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Sylvia Stands Proud 4-H Canned Food Drive Big

Borden County J.H. OAP Wins District

It was a dog-eat-dog fight to the finish this past Saturday, but Borden County once again came out on top.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Borden County Junior High One-Act Play has brought home a district championship from the District 9-A J.H. OAP Contest.

Despite competing with sick actors and actresses, the cast and crew of A.R. Gurney's *Sylvia* still topped Dawson Junior High School's production of *Little Women* to claim not only the District OAP championship, but also to seal the West Zone's U.I.L. Academic Championship.

Individually, the cast's and crew's performance was also quite successful. One-Act Play newcomers Miller Valentine and Rachael Payne were named as Best Actor and Best Actress respectively for the contest. Eighth grade OAP veterans Rachel Wilson and Kate Wallace were also named to the All-Star Cast.

Valentine, an eighth grader at Borden County, portrayed the role of "Greg" who brings home a stray dog to his wife's dismay.

A sixth grader at Borden County, Payne played the role of "Leslie," a counselor who attempts to solve Greg's and his wife's marriage problems.

Wilson starred in the lead role of "Sylvia," the sassy stray dog that wreaks havoc on "Kate," Greg's wife, played by Wallace.

The crew of *Sylvia* also was named "Best Crew." Members included eighth graders Sharelle Gass (Stage Manager) and Quentin Shafer (Sound Technician). Also serving on the crew were sixth graders Lacey Roberts (Props Mistress) and Brendan Tarleton (Light Technician).

Eighth graders Logan Howard and Sydney Shipp also star as "Tom" and "Phyllis."

Directing the show was Darrin Ard.

Last week's community performance was cancelled due to the illnesses in the cast, so an encore performance of the show will be performed for the school and community this Wednesday at noon in the Borden County I.S.D. Auditorium.

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 Coke parties for the winning classes will be held at a time designated by the school. Classes that won a Coke party are Kindergarten, Fourth, Sixth, and Ninth grades.

The collection totals were as follows:

Kindergarten	33
First	19
Second	29
Third	27
Fourth	109
Fifth	26
Sixth	119
Sevent	0
Eighth	0



Boxing up the food: 4-H members that assisted in boxing the canned goods for delivery are Kalli Poole, J Ryan Gicklhorn, Kyle Pinkerton, Aaron James and Ashely James. We appreciate them giving up time out of their busy schedules to help in this worthwhile cause.

Ninth	5
Tenth	2
Eleventh	0
Twelfth	0
Community	28
TOTAL CANS	397

Early Dismissal
12:30 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 18th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



December 24th
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Gail

Everyone is invited to come and share a very Special Christmas Eve with music, prayer, & lighting of candles. Bring your family and friends and join us for this special Christmas Celebration

LAST ISSUE FOR 2003



This is the last issue of the Borden Star for 2003
We will be back on January 7th, 2004
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
From The Borden Star

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 24th day of November, 2003, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:
VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 4. **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of November 10, 2003 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS PUBLIC HEARING

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Adcock made a motion to recess Commissioners Court Meeting and enter into a Public Hearing on proposed traffic Regulations as advertised. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs.

No interested person appeared for the Traffic Regulations Public Hearing. Written comments were received from Mr. Jimmy Thomas, Superintendent Borden County ISD.

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Reyes made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene Commissioner Court Meeting. Second was made by Commissioner Adcock.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS SET

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to set the Traffic Regulations (Speed Limits) as required by Subchapter E., Section 151.151 of Texas Transportation Code as follows:

Townsite of Gail, Streets of W. Kincaid, Peach, Stadium

Drive, Coyote Drive, coyote Pup Drive, N. Maple set at 20 miles per hour. All other streets in Townsite of Gail set at 30 miles per hour. Cemetery Road set at 50 miles per hour.

Precinct Two and Three: Willow valley Road set at 60 miles per hour

Precinct Three: Sourdough Road, set at 30 miles per hour; county Road 334 and County Road 338, set at 60 miles per hour; County road 383 between blocks 100 and 650, set at 60 miles per hour and the remaining balance of County Road 383 set at 45 miles per hour.

Precinct Four: R. Miller Road and John Dennis Road set at 40 miles per hour.

Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to enter into a Resolution to initiate a joint seal coat project with other West Texas Cities and Counties through the firm of Oller Engineering, Inc. of Lubbock, Texas. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION-UNFUNDED MANDATES

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to support the Resolution to support passage of legislation calling for a constitutional Amendment that would prohibit the imposition of a mandatory unfunded mandates on Texas counties. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WATER SYSTEM

After consideration, Commissioner Belew made a motion to select the Firm of Oller Engineering, Inc. for the inspection of the Water System's storage tank. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

Commissioner Belew made a motion to distribute Available School Funds in the amount of \$91,600.00 to Borden County I.S.D. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried.

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

Commissioner Reyes made a motion for the investment of Permanent School Funds in the amount of \$1,707,907 a C.D. for one year in the County Depository. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner

Belew made a motion to approve and pay said account. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION-ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

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Fall Festival 2003 Donations

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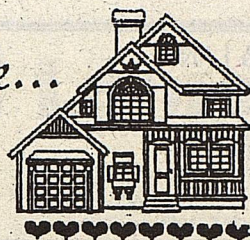
The Borden County Parents' Club would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who made our 2003 Fall Festival a BIG success. Your help is crucial to our scholarships. Also, thanks to everyone who helped set up booths, decorate and clean up at the festival!

Prizes were donated by the business and people listed here. The Bingo proceeds benefit the Borden County Parents' Club Scholarship. We are extremely grateful for their generosity. Please visit them.

Sincerely,
 Tondra Herridge, President

Heart and home...

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



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Keep Food Safe During Holiday Entertaining

When we think about the Holidays, we often think about food and fellowship. They are both important parts of our annual festivities. However, we often forget to keep food safety in mind. It is important to follow a few guidelines during the holidays since we do not want any unwanted guests to join us.

Foodborne illness has symptoms of diarrhea, nausea, fever and vomiting. It is caused by harmful bacteria that grow in moist food, usually protein-based, at temperatures between 40 °F and 140 °F.

Food safety is especially important for holiday food events because serving large crowds means handling considerable amounts of food. When cooking for groups, keep in mind how long it will take to prepare the food, available refrigerator storage area to keep food cold and the amount of oven/stove space for cooking and keeping food hot. If serving buffet style, make sure food is not kept at room temperature for more than 2 hours.

Holiday foods include perishable items such as meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, dressing, gravy, dairy-based products, and other dishes on which bacteria feed. To keep harmful bacteria from growing, make sure these foods do not remain in the "danger zone" temperatures of between 40 °F and 140 °F.

To keep holiday foods safe to eat, keep these recommendations in mind:

- Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator. Food can be thawed in a microwave if it will be cooked immediately. Do not interrupt cooking and never

thaw food on the counter.

- Keep preparation areas and hands clean when preparing food.
- Cook foods to the proper internal temperature. Whole chicken or turkey should be cooked to an internal temperature of 180 °F; fresh ham to 160 °F, beef, veal or lamb to 170 °F

for well done; ground meat dishes to 160 °F; egg casseroles to 160 °F; leftovers to 165 °F or boiling hot, and seafood should become opaque.

- Do not serve any egg dishes that contain undercooked or raw eggs, such as eggnog. Raw eggs may contain the harmful bacteria Salmonella.
- Avoid the transfer of bacteria from raw meats to cooked foods or foods that will be eaten fresh (do not use the same plate, cutting board or pan unless it has been washed thoroughly).
- Quickly cool large amounts of food if cooking ahead. Divide food into smaller portions and store below 40

°F in shallow containers, less than 3 inches deep (if you can use them, zip top plastic bags make great storage containers and are easy to stack and send home with your guests).

This will help food cool more quickly.

- Serve hot foods hot above 140 °F and cold foods cold below 40 °F. Hold foods for buffet service for no

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Wedding Plans Announced



Emily Smith and C.R. Stahl

Perry and Kelly Smith of Post are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Emily Grace to Christian Robert "C.R." Stahl, son of Chris and Karen Stahl of Dell City, Texas. Emily is the granddaughter of Larry and Wanda Smith of Gail and Franklin and Sherry Bryant of Ira.

The bride elect is a 2001 graduate of Post High School and a student of South Plains College in Loveland.

The groom to be is a graduate of Dell City High School and Texas Tech University.

The couple plan to be married January 31, 2004 in the First Baptist Church of Post, Texas.

50th Wedding Anniversary



Mickey and Shirley McMeans

Mr. & Mrs. Mickey and Diane McMeans of Post, Texas will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Saturday, December 27th. McMeans and the former Shirley Metcalf were married in Swenson, Texas in 1953 at the First Baptist Church.

