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## Coyotes Slow Start Allows the Greyhounds to Take State Title in Abilene

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes dream season came to a disappointing close Saturday afternoon at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene in the 2011 State Championship game. The Coyotes who have gotten off to fast starts in their previous 3 play-off games saw a real quick start stall for almost an entire half of football.

The Coyotes behind some great blocks by starting line juniors Matt Roberson and Helio Rosales and senior Quint Shafer, also with sophomore fullback TJ Basquez and junior quarterback Tanner Richey paved the way to the only lead the Coyotes would have on the day as Senior Austin Fields reached pay dirt from 76 yards away on the coyotes first offensive play of the game. Helio Rosales added the extra point kick and Borden County had a quick 8-0 lead. The Greyhounds answered quickly as they used a misdirection running play that caught the Coyotes off guard for a Throckmorton Greyhound score. After a missed extra point attempt appeared to allow the Coyotes to keep the lead an offside call allowed the Greyhounds to have another kick and on this try

they did not miss again. This made the score 8-8 with 8:32 left in the first quarter.

Borden County got the ball back but a series of miscues resulted in the Coyotes giving the ball up on downs when Fields was stopped short on a 4<sup>th</sup> and 1 play. The Greyhounds took a lead they would not relinquish on a 19 yard scoring pass play with 5:18 left in the first to take a 16-8 lead. After another penalty slowed a Coyote drive and an 8 yard punt gave the Greyhounds the ball in good field position, the Greyhounds scored on a 3<sup>rd</sup> and long play when Borden County busted a coverage that allowed their all everything receiver to get behind the secondary and another Greyhound touchdown with 2:30 left in the first to take a 24 to 8 lead over the coyotes.

On the next Coyote drive another 4<sup>th</sup> and short stop turned the ball over to the Greyhounds. The Coyotes looked poised to finally stop the Hounds, but a missed sack opportunity allowed the Greyhound quarterback to find an open receiver who managed to slip a tackle and reach the endzone for a 32 to 8 lead for Throckmorton.

On the ensuing kick

Throckmorton recovered an onside but an offside penalty saved the day, but not for long as the Greyhounds kicked it

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**EARLY DISMISSAL**

Monday, December 19<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 Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

## Six-Man DI State Runner-Up



The Borden County Coyotes are named the Six-Man Division I State Runner-Up after suffering a 48-36 loss to the Throckmorton Greyhounds last Saturday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. This would be the third time in four years the Coyotes have competed in the State Play-Off game. Pictured are (backrow left to right) Matt Proulx, Tanner Richey, Quint Shafer, Austin Tyler, Matt Roberson, Helio Rosales, T.J. Basquez, Michael Taylor, Kurt Shafer; (middle row left to right) Riley Herridge, Zach McMeans, Frank Herridge, Jared Smith, Collin Telchik, Austin Fields, Tristen Benavidez, Luke Burkett, Sean Tucker; (front row left to right) Mason Coor, Matthew Ham, Ricky Torres, Jaden Huse, Hurrikane Richter, Cayden Vaughn and Nathan Ham. Coyotes, congratulations on a job well done

# Lady Coyotes Win Consolation in New Borden County Gym

The Lady Coyotes had a wonderful showing this weekend in our brand new gym. The girls would like to thank all the maintenance people, workers, and helpers that helped make this Tournament a wonderful experience.

The girls started tournament play with the Wilson Lady Mustangs. The Lady Coyotes jumped on Wilson earlier taking a 19-1 lead in the first quarter, and at half the Lady Coyotes were up 41-9. "I was really happy with the level of defensive pressure we were able to bring to the game that morning." Stated Coach Skelton, "I was also happy with the bench they were able to get in there and really do some nice things for us and helped extend our lead."

Once the dust settled the Lady Coyotes finished the game victorious 70-24. The leading scores for the game where; Taylor Gass 18, Aubree Lester 11, Kylie Voss 10, Raegan Belongia 8, Stefanie Cooley 6, Kalyn Massingill 6, Kaylyn Dean 4, Tye Basquez 4, and Lexi Peterson 3.

The next game later that day was a great physical battle for the Lady Coyotes. The Lady Coyotes played Lubbock Christian High School.

"This game had huge moments for us, and we grew up a little bit because of this game." The first quarter ended with the Lady Coyotes up 13-11. However the Lady Coyotes struggled in the second quarter only managing one bucket and went 8-17 from the free throw to find themselves down 28-23 at the half.

The end of the third quarter the Lady Coyotes cut two points of the lead and was down three points heading into the final quarter. With 4:07 left in the game the Lady Coyotes found themselves down seven points. Kylie Voss and Raegan Belongia sparked the offense scoring 10 of the 14 points for the quarter and at the end of regulation the Lady Coyotes manage to tie the game up.

In overtime however the LCHS squad took a 3 point advantage early and the Lady Coyotes couldn't close the gap. The final LCHS 57 Lady Coyotes 54.

"What a game!" Coach Skelton stated, "You have to love the effort the girl showed to come back and send this thing into overtime." "However, it just took too much out of us, and we just couldn't pull it out in the end, but man what effort they showed."

"I was happy to see Kylie go crazy tonight." "I know what I am going to get from those seniors night in and night out, but what an X factor she was tonight." The Lady Coyotes had two girls with double doubles. Kylie Voss lead the Lady Coyotes 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Aubree Lester 10 points and 10 rebounds. Raegan Belongia was 1 rebound away from a double double scoring 11 points and 9 rebounds, and Stefanie Cooley was 2 points away from a double double as well scoring 8 points and a team high 13 rebounds. Taylor Gass was the only other Lady Coyote to score and she too had 10 points and 4 steals.

The next game pitted the Lady Coyotes against the Lady Lopes of Post. "I have to admit I was concerned about this game." Stated Coach Skelton, "We really played a hard physical game last night, and Post is going to be just as physical or more this morning."

The score was knotted up 12-12 after the end of the first quarter, and at the half the Lady Coyotes only had a one point advantage 22-21. Coach Skelton was visibly distressed at the defensive effort in the first half. "#25 had 18 of the team's 21 points, and we did little to slow her down in the first half." However, after a half time adjustment they only allowed her to 8 points in the second half.

The Lady Coyotes won yet another close quarter out score Post by one and have a 36-34 lead going into the final quarter. "Then we finally settled down and started playing in the last quarter." The Lady Coyotes outscored Post 18-10 to finish the game 54-44 and take yet another victory in the Tournament.

"There are a couple of things that need to be pointed

out this game." Said Coach Skelton, "One is Kaylyn Dean played the best I have ever seen her, and under some extreme circumstance." Raegan Belongia picked up 3 quick fouls and had to sit most of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. "Deano came in with poise and did a wonderful job stepping up and owning that situation." "Then in the second half Raegan doesn't get her 4<sup>th</sup> foul until there is only 1:47 left in the game." Said Coach Skelton, "That speaks to her understanding of the situation as well, and to top it all off Aubree and Raegan go 6-6 from the free throw line to help seal the victory."

Leading scores for this game where; Reagan Belongia 18, Stefanie Cooley 11, Aubree Lester 9, Kylie Voss 5, Taylor Gass 5, Kaylyn Dean 4, and Tye Basquez 2.

The Lady Coyotes took on the O'Donnell Lady Eagles for Consolation Championship.

The Lady Coyotes jumped all over the Eagles early. The first quarter saw the Lady Coyotes take a 20-8 first quarter lead. The Lady Eagles then rallied, but fail short in the second quarter getting out scored 20-16 for a Lady Coyote half-time lead of 40-24.

The third quarter saw the Lady Coyotes outscore the Eagles 13-6, and the fourth was

11-5 giving the Lady Coyotes the Consolation Championship victory 64-35. "I felt really happy with this win for several reasons." Stated Coach Skelton, "One it was a district opponent, and we have already gotten into their heads now, but the main reason is we did a lot of good things tonight." "They started in a 2-3 zone and then we hit 2 big 3's and they got out of that and went man." "Later in the second quarter they went zone again, and we hit two more 3's." "I think we hit six 3's on the night which is something I think we need to do more of to help open the bottom up so Raegan can do what she does so well."

Another thing Coach pointed out is five different players hit those six 3 point shots. They were; Talyor Gass 1, Aubree Lester 1, Lexi Peterson 1, Kylie Voss 1, and Stefanie Cooley 2.

"We also forced them into 30 take aways with 14 steals and 16 turnovers, but we did that not really doing anything fancy or aggressive. Stats for the game are as follows: Stephanie Cooley 14 pts, 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals; Taylor Gass 11 pts, 1 assists and 3 steals; Aubree Lester 9 pts, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals; Lexi Peterson 8 pts, 2 rebounds and 1 steal; Kylie Voss 7 pts, 8 rebounds, 1 assist and 3 steals; Kaylyn Dean 6 pts and 12 rebounds; Kalyn Massingill 5 pts, 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal and Raegan Belongia 4 pts, 8 rebounds and 2 assists."

## School Lunch Menu

Jan. 3 - 6, 2012

Menu subject to change

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Waffle Stix, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog, Oven Fried Potatoes, Apple & Orange Smiles, Sherbet Cup and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Carne Guisada, Refried Beans, Garden Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Flour Tortilla and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Taco Salad, Corn, Snowball Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Pizza Bagelt, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce & Tomato, Ranch Style Beans, Peaches, Rice Crispy Treat and Milk.

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Lady Coyote, Kylie Voss shoots and scores another two points against the Post Lady Lopes in last weekends Borden Invitational Tournament. The Ladies won consolation beating the O'Donnell Lady Eagles..

# Coyotes Suffer Loss at State Title Against Throckmorton...

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again and this time managed to recover the ball legally and gave the Greyhounds the ball and a 32 to 8 lead.

Finally, the Coyote defense showed up and after forcing the Greyhounds backwards, they regained possession and some momentum. Using the spark from the defense the Borden County offense got back on the board as Fields scored on a 5 yard run and with the Rosales kick the Coyotes trimmed the lead to 32 to 16.

The red, white and blue defense put together another stop in an attempt to keep the momentum going before half. The Coyotes appeared headed to the locker room only down a score after all that had gone on in the first half, but a holding call brought back the Fields touchdown run and the Coyotes were unable to answer the holding call and the half ran out on them still trailing 32 to 16 at intermission.

The Greyhounds got the ball to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and were able to keep their drive alive with an early fifteen yard penalty and then when it appeared that Borden County had the Greyhounds stopped on a 4<sup>th</sup> down play, the quarterback eluded the sack by a Coyote then threw the ball all the way across the field just out of the reach of sophomore Matt Ham's reach for a 2 yard scoring pass on the initial drive of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half to push their lead to 40 to 16 with 5:30 left in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The Coyotes were unable to answer as a diving interception by a Greyhound gave them possession the ball with the 24 point lead. The Borden County defense again stiffened as Austin Fields grabbed his first interception of the year to give them the ball back.

Three plays later after a long Fields run, the Coyotes found the endzone on the final play of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter on a nice throw and catch by Richey and Basquez to cut the lead to 40 to 22, but what might have been one of the biggest plays of the game, the extra point kick was ruled wide left and the Coyotes remained 3 scores behind trailing by 18 points. The Coyote defense again forced a turnover as a tipped ball was intercepted by Richey for his 9 interception of the

year to give them the ball again and continue the momentum swing.

Five plays later, in fact, it should have been 4 plays as it appeared that Collin Telchik easily reached the endzone but was ruled down at the 1 which also cost Borden County close to a minute of clock time, Fields reached paydirt from the yard and they cut the lead to 40 to 28 after another missed PAT. The Coyote defense continued their dominate ways as defensive ends, Rosales and Basquez and linebacker Shafer controlled the line of scrimmage. A nice pass break-up by Austin Tyler on a big 3<sup>rd</sup> down forced a Greyhound punt and the Coyotes following a nice 12 yard return by Richey were back in business. Richey and the Coyotes marched down the field again using their two-minute offense and on the 6<sup>th</sup> play of the drive the Coyotes and the combination of Richey to Basquez struck again this time for 8 yards out after Richey scrambled to keep the play alive to cut the lead to 40 to 34. Rosales nailed the kick to cut the lead to 4 points and within a field goal with 1:51 left in the game.

Borden County failed on their onside kick bid and were now forced to stop the Greyhounds on four plays without giving up a first down in order to regain possession of the ball. After gaining 14 yards on the first two downs, the Coyotes were forced to call an all-out blitz. The Greyhounds tried to get Borden County to jump offside, but moved themselves to push them back and force a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6 at their own 39 yard line with 1:25 left in the game and one time-out left for the Coyotes.

The Greyhounds seeing that the Coyotes were bringing the house audibled to a passing play and as a result a wide open Greyhound player squirted free and with a perfect pass, the dream season came up just short as the touchdown and extra point kick pushed the lead to 48 to 36. On the ensuing kick-off any hopes of a miracle were dashed as a fumble led to a Coyote turnover and the Greyhounds were able to kneel on the ball with the Borden County team captains and other seniors in the game for the fi-

nal play of their high school career and a disheartening finish, but a very respectable end with a State Runner-up season.

This marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> trip to the state game for Austin Fields as a competitor, the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and first as competitors for Luke Burkett, Austin Tyler and Collin Telchik and 2<sup>nd</sup> trip and competitor for Quint Shafer, but what a career and legacy this group has left behind. Falling short of a championship 48 to 36 did not mean falling short of great achievements. What an amazing ride!!!!

