# Hard Fought Victory Over the Bulldogs Paves Way to Semi-Finals for the Coyotes 

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coy- in this Quarter-final game otes traveled to Colorado City to play the second \#1 team in consecutive weeks as they battled the Ira Bulldogs, an old district rival. This game had more at stake than the typical district title; a victory
would give the victor a birth in the semi-final round of the six-man play-offs.

With the wind blowing upwards of 45 miles per hour, the Coyotes elected to take the ball in the first half and then chose
to have the wind in the $4^{\text {in }}$ quarter. They used a methodical 9 play 69 yard drive to reach paydirt on their opening drive as Austin Fields reached the endzone behind some nice
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Quarterfinal Champs!!!


The Borden County Coyotes became the Quarterfinal Champs when they defeated the \#1 ranked Ira Bulldogs in Colorado City Saturday afternoon. The final score was 49-32.The Coyotes will next play for the Semi-Final championship against the Valley Patriots this. Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Frenship People's Bank Stadium

# Elementary and Junior High UIL Literary Students Take District Academic Championship 

By Sue Jane Mayes

The theory may well be fact; at Borden County Schools, excellence is a standard, not a goal.

The past decade has proven successful for both elementary and Jr. High students competing in UIL literary events. That tradition continued November 16 and 17 as students traveled to Wellman-Union and captured yet another district academic title. The young Coyotes scored 1, 554.5 points, outdistancing the next closest competitor by over 700 points.

Other school totals include the following: WellmanUnion ( 781 points), Loop (673.5), Klondike (521), Ira (438), Dawson (336), and O'Donnell (308).

Out of forty-four team events in Grades 3-8, Borden County won first place team medals in thirty of those and second place team medals in six. (Grades K-2 compete only in individual events).

The two-day literary meet, which included students from seven schools in District 11 North Zone, included nineteen events; all speaking events were held on the second day of competition.

Individual and team results are as follows:

Elementary UIL Results
$1^{\text {st }}$ grade Storytelling: $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Allie Murphy.
$2^{\text {nd }}$ grade Creative Writing: $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Tatum Harrison and $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Ethan Stephens.
$2^{\text {nd }}$ grade Storytelling: $6^{\text {th }}$ place-Charli Snell.
$3^{\text {rd }}$ grade Music Memory: $2^{\text {nd }}$ place Team: Haddie Flannigan, Klancey Kleck, Camree Miller, Gabriela Skelton and Kennedy Tucker; $6^{\text {th }}$ place-Kennedy Tucker.
$3^{\text {rd }}$ grade Ready Writing: $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Maggie Miller.
$3^{\text {rd }}$ grade Spelling: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Mason Cole, Kaci Hudson and Maggie Miller; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-tie between Kaci Hudson and Mason Cole; $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Maggie Miller.
$3^{\text {rd }}$ grade Storytelling: $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Gabriela Skelton.
$3^{\text {rd }}$ grade Oral Reading: $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Kaci Hudson.
$4^{\text {th }}$ grade Spelling: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Madison Cole and $4^{\text {th }}$ placeTeam: Anthony Logez, Zeke Lott and Hailey Lowery; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Zeke Lott and $4^{\text {th }}$ placeAnthony Lopez.
$4^{\text {th }}$ grade Number Sense: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Anthony Lopez, Zeke Lott and Olivia Reyes; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Zeke Lott.
$4^{4 h}$ grade Art: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Zeke Lott, Hailey Lowery and Makenzie Milhauser; $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Zeke Lott, $3^{\text {rd }}$ placeHailey Lowery and $4^{\text {th }}$ placeMakenzie Milhauser.
$4^{\text {th }}$ grade Music Memory: $3^{\text {rd }}$ place Team: Kaitlyn Cribbs, Makenzie Milhauser, Olivia Reyes and Conner Wagner; $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Olivia Reyes.
$4^{\text {th }}$ grade Oral Reading: $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Kaitlyn Cribbs.
$5^{\text {th }}$ grade Listening: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Madison Cole, Kelby Kleck and Haylee Willborn; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-tie between Kelby Kleck and Haylee Willborn.
$5^{\text {th }}$ grade Art: $2^{\text {nd }}$ place Team: Holden Basquez, Myka Blissard, Madison Cole, Katie Gray and Paige Holbrooks; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Paige Holbrooks, $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Madison Cole and $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Myka Blissard.
$5^{\text {th }}$ grade Number Sense: $2^{\text {nd }}$ place Team: Madison Cole, Katie Gray and Payton Merket; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Katie Gray and $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Madison Cole.
$5^{\text {th }}$ grade Spelling: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Madison Cole, Katie Gray and Riley Lewis; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Madison Cole and $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Riley Lewis.
$5^{\text {th }}$ grade Dictionary Skills: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Madison Cole, Katie Gray and Emily Todd; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Madison Cole and $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Katie Gray.
$5^{\text {th }}$ grade Maps/Graphs/ Charts: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Myka Blissard, Madison Cole and Emily Todd; ${ }^{\text {st }}$ place-Madison Cole and $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Emily Todd.
$5^{\text {th }}$ grade Music Memory: $6^{\text {th }}$ place-Myka Blissard.
$5^{\text {th }}$ grade Social Studies: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Madison Cole, Katie Gray and Tanner Harrison; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Madison Cole, $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Katie Gray and $33^{\text {rd }}$ place-Tanner Harrison.
$5^{\text {th }}$ grade Oral Reading: $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Rayme Jones, $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-

