

# THE BORDEN STAR

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Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

## Cold Weather and Holiday Bring Fire Concern

State fire control leaders remind everyone that good fire safety indoors and out will be needed to prevent an increase in fires during the cooler fall and winter months and during the upcoming holiday season.

Cold weather and the upcoming Christmas holiday season signal an increasing likelihood of accidental fires, according to Bobby Young, associate director for forest resource protection with the Texas forest Service in Lufkin.

Cold weather frequently prompts unsafe efforts to heat homes, said Young, who noted that improperly using kitchen ovens for home heating and unwise placement of space heaters contribute to home fires every year. The former volunteer fire department chief added that the Christmas holiday season typically brings an increase in home fires due to overloaded extension cords, dry natural Christmas trees placed near heat sources and carelessness with holiday candles.

Noting that "it only takes some unsafe act to turn a joyous holiday celebration into a season of sorrow and personal tragedy," Young offered several suggestions to safeguard homes and property from needless fire tragedies.

Avoid overloading extension cords and wall electric outlets. Avoid using multiple plugs to extend the capacity of wall outlets. Don't use kitchen stoves or ovens for home heating. Keep natural Christmas trees well watered and away from heat sources such as candles, space heaters and fireplaces. Consider electric lights in place of candles for holiday lighting. When using candles, locate them away from flammable materials and place in containers wide enough to

contain candles should they accidentally tip over. Purchase and install smoke detectors, and replace batteries in existing detectors.

Unsafe burning of wrapping paper, gift boxes and natural Christmas trees could spark outdoor fires, according to Mary Kay Hicks, fire prevention coordinator with the Texas Forest Service in Waco. She advises strict attention to outdoor fire safety precautions and recommends that people with

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## Grocery Store Stickers Will Promote Beef to Millions

Close to 2 million Texans will find out they're just a mouse click away from instant beef information, thanks to the beef checkoff program and participating Texas grocery companies.

In early December, the Texas Beef Council (TBC) and nine Texas retailers began placing TBC web site stickers on 2 million fresh beef packages in meat

counters across Texas. Each colorful sticker contains the web site address ([www.txbeef.org](http://www.txbeef.org)) and the slogan: "got beef? get recipes."

"Research shows that most shoppers don't know what's for dinner when they shop the grocery aisles," says Russell Woodward, TBC's

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## Begging Pays Off

### Borden Jr. High One-Act Play Wins District

Borden County Junior High's One-Act Play production of *The Beggar's Opera* repeated as the District 9-A Jr. High OAP champions this past Saturday. Even though the number of competing schools was low, the play proves that quality is the true determiner of success. Tuesday night proved successful as well, as the play was performed for the Borden County public.

At the contest, Dawson Jr. High was selected as the second place show, while Loop Jr. High placed third.

Not only did the Borden County production do well overall, but it also received a variety of individual acting honors. Eighth grader Ashley Ellison was named "Best Actress" for the second year in a row. She starred as Lucy Lockit.

Named to the All-Star Cast (ASC) were eighth graders John Wilson (Mr. Peachum) and Cassidy Rinehart (Polly Peachum). Sixth grader Kalli Poole (Mrs. Peachum) was also named to the ASC.

Borden County also placed three students on the Honorable Mention All-

Star Cast. Casey Divin (Captain MacHeath) and Ben Griffin (Mr. Lockit), both eighth graders, were selected for this honor as was seventh grader Garrett Thomas (Filch).

Other participants in the production from Borden County include eighth grader Garrett Chapman (Matt), seventh grader Andrew Lamming (Constable/Ben), and sixth graders Ana Arellanos (Beggars Woman), Rowdy Clary (Prisoner/Ned), and Christina Soto (Jenny).

Serving as the technical crew were Emily Mayes (stage manager), Thelma Balague (make-up and props), Adam Carter (sound) and Whitney Anderson (lights).

Congratulations to all who have been involved in the production.



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Saturday, December 23rd  
HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## Girls Even Record at 5-5 With Win Non-District Action Continues; BHS Splits With Garden City

It was a tale of two games Tuesday night when BHS's girls and boys took on Garden City.

The girls jumped out to a commanding lead, only to find themselves fighting off a Bearkat comeback in the final minutes to win, 38-33.

