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Gail FFA Leadership Teams State Bound!

Two teams from the Gail FFA Chapter have secured a trip to the State Leadership contest on December 14th.

The Gail Public Relations team and the Radio Broadcast team will represent Area II at the state contest, and will compete with the winning team from the other nine areas in Texas for the state title.

Each team secured their position by winning first at the Area II Leadership competition on November 23rd. The Public Relations team members, Kyliia Culp, Shayla Gass and Kyle Pinkerton defeated 6 other teams from the area to secure

the first place title. The Radio Team members, consisting of Raul Rodriguez, Shane Tarleton, Ben Griffin and Alexis Brooks also secured their position by placing first out of 14 area teams.

The team members and Mr. Wallace will depart for their Huntsville trip on December 13th. The Public Relations team will perform at 11:00 and the Radio Team will broadcast at 10:30.

Good luck and congratulations to the state qualifying team members.

Watch for photos of these team members in next week's issue of the Borden Star.

Pinkerton and Shipp receive 4-H Gold Star Honors

Outstanding 4-Hers from across the South Plains were honored Nov. 25, at the Annual South Plains District Gold Star Banquet.

"There were 39 4-H members who received Gold Star at this year's banquet," said Brad Davis, South Plains 4-H and youth development specialist with the Texas Cooperative Extension. "The Gold Star award is the highest honor a 4-H member can earn at the county level. It is a true mark of their 4-H achievements."

This year's Gold star winners for Borden County were Kyle Pinkerton and Sunni Shipp.

Kyle is a junior at BHS and is the son of Sharlott and Jess Stone of Gail and Russ and Beverly Pinkerton of Lamesa.

Sunni is a senior at BHS

winners may pick their ornament up from the courthouse before December 20.

This year's Child-size Stocking Winner was Riley Herridge. Riley is the 5 year-old son of Patrick and Herridge of Lubbock and grandson of Frank and Joyce Herridge of Gail.

This year a Home/Yard decorating contest was added

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Kyle Pinkerton



Sunni Shipp

and is the daughter of Damon and Shelby Shipp of Gail.

4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Cooperative Extension, part of the Texas A&M University System. A complete overview of Texas 4-H is available on the Internet at

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

This year's banquet at Texas

Tech's United Spirit Arena was sponsored by Bailey County, Big Country, Deaf Smith, Lamb County, Lea County, Lighthouse, Lytegar, South Plains and Swisher Electric Cooperatives.

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

Lighting of the Star Christmas Contest Results

There were numerous entries in the 2002 Lighting of the Star Ornament Contest this year. Congratulations to the first place winners! They were Preschool Division: Zoie Key, Kindergarten through First grade: Sean Tucker; Second through Fourth grade: Matthew Roberson; Fifth through Sixth Grade: Robert Thompson; and Seventh through Eighth grade: Dannelle Copeland. There

were no entries in the High School age division.