Katie Gray.
$5^{\text {th }}$ grade Ready Writing: $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Madison Cole, $3^{\text {rd }}$ placeKatie Gray and $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Katie Gray.

Jr. High UIL Results
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade Ready Writing: $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Kaitlyn Wilson and $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Maddie Matlock.
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade Oral Reading: $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Maddie Matlock, $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Trace Richey and $6^{\text {th }}$ place-Harley Merrill.
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade Maps/Graphs/ Charts: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Harley Merrill, Trace Richey, Kaitlyn Wilson; $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Kaitlyn Wilson and $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Harley Merrill.
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade Mathematics: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Thadd Basquez, Preslea Hall and Kaitlyn Wilson; $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Thadd Basquez and $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Harley Merrill.
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade Social Studies: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Blane Culver, Kable Kleck and Maddie Matlock; $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Maddie Matlock, $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Kable Kleck and $6^{\text {th }}$ place-Blane Culver.
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade Listening: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Kable Kleck, Maddie Matlock and Thomas Nix; $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Maddie Matlock
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade Spelling: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Preslea Hall, Harley Merrill and Trace Richey; $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Harley Merrill and $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Preslea Hall.
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade Art: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Preslea Hall, Kable Kleck, Trace Richey and Ashlyn
Tucker; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Preslea Hall, $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Ashlyn Tucker and $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Kable Kleck.
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade Number Sense: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Thadd Basquez, Kable Kleck and Ashlyn Tucker; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Thadd Basquez and $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Ashlyn Tucker.
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade Calculator: $2^{\text {nd }}$ place Team: Preslea Hall, Trace Richey and Ashlyn Tucker; $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Preslea Hall and $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Ashlyn Tucker.
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade Music Memory: $3^{\text {rd }}$ place Team: Blane Culver, Ashlyn Tucker and Ryan Willborn; $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Ashlyn Tucker.
$6^{\text {th }}$ grade Dictionary Skills:

## DIVISION I SEMIFFINAL PLAY-OFF

 FOOTBALL GAMEBorden County Coyotes Vs.<br>Valley Patriots

Friday, December 2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ at 7:30 p.m. At People's Bank Stadium at Frenship High School in Wolforth

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\& KBST-(95.7 FM) will be broadcasting the
game
$3^{\text {rd }}$ place Team: Maddie Matlock, Harley Merrill and Ashlyn Tucker; $5^{\text {th }}$ placeHarley Merrill and $6^{\text {th }}$ placeAshlyn Tucker.
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade Oral Reading: $6^{\text {th }}$ place-Braxton Coor
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade Maps/Graphs/ Charts: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Hayley Gray, Kace Lott and Kale Yarbro; $1^{\text {st }}$ place- Hayley Gray and $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Kace Lott.
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade Mathematics: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Hayley Gray, Savannah Herridge and Kace Lott; $4^{\text {th }}$ place- Kace Lott and $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Hayley Gray.
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade Social Studies: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Braxton Coor, Hayley Gray and Dylan Murphy; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Hayley Gray.
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade Listening: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Braxton Coor, Hayley Gray and Kace Lott; $2^{\text {nd }}$ placeKace Lott, $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Hayley Gray and $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Braxton Coor.
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade Spelling: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Hayley Gray, Savannah Herridge and Kace Lott; $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Hayley Gray, $3^{\text {rd }}$ placeKace Lott and $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Savannah Herridge.
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade Art: $2^{\text {nd }}$ place

Team: Madison Benavidez, Hayley Gray, Avery Price and Kale Yarbro; $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Madison Benavidez and $6^{\text {th }}$ place-Hayley Gray.
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade Number Sense: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Hayley Gray, Kace Lott and Savannah Herridge; $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Kace Lott and $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Savannah Herridge.
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade Dictionary Skills: $3^{\text {rd }}$ place Team: Hayley Gray, Savannah Herridge and Kace Lott; $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Savannah Herridge.
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade Science: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Hayley gray, Kace Lott and Kale Yarbro; $2^{\text {nd }}$ placeHayley Gray, $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Kace Lott and $6^{\text {th }}$ place-Kale Yarbro.
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade Modern Oratory: $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Savannah Herridge, $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Dylan Murphy and $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Hunter Jones.
$7^{\text {th }}$ grade Impromptu: $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Savannah Herridge and $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Braxton Coor.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Maps/Graphs/ Charts: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Rhaeden Bland, Holly Bradbury and Tatum Richey; $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Tatum Richey and $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Rhaeden Bland.
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# Coyotes Defeat the Bulldogs for Quarterfinal Championship... 

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blocks by Matt Roberson, Helio Rosales, Tanner Richey, TJ Basquez, and Quint Shafer. This 38 yard scamper by Fields was just one of his 36 carries on the day as the Coyotes strategy on the evening was to use their size to their advantage and pound the smaller Bulldogs by running and more running.

The Coyotes only put the ball in the air six times, completing four of them. After the intial score, Rosales made the difficult kick into the wind to give Borden County a lead that they would not relinquish at 8 0 . The Bulldogs however answered right back by scoring on a 21 yard pass. The extra point was wide so the Coyotes had a slim 8-6 lead. On Borden County's next drive, Richey found a wide open Helio Rosales who did the rest after catching the Richey pass and turned this into a 56 yard scoring strike. The Coyotes shifted out of their normal extra point position and moved to a jaybird set and went for one point. Fields reached the endzone again, with the extra point run to give them a two score lead at 15 to 6. The Coyote defense stiffened just short of their own goal line but on their first offensive play, a Coyote fumble lead to a Bulldog fumble and the their lead was cut to three points at 15 to 12 .

Borden County wasted little time answering the defensive score by the Bulldogs as Richey hit Shafer on a nice 38 yard pass play for a 21 to 12 lead. The Bulldogs again answered as they scored on another long pass play to cut the deficit to 21 to 18 . Under two minutes later, Richey hit Shafer on a nice 17 yard scoring strike. Rosales kick gave the Coyotes a 29 to 18 lead.

The Coyotes wasted a golden opportunity to add to their lead as they forced the Bulldogs to turn the ball over at their own 8 yard line. Unfortunately, the Coyotes did not capitalize on this opportunity and as a result they carried this lead into the locker room.
The Bulldogs got the ball to
start the $2^{\text {nd }}$ half and they quickly cut into the Borden County lead on another scoring pass play to cut the Coyote lead to 29 to 24 , but as had been the answer all game long, the Coyotes responded with a Richey to Fields 9 yard scoring play to push the lead back to 35 to 24. Again the Bulldogs responded with another pass and throw that trimmed the lead to 35 to 30. Matt Ham blocked the extra point, but the spin created the perfect spin that allowed the ball to split the uprights to cut the lead to 35 to 32 .

Another Borden County miscue allowed the Bulldogs the opportunity to take their first lead. The Coyote defense responded as they would the rest of the evening not allowing anymore scores for Ira.

After the stop, Fields and the Coyotes began to march to pay dirt again. On the first play of the $4^{\text {th }}$ quarter, Fields had his $3^{\text {rd }}$ score of the day and with the extra point kick they had a 43 to 32 lead. The Coyote defense again forced the ball over on downs, but again they were unable to extend their lead and were forced to punt from deep in their endzone. Richey punted with the wind and the punted with the wind and the
ball rolled 70 yards to pin the ball at the 5 yard line.

The Bulldogs managed a couple of first downs, but after their leading rusher left the game due to an injury the dogs were done. After forcing the first Ira turnover of the day Borden County marched down field trying to burn as much clock as possible to bring home the quarter-final victory. After a couple of nice Fields runs, Richey got into the act as he reached the endzone from 22 yards out to seal the deal for the Coyotes. The final score allowed Borden County to play all varsity players on defense and gave them a 49 to 32 victory and a berth in the 2011 Semi-final championship.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was the workhorse on the afternoon Austin fields with 36 carries for 255 yards and 2 scores. Also, 1 recep-
tion for 9 yards and a score and half of the six-man play-offs was in on 12 tackles. Quint with the winner reaching the Shafer had 2 receptions for 55 final game of the season. This yards and two scores. Quint game will take place at was also in on 14 tackles. Tan- Frenship high school in Lubner Richey had 4 carries for 51 bock, Friday at 7:30.
yards and a score and was 4 of 6 passing with 120 yards and 4 scores. Tanner also had 15 tackles and a pass break-up. Helio Rosales mad 3 extra points and had a reception for 56 yards and a score and was in on 13 tackles. TJ Basquez had 2 carries for 7 yards and was in on 11 tackles. Matt Roberson blocked extremely well. Austin Tyler was in on 11 tackles and had a huge hit. Matt Ham had 4 tackles. Matt Proulx had a tackle. Jared Smith had a tackle. Collin Telchik had several nice kickoff returns and was in on 2 tackles. Kurt Shafer had a tackle. Tristen Benavidez had 2 tackles.

The Coyotes will next face the Valley Patriots in the Semifinal showdown in the west

## Get outta the way!!



Helio Rosales (\#42) stops a Bulldog from a possible tackle on running back Austin Fields (\#24) as he heads for the endzone for a touchdown. The Coyote's proved to the mightier in Saturday's dog fight against Ira.


## School Lunch Мепи

Dec. 5-9, 2011

## Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Teriyaki chicken, Rice Pilaf, Peas, Pineapple Tidbits and Milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast:Muffin or PopTart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Quesadilla, Pinto Beans, Corn Cobbler and Milk.
Wednesday
Breakfast:BAgel w/Peanut Butter, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Broccoli, garden Salad, Pears, Crackers and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Omelet \& Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corndog, Garden Salad, Apple Slices, Fruit Cup and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Sausage \& Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato and Pickle, Carrot Dippers, Chips, Fruit Snack and Milk.
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## Thought for the Day

Sentiment is shifting sand. You can have warm feelings toward God without faith, you can have feelings of optimism without hope, and you can have feelings of sympathy without love. Our God is not sand; He's a rock -Ravi Zacharias

## UIL Win Academic Dare to Championship... <br> (Continued from Page 2) <br> Live...

$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Mathematics: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Sam Raborn, Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Tatum Richey, $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Sam Raborn and $4^{1 / 2}$ place-Nathan Souder. $8^{\text {th }}$ grade Social Studies: $1^{\text {th }}$ place Team: Thomas Harrison, Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Nathan Souder, $3^{\text {rd }}$ place-Thomas Harrison and $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Tatum Richey.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Listening: $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Nathan Souder.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Spelling: $3^{\text {rd }}$ place Team: Channing Miller, Kyrsten Rebeles and Tatum Richey; $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Tatum Richey.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Art: $2^{\text {nd }}$ place Team: Holy Bradbury, Lexi Cheatham, Channing Miller, Flint Roberts and Tatum Richey; $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Flint Roberts and 6 tr place-Channing Miller.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Number Sense: $1^{\text {th }}$ place Team: Channing Miller, Sam Raborn and Tatum Richey; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Tatum Richey and $4^{\text {li }}$ place-Sam

## Raborn.

$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Dictionary Skills: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Holly Bradbury, Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Holly Bradbury, $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Tatum Richey and $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Nathan Souder.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Science: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Sam Raborn, Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; ${ }^{\text {st }}$ place-Sam Raborn and $6^{\text {th }}$ place-Nathan Souder.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Impromptu: $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Robert Jordan and $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Zoie Key.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Editorial Writing. $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Tatum Richey and $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Channing Miller.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Calculator: $1^{\text {st }}$ place Team: Zoie Key, Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Tatum Richey, $3^{\text {rd }}$ placeZoie Key and $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Nathan
Souder Souder.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Oral Reading: $1^{\text {st }}$ place-Channing Miller and $2^{\text {nd }}$ place-Tatum Richey.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade Ready Writing: $6^{\text {th }}$ grade-Tatum Richey.

## Gail FFA Leadership Team State Bound!

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA traveled to the Lone Wolf District Competition in Snyder on November $14^{\text {th }}$. The teams were very successful. We are very proud of all the teams for their work and preparation that went into their contests. Of the nine teams taken, six advanced to the Area competition on November $19^{\text {th }}$ at Howard College in Big Spring. Results are as follows:

Sr. Skills: $1^{\text {st }}$ place (Area Qualifier) Taylor Gass, Maeghan Herridge and Matt Ham.