The boys, on the other hand, fell behind 25-2 at one point in the second quarter, but worked their way back though falling just short, 45-39.

The Lady Coyotes turned in a sterling first quarter performance, with no turnovers, outscoring Garden City 13-6.

In the second period of play, two 3-pointers pushed their lead to a 29-12 margin at half-time.

Six fouls, though, in the third period, hampered BHS and gave Garden City the break it needed to get back into the game.

A cold spell in the fourth quarter, 0-13 from the field, did not help the Lady Coyotes. Garden City capitalized and went on a 12-0 run before BHS hit a free throw with 33 seconds remaining for its only points of the fourth quarter.

### GAME STATISTICS

Rika C., 8 rebounds, 1 block; Dalene K., 9 pts., 6 reb., 1 block; Bekah H., 3 pts., 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals; Bobbie K., 10 pts., 13 reb., 2 assists, 3 steals; Micah H., 9 pts., 10 rebounds, 1 steal; Pati R., 6 pts.; Shayla G., 2 reb., 1 assist, 1 steal; Carolina A., 1 pt., 1 rebound, 1 steal; Jessica E., 1 assist.

Even though the game went down as a loss, the boys' team proved their mettle by staying in a game in which they were at one point down by 23.

First quarter shooting was a dismal 1-13 from the field, but it was

followed by a 7-11 performance in the second quarter that gave BHS a big boost going in to intermission.

The Coyotes outscored Garden City in all quarters except the first, and trailed at the end of three by a 39-28 margin.

In the final period, the Coyotes grabbed 8 defensive rebounds to go along with four steals. This defensive effort helped them outscore the Bearkats 11-6 in the quarter, but it wasn't quite enough to overcome the first period deficit.

### GAME STATISTICS

Trent P., 8 pts., 5 reb., 4 assists, 2 steals; Talin P., 4 pts., 2 reb., 2 assists, 1 steal; Cody N., 16 pts., 8 reb., 2 steals; Jake Z., 4 pts., 5 reb., 2 assists, 4 steals, 1 block; Kyle P., 2 pts.; Rowdy D., 4 reb., 1 steal; Brionne J., 2 pts., 1 reb., John S., 1 steal; Evan W., 3 pts.; Dan G., 1 steal

## Jr. High Hoopsters Win Two at Sands

Junior high teams continue their basketball season. Updates in this week's paper include results from last week's Sands game and Monday night's late results from Roscoe.

BJH Coyote Pups handled the Mustangs in all four quarters en route to a 38-19 win.

Five different players scored for the Coyotes in the first quarter; in all, nine players put points on the board.

A good defensive effort in the second half held Sands to just two points in the final quarter, giving BJH their second win of the season.

### Jr. High Boys Stats:

C. Divin, D. Rodriguez, A. Carter, all with 6 pts. each; C. Peterson, 5 pts.; J. Minnick and B. Griffin, 4 pts. each; B. Roper, 3 pts.; J. Wilson and J.R. Gicklehorn, 2 pts. each....also seeing action were Caden Nowlain, Garrett Thomas, Andrew Laming, Aaron Pigford, and Garrett Chapman.

A 12-0 first quarter went a long ways towards

giving the Missy Coyotes their second win of the season, defeating Sands 35- in last Monday's game.

The girls hit on 6-13 shots in the first period and also played some tough defense in stealing the ball seven times in the same time frame.

On the evening, the girls stole the ball 29 times which helped to offset their own 24 turnovers.

Thelma Balaque led all scorers with 12 points, many of those made on steals and follow-up lay-ups.

Thelma, along with Cassidy Rinehart (5) and LaShae Johnson (8), also had five steals to pace the BJH defense.

### Jr. High Girls Stats:

T. Balaque, 12 pts., 3 reb., 2 assists, 5 steals; L. Johnson, 6 pts., 5 reb., 8 steals, 2 assists; M. Brooks, 5 pts., 3 reb., 1 block; E. Mayes, 4 pts., 1 reb., 1 steal; A. Ellison, 2 pts., 3 steals; C. Rinehart, 2 pts., 5 assists, 5 steals; M. Peterson, 2 pts., 3 reb., 1 steal; S. Pool, 2 pts., 2 steals; W. Anderson, 3 reb., 2 steals; K. Clements, 1 reb., C. Ogden, 2 reb., 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block

## Take AAA Team to Limit in 60-52 Loss Lady Coyotes Battle Estacado; Fall just short to finish second in 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas Tournament

Not since the Bicentennial Celebration of 1976 has Borden County seen so many people.

Saturday night in Gail was hopping, and we all know that is normally—thank goodness—not the case.

A six-man semi-final game was in town as Borden County played host to Whitharral and Highland.

At the same, the Lady Coyotes were trying to take care of some business of their own by defending their tournament title in the Coyote Christmas Classic.

The three-day tourna-

ment came to a close Saturday night with two out-of-town champions: Estacado in the girls' division by virtue of a hard-fought 60-53 win over the Lady Coyotes, and Westbrook in the boys' bracket, defeating Ralls.

The girls advanced to the finals with wins over Ralls, 55-50, and Garden City, 51-45.

Their match-up with Estacado was the first in both schools' histories, and the match-up proved exciting.

Estacado's athleticism gave them the edge in the first quarter as they jumped

to a 19-8 lead, 10 of those points scored by Amber Shepherd.

The girls then left their nervousness on the sideline and played some pressing defense of their own while taking advantage of some fastbreaks to score 17 points in the second period.

Bekah and Micah Hensley, one of two pair of sister acts on the team, scored five and six points respectively, while Kylia Culp added six, too.

The Lady Coyotes added some 3-point shooting to the game in the third period as Bobbie

Kempf hit two of those and Bekah added one.

Trailing by seven going in to the final quarter, BHS found time running out but continued battling away as Kylia hit a 3-pointer along with buckets from Bobbie and Micah and free throws by Bekah and Dalene Kempf.

Estacado, a team with only six wins all of last season, took the game by a final score of 60-53.

Including the tournament games, the girls' record now stands at 7-6 on the season.

The boys' team probably felt like the Grinch stole their Christmas.

With two close losses, the boys were forced to watch the finals from the sidelines.

In Thursday's game, BHS faced eventual runner-up Ralls and fell only two points short, 34-32.

A last second three-point attempt from mid-court by Trent Pepper came close, but the Coyotes were forced into the consolation bracket.

Friday's game with Southland was another close one as the Coyotes came up short once again, 45-43.

BHS scored 17 points in the fourth quarter and



**Recent Field Trip...**...pictured above are members of the Spanish II class who traveled to Odessa for a performance by the Aldonines Dancers from Argentina on the campus of Odessa College. From left to right are "Isabel" Stamper, "Alfred" Dunlap, "Ana Luisa" Lozano, "Alberto" Zant, "Santiago" Rodriguez, "Noemi" Rodriguez, "Pablo" Nowlain, "Jose" Stipe, "Laura" Ellison, and "Lita" Copeland.

## FFA Meat Items Available

The Gail FFA Chapter would like to let the public know that there is a few extra meat items for.

- These include:
- Summer Sausage Rolls
  - Peppered Hams \$22.00
  - Spiral Sliced Hams \$31.00
  - Spiral Sliced Turkey Breast \$24.00
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  - Pork Loin \$18.00
  - Brisket Kit \$22.00
  - Smoked Bacon \$ 9.00
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Anyone wishing to purchase any of these items may contact an FFA member or Buddy Wallace @756-4313.

The Chapter again expresses it's Thanks for the outstanding support of the meat and fruit sale.



Family and friends will be glad to gobble up leftover turkey when it's transformed into a tasty and nutritious pot pie.

## Cooking Corner

### Learn To Love Your Leftovers

(NAPS)—Don't let the thought of leftover turkey put you in a fowl mood. You can turn it into a delicious new dish while barely ruffling your feathers.

One of the top ways to make the most of what's left of the bird is in a pot pie. Fortunately, even people who are lactose intolerant or are avoiding milk and dairy products for other reasons, can enjoy a creamy, delicious turkey pot pie made with a milk alternative.

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Here's how Vitamite 100 can help you make your leftover turkey into a marvelous meal as easy as pie:

#### Turkey Pot Pie

- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 1¼ cups self-rising flour
- 2 cups turkey broth
- 1½ cups cooked cubed turkey
- 8 oz. package frozen mixed vegetables
- ½ cup non-dairy margarine
- ½ cup Vitamite 100

Preheat oven to 450°. In

large skillet, sauté onion in oil; add ¼ cup of flour, and stir in broth until smooth. Add turkey and vegetables. Pour into a 2-quart casserole dish. Mix together margarine and

remaining flour with a pastry blender; add Vitamite 100 and mix until a dough-like texture. Roll on a floured surface to ¼" thickness, shape to fit top of casserole dish and place on top of turkey mixture. Bake at 450° for 15 minutes until crust is golden brown.

6 to 8 servings.

## Monday Nights Roscoe/Idalou Results

**Missy Coyotes**  
6 9 8 2 25

**Roscoe**  
7 7 6 4 24  
E. Mayes, 13 pts., 7 reb., 7 steals; M. Peterson, 4 pts., 2 reb., 1 steal; L. Johnson, 2 pts., 8 reb., 6 steals, 1 assist; C. Rinehart, 2 pts., 1 reb., 1 steal, 1 assist; A. Ellison, 2 pts., 1 steal; M. Brooks, 2 pts., 2 reb., 1 block, 1 steal; W. Anderson, 2 reb., 1 assist; K. Clement, 1 assist, 1 steal; T. Balaque, 1 steal; S. Pool, 1 steal; C. Ogden, 1 reb.

**HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS**  
Vs.  
**IDALOU**

**Lady Coyotes**  
11 8 8 7 34

**Idalou**  
11 11 5 10 37  
B. Hensley, 13 pts.; R. Copeland, 10 pts.; D. Kempf, 4 pts.; M. Hensley, 3 pts.; B. Kempf, 2 pts.; K. Culp, 2 pts.

**Coyote Boys**  
7 3 3 9 22

**Idalou**  
14 22 13 16 65  
Tr. Pepper, 18 pts., T. Pepper, 2 pts., J. Zant, 2 pts.

## From the Counselor: by Mary Airhart

In conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness, the senior class of Borden County initiated a community service project called "Denims 'n Pink." All Borden County ISD staff members were allowed to wear jeans to school during the Borden County tournament days, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, through the purchase of a pink ribbon to emphasize commitment to cancer reach. Participation was high and proceeds of \$158.00 will be sent to the Susan B. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer.

During this week before then end of the first semester, the senior swill be

distributing Child Identification units to all Borden County ISD students in grades K-12 with an accompanying letter to explain the process. The ID Care envelop contains full instructions, but questions or concerns may be addressed to Mary Airhart at the school, 756-4313.

On Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, Ronnie Barnes of Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority will meet with Senior and Junior students and their parents at 11:30 A.M. in the conference room to discuss the financial aid process for college. Any interested person is welcome to attend this meeting.

## Christmas Tournament Results

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held Southland to 8, but the run wasn't enough to overcome the surge that Southland had in the third period when they outscored the Coyotes by nine.

Despite the losses, the Coyotes remain optimistic as they approach the holiday break and district play beginning in January.

"I think we have a good chance to win district," said junior Jake Zant. "Everything is beginning to come together. We played Ralls very close, and they didn't lose by much to Westbrook." (Westbrook will be a district opponent.)

**Garden City** 6 14 13 12 45  
M. Hensley, 15 pts., K. Culp, 9 pts., B. Hensley, 8 pts., P. Rodriguez and R. Copeland, 7 pts., D. Kempf, 4 pts., C. Arrelanos, 1 pt.

**BHS** 8 17 18 10 53  
**Estacado** 19 16 16 9 60  
B. Hensley, 14 pts., K. Culp and B. Kempf, 11 pts., M. Hensley, 10 pts., R. Copeland, 6 pts., D. Kempf, 1 pt.

**BHS** 5 11 8 18 32  
**Ralls** 6 6 17 5 34  
Tr. Pepper, 18 pts., T. Pepper and C. Nowlain, 5 pts., K. Pinkerton, 2 pts., J. Zant and J. Stamper, 1 pt.

**BHS** 10 9 7 17 43  
**Southland** 13 8 16 8 45  
Tr. Pepper, 13 pts., C. Nowlain, 12 pts., J. Zant and T. Pepper, 8 pts. each, K. Pinkerton, 2 pts.

