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## Cold, Holiday Celebration combine to Raise Fire Risks

### The Texas Department of Banking says . . . DON'T PANIC . . . BE PREPARED!

State fire control leaders warn that the holiday season could be marked by an increase in fires if everyone doesn't practice good fire safety indoors and out.

If cold, dry weather coincides with Christmas and New Year's Day celebrations, firefighters could find themselves battling increased numbers of wildfires and home fires.

Cold weather and falling leaves signal an increasing likelihood of accidental wildfires, as people take to the outdoors to go hunting or

camping, or the clean up around their yards. Also, during the holiday period, unsafe burning of wrapping paper and gift boxes and the careless use of fire-works around dry vegetation can spark a rash of wildfires. Fire fighters noted that the arrival of cold weather all-too-often results in an increase in house fires, too.

Cold weather frequently prompts unsafe efforts to heat homes. Improperly using kitchen ovens for home heating and unwise

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## Keep poisonous holiday plants out of reach

While it may be the season for mistletoe and holly, it is also the season to think safety when decorating your home.

Poinsettias, one of the most popular holiday plants, can cause skin irritation and severe stomach symptoms. Holly and mistletoe berries are poisonous, so be on the lookout for berries that fall to the floor.

Keep these poisonous holiday plants out of reach: amaryllis, azalea, boxwood, Christmas cherry, Christmas rose, crown of thorns,

English and American Ivy and mountain laurel.

Parents who suspect their child may have ingested a plant part should immediately call their local poison-control center or their child's doctor. Do not induce vomiting with ipecac syrup unless instructed to do so.

**Randall S. James,**  
*Banking Commissioner of Texas*

As Commissioner of the Texas Department of Banking, I want to express to the citizens of Texas the Department's confidence in the Texas banking system's preparedness for the year 2000. Our state banks have reviewed all of their systems, and have tested and re-tested them after making necessary upgrades. Our banks have developed detailed contingency plans to deal with possible power and communication disruptions. Furthermore, they have looked at potential cash demands and made plans to have sufficient currency on hand to satisfy their customer's needs.

Every bank in the state, as well as the nation, has been examined at least three times over the last two years to verify their readiness for the Year 2000 changeover. Examinations show that community banks are just as prepared as large banks. While examination findings are

confidential by law, each bank can, and should, tell you what it has done to prepare for Y2K.

Banks are still the safest place to keep your money during the Y2K date change. Your money in the bank is FDIC-insured and will remain accessible through withdrawals, ATMs, checks and debit cards. For your safety and financial well-being, I recommend that people withdraw only the amount of cash they normally would need for the holiday weekend during which the New Year falls.

The Department's biggest concern is that citizens may endanger themselves and their money by withdrawing large amounts of cash from the bank. We strongly urge that you not give out personal or financial information, such as account numbers, credit

card numbers, or social security numbers, to individuals requesting it based on Y2K concerns. Some Texans have already lost their savings by having it stolen from hiding places at home, or sending it to scam artists trying to cash in on the Y2K scare. The Department also urges citizens to adopt or maintain good financial practices, such as reconciling account statements monthly, and keeping receipts and records of all financial transactions. These safeguards are always advisable, and ensure that you can identify discrepancies, whether or not they are related to Y2K.

We also recommend that you not wait until the last minute to withdraw your funds for the New Year's weekend. Many

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### Last Issue For 1999

This will be the last issue of the  
Borden Star for 1999.

We will be back on January 12, 2000

Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year  
From the Borden Star

## Waterloo at Idalou: Split with Merkel

# COYOTE BASKETBALL UPDATE

Little did the BHS Coyote teams realize how much they had in common with Napoleon Bonaparte until December 13.

That's when all four Coyote high school basketball teams were defeated by the Idalou Wildcats in games that saw a lack of rebounding combined with a surplus of turnovers and cold shooting.

In boys' varsity action, the Coyotes trailed only 16-10 at the end of one period. Senior Justin Lawrence accounted for four of those points and had two rebounds.

However, it was a lack of Coyote rebounding overall—only eight boards in the first half—that enabled Idalou to take a 31-20 lead into the locker room.

BHS scored no points in the third period while the Wildcats put up 12 points; this cold spell continued on in to the final period as the Coyotes finished with only four points in the final quarter. Idalou scored 12 more to complete the win, 55-24.

In the varsity girls' game, it appeared that BHS would take early control as they jumped out to a 4-0 lead and kept that lead in the first quarter with four different Lady Coyotes scoring. Seniors Adrianna Baeza, Amanda Watts, and Julie Mayes all contributed a basket as did Junior Valerie Wootan.

Idalou came out strong in the second quarter, handled the Lady Coyote press and pushed the floor to score 20 points in this period. They led at halftime, 27-18, the largest deficit margin the girls have encountered this season.

And it proved too much for the girls to overcome as they struggled all night, both from the

field in two-point shots (13-34) and the three-point range (2-11). Free throws weren't much better as the Lady Coyotes made only 11 of 20 on the evening.

The third quarter was a low-scoring affair with both teams only making five points. The Lady Coyotes outscored Idalou 20-19 in the fourth period, but it wasn't enough as they lost their first game of the season, 51-43.

### Junior Varsity Action

As was to be the case all night long, the boys' jv team found the going rough in the Idalou gym, too.

The Coyotes trailed 11-6 after one period, 27-7 at halftime, 42-10 in the third, and concluded the game in the final quarter by 55-18 to the Wildcats.

Turnovers were probably the difference in the game although the Coyotes hustled to steal the ball eight times and grab 17 rebounds.

From the field the boys shot 38% and made two of four free throws.

BHS girls' junior varsity team stayed with the Idalou Wildcats but were outscored in two periods to fall, 46-39.

The two teams were tied at the end of the first period, 13-13. The hosts outscored the visitors 11-7 in the second quarter to take a 24-20 lead to intermission.

Second-half action was consistent with the first as both teams traded quarters: Idalou outscoring in the third to take a 43-33 lead and the Lady Coyotes attempting a comeback but falling short in the fourth to lose by a final score of 46-39.

The girls did a good job rebounding and in keeping turnovers to a minimum, finishing with 30

rebounds and only 9 turnovers for the game.

### INDIVIDUAL STATS

#### Varsity Boys

##### Vs. Idalou

Lawrence 10 pts.  
T. Pepper 4 pts.  
Flanigan 3 pts.  
Sharp 3 pts.  
Stamper 2 pts.  
Sanders 1 pt.  
Griffin 1 pt.  
Grant hustle

#### Varsity Girls

##### Vs. Idalou

Wootan 14 pts.  
Mayes 10 pts.  
Smith 7 pts.  
Watts 7 pts.  
Baeza 5 pts.  
Dye 2 rebounds  
Hensley 3 assists  
Poole 1 rebound

#### JV Boys

##### Vs. Idalou

Nowlain 7 pts.  
Ta. Pepper 4 pts.  
Brown 2 pts.  
Jackson 2 pts.  
Dunlap 2 pts.  
Stipe 1 pt.  
L. Pepper 2 reb., 1 steal  
Zant 2 reb., 1 ast.

#### JV Girls

##### Vs. Idalou

Copeland 13 pts., 11 boards  
B. Kempf 9 pts., 5 rebounds  
D. Kempf 6 pts., 5 rebounds  
Culp 4 pts., 3 steals  
M. Hensley 3 pts., 5 rebounds  
Bond 2 pts., 2 rebounds  
Rodriguez 2 pts., 2 assists  
Arrelanos 2 steal  
Stamper 2 steals, 1 block

## Coyotes Vs Merkel

The playoff experience of Class 3A Merkel Badgers showed Friday as the visitors muscled their way to a 65-33 win over the Coyotes in boys' action.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Senior Justin Lawrence who came close to another double-double (points scored, rebounds grabbed). For the evening Justin finished with 20 points, hitting a respectable 9 of 16 shots from the field and hitting two of three field goals. He also pulled down 9 rebounds.

And those rebounds

were 9 of only 14 that the Coyotes had on the evening which made one of the differences in the game.

In first quarter action the boys were within range, playing tough and up until a minute to go in the quarter trailed only 14-11.

Merkel scored 16 points, however, to BHS's five in the second and went on to dominate outside, hitting six three-pointers on the evening.

The Coyotes fought back in the third period with a 4-0 run to begin

action, and in the quarter stayed with Merkel.

In the final period, the Badgers found the three-point range and pushed ahead, outscoring the boy in blue 19-9 to take the victory.

The boys will take some time off for Christmas, but will travel to Sundown the week after for a "Bring In the Millennium" Tournament which will start in one century and end in another. First games are scheduled for Thursday, December 30 with final game on Saturday, January 1, 2000.

## Girls go overtime again this season; Knock off lady Badgers, 47-45 in hard-fought Game

Who says girls aren't as rough as boys? After Friday night's win, the Lady Coyotes were surely nursing some bruises and sore spots as they had to contend with a physical Lady Badger squad.

For the third game in a row, the Lady Coyotes were plagued by some poor shooting percentages, from all three spots: field goal, three's, and the free throw line. At halftime, the girls trailed 22-21, well below their point production on the season.

The third quarter was much the same story as Merkel hit for 12 points to BHS's 11. Missed free throws kept the girls from getting the lead, as they continued to struggle.

With less than 25 seconds to play, Merkel made three free throws and Borden missed four to force the game in to overtime. Ironically, it would be free throw shooting in the overtime period that would win it for the Lady Coyotes.

Amanda Watts and Lindsey Smith both made two free throws each to hold off Merkel in the four-minute overtime period.

The Lady Coyotes now stand 12-1 on the year and will see action again over the holidays in the Slaton Tournament.

The girls will meet 1999 State Semi-Finalist Farwell in first round action and are in the same bracket as Levelland, Muleshoe, and Hobbs, New Mexico.



## Junior Varsity Teams Split with Merkel – Girls Win; Boys Rally Falls just short

Fans just might have to excuse the passing turnovers of the junior varsity basketball team. They play hard, hustle and get excited and those passes just get away sometimes. Unfortunately, in basketball, passing is pretty important. Once this part of their game gets under control, look for some great point production.

In the meantime, the boys rallied again in the final period of play to make a game of it with Merkel. Trailing by ten going in to the final period, BHS hit five of seven shots in the fourth quarter and closed the gap to lose by a score of 38-32.

The girls' JV won a grudge match as they faced a Merkel JV team who had appeared in the finals of the Borden Tournament just last weekend.

The Lady Coyotes jumped out to lead 12-5 at the end of one period of play, 17-7 at halftime, 26-15 after three, and finished with a convincing 33-23 win.

The girls and boys JV. will play again on January 4 at home against

Lubbock Christian High School. Their next tournament action is January 8 in O'Donnell.

### INDIVIDUAL STATS

#### Varsity Boys Vs. Merkel

Lawrence 20 pts., 9 rebounds  
Sharp 10 pts., 1 assist  
Grant 2 pts., 2 rebounds  
Stamper 1 pt., 4 rebounds  
Flanigan 1 reb., 1 assist  
Sanders 1 rebound  
Griffin 1 rebound  
T. Pepper 5 rebounds

#### Varsity Girls Vs. Merkel

Wootan 19 pts., 4 rebounds  
Smith 10 pts., 4 rebounds  
Mayes 9 pts., 3 rebounds  
Baeza 4 pts., 4 rebounds  
Watts 3 pts., 3 steals, 3 asst.  
B. Hensley 2 pts., 5 steals  
Poole good defense

#### JV Boys Vs. Merkel

Brown 10 pts., 4 rebounds  
Nowlain 9 pts., 7 rebounds  
Dunlap 5 pts., 8 rebounds  
Ta. Pepper 4 pts., 2 steals  
L. Pepper 2 pts., 1 assist  
Zant 2 pts., 3 assists  
Stipe 3 rebounds  
Jackson 1 reb., 1 assist

#### JV Girls Vs. Merkel

Bond 6 pts.  
M. Hensley 6 pts., 2 steals  
B. Kempf 6 pts., 7 rebounds  
Rodriguez 6 pts., 3 rebounds  
Copeland 5 pts., 2 blocks  
Arellanos 2 pts., 1 rebound  
D. Kempf 2 pts., 4 rebounds  
Culp 1 rebound, 2 steals  
Stamper 2 reb., 1 assist

exercise held December 15<sup>th</sup> in Harral Memorial Auditorium on the Wayland campus in Plainview.

Erica is the daughter of former Gail residence Royce and Norma Nance now of Lamesa, She and her husband Ken and son, Matthew live in Plainview.

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## December graduate receives degree

Erica Lynn (Nance) Haste, a 1996 graduate of Borden County High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies at Wayland Baptist University's 91<sup>st</sup> commencement

## Jr. High Teams Nab First Win of Season Against Westbrook Wins of Season Against Westbrook

While the high school teams were having a rough night in Idalou, the junior high teams hosted Westbrook in district action. And, unlike their high school counterparts, the Coyote Pups and Missy Coyotes had something to howl about.

The boys and girls both had been off for two weeks; their last action was November 29 in Ira. But the two-week layoff did not seem to bother them in the least.

In the boys' game, Coach Bobby Avery saw all players contribute in the 60-45 win.

The first quarter was close as the Pups led by only one, 15-14, but in the second quarter the young men added 12 more points to Westbrook's three to take a 27-17 lead in to the locker room.

Westbrook outscored BJH in the third period and trailed by only two, 38-36 as the period ended. But the Coyote Pups were not to be denied as they exploded for 22 points in the fourth quarter to capture their first win of the season.

### GIRLS' ACTION

BJH's girls found themselves in the same situation as the boys—coming into the game with three losses and hungry for a win. The game, however, did not start off as well as the girls found themselves behind 9-3 at the end of one.

The Missy Coyotes edged closer in the second period by scoring 12 points, but Westbrook still led 22-15 at half.

The third quarter saw only three points scored by each team; the outcome of this game was going down to the fourth and final quarter and the girls were up to the challenge as Coach Allan Wootan effectively substituted his players to press Westbrook.

Thanks to 20 fourth quarter points for the Missy Coyotes and a tight defense which held Westbrook to only seven in the final period, the girls won their first game of the season, 38-32.

Next action for both boys and girls will be Thursday, January 6 followed by a one-

day tournament in O'Donnell Saturday, January 8.

Player	Points
Griffin	22
Pinkerton	8
Peterson	6
Winegarner	5
Stamper	4
Chapman	4
Carter	4
Lozano	3
Wallace	2
Wilson	2

Anderson, Grant, Rodriguez, Roper, Gwinn seeing action.

### Girls Game

Gass	15
Mayes	8
Johnson	7
Rinehart	4
A. Brooks	3
Vasquez	1

Balague, M Brooks, Clements, Ellison, Grant, Ogden, Peterson, Pool seeing action.

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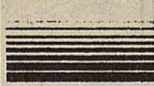


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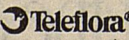
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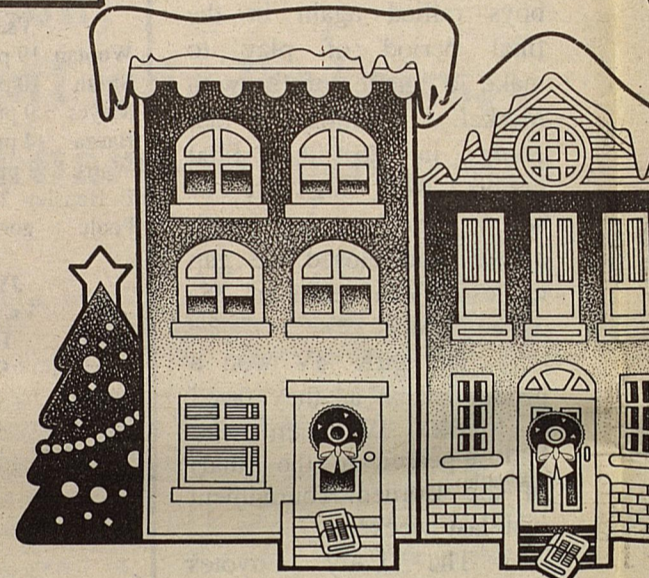
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*From the Counselor:  
By Mary Airhart*

## To All Seniors and Senior Parents:

January, February and March, are crucial months for college-bound seniors because federal aid forms (FAFSA) should be filed as soon as possible after 1999 income taxes are completed. Paper forms are available in the counselor's office, but on-line filing will be possible about February 15<sup>th</sup>. In order to make the whole financial aid process more understandable for students and parents alike, Ronnie Barnes of Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority, Inc. of Canyon and Lubbock will meet with the seniors and any of their parents who are able to attend on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:10 to 12:30. The session should be very informative (and reassuring), so, if possible, please reschedule any medical or dental appoint-

ments made for seniors at that time.

Scholarships now available are largely dependent on certain criteria, specifically community service, work experience, and/or high ACT/SAT scores. Information is made available to seniors who meet the criteria, but all are encouraged to visit the web sites for free scholar-

ship listings and information.

Seniors should have taken the ACT or SAT or should be scheduled for the February administrations. College choices should be narrowed to two, and seniors should be communicating with those choices either by mail or on-line to establish a contact there and find out what financial aid is available through that institution.

## Scam-Alert: Protect Yourself From Scholarship Scams

The sad truth is, there are scammers out there - posing as scholarship providers or scholarship matching services - who take your money and leave you with nothing. The good news is, you can protect yourself from scholarship scams with a little knowledge and a little caution.

### Scam Warning Signs:

- The fee. Your best rule of thumb: financial aid should never cost you.
- Never invest anything beyond the cost of a postage stamp in your search for financial aid.
- The money-back guarantee - especially if the company tries to

'guarantee' that you will win an award.

- Credit card verification. If they ask for a checking account or credit card number - for 'verification' or to 'confirm eligibility'-stop listening. Scammers use this ploy to get your financial information and then drain your account or run up charges on your credit card.

**And remember:** Don't be fooled by an 'official sounding' name. Just because a company uses words like 'National,' 'Federal,' 'Foundation' or 'Administration' in its title doesn't mean it is a legit operation.

## Kimmel announces his bid for Sheriff

"I would like to announce my intentions to seek election to the office of Sheriff, Tax Assessor/Collector in Borden County, subject to the March Democratic Primary. I am looking forward to meeting each resident of the County in the coming months. Your support will be appreciated. Thank you," Chuck Kimmel.



*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

*Luke 2:11*

In celebration of that great event, we wish all of you a holiday filled with His peace and Love.

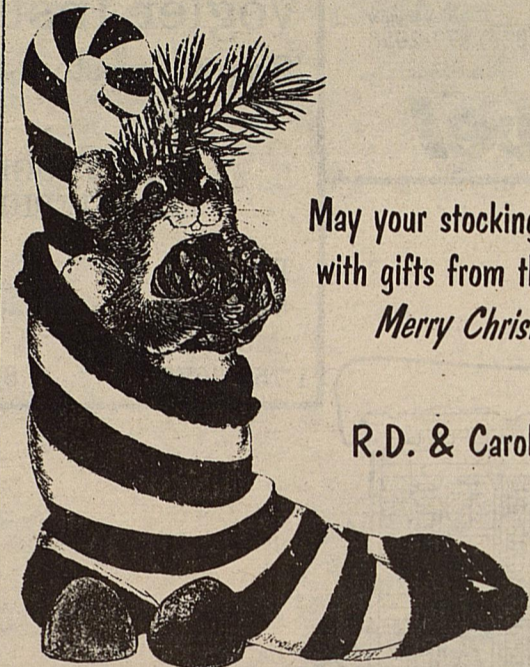
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*Happy New Year!*

*Have a SAFE & Merry Christmas!*

From The Borden  
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*May your stocking overflow with gifts from the heart!  
Merry Christmas*

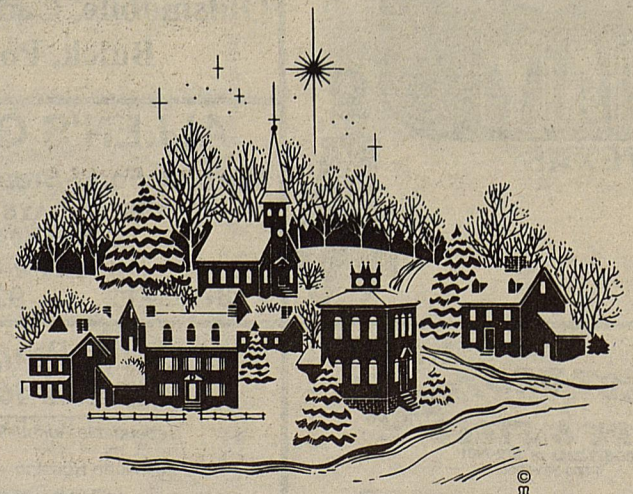
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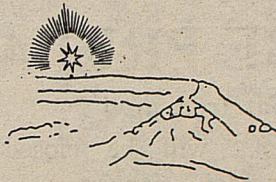
*Have a Happy Holiday*

**Let's cherish the spirit of Christmas and the joy of friendship.**

**Frank & Joyce Herridge**



# Sixth Annual Lighting of the "Star" on Gail Mountain



The "Star" on Gail Mountain will be sponsored on the following nights In Memory Of and In Honor Of the following:

**December 22nd**  
IN HONOR OF:  
**NAN & TOBY SHARP**  
IN MEMORY OF:  
**MARVIN KEY**  
by the Roland Key Family  
**December 23rd**  
IN HONOR OF:  
**MARGARET SHARP**  
by B.A. Hopking  
IN MEMORY OF:  
**OPAL KEY**  
by the Roland Key Family  
IN MEMORY OF:  
**CHERYL WOOTAN BUCHANNAN**  
by Allan & Judy Wootan & Family  
**December 24th**  
IN MEMORY OF:  
**ARVIL (BABE) BREWER**  
by Ross & Sarah Sharp  
IN MEMORY OF:  
**ALL OF OUR LOVED ONE AND FRIENDS**  
by the Ralph Miller Family  
**December 25th**  
IN MEMORY OF:  
**OUR FATHER, EDWARD SMTIH**  
by Gerry & James Smith  
IN MEMORY OF:  
**MY HUSBAND, EDWARD**  
by Terry Smith  
IN HONOR OF:  
**LARRY HOPKINS**  
by B.A. Hopkins  
IN HONOR OF:  
**THE EMPLOYEES OF BORDEN COUNTY BLESS EACH OF YOU!**  
by Terry Smith  
IN MEMORY OF:  
**MORRIS LINDSEY**  
by Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Whisenhunt  
**December 26th**  
IN HONOR OF:  
**ZELLA NIXON**  
by B.A. Hopkins  
**December 27th**  
IN HONOR OF:  
**SHIRLEY & KENNETH BENNETT**  
by B.A. Hopkins  
**December 28th**  
IN HONOR OF:  
**SUE & BOB BEAL**  
by B.A. Hopkins  
**December 28th**  
IN HONOR OF:  
**CONNIE & SID HART**  
by B.A. Hopkins  
**December 29th**  
IN MEMORY OF:  
**WAYNE KEY**  
by Bob & Janice Hart  
**December 30th**  
IN MEMORY OF:  
**MR. & MRS. BONNIE M. WILSON**

by Rebecca, Glenn & Renee Wilson  
**December 31st.**  
IN HONOR OF:  
**BORDEN COUNTY EMS**  
by Citizens of Borden County  
IN MEMORY OF:  
**EDWARD SMITH**  
by Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Whisenhunt  
**Light bulbs for the "Star" on Gail Mountain are being sponsored for the following:**  
**IN MEMORY OF:**  
**MR. & MRS. PRESTON SHARP, PRESTON SHARP, BARBARA SHARP, MR & MRS. AUBRY ROGERS**  
by Margaret Sharp & Helen & Jim Warden  
**CORKY OGDEN, VERNON CREIGHTON**  
by Verna (Snooks) Ogden  
**DAVE R. COVEY RUBY COVEY**  
by D.R. & Berdette Covey  
**GARLAND DOYLE CLAY KINGSTON**  
by Eva W. Doyle  
**C.C. NUNNALLY**  
by May Stephens, Dick Tune & Joan Tune  
**BUDDY SHARP**  
by Bo & Jacque Hendricks  
**LORENE PETTY LEONARD PETTY**  
by Robert (Buz) & Pasty Petty Buzbee  
**BILL GILLELAND, MR. & MRS. SAM NELMS, MR. & MRS. TOM NELMS, MR & MRS. MARVIN BREWER, MR & MRS. CHURCK COURSEY, BENO HENDRICKS, KEN DON JONES, MR. & MRS. PRESTON SHARP, MR. & MRS PLES HALLMARK MR. & MRS. EARNEST ROBINSON, BARBARA LaNELL SHARP, EDWARD SMITH, MR. & MRS. W.L. HELTON**  
by Ross & Sarah Sharp  
**SKREET PORTER J. PAT PORTER**  
by Bob and Cookie Dyess  
**YORK FAMILY VELMA BURT**  
by Peggy York  
**JOHN DENNIS MR. & MRS. RAYFORD BOYD**  
by Terry Smith  
**MOM & DAD**  
by Judith & Greg Steward  
**VERNON CREIGHTON CORKEY OGDEN**

**MARY CATHEY**  
by Cliff & June Durham  
**JOE BRADSHAW, MAYLOA BRADSHAW, BRIANA BRADSHAW, WILMER McGREW, IRA McGREW**  
by Alvin & Doris Bradshaw  
**IN HONOR OF:**  
**ROSS & SARAH SHARP**  
by Frank & Joyce Herridge  
**KYLE JENNINGS DEAN JENNINGS McCRAE McCORMICK MADOLYN McCORMICK COREY COX JUSTIN COX**  
by Warren & Betty Beaver  
**TOM, SANDRA, JOE, & SUE**  
by Juanda Hancock  
**MARGARET SHARP SARAH GILLELAND**  
by Bo & Jacque Hendricks  
**SARAH L. GILLELAND MARGARET SHARP JASON SHARP DONNA HENDRICKS**  
by Ross & Sarah Sharp  
**LELA PORTER**  
by Bob & Cookie Dyess  
**OBE J. WILSON FAMILY**  
by Rebecca, Glen & Renee Wilson  
**DONNA HENDRICKS, JAMES EDWARD CLIFT, JOHN WILLIAM CLIFT, MR & MRS C.H. HYDEN, BORDEN**

**COUNTY EMT'S, OLEITA MITCHELL, GLADYS WILLIAMS**  
by Terry Smith  
**MICHAEL "DUKE" MILLER**  
for breaking the record!  
by Kim Hendricks  
**VICKIE KIKER, GAYLA ERWIN, CODY NEWTON, JESSICA KIKER, LACEY NEWTON**  
by Doyle & Shirley Newton  
**TAYLOR, TANNER, TATUM, & TRACE**  
by Trey & Hayle Richey  
**CLIFF PRICE, SANDI PRICE, & AVERY PRICE RAYLEA UNDERWOOD**  
by Ray Don & Jana Underwood

**IN APPRECIATION OF:**  
**ROSS, PEG & SID WESTBROOK**  
by Cliff & June Durham

## Gail Cemetery Fund

Donations have been made to the Gail Cemetery Fund **IN MEMORY OF:**  
**C.C. Nunnally**  
by Jim & Frances Burkett  
**Carolyn Stone**  
by Jim & Frances Burkett

## DONATIONS FOR THE STAR

Sam Saleh, Joel, Betty & Jeff Dennis, Dr. Harold D. Dow, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ludecke, Mr. & Mrs. R.D. Lewis, Lone Star Federal Land Bank Association, John Saley, Doris Steadman, Ray Don & Jana Underwood, Johnnye N. Smith.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church Gail

Everyone is invited to come and share a very special Christmas Eve with Music, Prayer, Lighting Candles, and Fellowship. Bring your family and friends and join us.



BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999				
DATA CONTROL CODES	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TRUST FUNDS	TOTAL
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	800-829 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	98 AUGUST 31, 1999
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State Investment Income			
	\$ 415,167	\$ 331	\$ 1,726	\$ 417,224
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources			
	3,915,329	135,944		4,051,273
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources			
	4,330,496	136,275	1,726	4,468,497
5800	State Program Revenues			
	152,561	41,556		194,117
5900	Federal Program Revenues			
		128,192		128,192
5020	Total Revenues			
	4,483,057	306,023	1,726	4,790,806
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
0010	Instruction and instruction-related services			
	1,286,417	128,426		1,414,843
0020	Instruction and school leadership			
	125,710	104,013		229,723
0030	Support services - student (pupil)			
	524,212	133,044		657,256
0040	Administrative support services			
	246,832	1,700		248,532
0050	Support services - nonstudent based			
	524,407	1,154		525,561
0060	Ancillary services			
	14,752		1,650	16,402
0080	Capital Outlay			
	59,465			59,465
0090	Intergovernmental Charges			
	252,106			252,106
6030	Total Expenditures			
	3,033,901	368,337	1,650	3,403,888
1100	Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures			
	1,449,156	(62,314)	76	1,386,918
7020	Other Resources			
	800	62,314		63,114
8030	Other (Uses)			
	(174,908)			(174,908)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures & Other Uses			
	1,275,048	0	76	1,275,124
0100	Fund Balance - September 1, 1998			
	7,366,913		46,252	7,413,165
3000	Fund Balance - August 31, 1999			
	\$ 8,641,961	\$ 0	\$ 46,328	\$ 8,688,289

# Fire Risks

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placement of space heaters contribute to home fires every year. Also, the holiday season typically brings an increase in home fires due to overloaded extension cords, dry natural Christmas trees placed near heat sources and carelessness with holiday candles.

