



Make Your Own Luck

What exactly is luck? Why do some people appear to be luckier than others? Is luck a question of chance, fate, or are there things you can do to im-prove your luck? Actually, being lucky isn't just a matter of luck at all.

Luck is a combination of attitude, mental orientation, preparation, and opportunity. Typically, lucky people have an approach of possibility whereas unlucky people have a mindset of impossibility. Those with consistent bad

luck expect to have bad luck. They advertise their expectations with statements such as, "I know this won't work," "Nothing ever goes right for me," "Why can't I ever catch a break," and "There's a dark cloud that follows me."

People with good luck seek solutions rather than fixating on problems. They understand that every impediment has a resolution. They are flexible in their thinking and not locked into patterns of behavior. Their outlook allows them to find opportunity where others see only roadblocks, failure, and despair. When a person believes

they have only bad luck, they tend to attract more bad luck. This creates a vicious self-fulfilling prophecy. No one is predestined for good or bad

luck. If you want more good luck, there are steps you can take to bring it about.

Keep your outlook flexible Imagine the following sce-

nario. You are standing at one end of a long hallway. Your destination is a door at the other end. As you walk down the hallway, you pass other doors which are slightly open.

Unlucky people will direct all of their attention on the door at the end. They will walk past the other doors without investigating what is on the other side. Behind the other doors lie potential opportunities. When they are bypassed, there is no chance of benefiting. When they discover what they missed, unlucky people will lament how unlucky they were.

Lucky people will look into each room. They will still have the door at the far end as their destination, but they won't ignore the others. This strategy positions lucky people to take advantage of unexpected and unplanned opportunities along their journey.

To increase your luck, maintain an awareness of what is around you. Don't go through life with blinders that hide opportunities.

Look for the upside Regardless of the circum-

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# Dare to Live 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 up-wards 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 4th 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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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 Coy-otes scored 1, 554.5 points, outdistancing the next closest competitor by over 700 points.

Other school totals include the following: Wellman-Union (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<sup>st</sup> grade Storytelling: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Allie Murphy. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Creative Writing:

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Tatum Harrison and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Ethan Stephens. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Storytelling: 6<sup>th</sup>

place-Charli Snell.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade Music Memory: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Team: Haddie Flannigan, Klancey Kleck, Camree Miller, Gabriela Skelton and Kennedy Tucker;

6<sup>th</sup> place-Kennedy Tucker, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Ready Writing: 4<sup>th</sup> place-Maggie Miller. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Spelling: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Mason Cole, Kaci Hudson and Maggie Miller; 1<sup>st</sup> place-tie between Kaci Hudson and Mason Cole; 4<sup>th</sup> place-Maggie Miller.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade Storytelling: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Gabriela Skelton.

3rd grade Oral Reading: 5th place-Kaci Hudson.

4<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling: 1<sup>st</sup> place Madison Cole and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Team: Anthony Logez, Zeke Katie Gray. Lott and Hailey Lowery; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Zeke Lott and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Anthony Lopez.

4th grade Number Sense: 1st place Team: Anthony Lopez, Zeke Lott and Olivia Reyes; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Zeke Lott.

4<sup>th</sup> grade Art: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Zeke Lott, Hailey Lowery and Makenzie Milhauser; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Zeke Lott, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Hailey Lowery and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Makenzie Milhauser.

4th grade Music Memory: 3rd place Team: Kaitlyn Cribbs, Makenzie Milhauser, Olivia Reyes and Conner Wagner; 5<sup>th</sup> place-Olivia Reyes.

4<sup>th</sup> grade Oral Reading: 4<sup>th</sup> place-Kaitlyn Cribbs.

5<sup>th</sup> grade Listening: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Madison Cole, Kelby Kleck and Haylee Willborn; 1<sup>st</sup> place-tie between Kelby Kleck

and Haylee Willborn. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Art: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Team: Holden Basquez, Myka Blissard, Madison Cole, Katie Gray and Paige Holbrooks; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Paige Holbrooks; 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Madison Cole and 4th place-Myka Blissard.

5<sup>th</sup> grade Number Sense: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Team: Madison Cole, Katie Gray and Payton Merket; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Katie Gray and 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Madison Cole.

5<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Madison Cole, Katie Gray and Riley Lewis; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Madison Cole and 2nd

place-Riley Lewis. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Dictionary Skills: st place Team: Madison Cole, Katie Gray and Emily Todd; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Madison Cole and 3<sup>rd</sup>

place-Katie Gray. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Maps/Graphs/ Charts: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Myka Blissard, Madison Cole and Emily Tod; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Madison Cole and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Emily Todd. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Music Memory: 6<sup>th</sup>

place-Myka Blissard. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Madison Cole,

Katie Gray and Tanner Harrison; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Madison Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Katie Gray and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Tanner Harrison. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Oral Reading: 1<sup>st</sup>

place-Rayme Jones, 2nd place-

5<sup>th</sup> grade Ready Writing: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Madison Cole, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Katie Gray and 5<sup>th</sup> place-Katie Gray

Jr. High UIL Results 6<sup>th</sup> grade Ready Writing: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Kaitlyn Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Maddie Matlock.

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Charts: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Harley Merrill, Trace Richey, Kaitlyn Wilson; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Kaitlyn Wil-son and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Harley Merrill.

6<sup>th</sup> grade Mathematics: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Thadd Basquez, Preslea Hall and Kaitlyn Wilson; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Thadd Basquez and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Harley Merrill.

6th grade Social Studies: 1st b<sup>an</sup> grade Social Studies: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Blane Culver, Kable Kleck and Maddie Matlock; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Maddie Matlock, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Kable Kleck and 6<sup>th</sup> place-Blane Cul-

6<sup>th</sup> grade Listening: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Kable Kleck, Maddie Matlock and Thomas Nix; 2nd place-Maddie Matlock.

<sup>6th</sup> grade Spelling: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Preslea Hall, Harley Merrill and Trace Richey; 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Harley Merrill and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Preslea Hall.

6<sup>th</sup> grade Art: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Preslea Hall, Kable Kleck, Trace Richey and Ashlyn Tucker; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Preslea Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Ashlyn Tucker and 5<sup>th</sup> place-Kable Kleck. 6<sup>th</sup> grade Number Sense: 1<sup>st</sup>

place Team: Thadd Basquez, Kable Kleck and Ashlyn Tucker; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Thadd Basquez and 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Ashlyn Tucker.

6th grade Calculator: 2nd place Team: Preslea Hall, Trace Richey and Ashlyn Tucker; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Preslea Hall and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Ashlyn Tucker. 6<sup>th</sup> grade Music Memory: 3<sup>rd</sup>

place Team: Blane Culver, Ashlyn Tucker and Ryan Willborn; 5th place-Ashlyn Tucker.

6<sup>th</sup> grade Dictionary Skills:

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game

3<sup>rd</sup> place Team: Maddie Matlock, Harley Merrill and Ashlyn Tucker; 5<sup>th</sup> place-Harley Merrill and 6<sup>th</sup> place-Ashlyn Tucker.

7th grade Oral Reading: 6th

place-Braxton Coor 7<sup>th</sup> grade Maps/Graphs/ Charts: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Hayley Gray, Kace Lott and Kale Yarbro; 1st place- Hayley Gray

and 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Kace Lott. 7<sup>th</sup> grade Mathematics: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Hayley Gray, Sa-vannah Herridge and Kace Lott; 4<sup>th</sup> place- Kace Lott and 5<sup>th</sup> place-Hayley Gray.

7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Braxton Coor, Hayley Gray and Dylan Murphy; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Hayley

Gray. 7<sup>th</sup> grade Listening: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Braxton Coor, Hayley Gray and Kace Lott; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Kace Lott, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Hayley Gray and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Braxton Coor

7<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Hayley Gray, Savannah Herridge and Kace Lott; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Hayley Gray, 3rd place-Kace Lott and 4th place-Savannah Herridge.

7th grade Art: 2nd place

Team: Madison Benavidez, Hayley Gray, Avery Price and Kale Yarbro; 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Madison Benavidez and 6<sup>th</sup> place-Hayley

7<sup>th</sup> grade Number Sense: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Hayley Gray, Kace Lott and Savannah Herridge; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Kace Lott and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Savannah Herridge.

7<sup>th</sup> grade Dictionary Skills: 3rd place Team: Hayley Gray, Savannah Herridge and Kace Lott; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Savannah Herridge.

7<sup>th</sup> grade Science: 1<sup>st</sup> place
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Team: Hayley gray, Kace Lott
and Kale Yarbro; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Hayley Gray, 5<sup>th</sup> place-Kace
Lott and 6<sup>th</sup> place-Kale Yarbro.
7<sup>th</sup> grade Modern Oratory: 1<sup>st</sup>

place-Savannah Herridge, 4th place-Dylan Murphy and 5th place-Hunter Jones.

grade Impromptu: 3rd place-Savannah Herridge and

blace-Savannan Herridge and 5<sup>th</sup> place-Braxton Coor. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Maps/Graphs/ Charts: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Rhaeden Bland, Holly Bradbury and Tatum Richey; 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Tatum Richey and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Rhaeden Bland.

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Vs. **Valley Patriots** Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**DIVISION I SEMI-FINAL** 

**PLAY-OFF** 

FOOTBALL GAME

**Borden County Coyotes** 

# **Coyotes Defeat the Bulldogs for Quarterfinal Championship...**

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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 Bull-dogs 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 ĥad 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 scor-ing strike. Rosales kick gave the Coyotes a 29 to 18 lead.

The Coyotes a 29 to 18 fedd. 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.

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 Bull-dogs 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

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 4th quarter, Fields had his 3<sup>rd</sup> score of the day and with the extra point kick they had a 43 to 32 lead. The Coyote de-fense 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 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. Af-ter 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 The Bulldogs got the ball to and 2 scores. Also, 1 recep-

blocks by Matt Roberson, start the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and they tion for 9 yards and a score and half of the six-man play-offs was in on 12 tackles. Quint Shafer had 2 receptions for 55 yards and two scores. Quint was also in on 14 tackles. Tanner Richey had 4 carries for 51 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.

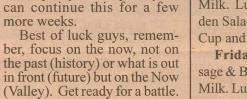
The Covotes will next face the Valley Patriots in the Semi-final showdown in the west

### Get outta the way!!

with the winner reaching the final game of the season. This game will take place at Frenship high school in Lub-bock, Friday at 7:30. Congratulations guys on a super victory. What a great

effort in this game. Thanksgiving football, you gotta love it. I would like to thank all of you for traveling to Colorado City for this game and also a special thanks to those that woke up early and helped send the guys off that morning. I also would like to thank the maintenance guys for setting everything up at the game site again and another special thanks to those guys in charge of the blow up Coyote. Hopefully we can continue this for a few more weeks.

the past (history) or what is out in front (future) but on the Now (Valley). Get ready for a battle.



### School Lunch Menu Dec. 5 - 9, 2011

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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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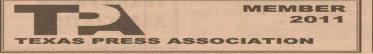
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Thought for the Day

Sentiment is shifting sand. You can have warm feelings toward God jeelings 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



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 Covote's proved to the mightier in Saturday's dog fight against Ira.



## UIL Win Academic Dare to Pups at Loop Championship... Live...

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8<sup>th</sup> grade Mathematics: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Sam Raborn, Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Tatum Richey, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Sam Raborn and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Nathan Souder. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies: 1<sup>st</sup>

place Team: Thomas Harrison. Souder. Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Nathan Souder, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Thomas Harrison and 5<sup>th</sup> place-Tatum Richey.

8th grade Listening: 2nd place-Nathan Souder. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling: 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Team: Channing Miller, Kyrsten Rebeles and Tatum Richey; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Tatum Richey and 5<sup>th</sup> place-Channing Miller. Richey.

8<sup>th</sup> grade Art: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Team: Holy Bradbury, Lexi Cheatham, Channing Miller, Flint Roberts and Tatum Richey; 5<sup>th</sup> place-Flint Roberts Souder. and 6th place-Channing Miller.

