

# The Borden Star

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November 30, 2016

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The Borden County Coyotes took on the Garden City Bearkats in the Quarter-final championship Saturday afternoon in a very emotional meeting between these two perennial powerhouse football programs. The last time these two teams met in a play-off

game the Coyotes were coming off of back to back state titles in Division II and had just been bumped up to division I which meant that the defending Division I champs would be playing the defending Division II champs, on that day the Bearkats came away with a 44 to 42 victory on their way to easily defending their title and

crushing the Coyotes dreams of a third straight title. On this Saturday, the Coyotes hoped to reverse the outcome.

It appeared right off the bat that the Coyotes might just do that as a forced fumble by Morgan Wilson was recovered by Corbin Sumners and the Coyotes immediately had their

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## 2016 Regional Quarterfinal Champions!



Members of the Borden County Coyotes football team hold in the air the 2016 Regional Quarterfinal Championship trophy. The Coyotes defeated the Garden City Bearkats 66-48 in Colorado City last Saturday.

## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### The Blind Bard of the Big Bend

I have known George Covington for several years. He has a habit of making people laugh. He writes a newspaper column. "I have fun pointing out the absurdities of everyday life," he says. "Most of the time the people I make fun of laugh with me."

He got to Alpine after living in New York and Washington for twenty years where he was involved in things political. "I love the people and places around here. I moved here from Manhattan and Washington DC and don't miss either place."

He worked in the White House for both Democrats and Republicans. "I started out as a typical low ranking

bureaucrat, happy with my obscurity. The government's checks didn't bounce and I had good health benefits. I ended up writing speeches for the Vice President and directed travel for him when he went to disability events. Got to fly on Air Force Two." While working in Washington he was interviewed on the Today Show and other national media.

George has been nearly blind since birth and his eyesight is deteriorating, but that doesn't slow him down. He was born in Texarkana. "For years I used to beg my mother to admit that I had been stolen by gypsies and left in East Texas. I left

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### Semi-Final Football Play-Off Game

Borden Co. vs. Happy  
3:00 p.m.

in Levelland Tx. at Lobo Stadium

Borden Co. will be home

Adults: \$7 - Students: \$3

District Passes accepted

Six-Man Assoc. Passes accepted



## Coyotes Bring Home Regional Quarterfinal Championship Trophy...

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first break of the game and they wasted little time in capitalizing on the Bearkat mistake. Corbin Sumners followed some nice blocks by Braxton Coor, Kale Yarbro, JW Nix, Hunter Jones, Ben Justice, Diego Bernal and Ben Justice to reach paydirt. The Easton Edwards kick made the score 8-0 only a few moments into this contest.

An interesting side note to this contest, after just escaping the Buena Vista Longhorns the week before in double overtime, the Coyotes would have two starters not practice all week. Corbin Sumners did not practice at all during the week, but was able to play the majority of the game without much trouble as he is dealing with a lower leg issue. Also not practicing all week was Trace Richey who is dealing with a shoulder injury that forced him out of last week's game early in the second quarter. Trace would only be able to play a handful of downs as the injury limits his ability to block, tackle and catch a football.

Back to the action, on the Bearkats next possession, it appeared the Coyotes were about to get another stop, but on a 4<sup>th</sup> and long play, a double reverse appeared to be stopped short of the line to gain only to see the Bearkat runner break two Borden County tackles. He not only got the first down, but got the touchdown to tie the game at 8. The Coyote offense struggled on back to back possessions as a couple of errant passes resulted in an interception and a turnover on downs. Meanwhile the Bearkats were able to score on a short halfback pass to take a 14 to 8 first quarter lead. The Coyotes were able to answer the score to start the second quarter as Hunter Jones made a nice 21 yard run to tie the game at 14 with 9:12 left in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Easton Edwards and the extra point unit gave the home team the lead at 16 to 14. This lead did not last long as the Bearkats returned the ensuing kick-off to regain the lead at 22 to 16. The Coyotes offense seemed to find a little momentum. They drove the ball down the field and with

a nice strong 6 yard run by Sumners the Coyotes were again tied and then in front after another Edwards kick at 24 to 22. With this game going back and forth, the Bearkats then took their turn answering as they quickly answered the Coyotes score with a long run to regain the lead at 30 to 24. The Coyotes seemed poised to answer, but on a 3<sup>rd</sup> and goal play, the Coyotes threw an interception in the endzone and the Bearkats were in business again late in the half. The Bearkats converted a couple of short 4<sup>th</sup> downs on their way to scoring on a short touchdown pass with :37 left in the half. The extra point block unit stopped the Bearkats try with a nice tackle by Ben Justice and after the Coyotes couldn't get any points on the board in the final seconds the Bearkats took a 36 to 24 lead into the locker room.

The Coyotes would get the ball to start the second half and with a nice adjustment to their blocking scheme, a minute twenty four into the second half the Coyotes cut the Bearkat lead to 36 to 32. On the next defensive possession, Borden County got an early stop on first down and then a huge sack by Braxton Coor forced the Bearkats into a long yardage situation which they came up well short on 3<sup>rd</sup> and forced a punt. On the punt a low snap allowed the Coyotes, Braxton Coor to get a hand on the punt to block it which set up them deep in Bearkat territory. On the first play, Hunter Jones then hit Coor with a nice pass and Braxton broke a couple of tackles on his way to regaining the lead for the Coyotes, a lead they would not give up, but would be challenged, at 40 to 36 following the Edwards point after.

On the next defensive possession, the Coyotes forced the Bearkats to turn the ball over on downs giving them a chance to extend their lead. Again it appeared the Coyotes were going to add another touchdown, but a couple of hiccups forced the Coyotes into a 4<sup>th</sup> and goal at the Bearkat 4. Instead of running the risk of not getting in, the Coyotes elected to kick

a field goal that would potentially give them a touchdown and extra point kick lead. That's just what they did and with a nice snap by Braxton Barnes, hold by Morgan Wilson and blocks by Diego Bernal, Kale Yarbro and JW Nix, the Coyotes made the field goal giving them a 44 to 36 lead. On the next Bearkat possession, it appeared the Coyotes were about to force another turnover on downs with a 4<sup>th</sup>

and 10 play the Bearkats got the Coyotes to bite on a route and they snuck a receiver behind the coverage and the result was a long touchdown pass to cut the Coyote lead to 44 to 42 a familiar number. On the point after kick, Ben Justice blocked the first of his two extra point blocks that allowed the Coyotes to hold onto the lead. With the ball back in Borden County's hands, it appeared that Coyotes had

things figured out offensively. A nice drive seemed to end as they had hoped in the opening minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter with a nice 11 yard touchdown run by Sumners only to have an illegal block on the goal line as he goes in to take the points off the board. A penalty on the next play pushed the ball back outside the 20 yard line and forced them to put the ball in the air, again. An errant pass

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Borden County Coyotes, Morgan Wilson (front #14) and Steven Carrillo (#16) tackle a Garden City player and cause a fumble in Saturday's Regional Quarterfinal meet with the Bearkats.

## 2016 Regional Quarterfinal Champions!



Members of the 2016 Quarterfinal championship team are (back l to r) Ricky Martinez, J.W. Nix, ryan Willborn, Coach Trey Richey, Dylan Murphy, Steven Carrillo, Hunter Jones, Jayton Lewis, Ben Justice, Kale Yarbro, Braxton Barnes, Braxton Coor, Coach Michael Skelton, Diego Bernal, Morgan Wilson, Payton Merket, Corbin Sumners, Trace Richey, Nick Proulx, Easton Edwards, Coach Peter benavidez, (front l to r) Camden Edwards, Trent Collins, Garrett Burns, Colbin Briley, Anthony Lopez, Will Yarbro, Junior Gray, Jeremy Souder, Lucas Grantham, Jake Avey and Coach Bubba Edwards.



# Gail FFA Chapter Competes at Area II LDE Contest

By Kaylee Farquhar

Gail FFA competed at the Area II FFA LDE contest this past Saturday. Twenty-eight members competed in their respective contests and have worked super hard and with much time dedicated to these contests. Each of these teams started at the District level securing either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place to get the Area contest. With seven districts in the area the top two of each compete at Area. The battle to state was 50+ for each contest and placing in the Top 10 at Area is quite a feat!

Competing at Area were the following:

Junior Quiz: placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and headed to the state contest are Junior Gray, Kaylee Walker, Callie Hargrove and Hailey Lowery.

Senior Quiz: Team 1-placed 6<sup>th</sup>- Madison Cole, Myka Blissard, Carley Bell and Hayley Gray. Team 2-placed 9<sup>th</sup>-Braxton Coor, Jeremy Souder and Thomas Nix.

Radio: placed 8<sup>th</sup>-Hailey Lowery, Tatum Treadwell and Brittney Walker.

Junior Chapter Conducting: placed 6<sup>th</sup>-Kaitlyn Cribbs, Callie Hargrove, Kaylee Walker, Taylor Horton, Camden Edwards, Lindsay Brantley and O'Livia Reyes.

Senior Chapter Conducting: placed 5<sup>th</sup>-Madi Cole, Katie Gray, Paige Holbrooks, Rayme Jones, Jeremy Souder, Avery Price, Trent Collins, Braxton Barnes and Myka Blissard.

Congratulations to these teams on their hard work!



Junior Quiz: Members of the Junior Quiz team are (l to r) Junior Gray, Hailey Lowery, Kaylee Walker and Callie Hargrove.



Senior Quiz: Members of the Senior Quiz team are (l to r) Hayley Gray, Madi Cole, Carley Bell, Jeremy Souder, Myka Blissard, Thomas Nix and Braxton Coor.



Radio: Members of the Radio team are (l to r) Hailey Lowery, Brittany Walker and Tatum Treadwell.

## School Lunch Menu

Dec. 5-9, 2016

Menu subject to change

**Monday - Breakfast:** Cinn Pull Apart & Cheese Stick, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Pork Chop w/Gravy, Rollm Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

**Tuesday: Breakfast:** Breakfast Muffin & Yogurt Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** French Bread Pizza, Garden Salad, California Blend Veggies, Sliced Peaches, Vanilla Pudding and Milk.

**Wednesday: Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Teriyaki Beef Sliders, Baked Potato Chips, Broccoli Bites, Tomato Cup, Orange Smiles and Milk.

**Thursday: Breakfast:** Pancake Wrap, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Quesadilla w/Salsa, Mexicali Corn, Charro Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Garnish, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

**Friday: Breakfast:** PBJ, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, Oven Gries, Cucumber Dippers, Fruit, Cookies and Milk.

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Jr. Chapter Conducting: Members of the Jr. Chapter Conducting team are (l to r) Kaitlyn Cribbs, Kaylee Walker, Callie Hargrove, Camden Edwards, O'Livia Reyes, Lindsay Brantley and Taylor Horton.



Sr. Chapter Conducting: Members of the Sr. Chapter Conducting team are (l to r) Jeremy Souder, Trent Collins, Myka Blissard, Rayme Jones, Paige Holbrooks, Braxton Barnes, (front l to r) Avery Price, Katie Gray and Madi Cole.

# GO BIG BLUE

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### Don't Let Foodborne Illness Spoil Your Mail Order Surprise

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

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

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

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

\* Make sure the perishable food item, such as meat or poultry, is still cold or frozen and has been packed with a cold source. Your food item should also be packed in a

foam container or heavy corrugated cardboard box.



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

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

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

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

By preventing the possibility for foodborne illness, food can be the perfect gift.

  
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## Lighting of the Star Winners

Thank you to everyone that attended the 23rd Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain this past Friday evening. Attendees enjoyed visiting Santa, storytime for children, touring the museum, Dorward Drug and visiting with friends and neighbors. Thanks to volunteers and Borden County 4-H'ers for their assistance in decorating beforehand and hosting our guests throughout the evening.

There were numerous entries in the 2016 Lighting of the Star Ornament Contest this year. Congratulations to the first place winners! We selected one per grade of those submitted (Preschool-6th):

- Daycare - Kasen Williams
- Kindergarten - Bentley Smith
- 1st Grade - Guy Miller
- 2nd Grade - Harbor Hill
- 3rd Grade - Cooper Williams
- 4th Grade - Neveah Partney
- 5th Grade - Kendall Swaffar
- 6th Grade - Shelton Teel

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 until mid-December. We appreciate all the youth and the teachers that supported this year's contest. All ornaments will be returned to the school.

This year's Child-size Stocking Winner was Ellie Robertson.

We would also like to thank Lyntegar Electric Cooperative for donating an electric grill and two cookbooks and multiple other items for door prizes. The winner of the grill was Addie Schmidt.



Miss Ellie Robertson of Dallas won the child-size stuffed stocking. She is the niece of Becky Robertson, the Ministry Engagement Coordinator of Buckner's Children and Family Services in Lubbock.



Miss Addie Schmidt daughter of Kyle and Lindsey Schmidt of Gail, was the winner of the grill donated by Lyntegar Electric Coop.

### Thought for the Day

Open your eyes and the whole world is full of God.  
-Jakob Boehme



# Christmas Craft Show This Saturday in Tahoka

Area crafters are excitedly preparing for Tahoka's Annual Christmas Craft Show – which set for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka and will feature the talents of crafters from Tahoka, Lubbock, Brownfield, Slaton and other surrounding communities. "We've got some great booths lined up with a nice variety of items," according to Amy Preston of Tahoka, Craft

Show Coordinator. "We've added a few new vendors this year and will have many of the *regulars* back as well", added Preston.

Admission to the Craft Show is free. Phebe K. Warner Study Club will be preparing and selling lunch during the event!

Tahoka's Life Enrichment Center is located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. For more information, please contact Amy Preston at 806-759-1690.

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**Happy Holidays**

## Benefit for Richard Smith

December 4, 2016  
 Coyote Store Café  
 10:00 till 8:00 or Sold out




Brisket plates \$10.00  
 Children 12 and Under \$6.00

### Bake Sale

Whole Briskets Available for \$60  
 RSVP by November, 28<sup>th</sup> 2016  
 806-756-4330

**All Donations Appreciated**

*In the spirit of Christmas and the twenty-third annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain, we invite you to help us give to the children of Buckner Children and Family Services—Lubbock, Texas*

## Christmas For Kids

*Inexpensive board games, educational toys, card games, books or any unopened new toy — large or small, will be greatly appreciated by these children—ages Newborn through 18!*


*They will also appreciate new pajamas, socks, etc. and personal hygiene items!*

*The drop off location for ANY donation is inside the Borden County Courthouse*

*Please drop off toys and gifts by Thursday, December 8th for them to be delivered to Buckner's*

*We appreciate your keeping with the spirit of the season by giving to these children!*

*The Lights for Gail Committee*



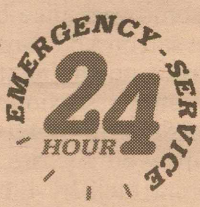
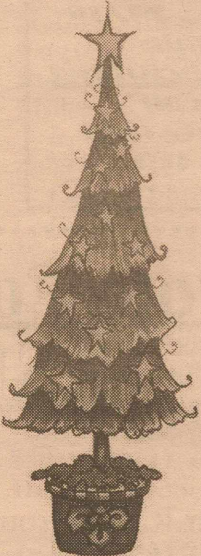

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## Home for the Holidays

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.  
 BORDEN COUNTY EVENT CENTER - GAIL

- Join us for a fun and educational program focusing the Christmas season. We will have a tasting of several recipes and participants will make a decorative item to take home and will also receive a recipe booklet to take home. (Note that the project is always something that does not require a lot of creativity - so please do not let that intimidate you!!)
- Cost is \$15 per participant to cover supplies.
- Please RSVP by 5 pm on Monday, December 5th so that we may purchase supplies. (Note - you may still attend if you do not RSVP by the deadline, but you may not get to make a craft to take home.)
- An optional community service opportunity is to bring a pair of pajamas for the Buckner's Children's Home (size newborn to age 18).



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# Coyotes Defeat Bearkats...

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was picked off in the endzone and the Bearkats had a chance to drive for the lead. Another trick play by the Bearkats got them deep in Coyote territory. It appeared they were about to retake the lead, but on a second down play, Sumners tackled the Bearkat runner for a loss. On a 3<sup>rd</sup> down play just when it appeared that the Bearkats were about to take the lead with a pass to their 6'6" wide receiver, Trace Richey put his finger prints on the game as he batted the ball out of the Bearkat receivers hands in the back of the endzone to preserve the lead. On 4<sup>th</sup> down, the Bearkats tried to run a draw play that had scored earlier, but this time, Steven Carrillo, Jayton Lewis and Braxton Coor would stuff the runner at the line of scrimmage giving the ball back to the Coyotes still up 44 to 42. This time the home team would not be denied as Corbin Sumners followed some very nice blocks as he set sail on a 62 yard jaunt two plays into the next Borden County possession. This score made it 50 to 42 which was followed by the huge extra point kick by Edwards that pushed the lead to a two possession game making it 52 to 42. On the next defensive possession the Bearkats attempted to throw the ball, but Hunter Jones who dropped a 3<sup>rd</sup> down pass followed it by batting down a 4<sup>th</sup> down pass giving the Coyotes great field possession and on the first play, Jones would extend the Borden County lead to 58 to 42 and then Edwards would again make the extra point to make it a 3 possession game at 60 to 42. The Coyote defense again put the clamps on the Bearkats as the next drive would end up with Hunter hanging on to this Bearkat pass for the interception and again, feeling the momentum swing on first down Corbin Sumners would set sail on 54 yard touchdown run all but sealing the outcome with 2:29 left in this Quarter-final contest. The Coyotes were unable to extend the score to a 4 possession game as the point after try kick was blocked leaving the score at 66 to 42. The Bearkats wouldn't

go away quietly as they got a touchdown pass to cut the lead to 66 to 48, but Ben Justice and the extra point block unit of Dylan Murphy, Payton Merket, Ryan Willborn, Cam Edwards and Will Yarbrow got another stop with the Justice block. After covering the onside kick, the Coyotes simply needed one first down. They chose to rest Jones and Sumners on this drive and brought in sophomore Merket to carry the ball. Payton had two great runs to get the Coyotes that first down to seal the deal behind some nice blocking and as a result the Coyotes were able to get in that beloved formation, the Victory formation to close out the game and bring home the Quarter-final championship and a small dose of revenge for the loss in 2010. Congrats guys on an amazing game and an almost perfect second half effort. We would also like to thank all of you that traveled to Colorado City to watch these young men on this Thanksgiving weekend. The Coyotes will next travel to Levelland to play the number 1 team in the state the Happy Cowboys. The Coyotes will be underdogs in this contest as they hope to make a return trip to the State game, a game the Coyotes haven't played in since 2011. Best of luck guys and hopefully we can get a little healthier before kick-off.

Leading the way for the Coyotes in this huge victory were Ryan Willborn with 6 tackles, Braxton Coor with 10 tackles, a sack, tackle for loss, pass break up and a blocked punt, and 2 catches for 38 yards and a score. Dylan Murphy with a tackle. Payton Merket with 2 tackles and 2 carries for 23 yards. Corbin Sumners with 11 tackles, a fumble recovery and a pass break up, 27 carries for 305 yards and 4 scores. Ben Justice with 2 tackles and 3 catches for 45 yards playing in place of Trace. Morgan Wilson who played in place of Trace on defense did a fantastic job and played a ton of quarterback trying to give Hunter and Corbin some much needed rest as Hunter played a lot of tailback today. Morgan had 17 tackles a caused

fumble, a pass breakup and a tackle for loss and a catch for 19 yards. Easton Edwards was 8 of 9 on extra points and had a 21 yard field goal. Steven Carrillo had 8 tackles and a caused fumble. Kale Yarbrow had some huge blocks all day. JW Nix also blocked extremely well all day as did Diego Bernal who also had a tackle. Trace Richey played on a handful of downs on both sides of the ball had 2 tackles and the huge pass break up. Jayton Lewis had 7 tackles. Hunter Jones had 9 tackles, a tackle for loss, a pass break up, a credited interception for batting down a 4<sup>th</sup> down pass and an interception. Hunter also had 22 carries for 168 yards and 3 scores and was 6 of 9 passing for 102 yards and a score with 2 interceptions. Braxton Barnes had some huge snaps on the extra point block.

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## Commissioners Court

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 COUNTY OF BORDEN**  
 WHEREAS, on this the 12th day of January, 2016, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS D. SHARP, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING; MONTY SMITH, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2; ERNEST REYES, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT, constituting a quorum, when the following business and other proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor/Collector; and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer

Others present: Joel Dennis

**CALL TO ORDER**  
 Judge Sharp called the January 12, 2016, regular session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:55 A.M.

**APPROVE MINUTES**  
 Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the minutes of December 22, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNTY OFFICER MONTHLY REPORTS**  
 Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve officer reports as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING TIME AND DATES**  
 Commissioner Adcock made a motion to set the Regular Commissioner Court meeting date on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month and the Special Commissioner Court meeting date on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month and all meetings will start at 8:30 A.M. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNTY-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY CONCEALED CARRY/ OPEN CARRY POLICY**  
 Discussion held no action taken

**UTILITY CABLE/ PIELINE CROSSINGS**  
 No Applications  
**PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE**  
 No Applications  
**SOIL CONSERVATION WORK**

No Applications  
**COMMUNITY INPUT**  
 Joel Dennis visited with the court about the predator control program.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None  
**CURRENT ACCOUNTS**  
 Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**  
 Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

## Coyote Football on KSNY

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 Gooney and Eric



# 23rd Annual Lights for Gail Honorariums and Memorials

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

**Nov 25** - In Memory of: **Delmo Pearce, Karen Pearce, Martha Pearce, & Kenneth Bennett**  
By the Lights for Gail Committee

**Nov 26** - In Memory of: **Edward Smith**  
By Terry Smith

**Nov 26** - In Memory of: **Don A. Jones**  
By Jones Family

**Nov 27** - In Memory of: **Jim and Katie York**  
By Van and Barbara York

**Nov 28** - In Memory of: **Doyle Newton**  
By The Shirly Newton Family

**Nov 29** - In Memory of: **Mo Herridge**  
By Jibber and Cindy Herridge

**Nov 30** - In Memory of: **Doyle Newton**  
By The Shirly Newton Family

**Dec 1** - In Honor of: **Borden County Historical Commission Members and Volunteers**  
By Lisa Dennis Mahler

**Dec 1** - In Memory of: **Beno and Donna Hendrick**  
By Ross Sharp Family

**Dec 2** - In Memory of: **Fagan and Flora Johnson**  
By Carroll and Jane Stone and Family

**Dec 3** - In Honor of: **The Citizens of Gail**  
In Memory of: **Kenneth Bennett**  
By Nancy Pearce

**Dec 4** - In Memory of: **Bertie and Leslie Copeland**  
By Becky Justice, Rika Law and Danelle Copeland

**Dec 5** - In Memory of: **Nell and Binie White**  
By Binie L. and Edna White

**Dec 6** - In Memory of: **Mary Mullins Cary Family**  
By Margaret Cary Billingsley

**Dec 6** - In Memory of: **Warren Beaver**  
and in Honor of: **Betty Beaver, Bill Jennings and Burt Jennings**  
By Terry Smith

**Dec 7** - In Memory of: **Barbara Anderson**  
By Rich Anderson

**Dec 8** - In Memory of: **Barbara Anderson**  
By Rich Anderson

**Dec 9** - In Memory of: **Bertie and Leslie Copeland**  
By Becky Justice, Rika Law and Danelle Copeland

**Dec 10** - In Honor of: **Oklahoma Truck Drivers**  
By The Coyote Store

**Dec 11** - In Honor and Memory of: **Warren and Betty Beaver and Edward and Terry Smith** (two of the couples that helped originate the star)  
By Becky Justice

**Dec 14** - In Memory of: **Bill LaRue**  
By The Lights for Gail Committee

**Dec 14** - In Memory of: **Bert and Dorothy Dennis**  
By Joel and Betty Dennis

**Dec 10** - In Honor of: **All of the girls at The Coyote Store (Brenda Copeland, Terry Smith, Elaine Green, Rika Law and Kylee Dean)**  
By Becky Justice