The fire control leader's note that one unsafe act could turn a joyous holiday celebration into a season of sorrow and personal tragedy. Several suggestions are offered to safe guard homes and property from needless fire tragedies.

Avoid overloading extension cords and wall electric outlets. Avoid using multiple plugs to extend the capacity of wall outlets. Don't use kitchen

stoves or ovens for home heating. Keep natural Christmas trees well watered and away from heat sources such as candles, space heaters and fireplaces. Consider electric lights in place of candles for holiday lighting. When using candles, locate them away from flammable materials and place in containers wide enough to contain candles should they accidentally tip over.

Purchase and install smoke detectors, and replace batteries in existing detectors.

Dispose of Christmas trees safely. Consider recycling your tree - for mulch or to help stabilize sand dunes, build structure

for fish in a lake or pond or provide shelter for birds and wildlife. Keep outdoor fires and fireworks well away from surrounding vegetation. Construct wide

# DON'T PANIC . . . BE PREPARED!

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banks will be closed on Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and ATMs are likely to see heavy usage. Please don't assume that because your bank's ATM is out of cash that the bank is having Y2K problems; the greater likelihood is that a high number of withdrawals

have emptied the machine. And though we have the utmost confidence in the Texas banking system, you should know that we will be standing ready in full force over the date change to ensure that everything runs smoothly. We will have representatives at all federal bank

regulatory agencies in the state, and at the State Office of Emergency Management to exchange information and to quickly resolve any banking-related issues that may present themselves. The Department will also be staffing a phone bank throughout the date change to address any banking-related Y2K questions you may have. That toll free number is 877-276-5554

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borden County Commissioners Court will be accepting resumes until December 29, 1999 from persons interested in the appointment to the office of Justice of the Peace for Borden County. Resumes are to be turned in to the County Judge's Office by 5:00 p.m., December 29, 1999. The resumes will be reviewed by the Commissioners and the appointment will take place at the Commissioners Court meeting on January 10, 2000. This appointment will be from the date of the appointment until the next succeeding General Election, November 7, 2000.

To be eligible for this appointment a candidate must meet all the requirements for public office and be able to devote one day per week to be in the office at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas. Persons can contact Judge Van York for any further questions about this appointment.

Persons interested in running for the unexpired term of the Justice of the Peace must file with their appropriate political party by January 3, 2000. The eligibility requirements for public office in Texas are:

1. be a United States Citizen;
2. be 18 years of age;
3. have not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgement of a court;
4. have not been finally convicted of a felony;
5. have resided continuously in the state for 12 months an in the county for 6 months.

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The Borden County Commissioners Court has passed the following order restricting the use of fireworks in an unincorporated area, of Borden County.

### I.

- A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use certain restricted fireworks in the town section of Gail, Texas, an unincorporated area of Borden County.
- B. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.
- C. Certain restricted fireworks means only those items classified under 49 C.F.R. par. 173.100 (r)(2) (10-1-86 addition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins."
- D. Fireworks not prohibited under this order are:
  1. Common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives
  2. Large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by U.S. Dept. of Trans. V.A.T.S. Ins. Code, Art. 5.43-4, Sec. 1(2).

### II.

- A. A person commits an offense if he or she sells or intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way use fireworks on a county road or in the right-of-way on a county road.
- B. An offense under this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$500.00



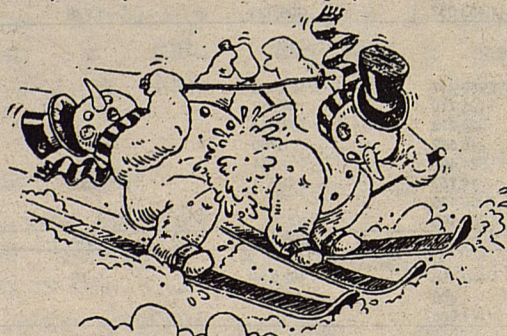
Christmas is here, along with out good wishes for a happy, healthy holiday. Our sincere thanks to all.

**Borden  
Star**

**Glad Tidings**

## Have A Safe & Happy Holiday

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



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O'Donnell, Texas