Mickey and Shirley are former educators. He taught in Roaring Springs and Borden County School Districts. She taught in Post and Borden County School Districts.

Their children are Steve

and Diane McMeans of Brownwood, Ken and Elesha McMeans of Big Spring, and Bart and Vivian McMeans of Abilene. They have five granddaughters and four grandsons.

In celebration of their Golden Anniversary, the McMean's children invite friends and family to attend the reception being held Saturday, December 27th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Post Community Center, 113 West Main Street in Post, Texas.

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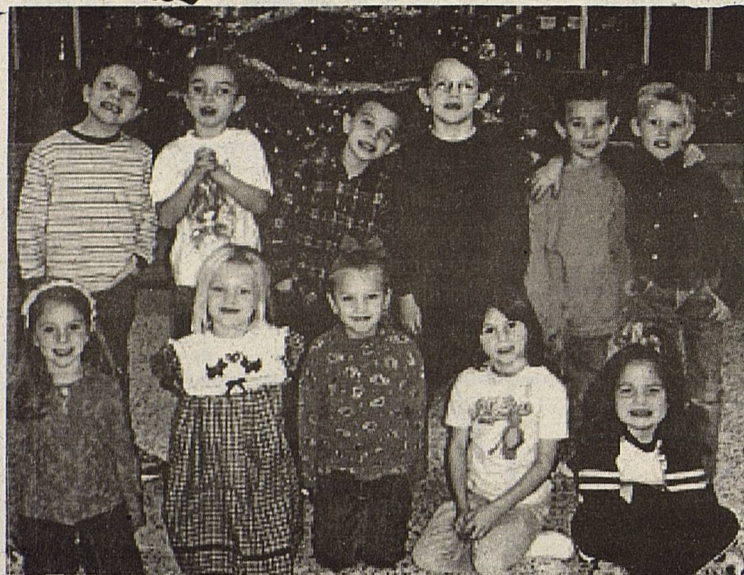
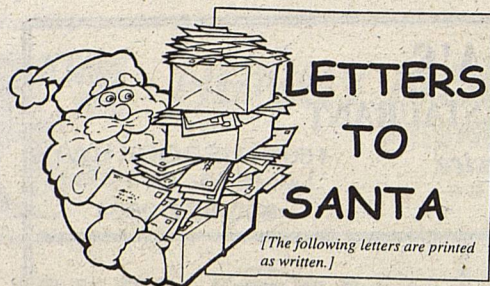
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Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a long, white dress and white sandals. I want a trampoline and a new scooter 'cause my other one broke. Emma wants a Barbie bathtub. She is 3 years olds. Olivia wants a basketball. She's 11. Daddy needs a radio, and Mom wants a drink holder for her exercise bike.

I live in Gail, Texas. I live next to Mrs. Wallace. I will leave carrots, cookies, and milk. I have been kinda good.
Love,
Zoie Key
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. I'm learning a lot in school. I live in Gail now. My house is white. I want a pencil, a bicycle, and a baby doll. Jordan needs a necklace. Cookies and milk will be on the table.
Love,
Chayse Robison
Age, 6

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby puppy, a Swanlake Barbie, and some new books. Camree wants some balloons.
I live in a red rock and brick

house in Post. Gingerbread cookies and milk will be in the kitchen.
Daddy needs a lawnmower and a screwdriver. Mama needs some lotion. LaLa needs some more puppie, and Papa want a new gun. I am always good.
Love,
Channing Miller
Age 5

Dear Santa,
How have you been all year? I wanted to ask you for a new bat mobile that has 2 seats in it. I also wanted to ask you to bring my mom a necklace. Hey, could you also put in one more Spiderman for me please? Go ahead and drop this off at the red brick house outside of Gail.
Love you,
Merik Valentine
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I live at Thomas Lake. My house has a pipe sticking out of the window for the smoke to go out.
I want a G.T. Joe toy and some bouncey balls with handles. I will leave you some Santa cookies and milk. I have

been a good boy.
Love,
Samuel Raborn
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I don't live at Post anymore, I live in Gail. I'm in the 4th house, and it is brown.
I want a game cube with lots of games, and a T.V.
I've been a real good boy. Ty has been good, too. Ty and I both want a red remote-controlled dirt bike with a guy on it.
Love,
Brandon Pewitt
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a toy milk truck that backs up. The reindeer can fly it to my house. I live in a red brick house. I have been a good boy.
Love,
T. J. Doyle
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I'm not sure if you know where I live now because I moved, so I will tell you how to get there. I now live on the Lubbock Hwy. in a brown brick house. I want you to bring me a big jar of cherry peppers! I am also interested in a chalkboard and a play motorcycle. I will leave you some milk and a hot dog bun. I think that's all we have.
Love,
Rhaeden Bland
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I'd like a scooter and a play flame motorcycle. I live on the other side of Borden County. It's at the O.B. Ranch. Also, I would like for the elves to fix my 4-wheeler. It just wan't run.
I will start to be good all the time. I've been good sometimes so far. I will sleep on the couch, and when you come in, I will wake up.
Love,
Flint Roberts
Age 6



