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## Gail FFA Teams Successful at State Leadership Contest

By Buddy Wallace

Two Gail FFA Leadership Teams tasted success once again at the State FFA Leadership Contest this month. The Radio Broadcast team and Junior Chapter Conducting team both competed at this event on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Huntsville. The state event, hosted by Sam Houston State

University saw the top 20 area qualifying teams in each contest go head for state honors.

Each contest began with two heats of 10 teams competing to advance to the finals. The Radio team consisting of Kylie Voss, Steven Howard, and Jared Smith placed first in their heat and advanced to the

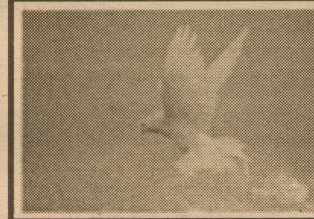
final 10 teams. The team placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the state event insuring them a state banner in the competition. The Junior Chapter Conducting team did not make the finals in their competition, but secured a semifinalist plaque for their overall 17<sup>th</sup> place finish. Chapter Conducting team members were Zach McMeans, Kassie Gaines, Mollie McMeans, Brady Dowds, Sydnie Day, Michael Taylor, Tristen Benavidez, TJ Basquez, and Kurt Shafer.

Overall, there were 642 radio teams competing in Texas this year along with 242 Junior Chapter Conducting teams. Gail FFA is proud of both teams for placing 7<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from this large field of competitors.

### Radio Broadcast



The Gail FFA Radio Broadcast team recently traveled to Huntsville, Texas to compete in the State FFA Leadership Contest where they placed 7<sup>th</sup> earning a state banner. Pictured are members of the Radio Broadcast team (left to right) Kylie Voss, Jared Smith and Steven Howard.



## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### The Slight Edge

"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it." -Thomas Jefferson

The slight edge principle is that a little more effort will produce a lot more results. Doing just a little extra, or going a little further, can give you a slight edge. For example, being two minutes early, rather than two minutes late, can make the difference in a job interview. Anyone can develop a slight edge.

There is often very little separating first, second, and third place winners. Yet, there is a world of difference in the benefits. In a horse race, mere inches can separate the winner. In a foot race, the winner can be hundredths of a second ahead of second place. A candidate will win an election if he or she has only one more vote than the runner-up.

The slight edge is gained by action, not necessarily innate abilities. Ironically, gifted people are not the ones who usually achieve the slight edge. It's those who are willing to put in the extra effort that do.

Desire is not enough; you must take action. Action involves doing more than is required or expected. This requires effort and work, but there is no other way. Thomas Edison once said that genius is

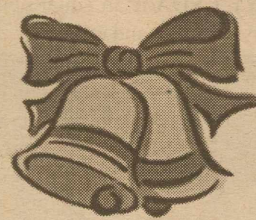
one percent inspiration and ninety nine percent perspiration.

Any business that provides its customers with more than their money's worth will always be popular. You are in effect an independent enterprise. If you are an employee, you sell your time and services to your employer. If you have a business, you sell products or services to the public.

Acquiring a slight edge means gaining a competitive advantage. There are two types of competition. You compete against yourself, for example, when you are in school and striving for good grades. You compete against others when you apply for a job, want a promotion, or operate your own business.

Consider yourself your primary competition. To keep up, you have to continually learn, grow, change and improve. If you stop pursuing self-development, you will stagnate, your slight edge will vanish, and life will pass you by.

The headlines are filled with examples of people and businesses who developed a slight edge and then, thinking they had "made it," rested on their laurels. In short order they were displaced by those who



Happy  
Holidays!

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## Gail FFA Jr. Chapter Conducting Team



The Gail FFA Jr. Chapter Conducting team recently competed in the State FFA Leadership Contest held at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Member of the team are (left to right) Cassie Gaines, Tristen Benavidez, Zach McMeans, Michael Taylor, Syndie Day, Mollie McMeans, Kurt Shafer, Brady Dowds and T.J. Basquez.

## Borden County JV Boys Split First Two Games of 2010

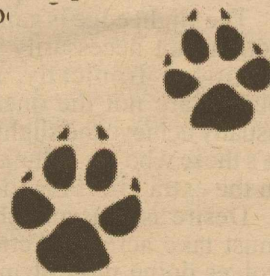
By Coach Richey

The 2010 Basketball Season got under way on November 30, a little earlier than the Coyotes had hoped, but nevertheless the Coyotes began their 2010-2011 campaign on the right foot as they JV traveled to Seagraves to begin the season and the trip was a success as they came away with a 39 to 26 victory. Leading the way for the Coyotes was Matt Proulx with 8 points, followed by 6 points from Kurt Shafer, Steven Howard and Brady Bybee. Helio Rosales scored 5 points, Luke Burkett added 4 points and Zach McMeans and Tristen Benavidez added 2 points each. Also playing valuable minutes was Matt Ham and Jared Smith.

The Coyote JV hosted the Tahoka Bulldogs on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December and things did not go as well for the Coyotes.

The Bulldogs came away with a 37 to 22 victory over the hometown Coyotes. Leading the way for the coyotes was Helio Rosales with 8 points. Jared Smith had 4 points and Matt Ham, Zach McMeans, Kurt Shafer, Steven Howard, and Tristen Benavidez all had 2 points. Also contributing were Brady Bybee and Luke Burkett. Matt Proulx had to miss because of a death in the family.

The Coyotes will begin district play Tuesday night as they travel to Loop to take on the Lo horns.



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## School Lunch Menu

January 3-7, 2010

Menu subject to change

**Monday** - Breakfast: Egg Patty & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Oven Crispy Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Benas, Hot Roll, Fancy Gelatin and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Mexcan Cassarole, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Apricots and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Stuffed Baked Potato, Baby Carrots w/ Ranch, Fruit Cup, Crackers and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corndog, Oven Fried Potatoes, Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch, Sparkly Apple, Crispy Cereal Treat and Milk.