## Coyote Tournament Summaries

### GIRLS' GAMES

**BHS** 18 16 10 11 55  
**RHS** 11 11 22 6 50  
B. Hensley, 16 pts., R. Copeland, 15 pts., D. Kempf, 9 pts., B. Kempf, 7 pts., M. Hensley, 6 pts., K. Culp, 2 pts.

**BHS** 7 15 11 18 51



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## A POW Christmas

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"When you're a POW or missing in action, you know where you are. It's those who love you who don't know. And they are hurting."

While held captive he had nothing to eat for five days, nothing to drink for three.

"However tough it may be, and some of that experience was very painful, but by and large, I wasn't hurting near as much as my family back home was. Because they didn't know how I was or where I was, whether I was dead or alive. And I felt their pain."

Bob was parachuting behind enemy lines when he was wounded by rifle fire and taken prisoner.

"I really, really know what Silent Night means. In our group there was an infantry soldier who had been a hobo before getting into the Army. Every night he would sing. Rain, cold, it didn't matter. Every night he would go out there and sing."

Bob remembers the words to one song.

*"With someone like you,  
a pal so good and true.  
I'd like to leave it all  
behind,  
and go and find some place  
that's known to God  
alone."*

The singing prisoner sang that song at the end of his performance every night. Bob and his fellow prisoners thought it was beautiful.

"We'd just sit there and cry on the inside, longing to be home."

At Christmas, everything was covered with snow.

"We were all feeling real homesick. The camp held

two thousand prisoners. Maybe twenty of us had received packages from home. There were those who got maybe half a dozen pieces of mail. Unfortunately, I wasn't one of them. My mother and sister were writing me all the time, but I never got any mail. Not one piece of mail during the nine months I was a prisoner. That was a painful experience."

But he remembers that Christmas above all others.

"I remember it so vividly.

Everything was blanketed with snow. So peaceful, so quiet. Just a little trickle of snow coming down. And this old hobo got out there and sang the traditional songs that we knew. Great Christian hymns. And then he sang Bing Crosby's songs like *I'll be home for Christmas* and *White Christmas*, songs like that. And I'll never forget the beauty, the stark beauty of the silence and moonlight on that snow. I've never seen another Christmas like it. It was one that I look back on as a great living experience because we didn't know if we'd be there tomorrow or not."

The silence that night was broken when the hobo sang *Silent Night*. And the camp was still.



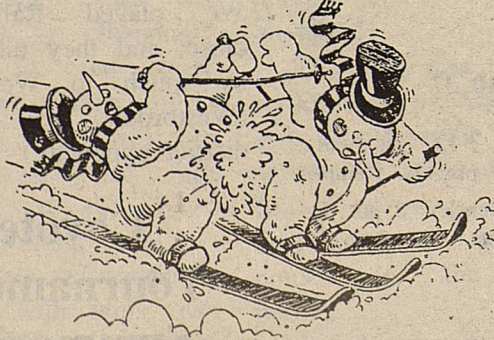
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## Have A Safe & Happy Holiday

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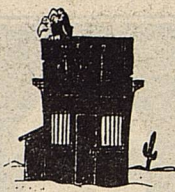

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A reception is being held at the Borden County Courthouse, Tuesday, December 19, 2000 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.  
Please come by and share this time of honor and recognition.

**WHAT: Canned Food Drive**

(Sponsored by Borden County 4-H)

**WHEN: Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**WHY:** Please help us collect canned Foods to be donated to families In Borden Co. and to the West Texas Food Bank.

**WHERE:** Bring your canned foods to your home room class. The grade in each division that donates the most food will win a Coke Party Divisions are K - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>.

A special thank you goes to Borden County ISD for allowing the 4-H to hold this food drive at School.



