

# Tenth Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

The annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain in Gail will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Tractor hayrides will be given by Buck Lemons throughout the afternoon around the town. There will also be Christmas music and caroling for all to enjoy.

"Toys for Tots" donations can also be made during this time. These gifts will be 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 Borden County Landfill will be **CLOSED** on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>,

## Pinkerton, Rinehart, and Wallace Qualify Gail FFA Sending Sr. Skills Team to State – Again!

The bad news is that Kyle Pinkerton and Cassidy Rinehart won't be playing basketball at the Borden Tournament.

The very good news is that they'll be gainfully employed with the Gail FFA at the State Skills Contest in Huntsville.

Along with the third

member of the Sr. Skills Team, these students and their sponsor Buddy Wallace will be trying to bring home another state championship.

The team qualified for state by winning the Area Championship November 22 at Howard College.

Another group, the radio team, just missed out on a trip to the big dance when

they finished third.

Wallace, Shane Tarleton, Alexis Brooks, and Ben Griffin were members of this group.

Students will leave Friday, December 5 to travel to Huntsville where they will compete on the Sam Houston State University Campus on Saturday.

## Mayflower Facts

**1620** – The year the Pilgrims came to what is now the United States aboard a small cargo ship, the Mayflower.

**102** – The number of passengers known to have been aboard the Mayflower.

**32** – The number of children and other young people among the passengers.

**2** – The number of passengers who died on the voyage across the Atlantic.

**2** – The number of live children born on the ship

before it reached Plymouth. (one baby was born at sea, the other while the Mayflower was anchored briefly in Cape Cod harbor. A third baby was stillborn.)

**0** – The number of passenger cabins. In those days, merchant ships were not set up for the comfort of passengers. They would have slept in hammocks or paid the ship's carpenter to build cabins or bunks for them.

**65** – The number of days it took for the Mayflower to sail from England to America.

**41** – The number of men who signed the Mayflower Compact, establishing laws in the New World.

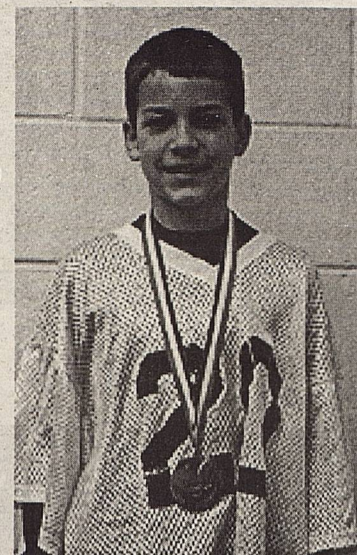
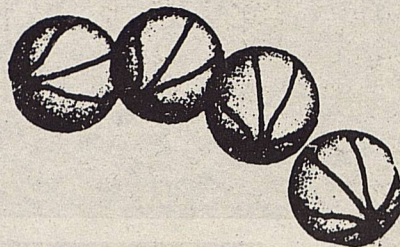


**50** – Approximate number of Pilgrims who died of the "great sickness" and harsh conditions during the first winter in the new land.

**1621** – The year Samoset, an Abnaki Indian from Maine, walked into the Pilgrims' village shouting, "Welcome, Englishmen!" He had learned broken English from contact with fishermen and traders. Through Samoset, the Pilgrims met Squanto, who taught them to use fish as fertilizer when planting corn, pumpkins, and beans, and established friendly relations with the local

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# Coyote Basketball Box Scores



Tanner Richey

## BOYS VARSITY SEASON OPENER

vs. Anson  
November 18

AHS 5 9 10 10 34  
BHS 12 9 13 14 48

Pinkerton (13 pts.), Lozano (12 pts.), Griffin and S. Tarleton (8 pts. each), Carter (3 pts.), Chapman and Wilson (2 pts. each)—Anderson (4 rebounds, 1 block)  
Team hits six 3 pointers: Lozano (2), Griffin (2), Pinkerton and Carter (1 each)

vs. Westbrook  
November 21

BHS 10 9 10 14 43  
WHS 9 6 16 10 41  
Tarleton (18), Pinkerton (8), Carter (5), Chapman (4), Lozano (3), Griffin (3), Anderson (2)

## JV BOYS SEASON OPENER

vs. Anson  
November 18

AHS 12 6 4 15 37  
BHS 6 7 8 12 33

Gicklhorn (10), A. Tarleton (9), Lamming (6), Pigford (5), Thomas (2); also playing were Soto, C. Chapman, Froman, and Clary

vs. Westbrook  
November 21

BHS 5 6 10 11 32  
WHS 1 6 8 4 19

Bullinger (11), Froman (6), Chapman (5), Cowart (5), Clary (5); also playing Z. Williamson and Rodriguez

## O'DONNELL TOURNAMENT

vs. O'Donnell B Team

BHS 10 12 15 13 50  
OHS 5 3 12 7 27

A. Tarleton (15), Bullinger and Pigford (8), Gicklhorn and Thomas (6), Soto (3), Lamming and Rodriguez (2)

vs. O'Donnell JV

BHS 6 2 7 2 17  
OHS 10 6 10 5 31

Gicklhorn (8), Pigford (5), A. Tarleton (2), Thomas (2)

## JR. HIGH BOYS

vs. Ira

November 17

BJH 10 4 4 11 29  
IJH 9 6 9 6 30

Pinkerton (20), Shafer (7), Crenshaw (2); also seeing action were Logan Howard, Tyrell Massingill, Brice Smith, Miller Valentine

vs. O'Donnell B Team  
(tournament action)

November 22

BJH 8 8 10 7 33  
OJH 3 5 6 10 24

Pinkerton (28), Massingill (3), Crenshaw (2)

vs. O'Donnell A Team  
(tournament action)

November 22

BJH 3 7 2 1 13  
OJH 7 12 13 10 42

Pinkerton (10), Crenshaw (2), Espinoza (1)

vs. Sands

November 24

SJH 18 6 13 8 45  
BJH 2 5 11 8 26

Pinkerton (19), Valentine (4), Smith (3)

## JR. HIGH GIRLS

Through First Two Weeks of 2003 Season

vs. Dawson  
November 10

DJH 4 2 14 11 31  
BJH 1 6 2 2 11

Gass (8), Hobson (2), Wilson (1); also playing were B. Benavidez, H. Brooks, K. Froman, L. Griffin, C. Minnick, S. Roberts, S. Shipp, K. Wallace

vs. Sands

(tournament action)  
November 15

BJH 0 2 2 2 6  
SJH 3 7 6 12 28

Gass, Brooks, Hobson are scoring two points each

vs. Grady

(tournament action)  
November 15

BJH 0 2 5 4 11  
GJH 14 7 7 7 35

Wilson (3), Gass (2), Brooks (2), Hobson (2), Benavidez (2)

vs. Ira

November 17

BJH 8 8 6 4 26  
IJH 2 7 4 7 20

Wilson (8), Hobson (7), Gass (5), Wallace (3), Brooks (2), Benavidez (1)

vs. O'Donnell B Team  
(tournament action)

November 22

BJH 9 4 4 5 22  
OJH 0 4 2 5 11

Gass (10), Benavidez (5), Wallace (4), Wilson (3)

vs. O'Donnell Gold  
(tournament action)

November 22

BJH 3 2 5 2 12  
OJH 12 13 11 18 54

Gass (5), Brooks (4), Benavidez (2), Wilson (1)

vs. Sands

November 24

SJH 1 6 7 4 18  
BJH 2 2 4 8 16

Gass (9), Brooks (4), Benavidez (2), Wilson (1)

## School Menu Week Of:

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**MONDAY:** Coyote Taco, Refried Beans, Salad, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk.

**TUESDAY:** Cheeseburger Mac, Green Beans, Carrots, Corn Bread, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, Fruit Juice & Milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Chicken, Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Hot rolls, Fruit & Milk.

**Breakfast:** Biscuit w/gravy, Fruit Juice & Milk

**THURSDAY:** Baked Potato, w/ham and cheese, Steam Broccoli, Soft Pretzel, Ice Cream, & Milk.

**Breakfast:** Biscuit w/gravy, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

**FRIDAY:** Sub Sandwich, Chips, Salad cup, Brownie, Fruit & Milk **Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

## Lamesa Youth Football League Ends Season:

Local third grade student Tanner Richey finished Lamesa Youth Football League season as a part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place Lamesa Tornados 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and under 100 lbs. 5<sup>th</sup> grade all-star football team. After competing on Lamesa Bears 6-0 league championship team, Tanner and his teammates and their coach added a few more players from other Lamesa teams to form the Lamesa Tornados All-Star team. This team competed against all other teams from Midland, Odessa and Snyder, in a tournament played in Midland this past weekend. The Tors played 4 games in two days and finished third in this five team tournament. Tanner and the rest of the Tors were very competitive in this tournament and are already looking forward to next year after gaining valuable experience



## Mayflower Facts

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Wampanoag tribe. The Wampanoag had organized government and religion and were able farmers, fishermen, hunters, and gatherers, so the tribe had ample and varied food.

3 - The number of days the

first feast of Thanksgiving lasted in October 1621. Wampanoags and colonists shared venison, duck, turkey, clams, shellfish, corn pudding, pumpkin, dried berries, and other local edibles.

9 - The number of women

and teenage girls who prepared that three-day Thanksgiving feast for 140 hungry people.

**35 million** - The number of Americans today who are direct descendants of the first Mayflower Pilgrims. That 12% of our populations.



THANKSGIVING DAY  
November 27<sup>th</sup>

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

November 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

(Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)

Classes resume Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

*From the Counselor:*  
By Mary Airhart

**To Parents and Students of Borden County School:**

As costs of higher education rise, many scams focus on vulnerable, worried parents who are seeking ways to meet those costs. Borden County students have recently received printed "financial aid" invitations to receive help from independent sources through interviews and/or joining a search group. These entail paying a fee, either small or large, but that fee creates financial aid only for those who perpetrate the scam. Student financial aid - state, federal, and private - is available to all students free of charge through valid, non-profit organizations such as the following:

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[www.cashe.com](http://www.cashe.com)  
[www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)

If you have already paid a fee for such help or know of someone who has, please report that scam to the authorities listed below:

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**Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**

Phone: 877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)  
Web: [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

**State Attorney General's Office:**

Phone: Call information or look in front of phone book.  
Visit state web site

**Better Business Bureau:**

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**United States Postal Inspection Service:**

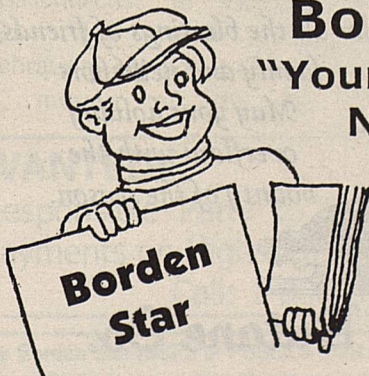
Phone: 800-654-8896  
Web: [www.usps.gov/postalinspeditors/fraud](http://www.usps.gov/postalinspeditors/fraud)

**Reminder:** An official sounding name that includes words like "national", "education", or "federal" does not mean the company is legitimate. Neither does the location of a seminar make it legit. Anyone can rent space. Check with your counselor or principal. *Never, never pay a fee to apply for financial aid. Free resources are available to everyone.*