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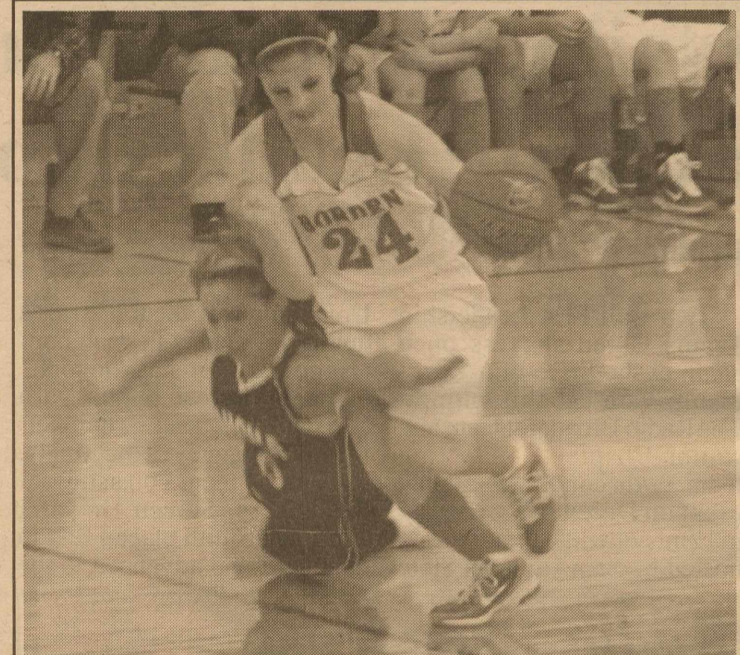
## Lady Coyotes Fall to Lady Bulldogs

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes took on yet another ranked opponent this past Tuesday. Tahoka, considered to be one of the best 1A, Division 1 teams in Texas, jumped out to an early lead over the Lady Coyotes and never relinquished it. Though Tahoka led by around ten points for most of the game, they pulled away in the final minutes to a 68-47 win.

Taylor Richey led the team

with 22 points, 14 rebounds, 5 steals, and 2 assists. Bailey Anderson had 9 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals, and 2 assists. Raegan Belongia had 9 points and 13 rebounds. Stefanie Cooley had 7 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 assists. Taylor Gass had 4 assists. Kylie Voss had 4 rebounds. Aubree Lester and Mabelle Barr also made significant contributions to the team effort.



Lady Coyote, Taylor Richey (#24) is able to get past the defense of the Bulldogs in the intense match against Tahoka.

**EARLY DISMISSAL**

Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, school will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays at 12:30 p.m., and the buses will run at that time. Classes will resume on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Have a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for 2011!

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# JV Lady Coyotes Lose Close Game to Tahoka

By Coach Benavidez

The Borden County Lady Coyotes took on the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs on December 7. They battled all game long and came up on the short end of a very close score that was decided by 1 point. The Girls from Borden County took on a seasoned 2A team and held their own against a much bigger school.

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter ended with a score of 9-8 with the Lady

Coyotes on top. At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, the Lady Bulldogs were able to regain the 1 point advantage and closed out the quarter with a score of 13-14. After a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter the Lady Coyotes swung the advantage to their side and claimed, again, a 1 point lead with a score of 23-22. Despite some great defense played by all members of the team, the Lady Bulldogs pulled out a nar-

row victory by a final score of 29-30.

This Lady Coyote JV team continues to improve on a game to game basis across the board. The scoring for this game is as follows; Mallory McMeans led all scorers with 10 points, Kaylyn Dean 6, Lexi Peterson 4, Teryn Soto and Sydnie Day each had 3, Kalyn Massingill 2, Jordan Day 1.

# Lady Coyotes Take Second in BC Invitational

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes played in their third straight Borden County Invitational Championship Game Saturday. Though they fell short to the Lady Hornets of Lorenzo, the Lady Coyotes played well, made their school proud, and gained experience that will help them as they prepare to enter district play.

The Lady Coyotes began the tournament Thursday evening against Seminole JV. They jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, finishing with a 59-12 win. Taylor Richey led the team with 22 points, 10 rebounds, and 2 assists. Machel Barr had 12 points, 2 steals, and 2 assists. Kylie Voss had 7 points and 8 rebounds. Aubree Lester had 6 points, 3 rebounds, 5 steals, and 5 assists. Raegan Belongia had 6 points and 8 rebounds. Bailey Anderson had 4 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals, and 5 assists. Stefanie Cooley had 2 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 steals. Taylor Gass had 2 rebounds.

The Lady Coyotes then took on the Anson Lady Tigers. Though trailing by one at half-time, the Lady Coyotes dominated the second half to claim a 48-31 victory. Taylor Richey had 27 points, 11 rebounds, and 3 steals. Raegan Belongia had 7 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals. Aubree Lester had 6 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals,

and 4 assists. Stefanie Cooley had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Taylor Gass had 2 points, 2 rebounds, and 3 steals. Machel Barr had 3 steals. Bailey Anderson had 4 rebounds and 4 assists. Kylie Voss had 3 rebounds.

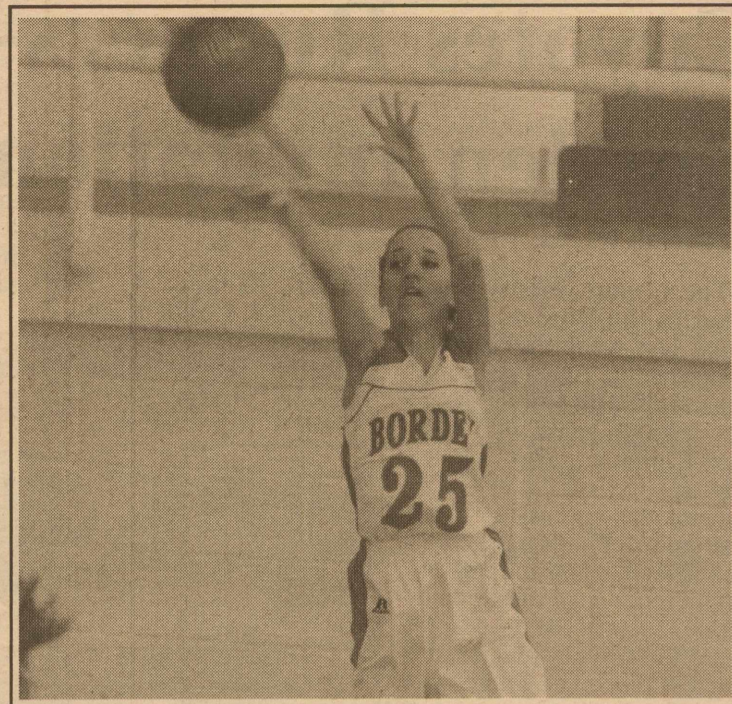
In the championship game, the Lady Coyotes persevered through an early deficit to take a 22-21 halftime lead. But the Lady Hornets of Lorenzo finished strong and defeated the Lady Coyotes 52-40 to claim the title. Stefanie Cooley led

the Lady Coyotes with 13 points. Taylor Richey had 12 points and 11 rebounds. Raegan Belongia had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Aubree Lester had 5 points. Kylie Voss had 4 points and 5 rebounds. Machel Barr had 2 assists. Bailey Anderson had 6 rebounds, 3 steals, and 3 assists. Taylor Gass had 1 rebound.

The Lady Coyotes complete their non-district schedule with 8 wins and 5 losses and play their first district game Tuesday at Loop.



Borden County Lady Coyote, Taylor Gass keeps a Lorenzo Lady Hornet at arms reach during the championship game of the Borden County Tournament. The Lady Coyotes fell to the Hornets 52-40.



Mollie McMeans takes a shot for the Lady Coyotes against the Lady Bulldogs.

# Missy Coyotes Defeat Dawson Dragons

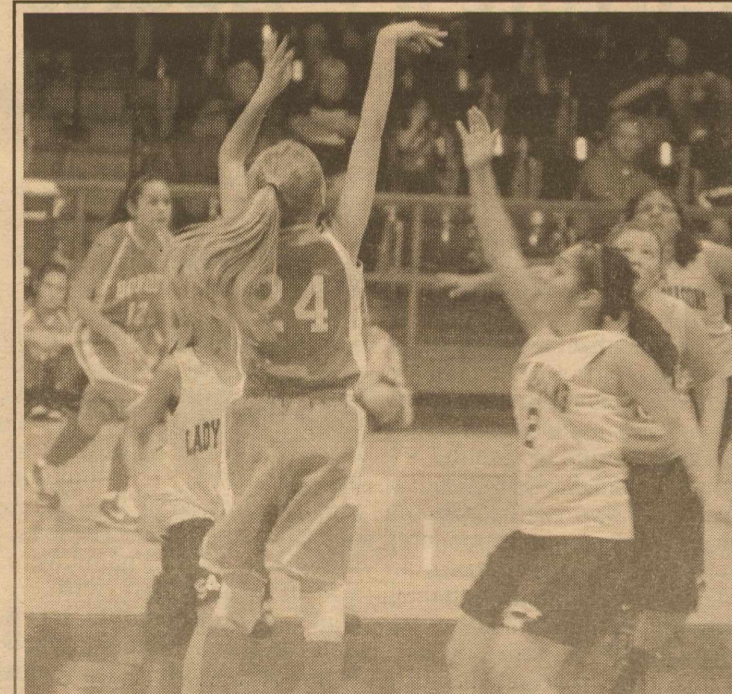
By Coach McCook

The Borden County Junior High Lady Coyotes recently traveled to Dawson to take on the Dawson Lady Dragons.

The Lady Coyotes took a 16-6 halftime lead, but it was their 20-4 third quarter that sealed the victory. The final score was Borden County 40, Dawson 10.

Eva Banman led all scorers with 8 points. Tye Basquez

had 6. Kylee Dean, Karen Rojero, Tatum Richey, and McKenna Campbell each scored four. Lexi Cheatham, Clair Shafer, Zoie Key, Kyrsten Rebeles, and Holly Bradbury had two points apiece. Chyenne Tucker, Bailey Robinson, Rebecca Taylor, Bessie Rhodes, and Channing Miller each contributed to the team effort as well.



Tatum Richey scored another 2 points for the Missy Coyotes against the Dawson Lady Dragons.

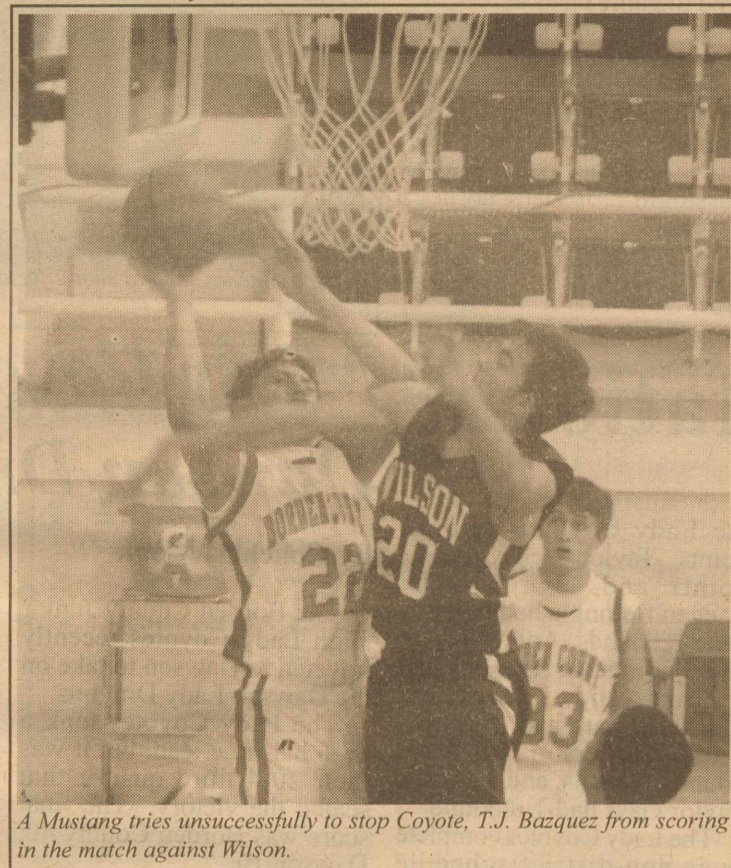
# Coyotes Runners-Up in Dare to Live... Borden Invitational

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote varsity competed in the Borden Invitational last week end for the first time in two years and came away with a silver medal after a tough game with Lubbock Christian. The Coyotes first squared off against Wilson and was impressive in the first game. Shooting the ball well from the field and impressive defense gave the Coyotes a 61-11 victory. In the second round the Coyotes once again faced Ralls. The game was tired after the first quarter but a big second quarter by the Coyotes of 21-10 set the pace for a 51-32 victory. In the championship game the Coyotes faced Lubbock Christian who were last years champion. The Coyotes began the game shooting well, but struggles a little with the Eagle's man defense. A slow second quarter by the Coyotes proved to be the downfall as they were outscored 17-6 but won the last two quarters 24-17 to make the final 51-42 Eagles. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes:  
**Wilson:** Zach Telchik 17, Quinton Shafer 8, David Rodriguez 6, Austin Tyler 6, T.J. Basquez 5, Riley Smith 4,

Tanner Richey 4, Matt Roberson 4, Collin Telchik 3, Chance Taylor 2, Austin Fields 2. **Ralls:** Tanner Richey 15, Quinton Shafer 13, Zach Telchik 8, Riley Smith 6, T.J. Basquez 4, Collin Telchik 3, Austin Tyler 2. **LCHS:** Quinton Shafer 20, Zach Telchik 11, Tanner Richey 9, Austin Tyler 2.



A Mustang tries unsuccessfully to stop Coyote, T.J. Basquez from scoring in the match against Wilson.

## Coyote JV Ladies Step Up

By Coach Benavidez

The tough early schedule for the Borden County Lady Coyotes certainly did not let up this past weekend as the Lady Coyote JV squad took part in the Borden County Invitational Tournament where they took on three teams. It must be mentioned that this was against varsity teams. The three schools that the girls played were Lubbock Christian High School Varsity, Colorado City Varsity and Wilson Varsity. The first two of the schools were much bigger opponents while Wilson is a six-man school but played us with their varsity team nonetheless.

In the first game against Lubbock Christian, the girls played the defending Borden County Tournament Champion

from last year. Regardless the girls put forth a valiant effort and battled to a 25-55 score. The leading scorers for this game were Kaylyn Dean 7, Kalyn Massingill 6, Mallory McMeans 5, Teryn Soto 4, Lexi Peterson 3.

The second game was played against the Colorado City Lady Wolves. The Lady Coyotes quickly learned that there would be a lot of work to be done before they would be able to compete against a 1A or 2A Varsity squad. The leading scorers for this game were Kalyn Massingill with 7, Mallory McMeans 4, Teryn Soto and Lexi Peterson each had 3, and Kaylyn Dean with 2.

The last game was played

against the Wilson Lady Mustangs Varsity squad. The Lady Coyotes had had enough of being the "little sisters" in this tournament and decided to leave their own mark on the BC tournament. In the first quarter of the game, the Lady Coyotes took the lead with a 10-9 score. The second quarter saw the Coyotes extend their lead to 5 with a score of 17-12. This means that they only let Wilson score 3 points in the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. This extraordinary defense was led by Mollie McMeans, Shea Burkett, and Sydnie Day. The third quarter was again used to extend the lead by BC as they outscored the Lady Mustangs again and ended the quarter with a score of 27-18. The last

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kept going.

It's impossible to function in society without encountering competition. Many try to get by doing as little as possible. They cut corners at every opportunity. They do only what is expected, if that.

Be different. Do what others don't. Be a little early. Stay a little late. Know what needs to be done, and do it, without being asked. Increase your knowledge, skills and expertise. Take initiative.

Provide more than you are being paid for and your compensation will grow. Service precedes rewards, not vice versa. Because of the benefits that will ensue, it is more ef-

fective to do what's necessary to gain a slight edge instead of doing just enough to get by.

A common complaint is "Why put in extra effort when it's not appreciated?" If you put in extra effort it will be appreciated. If not in your current situation, then in another to which it will invariably lead.

To acquire a slight edge, give more than is required and you will receive more than you expected.

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### NEW YEAR'S EVE

**BARN DANCE AND BARBEQUE**

**7:30 P.M.**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT**

Tyler Wallace's Band

(Union Specific)

**Catering by**

Jibber, Cindy and Fuzz Herridge

**New Borden County Event Center**

U.S. 180 and Willow Valley Road

Honoring Van York and Celebrating his retirement  
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quarter saw the Lady Coyotes focus on their defense as they were only able to score 3 points but did a great job of limiting the Lady Mustangs to a 2 point quarter. When the final buzzer sounded, the Lady Coyotes had conquered the Wilson Lady Mustangs by a score of 30 to 20.

The Lady Coyotes built up a great deal of confidence during the course of the tournament. They played teams that

were better than they were but did not back down for one second. They will take this newfound confidence against the JV's of their own size as they move on into the beginning of district play. The leading scorers for this game are as follows; Mallory McMeans 12, Kaylyn Dean 9, Kalyn Massingill 8, Lexi Peterson 7, and Teryn Soto 4.

## Commissioners Meeting

**WHEREAS**, On this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2010, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JANA UNDERWOOD**, DEPUTY County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, with Joyce Herridge, Clerk of Court absent due to district court duties, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Present were Sheriff, Billy Gannaway and Deputy Tax Assessor Collector, Ross Sharp were present.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of November 9, 2010 and November 10, 2010 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC HEARING

At 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Belew made a motion to recess the Commissioners Court meeting and open the hearing on the Traffic Regulations for Certain County Roads. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No interested party attended hearing.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Reyes made a motion to close the public hearing and to reopen the Commissioners Court meeting. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to set the following traffic regulations on certain county roads. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Speed limit on John Dennis Road set at 30 MPH; No truck traffic on County Road 130; No truck traffic on County Road 131.

### REINVESTMENT ZONE

Commissioner smet with Jos Nicholas and Orlando Puig of BNB Renewable Energy concerning the reinvestment zone in west-

ern Borden County.

Application letter for a reinvestment zone from Mesquite Creek Wind, LLC is placed of record.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to hold a public hearing on December 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. on the Reinvestment Zone in western Borden County. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

No action taken.

### BURN BAN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to set a burn ban for the county with the following exceptions;

Welders may work as long as they have a fire watch person in attendance; persons can do outdoor grilling if there is no combustible material underneath grill Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY EVENT CENTER

No action taken.

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

An application for road construction was received from Moe Belew for one time only. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve application and Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes and Judge York

Voting Against: None

Commissioner Belew abstained.

### SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No applications were submitted.

### CURRENT ACCOUNTS

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND AP-PROVED THIS THE 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010.

## Legal Notices

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6219-84-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in BORDEN County, etc will be opened on January 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$155,188.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid

on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available form TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 34882  
State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District  
District Engineer  
4250 N. Clack  
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150  
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT Sinclair**

### ESTRAY NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2010, I impounded the following estray;

Kind of Animal: Cattle (X3)  
Breed: A) Angus; B) Unknown; C) Unknown  
Color: A) Black; B) Red; C) Red  
Sex: A) Female; B) Female; C) Male  
Age: A) Unknown; B) Yearling; C) Calf  
Size: Average  
Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: None

and, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010, I filed a NOTICE OF ESTRAY in the Estray Book of BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS, for the owner of said estray but search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010, said estray will be sold at Sheriff's sale at the BIG SPRING LIVESTOCK AUCTION at 2:00 P.M.

Witness my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010.

*Billy Gannaway*  
Sheriff of BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

By Deputy: *Ross Sharp*

STATE OF TEXAS X  
COUNTY OF BORDEN X

### ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Borden County; and

WHEREAS, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, 2010, the Commissioners Court of Borden County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Borden County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Borden County.

- No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in anyway use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Borden County.
- This Order does not prohibit:
  - common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;
  - large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).
- 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.

APPROVED THIS THE 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010, BY THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

*David H. Adcock*  
COUNTY JUDGE

Attest:  
*Joyce Herridge*  
County Clerk

Oil & Gas Company, PO BOX 30825, Salt Lake City, Utah 84130-0825 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Spraberry formation, Miller Spraberry Unit Well #5 (API #42-033-32031, formerly the Miller "528" Lease, Well Number 5). The proposed injection well is located 14 miles NE of Gail, Texas in the HOOD (Spraberry) Field, in Borden County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5278 to 5286 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chap-

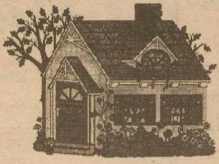
ter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resource Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capital Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

**AgriLIFE EXTENSION**  
Texas A&M System

**Heart and Home ...**

by Julie Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences



Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

## Keep Food Safe During Holiday Entertaining

Food and fellowship is an important part of Christmas and New Year festivities. Holiday events can be pleasant memories with food safety in mind.

Foodborne illness can be an unwanted guest at any holiday event. This 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.

\* 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. 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 more than 2 hours.

\* 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.

\* 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.

For more information about storage times or holiday entertaining, contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Borden County, at 806-756-4336. Request the Texas AgriLife Extension Service publication, *Safe Home Food Storage* or the brochure *Holiday Entertaining*. Best wishes to you all for a happy, healthy holiday season!



## All the Best

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

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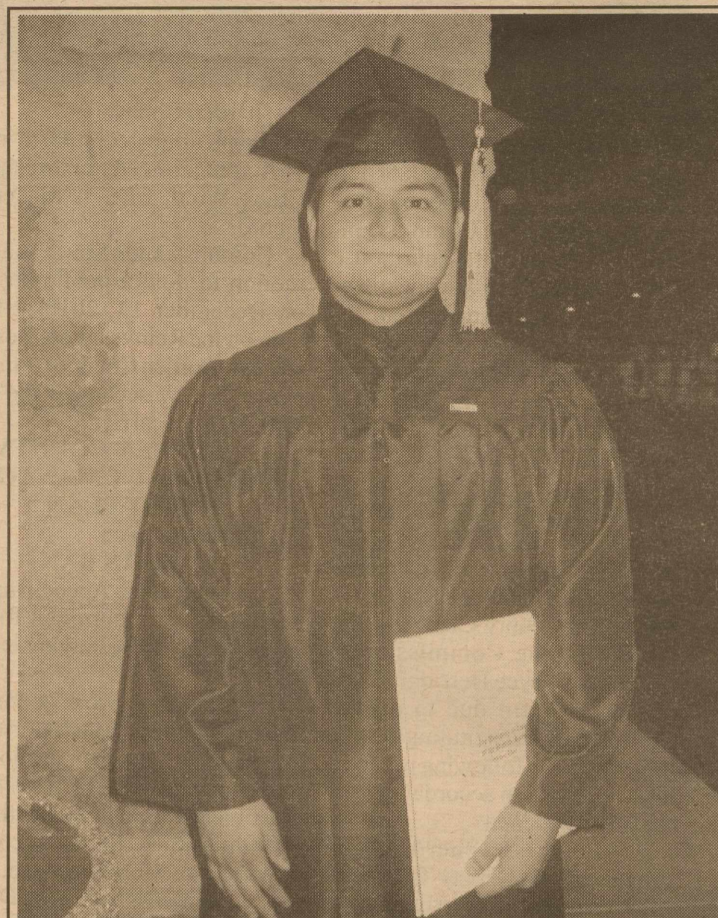
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## This Day's Thought

*Jesus did not come to explain away suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with His Presence.*  
Paul Claudel



## Rodriguez Earns Business Degree

Borden County graduate, Derek Rodriguez received a Bachelor's of Business Administration with a major in Accountancy from the University of Texas at Permian Basin in Midland on December 11, 2010.

He is the son of Delfino and Mary Rodriguez of Borden County.

He is the grandson of Henry and Lina Torres of Lamesa and Delfino and Jeanie Rodriguez of Lubbock.

### *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*



*December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

*At 6:30 p.m.*

*Gail First Baptist Church*



*Everyone is invited to come share a very special Christmas Eve with music and prayer. Bring your family and friends and join us for this special Christmas.*

The Borden County  
Landfill  
will be closed on  
Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE.  
PSALM 139:14

*Swayze Kate*

NOVEMBER 23, 2010 • 3:43 P.M.  
7 POUNDS, 3 OUNCES • 19 1/2 INCHES

PROUD PARENTS  
*Link and Holly Harris*

*Grandparents: Jimmy & Kim Thomas of Gail*

**RETIREMENT PARTY**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND  
A RECEPTION FOR

HONORABLE VAN L. YORK  
COUNTY JUDGE

HONORABLE KENNETH P. BENNETT  
COUNTY TREASURER

DECEMBER 29, 2010

2:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
(COME AND GO!)

COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
GAIL, TEXAS

*Thank You*

We would like to thank everyone that had a part in helping us Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> when Jess had his accident. The EMS was very quick to respond and this was so vital with Jess's back injury. Thanks also to Bro. Randy Hardman for being there and helping to get Jess loaded in the ambulance. We also would like to thank Jimmie Sevey for his act of kindness!! We appreciate all the phone calls, visits, cards, and food. Thanks also to all who helped care for the horses and calves while we were in the hospital. We are so thankful to be a part of such a caring community. May God Bless you all!

*Jess and Sharlot Stone*



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Jibber, Cindy, Fuzz and Becky



*Wishing  
you all  
the peace  
and  
happiness  
of this  
holiday  
season.*

*Merry  
Christmas,  
Ross and  
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By the Citizens of Borden County

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

**Nov. 27 - In Memory of: Wayne Key**  
By Musslewhite Trucking Co.

**Nov. 30 - In Memory of: The Reinecke Family**  
By Margaret Novak

**Nov. 30 - In Honor of: Linda Vargas**  
By Vee & Bob Bledsoe

**Nov. 30 - In Memory of: Michael Hiltbrunner**  
By Vee & Bob Bledsoe

**Dec. 1 - In Memory of: Buster York, Velma Burt**  
By Juacise B. York

**Dec. 1 - In Memory of: Heather Wulfjen**  
By Johnny & Nancy Kemp

**Dec. 2 - In Memory of: Carol Montgomery**  
By John Montgomery

**Dec. 2 - In Memory of: Casey Shakespeare**  
By Johnny & Nancy Kemp

**Dec. 3 - To Honor: Those who prepare the Star, put the lights up, then take them down to store**

By Mildred Sevey  
**Dec. 4 - In Memory of: Doris G. Beaver**

By Frank Beaver  
**Dec. 5 - In Memory of: Bert & Dorothy Dennis**

By Joel & Betty Dennis  
**Dec. 5 - In Memory of: Nell & Binie White**

By Binie L. & Edna White  
**Dec. 5 - In Memory of: Our mothers, Lynda Beaver & Patsy Westbrook**

By Steve & Becky Beaver  
**Dec. 6 - In Memory of: The J.W.C. Mullins Family**

By Margaret Cary Billingsley  
**Dec. 6 - In Honor of: Jim Wade**

By Borden County Waste Disposal, Ltd.  
**Dec. 7 - In Honor of: Kenny & Shirley Bennett**

By Nancy Pearce  
**Dec. 8 - In Memory of: Herman Ledbetter**

By Ross & Sarah Sharp  
**Dec. 9 - In Memory of: Helon & A. J. Rains**

By Vee & Bob Bledsoe  
**Dec. 10 - In Memory of:**

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

**John & Peggy Dennis**  
By Paul & Mary Ann Awtry & Jacquie Whalen  
**Dec. 10 - In Memory of:**

**David & Debby Dennis**  
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**Dec. 11 - In Honor of:**

**Mack & Jane Terry**  
By Ray Don Underwood Family  
**Dec. 11 - In Memory of:**

**Fannie "Nana" Ballentine.**  
By Robby & Kerri Dean & Family  
**Dec. 12 - In Memory of:**

**Babe & Patsy Underwood**  
By Ray Don Underwood Family  
**Dec. 13 - In Honor of: Tip Baker**

By Borden County Waste Disposal, Ltd.  
**Dec. 13 - In Memory of:**

**Caden Nowlain**  
By Ray Don Underwood Family  
**Dec. 14 - In Memory of:**

**Bonnie Sneed and In Honor of: Slick Sneed**  
By Richard & Saundra Bloom  
**Dec. 15 - In Memory of:**

**Jim York Family**  
By Van & Barbara York  
**Dec. 19 - In Honor of: Our Kids**

By Doyle & Shirly Newton  
**Dec. 19 - In Memory of:**

**Guy Zant**  
By Ray Don Underwood Family  
**Dec. 20 - In Memory of:**

**Fagan & Flora Johnson**  
By Carroll & Jane Stone  
**Dec. 20 - In Honor of:**

**Mark May**  
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**Dec. 24 - In Memory of:**

**Arvil (Babe) Brewer**  
By Ross & Sarah Sharp  
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**Dec. 24 - In Memory of:**

**Our Parents**  
By Doyle & Shirly Newton  
**Dec. 24 - In Memory of: All Our Loved Ones & Friends**

By Ralph Miller Family  
**Dec. 24 - In Memory of:**

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**Dec. 24 - In Memory of:**

**Clint O'Brien**  
By Jibber & Cindy Herridge  
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**Dec. 31 - In Thanksgiving: For Our Family**

By Rich & Barbara Anderson  
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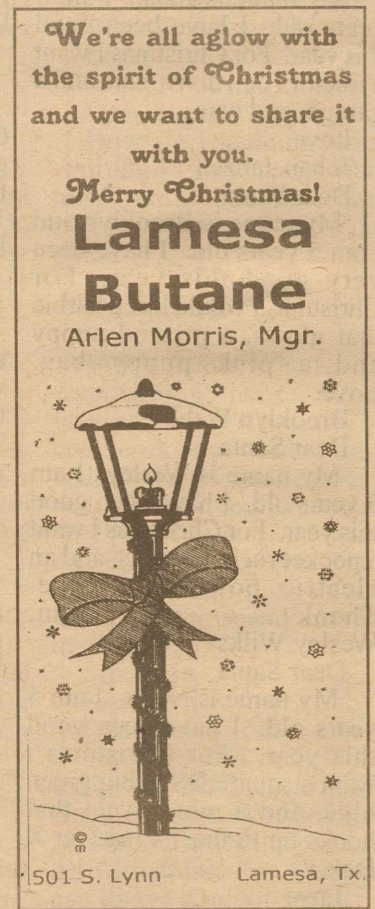
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**Merry Christmas!**  
**Lamesa Butane**  
Arlen Morris, Mgr.



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**Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Rebekah. I am 5 years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like to have a unicorn Pillow Pet.  
 Love,  
 Rebekah Kiefer  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Johan. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a tractor I can drive, cars and a garage, and cars.  
 Love,  
 Johan Janzen  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Brooklyn and I am 5 years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a barbie that glows, a pretend puppy and a pink puppy bag.  
 Love,  
 Brooklyn Webb  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Wesley. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a pocket rocket, ramps, and an electric power dirt bike.  
 Thank you,  
 Wesley Wilks  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Noah. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a square DS, a big green bike, and a motorcycle that hooks up to the TV, and an X Box.  
 Love,  
 Noah Parks  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Allie. I am 6 years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want a pink penguin with babies, and a dog that swims in the pool.  
 Love,  
 Allie Murphy  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Kasen and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like a real 4 wheeler, a big giant sword, and an electric gocart. I have been good this year.  
 Love,  
 Kasen Oaks  
 Dear Santa,

My name is Ishmael and I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a game and a toy.  
 Love,  
 Ishmael Rodriguez  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Daniel and I am almost 6 years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want a guitar.  
 Love,  
 Daniel Raborn  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Jaclyn and I am 6 years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like to have an i-Pod Touch that is all I want.  
 Love,  
 Jaclyn McNeely  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Dalton and I am 6 years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want a bike, a new TV, and a new DVD player and a cord with it.  
 Love,  
 Dalton Dowds  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Tracen and I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a Sponge Bob blanket and a PSP.  
 Love,  
 Tracen Moore  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Shane and I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like to have a drum set and a guitar.  
 Love,  
 Shane Todd  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Kell and I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a Bay Blade, Metal Fusion, and a DSi.  
 Love,  
 Kell Kleck  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Adriel and I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a DSi, a new bike, and a computer.  
 Love,  
 Adriel Williams  
 Dear Santa,

My name is Michael and I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a set of ZhuZhu pets, a plasma blaster, and chocolate.  
 Love,  
 Michael Morris  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Shelton and I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want a truck, a thing that you throw and they spin, and some fireworks.  
 Love,  
 Shelton Teel  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Emma and I am 5 years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want a fake dog, a fake cat, and a big bike, and a DSi.  
 Love,  
 Emma Teel  
**1st Grade**  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Shelby. I am 6 years old! I live in the great town of Texas. This year I've been really good and it would be super great if you could bring me these things this year: pillow pet, a Barbie, a Barbie home, socks, a car, and a toy puppy. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!  
 P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves thank you for me.  
 Love,  
 Shelby M.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Thomas. I am 7 years old! I live in the great town of Texas. This year I've been really good and it would be super good if you could bring me these things this year: Hot Wheels, Transformers, and a Nintendo DSi. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!  
 P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves Merry Christmas for me.  
 Love,  
 Thomas S.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Haley. I am 6 years old! I live in the great town of Lamesa. This year I've been really good and it would be super happy if you could bring me these things this year: DSi, Howdy Helpers sign, behavior chart sign, games, puzzles, dolls and a picture frame. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!  
 P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hi for me.  
 Love,  
 Haley C.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Tatum. I am 6 years old! I live in the great town of Borden County. This

year I've been really good and it would be super good if you could bring me these things this year: DSi and games, art books to paint, tv, Barbie doll, baby doll, art stuff, laptop notebook, dog, cat and the movie Elf. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!  
 P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.  
 Love,  
 Tatum H.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Christian. I am 7 years old! I live in the great town of Gail. This year I have been really good and it would be super good if you could bring me these things this year: race cars, Rodolph the Red-Nose reindeer antlers and nose, a red white and blue Coyotes helmet, a Whiplash Street Flyer scooter and a Titans football. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!  
 P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hi for me.  
 Love,  
 Christian T.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Charli. I am 7 years old! I live in the great town of the country. This year I've been super good and it would be super dooper if you could bring me these things this year: DSi, a jack in the box, books, dress, scarf, a Santa doll, a stuffed dog, socks, and boots. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!  
 P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves good luck for me.  
 Love,  
 Charli S.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Rachel. I am 6 years old! I live in the great town of Borden County. This year I've been really good and it would be awesome if you could bring me these things this year: dolls, Ipod, clothes, shoes, puzzles, games, desk, doll house, PSP games, and a Barbie. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!  
 P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.  
 Love,  
 Rachel T.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Jadeyn. I am 6 years old! I live in the great town of Lamesa. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year: an American girl doll, a stuffed animal, The Cat in the Hat book, 1 Fish, 2 Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish book, and a Madame Alexander doll. Thank you! You're the best

Santa ever!  
 P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves thank you for me.  
 Love,  
 Jadeyn M.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Ethan. I am 7 years old! I live in the great town of Lamesa. This year I've been really good and it would be super great if you could bring me these things this year: a red and black DSi, Texas Tech football coat, Texas Tech backpack, toy train, coyote football coat, coyote backpack, Texas Tech tie-dye shirt, Make 7 game, Texas Tech water bottle, Coyote bottle cap necklace, Texas flag, peace sign water bottle, and a Santa suit and hat. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!  
 P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves Merry Christmas for me.  
 Love,  
 Ethan S.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Rae'Lynne. I am 6 years old! I live in the great town of Gail. This year I've been really ok and it would be super awesome if you could bring me these things this year: a Barbie jeep. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!  
 P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.  
 Love,  
 Rae'Lynne C.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Brooklyn. I am 6 years old! I live in the great town of Borden County. This year I've been really good and it would make me super happy if you could bring me these things this year: a piano, a Texas Tech jacket, clothes, a Taylor Swift poster, a Taylor Swift shirt, and a Santa shirt. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!  
 P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hi for me.  
 Love,  
 Brooklyn G.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 My name is Ryann. I am 6 years old! I live in the great town of Gail. This year I've been really good and it would be super dooper if you could bring me these things this year: Zoobles, GoGo-My Walking Pup, DSi, stuffed dog, and a snow globe. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!  
 P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves they are the best for me.  
 Love,  
 Ryann P.





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book, some mighty beans, aqua sand, and Goosebump movies. I will try to leave cookies and milk for you.

Love,  
Kaitlyn Hamm  
Dear Santa,

Hope you are doing good. Bring me a computer and a DSi for Christmas. By the way please bring my sister a boy Barbie.

MaKenzie Milhauser  
Dear Santa,

How are you? I can't wait until Christmas. I want power bracelet red, bb gun, nerf gun flashlight, and a razor scooter.

Thank you,  
Luke McNeely  
Dear Santa,

How are you? I can't wait until Christmas. For Christmas I want an XBOX 360 and the game Kinect, \$100, flip video, and NBA 2K11 the game for PS3. Thank you Santa and I really want to meet you.

Bye,  
Zeke Lott

#### 4th Grade

Dear Santa,

Me and my family are doing great this year. My mom and I are to make cookies for you. Me, my brother, Cherry, and Fernando want something from your sack. What I want for Christmas is Super Mario DS.