8<sup>th</sup> grade Number Sense: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Channing Miller, Sam Raborn and Tatum Richey; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Tatum grade-Tatum Richey. Richey and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Sam

Raborn. 8th grade Dictionary Skills: stances you encounter, you 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Holly Bradbury, Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; 1<sup>st</sup> place-Holly Bradbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Tatum Richey and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Nathan

8<sup>th</sup> grade Science: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Sam Raborn, Tatum place-Nathan Souder.

8<sup>th</sup> grade Impromptu: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Robert Jordan and 2nd place-Zoie Key.

8<sup>th</sup> grade Calculator: 1<sup>st</sup> place Team: Zoie Key, Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Tatum Richey, 3rd place-Zoie Key and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Nathan

8th grade Oral Reading: 1st place-Channing Miller and 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Tatum Richey.

8th grade Ready Writing: 6th

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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 evervone.

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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**

FFA Chapter has secured a trip to the State Leadership Contest on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

One member from the Gail II Leadership competitions on November 19t

The Gail FFA member and Mr. Wallace will depart for their State trip to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Zach will compete in the prelims on Fri-day, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and hopes to advance to the finals on December 3rd.

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

**Team State Bound! By Buddy Wallace** 

**Gail FFA Leadership** 

The Gail FFA traveled to the Lone Wolf District Competition in Snyder on November 14<sup>th</sup>. 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<sup>th</sup> at Howard Col-lege in Big Spring. Results are as follows:

Sr. Skills: 1<sup>st</sup> place (Area Qualifier) Taylor Gass, Maeghan Herridge and Matt Ham

Jr. Skills: 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Area Qualifier) Riley Herridge, Eva Banman and Frank Banman.

Sr. Creed: 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Area Qualifier) Zach McMeans and 6<sup>th</sup> place-Jordan Day. Jr. Creed: 1<sup>st</sup> place (Area Ornel<sup>ist</sup> place (Area Congratulations to all teams competing at the District Con-

Qualifier) Tye Basquez and 5<sup>th</sup> place-Cayden Vaughn.

Radio Teams: (Team One): 4<sup>th</sup> place-Kylie Voss, Jared Smith and Seleste Herridge; (Team Two):5<sup>th</sup> place-Lexi Peterson, Teryn Soto and Mollie McMeans. Sr. Chapter Conducting: 1st place (Area Qualifier) Jordan

Day, Zach McMeans, Steelie Sanders, Mastt Roberson, Sydnie Rebeles, Kassie Gaines and Michael Taylor. Jr. Chapter Conducting: 2nd

place (Area Qualifier) Tye Basquez, Sean Tucker, Nathan Ham, Clair Shafer, Bessie

Rhodes, Mason Coor, Jaden Huse and Bailey Robinson. Sr. Quiz: 5<sup>th</sup> place-Kalyn Massingill, T.J. Basquez,

test!

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### 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 lad-

der 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 de-

signed 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 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 deco-

rations 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 certifi-cation 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, pa-pers and other holiday decorations away from fireplaces and other sources of heat.

- Do not burn wrapping pa-per 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 Consumer Sciences V the Web at http:// at http://fcs.tamu.edu/

All the Best Wishing you and your family joy and happiness all season through.

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We're all aglow with the spirit of Christmas and we want to share it with you. Merry Christmas! Lamesa **Butane** 

Arlen Morris, Mgr.



www.cpsc.gov/ and click on the link to CPSC Publications.

For more information on other health and safety issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site



### **Brooke Claire Ballard** 2006 - 2011

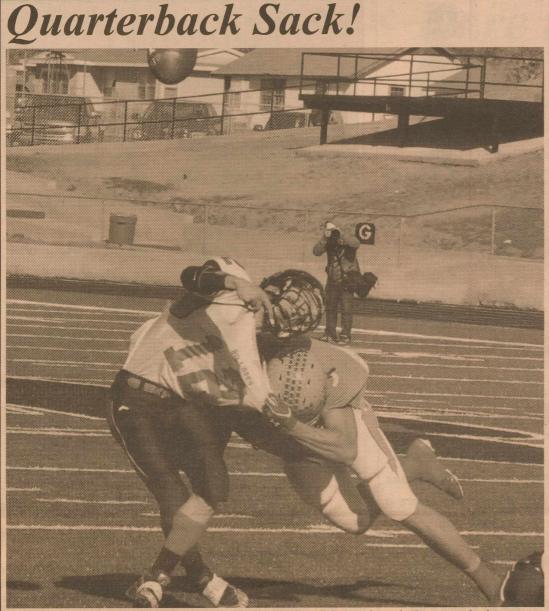
Brooke Claire Ballard, five Home. year old daughter of Megan and Levi Smith and Nathan and Brandye Ballard, went to be with the Lord on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2011. Brooke was born on August 18, 2006. She loved to dance, play t-ball, ride her pony, "Pinto", show pigs and ride the tractor. She also loved to fish, shoot her BB gun and cook with her mommy. She loved everything and everyone in her life.