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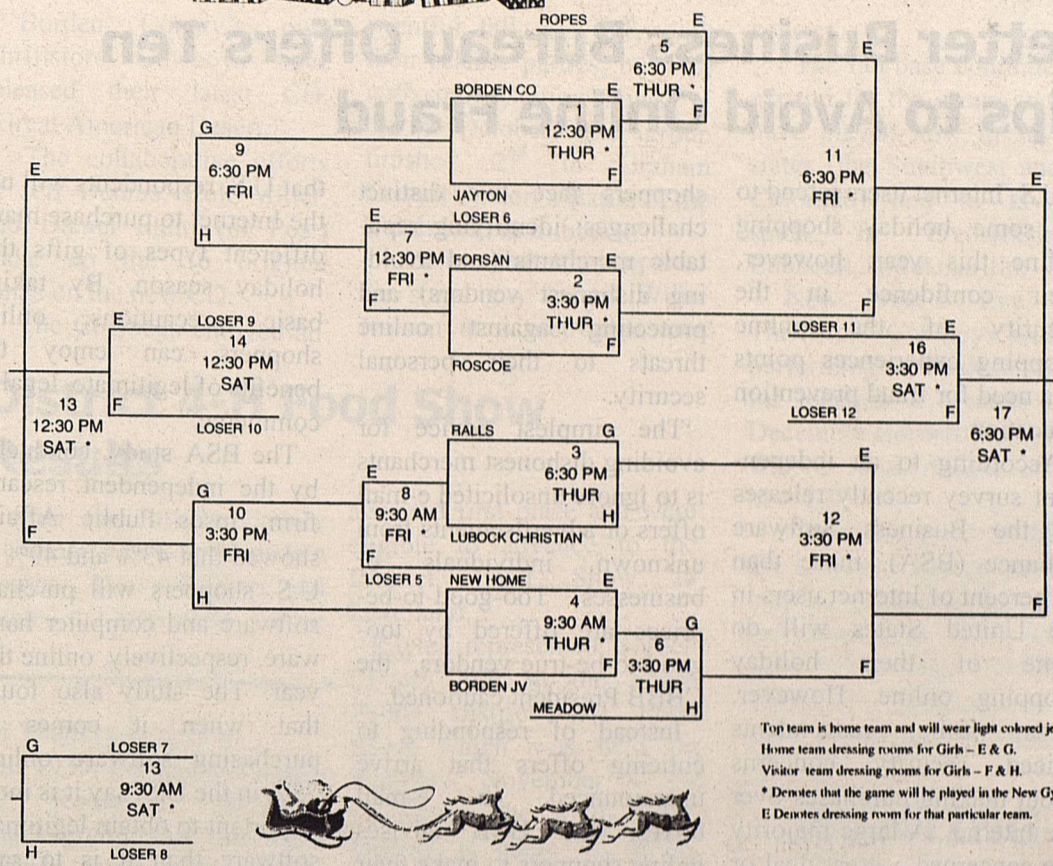


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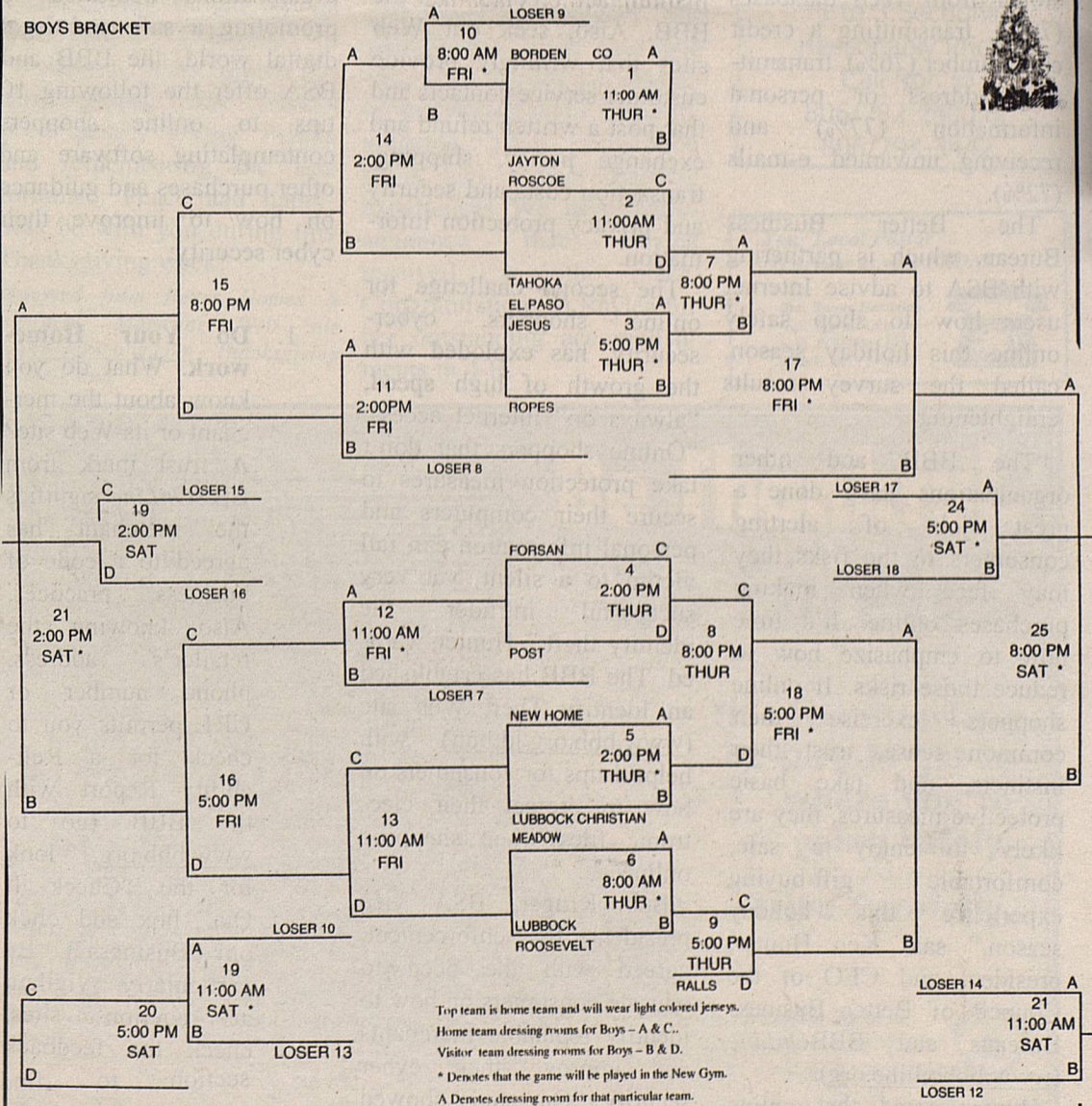
Drive Safely - Watch Out for the Children

