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Coyotes Run Wild In Midland!

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote varsity traveled to Midland Trinity on Nov. 19 and put up some impressive numbers in only their second game of the season.

The Coyotes started the game with good pressure defense that got them started on a 19-5 run in the first quarter.

Brendan Tarleton led all Coyotes in the first quarter with eight points from under the basket.

What was impressive during the first quarter was that every starter for the Coyotes contributed offensively. Carlos Hernandez converted on a fast break and then followed that with a spot up three point basket. Flynn Chapman, Karl Lamming, and Michael Cooley all ran the court well which led to each of them converting on lay-up for two points.

The second quarter began with the Coyotes changing their defense to a zone that changed the tempo in the game in favor of Trinity.

Although the Coyotes struggled a little on offense they were not out scored. Flynn added four points from under-

neath while Karl and Carlos put in two of their own on fast breaks.

With the pace of the game changed the Coyotes only managed eight points in the second but still went into half time with a score of 27-13.

The second half began with the Coyotes going back to their pressure defense which led to many turnovers by Trinity. The Coyotes capitalized on these turnovers going on a 21-6 run in the third.

This put the game out of reach for Trinity and the Coyotes began pulling off which allowed Trinity to score twelve points in the fourth making the final score 60-31.

The Coyotes did an excellent job playing team basketball allowing everyone to contribute to the game. Scoring for the Coyotes: Flynn Chapman 11, Brendan Tarleton 15, Carlos Hernandez 9, Michael Cooley 17, and Karl Lamming 8. Also contributing for the coyotes Tyrell Massingill, Tony Soto, David Rodriguez, Drew Tyler, and Michael Froman.

Good Job Coyotes!

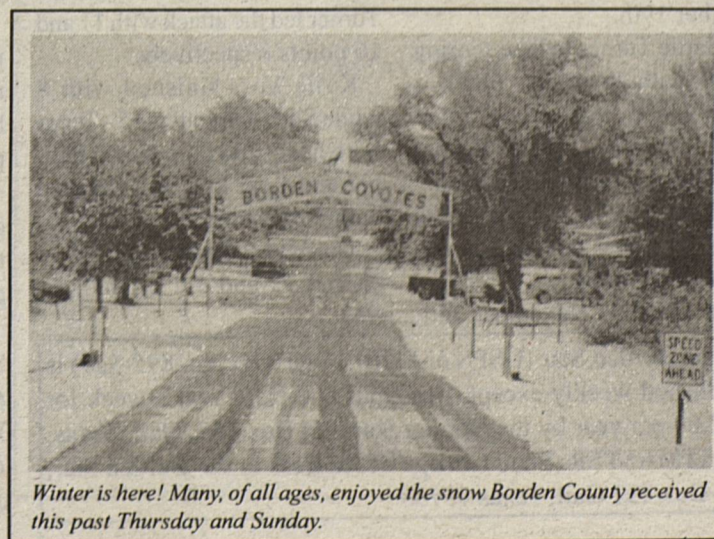
Commodity Organizations Ask U.S. Senate To Oppose Effort to Gut Farm Bill Safety Net

— Twenty-six organizations representing farmers and ranchers from coast to coast are calling upon the U.S. Senate to oppose an effort to gut the safety net provided to America's farmers in the 2007 farm bill. The November 16 letter urged Senators to oppose the Farm, Ranch, Equity, Stewardship and Health (FRESH) Act (S. 2228) as either a stand-alone bill or as an amendment to the 2007 farm bill. "The FRESH Act eliminates the current safety net provided to US producers. It is critical to remember that farm bills are written for the long-term rather than short-term," the letter stated. According to the groups, the commodity title of the farm bill has already been reduced by \$57 billion: "All told, the commodity programs are projected to be about 10 percent of total farm bill spending, while more than 80 percent of the farm bill

spending is already slated for nutrition and conservation programs." Trade is also a major concern for U.S. producers: "US farm policy should continue toward a more level playing field in the global market by providing assistance to America's farmers. However, this goal is not achieved by writing a farm bill that complies with what someone assumes

will be the potential outcome of the WTO negotiations." The letter concluded, "While we support strong conservation, nutrition, and energy programs, additional support for these programs should not come at the expense of adequate funding for the safety net for American farmers." The letter was signed by the following groups:

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Winter is here! Many, of all ages, enjoyed the snow Borden County received this past Thursday and Sunday.