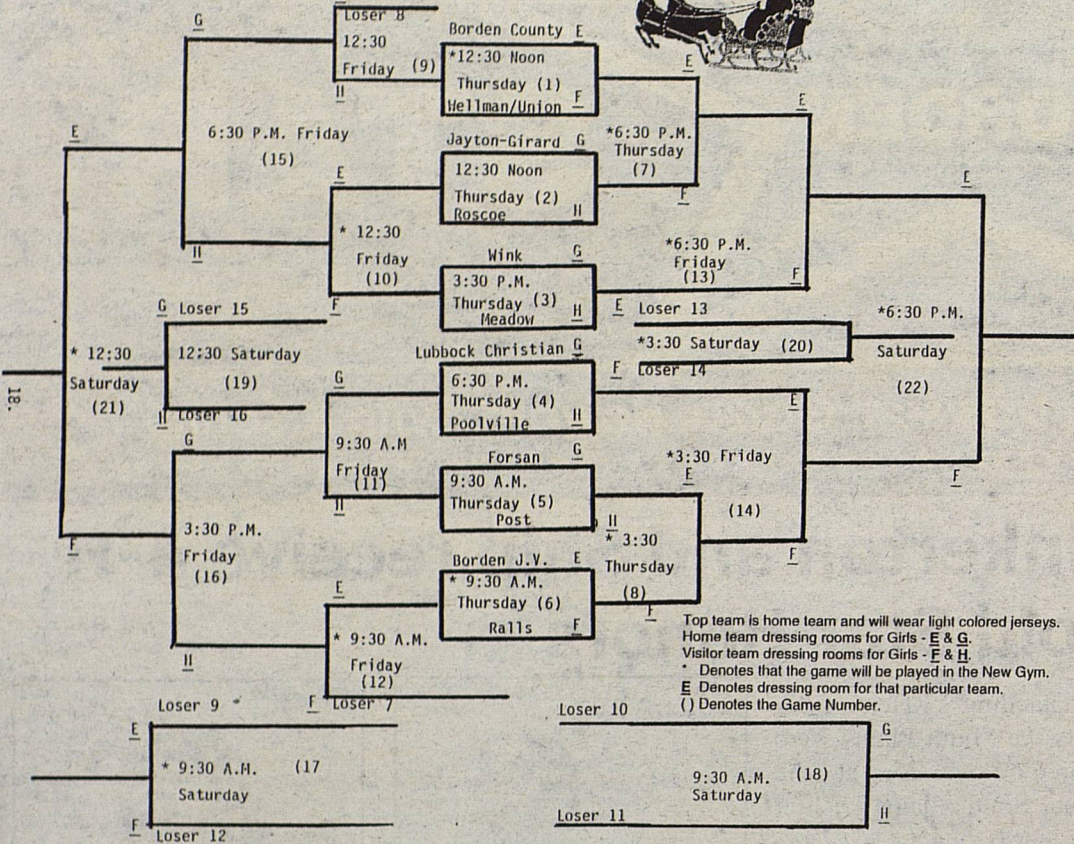
Each first place winner will all receive a \$25 cash prize for their ornament and their ornament will be on display in the Commissioners Courtroom throughout the holidays. Their ornaments will be placed on the large Christmas tree in the District Courtroom in 2003.

We appreciate all the youth and the teachers that supported this year's contest. All non-

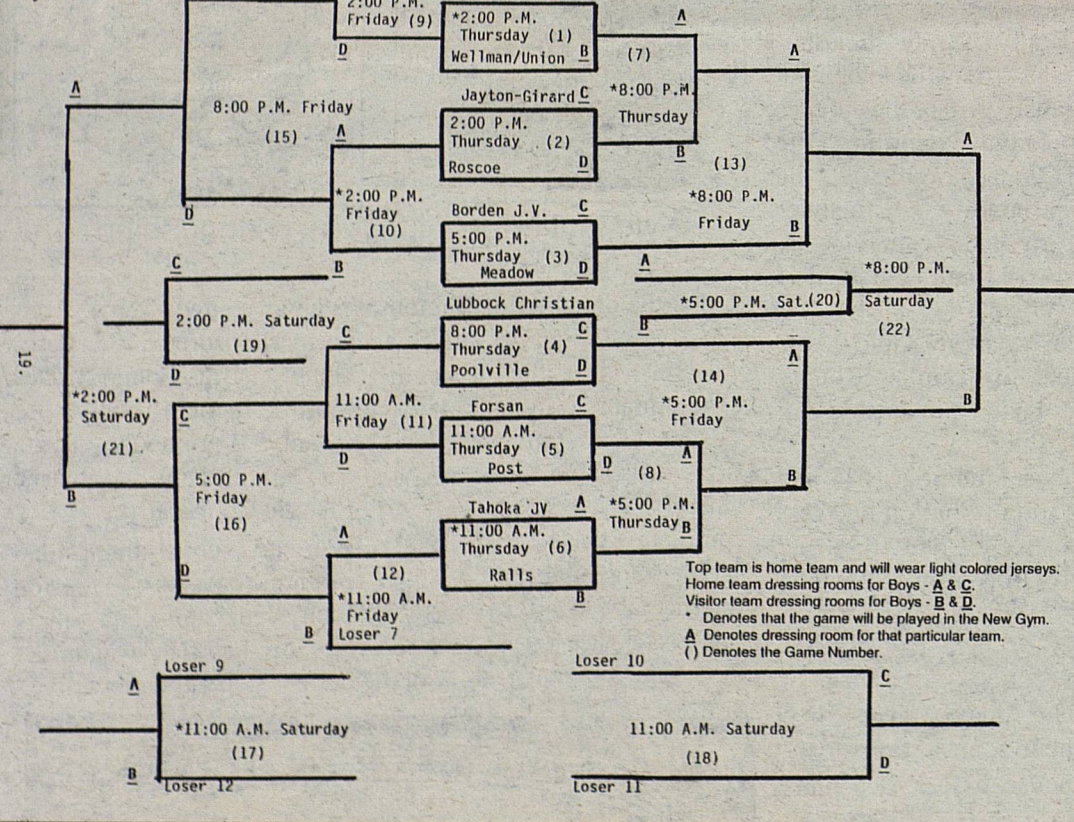
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 Tuesday, Dec. 10th - 7 p.m.
 Borden County ISD School Auditorium