Jr. Skills: $2^{\text {nd }}$ place (Area Qualifier) Riley Herridge, Eva Banman and Frank Banman.
Sr. Creed: $2^{\text {nd }}$ place (Area Qualifier) Zach McMeans and $6{ }^{\text {th }}$ place-Jordan Day.

Jr. Creed: $1^{\text {st }}$ place (Area Qualifier) Tye Basquez and $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Cayden Vaughn.

Radio Teams: (Team One): $4^{\text {th }}$ place-Kylie Voss, Jared Smith and Seleste Herridge; (Team Two): $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Lexi Peterson, Teryn Soto and Mollie McMeans.

Sr. Chapter Conducting: $1^{\text {st }}$ place (Area Qualifier) Jordan Day, Zach McMeans, Steelie Sanders, Mastt Roberson, Sydnie Rebeles, Kassie Gaines and Michael Taylor.

Jr. Chapter Conducting: $2^{\text {nd }}$ place (Area Qualifier) Tye Basquez, Sean Tucker, Nathan Ham, Clair Shafer, Bessie Rhodes, Mason Coor, Jaden Huse and Bailey Robinson.

Sr. Quiz: $5^{\text {th }}$ place-Kalyn Massingill, T.J. Basquez, Seleste Herridge and Austin Tyler.

Congratulations to all teams competing at the District Contest!
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stances you encounter, you have to figure a way to make the best of them. Lucky people consistently look for what they can learn or extract from every situation. This technique enables them to recover faster and get back on track. They always maintain a mental determination to overcome whatever obstacles are encountered. They feel they are lucky because things could have been worse.
Unlucky people wallow in self-pity and become consumed with the negative. They can't see anything positive and feel and act like a victim. They won't take responsibility for their situation and therefore don't believe they have the power of self-determination. Whatever may happen, they get frustrated with how bad things are.

To increase your luck, don't lose sight of the fact that there is always a lesson to be learned and invariably a way out that will make you stronger. There is a solution to every problem. Think and act as if you are lucky

Develop an attitude that no matter what happens, you are lucky. As a lucky person, you have the ability to make the best of every situation. Act like a lucky person. Don't talk about or dwell on problems. Concentrate on and discuss solutions.

You can become lucky. Luck is when attitude and preparation meet opportunity. Since each day is replete with new opportunities there is more than enough luck for everyone.

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## Pups at Loop



Coyote Pup, Joel Andrade(right) steals the ball from a Loop opponent in last weeks' game against the Longhorns.


Missy Coyote, Tatum Richey (left) guards a Loop player in last weeks'victory over the Lady Longhorns.

## Gail FFA Leadership Team State Bound!

By Buddy Wallace

One member from the Gail II Leadership competitions on FFA Chapter has secured a trip November $19^{\text {th }}$. to the State Leadership Contest on December $2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$.
Zach McMeans will represent Borden County School, the Gail FFA Chapter and Area II at the state contest. Zach will compete in the Sr. Creed speaking contest with the top two speakers from nine other areas in Texas for the state title.

Zach secured his position by placing second from a field of 14 contestants in the Area

The Gail FFA member and Mr. Wallace will depart for their State trip to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville on December $1^{\text {st }}$. Zach will compete in the prelims on Friday, December $2^{\text {nd }}$ and hopes to advance to the finals on December $3^{\text {rd }}$.

Good luck and congratula tions to Zach McMeans as he competes at the state level!

## AgriLIFE EXTENSION <br> Heart and fome <br>  <br> by Julie Smith <br> Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences <br>  <br> Have Yourself A Safe Little Christmas

Decking the halls carelessly can lead to a memorable holiday season but not necessarily for happy reasons. That's why safety should come first during this festive season.

When decorating for the holidays, make the first step be ladder safety. And then follow these steps :

- Inspect the ladder to make sure it is well maintained, clean and intact. Make sure the spreaders (the devices on the sides that hold step ladders open) function properly and never climb on a ladder that is slippery or shaky.
- Plant the base of the ladder on a firm, level surface. Spreaders should be open and locked before the ladder is used.

When climbing up and down, face the ladder, keep the body centered between the sides and have one hand and one foot on the rung at the same time. Don't carry equipment when climbing; instead have someone hand it to you or wear a tool belt.

- When on the ladder, keep weight evenly distributed; don't overextend your reach.

Don't attempt to move a ladder while standing on it. Clear the ladder of people and equipment before moving it.

- Don't stand on the ladder's bucket shelf - that is not designed to hold people.

Read and follow manufacturer's guidelines and warning labels on the ladder itself. And make sure you've picked the right kind of ladder. Task determines which type ladder as well as the material the ladder should be made of. If the ladder will be used near electrical sources, use a wooden or fiberglass ladder to reduce the possibility of electric shock.

Be aware of other electrical hazards to holiday decorating. Don't forget to check electric plugs, cords and outlets before hanging lights and other decorations. Replace any damaged plugs or cords to reduce the
danger of fire or shock.
When it comes to safe holiday decorating, Harris recommended these tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- If buying an artificial tree, choose one that is fire resistant.

When decorating with a fresh tree, reduce the risk of fire by placing it away from sources of heat such as fireplaces or radiators. Trim the trunk and keep it in water and out of high traffic pathways.

- Use flame-resistant decorations on the tree and childfriendly ornaments such as plastic icicles and non-breakable balls.

When using holiday lights - both indoor and outdoor look for those that have an independent laboratory's certification for safety. Make sure each set of lights, whether old or new, has no broken sockets, frayed wires or loose connections. Any damaged light sets should be thrown away.

- Plug in no more than three standard-sized light strings to any one electrical extension cord.
- To prevent a fire hazard, turn off all holiday lights, including those on the tree, before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Do not use electric lights on a metal tree.
- Keep green branches, papers and other holiday decorations away from fireplaces and other sources of heat.
- Do not burn wrapping paper in a fireplace - that could cause a flash fire.
- Don't put candles where they can easily tip over and never use lighted candles to decorate trees.

Above all, use common sense when it comes to safety during the holidays. The festive decorations can also be safety hazards if not used with care and caution

For more holiday safety hints from the Consumer Product Safety Commission, visit the Web at http://


## All the Best

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

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> Brooke Claire Ballard 2006-2011

Brooke Claire Ballard, five Home.
year old daughter of Megan Brooke is survived by her and Levi Smith and Nathan and parents, Megan and Levi Smith Brandye Ballard, went to be and Nathan and Brandye with the Lord on Thanksgiving Ballard; her brother, Bentley; Day, November 24, 2011. her half-brother and half-sisBrooke was born on August 18, ters, Cason, Harlie and Tynlee; 2006. She loved to dance, play her Grandparents, Scott and t-ball, ride her pony, "Pinto", Brandi Brooks, Linda Ballard show pigs and ride the tractor. and the late Cliff Ballard, and She also loved to fish, shoot Tommy and Kali Smith; her her BB gun and cook with her Great-Grandparents, Jack and mommy. She loved everything Donnie Kelley, Shirley Gass, and everyone in her life. and Kyle and Joe Powell; her

Services were held Tuesday, aunts and uncles, Alexis and November 29, at 2 p.m. at the Greg Rodriguez, Heather and $1^{\text {st }}$ Baptists Church of Lamesa Sterling Miller, Nick and Alisa with the Reverend Charles Gass, Chey Ballard, and Gini Inman, pastor of the $1^{\text {st }}$ Baptist and Josh Hallmark; and her Church, Monahans and Billy cousin, Guy Maddox Miller. Reed, pastor of the Monahans The family suggests donations Church of Christ officiating. to $1^{\text {st }}$ Baptist Church of Lamesa Burial followed in Draw Cem- or to your local church. To send etery, Draw, Texas under the condolences online please visit direction of Branon Funeral www.branonfuneralhome.com

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Borden Coyote, Quint Shafer sneaks up from the side and fiercely brings down the Ira quarterback stopping a pass intended for a waiting running back.

In the Spirit of Christmas and the Eighteenth Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

## help us help

## Buckner Children \& Family Services-Lubbock, Texas

 withChristmas for the Kids

Inexpensive board games, educational toys, card games,
Books or any unopened new toy, large or small, will be greatly appreciated by these kids!
Also including new pajamas, socks, etc. and personal hygiene items
The drop off for any donation is located in the Borden County Courthouse
Toys and gifts must be dropped off by December $9^{\text {th }}$ to be delivered Children's ages toddler -18 years

Many Thanks, Lights for Gail Committee

## 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
CONTSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6234-85-001 for RETROEFLECTIVITY DATA COLLECTION in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on December 15, 2011 at $1: 30$ p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$44,668.00.