Yours Truly,  
Thomas Benavidez  
10 years old  
Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? When you come I have a surprise for you. It will be great. The most important thing I want for Christmas is a phone so I can have fun on it with my friends. How are your elves? Are they having fun? I sure am. I cannot wait for Christmas Day. I hope to see you.

Love,  
Kenley Dean  
10 years old  
Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing well. I was just wanting to know if

you and the elves are doing ok and I was wondering if you can get all the kids in my class a very good Christmas. I just want to say I wish you good luck on your trip around the world.

Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely,  
Holden Basquez  
10 years old  
Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I'm Jacob Dimas and I would like an X-Box 360 Connect for Christmas. And tickets for the NFL football game: Cowboys vs. Steelers. And a good Christmas for you and me...

Goodbye,  
Jacob Dimas  
9 years old  
See you on Christmas  
Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? My little brother, Wes, has been good. Can you please get him an electric dirt bike with small ramps? The school year has been going great. I am trying to keep my grades up like you told me to. I hope your reindeer are feeling well.

Love,  
Russell Wilks  
10 years old  
Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I want to get a DSIXL, laptop, a new phone, a pair pad, tv, an ice cream machine, blizzard machine, IPOD Touch, easy bake oven, and that is it. How are the reindeer? I hope you have a good Christmas this year. Oh and how are the elves? My family is doing good. I hope you are coming. You are very lucky. Do you know why? Because you get to eat lots of cookies. I hope they are good and you can eat them.

Love your friend,  
Micha Bankston  
9 years old  
Dear Santa,

Happy holidays! So far, I have had a wonderful year. For Christmas, I don't want too much. Just a few things. Why don't you surprise me? That

will make it even more fun. I hope you, Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer are doing great at the North Pole. Also, at school, we are doing a lot of fun things for Christmas. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

Love,  
Madison Cole  
9 years old

P.S. I'm going to leave a little snack for the reindeer so tell them to eat light! Do they like carrots? I hope so!

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! How have you been doing? I hope you have a wonderful time delivering presents. I also hope your reindeer are doing well. Can I please have a bike, catching mitt, and I would like a Playstation 3?

Sincerely,  
Riley Lewis  
10 years old  
Dear Santa,

How are your elves? I do hope they are well. So are your reindeer I hope. So, all I want for Christmas is Nintendo Dogs, Pixos, moon shoes, clothes, and a good, no a great Christmas vacation.

Love,  
Emma Key  
10 years old  
Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! My family thinks you are the best! How is Rudolph? And Mrs. Claus? All I want is a CD player, Taylor Swift's new album: Speak now, some tapes, a poster of her, and a music video. Tell the elves, reindeer, and Mrs Claus Hi for me, ok?

Love,  
Kelby Kleck  
9 years old  
Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! The school year is going great and I can't wait until Christmas. This year I only want one thing and that is a purple and white bike. The rest of the things you can surprise me with. That would make it even more exciting. I hope you, Mrs. Claus, the elves, and reindeer have a Merry Christmas. Ho!Ho!Ho! Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

Yours truly,  
Katie Gray  
9 years old

P.S. I will be leaving you chocolate chip cookies and reindeer food for your reindeer so tell them to come hungry.

Merry Christmas, Santa.

All I want for Christmas is my family to have the best Christmas in the world and that is all I want. How are you? Are you making lots of presents for little kids? At my Dad's house, we have been working with my steers almost everyday. We got a new puppy about 4 weeks ago. He is a red heeler. Santa, have a good Christmas.

Love,  
Payton Merket  
10 years old  
Dear Santa,

How are Rudolph and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas, I'd love loopz, paperjamz, and a rock guitar (black and white with flames), plus an I-phone. My friend Katie would like Taylor Swift and Miranda Lambert to come to her house or just an autograph. Me Too. I believe in you, Santa.

Yours truly,  
Brooke Swaffer  
10 years old  
Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? If I could I would like to have an Ipod touch, loops and a bike. Hope everything is well at the North Pole. Tell Mrs. Claus I said Hi, including the elves. I have had a really good school year. We are sponsoring a foster child from the New Horizons and giving him Christmas presents.

Love,  
Tanner Harrison  
9 years old

P.S. You are going to love the cookies.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I don't need anything from you. My mom has it all take care of, but thank you anyway. But my class has been very good so please give them something special for Christmas. Most of all just keep me, and my family, and my friends safe.

P.S. I hope you like the milk and cookies.

Love,  
J.W. Nix - 9 years old  
Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolf? What I want is a new cell phone and some DS games and a portable tv, and a laptop. My family is ok it's been a good year. My brother has been good. He is good to me and our mom and dad. At school we made Christmas ornaments and snowmen. It was so cool.

P.S. It was kind of a mess. How is your head Elf? And

have a happy Christmas Eve. Ho!Ho!Ho!

Sincerely,  
Jeremy Souder  
Dear Santa,

How are you? How about Mrs. Claus? I left out some things on the other letter that I wrote. Can you get me an Arizona Wildcat sweat-shirt? Some athletic shorts, too. Can I get one of those flower bows with a diamond in the middle of it and with some design on it that has red and blue?

Sincerely,  
Emily Todd  
9 years old

P.S. Do you like sugar cookies?

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? I have been very nice this Christmas. I know some people who need new things. There are some little children that need new toys. They live in Lubbock, Post, Lamesa, Slaton, and Snyder. So when you fly by please stop by and give them toys.

Love,  
Haylee Wilborn  
9 years old

Hope you are ready for milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I would really be thankful if I could have three new American Girl Dolls. I want Emily, Julie, and the alook-alike that looks like me. I would also like an oreo blizzard maker. Can I have a laptop of my own? I really want new cowgirl boots and things. Thanks for everything.

Love,  
Rayme Jones  
9 years old  
Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good Christmas. Could you tell Mrs. Claus I said Hi, and tell the elves I've been very good this year and so has my brother, Satchel, and my sister, Paige. But, Vanessa has been very bad this year. And so has Gary. You should give Vanessa a big old bag of cols and for Gary a bag of clothes. I think I might know what Paige and Satchel want. I think Paige wants a new phone, and Satchel some colored contacts. I want a Ipod Touch, a laptop, a phone, and a ripstick and more.

P.S. My mom wants the movie: Tangled and a cooking Pot.

Love,  
Macilah Smith  
10 years old