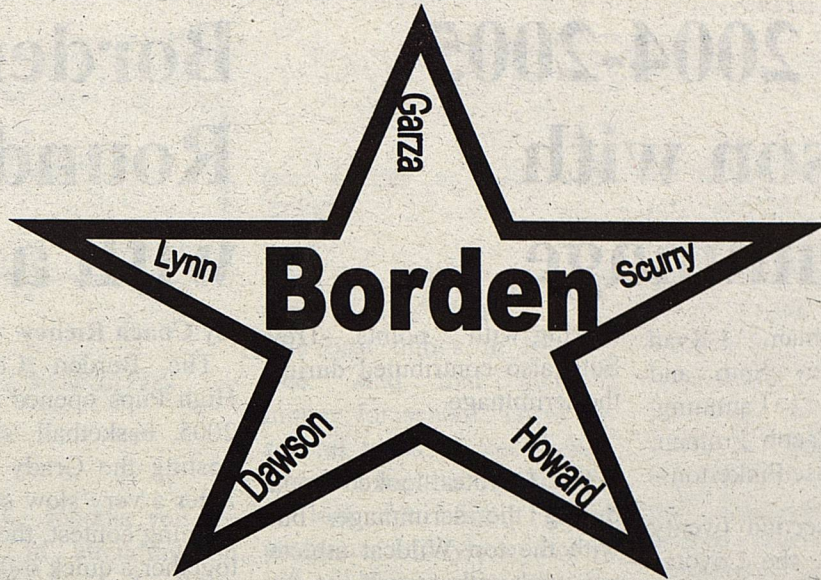


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Eleventh Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

It's that time of year once again. Time for the 10th Annual Lighting of the "Star" on Gail Mountain which will take place on Friday, November 26th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. The "Star" will continue to shine until January 1st, 2005.

Once again the Borden County Museum and the Courtyard will be open at 5:00 p.m. for reminiscing, visitation and refreshments. Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause will be there to take Christmas wishes from the children and have their pictures taken with them.

A drawing for a huge Christmas Stocking, full of goodies and door prizes will be given away throughout the

evening.

The winner of the Christmas Ornament contest will be announced and the ornaments will be displayed on a tree in the courthouse.

The second annual Home/Yard Decorating contest will be held again this year. This is fun and helps get Gail decorated for the holidays and adds to the excitement of the evening. Entries will be judged from 6 to 8 p.m. and will be announced following the judging. Take time to drive around town and see all the entries following the evening activities.

"Toys for Tots" donations can also be made during this time. These gifts will be

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"Pigford Fund" to remain open indefinitely

A fund has been established at the First Baptist Church of Gail for anyone wanting to make a donation to help the Pigford Family with medical and living expenses.

You can make this tax-free donation to the First Baptist Church of Gail. The memo of the check will simply need to be designated as "Pigford Fund".

Donations may be given to a member of the First Baptist Church of Gail at your convenience, or you can leave your donation at the central office of the Borden County School.

This fund will remain active indefinitely for anyone wanting to donate to help the Pigford family in this special time of need during Peggy's

Community Natural Resource Conservation Planning Meeting

The UDA Natural Resources Conservation Service invites the public and any agencies with interest to participate in Program Development Group meeting to be held at the Snyder Country Club in Snyder. This meeting will be on November 18, 2004 at 1:30. The purpose of this meeting is to request participation and invite comments from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

recovery. Please be assured that the Pigford family will receive 100% of these proceeds.

The discussion in the Program Development Group will help the Local Work Group, led by the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, to address county based funding for the FY2005 Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP). The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, cost share rates, and ranking for county based funding.

One of the guiding principles of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill is that conservation programs are locally lead. Through stake holder meetings the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns. Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns. Administered by the Natural Resources conservation service (NRCS), EQIP was re-authorized in the 2002 Farm bill and awards cost share assistance to projects which provide significant environmental benefit.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Snyder at (325)573-6317 Ext. 3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.



THANKSGIVING DAY

November 25th

School Holidays

Nov. 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th

Early Dismissal

Tuesday, 12:30

Coyotes Opens 2004-2005 Basketball Season with Westbrook Scrimmage

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes began their newest journey toward a return trip to the play-offs by competing in a rare boys scrimmage. The Coyotes played host to the Westbrook Wildcats for this scrimmage.

The scrimmage was broken up into two 20 minute halves with a running clock.

During the first 20 minute session, the Coyotes outscored the Wildcats 30 to 8. The 2004-2005 Coyotes that participated in this initial scrimmage were as follows: Seniors: Ben Griffin, John Wilson, and Garrett Chapman. Juniors: Austin Tarleton, Aaron Pigford,

Garrett Chapman, J'Ryan Gicklhorn, Trey Soto and Andrew Lamming. Sophomore: Jacob Froman, Freshman: Chase Pinkerton.

During the second twenty minute session, the Coyotes scored 41 points to the Wildcats 23. The final score for the two halves was Coyotes 71, Wildcats 34.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Ben Griffin with 13 points, Austin Tarleton and J'Ryan Gicklhorn each had 12 points, Garrett Chapman added 10 points. Jacob Froman had 6 points; Chase Pinkerton, Garrett Thomas, Andrew Lamming and Aaron Pigford all had 4 points. John Wilson rounded out the

scoring with 2 points. Trey Soto also contributed during the scrimmage.

The Coyotes looked good during the scrimmage, but with the top Wildcat athlete out, and with several young players that should be on JV, it is hard to gauge how well we played. But, a true test will be seen over the next few weeks, as the first 4 teams the Coyotes play will probably be in the play-offs this year beginning with perennial power Meadow on Tuesday and 2A area finalist from a year ago Anson on Friday. Good job guys, and good luck with the 2004 - 2005 basketball season.