Leading the way statistically was Austin Fields with 21 carries for 205 yards and 3 scores and was 2 of 2 passing for 15 yards. Fields was also in on 7 tackles and an interception. Tanner Richey had 3 carries for 45 yards and was 4 of 9 passing for 41 yards and 2 scores. Richey also had 14 tackles and an interception and a tackle for loss. Helio Rosales had 2 catches for 15 yards and was in on 15 tackles and 3 for loss. Quint Shafer had 2 catches for 15 yards and 2 carries for 8 yards and was in on 9 tackles. TJ Basquez had 1 carry for 4 yards and had 2 receptions for 26 yards and 2 scores and was in on 12 tackles 2 for loss. Austin Tyler was in on 5 tackles and a pass break up. Matt Ham was in on 5 tackles. Collin Telchik had 3 carries for 18 yards, also seeing some action was Tristen Benavidez with a pressure and blocked on the line. Kurt Shafer, Matt Proulx, Luke Burkett ran some routes as well.

Congratulations on a fantastic and memorable season. What a memory building season. Thank you guys for building so many amazing memories for an old man. I loved every minute of the ride. You younger guys, I look forward to the next chapter in Coyote football.

I would like to thank everyone that was involved in making this season an amazing year. I know that I will forget some names but you all know who you are as I attempt to name a few. John Harrison and his helper John Robinson for bringing and setting up the Coyote before every game this season. Too, Diedre Smith and

her little elves who helped stitch up our Red football pants. To Tommy Basquez and the Post Crew for setting up the amazing send off in Post. To all that were involved in our send offs here in Gail, they were absolutely amazing and I will not mention names here because I will forget someone. To our Maintenance Staff for all you did along the way from vehicles (Phillip) to marking the fields (Delphino, Ricky, and Phillip to maintaining all things Electrical (Drew and John) to cleaning our dressing room (Connie and all the ladies I would imagine at some point and time). I would like to say thank you to our administration Mr. Thomas and Mr. McMeans to Cindy Massingill, Tina Stansell, Amy Rinehart and Terri Buchanan. To all of the Parents that have supported us all the way, to our cheerleaders and mascot and their sponsor. To all of our faithful family and friends that have made all the games and logged so many miles just to watch these special young men play this wonderful game of football; to our wives who put up with our long hours and our children who share us with all of these young men. Thank you to the ladies taking pictures; our chain crew, Kevin Telchik, Danny Smith, Chris Cooley, Mike Burkett and Howard Smith; to Fuzz Herridge running the clock and the voice of

the Coyotes, Buddy Wallace. To all those who helped put together the Pep Rally, we thank you as well. Anyone that had a hand in making this an unbelievable year, we thank you. But most importantly, we thank God for giving us this special time and looking after us on all our many journeys. God has truly been amazing on this ride and everything we do we give him all the glory. You are truly amazing!!!! Until next year!!!! WE WILL BE BACK!!!!



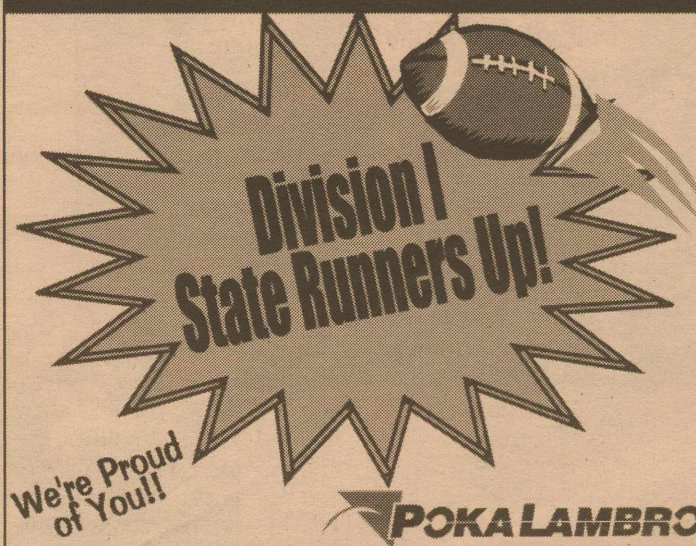
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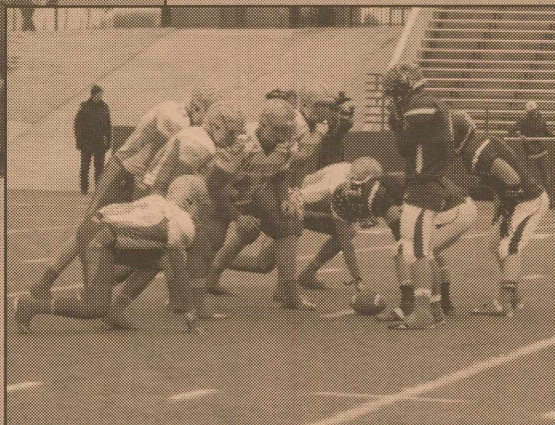
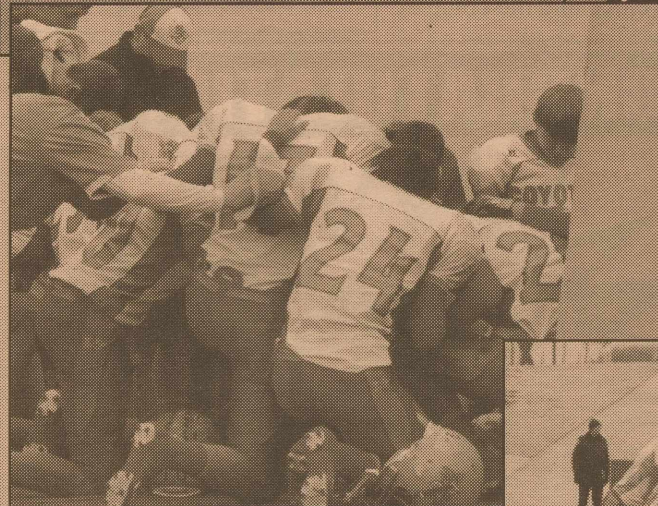
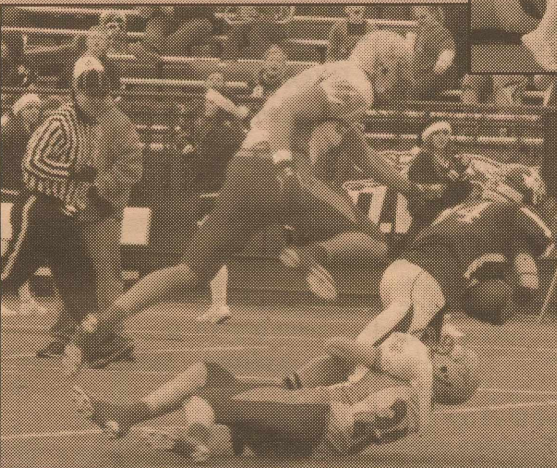
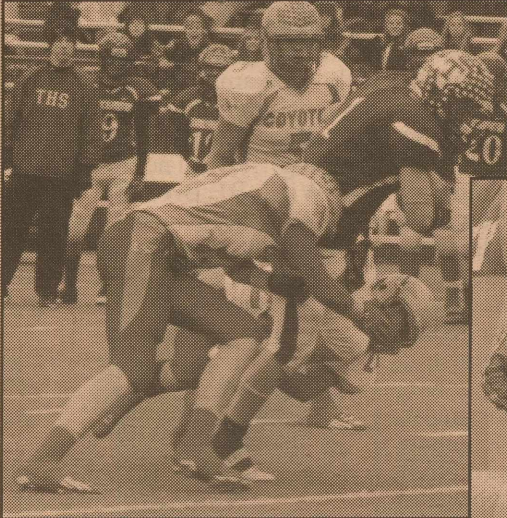
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## WAY TO GO COYOTES!

# BORDEN COUNTY COYOTES SIX-MAN DIVISION I STATE RUNNER-UP



# Missy Coyotes Fall to the Wildcats

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes lost their home opener against Wellman Union 24-13, but Coach Skelton isn't worried about wins and losses at this point.

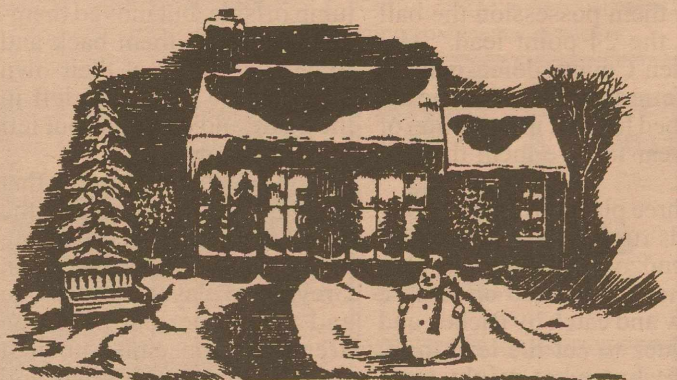
"I think each time we step on to the floor these young girls are showing signs of improvement." "We made a change late in the game by moving some personnel, and it allowed us to have more options." "Right know we are focusing on our defense and what it means to play on that end of the floor." Coach Skelton said.

"I like the way we are standing to fly around and get to places, and we are starting to anticipate passes better which is key to what we do."

The leading scorers for the game where; Kylee Dean 6, Cheyenne Tucker 3, Zoie Key 2, Tatum Richey 2.



Missy Coyote, Kylee Dean guards a Wellman player and keeps the Wildcats from scoring.



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## Borden County ISD Regular Board Meeting November 14, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in special session at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Joel Dennis was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present. Guests present were Annabel Canchola, Chris Grammer, Tom Alvis, Bruce Vaughn, Steven DeWolf, Dale Cummings, and Bob Popinski

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. Representatives from Moak Casey Associates, Wind Tex Energy, O'Hanlon/McCollom/Demerath, and Cummings/Westlake LLC were present to discuss and conduct a public hearing on the application of Wind Tex Energy-Stephens, LLC for an appraised value limitation on qualified property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to take action to adopt the findings concerning the application for a limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes from Wind Tex Energy-Stephens, LLC. The motion carried with the following five members voting in favor (John Anderson, Joe Harding, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine), none voting against, and Randy Hensley abstaining.

5. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to take action to grant a waiver of job creation requirements concerning the application for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District M&O taxes from Wind Tex Energy-Stephens, LLC. The motion carried with four voting in favor (John Anderson, Carol Lewis, Joe Harding, and Mike Valentine), Dennis

Poole voting against, and Randy Hensley abstaining.

6. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to take action to approve an agreement for a limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes based on application from Wind Tex Energy-Stephens, LLC. The motion carried with five voting in favor (John Anderson, Joe Harding, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine), none voting against, and Randy Hensley abstaining.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to take action to adopt a resolution to retain Haynes And Boone L.L.P. for legal counsel to challenge the statutory system for the financing of Public Education in Texas and for the expenditure of public funds by the district for that purpose. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to allow three days between the 27<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2011 for practices, games, or tournaments and to allow a practice on Monday, January 2, 2012. The motion carried with four voting in favor (Mike Valentine, Randy Hensley, Joe Harding, and Carol Lewis) and two against (John Anderson, Dennis Poole).

9. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to take action to add, revise, or delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 91. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the minutes

of the October 17, 2011 board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to not have another meeting for November 2011 and to set the regular

December board meeting for December 19, 2011, at 7:P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to cast votes for the Howard County Appraisal District as follows (Donnie Baker-4, Tim Blackshear-4, Dale Humphreys-4, Donnie Reid-5, Kathy Sayles-4). The motion carried unanimously.

13. Mr. Thomas reported that 209 students were enrolled as of November 9, 2011, gave a second six week student failure and honor roll report, and gave a construction project report. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



## Extra FFA Cookie Dough and Meat Items Available

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA Chapter has several extra cookie dough and meat items available from their fall sales. Anyone wishing to purchase extra items can contact Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 (School) or 806/543-2118 (Cell) or email at bwallace@bcisd.net.

The Gail FFA Chapter once again thanks the community for all their fund-raiser support!

**COOKIE DOUGH ITEMS:** (All items are \$14): Red Velvet Roll (4), Pumpkin Roll (2), Apple Dumplings (6), Cinnamon Rolls (3), Peach Cobbler (10), Oatmeal Raisin (6), Pea-



**Last Issue for 2011**

This is the last issue of the  
Borden Star for 2011  
We will be back on Jan. 4, 2012

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**  
From the Borden Star

## Legal Notice

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BORDEN**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> of December, 2011, 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.

A. 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.

B. This Order does not prohibit:

1. Common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;
2. Large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).

C. 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 ON THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2011,  
BY THE BORDEN COUNTY  
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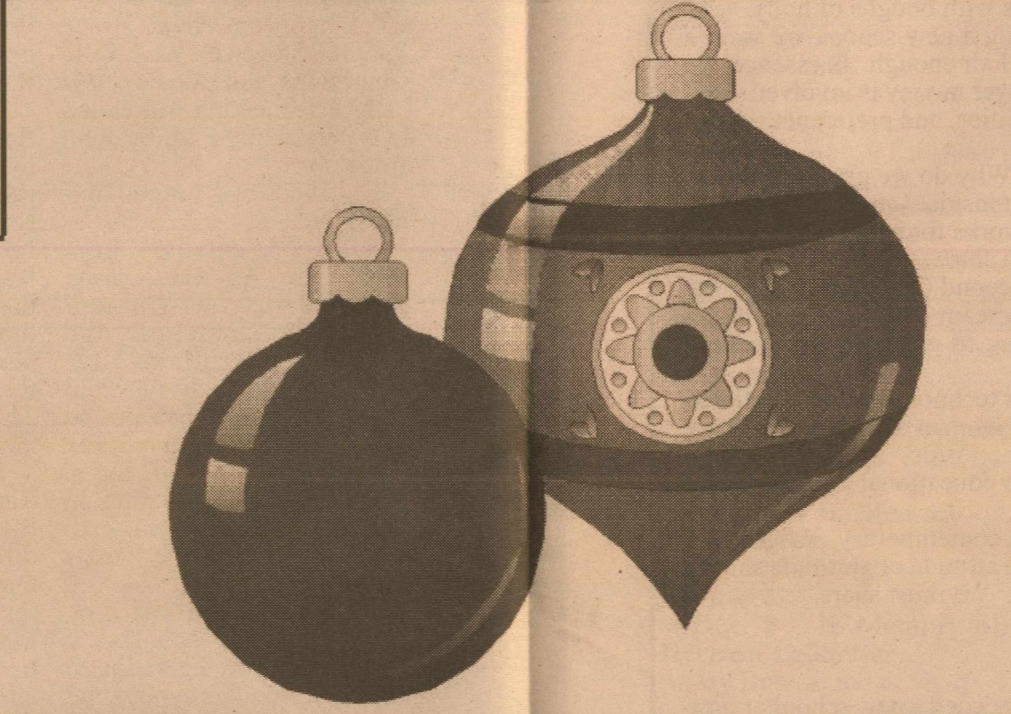
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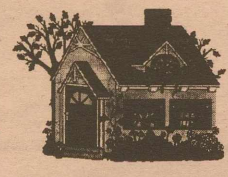
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## Don't Let Foodborne Illness Spoil Your Mail Order Surprise

During this holiday season, many consumers are concerned about the safety of food items sent by mail. Food packages delivered through mail do have the potential to cause foodborne illness, a disease that effects more than 76 million Americans each year.

Food borne illness is caused by harmful microorganisms. These microorganisms feed on moist, protein rich food such as meat, poultry, fish, and cheesecake. These microorganisms multiply rapidly at temperatures between 40 degrees F and 140 degrees F, otherwise known as the temperature danger zone. Foods should never be kept at these temperatures for more than 2 hours.

Harmful microorganisms generally do not affect the taste, smell, or appearance of food. Usually you will not be able to tell if food has been mishandled or if it could cause foodborne illness. However, there are a few visual signs that can help you better determine if mailed food items are safe to eat.

The following are tips to help you know if your perishable food has been handled properly:

- Make sure the perishable food item, such as meat or poultry, is still cold or frozen and has been packed with a cold source. Your food item should also be packed in a foam container or heavy corrugated cardboard box.

- Observe the postage date. Perishable food should be delivered quickly, ideally overnight. The outer package of the food should be clearly labeled "Keep Refrigerated."

- Immediately open any package marked "Keep Refrigerated." Check the temperature of the food items. Perishable items should arrive partially frozen with visible ice crystals. These items should still be frozen in the middle. Baked or canned hams and other smoked, cured, or fully cooked perishable items should arrive cold.

- If the perishable food is warm, **DO NOT CONSUME OR TASTE THE FOOD.** Alert the company immediately if the food is warm.

It is best not to send perishable food items in the mail. Gift food items that do not need refrigeration include canned meats, dry sausages (pepperoni, hard salamis), fruits, crackers, or other dried food items. If you are planning to send mail order food items to family and friends this holiday season, alert them that the gift is in the mail. When possible, provide the anticipated date of delivery.

By preventing the possibility for foodborne illness, food can be the perfect gift. For more information, contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County at (806/756-4336).

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
At 6:00 p.m.  
Gail First Baptist Church


Come join us for a very special time of remembering  
the true meaning of Christmas.

## Merry Christmas, Borden County

By Sue Jane Mayes

Back in the 1960s in my elementary school, one of the post-holiday traditions was to bring one gift we had received to show our classmates. Needless to say, that occasion was delightful for students, chaotic for the teachers. I now know that Mrs. Bishop, Miss Eoff, Mrs. Barron, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Davenport, and Miss Turner may have dreaded that one day more than recess duty.

I remember well, too, the prevailing message that those teachers stressed. This occasion wasn't about showing off our present or bragging about how lucky we were to get that Dale Evans outfit, the Lincoln Logs, the Creepy Crawler set, or even the Magic Bake Oven. We were bringing our favorite gift and being asked to show and share—not an easy thing to do with a new toy.

Last week, the Borden County community had show and share a little early as we opened our first package. It was our initial chance to say to the outside "Look what we got—a new gymnasium" that played host to several area schools in the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Borden County Christmas Tournament.

Even the hardest of hearts tends to soften when we think of the reason for the season and the joy of giving. Still, sometimes the whole gift thing causes mixed feelings. There are the awkward moments of receiving presents for which we did not ask. Take the kid who wanted an iPhone from Mom and Dad but got a prepaid phone from Aunt Martha instead. When that happens, it is tempting to want to deck more than just halls with boughs of holly.

When the decision was made two years ago to begin building a new school, we were a house divided because not everyone wanted to receive this gift. Fair enough. In essence, we were being asked to pay for part of it ourselves. Any time taxpayer money is involved—not to mention tradition, sentimental memories, priorities, personalities, and preferences—determining what is best is open to interpretation.

That is when we have to go back to the heart of the matter. Why do we give gifts?

As part outsider (*not in the decision-making process*) and part insider (*an employee of the school district and parent to former students*), a positive spin works for me. We are giving ourselves this new school for one heartfelt reason: it is good to share.

Just as my teachers modeled this lesson for their First and Second Graders, we have the opportunity to do the same with our new "toy." This beautiful dream of a building will not just be for us or our visitors, but it is being built to pass along to generations of school children to come.

The logical reasons for building it involve the need for better technological instructional tools and the fact that our old school was basically a 60-year-old woman on Botox—looking good on the outside but unable to hide the wear and tear on the inside. It is time to give ourselves something that, inside and out, reflects a competitive educational atmosphere in every way.

If the only thing we appreciate in this new school are the contemporary designs and modern conveniences, we are way off track. As with any gift, an attitude of gratitude should go hand in hand with the joy of receiving something so special. We must share.

Share wisdom, not just knowledge.

Share pride, not arrogance.

Share a desire to improve, not an entitled smugness.

Regardless of your feelings about whether or not this district needed a new school or how much money should have been spent or whether or not the new gym needed red or blue seats, this new school represents an investment in the one entity that binds us all together. By virtue of being the only school in the county, Borden County School represents a very personal investment in the life of a child from the Plains Community or Lamesa, from Lake Thomas or Post, from Vincent or Fluvanna or Vealmoor or Snyder or Gail America.

Like so many of you, I grew up in the faith that taught that people made up the church. The building was just the structure that housed the real Spirit. During this season, when we recognize the birth of a child that lived and died to further that faith, wouldn't it be nice if we could apply that same reasoning? We are the school. All of us: taxpayers, transfers, local kids, and staff. This state-of-the-art structure being erected is nothing, absolutely nothing, without our school spirit.

My goodness, Borden County, celebrate.

We have given ourselves the sort of gift that will keep on giving for years and years to come.

May we show and share—humbly and gratefully.



# 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**  
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**Nov. 25** - In Honor of: **Martha Pearce**  
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**Nov. 26** - In Memory of: **Doc & Dwynne Wilson and Mardes & Gracia Clayton**  
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**Nov. 30** - In Honor of: **Cliff & Sandi Price**  
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**Dec. 1** - In Memory of: **Donald Wayne Salter**  
By Billy & Dina Gannaway

**Dec. 2** - In Memory of: **Kay Doyle**  
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**Dec. 4** - In Memory of: **John & Peggy Dennis**  
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**Dec. 5** - In Memory of: **Binie & Nell White**  
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**Dec. 6** - In Memory of: **Mary Mullins Cary**  
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**Dec. 7** - In Memory of: **John & Katherine Stephens**  
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**Dec. 8** - In Memory of: **Wayne Key**  
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**Dec. 8** - In Memory of: **Herman Ledbetter**  
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**Dec. 9** - In Honor of: **Carolyn & Earl**  
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**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**  
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**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**  
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**Dec. 22** - In Memory of: **Raphael & Nora Buchanan**  
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**Dec. 23** - In Memory of: **Our Parents**  
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**Dec. 24** - In Memory of: **All Our Loved Ones & Friends**  
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**Dec. 24** - In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**  
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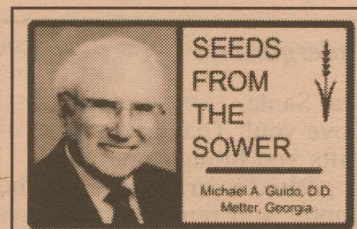
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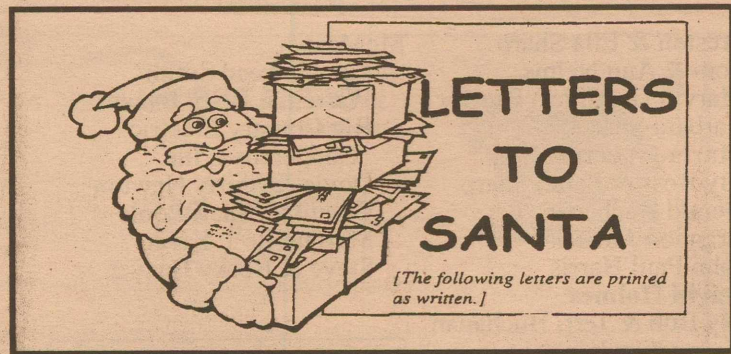
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Love,  
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Love,  
Kadence Lowery  
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Love,  
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Love,  
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Love,  
Agatha Skelton  
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Love,  
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Love,  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Isaiah. I am 7 years old! I live in the great town of Post. This year I've been really good and it would be super great if you could

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P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves Merry Christmas for me.

Love,  
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Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Brooklynn. 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 good if you could bring me these things this year: a bike, a trampoline and a Barbie doll. Thank you! Have a Merry Christmas.

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.

Love,  
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Dear Santa Claus,

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Dillon W.  
Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Rebekah. I am 6 years old! I live in the great town of Lake Thomas. This year I have been really good and it would be super good if you could bring me these things this year: unicorn pillow pet, Ds, set of earrings, and a stuffed animal reindeer. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever and I love you!

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hi for me.

Love,  
Rebekah K.  
Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Kell. I am 7 years old! I live in the great town of the Gail. This year I've been super good and it would be super dooper if you

could bring me these things this year: Lego helicopter, Lego police, Lego bank, Lego police car and a Lego Santa Set. Tell everyone Hi. I love you and you're awesome. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves good luck for me.

Love,  
Kell K.  
Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Shane. I am 7 years old! I live in the great town of Lamesa. This year I've been really good and it would be awesome if you could bring me these things this year: air hog helicopter, remote control fast lane motorcycle, dry erase board, little refrigerator and a iPod touch. I love you and you're awesome. How do you deliver all of these presents in one night? Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me.

Love,  
Shane T.  
Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Jaclyn. I am 7 years old! I live in the great town of Post. This year I've been really good and it would be super nice if you could bring me these things this year: an iPod, Ladybug pillow pet, coffee cup, books to read, and my own chair. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves thank you for me.

Love,  
Jaclyn M.  
Dear Santa Claus,

My name is George. I am 7 years old! I live in the great town of Gail. This year I've been really good and it would be super great if you could bring me these things this year: DSi, star wars ds game, modern warfare 3 for xbox, bow and arrows, and wallet. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves Merry Christmas for me.

Love,  
George W.  
Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Dallie. I am 6 years old! I live in the country on a ranch. This year I've been really ok and it would be super awesome if you could bring me these things this year: ipod touch, play phone, play horse, pillow cover, computer, and a chair. Hi! Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus

and the elves hello for me.

Love,  
Dallie M.  
Dear Santa Claus,

My name is J. Tom. I am 7 years old! I live in the country near Fluvanna. This year I've been really good and it would make me super happy if you could bring me these things this year: dirt bike, robot zoom video game, ipod touch, and new boots. I hope you have a good time coming to my house. Be safe, because it is really windy and snowy here. I love you! Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hi for me.

Love,  
J. Tom P.  
Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Tracen. I am 6 years old! I live in the great town of Lake Thomas. This year I've been really good and it would be super dooper if you could bring me these things this year: helicopter, airplane, a baseball and bat, toy car, and a bike. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves they are the best for me.

Love,  
Tracen M.  
Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Daniel. I am 6 years old! I live in the great town of Lake J. B Thomas. This year I've been really good and it would be super good if you could bring me these things this year: skateboard and body bag, a helmet, a bb gun, nerf gun, a guitar, and new bicycle. Thank you for the presents! You're the best Santa ever!

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves thank you for me.

Love,  
Daniel R.  
Dear Santa Claus,

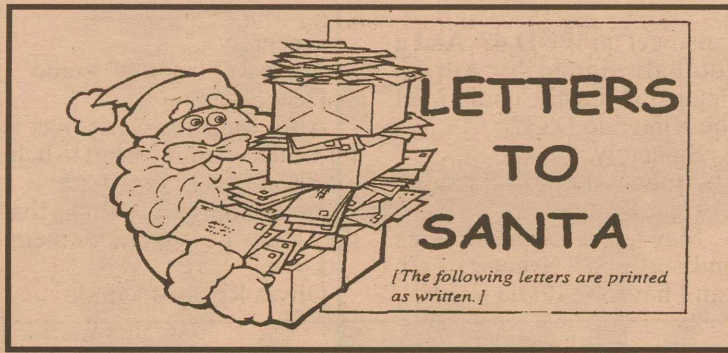
My name is Shelton. I am 8 years old! I live in the great town of Gail. This year I've been really good and it would be super if you could bring me these things this year: gun, 3Ds, longhorn pillow pet, automatic hand soap dispenser and exploders. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves I love them for me.

Love,  
Shelton T.  
Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Hayden. I am 6 years old! I live in the great town of Post. This year I've

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been really good and it would be super good if you could bring me these things this year: Wii with a fishing game and hunting game, Ds with super Mario Bros and Mario cart, xbox with a dinosaur game, wrestling game arena, army set that stand up and a hunting set. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves I love you for me.

Love,  
Hayden N.

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Maddison. 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 dooper if you could bring me these things this year: Tangled the movie, Tangled action figures, toys with the dresses, play kitchen set and dishes with the food, ipod touch, Tinkerbell with clothes and calendar. Your nice and I love you. Tell the elves they are very nice and I love them, too. Thank you for the presents you will bring to me. Thank you! You're the best Santa ever!

P.S. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the elves they are the best for me.

Love,  
Maddison J.

### 2nd Grade

Dir Santu,

I want a big nut kraker a pat agronu for krismis a it to snow ok a noow boots for krismis a snow glob for kirsmis a spris, me for stoking.

From Thomas Snell  
Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a Ipad and the movie Smuf's and American girl goll bed an dog and a lala loopysdoll and the walkable littlest pet shop and a 3-DDS and a Itunes card and Katie Perry cd. Thank you Santa clause.

Tatum Harrison  
Dear Santa,

I want a PSP go and the 3Ds and a white football helmet and football pads. Football

shoes and iPhon5 and iPad2 Madden 12 for wii. Black eyed pea Poster. Steelers jersey #7.

Love Ethan Stephens

Dear Santa,

Go go my walking pup. Sho Shop po go DSIXL DSI3D DS.

From Ryann Phillips

Dere Santuy,

A Dsixl. Maryell cart. Games A monster Hiye doll A esy backe oven A baby doll A phone A kpyooder A dall and a crimin tree.

From Sheridan Gomez

Dear Santa,

This year I want a Purplu, blue Feege monster Hi doll, a Barbie, Stuft puppy, little pet shop, Stuft unicorn, a prinses dress, a per of high hills, amerrican girl and a taru.

Love Rachel Thomas

Dear santa,

I love toys really much my llove you to. You were nice thank you for perceints. I love you really much thank you

Love Gage Payne

To sate,

Guessers onmins, a toy horse, fash light, battys, duble AA fishing pole, kite, bike, puse, shoes moon doghw, cold sand, play dhogh, books, pinkie frame, ipod 4g, colfering pack it pislos wach, erasers, colers, Alvin and the chipmunks chipwrecked.

Love Lindy Miller

Dear Santa,

What I want for chrismas. A easy-bake, Amican girl doll, Just dance 3, dsixl or dsi, and ds games, xia xias ruber snake, ipad2 lala looppsy doll. Bye Santa!

Love Rae'Lynne Clement

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want new frunt teeth. A basket of brownis. A basket of cheese. A new back pack. A jar of candy. New crayolas. The book Falling for rapunzel. The toy gogo my walking pupy.

Love Charli Snell

Dear Santa,

I Want A Ipod tuch, a D.S game A easy bake oven, I want a ruber snack, A fakemous, xia xia's Just dance 2 or Just dance 3 Ipad2 and a stuft annal. I want a ornament a LaLa Lompsy doll a minnyy bopit a colering boock a skare kro.

Love Jadeyn Merrill

Dear Santa,

This year I want a DSI XL, a monster high doll, a Furl Real friend, a Barbie that sings, a Barbie that trains her puppy and her big dog, a Barbie that has 3 rooms and about 4 feet tall, a sand billder, a Scooby-Doo curs of the lake monster, a Barbie chrimas movei, a sooby-Doo camp scar, a new easy bake to med oven.

Love Noemi Garcia

Dear Santa,

I would like a Lego Mallinium Falcon, a Lego Nigago set, some Pd stashios! And some Lego Harry Potter sets, Hogwarts,, Hogwarts, express, and a Lego city set, lego Alien conquest, and a new ghost costume! More clothes and a Lego mini figuir a Lego starwars set. For me, Please! And for you to have Fun!

Love Kelly Spencer

Dear Santa,

Just Dance 2 and Just dance 3, 3DDS, pod phone, baby cat and dog. Bye Santa

Love Haley Carpenter

Dere Stantand,

I whot a iPod 4g and books and DSIXL and a Phon and a barbye and a purs and a baby Dall and a chapter book andd fish and cat a marir and a books and a dog and the book we can fir the book.

Love Elexia Bilberry

Dear santuy.

I whut a intido 3Des. And a intindo 3Des game and that gamis and I WWE flex fors and a wii and a wii games, and DSI game and that gamis WWE 12 and DSi chvr.

Love Christian Torres

Sant,

I want a bike a ibod a lab top an cand a crismas tree and a toy. I love Sant.

Love Shelby Milhauser

Dear Santa,

Best Bye Gift Cards, Figit, iPhone, Lap Top, Vilieny Puppy, Teddy Bear, Nintido 3D, Mario cart 7, Chrismas coth, Fuzzy Boots, Blue slap watch.

Love Brooklyn Gray

### 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? This year for Christmas I would like an ipod touch, pillow pet, and an art kit.

Love,

Haddie Flannigan

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa Claus. How are you doing? I hope you let all of us have a great Christmas. I hope you, Mrs. Claus, and the elves have a great Christmas. If you can get this stuff for Christmas, I would like an ipod, a new tv, boots, and a bike and that's all I want for Christmas.

Sincerely,

Keigan Benavidez

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? All I want for Christmas is the new nerf striker. Have a happy Christmas.

From,

Michael Brady

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? For Christmas I would like a bike, an xbox 360, need for speed the run and that's all.

Your Buddy,

Mason Cole

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa! How are you? This is what I want for Christmas. May I have Legos? May I have a mini sewing machine and a pin cushion with 200 pins? May I have some sewing string?

Love,

Kennedy Tucker

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For Christmas this year I would like an Ipod touch and a pair of ear phones.

Love,

Justin Willborn

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. How are you doing? I'm doing great. Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a brand new mp3 player, a new tv, and a new ipod touch.

Love,

Miles Wilson

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa! I know you and the elves are very busy. Sorry for wasting your time but I want to tell you something. You know last year when you gave me my four wheeler? Will you please make it work? And for this year, Kasen and I would like a trampoline.

Love,

Morghan Oaks

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing good. I would like a 32 inch TV.

Love,

Gunner Shofner

Dear Santa,

I am so glad I get to talk to you. I want three things. I want love, thanks, and one book.

Love,

Gabriella Skelton

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, how are you doing? I want a cross necklace, the Elf movie, American girl doll, a puppy, Mario Kart DS game, good gloves, and cheesecake just for me.

Your friend,

Erin

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you like my cookies. One more thing before I start, will you put my presents under my Christmas tree in my room? For Christmas I would like an ipod and a TV for my room. I would like one more thing for Christmas but I don't know what else I want. The last present I want to be a surprise from you. I think that's all for this Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Love,

Maggie Miller

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? All I want for Christmas is an ipod touch, crayon maker, and a bike. Thank you so much for all you have done. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

Your BFF,

Camree Miller

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, I hope you are doing okay. I hope I've been good enough to get a present for Christmas nobody knows except you and God. All I want is a DSI and an ipod touch.