Coyote Christmas Tournament December 5, 6 & 7, 2002

Girls Bracket



Boys Bracket



Picture Retakes Dec. 11th

If you were absent on the original Picture Day, and you missed the opportunity to purchase a package, or you need a retake on your school portraits, **Wed, Dec. 11th** will be retake day.

If you desire a retake, you must return your complete portrait package along with a form to the photographer on Wednesday. Retakes at no charge are available for photography error only. If retakes ARE NOT the fault of the photographer, a \$5.00 fee will be charged. The packet and \$5.00 must be turned in that day.

You may pick up information on portrait packages and prices in the school office. If you wish to purchase school portraits, bring the money for your package on Wednesday, December 11th.

School Menu Week Of:

December 9th - 13th

MONDAY: Taco Salad, corn, pudding & milk.

Break-fast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit juice & milk.

TUESDAY: Fish, Black-eye peas, cole slaw, hush puppies, ice cream & milk.

Break-fast: Pancake pups, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey & Dressing, potatoes, green bean - casserole, pumpkin pie, rolls & milk.

Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit juice & milk

THURSDAY: Lasagna, carrots, green peas, garlic toast, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Waffles, fruit juice, & milk.

FRIDAY: Rib on a bun, French fries, salad, cake & milk. **Breakfast:** Breakfast Burritos, fruit juice & milk

Lady Coyotes Game Wrap-up's

31-49 Win Over Slaton

- Bobbie Kempf** - 17 points, 3 assist, 5 steals,
- Jami Gass** - 9 points, 3 assist, 3 steals
- Carolina Arellanos** - 8 points, 1 steal.
- Shayla Gass** - 8 points, 2 steals
- Pati Rodriguez** - 4 points, 4 assist, 3 steals
- Dalene Kempf** - 2 points, 1 steal
- Menda James** - 1 point, 2 steals
- Micah Hensley** - 1 assist, 3 steals

JV Girls hammer Slaton 41-13

- Cassidy Rinehart** - 21 points, 2 assists, 10 steals
- Ashley James** - 7 points, 1 assist, 4 steals
- Emily Mayes** - 5 points, 2 assist, 2 steals.
- Megan Brooks** - 4 points, 1 assist, 2 steals
- Thelma Balague** - 2 points, 2 steals
- LaShae Johnson** - 2 points
- Cassidy Ogden** - 1 assist
- Whitney Anderson** - 1 steal

Also seeing action was **Brandy Hudson**.

51-38 Win Over Post

- Pati Rodriguez** - 10 points, 1 assist, 2 steals
- Dalene Kempf** - 9 points, 1 assist, 1 steal
- Carolina Arellanos** - 8 points, 3 assist, 4 steals
- Micah Hensley** - 7 points, 4 steals
- Jami Gass** - 6 points, 1 assist, 2 steals
- Bobbie Kempf** - 6 points, 1 assist, 2 steals
- Kylia Culp** - 5 points, 2 steals
- Shayla Gass** - 2 steals
- Emily Mayes** - 1 assist

Also seeing action were **Menda James, Cassidy Rinehart and Ashley James**.



A holiday reminder from your friends at
BORDEN COUNTY EMS ...

DON'T FORGET TO BUCKLE UP!

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Gail FFA Members Compete at Area II Contest

Twenty-three members from the Gail FFA Chapter competed at the Area II Leadership Event this past week. The event was held on November 23rd and took place at the Howard College Campus in Big Spring.

