,490	10,415
Uvalde	9,575	7,907

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Drive Safely



Watch out for the Children . . .

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

WATER TREATY SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED

Much of Texas history, and much of our literature as well, can be summed up by the statement "Water is scarce." Countless stories outline the successes and frustrations of Texas' efforts to stake claim to an adequate supply of water to ensure a sustainable and prosperous future.

In few regions is this struggle more evident than in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, where a severe lack of water continues to threaten agriculture and the jobs it provides to valley residents. In addition to suffering from a protracted drought that has affected other areas of Texas as well, South Texas agricultural producers are not receiving their fair share of water from six Mexican tributaries of the Rio Grande, water to which they are entitled under the terms of a 1944 treaty with Mexico.

For nearly a half-century, the water treaty served Texas and Mexico well because both sides understood its importance. The treaty was intended to ensure water users on both sides of the river minimum amounts of water so they could manage their withdrawals and plan how it is to be used. The United States has scrupulously observed its treaty obligations for the Colorado River basin and provided Mexico with the amount of water to which it is entitled every year — an amount roughly equal to what Mexico owes us for the Lower Rio Grande.

As of the beginning of this year, Mexico owed Texas roughly 1.5 million acre-feet of water, a debt going back to

1992 (an acre-foot of water is the volume of water that covers one acre to a depth of one foot). For this reason South Texas' Falcon and Amistad reservoirs are at dangerously low levels. During the summer of 1998, water levels fell to 18 percent of capacity — the lowest in more than 40 years. The effects of the drought could be eased considerably if Mexico would make good on its treaty obligations.

Recent studies by Texas A&M University and the Texas Water Development Board suggest the economic impact of Mexico's withholding of this water to be more than \$400 million annually. A continuing shortage could eventually jeopardize the health of local residents on top of crippling the valley's agriculture-based economy.

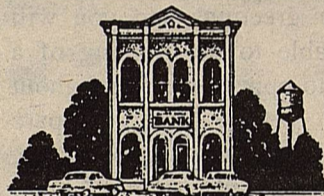
Last month I introduced a resolution in the Senate calling on the President to utilize the full powers of his office to require Mexico to comply with the terms of this treaty, and begin repaying the water it has impounded. It also calls on the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, which oversees the treaty's performance, not to accept anything less than full repayment of water in its attempt to negotiate a settlement of the dispute. A similar measure has been introduced in the U.S. House. I have met with the Mexican Ambassador to the United States to discuss this situation as well.

The U.S. government needs to make this a top priority. Not only has Mexico failed to present a plan to repay the water we're due for previous years, but so far, it has failed as well to present its plan to deliver us the water we are due in 2001 and 2002.

It is my hope that congressional passage of my resolution will impress officials on both sides that Mexico must structure a water repayment plan and do it quickly — before more farmers and ranchers in the valley lose their livelihoods. Consumers of our great South Texas citrus fruits will also be affected by a reduced supply.

Making certain we have an adequate water supply is critical to Texas and in particular to the Lower Rio Grande Valley. It is vital that Mexico work with us to develop better water management strategies that will make possible continued economic development and prosperity on both sides of our shared river.

Holiday Shopping



Tips from your Community Banker

This season, customers are taking advantage of all their shopping choices as they hit all the hot spots. Where do you fit? While some will take a big breath and fight the crowds at the nearby mall, others will stay at home to order gifts by phone from merchants on television and many more will visit virtual stores that allow consumers to buy gifts online at a click of a mouse.

No matter what your shopping style, you want to get a good deal. The Independent Bankers Association of Texas has some suggestions on how you can shop smart this holiday season.

Things we all know.

- Try to shop early. This will ensure you will miss the heavy mall and postal traffic and will also increase your chances in buying the products you want before they are sold out.
- Set a budget and do not exceed it! Following a budget keeps you from overspending and making impulse purchases. You don't want to get yourself into a predicament in which you are still paying for gifts long after the holidays are over.
- Ask about refund and return policies before you buy and keep all your receipts.

Things to consider when ordering by phone or mail.

- Be familiar with the company's reputation before ordering. Know the refund and return policies, product availability and total costs of your purchase before you place your order.
- Shipping time should be considered. Most companies specify how long an item will take to reach you. If no time is promised, the product should arrive within 30 days. When a company cannot ship within an allotted time, you must be given a choice to either delay your order or cancel it for a refund.
- Try to order early, allowing plenty of time for shipping and delivery during this busy season.
- Remember to keep records of all orders. Note the company's name, address, phone number, date of order, items listed, stock codes and confirmation material.

It is best to make copies of order forms when possible.

Things to recognize when shopping online.

- Know who you are dealing with. If you are not familiar with the company, check its physical location and try to find third party information on its reputation.
- Try to protect your privacy as much as possible. Know who is collecting your personal information, why it is needed and how it will be used. Read the company's privacy policy before you fill out an order form.
- Do not share your passwords. Avoid using easily guessed codes such as telephone numbers, birth dates and your social security number.
- Only order on a secure server. Check your browser toolbar or its information screen to ensure your information is in fact in a secure environment.
- Don't forget to factor in shipping and handling fees.
- Keep printouts of your transactions, including return policies.

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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 14th day of November, 2000, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **LARRY D. SMITH**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **VERNON WOLF**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **HURSTON LEMONS, JR.**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court.

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of October 23, 2000 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION CANVASSED

The returns of the General Election held on November 7, 2000 were canvassed. A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs that the returns of the election are official as recorded in Volume 2, Pages 96 thru 101, election Records, in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC NUISANCE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF COUNTY

The Commissioners Court discussed complaints it has received concerning accumulated rubbish, abandoned vehicles, household goods and furniture stored in an area that is visible from a public street or road. The Commissioner discussed Sec. 343.011 of the Texas Health and Safety Code that applies to Public Nuisances in an unincorporated area of a County.

RETIREE HEALTH PROGRAM

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion for Borden County to participate in the County Choice Silver Insurance

Program for the Borden County Retired Employees with the County not contributing on the premiums and retired employee to pay 100% health insurance. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OILER ENGINEERING 2001 SEALCOAT PROGRAM

Commissioner Lemons made a motion to approve the Resolution for Borden County to participate in The Oiler Engineering 2001 Sealcoat Program. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Van L. York left at 11:20 a.m.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons and approved unanimously.

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6 PERFORMANCES ONLY

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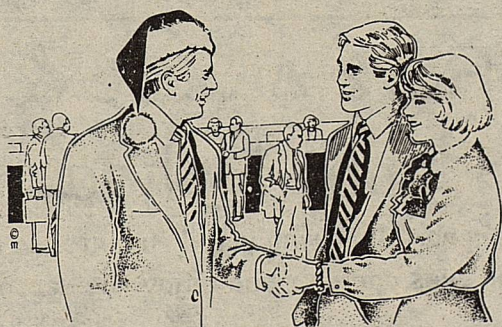
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

In celebration of that great event, we wish all of you a holiday filled with His peace and Love.

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Seventh Annual Lighting of the Star

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

Nov. 24th IN HONOR OF:
Delmo & Martha Pearce
by the Citizens of Borden County
IN MEMORY OF:
Eric Rickner

by Buna Rickner
Nov. 25th IN MEMORY OF:
Billy Wills

by Warren and Betty Beaver
IN MEMORY OF:
Eric Rickner

by Buna Rickner
Nov. 26th IN MEMORY OF:
J.K. Mitchell Family

by Warren and Betty Beaver
IN MEMORY OF:
Mary D. Mullins Cary

by Margaret Cary Billingsley
IN MEMORY OF:
Edward Smith

by Terry Smith
Nov. 27th IN MEMORY OF:
Sterling Williams

by Warren and Betty Beaver
Nov. 28th IN MEMORY OF:
Edward Smith

by Warren and Betty Beaver
Nov. 29th IN HONOR OF:
The "Old Munger Ranch"

by Margorie Munger Middleton
Nov. 30th IN MEMORY OF:
Bannie Hancock

by Juanda, Tom, Sandra, Joe and Sue
Dec. 1st IN MEMORY OF:
"Daddy" & "Grandpa"

Weldon "Bannie" Hancock
by Tom, Sandra, Joe, Sue and Families

IN MEMORY OF:
S.C. (Buddy) Sharp
by The Ross & Sarah Sharp Family

IN MEMORY OF:
Arvil (Babe) Brewer
by the Ross & Sarah Sharp Family

Dec. 2nd IN MEMORY OF:
All of the Borden County Employees

by Terry Smith
Dec. 3rd IN MEMORY OF:
Doris Bennett

by Delmo & Martha Pearce
Dec. 4th IN MEMORY OF:
C. C. Nunnally

by Mrs. C.C. Nunnally & Family
Dec. 5th IN MEMORY OF:

Nell & Binie White
by Binie L. and Edna White
Dec. 7th IN MEMORY OF:

Lillie Mae Holstun
by Jackie Turner
Dec. 10th IN MEMORY OF:

Our Parents & Brother
by Rich and Barbara Anderson
IN MEMORY OF:

Beno Hendricks
IN HONOR OF:
Donna Hendricks

by Bo and Jacque Hendricks
IN HONOR OF:
Martin Reinecke

On his birthday
IN MEMORY OF:
DEBBY DENNIS & "BIG JOHN" DENNIS

by Peggy & David Dennis, Mike & Jacquie Whalen, & Mary Ann Awtry & Family

Dec. 12th IN MEMORY OF:
Bert Dennis

by Joel, Betty & Jeff Dennis
Dec. 13th IN MEMORY OF:
James Eubanks

by the Dennis Poole Family
Dec. 15th IN MEMORY OF:
Bonnie Sneed

by Norman "Slick" Sneed & Children
Dec. 16th IN MEMORY OF:
Victor Hollar

by Jean Hollar Jeter & Carrie Hollar Bevil
Dec. 18th IN MEMORY OF:
Bert Dennis

by Dorothy A. Dennis
Dec. 23rd IN MEMORY OF:
Vernon Todd

Brandon Adcock
by Tharon Todd & family
Randy & Verna Adcock,
Hailey & Kristi

IN HONOR OF:
Zella Nixon

IN HONOR OF:
Larry Hopkins

IN HONOR OF:
Margaret Sharp

IN HONOR OF:
Shirley & Kenneth Bennett

by B.A. Hopkins
Dec. 24th IN MEMORY OF:
Each of our loved ones & Friends

by Dewey Fay and Ralph Miller
IN MEMORY OF:
Edna Miller

by Shirley and Doyle Newton

IN HONOR OF:
Sue & Bob Beal

IN HONOR OF:
Sarah & Ross Sharp

IN HONOR OF:
Barbara & Van York

IN HONOR OF:
Connie & Sid Hart

by B.A. Hopkins
Dec. 25th IN MEMORY OF:
Frank Miller

by Shirley and Doyle Newton
IN MEMORY OF:
Edward Smith

by Terry Smith
Dec. 30th In Thanksgiving Of:
Our Family

by Rich and Barbara Anderson

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

IN MEMORY OF:
Garland Doyle

Clay Kingston
by Eva Doyle

Buddy Sharp
by Bo and Jacque Hendricks

Corky Ogden
Vernon Creighton
by Verna Ogden

Pauline Cantrell Brigham
by Sylvia Diniziani

Erwin Reinecke
by Margaret M. Novak

Nina Clift
by Terry Smith

Barbara Sharp
Ella & Preston Sharp

Willie & Mary Helton
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Nelms

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Nelms
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Coursey

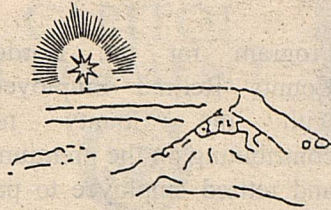
Ples & Annie Hallmark
Preston & Ella Sharp

Buddy & Barbara Sharp
by Margaret Sharp

Bonnie Kingston
by Jackie Turner

J. Pat Porter
Skeet Porter
by Bob & Cookie Dyess

Johanna Guthmiller
Alma Gollnick
William Reinecke



Beno Hendricks
Mr. & Mrs. Ples Hallmark
Earnest & Jewel Robinson
Gilbert Spurlock

by the Ross Sharp Family
Lucia Gonzales
Jesus & Maria Campos

by Anselmo & Lydia Campos
Borden Gray
by Borden Gray Family

Waldine Martin
by Jackie Turner
Obe Wilson

Thelma Wilson
Bonnie M. Wilson
Doris Bennett

by Marguerite Wilson Favor, Bob, Pete & Marshall Wilson
Edward Rinehart:

Madge Hendricks
by the Rinehart Family

IN HONOR OF:
Kyle Jennings
Dean Jennings

McCrae McCormack
Madolyn McCormack
Corey Cox

Justin Cox
by Warren and Betty Beaver
My Mom, Mildred Sevey,

and All My Sisters and Brothers Brian and Sharon Jones, Robyn, Junior and Ray Sarah Gilleland

by Bo and Jacque Hendricks
Lela Porter

by Bob & Cookie Dyess
Vickie Kiker, Earnest Kiker, Jessica Kiker, Gayla Erwin, Cody Newton, Robin Newton

by Shirley & Doyle Newton

Donna Hendricks, Oleita Mitchell, Gladys Williams

by Terry Smith
Margaret Sharp, Sarah L. Gilleland, Donna Hendricks, Jason Sharp

by Ross & Sarah Sharp
Kristi, Jon & Thomas Harrison, & Hailey Adcock

by Randy & Verna Adcock
Edward Zepada
The Quivas Family

DONATIONS FOR THE STAR:

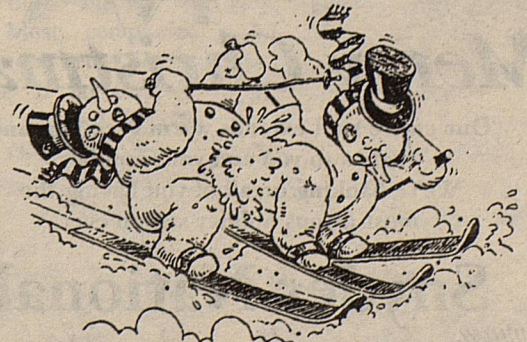
by Mr. & Mrs. R.D. Lewis
by Mr. & Mrs. Don A Jones
by Terry McCright
by Doris Rudd
by Bertie Copeland Family
by T. Ruffin Johnson, Jr.

If you wish to sponsor a night in Honor Of or In Memory Of, send your donation to "Lights for Gail" P.O. Box 312 Gail, TX 79738. Be sure to list whom the star will be lit in honor of or in memory of and the date you wish to use. The cost to light up the star on a special nights is, \$25.00 per person or couple per night. Each bulbs is \$5.00 per person per bulb per night



Have A Safe & Happy Holiday

There's no telling who you'll run into, so keep your eyes open... and enjoy the season!



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