Lady Coyotes Charge Midland Trinity

By Coach Turner

The Borden Lady Coyotes traveled to Midland on November 20th and came home with a big 64-34 win over the Trinity Lady Chargers.

Borden County pulled way with another great 2nd quarter run and led 37-16 at the half.

Taylor Richey led the scoring attack with 22 points. Both Baylee Benavidez and Olivia Key scored 11, while Bailey Anderson finished with 8. Krystal Hobson had 5 and Rachel Wilson had 3. D'Nae Johnson and Kate Wallace wrapped up the scoring with 2 points each.

The Lady Coyote shooters torched the nets for 9 three pointers.

In the JV game the Lady Coyotes won by the score of 23-13.

On Tuesday night the Lady Coyotes traveled to Grady and were defeated 61-34.

Borden County could not find their shooting touch and trailed 21-5 after the first quarter. The Lady Coyotes were never able to recover.

Taylor Richey scored 20 points to pace the Borden County attack. D'Nae Johnson and Krystal Hobson each scored 4. Olivia Key and Rachel Wilson wrapped up the scoring with 3 points each.

The Lady Coyotes are now 3-3 on the season.

The Lady Coyote JV dropped their first game of the season to Grady 24-16.

A scoreless third quarter was the difference in the game as the Lady Wildcats took control. Phyneshia Rutherford led with 5 points. Lacey Roberts, Chellsie Pigford, and Shylo Rinehart each scored 3 points for Borden County.

Raylea Underwood wrapped up the scoring with 2 points.

Missy Coyotes Beat Hermleigh

The Borden Lady Coyotes evened their season record at 2-2 with a big 51-18 district win over Hermleigh in Gail on November 19th.

Mattie Turner led the scoring attack with 20 points. She was followed by Stefanie Cooley with 12 and both Kayla Pepper and Kaylyn Dean with 8 each.

Teryn Soto had 2 and Kylie Voss wrapped up the scoring with a free throw.

On Monday, November 26th

the Missy Coyotes went to Westbrook and came home with a 42-24 win.

Stefanie Cooley and Mattie Turner led the attack with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Kylie Voss finished with 8 while Shea Burkett had 5. Teryn Soto had 4 and both Kayla Pepper and Lexi Peterson finished with 2 points each.

The Missy Coyotes are 3-0 in district 12 and 3-2 on the season.

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Coyote Pups Impressive In First Game

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote junior high traveled to Ira on November 15 and started the basketball season off with a bang as they crushed the Bulldogs 34-20.

This was the first game for the Pups as it took a little time for them to find their shot.

Tanner Richey started the game hot as he connected on two three point baskets and added two more in the paint. Blake Turner and Riley Smith found the basket as they each finished on fast breaks for two points.

The Coyotes played excellent defense as they held Ira to only four points in the first quarter making the score 14-4.

The second quarter began with the Coyotes passing the ball effectively getting every one involved.

Austin Fields and Chance Taylor added baskets of their own as they each finished on fast break opportunities for the Pups. Matthew Robertson stepped in under the basket and added four point of his own as the quarter expired with the Coyotes taking a 22-7 lead into the locker room.

The third quarter began slowly for the Pups as they were only able to manage four points.

Austin Tyler hit Tanner in the paint for two points and Tanner added two more by grabbing an offensive rebound and putting it back.

While the Coyotes were only able to manage four points they held Ira to only three points in the third.

Solid defense was played by Steven Howard, Austin Tyler, Austin Fields, Luke Burkett, Valerio Hernandez, and Luis Andrade to only allow the Bulldogs ten points by the third

quarter.