All twenty-three members qualified for the event by placing either first or second in their respective District level competition on November 18th.

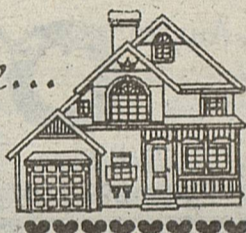
Area Team placings are as follows:

Radio: 1st place Area (State Qualifier)
Public Relations: 1st place (State Qualifier)
Sr. Skills: 2nd place Area
Ag Issues: 4th place Area
Jr. Skills: 6th place Area
Jr. Chapter Conducting: 7th place Area

Mr. Wallace stated that all of the students had worked very hard this fall to prepare for their contests and that he was extremely proud of all of this team members and their success.

Heart and home...

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



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Toy Safety

Each year we struggle with what kind of toys to buy our children for the holidays. You can only imagine the difficulty that Santa Claus has choosing toys for all the boys and girls across the world! There are numerous things that we should consider when selecting toys for children of all ages. The top three things to consider are:

1. **SUPERVISION** - Watch your child while they play. Select toys that you don't have to provide constant supervision, particularly for small ones.

2. **MAINTENANCE** - Check all toys regularly for damage (such as sharp edges, small parts). You may want to avoid toys that may require a lot of maintenance, particularly if you are busy and don't always have a lot of time on your hands. You may also consider how your child is with his/her toys. Some children are rougher than others.

3. **SELECTION** - Choose toys according to a child's age, interests, and skill level. Be sure to check the safety information on the warning labels. Children under age three can choke on small toys or toy parts.

In order to make your holiday shopping easier, below is a pocket guide to choosing age-appropriate gifts. This is wonderful for anyone that is going to be buying toys for children, regardless of whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or Santa himself! Good luck in your holiday shopping!

Source: National SAFE KIDS Campaign Web site
<http://www.safekids.org>

4-H News Upper Colorado Junior 4-H Club to Meet SWCD Report

The Borden County Junior 4-H Club will meet on Monday, December 9 from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. We ask each family to bring refreshments for the 4-H Christmas party. We will not have a program, we will enjoy games and get in the Christmas spirit! Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring a new toy to be donated for the Toys for Tots going to Buckner's Children's Home in Lubbock. Any youth ages 9 (or currently enrolled in 3rd grade) through 8th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

It's time to be thinking about colder weather, and high West Texas winds that go along with it.

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is beginning sales of seedling for it's 2003 annual windbreak tree program.

A good windbreak goes a long way toward lowering utility bills, and making life easier on both people and animals. But don't be fooled by the name, these trees do more than block wind. Property sided and spaced, they will work as sound barriers and/or privacy screens. Wildlife benefit from food and cover provided by windbreaks. Studies have shown that by softening rainfall, blocking high winds, and holding soil in place windbreak plantings reduce erosion by as much as 25 percent.

Evergreen and hardwood varieties are offered again this year, along with four wildlife packets. Evergreen species include. Afghanistan Pine, Austrian Pine, Eastern Redcedar, and Pinyon Pine. Evergreens seedlings are shipped in tarpaper tubes, and are priced at \$2.25

Hardwood species include: Amur Honeysuckle, Aromatic Sumac, Desert Willow, Flameleaf Sumac, Fourwing Saltbush, Green Ash, Hackberry, Honeylo-

cust, Lacebark Elm, Nanking Cherry, Osage Orange, Russian Olive, Shumard Oak and Sand Plum. The hardwoods are bare root seedlings, and are \$1.00 each.

Wildlife packets contain a total of 100 bare root hardwood seedlings (100 12" -18" seedlings) individually tailored for Deer, Quail and Dove, Turkey and Squirrel. Wildlife packets are \$55.00 each.

Order forms can be obtained at the Upper Colorado SWCD office in Snyder. Payment must accompany all orders, and checks can be made out to Upper Colorado SWCD. Cut-off date for all orders is Jan. 31, 2003. Please be sure to put a phone number on your order form so that we can contact you when the trees arrive.

Delivery should be on or about Feb. 5, 2003. The Upper Colorado SWCD office is located at 5398 Big Springs Hwy. In the USDA office complex.



DON'T DRINK and DRIVE!