Services were held Tuesday, November 29, at 2 p.m. at the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptists Church of Lamesa with the Reverend Charles Inman, pastor of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, Monahans and Billy Reed, pastor of the Monahans Church of Christ officiating. etery, Draw, Texas under the condolences online please visit direction of Branon Funeral www.branonfuneralhome.com

Brooke is survived by her parents, Megan and Levi Smith and Nathan and Brandye Ballard; her brother, Bentley; her half-brother and half-sisters, Cason, Harlie and Tynlee; her Grandparents, Scott and Brandi Brooks, Linda Ballard and the late Cliff Ballard, and Tommy and Kali Smith; her Great-Grandparents, Jack and Donnie Kelley, Shirley Gass, and Kyle and Joe Powell; her aunts and uncles, Alexis and Greg Rodriguez, Heather and Sterling Miller, Nick and Alisa Gass, Chey Ballard, and Gini and Josh Hallmark; and her cousin, Guy Maddox Miller. The family suggests donations to 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Lamesa Burial followed in Draw Cem- or to your local church. To send



6...The BORDEN STAR, Wed., Nov. 30th, 2011



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 with Christmas 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 9th 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 re-ceived by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then

publicly read. CONTSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILD-FACILITIES ING CONTRACT(S)

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

Dist/Div: Abilene Contract 6234-85-001 for RETROEFLECTIVITY the rates will be part of the con-DATA COLLECTION in tract. TXDOT ensures that bid-HOWARD County, etc will be ders 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 son & 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 Cary

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: All

**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, May and Guy Mark

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

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 Brummett 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

Blanche

The 6 Reinecke brothers & Sisters: Johanna R. Buthmiller Martin Reinecke **Erwin Reinecke** 

Clara Bash Hattie Bell

Maria Guerrero

**Erna Gray** By Margaret (Guthmiller) Novak

Preston & Ella Sharp Tom & Ann Nelms Marvin D. (Chief) Brewer **Barbara Sharp** 

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 STAR: and Jacquie Whalen Arla IN HÔNOR 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** 

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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 **DÓNATIONS FOR THE** 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

has been sponsored by Poka

Lambro Telephone Coopera-

tive, Inc. for their winning or-

nament and their ornament will

be on display in the Commis-

sioners Courtroom throughout

the holidays. We appreciate all

the youth and the teachers that

supported this year's contest.

All non-winner's ornaments

This year's Child-size Stock-

will be returned to the school.

ing Winner was Isabella Baeza.

# Lighting of the **Star Ornament Contest Results**

There were numerous en- ceived a \$25 cash prize which tries in the 2011 Lighting of the Star Ornament Contest this year. Congratulations to the first place winners! We selected one per grade of those submitted (K-5): Kindergarten: Jenna

Holbrooks 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Jaclyn McNeely 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Jadeyn Merrill 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Macy Matlock 4th Grade: Dymon Gomez

5th Grade: J.W. Nix Each first place winner re-

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Make your plans now to enter your home and/or yard in the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Co-op. Entries will be judged 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, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place!!! Please note we have a later entry deadline and judging date this year!

Phone:

Join in the fun! Complete and mail the entry form below and help decorate Gail for the Holidays!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Physical Address:\_\_\_

Directions to home:

Name:

Mail your entry to "Lyntegar & Lights for Gail – Christmas Decorating Contest", P.O. Box 312, Gail, TX 79738. All entries must be received by <u>Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm</u>, and the location of the entry must be within a five-mile radius of Borden County Courthouse. Judging will be done on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