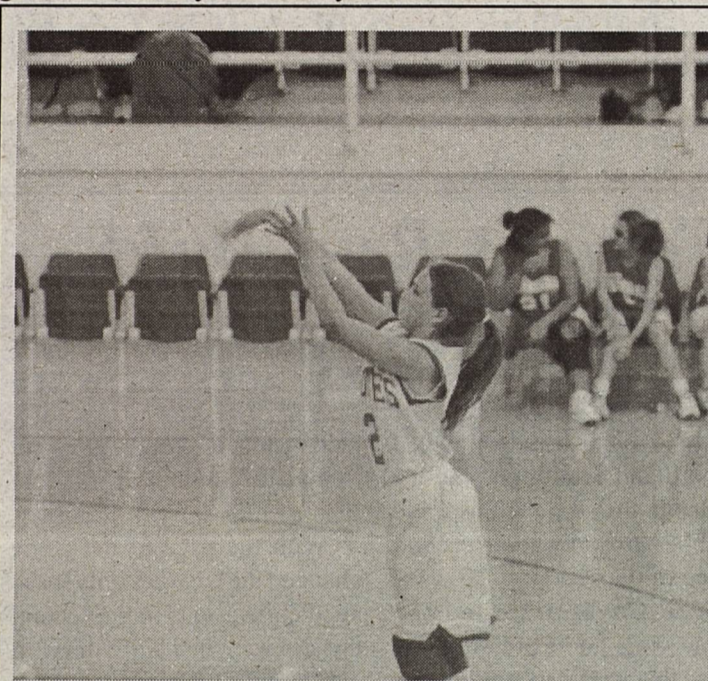
By the fourth quarter the Pups shooting had heated up with Blake hitting on three jump shots and Austin Fields adding two fast break point of his own.

This was an impressive first game for the Coyotes as they

were able to execute on offense and play solid defense with only three days of practice.

Scoring for the Coyotes: Tanner Richey 14, Blake Turner 8, Austin Fields 4, Matthew Robertson 4, Riley Smith 2 and Chance Taylor 2 points.

Good Job Coyotes!



Missy Coyote, Kylie Voss, shoots a free throw for 2 points against Hermleigh November 19th. Missy Coyotes win 51-18. Pups and Missy Coyotes will next host the Borden County Tourney Saturday December 1.

2007-2008 Borden County Basketball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site	Teams
Nov. 6	Tues.	Meadow	6:00	Gail	gG
Nov. 10	Sat.	Klondike	12:00	Klondike	gG
Nov. 13	Tues.	New Home	4:00	New Home	gGbB
Nov. 16	Fri.	Dawson	4:00	Gail	gGbB
Nov. 19	Mon.	Midland Trinity	6:00	Midland	GB
Nov. 20	Tues.	Grady	4:00	Grady	gGbB
Nov. 27	Tues.	Crosbyton	4:00	Gail	gGbB
Nov. 30	Fri.	Open	4:00		gbGB
Dec. 4	Tues.	Forsan	4:00	Gail	gGbB
Dec. 6-8		Borden County Tourn.		Gail	GB
Dec. 11	Tues.	Sands	4:00	Gail	gGbB
Dec. 13-15		Meadow Tourn.	TBA	Meadow	GB
Dec. 27-29		Caprock Tourn.	TBA	Lubbock	GB
Dec. 31	Mon.	Southland	1:00	Southland	gGbB
*Jan. 4	Fri.	Ira	4:00	Ira	gGbB
*Jan. 8	Tues.	Hermleigh	4:00	Gail	gGbB
Jan 10 & 12	Th, S	Forsan JV Tourn.	TBA	Forsan	gGbB
*Jan. 11	Fri.	Westbrook	4:00	Westbrook	gGbB
*Jan. 15	Tues.	Loraine	4:00	Loraine	gGbB
*Jan. 19	Sat.	Highland	6:00	Gail	GB
*Jan. 22	Tues.	Ira	4:00	Gail	gGbB
*Jan. 25	Fri.	Hermleigh	5:00	Hermleigh	gGbB
*Jan. 29	Tues.	Westbrook	4:00	Gail	gGbB
*Feb. 1	Fri.	Loraine	4:00	Gail	gGbB
*Feb. 5	Tues.	Highland	5:00	Highland	GbB

* Denotes District Games

Girls' Coaches: Bric Turner & Peter Benavidez

Boys' Coaches: Fernando Baeza & Trey Richey

Borden County Tourney:

Post	Forsan	Borden County
Lubbock Christian	New Home	O'Donnell
Guthrie (Girls only)	Crosbyton	Meadow
Anson	Klondike	

Sands JH Tourney

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote Pups traveled to Sands on Nov. 17 to take on the Mustangs in the first round of the tournament. This was to going to be a tougher challenge for the Pups as Sands was much quicker than the Bulldogs earlier in the week.