First Grade: (front row) L. to R. Mackenzie Moreno, Keelie Pierce, and Eva Banman. (Back row) Frank Banman, Cayden Vaughn, Sean Tucker, Colt Stephens and Austin Edwards.

First Grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll, a teddy bear and a finding Nemo movie. Jon would like a hat. Mom needs new earrings. Please bring dad a new shirt. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I have been good. I will be grandmother's.
Love,
Mackenzie Moreno

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Dashhound puppy and a big Great Dane. Mom would like a diamond ring. Mimi would like a picture of Daddy Bill because she misses him a lot. She also would like a foot and back massager. Daddy needs a new knife. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Keelie Pierce

Dear Santa,
I would like a piano and a big doll. Frank would like a monster truck. Mom would like a necklace and Dad needs more tools. I love Christmas
Love,
Eva Banman

Dear Santa,
Please get me a pocket knife and a bb gun. Eva would like a purse. My dad likes tools. Mom would like new dishes. Santa, I hope you have a happy Christmas.
Love,
Frank Banman

Dear Santa,
I would like anew door on my

room and a four wheeler.
Benny would like a new shotgun and mom likes jewelry. Please bring dad a new motorcycle. I have been good this year. Granddad needs a new pickup. I need a new pocket knife. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Cayden Vaughn

Dear Santa,
I would like a mini bike and Nana would like a ring. My cousin Riley would like a pellet gun. Please bring Deidre a dress and Monty a good saddle blanket and a saddle. Please bring everyone a happy Christmas.
Love,
Sean Tucker
Dear Santa,
Please let the poor people have a good Christmas. Dylan would like baby toys and Chelsea would like makeup. Dad needs a saddle blanket and saddle. My mom would like a dress. I'll leave you a snack.
Love,
Colton Stephens
Dear Santa,
My Nanny would like a little red wagon. My Pawpaw would like some new tools. I would like a four wheeler and a 22/250 rifle. I have been very good this year. Mrs. Miller would like an exercise bike. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Austin, Edwards

Letters to Santa

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Third Grade: (front row) L. to R. Teryn Soto, Kayla Darbyshire, Brittney Stroope, Celina Guerrero and Lexi Peterson. (Back row) Valerio Hernandez, Riley Smith, Tanner Richey and Matthew Roberson.

Third Grade

Dear Santa,

This is my Christmas list: a puppy, shoes, markers, coloring book, a doll, socks, money, stamping stuff, and a tv of my own, my very own room.

Love,
Teryn Soto

Dear Santa,

I want a new stereo at my mom's house. I want a cowgirl hat, and some boots like last year. And some nice boots. I want the hat to be black and the nice boots to be black.

Love,
Kayla Darbyshire

Dear Santa,

I want some new clothes, and game boy games, some more cd's. I want a nitindow 64, shoes, a new bike, and some makeup, fake nails that you put sticky pads on the bottom, a curlin iron and some skates, a new bed.

Love,
Brittney Stroope

Dear Santa,

I am doing good. I have been a very good girl all year long. Now what I want for Christmas, X2 on DVD, finding Nemo on DVD too. A necklace, with a Yugiho monster, any goosebumps book, and care for all my family.

Your friend,
Celina Guerrero

Dear Santa,

I want the movie Santa Claus 2. And I want the mini Pup, for Taylor get him a long horns chair to put in his room. And for my mom give her a wide tv all to herself. And for dad give him a den with new couch and a tv all to himself and for Mika give her makeup. And for Chelse give her a Motecantrole car. And for Miss Richey give her a necklace and two more things, I want 2 dogs.

Love,
Lexi Peteson

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control car. I want a hound dog. I want a tv. I want a 300 magnum. I want 15 dollars. I want a vest caml flodge boot and a shirt and pants and a rifal and a bike.