**COYOTE CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT**  
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**GIRLS BRACKET**



**BOYS BRACKET**



# 'Tis the Holiday Shopping Season: Better Business Bureau Offers Ten Tips to Avoid Online Fraud

U.S. Internet users intend to do some holiday shopping online this year; however, their confidence in the security of the online shopping experiences points to a need for fraud prevention education.

According to an independent survey recently releases by the Business Software Alliance (BSA), more than 63 percent of Internet users in the United States will do some of their holiday shopping online. However, these same respondents voiced security concerns about making purchases over the Internet. A large majority are concerned a great deal or a fair amount about information being sold to a third party (83%), information stolen from Web databases (79%), transmitting a credit card number (76%), transmitting address or personal information (77%) and receiving unwanted e-mails (72%).

The Better Business Bureau, which is partnering with BSA to advise Internet users how to shop safely online this holiday season, called the survey results enlightening.

"The BBB and other organizations have done a great job of alerting consumers to the risks they may face when making purchases online. It's time now to emphasize how to reduce those risks. If online shoppers exercise their common sense, trust their instincts, and take basic protective measures, they are likely to enjoy a safe, comfortable gift-buying experience this holiday season," said Ken Hunter, president and CEO of the Council of Better Business Bureaus and BBBOnline ([www.bbbonline.org](http://www.bbbonline.org)).

Hunter noted that online

shoppers face two distinct challenges: identifying reputable merchants (and avoiding dishonest vendors) and protecting against online threats to their personal security.

The simplest advice for avoiding dishonest merchants is to ignore unsolicited e-mail offers or advertisements from unknown individuals or businesses. "Too-good-to-be-prices are offered by too-good-to-be-true vendors," the CBBB President cautioned.

Instead of responding to enticing offers that arrive unannounced in e-mail boxes, the BBB advises online shoppers to make their holiday purchases from reliable, trustworthy Web sites that have satisfactory marketplace records with the BBB. Also, seek out Web sites that willingly provide customer service contacts and that post a written refund and exchange policy, shipping/transaction costs and security and privacy protection information.

The second challenge for online shoppers, cybersecurity, has exploded with the growth of high speed, "always on" Internet access. "Online shoppers that don't take protection measures to secure their computers and personal information can fall victim to a silent, yet very successful intruder: the identity theft," Hunter warned. The BBB has established an Identify Theft Web site ([www.bbb.org/idtheft](http://www.bbb.org/idtheft)) with helpful tips for consumers on how to protect their electronic files when shopping online.

Bob Kruger, BSA vice president for enforcement, agreed with the need to educate consumers on how to identify reputable merchants and improve their cyber security. "Our study showed

that U.S. respondents will use the Internet to purchase many different types of gifts this holiday season. By taking basic precautions, online shoppers can enjoy the benefits of legitimate, legal e-commerce."

The BSA study, conducted by the independent research firm, Ipsos Public Affairs, showed that 43% and 49% of U.S. shoppers will purchase software and computer hardware, respectively, online this year. The study also found that when it comes to purchasing software online, 75% in the U.S. say it is more important to obtain legitimate software than it is to save money and risk buying fraudulent products.

As two of the preeminent organizations dedicated to promoting a safe and legal digital world, the BBB and BSA offer the following 10 tips to online shoppers contemplating software and other purchases and guidance on how to improve their cyber security:

1. **Do Your Homework.** What do you know about the merchant or its Web site? A trust mark from BBBOnline signifies the merchant has agreed to a code of business practices. Also knowing the retailer's address, phone number or URL permits you to check for a Reliability Report with the BBB (go to [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org), look for the "Check It Out" box and click on "Business"). Be particularly vigilant at auction sites; check the feedback section to find comments about the

## Obituary

### Dwain Williams 1930 - 2003

Services for Dwain Williams, 73, of Big Spring, were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 18, 2003, in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Elwin Collom, chaplain with Home Hospice, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

He died on Sunday, November 16, 2003, at his residence after a lengthy illness. He was born on Aug. 2, 1930, in Lynn County and married Glenodene Hanks on February 1, 1949, in Big Spring.

Dwain and his family lived in Borden County and owned and operated Williams Oilfield Construction Co. for 30 years in Vealmoor. He served on the Borden County School Board from 1967 until

1971 serving as secretary for 3 years. He was a life time member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Glenodene; two daughters and son-in-laws, Sheryl and Jackie Gass; of Vealmoor; Debra and Joe Lusk of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law Gary and Kim Williams of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Eric Lusk and wife Toni and Kristin Tubb and husband Chris, all of Austin, Keith Monger and wife Charlene of El Paso, Ryan Williams and wife Heather of Fort Worth, Sara Myers and husband Justin and Jace Williams, all of Big Spring; two great grandsons, Evan Tubb and Matthew Monger.

Pallbearers were Eric Lusk, Chris Tubb, Keith Monger, Ryan Williams, Jace Williams, Justin Myers and Monte Smith.

seller based on previous transactions.

2. **Leave Nothing to Chance.** Have a thorough understanding of what's involved in making the purchase. Be clear on the price, the company's refund and return policy, its customer satisfaction policy and customer service contact, any

shipping and handling charges, the terms of any guarantees, and the delivery timeframe. Print out a copy of your order and confirmation number and the URL "address" of the merchant.

3. **Trust Your Instincts.** Check the online seller's price against

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*We are Thankful...*

*for all the blessings of friends,  
family and neighbors .  
May your holiday  
overflow with the  
bounty of the season.*

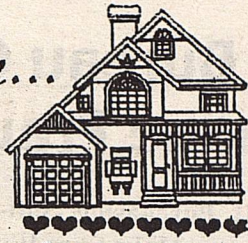
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## Heart and home...

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



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

### Home for the Holidays

A special thank you to all of those that participated in the 7th annual Home for the Holidays program last week. What fun we had! Recipe books are still available in the county Extension office.

They are \$8.00 each. If you would like to purchase one for yourself or as a gift, please come by or call (806)756-4336 to reserve yours today. *Quantities are limited!*

### History of Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving Day, millions of Americans celebrate this tradition with turkey and stuffing that was started three centuries ago. 102 English Puritan separatists traveled for 66 days on a ship named the *Mayflower*. They landed in their new country November 1620 and founded the colony of New Plymouth located in Massachusetts.

After a difficult first winter, the Pilgrims survived with the help of the Wampanoag Indians. They had known hunger and sickness, which took the lives of nearly half of the Pilgrims. Life became better over time. They had planted seeds to produce a bountiful harvest, and built homes and made friends with the Indians.

In the fall of 1621, the grateful Pilgrims celebrated their first harvest with feasting and games, as was the custom in England. They held the first Thanksgiving festival in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in October 1621. The three day celebration served to boost the morale of the 50

remaining colonists and also to impress their allies. Among the attending were Chief Massasoit and 90 Wampanoag Indians. The Pilgrims brought goose, turkey, duck, fish, cheese, and pudding made of corn. The term turkey was used by the Pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl. The Wampanoag Indians brought deer meat, turkey, rabbit, woodchuck, fish, lobster, clams, mussels, potatoes, corn, beans and squash. Their three-day festival included games of skill and chance. Captain Miles Standish even staged a military review of his tiny force.

The first national Thanksgiving was declared in 1777 by the Continental Congress. Thanksgiving Day continued to be celebrated in States on different days until Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hall, editor to *Godey's Lady's Book* crusaded to establish a national day of observing Thanksgiving. Finally, in 1863, President Lincoln issued a White House proclamation setting aside the last Thursday of November

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## Thriftstore Cowboys "Great American Desert" NOW ON SALE

Borden County's own Thriftstore Cowboys have released their latest CD, "Great American Desert."

The collaborative efforts of Jeff Dennis, Colt Miller, and Daniel Fluitt (of Post) make up the 16 original songs on the new CD.

The Cowboys enjoyed an

eventful fall, not only with their release parties, but also with some exciting shows.

In October, the group finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Graham Central Station's Battle of the Bands held in Lubbock.

Before that, they opened for some guy named Willie Nelson at a metroplex area

concert.

The fan base continues to expand for the group as they have played now in several states (the Southwest and in Colorado) and in favorite spots in Fredericksburg, Lubbock, and Amarillo.

New Year's Eve, the Thriftstore Cowboys will be performing in Ruidoso—look for location and times in a December Borden Star (along with a local review of the new CD).

The CD's are available at the Coyote Country Store or may be purchased by calling Jeff Dennis at either (817) 528-5415 or (806) 799-5980. Their website is [www.thriftstorecowboys.net](http://www.thriftstorecowboys.net)

### District 4-H Food Show Results

After the Borden County 4-H Food Show held in late October, Lacey Roberts and Raylea Underwood were

awarded first place and were eligible to advance to the District Food Show in Levelland.

Raylea represented Borden County 4-H in the South Plains District 4-H Food Show which was held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in Levelland. The South Plains District is made up of 20 counties, which were all represented at the event. Raylea entered her Mexican Salad in the Junior 2 Fruit and Vegetable category. She participated in an interview which tested her knowledge of the Food Guide Pyramid, nutrition, food preparation skills and project learning experiences. We are proud to announce that Raylea received seventh place. Congratulations to Raylea for her outstanding accomplishments in 4-H.

for Thanksgiving Day.

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt advanced Thanksgiving Day one week to help retailers have more time for the Christmas selling season. But two years later, Congress declared that Thanksgiving should fall on the fourth Thursday of November. The theme of Thanksgiving has always been peace, giving thanks and remembering the less fortunate. Peace and happiness be with you during this Thanksgiving week!