Borden Pups Open Round-ball Season with a Victory

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Jr. High Pups opened the 2004-2005 basketball season by hosting the Grady Wildcats. After a very slow start to the opening contest, the Pups put together a quick 6-0 run to tie the game at 6-6 thanks to the quickness of the Pups using their full court pressure. The Wildcats would score one more basket before the period would end to take a two point lead after one period of play. But, as the 2nd quarter began, the continued pressure of the starting five of the Pups consisting of Jake Cooley, Michael Cooley, Karl Lamming, Flynn Chapman, and Tyrell Massingill, the Pups outscored the Wildcats 10 to 2 to build a 16 to 10 lead at the end of the first half. The Pups ended the half on a very nice play when reserves Skylar Williamson forced a turnover that fellow pup Cory Teel picked up and passed out to Chapman who saw a streaking Brendan Tarleton down the floor whom he hit in stride to make a lay-up as the half ended. Clay Harding also contributed moments earlier with a running jump shot to give the Pups their first lead of the

game. A lead that the Pups would not relinquish.

In the 3rd period, the Pups continued their constant pressure and some timely jump shots to score 13 points in the period. Tyrell hit one of his two 3-pt shots in the period that saw the Pups build a double digit lead at 29 to 17. Massingill hit his second three of the game to give the home town Pups their biggest lead of 15 points. When the dust had settled, the Pups had a very impressive opening victory as all but one of the 9 Pups scored in the opening Pup victory. Scoring for the Pups was Massingill with a career high 10 points, Karl Lamming with 8 points, Flynn Chapman 6 points, Jake Cooley 4 points, Skylar Williamson, Tarleton, Michael Cooley, and Clay Harding all had 2 points. Also contributing to the victory was Cory Teel. Congratulations guys on a super game and victory

Borden Pups Split in Sands Tournament for Third Place Finish

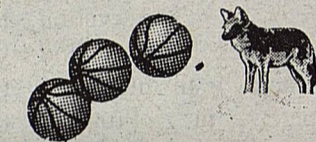
By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups traveled to Ackerly, Texas to compete in the Sands Tournament. The Pups opened with the host Sands Mustangs. The Pups were a little short handed as they only had six Pups make the trip to Ackerly to compete in the tournament. The Pup half dozen consisted of Brendan Tarleton, Tyrell Massingill, Michael Cooley, Flynn Chapman, Karl Lamming, and Jake Cooley.

In the first game played at 9:45 a.m., it appeared that the Pups were still asleep, as they were the victims of an opening 23 to 0 run to all but decide the outcome of this opening game before the first half ever ended. When it was all said and done, the Pups

were on the short end of a 39 to 10 score.

In the third place contest, the Pups played the Klondike Cougars. Still feeling the effects of playing only a few hours earlier, the Pups and Cougars both could not manage a single basket in the opening period. But, in the 2nd quarter, the Pups got baskets from five of six players as Tarleton scored 2, Tyrell hit for 5 points, Michael 2 pts., Flynn 4 pts, and Jake had 4 points for a 17 point Pup quarter to a 4 point quarter for the Cougars. In the 3rd period, the Pups again found scoring difficult as they only tallied 4 points while the Cougars hit a game high 8 points in the 3rd. The Pups got a basket from the lone Pup who had not scored



in the fourth as Karl scored a basket along with a two from Flynn to add to his game high 8 points and a 3 point shot by Jake to give him a career high 7 points in the contest. When the final buzzer sounded, the Pups had a hard fought 28 to 16 third place victory over the Klondike Cougars. The final scoring summary goes as follows: Flynn with 8 points, Jake with 7 pts., Tyrell with 5 pts, Michael with 4 pts, and Brendan and Karl with two each. The Pups will again play the Cougars on Monday in a district contest. Good job guys, and thank you for your hard work.

School Menu

Week Of: November 22nd - 26th, 2004

MONDAY: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Green Peas, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk **Breakfast:** Pancakes, Fruit Juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: Grilled Cheese, Chips, Salad, Slice Apples w/peanut butter, Fruit & Milk **Breakfast:** Muffin, Juice & Milk

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Thanksgiving Holidays



Mark Your Calendars

All School

Reunion Meeting Planned

The Borden County Ex-Students Reunion is set for August 6th, 2005. There will be a meeting for interested ex-students on Monday, December 6th, 2004 in the community room beginning at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to start planning the events and to get a detailed mailing out to the ex-students. If for some reason this date does not work, the alternate date will be December 16th.

For more information e-mail Joel Dennis at jbdennis@poka.com.

From the Counselor

Mary Airhart

First Things First Figuring Out Financial Aid and How to Pay for College

By "Educaid, Wachovia's Education Finance Division"

Now that you're preparing for college you've got a lot on your mind? Choosing a school, selecting a course of study, deciding on living arrangements, and last but not least, figuring out how in the world to pay for everything. And you've probably been hearing the words "financial aid" a lot lately, but you may need a little extra help wrapping your brain around the concept. Here are a few basic financial aid rules to help you get started in the right direction.

Rule #1: Submit a FAFSA

A What-SA? A FAFSA? It stands for "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" and it will be used to determine the amount of aid you are qualified to receive. Without it, you can't receive any federal aid, work-study, or loans.

Every high school senior should complete and submit a FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 of their senior year. Processors will not accept the FAFSA before January 1 and many colleges award aid on a first come-first served basis. Get your FAFSA from your high school guidance counselor, any college financial aid office, or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and get it in on time!

A few weeks after you submit your FAFSA you'll receive a Student Air Report (SAR) in the mail. Your SAR lists your Expected Family contribution (EFC) to your educational costs and where the EFC is coming from. You

tion Center at 1-800-433-3243.

Rule #2: Always apply for "free money" first

The best things in life are free. And that includes money for school. There are several types of free money financial aid that you'll want to look into first. Federal grants are one type of free or gift aid that you do not have to repay. Grants are usually based on financial need and the information you include in your FAFSA will determine your eligibility for federal grant programs.

Scholarships and awards are another source of gift aid. These are usually given in recognition of a student's academic achievement,

will list the schools you are interested in attending on your FAFSA and those schools will also receive a copy of your SAR.

Check your SAR for accuracy, as the amount of aid you are awarded is based on the EFC. If it is incorrect, mail it back immediately with corrections. If you do not receive a SAR or if you need another copy, contact the Federal student Aid Informa-

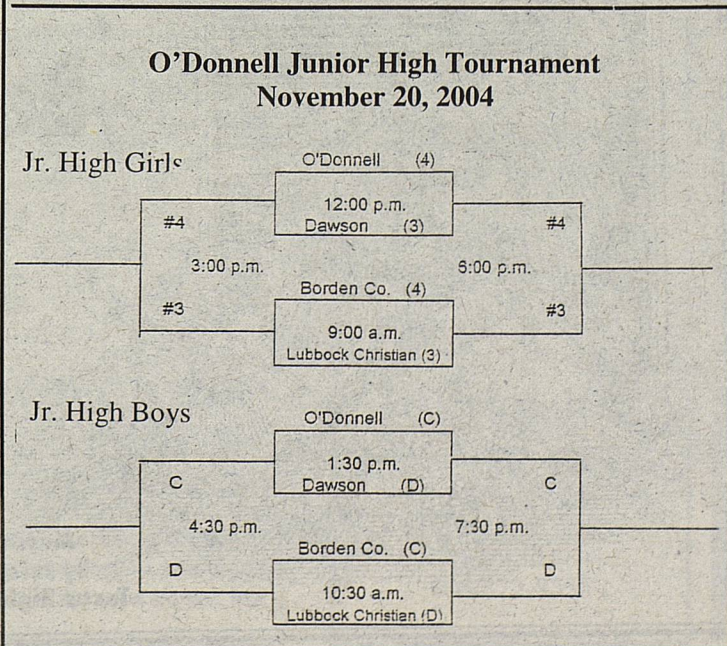
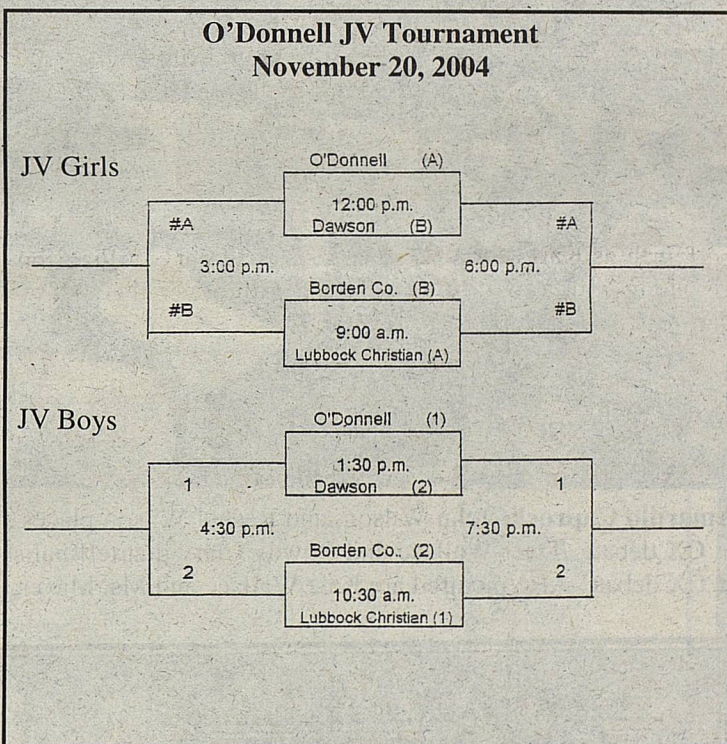
athletic or music ability, or for meeting the specific criteria of a company or organization presenting the award. Make sure to enter Educaid's Gimme Five Scholarship Sweepstakes in which a new high school senior is awarded a \$5,000 scholarship each month! Visit www.educaid.com/gimmefive.htm for more details.

Scholarships often have very early deadlines so make sure you apply on time. For more information about

scholarship availability check the reference section at your library or browse the Internet. One helpful site is the Financial Aid Information Page at www.finaid.org.

Finally, work-study allows students to earn money for school through part-time employment on campus. Under work-study you may work up to 20 hours per week during the academic year and up to 35 hours per week

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2004-2005 High School Basketball Schedule					
Date	Opponent	Time	Site	Teams	
Nov. 12	Westbrook	5:00	Here	gG(B scrim)	
Nov. 16	Meadow	4:00	There	Gg, bB	
Nov. 19	Anson	4:00	There	gG, bB	
Nov. 20	O'Donnell Tournament				
Nov. 22	Roscoe	4:00	There	gG, bB	
Nov. 23	Post	4:00	Here	gG, bB	
Nov. 30	Crosbyton	4:00	There	gG, bB	
Dec. 2-4	Borden County Tournament				
Dec. 7	O'Donnell	4:00	There	gG, bB	
Dec. 9-11	Stanton Tournament				
Dec. 14	New Home	4:00	Here	gG, bB	
Dec. 17	Coahoma	4:00	Here	gG, bB	
Dec. 27-19	Post Tournament				
Jan. 4	TBA				
*Jan. 7	Grady	4:00	There	gG, bB	
*Jan. 11	Klondike	4:00	There	Gg, bB	
Jan 13 & 15	Forsan JV Tournament				
*Jan. 14	Dawson	4:00	Here	gG, bB	
*Jan. 18	Garden City	4:00	There	gG, bB	
*Jan. 21	Sands	4:00	Here	gG, bB	
*Jan. 25	Grady	4:00	Here	gG, bB	
*Jan. 28	Klondike	4:00	Here	gG, bB	
*Feb. 1	Dawson	4:00	There	gG, bB	
*Feb. 4	Garden City	4:00	Here	gG, bB	
*Feb. 8	Sands	4:00	There	gG, bB	

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Girls' Coach: Bric Turner
Boys' Coaches: Trey Richey
Bobby Avery

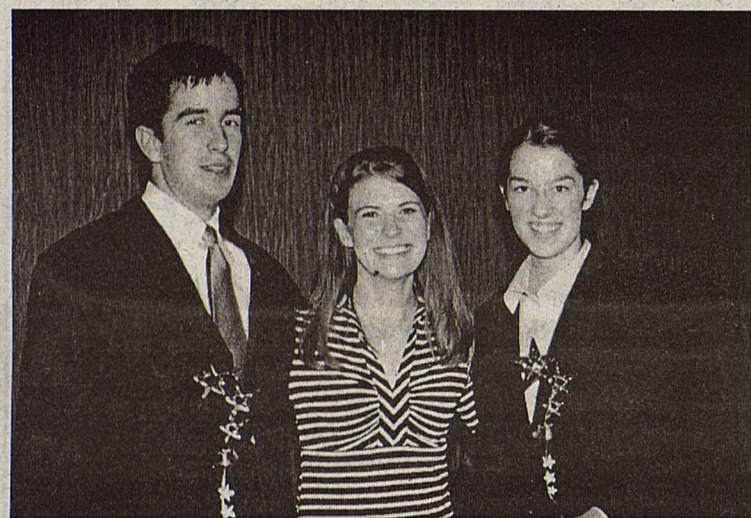
Junior High Schedule					
Date	Opponent	Time	Site	Teams	
Nov. 8 th	Grady	6:00	Here	G, B	
Nov. 13	Sands Tournament				
Nov. 15	Klondike	6:00	Here	G, B	
Nov. 20	O'Donnell Tournament				
Nov. 22	Dawson	6:00	There	G, B	
Nov. 29	Garden City	6:00	Here	G, B	
Dec. 6	Sands	6:00	There	G, B	
Dec. 13	Grady	6:00	There	G, B	
Jan. 10	Klondike	6:00	There	G, B	
Jan. 17	Dawson	6:00	Here	G, B	
Jan. 31	Sands	6:00	Here	G, B	

Girls Coach: Bric Turner
Boys Coaches: Trey Richey
Bobby Avery

Students compete in speech tournaments



Iowa Park: Tyler Wallace placed 1st in Impromptu; John Wilson and Rachel Wilson, competed in CX debate. Kate Wallace and Becky Dobyns competed in LD debate. Also pictured is Ms. Mayes sponsor.



Frenship: John and Rachel Wilson placed 1st in the CX debate. Beck Dobyns placed 7th in Impromptu, and competed in LD debate. Not pictured is Kate Wallace, competed in LD debate.

Type 2 Diabetes: Are You at risk?

November is American Diabetes Awareness Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, diabetes is the sixth deadliest disease in the United States, claiming the lives of more than 200,000 people each year. Approximately 90-95 percent of people living with diabetes have type 2, also known as adult onset, diabetes.

"The long term effects of diabetes can be devastating and potentially life-threatening," says Fouad R. Kandeel, M.D., Ph.D., director of the City of Hope Leslie & Susan gonad (Goldschmied) Diabetes & Genetic Research

Center in Los Angeles. "Damage to the eyes, nerves, kidneys and cardiovascular system are just some of the many problems that can result from the disease."

Although early detection and an awareness of the risk factors associated with type 2 diabetes can significantly increase the chances of successfully preventing or managing the disease, a third of the estimated 18.2 million Americans with diabetes remain undiagnosed. Those at highest risk for diabetes include:

- People over the age of 45
- Those with a family



Amarillo Caprock: John Wilson, and Rachel Wilson places 1st in CX debate. Tyler Wallace and Rowdy Clary quarterfinalists in CX debate. Also pictured are Kate Wallace and Ms. Mayes.

- history of diabetes
- People who are overweight or do not exercise regularly
- Women who develop gestational diabetes during pregnancy
- People of African American, Latino, Native American or Asian decent children who are overweight and in middle to late puberty.

Diabetes can cause a multitude of serious complications, including heart disease, stroke, vision loss, kidney disease, skin disorders, foot problems and amputation. Fortunately following a few simple guidelines can help prevent or manage diabetes and lead to an overall healthier lifestyle. Dr. Kandeel suggests the following:

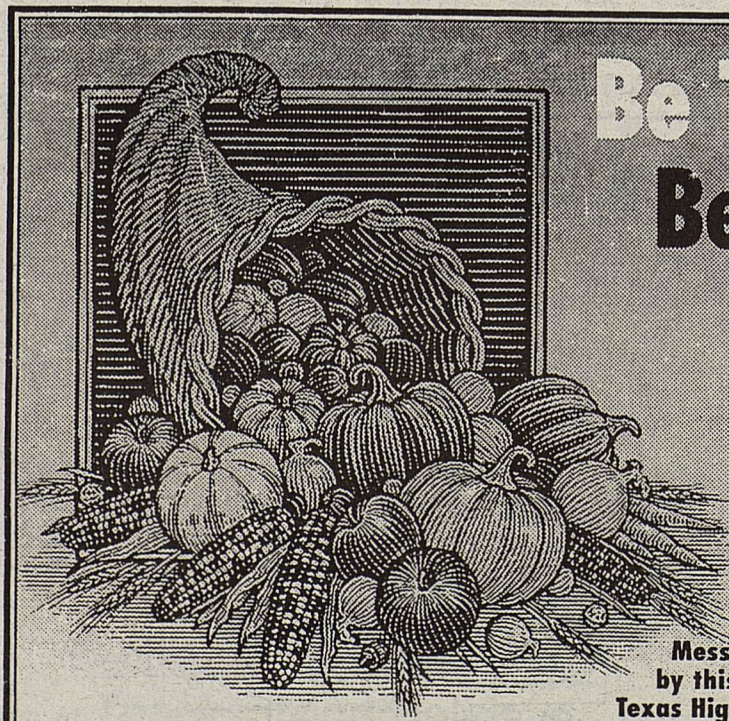
- Eat a well-balanced diet
- Exercise regularly and shed extra pounds
- Manage physical and mental stress factors
- Practice good personal hygiene, including oral health, skin care, foot care and eye care.

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Sending a bushel of Thanksgiving to our friends!



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Figuring Out Financial Aid and How to Pay for College

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during vacation periods. Work-study is based on financial need and availability of funds, so check with your financial aid office to make arrangements for work-study job.

Rule #3: Loans can bridge the gap between free money and total college expenses

Connect the dots. Normally, students find that their "free money" resources won't cover all of their college expenses. That's where loans come in. There are a number of general types of education loans including government and private loans for either students or parents.

Government loans are guaranteed by the federal government, meaning the lender has a guarantee that if the borrower defaults, the government will protect the lender. It is this "insurance policy" that usually allows lenders to offer more favorable interest rates and repayment terms on federal loans. Because rate and terms on private loans vary from lender to lender, you'll want to shop around.

Within the federal loan category there are PLUS Loans for parents and Stafford Loans for students. PLUS Loans for parents are not based on financial need, so every parent can apply. Stafford student loans offer a need-based subsidized loan for qualified students (in which the federal government pays interest that accrues while the student is in

school), and an unsubsidized loan (in which the borrower is responsible for all accrued interest). Some students can qualify for both subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford Loans.

Rule #4: Talk to the financial aid office at your college before applying for any educational loans

It doesn't grow on trees. Once you receive a student loan, you have a legal obligation to repay it whether you graduate or not? Even if you are dissatisfied with your education. That's why it's important not to borrow more than you'll be able to pay back, even though you might qualify for more. Talk with a financial aid officer to estimate your actual need and to be sure you understand your repayment obligations before signing any loan application.

Good Luck! And to learn more about financial aid and paying for college, visit educaid.com.

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4-H News

4-H Canned Food Drive Big Success

We would like to thank the teachers, students at school, and community members for helping collect cans for our annual 4-H Canned Food Drive. The cans collected have been boxed by 4-H'ers for West Texas Opportunities to deliver to families in the county.

The Sweet Treat parties for the winning classes will be held on Tuesday, November 23. Classes that won a Sweet Treat party are First, Fifth, Sixth and Tenth grades.

The collection totals were as follows:

Kindergarten	15
First	67

Consumer Decision Making Project

We will hold our first meeting and practice for consumer decision making on Tuesday, November 23 from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. in the Extension Office (following

Second	38
Third	30
Fourth	24
Fifth	76
Sixth	51
Seventh	0
Eighth	0
Ninth	0
Tenth	11
Eleventh	0
Twelfth	0
Community	50
TOTAL CANS	303

A special thanks to 4-H parents Jana Underwood and Amy Rinehart, and 4-H'ers Raylea Underwood and Shylo Rinehart for assisting in putting the canned food boxes together.

the early out after school). We hope that you will attend this meeting to learn more about the consumer education project and the consumer

decision making contest. We invite you to bring a friend that is interested in participating as well. Snacks will be provided for you. We will practice at least three other times before the contest. You will need to attend at least half of the practices in order to compete in the contest. Practice times will be announced on Tuesday.

The consumer decision making contest is an opportunity for you to learn how to choose products based on the best value for your money. If you choose to participate, you will have an opportunity to compete with a team at the District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest on Saturday, December 4 in Tahoka.

If you would like more information or if you are interested in participating, but will not be able to attend this first meeting please call us at (806)756-4336 or e-mail us at borden-tx@tamu.edu. We will be glad to work with you and your schedule. Also, please let us know if you need a ride from school to the Extension Office, we will be happy to make arrangements to pick you up.



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HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Video Game Ratings Make Holiday Shopping Easier

by Patricia Vance
(NAPS)—If you have kids to shop for this holiday season, in all likelihood video games will be at the top of their lists. As an experienced mother, I know how hard it is to say "no" when your child asks you for the latest "must-have-it, can't-live-without-it" computer or video game. But as President of the Entertainment Software Rating Board, the nonprofit organization that assigns ratings to all of those games, I can tell you that the range of content in games today is vast.



Patricia Vance

Today, generations of kids have grown up playing video games and are continuing to play them as adults, making the average age of a gamer 29 years old. Consequently, it has never been more important for parents to make sure that the games they are bringing home for their kids are age appropriate.

Ten years ago, the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) was created to take the guesswork out of video game purchases. Our independent raters review every game before assigning it a rating for age appropriateness and content descriptors that indicate elements in a game that may have triggered a particular rating and/or may be of interest or concern to a parent. Rating symbols are prominently displayed on the front of all game packaging, and the content descriptors appear on the back. The rating symbols include:

EC (Early Childhood) contains content that may be suitable for ages three and older. Contains no material that parents would find inappropriate.

E (Everyone) contains content that may be suitable for persons ages six and older. Titles in this category may contain minimal violence, some comic mischief and/or mild language.

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M (Mature) contains content that may be suitable for persons ages 17 and older. Titles in this category may contain mature sexual themes, more intense violence and/or strong language.

As president of the ESRB and as a parent, I proudly stand behind the ratings information we provide. But I also know that checking the rating is only the first step to making informed purchase decisions. Parents need to stay actively involved in their children's computer and video game choices.

Here are some helpful tips for picking the right game:

Be Educated Before You Buy

- Check ESRB ratings information on the front and back of the box, in ads and online at www.esrb.org
- Consider renting the game first to sample the content
- Read reviews online or in various publications available at your newsstand

• Talk to other parents, and even your own children, about what's in the game.

Good parenting is a tough job, but hopefully this holiday season, the ESRB can make it a little easier.

For more information, visit www.esrb.org.

• Ms. Vance is president of the Entertainment Software Rating Board.

**DON'T DRINK
and DRIVE!**

Type 2 Diabetes:

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"Watch out for common signs of diabetes, which include frequent urination and infections, unusual thirst or weight loss, excessive hunger, fatigue, blurred vision, slow-healing cuts and bruises and tingling or numbness in the hands and feet," says Dr. Kandeel.

"People exhibiting these symptoms or who think they are at risk of developing diabetes should consult their physician."

For more information about diabetes research and treatment at the City of Hope Gonda Center, call 1-800-826-HOPE, or visit www.cityofhope.org/diabetes

Serve Up the Perfect Turkey in 8 Easy Steps

Tips From "Flavors of America" Chef Jim Coleman and Chef's Choice

(NAPS)—If you want the turkey you serve "gobbled up" this holiday, try these easy tips from "Flavors of America" TV host and cookbook author Chef Jim Coleman, and Chef'sChoice®, leading electric sharpener and cutlery manufacturer. They have teamed up to provide eight easy steps that will take you through the entire process of serving up the perfect turkey; including choosing, thawing, seasoning, cooking and carving.

Choosing The Perfect Bird:

Step 1: When choosing your turkey, allow 1.5 pounds for each guest. For eight guests, you'll want at least a 12 lb. turkey. There will be ample leftovers.

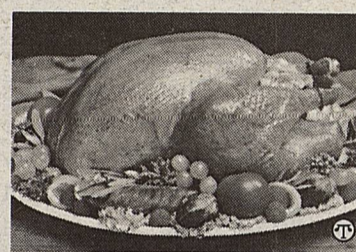
Step 2: If you're buying a frozen turkey, allow 24 hours of thawing for every four-to-five pounds, whereas a fresh turkey should not sit more than 48 to 72 hours before preparation. Coleman recommends contacting your local cooperative extension program for information on where to buy a fresh turkey.

Turkeys can be frozen up to 12 months. If you have a frozen turkey left over from last year, it's perfectly safe to cook up for this year's feast as long as it remained frozen throughout the year.

Preparation And Cooking:

Step 3: Flavor your turkey with Coleman's "holiday rub" (recipe for 12 lb. turkey).

- You'll need:
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh thyme leaves (save stems)
 - 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh rosemary (save stems)
 - 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh sage (save stems)
 - 2 Tbsp. minced garlic
 - 2 Tbsp. minced shallots
- Mix all ingredients above, set



aside stems. Pepper to taste. 3 lemons

Step 4: Wash the turkey inside and out with cold water and pat dry with paper towels. Place turkey in roasting pan and using your hands (without tearing the skin), lift up the skin starting near the neck, and continue for the entire turkey. Rub mixture onto the meat under the skin.

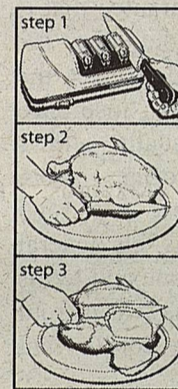
Squeeze juice of one lemon over turkey and use remaining herb mixture to coat top of bird. Prick two lemons and place them into cavity along with the stems from sage, rosemary and thyme.

Step 5: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook for three hours (for 12-pound turkey) or until the juice runs clear when turkey is pierced at the base of leg. The turkey is done when the meat thermometer reads 180° inserted in the thickest part of the bird. After the turkey is cooked, rest the bird by letting it cool for 15 minutes. Cooling makes the meat firmer and easier to slice.

Carving The Bird:

Step 6: You'll need a sharp knife for carving. Sharp knives are not only safer, they will help you smoothly cut thin, even slices without shredding the meat. Fortunately, you don't have to be an expert to put a razor sharp edge on your knife. A sharpener such as Chef'sChoice® EdgeSelect® 120 can make sharp-

ening easy. The sharpener uses 100 percent diamond-coated disks and a revolutionary polishing stage to create a professional knife edge in seconds. The precision guides eliminate all guesswork and that means predictable, razor-sharp edges every time it's used. For help finding a sharpener that's right for you, call (800) 342-3255 or go to www.chefschoice.com.