## Merry Christmas!

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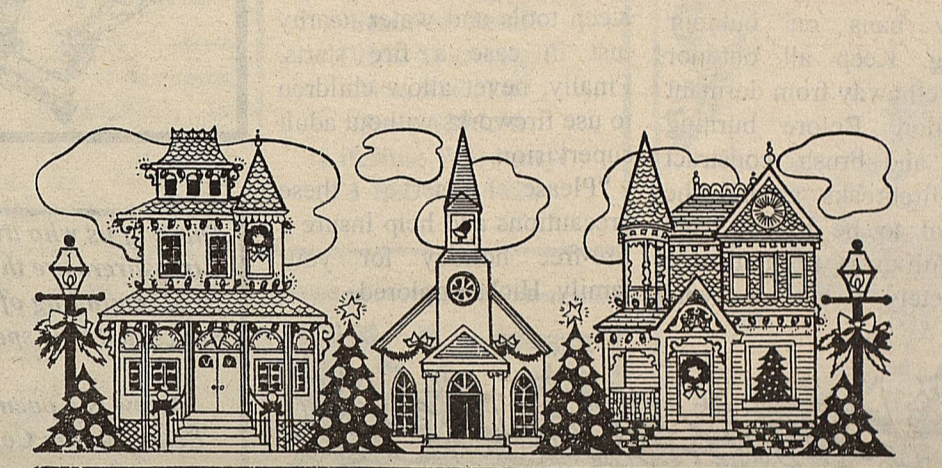
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## All the Best

Wishing you and your family joy and happiness all season through. We greatly appreciate your support.

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# Fire concern

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natural Christmas trees should consider recycling their trees, rather than burning them. Hicks indicated that used Christmas trees may be ground up for mulch or used to help stabilize sand dunes, build structure for fish in a lake or pond, or provide shelter for birds and other wildlife.

The fire prevention leader suggested that most wildfires can be prevented through proper outdoor fire safety.

Obey bans on outdoor burning. Keep all outdoor fires well away from dormant vegetation. Before burning leaves and brush, construct wide firebreaks around the material to be burned, and stay with every fire until it is completely out. Avoid

burning on dry, windy days. Dispose of smoking materials properly by either putting them in ashtray or by smothering them with bare mineral soil. When using spark-producing equipment outdoors, remove vegetation from the work area or wet it down prior to and during equipment operation.

If you plan to use fireworks use them in areas cleared of dead grass and other debris. Read and follow label instructions on how to properly discharge fireworks. Keep tools and water nearby just in case a fire starts. Finally, never allow children to use fireworks without adult supervision.

"Please observe these precautions and help insure a fire-free holiday for your family, Hicks implored.

## To All Our Family & Friends:

A Special thank you for the love and support shown during our time of sorrow. We appreciate all the cards, flowers, food and calls. Most importantly, your Prayers gave us the strength we needed to cope with our loss.



Sincerely,

- Donna & Dennis Gee
- Rex & Teresa Cox
- Corey & Justin Cox
- Neal Holdeman
- Mickey & Amber Gee
- James & Shonda Eastham and Brayden

Those of us who live in Borden County know that our real treasurers are the people who live here. Sometimes we need reminding of that - when visitors come our way and notice just how special some of our own are and take time to write about them.

Below is a poem written by a hunter who saw Frank Beaver in the Coyote Country Store this past week. His tribute has special meaning this time of year.

## Frank

By Monte Davidson of Eldon, Missouri

I met him in West Texas  
In the little town of Gail.  
At the Coyote Store he was  
Fumbling for a twenty-dollar bill.

As he dropped it on the counter  
I couldn't help but hear  
"It's for that Star you all put on the mountain  
At Christmas this time of year."

The lady that took his money asked,  
"How old are you, Frank?"  
He said, "I was a soldier in WWII."  
Then he turned to me and winked.

When I overheard them talking  
I thought - he's one of them:  
A silent generation  
That won't pass this way again.

I said my wife's dad was at Anzio  
And his eyes grew dark and cold.  
He said the boys at Anzio  
Went through hell 56 years ago.

Then the darkness passed and his eyes lit up;  
He said, "You all have a nice day."  
He's part of that generation  
That can never be repaid.

They fought for that Star on the mountaintop  
And the right to let it shine.  
They fought for the Stars in Old Glory  
And this land that is yours and mine.

They defeated the world's greatest tyrants;  
Then came home and never complained.  
How can we ever repay them -  
This silent generation of men.