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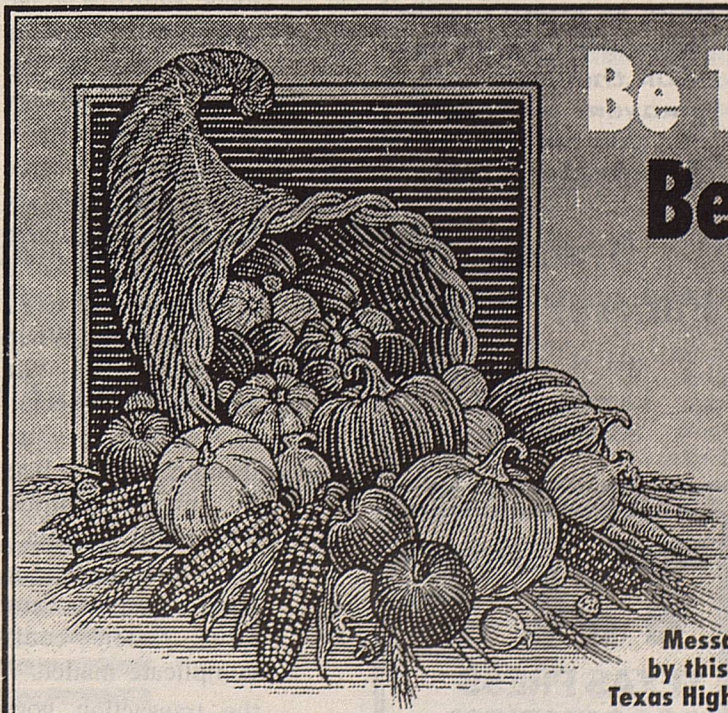


## Be Thankful. Be Careful.

This Thanksgiving  
be sure to get to  
where you're  
going safely.

Drive Carefully.

Message brought to you  
by this newspaper and the  
Texas Highway Patrol Association



## Click it or Ticket Campaign Targets Drivers and Passengers Who Don't Buckle Up!

Joining the thousands of motorists who will be hitting Texas streets and highways this month as the winter holiday and shopping season gets underway will be thousands of law enforcement officers. These officers will be part of the Thanksgiving Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement and public education effort.

Texas is part of a national effort to reduce deaths and injuries from traffic crashes. From November 18<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>, state troopers police officers and sheriffs' deputies throughout Texas will be cracking down on drivers and passengers who aren't using safety belts.

In addition to messages on television, radio and billboards, motorists on Texas streets and highways will see reminders to buckle up on more than 2,000 HEB trucks. San Antonio-based H.E. Butt Grocery Company will display Click It or Ticket decals on their entire fleet of vehicles which travel more than 50 million miles each year.

"As combining stepped up law enforcement with public education works to get people to buckle up," Brenda Mitchell, the Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene District's traffic safety coordinator, said, "focusing on seat belt law enforcement around Thanksgiving will save lives. The Click it or Ticket campaign should help give Texas motorists the extra incentive they need to always use their safety belts and make sure their children are properly secured."

Texas law requires drivers and front seat passengers to always use safety belts. Children and teens up to the

age of 17 have to be buckled up in the front or back seat. Child safety seats are required for children under four years old or less than three feet tall. Fines for violations range from \$25 to \$200.

Mitchell said that as a result of the Click it or Ticket effort, first launched in Texas eighteen months ago, statewide safety belt usage has increased from 76% to almost 85%.

Officials estimate that maintaining safety belt use in Texas at this level means 200 fewer traffic fatalities and 5,000 fewer injuries each year.



*We're grateful to have so many warm friends & neighbors. Our thoughts and prayers are with you on this Thanksgiving Day.*

### **Branon Funeral Home**

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the estimated retail value of the product you are purchasing. Whether it is being sold as new or used, if a price for the product seems too good to be true, it probably is.

4. **Pay by Credit Card.** Paying with cash, debit cards, ATM cards or electronic funds transfers offer less protection than using a credit card. If you use a credit card, you have the right to dispute the bill, your liability for fraudulent charges is limited to \$50 under the Fair Credit Billing Act and your card issuer probably provides additional warranty rights.

5. **Security and Privacy Counts.** Never give out your Internet password and guard all personal information. Only provide your credit card information in a secure environment. Look for the prefix https:// in the Uniform Resource Locator box which lists the web site's address to be sure that a site you are using is secure. Look for the Web site's privacy guidelines and make certain you agree with its privacy protection measures before you make a purchasing decision.

6. **Be Careful When Crossing the Border.** Be especially cautious when dealing with sellers in other countries. The physical distance, differences in legal systems, and other factors could complicate matters if the transaction goes awry.

7. **If Purchasing Software Make Sure It's Authentic.** Read the label. Be suspicious of software products that do not include proof of authenticity, such as original disks, manuals, licensing, warranties, etc. beware of products that do not look genuine, such as those with handwritten labels. Take special care to avoid sellers offering "back-up" copies. This is a clear indication that the software is illegal. Be wary of compilations of software titles from different publishers on a single disk or CD.
8. **Install Anti-Virus Software and a Firewall.** Does your computer(s) have anti-virus software installed? Most anti-virus software includes an automatic update feature. Make sure it is activated. A firewall will protect your computer(s) from unauthorized access to and use by hackers.

9. **Check for Security**

**Updates.** Security updates should be checked every 30 days for programs installed on computers and operating systems. Allow for automatic updating and/or subscribe to a notification service provided by the vendor.

10. **Report Problems.** For assistance in resolving a dispute with an online merchant, consumers can file a complaint at the BBB Web site ([www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)). Buyers suspecting software piracy, counterfeit software and/or fraud on auction sites should contact law enforcement agencies and BSA at 1.888.NNOPIRACY or [www.bsa.org/usa](http://www.bsa.org/usa). Report cyber attacks to local law enforcement agencies and the IT provider.

\*Survey Methodology: According to Ipsos Public Affairs ([www.Ipsos-Reid.com](http://www.Ipsos-Reid.com)), the study, which was conducted in four countries, focuses on holiday shopping behavior and the Internet. The margin of error for this study, conducted in September 2003, +/- 4 percent per country (U.S., U.K., Japan and Mexico).

### **Sending a bushel of Thanksgiving to our friends!**



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## Courthouse News

**WHEREAS**, On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

### AD VALOREUM TAXES

Danna Cooley, District Attorney, explained the contract presented by Perry & Kellogg, L.L.P. to the Court. Commissioner Belew made a motion to hire the Law Firm of Perry & Kellogg, L.L.P. for the purpose of investigating and possible filing of common-law claims for the underpayment of ad valorem taxes. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of October 27, 2003 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve and pay said account. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion.

### BORDEN COUNTY LANDFILL

The Borden County Landfill is to be closed November 29, 2003 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Belew made a motion to hold a public hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 24, 2003 on Proposed Traffic Regulations (Speed Limits) on certain County Roads as required by Subchapter E., Section 251.151 of Texas Transportation Code. County Roads to be considered are all the streets and alleys in the town site of Gail, Cemetery Road, R. Miller Road, County Road 146, portion of County Road 130, portion of county Line Road, county road 383, County road 338, Sour Dough road, Willow Valley Road, and any other roads that comes to the attention of the Commissioners Court. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes.

### DISCUSSION - ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items presented.

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

## TDH Targets Troubling Toys

Money is tight, but you need to buy a toy for your nephew who is in his "terrible twos." You find a great deal on a stuffed animal at a small discount store. It is terrific or is it trouble?

Well, that depends. "Often product-recall information from manufacturers does not get to discount and bargain stores because they buy their merchandise through auctions rather than from the manufacturer," said Annabelle Dillard, product safety expert with the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

For that reason, TDH inspectors will focus on secondary markets such as discount and bargain stores during "Toy Sweep," an annual campaign to educate Texas retailers about the latest recall information and to remind consumers that certain items have been recalled and are not safe for children.

Each fall - just before the big holiday shopping season - TDH's product safety inspectors visit retail stores making sure that certain recalled toys are no longer available and giving retailers detailed information about each of the recalled items. This year's event was held Nov. 17-20 in stores in the Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin areas.

Inspectors have 10 toys and five children's furniture

products on their list this year. Some of the products that recently have been recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) are a pendant that is high in lead content; pacifiers that come apart; a plush toy with small parts; bunk beds that pose a strangulation hazard because of the spacing between the guard rails; a changing table whose poor design could cause strangulation hazard; and children's chairs that tend to break.

"Choking hazards are the most common reasons products are recalled," said Dillard, adding that toys or games with small parts cannot legally be sold for use by children under 3. Toys containing small parts that are for children must have a warning label, and toys that generate heat must have a warning to alert parents and children to the risk of burns or electrical shock.

Dillard said a new product that inspectors will be discussing with retailers this year is a yo-yo water ball. TDH has received complaints that the stretchy cord of the toy can wrap around a child's neck when the child swings the toy overhead like a lasso. No recall has been issued or them, but the CPSC has issued a warning.

Some tips for buyers:

- ✦ Buy toys that are age-appropriate for the child. Toy and game manufacturers test their products for safety according to how they should be used by children and include age-range recommendations on their packages.
- ✦ Look for quality construction and design. Can the product withstand an assault by your 2-year-old

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## Re-Elect Ernest Reyes

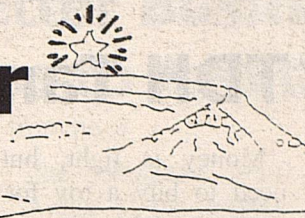
### For County Commissioner Precinct 3

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# Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain



It's that time of year once again. Time for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighting of the "Star" on Gail Mountain which will take place on Friday, November 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. The "Star" will continue to shine until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

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

- Nov. 28** - In Honor of:  
**Delmo & Martha Pearce**  
By the Citizens of Borden County
- Nov. 29** - In Memory of:  
**Charlie & Nettie Creighton**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Louis Stallings
- Nov. 30** - In Memory of:  
**Edward Smith**  
By Warren & Betty Beaver
- Dec. 1** - In Memory of:  
**Jim & Katie York Family**  
By Van & Barbara York Family
- Dec. 1** - In Memory of:  
**W. Bert Dennis**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Joel Dennis
- Dec. 1** - In Memory of:  
**Nita Munn Vannoy**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Joel Dennis
- Dec. 2** - In Memory of:  
**Binie & Nell White**  
By Binie L. & Edna White
- Dec. 3** - In Memory of:  
**Linda Gordon, Karen Key, Mike Flanigan**  
By Billy Max & Nancy Gordon
- Dec. 4** - In Honor of:  
**Carolyn & Earl Chapman**  
By W. E. Chapman, Jr.
- Dec. 5** - In Honor of:  
**All Caprock Credit Union Members**  
By Caprock Federal Credit Union
- Dec. 6** - In Memory of:  
**Mr. & Mrs. Howard Nelson**  
By Walter Nelson
- Dec. 6** - In Honor of:  
**Thanks for Our Children**  
By Barbara & Rich Anderson
- Dec. 7** - In Memory of:  
**Billy Wills**  
By Warren & Betty Beaver
- Dec. 8** - In Honor of:  
**Mr. & Mrs. Jim York**  
By Juaeise York
- Dec. 9** - In Memory of:  
**Karen Pearce**  
By Delmo Pearce
- Dec. 10** - In Memory of:  
**Beno & Donna Hendricks**  
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks
- Dec. 10** - In Honor of:  
**Martin Reinecke on his Birthday**
- December 14** - In Memory of:  
**Mr. & Mrs. Sterling Williams**

- By Warren & Betty Beaver
- Dec. 18** - In Honor of:  
**Terry Millenbine Family**  
By Millenbine & Co., Inc.
- Dec. 20** - In Honor of:  
**Mildred Sevey**  
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks
- Dec. 21** - In Honor of:  
**Margaret Sharp**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 22** - In Honor of:  
**Sarah & Ross Sharp**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 23** - In Honor of:  
**Shirley & Kenneth Bennett**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 24** - In Memory of:  
**Our Parents, Frank & Edna Miller, G. A. & Lela Newton**  
By Shirly & Doyle Newton
- Dec. 24** - In Honor of:  
**Zella Nixon**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 24** - In Memory of:  
**All of Our Loved Ones and Friends**  
By Ralph Miller Family
- Dec. 24** - In Memory of:  
**Our Fathers, Buddy Sharp & Babe Brewer**  
By the Ross Sharp Family
- Dec. 24** - In Memory of:  
**Debra Mumme**  
and In Honor of:  
**Bill Mumme**  
By Terry Smith
- Dec. 25** - In Memory of:  
**Mr. & Mrs. Lillo S. Munger**  
By Marjorie Middleton
- Dec. 25** - In Honor of:  
**Larry Hopkins**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 25** - In Memory of:  
**Edward Smith**  
By Terry Smith & Family
- Dec. 26** - In Honor of:  
**Sue & Bob Beal**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 27** - In Honor of:  
**Carol & R. D. Lewis**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 28** - In Honor of:  
**Joyce & Fiddler Herridge**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 28** - In Honor of:  
**Terry Millenbine Family**  
By Millenbine & Co., Inc.
- Dec. 29** - In Honor of:  
**Barbara & Van York**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 30** - In Honor of:  
**Connie & Sid Hart**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 30** - In Memory of:  
**Don Cox**  
By Mr. & Mrs. N. R. King
- Dec. 31** - In Honor of:  
**My children, Joey, Kay, Jacque, Johnnie, Jan and**

- Jimmie**  
By Mildred Sevey
- Dec. 31** - In Honor of:  
**Billy Gannaway**  
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 31** - In Memory of:  
**Our Parents**  
By Barbara & Rich Anderson
- Dec. 31** - In Memory of:  
**C. H. Hyden**  
and In Honor of:  
**Annie Mae Hyden**  
By Terry Smith

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

- IN MEMORY OF:**  
**William Reinecke, Johanna Guthmiller**  
By Margaret Novak
- My Father-in-Law**  
By Monte Davidson
- Garland Doyle, Glen Kingston, Clay Kingston**  
By Eva Doyle
- J. Pat Porter, Skeet Porter, Lela Porter**  
By Bob & Cookie Dyess
- Bonnie Kingston, Hilmer Holmes, David Holmes**  
By Kent, Ollie & Dawn Holmes
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- Elmo Faver, Sam Wilson, Obe Wilson**  
By Marguerite Faver
- Preston, Ella, Buddy & Barbara Sharp, Earnest Turner & Ed Gwinn**  
By Margaret Sharp
- Edna Buchanan, Floyd Buchanan, Cleo Couture, Charles Couture**  
By Bob & Terri Buchanan
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By Barbara & Todd White & Hailey
- Brandon Adcock, Vernon Todd, Dottie Adcock**  
By Randy & Verna Adcock
- Donna Hendricks**  
By the Ross Sharp Family

- IN HONOR OF:**  
**Ross Sharp Family, Margaret Sharp**  
By Sarah Gilleland
- Vickie, Gayla, Cody, Jessica Ky, Lacey**  
By Shirly & Doyle Newton
- Justin Cox, Corey Cox, Kyle Jennings, Dean Jennings,**

- McCrae McCormick, Madolyn McCormick**  
By Warren & Betty Beaver
- Buster York, Velma Burt**  
By Juaeise York
- All My Dear Friends & Relatives for the Past 60 Years**  
By Margaret Sharp
- Kelsey Martin, Quincy Martin, Mr. & Mrs. R.D. Lewis**  
By Chad & Amy Martin
- Andres Lozano Family, Andrea Martinez Family, Letty Martinez Family**  
By Andres L. Lozano
- Hailey Adcock, Kristi, Jon, Thomas & Tanner Harrison**  
By Randy & Verna Adcock
- Jason Sharp, Marcie Andrews, Sarah Gilleland,**

- Margaret Sharp**  
By the Ross Sharp Family
- James & Tayna Smith, Gerry & Julie Smith, Turner & Tyler Smith, John & James Clift**  
By Terry Smith

**DONATIONS FOR THE STAR:**  
 Branon Funeral Home, Lamesa  
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In the "Spirit of Christmas" and the "Star on Gail Mountain" help us help the children at

**Buckner's Children Home**  
Lubbock, Texas with

**Toys For Tots**

Inexpensive board games, educational toys, card games, books, or any un-opened new toy, large or small, will be greatly appreciated by these children.

The Drop Off for any donation is located in the Borden County Courthouse. Toys are needed ASAP so they can be delivered to the home in time for their Christmas party. Thank you, and may you have a Merry Christmas. Lights for Gail Committee

## Troubling Toys

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nephew?

- ✦ Don't buy anything that has sharp glass or metal edges for children under 8.
- ✦ When shopping for children under the age of 3, avoid small toys or toys with small parts that could come off. A good rule of thumb: If the item is small enough to fit through the cardboard spool from a toilet-tissue roll, it's not appropriate for children under 3.
- ✦ Assemble toys properly. Many manufacturers offer assistance by phone if you need help.

The CPSC Web site ([www.epsc.gov](http://www.epsc.gov)) is a good

resource for retailers and consumers who want the latest information on recalled products. The CPSC has a free e-mail subscription list that is notified each time a recall is issued.

People who have concerns about specific products can call TDH's product safety division at (888)778-9440 toll free in Texas. Inspectors follow up on complaints and investigate hazards associated with products. Products are tested and, if necessary, sent to laboratories for further testing. Findings are then evaluated and notices of violation will be issued to manufacturers if necessary. If the product is distributed nationally, these findings also will be forwarded to the CPSC for further enforcement action on the federal level.