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## UIL Literary Domination Continues for Borden County

By Sue Jane Mayes

It was not too close to call. Borden County wrapped up another district championship at the District 6A Zone 3 Literary Meet. Grades 6-8 students finished with 1,161 points; their closest competitor, Klondike, scored less than half that amount with 498 points. Borden County's K-5 literary program took first place as well in their division, scoring 545.83 points to defeat runner-up Klondike with 420.5 points.

The two-day meet was held on the Grady ISD campus.

Also competing at the zone district meet were Grady (491.83 points/183 points), Midland Academy (259.33 points, 130 points), Sands (286.5 points/195.66 points), and O'Donnell (192 points/212 points). Grades 6-8 points are listed first.

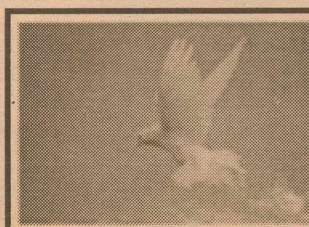
Below are Borden County events/grade levels/participants/places:

**ORAL READING Kindergarten** Pace Parker (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Tyler Cole, Carolina Andrade, Maddox Merket; **First Grade** Laney Stansell, Luke Carpenter, Rexie Sanders, Bella Taylor; **Second Grade** Allie Murphy, Callie Edwards, J. Tom Price, Oliver Skelton; **Third Grade** Ryann Phillips (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Christian Torres, Shelby Milhauser,

Rachel Thomas; **Fourth Grade** Kaci Hudson, Ashlyn Lott, Leandre van Der Bank, Maddy Sumners; **Fifth Grade** Makenzie Milhauser (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Tatum Treadwell (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Fallon Forbes (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Kaitlyn Cribbs; **Sixth Grade** Tanner Harrison (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Madison Cole (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Katie Gray (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Rayme Jones (4<sup>th</sup> Place) **PROSE READING Seventh Grade** Trace Richey, Brooklyn Cheatham, Clayton Addison, Blane Culver; **Eighth Grade** Hunter Jones (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Avery Price (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Braxton Coor (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Dylan Murphy (6<sup>th</sup> Place) **STORYTELLING Second Grade** Callie Edwards (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Hayden Neil, Dallie Miller, Shane Todd; **Third Grade** Brooklyn Gray (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Charli Snell (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Noemi Garcia, Ryann Phillips; **IMPROMPTU SPEAKING Seventh Grade** Clayton Addison (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Carley Bell, Kable Kleck, Harley Merrill; **Eighth Grade** Savannah Herridge (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Braxton Coor (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Hunter Jones (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Jayton Lewis; **MODERN ORATORY Seventh Grade** Harley Merrill (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Clayton Addison (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Braxton Barnes (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Morgan Wilson; **Eighth Grade** Madison Benavidez (1<sup>st</sup>

Place), Dylan Murphy (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Savannah Herridge (4<sup>th</sup> Place); **CALCULATOR SKILLS Sixth Grade** Madison Cole (T-2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Emma Key (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Katie Gray, Jeremy Souder Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **Seventh Grade** Trace Richey (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Preslea Hall (T-2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Harley Merrill (T-2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Ashlyn Tucker (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Eighth Grade** Hunter Jones (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Avery Price (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Hayley Gray, Corbin Summers, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **MUSIC MEMORY Third Grade** Rae' Lynne Clement (T-1<sup>st</sup> Place), Lindy Miller (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Ryann Phillips, Savannah Avey Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Fourth Grade** Haddie Flanigan (T-1<sup>st</sup> Place), Leandre van der Bank (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Mason Cole (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Kennedy Tucker, Klancey Kleck, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Fifth Grade** Tatum Treadwell (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Olivia Reyes (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Kaitlyn Cribbs, Dymon Gomez, Makenzie Milhauser, O'Livia Reyes, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **Sixth Grade** Emily Todd (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Macilah Smith (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Jeremy Souder, Hailey Willborn, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **SPELLING Third Grade** Ethan Stephens (1<sup>st</sup> Place),

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### The Inner You

What's inside you influences your perception. A common misconception is that you feel good in response to good things happening. In reality, you will have more favorable experiences when you are happy and content. The following story illustrates the essence of this concept.

Aaron, a 98-year-old man recently lost his wife, Alice. They had been married 70 years and lived independently in their own home. Aaron was legally blind and depended a lot on Alice. Together, they had a rewarding and happy life. After Alice's passing, Aaron decided to move into an adult care home.

Aaron made quite an impression on the staff from the moment they first met him. He walked into the facility proudly, with a big smile. Aaron's vivacious attitude brightened everyone he came into contact with.

Unlike some other residents, Aaron never complained. He had no bitterness. Carol, one of the nurses, took a particular liking to Aaron. She always enjoyed speaking with him. Carol made a point to visit with Aaron as often as possible.

During one conversation, Carol asked Aaron how he

stayed so upbeat. Here is what Aaron told her:

"Every day, I am thankful for the gifts I have. When I awake each morning I know it will be a great day. Some parts of my body don't operate as well as they used to, so I appreciate what is still working. My days may be numbered. Nevertheless I am determined to make the most of each one.

Although I miss my wife, I am grateful for all the wonderful years we shared together. It brings me joy to reminisce about the good times we had. I know I can't stop life's changes, but I can adapt and adjust. I live for today and look forward to tomorrow.

I think about how fortunate I have always been. I've always had a roof over my head, clothes to wear, and enough to eat. I was never jealous about what others had. Even though others had more possessions, I have always been happy.

I accept people for who they are. How they behave is out of my control. I accept responsibility for myself. I'm always striving to become a better person. I am considerate of others. I treat each person I meet with dignity. I take care not to cause anyone harm or discomfort.

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# Garden City Proves Too Much for the Lady Coyotes

By Coach Skelton

This afternoon game between the Lady Coyotes and the Lady Bearkats of Garden City was a battle of two of the top 10 teams in the state of Texas. What looked good on paper didn't turn out so good come game time for the Lady Coyotes. "I didn't have our girls ready to play today"

stated Coach Skelton. "It's my job to make adjustments, my job to put kids in a position to be successful, and I didn't get it done." "Garden City is a very good team who got very hot from the outside, and their pressure was turned up a notch higher than our effort, and my hats off to their girls and coach-

ing staff."

The pressure lead to a season high thirty turnovers by the Lady Coyotes. The Lady Bearkats only shot thirty percent from the 3 point line, but shot a whopping thirty for the game. "The nine threes a team can survive it's the seven offensive rebounds that turned into 16 points that make it tough to battle back from." "Once again something I knew were not doing a good job at, and it boils down to me not getting this fixed."

The Lady Coyotes found themselves dropping their first game on the season 63-38.

Stats for the Lady Coyotes are as follows: Kylie Voss scored 13 points, had 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals and drew 3 fouls; Kaylyn Dean scored 6 points, had 1 rebound and 4 steals; Taylor Gass scored 7 points, had 2 rebounds, 6 assists, 5 steals and drew 3 fouls; Kalyn Massingill scored 5 points, had 1 rebound, 1 assist and 1 steal; Tye Basquez had 1 rebound, 1 assist and drew 1 foul; Clair Shafer scored 4 points; had 7 rebounds and 1 steal and McKenna Campbell scored 3 points, had 7 rebounds and 1 steal.



Taylor Gass (#10) scores for the Lady Coyotes during last weeks' game at Garden City. The Ladies fell to the Lady Bearkats in an upsetting 63-38 loss.



Kaylyn Dean (#40) blocks the shot of a Ropes opponent. The Ladies defeated the Lady Eagles in a 49-29 win.

# Lady Coyotes Take on Lady Eagles in Home Opener

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes home opener was a rematch from their first round playoff game last season. The game last season saw the Lady Coyotes come away victorious in a heated and close game. This season however, there would

be some changes.

The Lady Coyotes won the first quarter 10-2 and second quarter 18-14 to take a half time lead of 28-16. In the second half they picked up where they had left off outscoring Ropes 21-13 to win their home opener 49-29. The win moves the Lady Coyotes to 3-0 on the year.

Stats for the Lady Coyotes are as follows: Kylie Voss scored 20 points, had 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 9 steals and drew 3 fouls; Teryn Soto scored 1 point, had 1 rebound, 3 steals and drew 1 foul; Lexi Peterson scored 2 points, had 4 rebounds, 1 assist and 3 steals; Kaylyn Dean scored 2 points, had 4 rebounds and 1 steal; Taylor Gass scored 4 points, had 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals and drew 2 fouls; Kalyn Massingill scored 6 points, had 1 rebound, 3 assists and 8 steals; Tye Basquez scored 7 points, had 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 6 steals and drew 1 foul; Clair Shafer scored 2 points, had 1 rebound, 1 assist and 3 steals; McKenna Campbell scored 2 points, had 6 rebounds, 2 steals and drew 1 foul and Tatum Richey scored 3 points, had 3 rebounds, 2 assists and 4 steals.

# Pups Defeat the Grady Wildcats

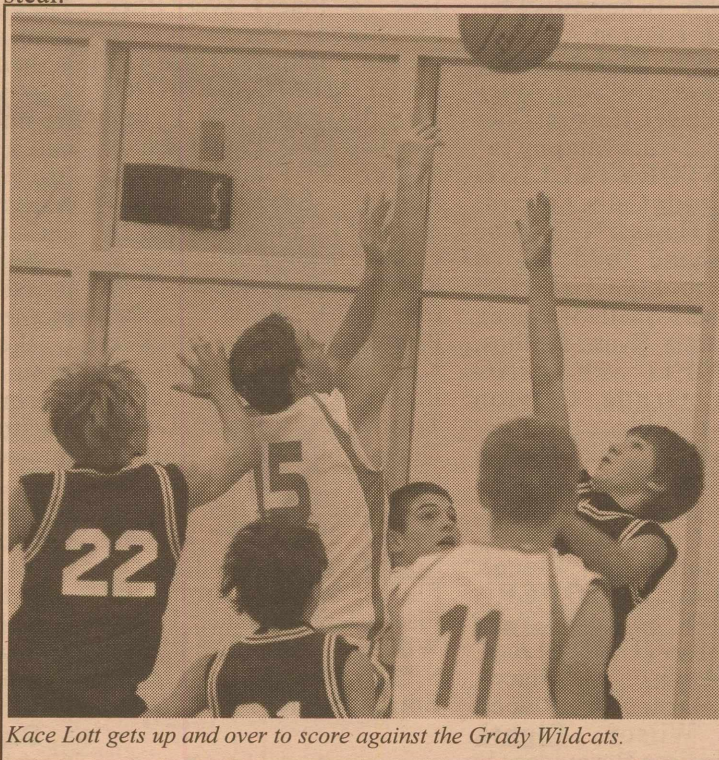
By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Coyote Junior High basketball team picked up where they left off at the end of football season by defeating Grady 38-19 in the season opener on the hard court.

The Coyotes applied pressure defense which transitioned into offense early in the game. The Coyotes jumped out to a 10-2 first quarter lead and extended it to a 22-6 lead at the half. All 18 players got see action which al-

lowed them to hold onto a 28-14 lead after three quarters of play. Borden County extended their lead by outscoring the Wildcats 10-5 in the final stanza.

Hunter Jones and Trace Richey lead the team in scoring with 10 points. They were followed by Corbin Sumners with six points and Ryan Willborn with four points. Kace Lott, Jayton Lewis, Diego Bernal and Brian Torres each had two points.



Kace Lott gets up and over to score against the Grady Wildcats.

# UIL Team Dominates at Meet...

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Kelly Spencer (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Brooklyn Gray (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Tatum Harrison (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Fourth Grade** Kaci Hudson (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Maggie Miller (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Ashlyn Lott (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Haddie Flanigan, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **Fifth Grade** Zeke Lott (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Jacob Avery (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Hailey Lowery, Anthony Lopez, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Sixth Grade** Madison Cole (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Riley Lewis (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Tanner Harrison (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Katie Gray (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Seventh Grade** Carley Bell (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Preslea Hall (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Harley Merrill (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Clayton Addison, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Eighth Grade** Hayley Gray (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Kace Lott (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Savannah Herridge (unable to participate), Dylan Murphy, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **SOCIAL STUDIES** **Fifth Grade** Makenzie Milhauser (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Jacob Avery, Kaylee Walker, Brad Thomas; **Sixth Grade** Katie Gray (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Paige Holbrooks (5<sup>th</sup> Place), J.W. Nix, Myka Blissard, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **Seventh Grade** Braxton Barnes, Carley Bell, Harley Merrill, Thomas Nix; **Eighth Grade** Hayley Gray (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Kace Lott (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Braxton Coor, Hunter Jones, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **SCIENCE** **Seventh Grade** Carley Bell (T-1<sup>st</sup> Place), Kable Kleck, Thadd Basquez, Braxton Barnes, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Eighth Grade** Hayley Gray (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Jamayleigh Gray, Kace Lott, Savannah Herridge, Team (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); **LISTENING SKILLS** **Fifth Grade** Makenzie Milhauser (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Zeke Lott (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Fallon Forbes (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Anthony Lopez, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Sixth Grade** Madison Cole (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Myka Blissard (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Kelby Kleck, Hailey Willborn, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Seventh Grade** Morgan Wilson (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Thomas Nix (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Clayton Addison, Ryan Willborn, Team (T-1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Eighth Grade** Kace Lott (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Hayley Gray (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Braxton Coor (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Dylan Murphy, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **CREATIVE WRITING** **Second Grade** Jaclyn McNeely, Callie Edwards, George Wagner, Callie Miller; **READY WRITING** **Third Grade** Kelly Spencer (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Ethan Stephens, Tatum Harrison, Brooklyn Gray; **Fourth Grade** Maddye Summers (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Leandre van der Bank, Erin Nix, Kaci Hudson; **Fifth Grade** Hailey Lowery (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Tatum Treadwell (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Kaylee Walker, Chris Bell; **Sixth Grade** Madison Cole (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Riley Lewis, J.W. Nix, Katie Gray; **Seventh Grade** Carley Bell (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Harley Merrill (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Preslea Hall, Braxton Barnes; **Eighth Grade** Hayley Gray (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Sydnee Jordan (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Avery Price, Madison Benavidez; **EDITORIAL WRITING** **Sixth Grade** Katie Gray (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Paige Holbrooks (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Myka Blissard, Madison Cole; **Seventh Grade** Carley Bell (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Preslea Hall (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Harley Merrill (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Thadd Basquez; **Eighth Grade** Sydnee Jordan (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Hayley Gray (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Kale Yarbro, Kace Lott; **NUMBER SENSE** **Fourth Grade** Justin Willborn (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Haddie Flanigan, Erin Nix, Klancey Kleck, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **Fifth Grade** Zeke Lott (1<sup>st</sup> Place), O'livia Reyes (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Tatum Treadwell,

Kaitlyn Cribbs, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Sixth Grade** Katie Gray (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Madison Cole (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Myka Blissard, Jeremy Souder, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **Seventh Grade** Thadd Basquez (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Ashlyn Tucker (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Trace Richey (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Carley Bell, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Eighth Grade** Kace Lott (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Hayley Gray (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Savannah Herridge, Jamayleigh Gray, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **MATHEMATICS** **Sixth Grade** Katie Gray (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Madison Cole, Myka Blissard, Paige Holbrooks, Team (3<sup>rd</sup> Place); **Seventh Grade** Trace Richey (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Thadd Basquez, Harley Merrill, Preslea Hall, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Eighth Grade** Kace Lott (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Savannah Herridge, Madison Benavidez, Hayley Gray, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **MAPS, GRAPHS, CHARTS** **Fifth Grade** Zeke Lott (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Haley Lowery (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Kaylee Walker, Makenzie Milhauser, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Sixth Grade** Katie Gray (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Madison Cole (T-3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Myka Blissard (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Brooke Swaffar, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Seventh Grade** Carley Bell (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Harley Merrill (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Braxton Barnes, Thomas Nix, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Eighth Grade** Hayley Gray (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Kace Lott (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Corbin Summers, Kale Yarbro, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **ART**

**MEMORY** **Fourth Grade** Kaci Hudson (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Maggie Miller (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Haddie Flanigan (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Kennedy Tucker, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Fifth Grade** Zeke Lott (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Hailey Lowery (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Makenzie Milhauser, Kaitlyn Cribbs, Maegan Bland, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **Sixth Grade** Paige Holbrooks (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Madison Cole (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Myka Blissard (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Katie Gray (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Tanner Harrison (6<sup>th</sup> Place), Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Seventh Grade** Preslea Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Ashlyn Tucker (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Brian Torres (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Kable Kleck, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Eighth Grade** Madison Benavidez (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Hayley Gray (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Avery Price (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Jamayleigh Gray, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **DICTIONARY SKILLS** **Fifth Grade** Zeke Lott (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Hailey Lowery (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Jason Robinson, Kaylee Walker, Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Sixth Grade** Madison Cole (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Katie Gray (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Emily Todd (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Myka Blissard (T-5<sup>th</sup> Place), Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place); **Seventh Grade** Harley Merrill (4<sup>th</sup> Place), Ashlyn Tucker (5<sup>th</sup> Place), Braxton Coor, Preslea Hall, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place); **Eighth Grade** Hayley Gray (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Kace Lott (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Braxton Coor, Savannah Herridge, Hunter Jones, Team (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)

## School Lunch Menu

Dec. 3 - 7, 2012

Menu Subject to Change

**Monday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken & Broccoli Penne, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices, Breadstick and Milk.

### Tuesday

Breakfast: Pancake, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Quesadilla, Beans, Carrots, Orange Smiles, Salsa and Milk.

### Wednesday

Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple-Pineapple Delight, Roll (9-12 Grade only) and Milk.

### Thursday

Breakfast: Pop Tart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Ultimate Taco Salad, Spanish Rice (9-12 grade only), Seasoned Corn, Fresh Fruit, Sherbet Cup (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

### Friday

Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Garden Salad, Fresh Veggie, Fruit and Milk.

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## UIL Awards Program Set For December 12th

Students participating in the recent UIL District 6A Zone 3 meet will be recognized in a school-wide assembly December 12th at 2:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Borden County Elementary and Jr. High students won both team championships at the meet held November 12 & 13 on the Grady ISD campus.



Missy Coyote, Savannah Herridge guards a Grady opponent in their home opener on November 19th.

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Brittany Walker, cousin of Braxton, Kylie and Savannah Barnes, won the child-size stuffed stocking at the Lighting of the Star ceremonies.

## Lighting of the Star Ornament Contest Results

There were numerous entries in the 2012 Lighting of the Star Ornament Contest this year. Congratulations to the first place winners! We selected one per grade of those submitted:

Preschool-First Grade:

Luke Carpenter

Second-Third Grade:

Rebekah Keifer

Fourth-Fifth Grade:

Klancey Kleck

Sixth-Eighth Grade:

Haylee Wilborn

High School:

Mollie McMeans

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 will be returned to the school. This year's Child-size Stocking Winner was Brittney Walker.

The winner of the grand door prize - electric grill donated by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. was Reagan Beaver.

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### Annual Silent Auction to benefit the Class of 2013

It's time to search your treasures and donate an item for the annual silent auction which will be held at this year's Borden County Basketball Tournament, December 6th - 8th.

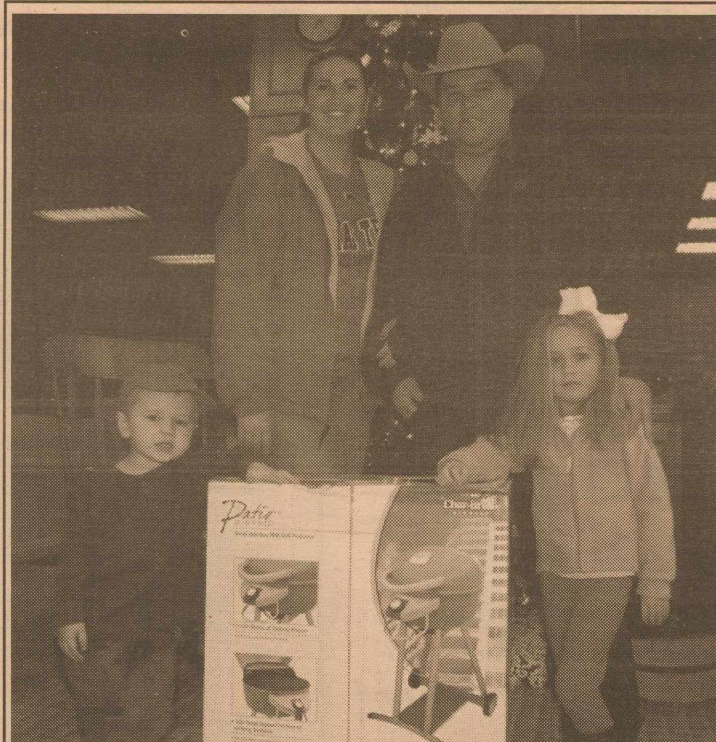
Announcement of the winners will take place at half-time of the championship game.

Please deliver items to Mrs. Soto or Mrs. Bradbury by Thursday morning, December 6th. Include your name and address.

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Reagan Beaver, daughter of Chad and Casey Beaver got lucky and won the Patio grill at the recent Lighting of the Star. The grill was donated by Lyntegar Electric Coop.



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# Dare to Live...

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My thoughts and emotions are my own. I don't allow anyone to control them. Regardless of what may be happening around me, I can be serene inside. My eyes are not working that well but it's my mind that determines what I see. I choose to see beauty wherever I am. It's such a shame when people with perfect sight only see trouble and despair.

I don't allow the poisons of bitterness or hatred into my body because they will destroy me. Regardless of what may happen, I say to myself, "where do I go from here?" The only direction for me is forward.

What I don't understand, Carol, is why more people are not smiling and happy. Life is a gift that should be treasured."

Carol was touched. Aaron, this sweet old man, was such an inspiration. He was elderly, a widower, blind, and frail, yet Carol had never met anyone with such a clear mind and beautiful outlook on life.

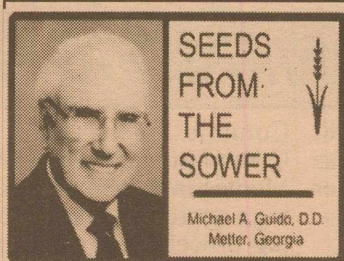
Although experience is a

good teacher, someone else's experience is a better teacher. We can all learn from Aaron's wisdom. The lessons Aaron acquired over a lifetime can help us all be better people.

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## Thought for the Day

Let the day have a blessed baptism by giving your first waking thoughts into the bosom of God. The first hour of the morning is the rudder of the day.  
-Henry Ward Beecher



A plastic surgeon once said to me, "You need a face lift! Why don't we schedule it right now?" Quickly I responded, "I know what my face looks like. It can curdle the Milky Way. But do you know what is better than a face lift?" Without waiting for an answer I added, "A faith-lift." One day, I am going to be with the Great Physician, and I will be completely new and not need a face-lift or anything else. I have faith in His promises that someday there will be no more wrinkles or scars, twisted fingers or bent backs. All of our pains will be gone and our sicknesses healed.

The directions for getting a faith-lift come from His Word. It says that "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." As we read and study Scripture, our faith will flourish and our hope will increase. The Word of God assures us that someday all of our suffering and sickness will be gone and we will become perfect and complete in His presence.

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## Don't Let an Electrical Mishap Spoil Your Holiday Cheer

The holiday season is one of the most joyous times of the year. But it is also a time when accidents and household fires are on the rise. To ensure you and family are safe, be sure to follow these simple recommendations.

\* Do not overload circuits with holiday lights. Signs of an overloaded circuit are lights that flicker or dim; a TV screen that shrinks in size; an outlet or switch that feels warm to the touch and circuit breakers that trip or fuses that blow.

\* Before hanging holiday lighting, check the condition of each light strand. If you find broken or cracked sockets, loose connections, frayed or cut insulation, it is best to discard that strand and replace it with a new one.

\* When shopping for lights or other electrical decorations, make sure they have the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) safety-approved label. Do not purchase outdoor light for indoor use. They usually burn hotter than indoor lights.

\* Unplug tree lights when you are not home or when you go to bed. Never use them on a metallic tree or a live tree that is dried out.

\* For outdoor decorations, choose only lights rated for

outdoor use and make sure they are plugged into a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) receptacle, preferably one that has a weatherproof while-in-use cover.

\* Do not overload extension cords. After plugging your decorations into an extension cord, check to see if the cord is warm to the touch. If it is, unplug some of the decorations or use an extension cord with thicker wires.

\* Make sure extension cords bear the UL label. Do not run extension cords under rugs or carpets and never use indoor extension cords outside.

\* Use one long extension cord rather than linking several shorter cords together.

\* If you have young children or pets, make sure that holiday decorations and extension cords are out of their reach. Install outlet caps over exposed outlets to prevent children from coming in contact with the receptacle or install tamper-resistant outlets and wallplates.

\* Keep your pets away from holiday decorations.

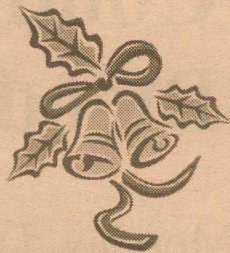
\* Keep both children and pets away from burning candles and burning fireplaces.

Source: *Helpful Home Hints on Home Electricity from the Leviton Institute*

## "Two Tenors" in Concert at Gail First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Gail is pleased to announce an upcoming concert featuring the "Two Tenors" on December 2, 2012 in the Evening worship service at 6:00 p.m.

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## Commissioners' Court

**WHEREAS**, On this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**ROSS D. SHARP**, 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 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.

Other officers present: Ben Smith, County Attorney and Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the November 13, 2012 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioner Court to order at 8:45 a.m.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of October 23, 2012 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices' reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted Reports in the County Clerk's Office. The County Extension Agent-Agriculture reports for September and October, 2012 and the County/District Clerk's report for October were not submitted. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### CANVASS ELECTION

Commissioner Belew made a motion to canvass the November 6, 2012 General Election at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, November 19 2012. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### DECEMBER 2012 SPECIAL MEETING

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to set the Commissioners' Court Special

meeting for December 18, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith Motion carried.

### AMEND BUDGET

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve adding a Line Item Oder amending 2012 Budget for the \$10,000.00 Engineering Fees for Water Department. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No application received.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application was received from Barry Altman for John Snell Soil Conservation Construction in Precinct No. 2 Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve application. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### WATER DEPARTMENT

The Court visited with Arlie and Mollie Williams, Steve Dennis, and Randy Hardman concerning Borden County Water System.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said accounts and Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Line Item Budget Transfers.

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012.

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**WHEREAS**, On this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012, 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:

**ROSS D. SHARP**, County Judge, Residing; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the

Commissioners Court, with Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Monte Smith, absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other officers present: Ben Smith, County Attorney.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the November 19, 2012 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioner Court to order at 7:39 a.m.

### ELECTION CANVASSED

The results of the General

Election held on November 6, 2012 were canvassed. A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes that the returns of the Election are official as recorded in Volume 2, Page 230, Election Records. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY WATER

Commissioner Belew made a motion to inter into a contract with Allison, Bas and Associates, L.L.P. To serve as legal counsel for Borden County concerning water is-

sues. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

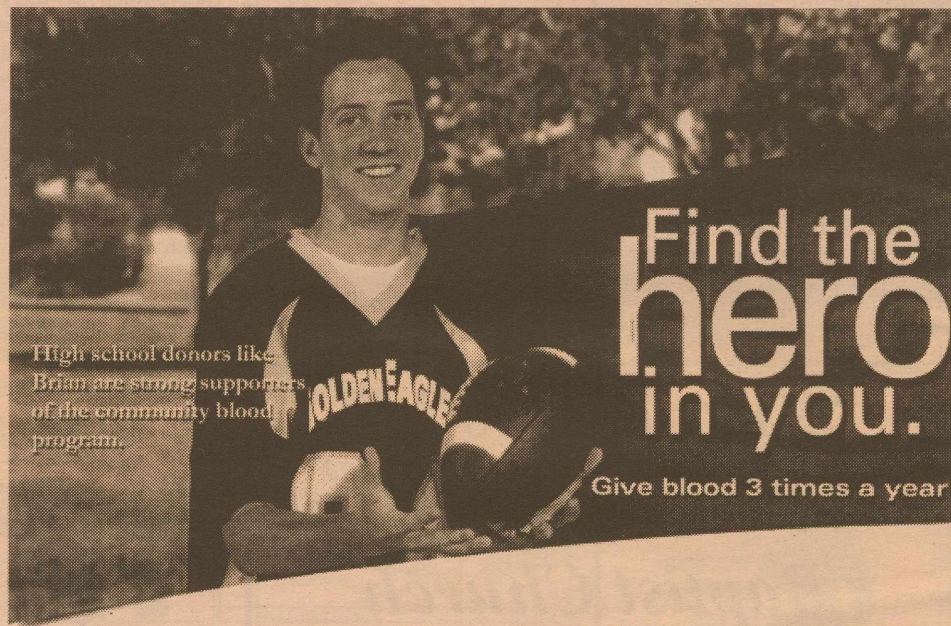
### BORDEN COUNTY WATER

The Borden County Water system was discussed.

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012.



## Borden County ISD & Community Blood Drive

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

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**Nov. 24** - In Honor of: **Our Grandchildren**

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**Nov. 24** - In Memory of: **Brooke Claire**

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**Nov. 25** - In Memory of: **Joe & Freda Clayton**

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**Nov. 26** - In Memory of: **Mr. & Mrs. Mardes Clayton**

By Tim & Carol Wilson

**Nov. 27** - In Memory of: **Norman Sneed**

By Gladys Sneed

**Nov. 28 & 29** - In Memory of: **W.C. Hubbard**

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**Nov. 30 & Dec. 1** - In memory of: **Jere Clayton Hubbard**

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**Dec. 2** - In Memory of: **Fagan (W.F.) & Flora Johnson**

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**Dec. 3-6** - In memory of: **Wayne Key**

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**Dec. 7** - In Memory of: **Don A. Jones**

By Randy & Donelle Hensley

**Dec. 7** - In Memory of: **Our loving Mothers - Lynda Beaver & Patsy Westbrook**

By Steve & Becky Beaver

**Dec. 8** - In Memory of: **Pat & Jo Hensley**

By Randy & Donelle Hensley

**Dec. 9** - In Memory of: **Herman Ledbetter**

By Ross & Sarah Sharp

**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 Memory of: **Bert & Dorothy Dennis**

By Mr. & Mrs. Joel Dennis

**Dec. 13** - In Honor of: **Kenneth & Shirley Bennett**

By Nancy Pearce

**Dec. 14** - In Honor of: **The Pearce Family**

By Nancy Pearce

**Dec. 15** - In Thanksgiving for our family

By Barbara & Rich Anderson

**Dec. 20** - In Memory of: **O.D. & Jessie B Jackson**

By Royale & Carol Lewis

**Dec. 24** - In Memory of: **Arvil (Babe) Brewer, S.C. (Buddy) Sharp, Beno & Donna Hendricks**

By Ross & Sarah Sharp

**Dec. 24** - In loving memory of all our loved ones and friends

By The Ralph Miller Family

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By the Citizens of Borden County and Lights for Gail

Committee Members

**Dec. 25** - In honor of: **Our family**

By Doyle & Shirley Newton

**Dec. 25** - In Memory of: **Mildred Sevey**

By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

**Dec. 25** - In Memory of: **Mr. & Mrs. Denver Dunn**

By Quail Trace Ranch

**Dec. 25** - In Memory of: **Clint O'Brien**

By Barry & Susan O'Brien

**Dec. 26** - In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**

By Mack & Jane Terry

**Dec. 27** - In Memory of: **Skeet & Lela Porter**

By Bob & Cookie Dyess

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

By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

**Jan. 1** - In Memory of: **John Harding**

By Joe, Rhonda, Sarah & Clay Harding

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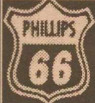

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# Lady Coyotes Pull Off Big Win Over Rivalry

By Coach Skelton

This night saw the Lady Coyotes of Borden County squaring off with the Lady Bulldogs of Ira. This rivalry game played in Borden County was at a frenzied pace for the jump ball.

The Lady Coyotes pressure full court defense took any chance the Lady Bulldogs had right from the very beginning. The "D" forced turnover after turnover which lead to bucket after bucket for the Ladies. The first quarter horn sounded and the Ladies of Borden County were ahead 20-2, and at half it was 33-10.

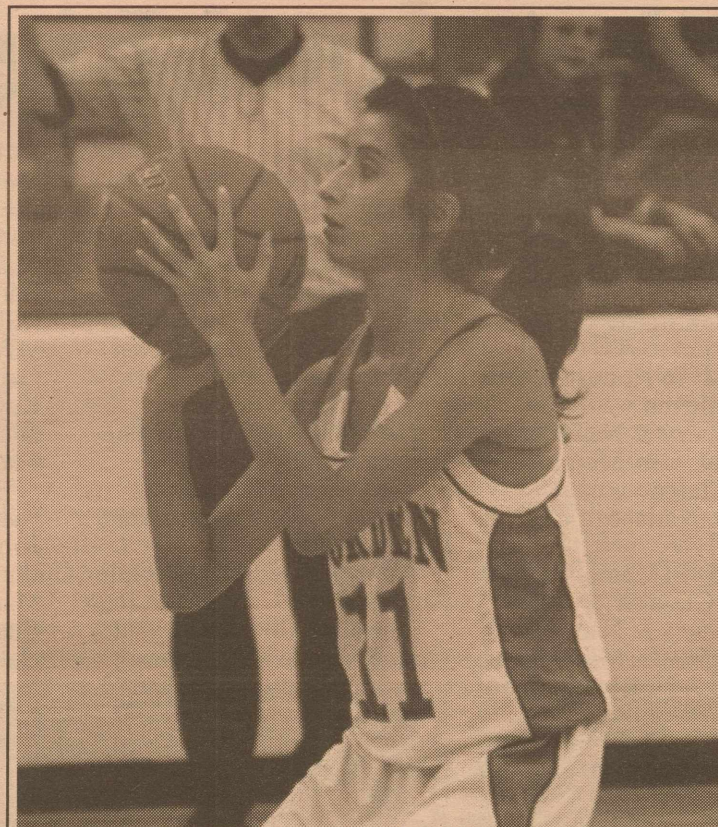
The second half fared no better for the Bulldogs from

Ira. They were outscored 36-16, and the final being 69-26. The win saw the Lady Coyotes move to 4-0 on the season and moving to #10 in the TABC rankings.

Stats for the Ladies are as follows: Kylie Voss scored 14 points, had 9 rebounds, 5 assists, 13 steals and drew 7 fouls; Teryn Soto had 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals and drew 2 fouls; Lexi Peterson scored 10 points, had 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal and drew 4 fouls; Kaylyn Dean scored 4 points, had 14 rebounds, 1 assist and 9 steals; Taylor Gass scored 17 points, had 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 11

steals and drew 4 fouls; Kalyn Massingill scored 7 points, had 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 13 steals and drew 3 fouls; Tye Basquez had 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist; 8 steals and drew 3 fouls; Clair Shafer scored 6 points, had 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals and drew 2 fouls; McKenna Campbell scored 1 point, had 5 rebounds, 3 steals and drew 1 foul and Tatum Richey scored 8 points, had 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 12 steals and drew 4 fouls.

Congratulations Lady Coyotes!



Kalyn Massingill scores for the Lady Coyotes with a free throw during the Ladies' match against Ira.

# JV Lady Coyotes Split Two Games

By Coach Benavidez

The Borden County Lady Coyotes had two games before the Thanksgiving break and ended with a tally mark on both sides of the win-loss column.

The first of the two games was with Ira on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Ira came to Gail with a huge JV squad. The first quarter ended in a tie at 4-4 as both teams struggled to find an offense. The half ended with Ira's Lady Bulldogs claiming a narrow two point lead on a last second shot.

Despite the hard fought defense that the Lady Coyotes put up in the third quarter, the Lady Bulldogs outscored the Lady Coyotes by two again and ended the quarter with a 4 point lead making the score 16-20 in favor of Ira. The shots were just not falling on a cold night for the Lady Coyotes as they were again outscored in the fourth quarter by five.

The final score was 18-27 as the Lady Coyotes registered the first loss of the 2012-13 season. The scoring for this game is as follows; Zoie Key 7, Holly Bradbury 5, Cheyenne Tucker 4 and Mallory McMeans 2.

Next up for the Borden

County Lady Coyotes' JV squad were the Garden City Lady Bearkats on November 20<sup>th</sup>. This one would be a hard-fought contest for both squads.

The first quarter saw the visiting Lady Coyotes take a five point lead as they jumped out to a fast 13 points to Garden City's eight points. Zoie Key had the hot hand early as she hit three three-point shots in the first quarter. The second quarter saw an improved Garden City effort as they were able to outscore the Lady Coyotes by one point going into the half with a score of 20-16 in favor of the Lady Coyotes.

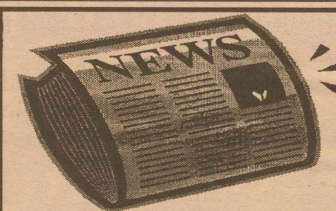
In the third quarter, the Lady Coyotes were able to outscore the Lady Kats by three points making the score 29-22, Borden County. Garden City came roaring back in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and outscored the Lady Coyotes by seven points sending the game into overtime with the score tied at 34.

In overtime, junior guard Mallory McMeans sank three points in the form of one free throw and a 2 point field goal to beat the Lady Kats 2 point effort. This gave the Lady Coyotes the nail-biting victory

with a score of 37-36. These young ladies put up an outstanding effort to claim this win.

The scoring for this game is as follows; Zoie Key 14, Mallory McMeans 13, Holly Bradbury 6, and Mollie McMeans 4. Playing great

defense and allowing the aforementioned ladies to score by playing great offense as well were the following young ladies; Cheyenne Tucker, Bailey Robinson and Lexi Cheatham.



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