The Borden County Extension Service extends to you and your family an invitation to attend the annual

# OPEN HOUSE AND INFORMATION DAY

December 20, 2000  
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

At the Borden County Extension Office  
Gail, Texas

- Dennis Poole, CEA-AG
- Julie Mumme, CEA-FCS
- Sharlot Stone, Secretary

Drive Carefully  
Watch Out for the Children

## Surviving Holiday Stress

Although the holidays are known for bringing people together in the spirit of joy, cheer and goodwill, they are also recognized as the most hectic time of the year. People are rushing to get somewhere and then are stuck in long lines to buy presents, food for the holiday meal or just to get to their final destination. It's no wonder that frustration and tension are becoming synonyms for year-end celebrations.

It happens to the best of us. Nonetheless, it is important to practice safety when you're behind the wheel. Stressed drivers with sore feet and spent pockets can lead to a holiday tragedy, when not concentrating on the task at hand. Progressive Insurance provides these tips to all commuters out on the roadways this season.

### Going to grandam's house.

\*It's best to leave early, allowing more time to reach your destination.

\*Make sure everyone has had something to eat and drink before a long drive. Hungry or thirsty passengers can elevate stress levels when you're stuck in traffic.

\*Do not speed, it causes stress for you and other drivers, more so when roads are congested.

### Mall Traffic.

\*Wear your walking shoes. Wherever you go, you will probably have a long hike from your parking spot.

\*Expect crowds. You can try to dodge some of this by shopping during non-peak

hours, such as weekdays.

\*Don't weigh your self down with packages. Make trips to the car to store your purchases safely in your trunk.

### Parities should be approached responsibly.

\*Appoint a designated driver and keep an eye on him or her.

\*Inquire about office policies providing car or cab service for employees attending a company affair.

Taking a cab can be the best investment you can make for yourself and others.

\*Attend gatherings that offer a safe ride home.

\*Never drink and drive.

## "Live" Drive-through Nativity

December 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m. - 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.

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.

## Promote Beef to Millions

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huge number of Texas consumers that they have help nearby," says Clay Birdwell of Canyon, a beef producer who worked with TBC to develop the web site.

"They no longer have to be confused on how to prepare a particular cut. They can use this site as one more tool to understanding the meat case." retail manager. "This sticker will remind them, right at the meat case, that delicious beef meal ideas are easily accessible day and night."

The [www.txbeef.org](http://www.txbeef.org) site was designed by Texas beef producers for the consumer.

It is an electronic treasure trove of information for consumers who are rushed to get a meal on the table or who have questions about beef preparation and cooking. Two of the most heavily visited sections of the site are the recipe database and Ask Anne, where consumers can ask TBC staff their most pressing cooking questions.

"The web site stickers on beef packages will show a

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## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Dreaming of a White Christmas?

Although the chances are slim to none for waking up anywhere in Texas on Christmas morning with at least an inch of snow on the ground, a few Texas cities can keep a white

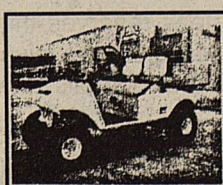
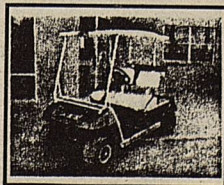


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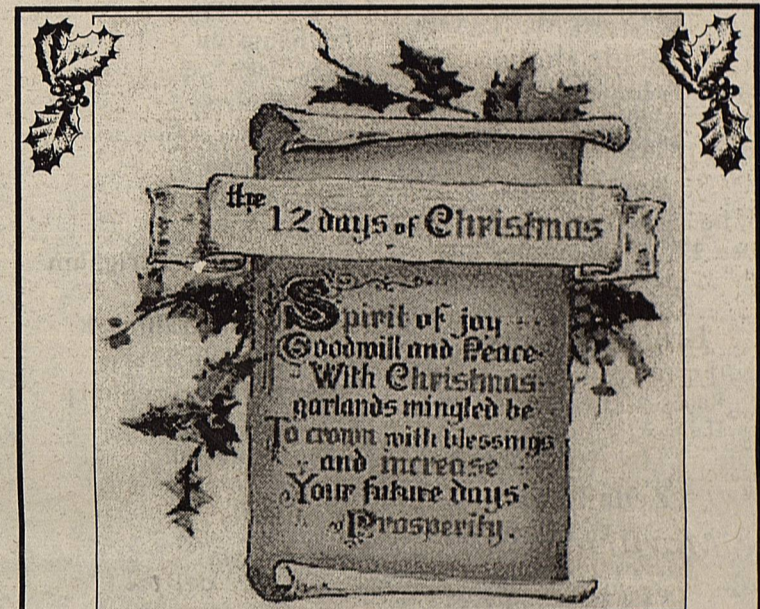
Texas cities' probabilities for a white Christmas this year:

Abilene	3%
Amarillo	7%
Austin	0%
Dallas	0%
El Paso	0%
Galveston	0%
Houston	0%
Lubbock	3%
Wichita Falls	3%

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# Seventh Annual Lighting of the Star



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

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> IN MEMORY OF:  
James Eubanks**

by the Dennis Poole Family

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> IN MEMORY OF:  
Bonnie Sneed**

by Norman "Slick" Sneed & Children

**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> IN MEMORY OF:  
Victor Hollar**

by Jean Hollar Jeter & Carrie Hollar Bevil

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> IN MEMORY OF:  
Bert Dennis**

by Dorothy A. Dennis

**Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**IN HONOR OF:  
Bennett**

by B.A. Hopkins

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 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. 25<sup>th</sup> IN MEMORY OF:  
Frank Miller**

by Shirley and Doyle Newton

**IN MEMORY OF:  
Edward Smith**

by Terry Smith

**IN MEMORY OF:  
Sgt. Dan Glenn**

of Eldon, Missouri

by Monte, Sherri, Frank & Sandi

**IN MEMORY OF:  
Chip Thompson**

by The Lights for Gail Committee

Mrs. Santa Clause  
**Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**Ples & Annie Hallmark**

**Preston & Ella Sharp**

**Buddy & Barbara Sharp**

by Margaret Sharp

**Bonnie Kingston**

by Jackie Turner

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**Skeet Porter**

by Bob & Cookie Dyess

**Johanna Guthmiller**

**Alma Gollnick**

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**Erwin Reinecke**

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**Willie & Mary Helton**

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**Beno Hendricks**

**Mr. & Mrs. Ples Hallmark**

**Earnest & Jewel Robinson**

**Gilbert Spurlock**

**Bill Gilleland**

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**Jesus & Maria Campos**

by Anselmo & Lydia Campos

**Borden Gray**

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**Bonnie M. Wilson**

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Pete & Marshall Wilson

**Edward Rinehart:**

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**IN HONOR OF:**

**Kyle Jennings**

**Dean Jennings**  
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**Madolyn McCormack**  
**Corey Cox**  
**Justin Cox**

by Warren and Betty Beaver

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**Brothers Brian and Sharon**

**Jones, Robyn, Junior and**

**Ray Sarah Gilleland**

by Bo and Jacque Hendricks

**Lela Porter**

by Bob & Cookie Dyess

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**Erwin, Cody Newton,**

**Robin Newton**

by Shirley & Doyle Newton

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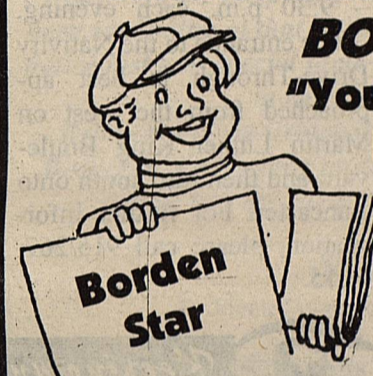
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### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

**District: Abilene**

**Contract 0295-03-027** for REPLACE BRIDGE APPROACH SLABS in Borden County will be opened on January 03, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

**Contract 0558-02-010** for UPGRADE BRIDGE RAILS & MBGF in Borden County will be opened on January 04, 2001 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 Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

**NPO: 2232**

**State Office**  
Construction Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

**District Office (s)**  
Abilene District  
District Engineer  
4250 N. Clack  
Abilene, Texas 79601  
Phone: 9150676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

## BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for 2 maintenance vehicles.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Maintenance Vehicles" or faxed to 806/756-4310. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 14, 2000. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the board of trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposals that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to [jthomas@esc17.net](mailto:jthomas@esc17.net); or by calling 806/756-4313.

By Order of the Board of Trustees  
Borden County Independent School District  
Joel Dennis, Secretary