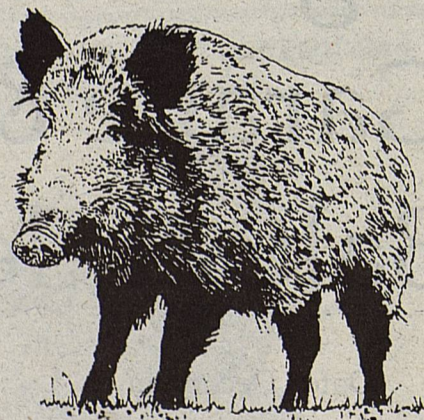
Step 7: Next, remove and set aside the turkey legs and the last joint of each wing. Make a long, deep (to the bone) horizontal "base cut" into the breast just above the wing. Be sure to use a good, sharp knife.

Step 8: Slice down vertically through the breast until you meet the original base cut. This will release perfect, even slices.

"The most common mistakes people make after cooking their turkey is not waiting long enough for the bird to rest after it comes out of the oven; and improperly carving the turkey by using a dull knife or the wrong technique. If you slice the turkey too soon, most of the juices will run out and your meat will be dry. And, if you carve improperly or use a dull knife, not only will carving be more difficult, but your tasty turkey could become unappetizing."

By following these eight easy steps, you'll have a turkey that looks good and tastes great. Happy Holidays!

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Click It or Ticket Enforcement Mobilization To run Nov. 14th - 28th

"Buckle Up in Your Truck" Educational Campaign Continues

During the regional "Click It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization November 14-28, travelers in Texas and across the region will risk getting a ticket if they are ignoring state safety belt use laws, according to Terry Pence, traffic safety director of the Texas Department of transportation.

"Observation surveys show safety belt use stands at only 83.2 percent in Texas. That means a lot of unbuckled motorists are putting themselves at high risk of injury and death in a crash that can happen anywhere, anytime impacting family and friends," he said.

This month National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and its partners are continuing the "Buckle Up in Our Truck" educational campaign to increase safety belt use in pickup trucks in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and the Indian Nations, according to South Central Region NHTSA Administrator

Georgia S. Chakiris. "Immediately after the first awareness period in May 2004, pickup truck belt use increased more than 8 percentage points in the region. Advertising and media messages were aimed toward males ages 21-39, a group with low belt use. Evaluation surveys showed that males in that age group showed the sharpest increase in awareness," she said.

NHTSA records show that well over a million pickup drivers and passengers in the five state region are still not buckling up, resulting in more than 1,000 pickup occupants dying every year in traffic crashes. In Texas, safety belt use by drivers and passengers in pickup trucks is more than 5 percentage points lower than in other passenger vehicles.

"The safety belt use law in Texas and the other states in our region applies to pickup truck passengers as well as drivers, but passengers continue to have even lower safety belt use than drivers,"

Ms. Chakiris said. "Wearing safety belt give drivers and passengers the edge for survival in a crash," she said.

"Pickup trucks are twice as likely to roll over as passenger cars. Safety belt use reduces the risk of dying in pickup rollover crashes by 70 to 80 percent," she said.

"If a man you love is riding unbuckled in a car, SUV, van, or truck, do something about it. Beg. Plead. Whatever it takes. Tell him you don't want to get along without him," she said.

For more information about the value of safety belt in pickups, visit: www.BuckleUpInYourTruck.com. For more information about safety belt, child safety seats, and booster seats, call safe Riders toll-free 1-800-252-8255.

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Gail Baptist Church
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Upper Colorado SWCD Will Host Meeting

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District will hold a Producer/Local Work Group Meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2004 at the Snyder Country Club Meeting Room. The Group will discuss local natural resource concerns and priority for implementation of the Environmental Quality Incentive Program. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and all concerned parties are invited.

Lighting of the Star Ornament Contest

There will be an ornament contest for the Lighting of the Star which will be held on Friday, November 26th, 2004. All ornaments received in the contest will be on display during the Lighting of the Star.

There will be five age divisions for the ornament contest:

- Preschool
- Kindergarten through 1st grade
- 2nd through 4th grade
- 5th through 6th grade
- 7th through 8th grade
- 9th through 12th grade

\$25.00 cash prizes will be given to each age division winner (there will be one winner per age division; a total of 6 winners) and their ornament will be placed on the big Christmas tree in the courtroom at the courthouse. Winners of the contest will be announced during the Star activities. Ornaments not selected as winners may be picked up following the Lighting of the Star activities.

There are two basic rules for entering the ornament contest:

- 1). The ornament must be made by the youth that enters the contest within the last year.
- 2). The ornament should be made of materials that will not deteriorate. (The ornament should be able to last so that it can be displayed on the Christmas tree in the courthouse for many years.)

If you would like to enter the contest, please complete this entry form and return it with your ornament in a resealable plastic bag to your home room teacher by **Tuesday, November 23, 2004. If not turned into school, they must be received in the courthouse by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23rd, in order to be judged.**

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Make your plans now to enter your home and/or yard in the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by Lights for Gail. Entries will be judged on originality, quality and visual impact, and will be judged by an impartial party. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners and will be announced in the Borden Star and at the Lighting of the Star.

Join in the fun! Complete and mail the entry form below and help decorate Gail for the Holidays!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____ Phone: _____

Directions to home: _____

Mail your entry to "Lights for Gail - Christmas Decorating Contest", P.O. Box 312, Gail, TX 79738. All entries must be received by November 22, 2004, and the location of the entry must be within a two-mile radius of Borden County Courthouse. Judging will be done on Friday, November 26, 2004, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on outside decorating of your home and/or yard.

Name: _____

Grade in school: _____

Address: _____

Brief description of the ornament: _____

Entries are due by Tuesday, November 23, 2004

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presented to the Buckners Children's Home in Lubbock to help make Christmas a little brighter for the children. Please bring an unwrapped new toy or gift and place it in the donation box designated for these children. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated by many happy children.

Make plans to be a part of this Christmas Celebration and come and join your friends and family at this special Borden County Community event.

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

Nov. 26 - In Honor of:
Delmo & Martha Pearce
By the Citizens of Borden County

Nov. 27 - In Honor of:
Margaret Sharp, Ross & Sarah Sharp, Toby Sharp
By B. A. Hopkins

Nov. 28 - In Honor of:
Bob & Sue Beal, Van & Barbara York, Fiddler & Joyce Herridge
By B. A. Hopkins

Nov. 29 - In Honor of:
Larry & Sherrie Hopkins, Kenneth & Shirley Bennett, Zella Nixon
By B. A. Hopkins

Nov. 30 - In Honor of:
R. D. & Carol Lewis, Sidney & Connie Hart, Billy Gannaway
By B. A. Hopkins

Dec. 1 - In Memory of:
Sterling & Gladys Williams
By Warren & Betty Beaver

Dec. 2 - In Honor of:
Mildred Sevey
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Dec. 3 - In Memory of:
Bert & Dorothy Dennis
By Joel & Betty Dennis

Dec. 5 - In Memory of:
Binie & Nell White
By Binie & Edna White

Dec. 6 - In Memory of:
J. W. C. Mullins Family
By Margaret Cary Billingsley

Dec. 10 - In Memory of:
Beno & Donna Hendricks
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Dec. 11 - In Honor of:
Lisa Bleeker
By Borden Co. Waste Disposal, Ltd.

Dec. 13 - In Memory of:
James Eubanks
By Dennis Poole Family

Dec. 14 - In Memory of:
Jim York Family
By Van & Barbara York

Dec. 14 - In Memory of:
Charlie & Margie Engle
By Helen Engle Humphrey

Dec. 18 - In Honor of:
Terry Millenbine Family

Dec. 19 - In Memory of:
Lillo S. Munger
By Marjorie Munger Middleton

Dec. 20 - In Honor of:
My children, Joey, Kay, Jacque, Johnnie, Jan & Jimmie
By Mildred Sevey

Dec. 21 - In Honor of:
Arlene Brown
By Borden Co. Waste Disposal, Ltd.

Dec. 22 - In Honor of:
Bayleigh Olvera
By Borden Co. Waste Disposal, Ltd.

Dec. 23 - In Memory of:
Karen Pearce
By Delmo Pearce

Dec. 24 - In Memory of:
Our Parents
By Doyle & Shirly Newton

Dec. 24 - In Memory of:
Our Beloved Family Members & Friends
By Dewey Fay & Ralph Miller

Dec. 24 - In Honor of:
Mark & Belinda Stephens
By The Lights for Gail Committee

Dec. 25 - In Honor of:
Our Lord
By Borden Co. Waste Disposal, Ltd.

Dec. 25 - In Honor of:
Mr. & Mrs. Jim York
By Juaise B. York

Dec. 25 - In Memory of:
Edward Smith
By Terry Smith

Dec. 25 - In Honor of:
Bill Mumme
and In Memory of:
Debra Mumme
By Terry Smith

Dec. 25 - In Memory of:
Houston C. Tarleton
By Bill & Sheryl Tarleton & Family



Dec. 26 - In Memory of:
Fagan & Flora Johnson
By Dennis & Jane Stone

Dec. 27 - In Memory of:
The Sealy Family
By Bill Sealy

Dec. 28 - In Honor of:
Terry Millenbine Family

Dec. 31 - In Memory of:
Chip Thompson
By Texas Boll Weevil
Light bulbs for the "Star" on Gail Mountain are being sponsored for the following:

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Geneva Adams
By Russell Adams

Dollie Smith, Bud Smith
By Van & Barbara York

Skeet Porter, Lela Porter, Pat Porter
By Mr. & Mrs. Bob Dyess

The Cathey Family
By Charles Cathey

Johanna Guthmiller, Alma Gollnick, William Reinecke
By Margaret M. Novak

Beno & Donna Hendricks
By Terry Smith

Lonnie Sexton, Jolene Sexton,

Gordon Vaughan
By Roy & Carolyn Sexton

Cleo Couture, Charles Couture, Edna Buchanan, Floyd Buchanan, Brandon Adcock, David Holmes
By Bob & Terri Buchanan

W. D. "Dub" Everett, Jr., Fay Reeder Everett, Dewey Everett, Roland Hamilton, Blanche Hamilton, Doris Melba Bennett
By Vanette Everett & Mrs. W. D. "Dub" Everett, Jr.

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By Robert & Kathleen Cline, Robbie Crenshaw, Kaela (Van Vleet) Mize

IN HONOR OF:
The Sharp Family, The Hallmark Family, B. A. Hopkins, Zela Dixon, Marie Walton
By Margaret L. Sharp

Ross Sharp Family, Margaret Sharp
By Sarah Gilleland

Buster York, Velma Burt
By Juaise B. York

Our children and grandchildren, Vickie, Gayla, Cody, Lacey, J. Ky
By Doyle & Shirly Newton

Martin Reinecke
By Margaret M. Novak

Gerry & Julie Smith, James & Tanya Smith, Turner & Tyler Smith, James & John Clift
By Terry Smith

Kaylee Sexton, Mary Katherine Vaughan
By Roy & Carolyn Sexton

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Please note below if you wish to have the names listed above "In Honor of..." or "In Memory of..." For example, if you listed Joe Jones for a night, note here that it is in honor or memory of, or any special notation you wish.