Thank you Santa,

Maci Gonzales

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like a razor scooter, new boots, a new bike, and a big nerf gun.

Love,

Cutter McNeely

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! I hope you're doing good. Happy birthday Jesus! For Christmas I want a white ipod touch with a hard clip on case with a herd of horses on the back of it.

Love,

Trent Lewis

Dear Santa,

I would like to start out by saying for Christmas I would like a criblife, bath scents, an art set, a teacher set, and an ipod touch.

Sincerely,

Macy Matlock

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Dear Santa,  
I hope you are doing well. I am so excited for Christmas this year! It will be great this year! Thank you for the computer and great valuables you gave me last year. They were awesome! This year I would like a new phone or minutes for my phone, and a TV with dish. And could you give me a surprise? This Christmas will be super! Merr Christmas!

Love,  
Ashlyn Lott  
Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa, how are you? All I want for Christmas is Sonic the Werehog action figure and Mario Super Sluggers wii.

Sincerely,  
Klancey Kleck  
Dear Santa,  
I hope you are good on the presents for the kids. We wonder how you make the presents with the elves. By the way, how are you? I'm guessing good with Mrs. Claus and the elves around. I hope you are being good to the elves.

Love,  
Allysen Kimmel  
Dear Santa,  
How have you been doing at the North Pole? I hope I have been good for you. This is all I want for Christmas. I want an ipod touch, Just Dance 3, a new mongoose bike, Dip n Dot maker, DSI XL, Itty bitty Piggy, and a brother.

Love your friend,  
Kaci Hudson  
Dear Santa,  
Hey Santa how are you doing? I hope you are doing well! What I want for Christmas is an ipod touch because I lost mine. It had some pictures of my baby puppy on it and Cowboy past away. We think he ate a pecan. Thanks Santa.

Love,  
Sydni Coor  
**4th Grade**  
Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a look-alike American Girl doll with two outfits and a get-well kit.

Sincerely,  
Tatum Treadwell -4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year and I was wondering if I could have an ITouch, a DS game, camera, jewelry, makeup, bow with 4 arrows. That's what I want, Santa.

Love,  
Hailey Lowery-4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa,  
I'm really looking forward to Christmas. I hope you put money and a painting collection under my tree.

Love,  
Meagen Bland - 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like a real too set, PSP games, Watergun, dartgun, computer games, books, paintball Gun, MP5 air softgun, and lava lamp.

Sincerely,  
Brad Thomas-4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Zeke,  
You're really, really awesome. And I might even leave you milk and cookies. I really want a new phone and it's called an LG Thrill. That's all I really want for Christmas this year. So, could you please get me it. And be sure to eat my milk and cookies that I make.

Sincerely,  
Zeke Lott-4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a laptop so, if we are going somewhere I have something to do-like going to my Grandmom's house.

Love,  
Susie Neufeld-4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is an IPOD touch, a call of duty 3 Wii Game, a laptop, a pack of all Sims PC games, and a complete art set.

Thank you.  
Love,  
MaKenzie Milhauser  
Dear Santa,  
This is my favorite holiday. This day is my favorite- November 25. We have great memories. This a top secret

super awesome holiday. My wish list is an XBOX 360, Lava Lamp, baseball glove, DSIXL, Wii game, and Black Opps.

Bye Bye,  
Will Yarbro  
4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa,  
Please let it snow. I really Want it to snow. And a lot more, but way too long for this small piece of paper, so I'll give you a portion of my list: xbox livegold for a year, modern warfare 3, airsoft g363, Airsoft M4A1, Airsoft Scar L, New xbox 360 controller. Well that's a lot for a portion.

Sincerely,  
Conner Wagner  
Dear Santa,  
This year I want a lava lamp, Xbox 360 connect, a new game for my DSI XL, a paint board, and a new soft-ball bat.

Love,  
Kaitlyn Cribbs - 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa,  
I am really looking forward to Christmas. We will have cookies and milk waiting. Will you put lots of presents under my tree, please?

Do you know what an American Girl Doll is? If you will please send me the Blonde twin American Girl Dolls, and some clothes for Shanley, my American Girl Doll? I love her so much.

P.S. I believe in you.  
Love,  
Fallon Forbes - 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a DS game: Cookie Mama, and the second thing is another DS game: Pet nursery, and the third thing is another DS game: Pet Nursery 2, and an IPOD touch.

Love,  
Dymon Gomez-4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa,  
I would like an automatic 20 gun, the Hawk, a double shot gun, Bakugan skyraider, nerf bogo, the Vulcan, and the hot wheels sky jump. Also, the fast lane, the long strike cs6, spy watch, and the spy glasses, and the video racer.

That's all that I want for Christmas.  
Sincerely,  
Nicolas Benavidez -4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa,  
This year I have been very good. I was wondering, could I get an IPOD Touch. Also, could I get an XBOX 360 and the connect. Could

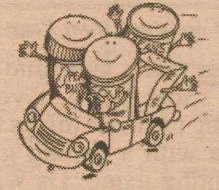
I also get an IPOD 4? And a football signed by Adrian Peterson? Lastly, could I get the Nintendo DS3?

Sincerely,  
Anthony Lopez-4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa,  
May I have Lego Star Wars and nerf gun? Second of all, can I have the IPOD touch?

Sincerely,  
Jason Robinson-4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is for God's warming heart to help all those who don't have a home in the cold. Plus, that they know he is there for them.  
Love,  
Olivia Reyes-4<sup>th</sup> grade

## Canned Food Drive

Sponsored by Borden County 4-H



**WHEN:** Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> through Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

**WHY:** Please help us collect canned goods to be donated to families in Borden County.

**WHERE:** Students - bring your canned goods to your home room class. The grade in each division that collects the most goods will win a "sweet treat party." (Divisions are K-2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) Community Members may bring their canned goods to the Extension Office.

A special thank you goes to Borden County I.S.D. for allowing 4-H to hold this food drive at school.

For more information, contact a 4-H member or the Extension Office at (806)756-4336.

## FUZZY NINNY'S

Will be open on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
From 11:00 to 2:00  
At the Rock Station in Gail

Make your holiday easier  
Place your order for whole meats  
\*\*Orders must be placed by Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> \*\*  
Call 806/759-3461 or 806/756-4460

**BRISKET-\$65**  
**PULLED PORK-\$35**  
**GERMAN SAUSAGE-\$7 PER/LB.**  
**RIBS (BABY BACK)-\$22 PER/LB.**

Thanks for your support!  
Have a blessed Christmas  
Jibber, Cindy, Fuzz and Becky Herridge

## Exes Basketball Game

Dec. 29th at 2:00 p.m.

Call Fernando Baeza for more information at  
325/370-9500