Pocket Guide to Age-Appropriate Gifts

0-1 year-olds explore with their eyes, hands and mouth. Crib gyms- Floor activity centers- Activity quilts- Squeaky toys- Soft dolls or stuffed animals, **1 to 3 year-olds** climb, jump, walk, throw and play rough and tumble games. Soft blocks- Large blocks- Push and pull toys- Books- Pounding and shaping toys, **3 to 5 year-olds** like to use their imagination and have toys that are close companions. Nontoxic art supplies- Pretend toys (e.g. play money, telephone)- Teddy bears or dolls- Outdoor toys (e.g. tricycle and a helmet). **5 to 9 year-olds** like to be challenged with complex games that teach skills & concepts. Arts and crafts kits- Puppets- Jump ropes- Action figures- Miniature dolls, **9 to 14 year-olds** develop lifelong skills, hobbies and enjoy team and individual sports. Handheld electronic games- Board games- Sports equipment (with protective gear)- Model kits- Musical instruments

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

Buckner's Children Home

Lubbock, Texas with



Toys for the Tots

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. Toys are needed by December 17th so they can be delivered to the home in time for their Christmas Party. Thank you, and may you have a Merry Christmas
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A True Christmas Story

She walked with a limp. The tired old lady had three offsprings, two daughters and a son. The son had not been home for twenty years. He was a cab driver in a large city.

Her three children had fought each other for most of their lives.

While they were growing up, the older daughter and the son ganged up on the younger girl. They locked her in a closets, told her she was adopted and would seldom let her hang out with them.

One day the older daughter was talking to her mother and asked her what she wanted for Christmas.

"I'd just love to have my three children here in my house for Christmas dinner and not be fussing," the mother replied.

One day the son, while driving his cab, saw a woman walking with a limp, crossing the street in front of his cab.

She had trouble getting up on the curb, so he got out and helped her. He stood beside his cab and watched her walk slowly and surely painfully down the sidewalk.

His eyes followed her for a long while, long enough for traffic to back up behind him. Some irate drivers let him know what they thought about him just standing there in the middle of the street. Several horns honked.

He watched her until she disappeared. He remembers seeing her, then not seeing her. She just vanished. Faded out of sight.

He got back in his cab and drive straight to his mother's house, 200 miles away.

It was Christmas Eve.

He got home to find his two sisters there along with his

mother, who was ailing. The meal was a success. The three children hugged each other, talked about the past, laughed with their mother and had a good time. There was no fussing. The son gave his mother his telephone number.

The next day the mother died. One of the sisters found the brother's telephone number and he was able to get home to help his sisters bury their mother.

The son said he thought the woman who limped across the street in front of his cab was an angel.

The three are no longer estranged. They call each other frequently and talk in loving terms about their mother and growing up together. They joke about some of the childhood pranks.

And the brother remembers that angel.



All the Best

Wishing you and your family joy and happiness all season through.

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Safety Important consideration in selecting gifts

Thinking about getting a portable basketball hoop for the athlete in your family? Does your 10-year-old want to learn soap making? Considering a baby walker or swing for your newest family member?

It is the time of year for thinking about giving and receiving presents. But some of these gifts, according to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), have hidden hazards.

A few simple precautions can help people buying gifts for children make the best decisions, according to Annabele Dillard with TDH's Product Safety Division.

"Parents should not buy toys with small parts for children under 3," Dillard said.

"In addition, some toys can break, exposing young children to the hazards of choking on small internal parts. For example, recent product recalls have included plastic toys that can easily break and stuffed toys with parts or seams that can be detached during normal use, exposing parts that are small enough to become lodged in a child's windpipe."

To find out if a small part

on a toy is a choking hazard, parents can use a simple test. Take the cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper. If the part can pass through the tube, it could choke a child.

In addition to safeguarding children from obvious hazards such a small parts and sharp edges, parents need to train their children to be aware of safety issues, Dillard said. Most adults know that electronics and water don't mix, but children may not recognize the dangers of electrical shock.

Many model and art kits contain paint and glue that require knowing about proper use and adequate ventilation. Parents also should train older children to keep their toys away from younger siblings who may not know how to use them.

When selecting toys, pay attention to labels.

"Keep in mind the age and skill level of the child you're shopping for," Dillard said. "Look for age recommendations on the label such as 'Not recommended for children under 3' to guide you in finding a safe, age-appropriate toy. And keep in mind also that a few months can make a huge difference

in the skill level of a small child, so it's best not to give an 18-month-old child a toy designed for a 2-year-old."

This year, Nov. 18 to Nov. 22 was "Toy Sweep 2002." When TDH inspectors went out looking for recalled toys and other children's items on retail store shelves.

"When they find recalled items on the shelves, they notify the retailer to remove the item and sent it to the manufacturer for replacement and refund," Dillard said. "We also educate retailers about the importance of posting the recall notice so that consumers who already have purchased the item can stop using it, fix it or return it."

This year, Inspectors are concentrating on baby walkers, baby swings, stuffed toys, children's toys, ride-on toys and cars, bicycles and portable basketball hoops.

Recalls can occur for a variety of reasons. Sometimes, as can be the case with basketball hoops and bicycles, sharp edges can injure a child. Some items can be fixed using instructions from the manufacturer; others will need to be returned for repair or replacement.

Sometimes design flaws or inadequate assembly instructions can cause problems as in the case of some baby swings that malfunction when assembled incorrectly. Some toys or craft kits such as a soap-making kit have packaging that melts when heated. Toys that require heating or microwaving can burn a child if not used properly.

Information on recalls and safe gift giving is available on the Consumer Products Safety Division at 512-834-6773.

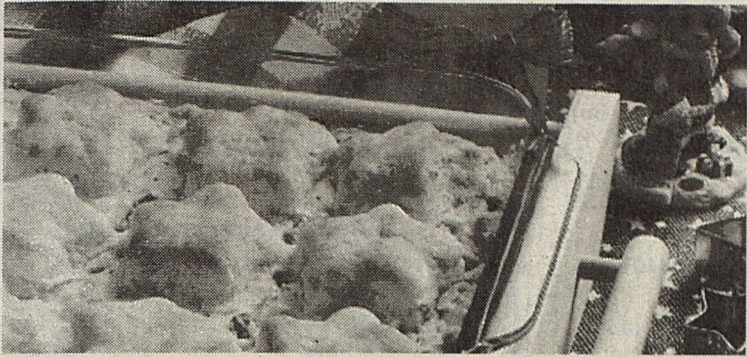
"The last thing people want to do when giving a gift is harm a child," Dillard said. "Awareness of dangers and prompt action protects buyers, sellers and children."

Have A Safe & Happy Holiday!

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

Moore-Rain Insurance
Frances Rains Stephens
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Special Christmas Eve Supper



When time is short, but you want to make something wonderful that the whole family will love, make this festive casserole. The biscuits, baked on top, say "Christmas!"

This flavorful, creamy casserole features star- or tree-shaped biscuits atop a and baking mix, and gravy mix makes this delicious recipe very simple," says Shan Burger, research and development specialist for Pioneer Flour Mills.

Easily assembled, this wonderful casserole will be a hit for your Christmas Eve dinner. It's perfect to serve for casual entertaining.

"'Twas the Night Before Christmas" Turkey Casserole

- 4 cups cubed cooked turkey breast (1 1/2 lb. turkey tenderloins, cooked and cubed)
- 6 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 1 cup chopped seeded tomato
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1 package (2.75 oz.) Pioneer No Fat or Regular Country Gravy Mix
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise-style

- salad dressing or mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Colby-Jack cheese (6 oz.)
- Christmas Biscuits (see recipe)
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted

In large bowl, combine turkey, bacon, tomato, and onions; set aside. Prepare gravy mix according to package directions. Stir in salad dressing and cheese until well

blended. Pour over turkey mixture; stir to coat. Pour into a greased 13x9x2-inch baking dish. Bake at 375° for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare Christmas Biscuits. Place biscuits on hot turkey mixture. Bake 12 to 15 minutes more or until biscuits are golden brown and sauce is bubbly. Brush biscuits with melted butter. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Christmas Biscuits

- 2 cups Pioneer Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 1/2 cup shredded Colby-Jack cheese (2 oz.)
- 2/3 cup milk

In medium bowl, stir together biscuit mix, cheese, and milk to form a ball. Turn out onto floured* surface; knead 8 to 10 times. Roll out to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut into star or tree shapes with cookie cutter.

*Use additional baking mix to "flour" the surface, if desired.

For a copy of Pioneer Flour Mills' newest cookbook, **Southern Success Recipes**, send your name, address, and a check or money order for \$2.00 to: Pioneer Cookbook Offer #1, P.O. Box 311241, New Braunfels, TX 78131. Please make check payable to Pioneer Flour Mills. Visit our web site for exciting recipes, baking tips and more; www.pioneermills.com

Contest Results

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to the Lighting of the Star Festivities. The winners were judged and announced during the activities on Friday night. The winners of this contest were: 1st place, Larry and Wanda Smith; 2nd place Randy and Verna Adcock

and 3rd place Johnny Dale and Wanda Kite. This was a fun contest and everyone is encouraged to join in on the fun and help decorate Gail for Christmas. Be sure and drive by these homes and enjoy their hard work.

Away In A Manger
Just as the angels came to spread the word, we'd like to spread our best holiday wishes to you and your family this season.
Blessing to all with sincere thanks.

Lamesa Butane

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Remember: Nine Hours Of Sleep Is Key To Children Doing Their Best

(NAPS)—There is more to school than pencils, binders, and backpacks. The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) encourages parents to put adequate nighttime sleep on the list too.

Getting at least nine hours of sleep each night on a regular basis is critical for children's health, safety, and performance in school and other activities, according to the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research (NCSDR) at NHLBI. Inadequate sleep in children can lead to attention difficulties, easy frustration, and difficulty controlling emotions.

"Adequate nighttime sleep is just as important as healthy eating and exercise for children's development," said NHLBI Director Claude Lenfant, M.D. "A new school year is a great time to establish a good night's sleep as a lifelong habit."

NHLBI and NCSDR are launching a "How I Get a Heap of Sleep" contest with Paws, Inc., the creative studio behind Garfield the Cat and NHLBI's partner in the *Sleep Well. Do Well. Star Sleeper Campaign*. The Campaign's goal is to educate children ages 7 to 11—their parents, teachers, and health care providers—about the importance of adequate nighttime sleep.

The contest invites children to tell Garfield—the Campaign's "spokescat" and "Star Sleeper"—three things they do each night to help them get a good night's sleep and why, such as reading a story or taking a warm bath. Contest information and entry forms are available on the Campaign's Web site at

Sleep Tips For Kids

- Establish a regular bedtime and stick to it. Reinforcing a child's biological clock makes it easier to fall asleep quickly and awake feeling fully rested and alert.
- Eliminate distractions, such as a television or computer, in your child's room.
- Avoid feeding your child a big meal too close to bedtime.
- Avoid sodas and other beverages with caffeine less than six hours before bedtime. They can interfere with a good night's sleep.
- Build in quiet time before bedtime. Children may want to go outside to play after dinner, but make sure they relax before bedtime.
- Establish a relaxing bedtime routine. Is it a bath in the evening, followed by a book? Or the reverse? Find out what works best, and stick to it.
- Make sure the room is dark and quiet and the bed is comfortable. Use a nightlight if your child finds the dark scary.
- Be sure the bedroom isn't too hot or too cold, and that pajamas are comfortable and seasonal.

Source: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute



<http://starsleep.nhlbi.nih.gov> and the Garfield Web site at www.garfield.com.

Information for parents, as well as fun, interactive games with sleep messages for children, are also available on the Star Sleeper Web site. You can also check out Star Sleeper gear, including a 48-page Fun Pad filled with games and puzzles and a 14-inch Garfield plush doll, complete with bunny rabbit slippers and Star Sleeper "jammies."

About the Sleep Well. Do Well. Star Sleeper Campaign

In February 2001, the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research at the National Heart,

Lung, and Blood Institute launched the *Sleep Well. Do Well. Star Sleeper Campaign* to educate America's children—and their parents, educators and health care providers—about the fact that children ages 7 to 11 need at least nine hours of sleep each night on a regular basis to do their best at whatever they do. The Campaign is co-sponsored by Paws, Inc., the corporate entity behind Garfield the Cat. Garfield is the Campaign's official "spokescat." Other founding partners include the National Association of Elementary Schools Principals and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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and we want to share it
with you.
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Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain



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Terry Millenbine Family
By Terry Millenbine
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