Tanner Richey again started the game hot as he accounted for seven of the Coyote's nine points in the first quarter.

Austin Tyler added two points on an offensive put back which gave the Coyotes a first quarter lead of 9-6.

Tanner kept the Coyotes on pace in the second as he scored thirteen of the Coyotes 14 points in the second quarter.

Austin Tyler again was the second leading scorer with one free throw.

The Pups were able to take into the locker room a half time lead thanks to the defensive efforts of Blake Turner, Riley Smith, Chance Taylor, and Austin Fields.

The Coyotes led 22-16 going into the half time.

The Coyotes started the third quarter much like they did the previous week against Ira not being able to hit on any outside shots and allowing the Mustangs to cut their lead.

The Pups were unable to stop the Mustang fast break in the second half which enable the Mustangs to out score the Pups 27- 8 in the final two quarters.

Scoring for the Coyotes in the second half were Tanner Richey seven points and Blake Turner adding a free throw.

Also contributing for the Coyote Pups was Steven Howard, Luke Burkett, and Matthew Robertson. Scoring for the Coyotes were Tanner

Richey 26, Austin Tyler 3, and Blake Turner 1.

For the second match-up the Coyotes took on the Grady Wildcats. The Coyotes were defiantly looking for some revenge when they took the court.

Blake Turner had a hot start for the Pups as he had eight first quarter points on fast breaks and jump shots.

Chance Taylor had a lay-up and two free throws, while Tanner Richey added three of his own.

Austin Tyler finished out the quarter for the Coyotes with an offensive rebound and put back making the first quarter score 17-4.

Austin Fields and Blake kept the pressure on the Wildcats with defense which led to turnovers and easy lay-up for the Pups.

Matthew Robertson and Luke Burkett played excellent defense in the second quarter only allowing the Wildcats 6 first half points. The pressure defense continued through the second half which only allowed 10 total points by the Wildcats.

The Pups responded well after loosing the first game to come back and beat Grady 42-10. Scoring for the Coyotes:

School Lunch Menu

December 3-7, 2007

MONDAY - Breakfast: Toaster Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Potato Wedges, Salad, Peaches and Milk.

TUESDAY - Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuit, Fruit Juice, and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Apple Slices, and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice, Milk. Lunch: Fajitas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Jell-o w/pear and Milk.

THURSDAY - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corn dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Peaches and Milk.

FRIDAY - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk.

Lunch: Chicken on a Bun, Chips, Salad, Brownie and Milk.

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Steven Howard 3, Riley Smith 2, Chance Taylor 7, Tanner Richey 9, Austin Tyler 5, Blake Turner 12, and Austin Fields 4.

Good Job Coyotes!

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

Borden County will offer the following vehicle for sale at Lubbock Auto Auction, Lubbock, Texas on November 29, 2007.

1994 Ford Ambulance

BY THE ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County



"Mail Bag"

When You Give This Holiday Season, Don't Get Taken!

Holidays should be a time for giving. But for hustlers, they're a prime time for taking! Among the many legitimate requests you may receive this season from worthy charities, you can expect to receive requests from some groups that are exaggerated, distorted, or complete fiction!

Here's how you can protect yourself and your donations from phony charities:

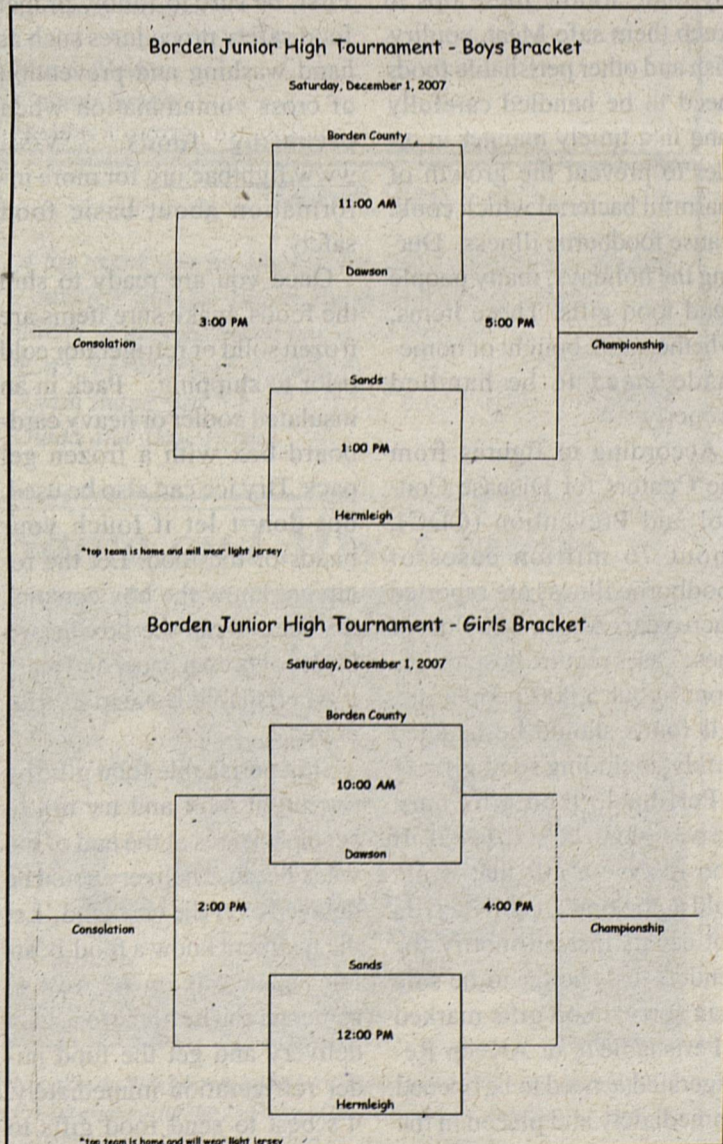
Be suspicious of requests for assistance that accept cash donations only.

Always make you check payable to the organization, not an individual.

If the charity is unfamiliar to you, ask for a copy of its annual report and financial statement. Or contact the Better Business Bureau (BBB) to check it out.

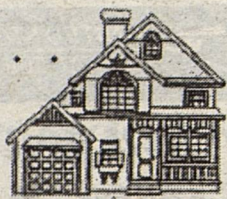
If you want more extensive information of a charitable organization, contact the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, 4200 Wilson Blvd. Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22203-1898. The web site is GIVE.ORG

To learn more or to report fraud online, visit the U.S. Postal Inspection Service web site at www.usps.com/postalinspectors.



Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

Tips for Safely Receiving and Sending Food Gifts

It's that time of year again and we know the holiday season can't be far away! Maybe you are looking to make your holiday shopping a little easier by ordering and sending some of your friends and family gift boxes of cheese, meats, or delicious desserts. If you are planning to send or receive perishable foods that will decay rapidly if not refrigerated by mail, follow these tips to keep them safe. Meat, poultry, fish and other perishable foods need to be handled carefully and in a timely manner in order to prevent the growth of harmful bacterial which could cause foodborne illness. During the holidays, many people send food gifts. These items, whether store bought or homemade, need to be handled properly.

According to figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 76 million cases of foodborne illness are reported each year. About 325,000 of these cases require hospitalization; about 5,000 people die. All foods should be handled safely, including food gifts.

Perishable food gifts must arrive cold to be safe to eat. If you receive a gift that is not cold at the time of delivery, do not eat it! Instead, notify the sender. It's better to be safe than sorry. Food gifts marked APerishable@ or AKeep Refrigerated@ need to be opened immediately and placed in the

refrigerator or freezer.

If you are ordering food gifts, specify overnight delivery and request a frozen gel pack or dry ice in the packaging. Transit time and product packaging B foam or heavy cardboard designed to keep them cold B are also vital.

Foods prepared at home may also be shipped to friends and family, but care is required. First, be sure to follow proper food safety procedures such as hand washing and prevention of cross contamination when preparing foods. Visit www.fightbac.org for more information about basic food safety.

Once you are ready to ship the foods, make sure items are frozen solid or refrigerator cold prior to shipping. Pack in an insulated cooler or heavy cardboard box with a frozen gel pack. Dry ice can also be used, but don't let it touch your hands or the food. Let the recipient know the box contains dry ice. Wrap the box in two layers of brown paper and mark it APerishable B Keep Refrigerated@.

Ship perishable food gifts by overnight mail and try not to send packages at the end of the week because delivery could be delayed over the weekend. Let the recipient know a food-bearing package is on its way so someone can be home to accept delivery and get the food under refrigeration immediately. It's best to send food gifts to

someone's home. If you send them to a workplace, the food could be accidentally left at the office or in the trunk of a car. Confirm that someone will be home and send your surprise to their house.

For more information about mail order food safety contact the local County Extension office at (806)756-4336, or visit the following link:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Mail_Order_Food_Safety/index.asp



Merry Christmas!

Our entire staff extends warm greetings and thanks to you and your family. We're banking on all of you having the most joyous holiday season ever!

Snyder National Bank



Member FDIC

325-573-2681

11th Annual Borden County Home for the Holidays

"Deck the Halls"

on Monday, December 3, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

in the Community Room in Gail.

The favor of a reply is requested.

Please contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu to RSVP.

A nominal fee of \$5 per person will be charged at the door to cover the costs of food, program supplies, and the recipe book.

We hope that you will join us for a tasting of delicious recipes, entertaining tips, homemade gifts, food safety and storage, helpful holiday hints, and creative holiday decorations.

We will have fellowship and punch from 5:45 to 6:00 p.m. to allow an opportunity for everyone to visit. The program will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

For a community service project this year, we ask that you please bring pajamas for youth from newborn through 18 to be donated to Buckner's Children's Home of Lubbock.

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension program. We request that you contact your Texas Cooperative Extension office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.

Lighting of the Star Christmas Contest Results

There were numerous entries in the 2007 Lighting of the Star Ornament Contest this year. Congratulations to the first place winners!

Preschool through Kindergarten: Kell Kleck

1st grade through 2nd grade: Nick Proulx

3rd through 5th grade: Ramero Ramirez

6th through 8th grade: Sage Wheatley

9th through 12th grade: None Submitted

Each first place winner received a \$25 cash prize which has been sponsored by Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for their winning ornament and their ornament will be on display in the Commissioners Courtroom throughout the holidays.

We appreciate all the youth and the teachers that supported this year's contest. All non-winner's ornaments have been returned to the school.

Also, there were four entries in the 2007 House Decorating Contest. We appreciate everyone's spirit in decorating their homes for the holidays. The first place winners are Peter and Kerri Benavidez (electric grill), second place winners are The Robert Proulx Family (electric smoker), third place winners are Randy and Debra Hardman (set of Texas Coop Power Cookbooks) and fourth place winners are Danny and Renee Hobson (set of Texas Coop Power Cookbooks). Prizes donated by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. We encourage everyone to take a tour of the lighted homes in Gail throughout the holiday season.

We would also like to thank Bill and Beth LaRue from Brownfield and their family for providing horse drawn surrey

and sleigh rides for participants during the Lighting of the Star festivities. It was a highlight for many that attended.

This year's Child-size Stocking Winner was Matthew Proulx.

Thought for the Day

The men who try to do something and fail, are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.

Source: St. Louis Inspirational Christian Connection.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

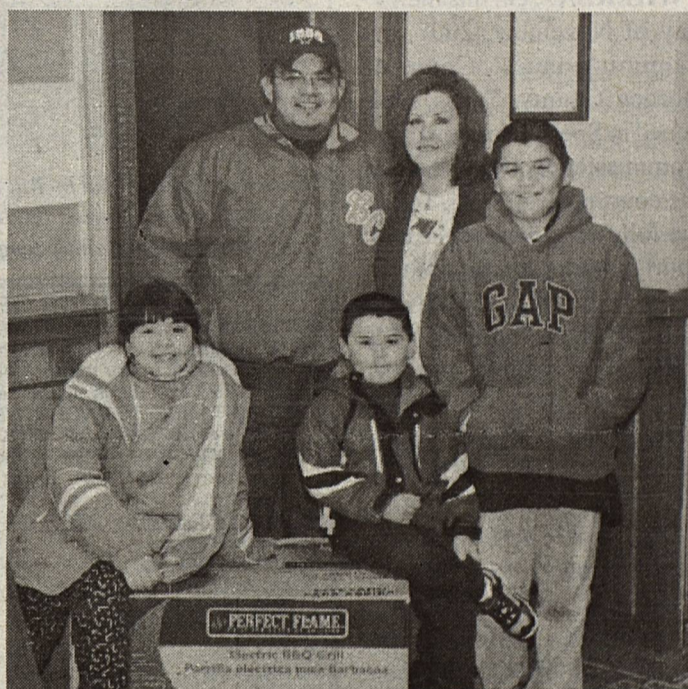
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Borden County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081 (h) a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

ADOPTED this 13th day of November, 2007 by a vote of 4 eyes and 0 nays.

Van L York
County Judge
Borden County

2007 House Decorating Winners



1st Place winners of the House Decorating contest. Pictured with a grill donated by Lyntegar Electric Coop are (left to right) Maddie, Peter, Keagan, Kerri and Tristen Benavidez.

Thank You

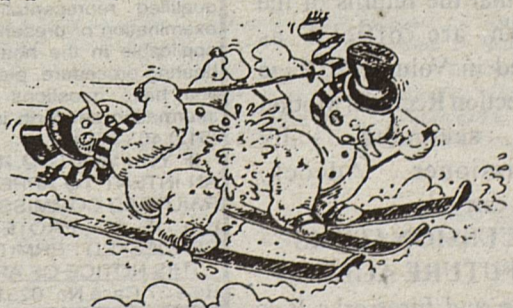
A big thank you for the prayers and food from our Borden County friends for Ouida and myself during Ouida's illness. A special thank you to the Borden EMS for the trips to Lubbock.

*Again thank you,
Ouida and Dan Turner*



Have A Safe & Happy Holiday!

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



Moore-Rain Insurance

Frances Rains Stephens

806/428-3335

O'Donnell, Texas

Santa and Mrs. Clause



Naughty or Nice? Santa and Mrs. Clause arrived by horse drawn sleigh Friday evening for the Lighting of the Star. Many children took advantage of telling Santa what they wished for this Christmas.

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 13th day of October, 2007, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court with Judge Van L. York absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda. Connie Stipe is in attendance.

PRESIDING OFFICER
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to appoint Commissioner Reyes to preside over the meeting. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED
Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of October 23rd, 2007 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

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

COUNTY REPORTS
After examination of the County reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2006 ANNUAL AUDIT
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the 2006 Audit as submitted by Don H. Stephens, CPA, P.C. of Lamesa, Texas. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL
The Court held a work session on the employee manual.

COUNTY BURN BAN
Commissioner Smith made a motion to implement the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in accordance with local Government code 352.081 (h). Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION
Applications for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards were received from John Anderson in Precinct No. 2, 3 and 4, Jon Herring in Precinct No. 4, Steve Pinkert in Precinct No. 4 and Precinct No. 1 and from Gary Stipe in Precinct No. 3. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the applications at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

COUNTY WATER SYSTEM
The water project is progressing. The fence is now up

CLERKS EQUIPMENT
Commissioner Smith made a motion to authorize Joyce Herridge to sign lease for Xerox Machine to be used in County and District Clerks Office. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION 2007 HOME CARE AND HOSPICE MONTH PROCLAMATION is hereby placed of record to-wit:

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
Items to be considered are County Show Bar, Borden

County Employee Handbook, County Auditor, County Arena, and Broom bids.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 27th day of November, 2007.

Special Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 14th day of November, 2007, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

ELECTION CANVASSED
The results of the Constitutional Amendment Election held on November 6, 2007 was canvassed. A motion was made by Commissioner Belew that the returns of the Election are official as recorded in Volume 2, Page 176, Election Records. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
Fire Ban and Fireworks Ban and Precinct 3 County Yard.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to

adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 27th day of November, 2007.

Lighting of The Star



Surrey rides, provided by Bill and Beth LaRue of Brownfield, were enjoyed by many during the Lighting of The Star this past Friday evening despite the chilly temperatures.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY, (RRC Operator No. 784548) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 528, BK. 97, H&TC RR CO/BOUCHIER, A W Survey, A-1069, HOOD (SPRAYBERRY) Field, BORDEN County, being 7 miles W direction from FLUVANNA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: HOOD (SPRAYBERRY)

Lease/Unit Name	MILLER "528"
Lease/Unit Well No.	7
Lease/Unit Acres	640.6
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1014.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1026.0
Lease Lines	1014.0 F North L, 2657.0 F West L
Survey Lines	1014.0 F North L, 2657.0 F West L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: HOOD (SPRAYBERRY) OIL statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6500 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Robert Kreuger, at (801) 524-2742.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the commission at (512) 463-6701.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY May 23, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHINSUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY

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Performing A Family's Oral History

Jan Hart of Temple goes to schools, churches, synagogues and libraries performing the actual words spoken by her grandmother, Annie Harelik Novit.

Jan's presentation is called Annie the Immigrant. It all stems from some tapes she found in storage closet.

In December of 1968, Annie sat down with her children, grand children and great grandchildren and told about her life as a young immigrant from Russia in the early 1900's.

A recording of the event was made and it stayed in that closet until 1986, when Jan got it out and listened to it.

Her grandmother had been dead five years and when she listened to the recording, Jan says she felt that her grandmother had returned to speak to her.

The tape begins, "My name is Annie Harelik Novit. I was born in the Russian village of Slavan in White Russia August 3, 1886."

One story tells about ice-skating on the Berezina River in wintertime. In 1906 Russia was experiencing revolutionary times and it was becoming harder and harder for Jews in Russia.

They were beaten and their businesses and homes were burned.

Thoughts turned to immigrating to America. The family eventually settled in Dublin, Texas and opened a store. "I felt compelled to capture our family history on paper as a gift to future generations of the family," says Jan.

She transcribed the recording onto 37 pages and turned them

into a book. She included copies of naturalization documents. After she passed it out to family members, she heard from cousins shortly after they received it. "They told me they cried and laughed and went back to re-read parts of it. They had the best time remembering our grandparents and told me I needed to get it published."

Jan wrote a children's book titled *Hanna the Immigrant*, published by Eakin Press. She got the idea to get out the recording of her grandmother because she was looking for a project. "My kids were all grown up by that point and I was bored, suffering from empty nest syndrome. It has just snowballed. I had no idea what would happen from my listening to those tapes."

Jan dresses in a Russian peasant costume and talks with a

Russian-Yiddish accent when she speaks before groups. She plays Klezmer music to begin.

She says everyone should consider doing oral histories of their families. "Many times when I'm speaking to audiences they tell me they wished they had recorded their grandparents' stories because they've forgotten them."

I always encourage children and adults to record the stories for future generations. Tape them, write them down, whatever it takes."

Jan has written a book based on experiences of her mother. She has also written three more children's books plus a guide for interviewing older family members.

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BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be conducted in the Borden County Independent School District Cafeteria at 7:00 P.M., 240 W. Kincaid, Gail, Texas 79738-0095, on Monday, December 17, 2007 to discuss possible Board action of the following items:

- The continued taxation of goods-in-transit, pursuant to §11.253 (j), Texas Tax Code, as amended.
- Application from Bull Creek Wind LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes, as amended on November 5, 2007.
- The creation of Coyote Wind Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Texas Tax Code §312.0025, for Commercial/Industrial Tax Abatement in BCISD in Borden County, Texas, in order to implement Application of Coyote Wind, LLC for a Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. Creation of a Reinvestment Zone is a prerequisite to Board approval of the Application of Coyote Wind, LLC pursuant to the Texas Tax Code § 313.021(2)(A)(i).
- Application from Coyote Wind, LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes, as filed on August 31, 2007.
- Application from Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes, as amended on November 10, 2007.

Citizens may sign up to speak at the public hearings. For further information regarding this matter please contact Jimmy Thomas, Superintendent at (806) 756-4313.

Commodity Organizations...

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American Farm Bureau, National Farmers Union, National Association of Wheat Growers, Southern Peanut Farmers Federation, USA Rice Federation, American Soybean Association, Peanut Growers Marketing Cooperative, North Carolina Peanut Growers, Virginia Peanut Growers, American Beekeeping Federation, Rice Belt Warehouses Inc., United Dairymen of Arizona, American Association of Crop Insurers, National Sorghum Producers, US Rice Producers Association, Crop Insurance Profes-

sionals Association, American Sheep Industry Association, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Western Peanut Growers Association, National Cotton Council, American Sugar Alliance, National Barley Growers Association, National Sunflower Association, USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council, US Canola Association, and the American Honey Producers Association.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES
CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: **Abilene**

Contract **6168-08-001** for **MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY** in **BORDEN** County, etc. will be opened on **DECEMBER 19, 2007** at **10:00 a.m.** at the District Office for an estimate of \$78,740.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified 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 from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 25428

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