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 re-
production companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 38539
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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COUNTY OF BORDEN STATE OF TEXAS PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, concerning the Goods-in-Transit Tax Exemption as referenced in Section 11.253 of the Texas Tax Code. Any interested persons are invited to attend and present oral or written comments.
Ross D. Sharp
County Judge

## Block that kick!



Borden County Coyote, Matt Ham (\#6) blocks an Ira Bulldog field goal kick this past Saturday. The Coyotes defeated the Bulldogs 49-32.

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## 18th Annual Lights for Gail

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

Nov. 25 - In Memory of:
Delmo Pearce, Karen Pearce By the Citizens of Borden County

Nov. 25 - In Honor of:
Martha Pearce
By the Citizens of Borden County

Nov. 26 - In Memory of
Doc \& Dwynne Wilson and Mardes \& Gracia Clayton By Tim \& Carol Wilson
Nov. 30 - In Honor of: Cliff

## Sandi Price

By the Price Family
Dec. 1 - In Memory of: Donald Wayne Salter
By Billy \& Dina Gannaway
Dec. 2 - In Memory of: Kay
Doyle
By Steve \& Carolyn
Stephens Family
Dec. 4 - In Memory of:
John \& Peggy Dennis
By Mary Ann \& Paul Awtry
And Jacquie Whalen
Dec. 5 - In Memory of:
Binie \& Nell White
By Binie L. \& Edna White Dec. 6 - In Memory of:
Mary Mullins Cary
By Margaret
Billinglsey
Dec. 7 - In Memory of:
John \& Katherine Stephens By Steve \& Carolyn
Stephens Family
Dec. 8 - In Memory of
Wayne Key
By Musslewhite Trucking
Company
Dec. 8 - In Memory of:
Herman Ledbetter
By Ross \& Sarah Sharp
Dec. 9 - In Honor of:
Carolyn \& Earl
By W. E. Chapman, Jr.
Dec. 10 - In Memory of:
Beno \& Donna Hendricks
By Bo \& Jacque Hendricks
Dec. 11 - In Memory of:
Caden Nowlain
By Jibber \& Cindy
Herridge
Dec. 12 - In Honor of:
Kenny \& Shirley Bennett
By Nancy Pearce
Dec. 13 - In Memory of:
M.D. \& Bonnie Cross

By Steve \& Carolyn
Stephens Family
Dec. 14 - In Memory of:
Fagan \& Flora Johnson
By Carroll \& Jane Stone
Dec. 15 - In Memory of:
Bert \& Dorothy Dennis By Joel \& Betty Dennis
Dec. 16 - In Memory of: Pat \& Jo Hensley

By Randy \& Donelle Hensley

Dec. 17 - In Memory of: Charles \& Cleo Couture By Bob \& Terri Buchanan Dec. 18 - In Memory of:
David \& Debby Dennis
By Mary Ann \& Paul Awtry and Jacquie Whalen Dec. 22 - In Memory of: Raphael \& Nora Buchanan By Bob \& Terri Buchanan Dec. 23 - In Memory of:

## Our Parents

By Mr. \& Mrs. Rich Ander-
Dec. 24 - In Memory of: Al
Our Loved Ones \&
Friends
By Ralph Miller Family
Dec. 24 - In Memory of:
Caden Nowlain
By Mack \& Jane Terry
Dec. 24 - In Memory of: Arvil (Babe) Brewer, S.C. (Buddy) Sharp, Billy O.
Gilleland and Beno \& Donna

## Hendricks

By Ross \& Sarah Sharp
Dec. 25-In Honor of: Mrs.
Claus for 15 years of precious memories

By the Citizens of Borden County and Lights for Gail Committee Members
Dec. 25 - In Memory of: Mr. \& Mrs. Skeet Porter

By Bob \& Cookie Dyess
Dec. 25 - In Honor of: Tom Baker, Tip Baker, Jim Wade, Mark May and Guy Edwards

By Borden County Waste Disposal, Ltd

Dec. 25 - In Memory of: Maria Guerrero

By M \& M Kids
Dec. 26 - In Memory of:
Mildred Sevey
By Bo \& Jacque Hendricks Dec. 27 - In Memory of: Floyd \& Edna Buchanan

By Bob \& Terri Buchanan Dec. 30 - In Honor of: Our Children

By Mr. \& Mrs. Rich Andeson

Dec. 31 - In Honor of: Brian \& Sharon Jones \& Robyn

By Bo \& Jacque Hendricks
Light bulbs for the "Star" on Gail Mountain are being sponsored for the following:

IN MEMORY OF:
Garland Doyle
Glen Kingston
Clay Kingston
Kay Doyle
By Eva Doyle
Elwood
Roland

Blanche
Linda
By Billie, Dinah, Mark
Hamilton and Grandsons
James W. Petty
By Mrs. James W. Petty
Joe Canon
Edward Rinehart
Bill Finley
By Jym Rinehart Family
Maria Guerrero
By Bo \& Jacque Hendricks

Brandon Adcock
Bobbie Briggs
John Brummet
Georgia Garcia
John Harding
David Holmes
Robert Kilough
Charlie Lusche
Michael Massingill
Caden Nowlain
Clint O'Brien
Bonnie Pippin
Barbara Sharp
Armondo Soto
Jarrett Stanford
Chad Williams
Larry Zant
Jim York Family
Mr. \& Mrs. Lee York
Mr. \& Mrs. L. D. Smith
By Van \& Barbara York
The 6 Reinecke brothers \& Sisters:
Johanna R. Buthmiller
Martin Reinecke
Erwin Reinecke
Clara Bash
Hattie Bell
Erna Gray
By Margaret (Guthmiller)
Novak
Preston \& Ella Sharp
Tom \& Ann Nelms
Marvin D. (Chief) Brewer
Barbara Sharp
Maria Guerrero

By Ross \& Sarah Sharp
Gerald Buchanan
Brandon Adcock
John Paul Harris
David Holmes
By Bob \& Terri Buchanan
Caden Nowlain
Kay Doyle
Snooks Ogden
Nancy Telchik
Slick Sneed
Loretta Zant
Mrs. L. D. Smith
By Mary Ann \& Paul Awtry
and Jacquie Whalen
IN HONOR OF:
Cindy Herridge
Jibber Herridge
Jana Underwood
Ray Don Underwood
Raylea Underwood
Cody Nowlain
Emily Nowlain
By Mack \& Jane Terry Ross Sharp Family Margaret Sharp

By Sarah Gilleland
R.D. \& Carol Lewis

By Jeff, Jake \& Lovinda
Jason Sharp
LeAnn Robbins
Sarah Gilleland
Margaret Sharp
By Ross \& Sarah Sharp
Mr. \& Mrs. R.D. Lewis
Mr. \& Mrs. Don Jones
By Chad \& Amy Martin \& Family

DONATIONS FOR THE
STAR:
Arlan \& Avis Youngblood
David A. Dorward
Mickey \& Shirley McMeans
Tumbleweed Smith
Warren \& Betty Beaver
Big Country Electric
Cooperative, Inc.
Doyle \& Shirly Newton
Dennis \& Sheri Poole
Marguerite J. Faver
Steve \& Becky Beaver

## Lighting of the Star Ornament <br> Contest Results

There were numerous en- ceived a $\$ 25$ cash prize which tries in the 2011 Lighting of the has been sponsored by Poka Star Ornament Contest this Lambro Telephone Cooperayear. Congratulations to the tive, Inc. for their winning orfirst place winners! We se- nament and their ornament will lected one per grade of those submitted (K-5):

Kindergarten:

## Holbrooks

$1^{\text {st }}$ Grade: Jaclyn McNeely
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade: Jadeyn Merrill
$3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade: Macy Matlock
$4^{\text {th }}$ Grade: Dymon Gomez
$5^{\text {th }}$ Grade: J.W. Nix
Each first place winner re-

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Make your plams now to enter your home and/or yard in the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Co-op. Entries will be fudged on originality, quality and visual impact by an impartial party from Lyntegar. Prizes provided by Lyntegar Electric Co-op will be awarded to the top three winners and will be announced at the Lighting of the Star. Lyntegar is awarding cash prizes this year: $\$ 150$ for first place, $\mathbf{S 1 0 0}$ for second place, and $\$ 50$ for third place!!! Please note we have a later entry deadline and judging date this year!

Join in the fun! Complete and mall the entry form below and help decorate Gall for the Holidays!
be on display in the Commissioners Courtroom throughout the holidays. We appreciate all the youth and the teachers that supported this year's contest. All non-winner's ornaments will be returned to the school.

This year's Child-size Stocking Winner was Isabella Baeza.

CHRITMAS DECORATING CONTEST
Name:
Physical Address:
Phone:
Directions to home:

Maill your entry to "Lyntegar \& Lights for Gail - Christmas Decorating Contest", P.O. Box 312, Gall, TX 79738. All entries mast be received by Monday, December $5^{\text {mit }} 5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$, and the location of the entry mast be within a five-mile radius of Borden County Courthouse. Judging will be done on Tuestay, December $6^{\text {th }}$ between 6.00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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