Love,
Valerio Hernandez

Dear Santa,

I want a new rope and a new camo knife. I would like a Play Station game and some new camo jeans. I need some new Cinches too. Well that's all I want.

Your Friend,
Riley Smith

Dear Santa,

I want two PS2 games. They are Madden NFL 2004 and Tony hawk under ground. A Bike and a Bike ramp. I also want a Basketball rebounder.

Your friend,
Tanner Richey

Dear Santa,

I would love to have a play station two or a bigger faster 4-wheeler. A 4-wheeler with a rack on it. I already have one so I just need a play station two! Or my oune Puppy!

I would like a new bike!

Love,
Matthew Roberson
Merry Christmas Santa

Pre-School Letters

Dear Santa,

I would like some new, old dirt tools and some sun shades because cool people wears them.

Please bring Blane some new teethers. I accidentally bit a hole in his
Thanks,
Ben & Blane Justice

Keep Food Safe

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For more information about storage times or holiday entertaining, contact Texas Cooperative Extension, Borden County, at (806)756-4336 or visit our web site at <http://borden-tx.tamu.edu>.

- Discard any foods left at room temperature for more than 2 hours. Do not store them for leftovers. Any foods still refrigerated or frozen should be used within recommended storage times.
- Put out small quantities if serving buffet style and replace often. When a dish

becomes empty, or nearly empty, replace with a fresh container of food.

Merry Christmas!

Our entire staff extends warm greetings and thanks to you and your family. We're banking on all of you having the most joyous holiday season ever!

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CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL
It's the perfect opportunity for us to send you all our holiday best . . . along with our thanks.

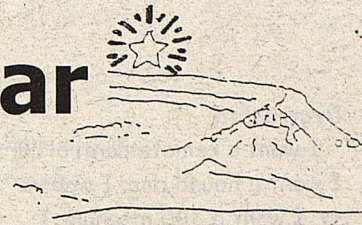
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A holiday reminder from your friends at BORDEN COUNTY EMS . . .

DON'T FORGET TO BUCKLE UP!

806/759-5111

Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain



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

- 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
- Dec. 31** - In Honor of: **Connie**
By T. Ruffin Johnson, Jr.

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
- J.W.C. Mullins, Mary Baker Mullins, J.W.C. Mullins Children, Mary Mullins Cary, A. B. Cary**

- By Margaret Cary Billingsley Family
- 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
- Buddy Sharp, Ella & Preston Sharp, Gladys & Charlie Sturdivant**
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 Juacise 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
- Avis & Arlan Youngblood
- Larry & Wanda Smith
- Mattie V. Turner
- Borden County Waste Disposal, Ltd.
- Michelle K. Brock
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- Sue Jane, Julie, Emily Mayes



All the Best

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

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Thank You

We would like to thank all of our friends, here and throughout the county, for all the support given us during my time at home. All of the prayers, home visits, phone calls, cards, and food was, and continues to be appreciated more than I can say. Our friends and co-workers are very special to us.

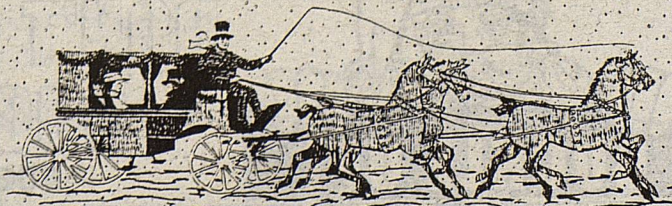
We are truly blessed to live in this community.
Many Thanks
Sarah and Ross Sharp



Merry Christmas to All...

We appreciate the good will and trust of our loyal patrons. Have a happy holiday.

Lamesa Butane Co.
Arlene Morris, Mgr.



NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that APACHE CORPORATION, 6120 S YALE SUITE 1500, TULSA OK 74136 4224 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37. Applicant seeks exception to distance between well to directional drill Well no. 1, W. Ed "RB" Murphy Lease, 1,588 Acres, Sec. 81, Bk. 25, H & TC RR Co. Survey, A-37, Von Roeder West (Clearfork) Field(s), Borden County, being 8 miles in a north direction of Vincent, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

SL: 185' from the west line and 360' from the south line of lease.
185' from the west line and 360' from the south line of survey.

BHL: 1,350' from the west line and 660' from the south line of lease.
1,350' from the west line and 660' from the south line of survey.

Field rules for the Von Roeder West (Clearfork) field(s) are 660/1320, 80 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 5,000 feet. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest must be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6899.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY **January 22, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION