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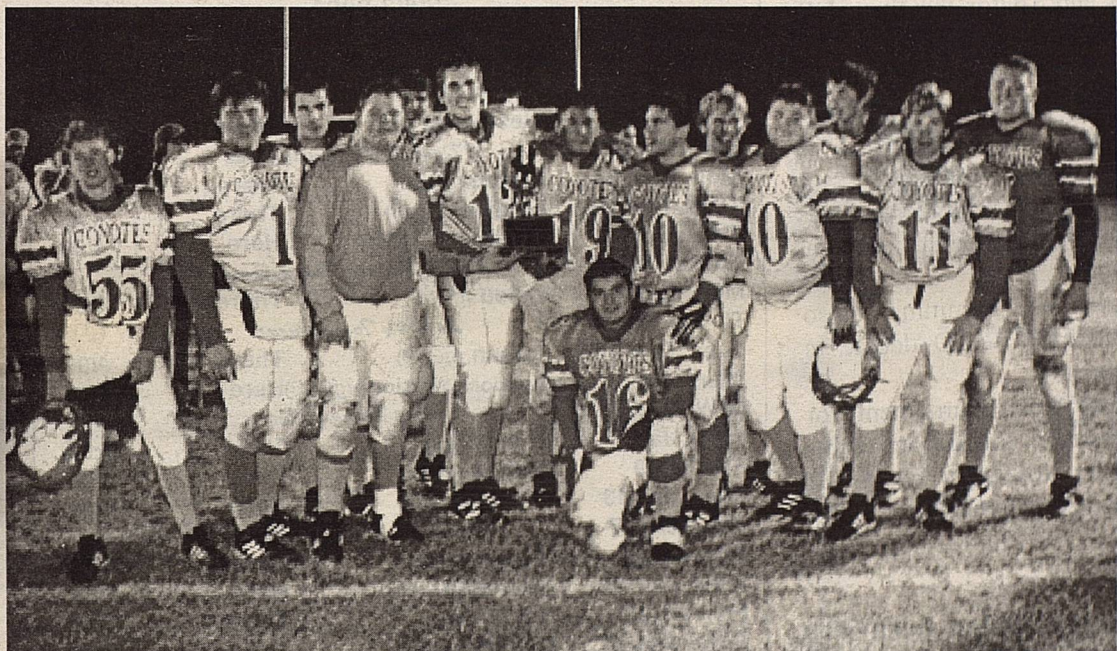
BORDEN

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DISTRICT CHAMPS!



32-19 WIN OVER GRADY GIVES COYOTES GOLD BALL

The Coyotes wanted it. The Coyotes got it.

What started off as a nightmare turned into a field of dreams as the Borden High School Coyotes fought back to take a 32-19 title game over the Grady Wildcats.

The win gives the Coyotes a perfect 5-0 slate in district play and sends them into the playoffs against last year's state runner-up Sanderson.

The bi-district game is scheduled for Friday evening in Imperial Buena Vista at 7:30 p.m.

That bi-district rematch was in doubt, however, as the Coyotes fell behind quickly to Grady in last week's contest.

Fumbling the opening kickoff, the Coyotes then

gave up a quick six points as Grady capitalized on the turnover.

With 6:07 to play in the first quarter, the Wildcats took a drive the length of the field and scored again to take a 12-0 advantage before the Coyotes had even run one play from scrimmage.

A strategical move backfired as Grady attempted an onside kick which was recovered by Andrew Lamming on the Coyote 35-yard line.

With great field position, BHS punched out yardage on the ground, with Garrett Thomas and Derek Rodriguez sharing the running duties.

Quarterback Shane Tarleton went to the air once

on the drive, a key first-down pass to another senior, Kyle Pinkerton.

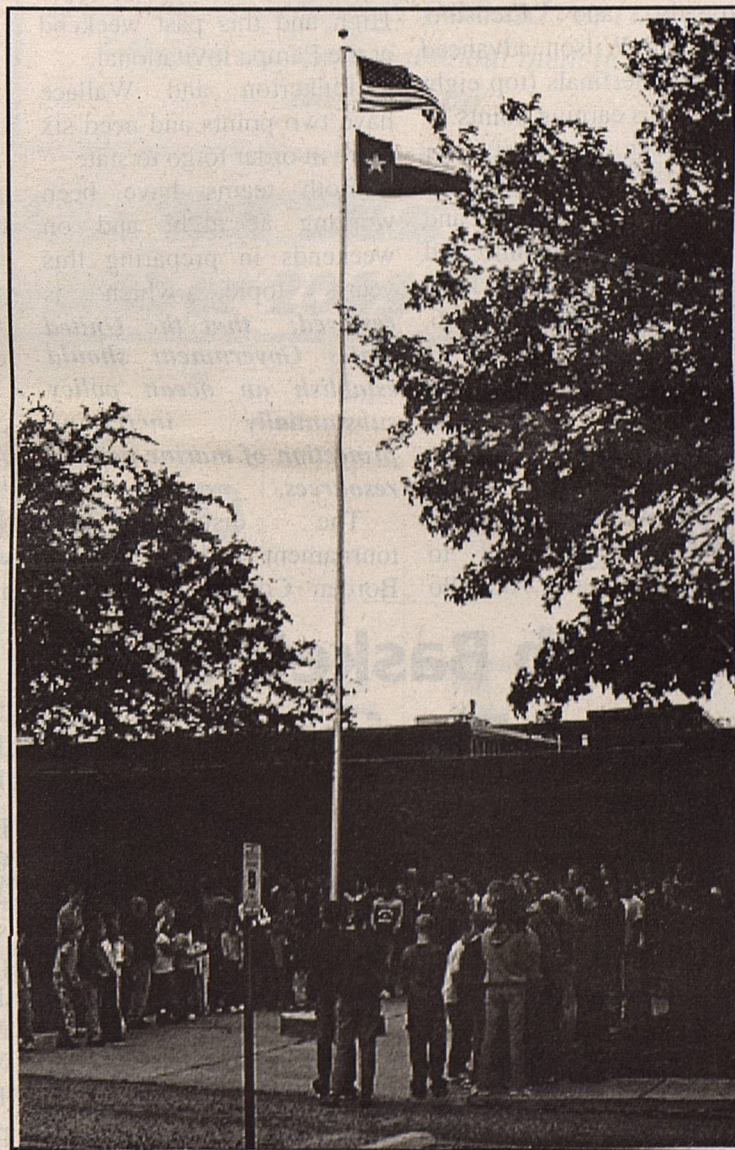
The 13-yard pickup kept the drive going; four plays later the Coyotes were in the endzone thanks to a four yard run by Thomas (great blocks by Adam Carter and Tarleton).

Pinkerton's PAT kick was true, and the Coyotes trailed now only 12-8 with 2:30 left in the period.

Grady's next possession ended in a punt as the Coyotes were poised to try and take the lead for the first time in the game.

The highlight of this drive came on the second play as Thomas went to the air and found Andy Lozano who

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Veterans Day Ceremony: Borden County ISD students gathered at the Flag Pole on Tuesday, November 11th. to recognize and remember the Veteran's. A special Veteran's poem was read by senior, Kyle Pinkerton. Band director, Philip Marshall played 'Taps' while the students and teachers bowed their heads in a moment of silence followed by the pledge to the Flag lead by the Elementary Students.

Playoff Football Game

The Borden County Coyote Football Team will play Sanderson Friday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Buena Vista High School Football Stadium, in Imperial, Texas.

Roper, Wilson Qualify for State TFA Again Speech and Debate Teams Compete in TFA Tournament

In an effort to defend their state UIL title from a year ago, juniors Billy Roper and John Wilson have been competing in Texas Forensic Association tournaments this fall.

Roper and Wilson recently won 2nd place at the Amarillo Caprock Tournament, a meet they won last year.

In the final round, the guys lost to Amarillo High on a 3-0 decision.

In tournaments at Lubbock Coronado and Frenship, Roper and Wilson advanced to the quarterfinals (top eight teams), thus earning points.

In order to qualify for State TFA, teams have to earn 8 points. Roper and Wilson now have nine and will compete at the state level in College Station March 4-6, 2004.

Borden High School's other debate team—Kyle Pinkerton and Tyler Wallace—have been busy as well with weekend meets.

The two advanced to quarterfinals at Amarillo



LD Debate Teams: Tyler Wallace, Kyle Pinkerton, Billy Roper and John Wilson

High and this past weekend at the Pampa Invitational.

Pinkerton and Wallace have two points and need six more in order to go to state.

Both teams have been working at night and on weekends in preparing this year's topic, which is *resolved: that the United States Government should establish an ocean policy substantially increasing protection of marine natural resources.*

The district UIL tournament will be held at Borden County February 3

with the top two teams moving on to Austin March 15 and 16 for the State UIL Debate Tournament.

Freshman Becky Dobyms also attended the meet at Amarillo and competed in impromptu speaking.

She advanced to the finals where she placed 7th in that event.

Andrew Lamming also competed in LD debate in Amarillo

The next tournament for the speech and debate teams will be November 21 and 22 at San Angelo Central.

Minnick, Bailee Benavidez, Laura Griffin, Kathryn Froman

BOYS
Chase Pinkerton (10 points, 14 rebounds, 7 blocked shots); **Quentin Shafer** (3 pts., 7 rebounds, 2 assists); **Jake Cooley** (1 pt.), **Tyrell Massingill** (1 pt., 1 rebound); **Miller Valentine** (1 rebound, 1 blocked shot, 1 deflected pass, 1 steal); **Tim Crenshaw** (4 rebounds); **Logan Howard** (2 rebounds); **Brice Smith** (2 rebounds); **Justin Stroope** (1 rebound); also playing were **Pascual Espinoza**, **Clay Harding**, **Cory Teel**

Dawson outscored the Pups 20-9 in the third and fourth quarters combined to take the 26-15 win.

GAME STATISTICS

GIRLS: **Sharelle Gass** (8 pts., 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 deflected pass); **Krystal Hobson** (2 pts., 7 rebounds, 1 steal); **Rachel Wilson** (1 pt., 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists); **Heather Brooks** (6 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 blocked shot); **Kate Wallace** (2 rebounds, 3 steals); also playing **Shelby Roberts**, **Sidney Shipp**, **Chelsea**

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Gail FFA Chapter Begins Fund-Raiser

The Gail FFA Chapter has begun selling cookie dough as its second fund-raiser of the year. Members will be selling 8 different varieties of cookie dough at a cost of \$12.00 per box. Each box contains 48 pre-sliced cookies that are ready to go from the freezer to the oven. Sale dates will be from November 7th through November 21st. Anyone wishing to purchase cookie dough can contact an FFA member or Mr. Wallace. The Gail FFA Chapter thanks all

customers who have supported these sales in the past, and they look forward to working with everyone in the future!

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BORDEN VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2003-2004

Tues. Nov. 11	Roby Scrimmage (gG)	There	6:00
Sat. Nov. 15	Hamlin Scrimmage (gG)	There	2:00
Tues. Nov. 18	Anson (gGbB)	Here	4:00
Fri. Nov. 21	Westbrook (GB)	There	5:00
Sat. Nov. 22	O'Donnell JV Tournament		
Mon. Nov. 24	Jayton (gGB)	There	5:00
Tues. Nov. 25	Loraine (gGbB)	There	4:00
Tues. Dec. 2	Crosbyton (gGbB)	Here	4:00
Th-Sat. Dec. 4-6	Borden County Tournament		
Mon. Dec. 8	Idalou (gGbB)	There	4:00
Th-Sat. Dec. 11-13	Stanton Tournament		
Tues. Dec. 16	Forsan (gGbB)	There	4:00
Thurs. Dec. 18	Lubbock Warriors (gGbB)	Here	4:00
M-W Dec. 29-31	Post Tournament		
Tues. Jan. 6	Post (gGbB)	There	4:00
Fri. Jan. 9	*Sands (gGbB)	Here	4:00
Tues. Jan. 13	*Grady (gGbB)	Here	4:00
Jan. 15 & 17	Forsan JV Tournament		
Fri. Jan. 16	*Dawson (gGB)	There	5:00
Tues. Jan. 20	*Klondike (gGB)	Here	5:00
Fri. Jan. 23	*Ira (GbB)	There	5:00
Tues. Jan. 27	*Sands (gGbB)	There	4:00
Fri. Jan. 30	*Grady (gGbB)	There	4:00
Tues. Feb. 3	*Dawson (gGbB)	Here	4:00
Fri. Feb. 6	*Klondike (gGB)	There	5:00
Tues. Feb. 10	*Ira (GbB)	Here	5:00

* District Games

Girls' Coach: Kevin James

Boys' Coaches: Trey Richey & Bobby Avery

Borden County Junior High Basketball Schedule 2003-2004

Mon. Nov. 10	Dawson	G,B	Gail	6:00
Sat. Nov. 15	Sands Jr. High Tournament			
Mon. Nov. 17	Ira	G,B	Ira	6:00
Sat. Nov. 22	O'Donnell Jr. High Tournament			
Mon. Nov. 24	Sands	G,B	Gail	6:00
Mon. Dec. 1	Grady	G,B	Lenorahl	6:00
Mon. Dec. 8	Klondike	G,B	Gail	6:00
Mon. Dec. 15	Dawson	G,B	Welch	6:00
Mon. Jan. 12	Ira	G,B	Gail	6:00
Mon. Jan. 19	Sands	G,B	Ackerly	6:00
Mon. Jan. 26	Grady	G,B	Gail	6:00
Mon. Feb. 2	Klondike	G,B	Klondike	6:00

Girls' Coach: Kevin James

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Jr. High Basketball Season Begins

With November comes basketball, and Borden County's junior high teams started off their seasons Monday night to kickoff the 2003-2004 campaign.

Both the girls and the boys dropped their contests to the visiting Dawson Dragons, who displayed a lot of quickness and depth.

In the girls' game, BJH fell 31-11 thanks to a strong second-half performance by the Lady Dragons.

At halftime, Borden County led 7-6, but a cold second half spelled defeat.

The boys experienced similar woes as they kept their game close in the first two quarters.

At intermission, the two teams were tied 6-6, but

District Champs!

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made an outstanding leaping catch between two defenders.

The reception put the ball on Grady's 32-yard line.

On the next play, Thomas scampered 32-yards to the endzone, but a holding call brought the ball back.

Two plays later Tarleton went to Pinkerton again and this time the two seniors' efforts were rewarded with six points as Pinkerton took the pass and skirted to the goal.

Again, Pinkerton's PAT split the uprights (actually, they hit the uprights and went through).

Leading 16-12 with 9:07 in the half, the Coyotes' momentum was short-lived.

Grady put together another good drive and scored on a 4th and 2 from the Coyotes 13-yard line to regain the lead.

Opportunities were there for BHS to score in their final two possessions of the half, but fumbles on both drives killed those chances.

Another blow came when Thomas left the game with a blow to the head and was transported to the hospital.

The half ended with some solid defensive play by Carter and Pinkerton who broke up passes to prevent Grady from scoring as time expired with Grady out front, 19-16.

Carter took the opening kickoff of the second half and returned it sixteen yards to the Wildcats' 39-yard line.

Rodriguez, carrying the load with Thomas out of action, bulled his way for a key first down on 4th and two as the drive continued.

Yet another turnover—this time an interception—stopped the march cold on the Wildcat 9-yard line as Grady took over.

The Coyote defense held as Tyler Wallace made a key tackle across the middle.

Facing 4th and 2 from their own 38-yard line, the Wildcats were held, and BHS took over with 4:27 in the third period.

Once again, Rodriguez got the call to carry the ball and

moved it down to the 27-yard line.

Tarleton then surprised the Wildcat defense when he went to Wallace—the Coyote center.

Wallace made the catch, rumbled downfield to the 16-yard line, and gave the Borden County a first down.

On a counter play to the right, Carter then scored with 2:16 left in the quarter, putting the Coyotes up 24-19 following Pinkerton's PAT kick.

The quarter came to a close with another defensive stand as the Coyotes held Grady on the BHS 25-yard line.

The Wildcats returned the favor on the Coyotes' series.

Two consecutive pass plays to Wallace and Pinkerton put BHS in great shape as they moved the ball into Grady territory.

With 6:35 on the clock, the Coyotes faced 4th and 13 on their 33-yard line.

Carter rushed to the 22, just short, and GHS took over.

Going to the air, the Wildcats were unable to convert on downs and were forced to punt.

The short effort gave the Coyotes mid-field position. Two plays later Carter took a short pass from Tarleton at the 30-yard line and then broke tackles to the endzone, scoring with 4:32 left in the game.

The final PAT kick of the game by Pinkerton iced the win as the Coyotes forced Grady to play catch up.

The visitors kept the ball on the ground which allowed the clock to run; when they finally went to the air, the passes in the endzone fell incomplete, and the Coyotes were able to take over with 1:06 in the game.

Coach Avery sent in his junior varsity guys to take a knee and protect the ball. The final seconds ticked off, and the 2003 Borden Coyotes received their gold ball at midfield in a presentation with Principal Chet Dye to the team.

GAME STATS

RUSHING: Carter (5-34, 1 touchdown); Rodriguez (17-76), Thomas (5-26, 1 touchdown)

RECEIVING: Wallace (3-31), Pinkerton (5-56, 1 touchdown), Carter (1-39, 1 touchdown), Lozano (1-25)

PASSING: Tarleton (7-12-126 yards, 1 interception, 2 TD's); Thomas (1-25)

TACKLES: Wallace (2 assists, 1 solo), Pinkerton (2 assists, 9 solos), Carter (3 assists, 1 solo, 1 deflected pass), Rodriguez (4 assists, 6 solos, 2 hurries), Lozano (1 assist, 1 solo, 1 deflection, 2 hurries, 1 sack), Wilson (4 assists, 3 solos), Gicklhorn (5 assists, 3 solos, 2 hurries), Lamming (1 assist, 2 solos)

Playoff Football Game

Borden Co. vs Sanderson

7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14th

Imperial, Texas

The Borden County Coyote Football Team will play Sanderson Friday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Buena Vista High School Football Stadium, Imperial, Texas.

From Midland take I-20 West toward Monahans. Turn south or left off of I-20 onto

the Fort Stockton highway (1053). Imperial is approximately 30 miles from this turn off.


Com out and support the Coyotes.

Classes will eliminate Tutorial Period on Friday and will dismiss at 3:00 p.m.

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November 2003

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2	3 Seniors Book Fair Room 73	4 East Zone UIL Contest Aspermont Mr. Ard's English III & Theater Arts Lubbock Plays Book Fair	5 East Zone UIL Contest Aspermont Book Fair	6 Lady Coyote Workout Public Invited	7 Grady Here 7:30 Final District Game Book Fair	8
9	10 J.H. Basketball Game Here	11 West Zone UIL Contest Klondike Roby Scrimmage There-gG	12 4-H Meeting Herff Jones Noon Sr. Rings & Inv Tutorials	13 West Zone UIL Contest Klondike FFA Parent Night 6:30	14 14 & 15 Possible Hamlin Scrimmage There Gg	15 Sands JH Tournament Possible OAP Practice TFA
16	17 Lone Wolf Dist. Leadership Contest 4:30 Ira JH There	18 Anson Here 4:00 gGbB	19	20 SBDM Meeting TBA	21 Westbrook There 5:00 GgB	22 Area FFA LDE O'Donnell There JH/JV San Angelo CX
23	24 Jayton There gGB Sands JH Here 6:00	25 Early Dismissal 12:30 Staff Development 12:45 - 2:45 Lorain gGBb 4:00 There	26	27	28	29
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Best of Texas Jackpot Show

Several exhibitors and their animals attended the Best of Texas Jackpot Show in Snyder on Saturday, November 8. Placings were as follows:

Lambs:

Show A:

Miles Valentine - 3rd Place LW Southdown; 4th Place HW Southdown; 5th Place LW Finewool Cross; 6th Place MW Finewool Cross
Miller Valentine - 4th Place LW Finewool Cross; 1st Place MW Finewool Cross; Reserve Breed Champion; 5th Place LW Medium Wool; 2nd Place MW Medium Wool

Show B:

Miles Valentine - 3rd Place LW Southdown; 1st Place HW Southdown; Breed Champion; 2nd and 3rd Place LW Finewool Cross; 4th Place MW Finewool Cross

Miller Valentine - 2nd Place LW Finewool Cross; 2nd Place MW Finewool Cross; 4th Place LW Medium Wool and 2nd Place MW Medium Wool

Steers:

Ring A:

Kalli Poole - 1st Place LW and Reserve ABC; 1st Place HW and Champion Simbrah
Lacey Newton - 3rd Place HW Charolais
Chelsea Minnick - 2nd Place HW Maine

Ring B:

Kalli Poole - 1st Place LW and Champion ABC; 1st Place HW and Champion Simbrah
Lacey Newton - 3rd Place HW Charolais
Chelsea Minnick - 2nd Place HW Maine

Congratulations to all exhibitors!



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Making The Grade!

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Senior: Menda James and Kyle Pinkerton; **Junior:** John Wilson; **Sophomore:** Whitney Anderson and Trey Soto; **Freshman:** Rebecca Dobyns, Jake Payne and Kylan Reynolds; **Eighth Grade:** Rachel Wilson; **Seventh Grade:** Katherine Froman, and Carols Hernandez; **Sixth Grade:** Lacey Roberts, and Chelsea Stephens.

School Menu Week Of:

Nov. 17th - 21st, 2003

MONDAY: Beef & Bean Burrito, Potato Wedges, Salad, Fruit & Milk.

Breakfast: Hot Pocket, Fruit Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY: Chili, Salad, Corn, Corn Bread, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Sausage Biscuit, Fruit Juice & Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey & Dressing, Potatoes, Breen Bean Casserole, Rolls, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Cobbler, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Egg Sandwich, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY: Hot Dog w/Chili, Onion Rings, Salad, Fruit, Cake & Milk
Breakfast: Biscuits w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice, & Milk.



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Sophomore: None;

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Grade: Sharelle Gass, Shelby Roberts, Miller Valentine and Kate Wallace;

Seventh Grade: Tyrell Massingill; **Sixth Grade:** Raylea Underwood; **Fifth**

Grade: Bailey Anderson, John Hensley, Taylor Richey, Krista Tarleton and Miles Valentine; **Fourth Grade:**

Austin Fields, Bethany Stamper, Chance Taylor and Austin Tyler; **Third Grade:**

Kayla Darbyshire, Celina Guerrero, Tanner Richey, Mathew Roberson, Riley Smith, Teryn Soto and Brittney Stroope; **Second**

Grade: Taylor Gass, Maeghan Herridge and Kalyn Massingill

Christmas Packages for our Local Soldiers

Items for "Christmas Care Packages" for Cesar Mujica and Foston Wilson are being collected. If you would like to send these soldiers needed items, you can do so by bringing them to the Courthouse. The packages will need to be sent the last week of November to assure their arrival by Christmas.

Also, if you would like to donate money for the postage, that can be done there also. The cost of postage is around \$50 to \$60 each package. This will also be appreciated. Thanks, for your help and concern for these young men.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

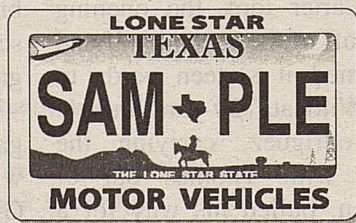
Framed!

Senate Bill 439, passed during the 2003 regular legislative session, dealt with altered or obscured license plates.


Under the legislation, some types of license plate frames and/or covers could be rendered illegal, if the state name or the license numbers and letters are even partially obscured.

Texas Department of Public Safety officials said troopers will most likely issue warnings for the next 90 days.


But, DPS officials warn that DPS policy and interpretation are not binding on law enforcement agencies around the state, so interpretation and enforcement of the new law may vary from agency to agency.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and the Texas Department of Public Safety.



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Make Your Holiday Shopping Stress Free

It's that time of year when you're frantically rushing from store to store in search of the perfect Christmas gifts for family and friends.

According to financial experts, Americans are expected to charge \$127 billion during this holiday season. With retailers anxious to increase sales, you'll find yourself bombarded with advertisements for holiday sales.

Your local community banker offers suggestions to ensure you spend wisely this holiday season and that the joy of the Christmas season in December doesn't turn into a nightmare of credit card debt in January.

Make a holiday budget with the total amount of money that you can afford to spend on gifts, decorations and entertaining. As you make your purchase, deduct that amount from the total balance.

If your current financial situation is less than rosy, scale back on either the number of people you buy gifts for or the amount of money you spend on each person.

Make a list in January of everyone for whom you need to buy Christmas gifts. Then look for bargains throughout the year and you just might find the perfect gift for Aunt

Sue in July. As you buy gifts, take them home, wrap them, set them aside and cross that person off your list.

If you have a large family, you may either want to put a dollar amount on the amount you spend on each person or draw names so that you don't have to buy gifts for everyone in the family.

As you look at each name on your list, determine the amount of money you can spend on each one. Then take that amount of money with you when you go shopping and leave the credit cards at home.

If you don't like carrying cash and prefer shopping with a credit card, predetermine the amount you can charge on your credit card and stick to it. It is easier to dispute charges for unsatisfactory goods or services with a credit card rather than by cash, check or debit card.

Keep your receipts for exchanges and for help in reconciling your credit card statements.

Shop around to make sure the item you're looking for isn't less expensive from a different merchant. You might also check out arts and crafts shows where you can often find unique items for less money.

If you order gifts from a catalog or online, make sure to order early in time for shipment. You may also want to check with the Better Business Bureau to make sure you're dealing with a reputable company. Remember that there is a merchant dispute process for

credit cards that is not available on debit cards.

Most of all, slow down and enjoy the season. After all, it's people, not gifts that make the holidays special.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your support through calls, cards, encouragement and especially prayer concerning Cody's surgery. We truly believe he was healed miraculously by our loving Father who heard each heart-felt prayer that was spoken. We are so thankful to be surrounded by such faithful people.

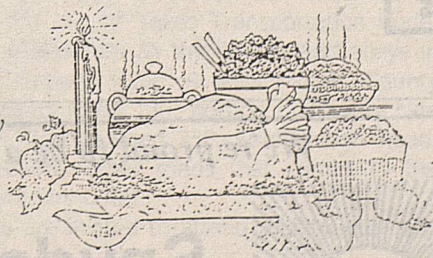
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7th Annual Borden County Home for the Holidays

"Welcome to our home . . ."

multi-county program series

Monday, November 17th, 2003

6:30 p.m. - Gail Community Room

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 \$8 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, party favors and gifts from the kitchen, games, antique Christmas decorations, helpful holiday hints, preparing you home for guests and easy, creative holiday decorations.

We will fellowship and punch from 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. to allow an opportunity for everyone to visit.

The program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

For community service project this year, we ask that you please bring an item for our newly remodeled community room kitchen (such as kitchen utensils, bowls, pans, kitchen linens in the color of beige and/or sage green, etc.).

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.

Millions in Refund and Child Credit Checks Returned to IRS, Taxpayers Urged to Update Addresses by December 5

IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson reminded taxpayers they have until December 5th to claim 115,744 undelivered checks from this summer's advance child tax credit. After the December cut-off, taxpayers cannot claim the checks until they file their tax returns next year.

These undelivered checks are among nearly 24 million issued this summer and fall for the advance child tax credit. In all, more than \$14 billion in child credit checks have been issued.

"Time is running out to get an advance child credit check," Everson said. "We encourage taxpayers to visit IRS.gov to see if they have an undelivered check from the advance child tax credit mail-out."

In all, the IRS has money for more than 200,000 taxpayers who income tax refund or advance child tax credit checks were undelivered and returned to the agency. Taxpayers need to update their addresses before the IRS can reissue the checks, which total more than \$118 million.

In addition to the 115,744 child credit checks worth more than \$50 million, there were another 92,810 "regular" tax refund checks, those issued to refund tax overpayments returned to the IRS as undelivered. These "regular" refund checks total more than \$66 million - an average of \$722 check.

"Our Web site makes it easy for taxpayers to track

undelivered checks," Everson said. "Our goal is to get this money back in the hands of the people it belongs to, and we want to get the checks out as soon as possible."

IRS.gov, the IRS Web site, lets taxpayers track both their refund and their advance child tax credit. "Where's My Refund?" provides information about refunds and "Where's My Advance Child Tax Credit?" provides information about the tax credit. Both are available on the IRS home page.

To use the resources on IRS.gov, taxpayers enter information including their Social Security number and their filing status (such as single or married filing jointly). In addition, the refund amount shown on their 2002 tax return is required for refunds. To get information on the advance child tax credit, taxpayers must also enter the number of exemptions shown on their 2002 tax return.

When the information is submitted online, taxpayers see Web pages that show the status of their refund or advance child tax credit check. In many cases, they also get instructions they need to resolve problems.

"All we need is a good address," Everson said. "As soon as we get the correct address we can start the check on its way. We urge taxpayers to act before Dec. 5 for the advance payments so we can reissue the checks before the end of the year."

Taxpayers without access

to the internet who think they may be missing a refund or advance child tax credit check should first check their records or contact their tax preparer before calling the

IRS toll-free assistance line at 1-800-829-1040 to update their address.

Taxpayers can avoid undelivered refund checks by having their refunds deposited directly into a

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Sands Junior High Tournament
November 15, 2003

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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 27th day of October, 2003, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to enter into a closed Executive Session and Commissioner Reyes seconded to motion.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to close the Executive Session and open the Commissioners Court Meeting. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AD VALOREM TAXES

Commissioner Belew made a motion to table hiring of Law Firm for the purposes to investigate and possible filing of common-law claims for the underpayment of ad valorem taxes. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of October 13, 2003 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

A discussion was held concerning the Water System and the possible repairs needed on Storage Tanks. The County Judge will contact engineers for inspections and estimates.

2004 SEALCOAT PROGRAM

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to enter into a 2004 Sealcoat Program agreement with Oiler Engineering, Inc. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes

AGREEMENT BETWEEN TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCINECES CENTER AND THE COUNTY OF BORDEN, TEXAS

For Autopsy services hereby placed on record.

ATTENDANCE

Luke C. Kellogg and Bill J. Helwig, Attorneys at Law, were in attendance to the open and executive sessions.

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personal checking or savings account. Direct deposit also guards against theft or lost refund checks. The option is available on both paper returns and electronically filed returns. More than 44 million taxpayers chose direct deposit this filing season, up 11.5 percent from last year. Direct deposit was not available for the advance child tax credit checks.

Refund checks go astray for reasons that can vary with each taxpayer. Often, it's because a life change causes an address change. If taxpayers move or change their address and fail to

notify the IRS or the U.S. Postal Service, a check sent to their last known address is returned to the IRS. The Postal Service says more than 40 million Americans change addresses annually.

Taxpayers who have moved since filing their last tax return can ensure the IRS has their correct address by filing

Form 8822, Change of Address, with the IRS. Download the form or request it by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 24, 2003 at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas on Proposed Traffic Regulations (Speed Limits) On Certain County Roads as Required by Subchapter E., Section 251.151 of Texas Transportation Code. County roads to be considered are all the streets and alleys in the town site of Gail, Cemetery Road, R. Miller Road, County Road 146, portion of County Road 130, portion of County Line Road, County Road 383, County Road 338, Sour Dough Road, Willow Valley Road, and any other roads that comes to the attention of the Commissioners Court.

Any interested persons are invited to attend and present oral or written comments.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York, County Judge
Borden County

Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain



It's that time of year once again. Time for the 10th Annual Lighting of the "Star" on Gail Mountain which will take place on Friday, November 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. The "Star" will continue to shine until January 1st, 2004.

Once again the Borden County Museum and the Courtyard will be open at 5:00 p.m. for reminiscing, visitation and refreshments. Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause will be there to take Christmas wishes from the children and have their pictures taken with them.

A drawing for a huge Christmas Stocking, full of goodies and door prizes will be given away throughout the evening.

The winner of the Christmas Ornament contest will be announced and the ornaments will be displayed on a tree in the courthouse.

The second annual Home/Yard Decorating contest will be held again this year. This is fun and helps get Gail decorated for the holidays and adds to the excitement of the evening. Entries will be judged from 6 to 8 p.m. and will be announced following the judging. Take time to drive around town and see all the entries following the evening activities.

Tractor hayrides will be given by Buck Lemons throughout the afternoon around the town. There will also be Christmas music and caroling for all to enjoy.

"Toys for Tots" donations can also be made during this time. These gifts will be presented to the Buckners Children's Home in Lubbock to help make Christmas a little brighter for the children. Please bring an unwrapped new toy or gift and place it in the donation box designated for these children. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated by many happy children.

Make plans to be a part of this Christmas Celebration

and come and join your friends and family at this special Borden County Community event.

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

- Nov. 28** - In Honor of:
Delmo & Martha Pearce
By the Citizens of Borden County
- Nov. 29** - In Memory of:
Charlie & Nettie Creighton
By Mr. & Mrs. Louis Stallings
- Nov. 30** - In Memory of:
Edward Smith
By Warren & Betty Beaver
- Dec. 1** - In Memory of:
Jim & Katie York Family
By Van & Barbara York Family
- Dec. 1** - In Memory of:
W. Bert Dennis
By Mr. & Mrs. Joel Dennis
- Dec. 1** - In Memory of:
Nita Munn Vannoy
By Mr. & Mrs. Joel Dennis
- Dec. 2** - In Memory of:
Binie & Nell White
By Binie L. & Edna White
- Dec. 3** - In Memory of:
Linda Gordon, Karen Key, Mike Flanigan
By Billy Max & Nancy Gordon
- Dec. 4** - In Honor of:
Carolyn & Earl Chapman
By W. E. Chapman, Jr.
- Dec. 5** - In Honor of:
All Caprock Credit Union Members
By Caprock Federal Credit Union
- Dec. 6** - In Memory of:
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Nelson
By Walter Nelson
- Dec. 7** - In Memory of:
Billy Wills
By Warren & Betty Beaver
- Dec. 8** - In Honor of:
Mr. & Mrs. Jim York
By Juaeise York
- Dec. 9** - In Memory of:
Karen Pearce
By Delmo Pearce
- Dec. 10** - In Memory of:
Beno & Donna Hendricks
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks
- December 14** - In Memory of:
Mr. & Mrs. Sterling Williams
By Warren & Betty Beaver
- Dec. 18** - In Honor of:
Terry Millenbine Family
By Millenbine & Co., Inc.
- Dec. 20** - In Honor of:
Mildred Sevey
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks
- Dec. 21** - In Honor of:
Margaret Sharp
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 22** - In Honor of:
Sarah & Ross Sharp

- By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 23** - In Honor of:
Shirley & Kenneth Bennett
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 24** - In Memory of:
Our Parents, Frank & Edna Miller, G. A. & Lela Newton
By Shirly & Doyle Newton
- Dec. 24** - In Honor of:
Zella Nixon
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 24** - In Memory of:
All of Our Loved Ones and Friends
By Ralph Miller Family
- Dec. 25** - In Memory of:
Mr. & Mrs. Lillo S. Mungler
By Marjorie Middleton
- Dec. 25** - In Honor of:
Larry Hopkins
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 26** - In Honor of:
Sue & Bob Beal
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 27** - In Honor of:
Carol & R. D. Lewis
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 28** - In Honor of:
Joyce & Fiddler Herridge
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 28** - In Honor of:
Terry Millenbine Family
By Millenbine & Co., Inc.
- Dec. 29** - In Honor of:
Barbara & Van York
By B. A. Hopkins

- Dec. 30** - In Honor of:
Connie & Sid Hart
By B. A. Hopkins
- Dec. 30** - In Memory of:
Don Cox
By Mr. & Mrs. N. R. King
- Dec. 31** - In Honor of:
My children, Joey, Kay, Jacque, Johnnie, Jan and Jimmie
By Mildred Sevey
- Dec. 31** - In Honor of:
Billy Gannaway
By B. A. Hopkins

Elmo Faver, Sam Wilson, Obe Wilson
By Marguerite Faver

IN HONOR OF:
J. Pat Porter, Skeet Porter, Lela Porter
By Bob & Cookie Dyess
Ross Sharp Family, Margaret Sharp
By Sarah Gilleland
Vickie, Gayla, Cody, Jessica Ky, Lacey
By Shirly & Doyle Newton
Justin Cox, Corey Cox, Kyle Jennings, Dean Jennings, McCrae McCormick, Madolyn McCormick
By Warren & Betty Beaver
Buster York, Velma Burt
By Juaeise York

Light bulbs for the "Star" on Gail Mountain are being sponsored for the following:

- IN MEMORY OF:**
William Reinecke, Johanna Guthmiller
By Margaret Novak
- My Father-in-Law**
By Monte Davidson
- Garland Doyle, Glen Kingston, Clay Kingston**
By Eva Doyle
- Bonnie Kingston, Hilmer Holmes, David Holmes**
By Kent, Ollie & Dawn Holmes
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By Margaret Cary Billingsley Family

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CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Make your plans now to enter your home and/or yard in the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by Lights for Gail. Entries will be judged on originality, quality and visual impact, and will be judged by an impartial party. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners and will be announced in the Borden Star and at the Lighting of the Star.

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____ Phone: _____

Directions to home: _____

Mail your entry to "Lights for Gail - Christmas Decorating Contest", P.O. Box 312, Gail, TX 79738. All entries must be received by November 24, 2003, and the location of the entry must be within a two-mile radius of Borden County Courthouse. Judging will be done on Friday, November 28, 2003, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on outside decorating of your home and/or yard.