**Dec 24** - In Memory of: **Martin and Alma Reinecke**  
By Margaret Novak

**Dec 20** - In Memory of: **Jere Clayton Hubbard and Walter C. Hubbard**  
By Ox Bow Ranch

**Dec 24** - In Memory of: **Frank Herridge**  
By Jibber and Cindy Herridge

**Dec 24** - In Memory of: **J. Pat Porter**  
By Pat J. Porter, Sam Porter Giffords, & Kate Porter

**Dec 24** - In Memory of: **Avril Brewer**  
By Ross Sharp Family

**Dec 25** - In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**  
By Jibber and Cindy Herridge

**Dec 25** - In Memory of: **Clint O'Brien**  
By Barry O'Brien Family

**Dec 25** - In Memory of: **Denver and RuBye Dunn**  
By Pat J. Porter, Sam Porter Giffords, & Kate Porter

**Dec 25** - In Memory of: **Buddy and Margaret Sharp**  
By Ross Sharp Family

**Dec 25** - In Memory of: **Kenneth Bennett**  
By Ross Sharp Family

**Dec 25** - In Honor of: **William Ferguson**  
By Borden County Waste Disposal

**Dec 25** - In Honor of: **Preston Sharp**  
By Borden County Waste Disposal

**Dec 25** - In Honor of: **Terri Edwards**  
By Borden County Waste Disposal

**Dec 26** - In Memory of: **Skeet and Lela Porter**  
By Pat J. Porter, Sam Porter Giffords, & Kate Porter

**Dec 31** - In Memory of: **John Harding**  
By Joe, Rhonda, Sarah & Clay

**Dec 31** - In Memory of: **O.D. and Jessie B. Jackson**  
By R.D. and Carol Lewis

**Dec 31** - In Honor of: **Borden County Historical Commission Members and Volunteers**  
By Lisa Dennis Mahler

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

**IN MEMORY OF:**  
**Harold Guthmiller, Arlen Guthmiller and Johanna Guthmiller**  
By Margaret Novak

**John Harding**  
By Joe, Rhonda, Sarah & Clay

**Connie Hart, Brandon Adcock, Bertie Copland, John Paul Harris, David Holmes, Charles and Cleo Couture, Floyd and Edna Buchanan and Dewey Faye Miller**  
By Bob and Terri Buchanan

**Logan Howard**  
By Ernest and Leslie Reyes

**Annie Mae Mullins Nevill**  
By Doris Burleson

**Preston and Ella Sharp, Barbara Sharp, Tom and Ann Melms, Maria Guerrero, Billy O. Gilleland and Herman Ledbetter**  
By Ross Sharp Family

**Jere Clayton Hubbard Walter C. Hubbard**  
By Ox Bow Ranch

**James M. Gilchrist, Joan Blackwell, Aubry Rodgers and Beulah and Frank Walker**  
By Brenda Copeland

**IN HONOR OF:**

**Lee Frances York**  
By Van and Barbara Vork

**Sally Anderson, Mary Anderson, John Robert Anderson and Martha Anderson**  
By Rich Anderson

**Jason Sharp, LeAnn Robbins and Sarah L Gilleland**  
By Ross Sharp Family

**William Ferguson, Preston Sharp and Terri Edwards**  
By Borden County Waste Disposal

**Jimmy Jack Whitaker, Robert Jordan, Monty Dawson and Family, The Kirks, Thomas Wright and Francie Krienitz**  
By The Coyote Store

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## Lady Coyotes Fall to the Lady Greyhounds

By Coach Michael Skelton

The Lady Coyotes had a busy week heading into Friday's game with the Knox City Lady Greyhounds Saturday before last. Several of players qualified for Area FFA, which took place in Big Spring which came on the heels of an extremely long night of football. The Lady Coyotes understandably got off to a slow start and at the end of the first quarter the Lady Coyotes were down 10-5. However they managed to rally themselves in the second quarter with Madi Cole hitting a three, and Emma Key rattling six straight points to pull within one by half time 18-19.

The third quarter saw some sparse scoring as the Lady Coyotes only managed three points, but played tough defense and only allowed Knox City to score seven. Down five heading into the last quarter the girls managed to outscore the greyhounds by two, but at the end fell three points short of forcing an overtime period. Knox City 38 BC 35, it was really a great effort seeing how much they had put into heading into the ball game.

Scoring in the game: Emma Key-17, Rayme Jones-8, Braylee Walker-4, Madi Cole-3 and Katie Gray-3.



Lady Coyote, Madi Cole (#13) gets strong with a shot during last weeks' game against the Klondike Lady Cougars.



# Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

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as soon as I found out where the bus station was." He took a bus to UT Austin. "I had one pair of jeans, some knee-length walking shorts, some floppies, maybe a tennis shoe or two and I walked from the bus station to the campus and vowed never to leave it. I lived in an old house. My big room had once been a porch. I shared a kitchen with two young guys from San Antonio who lived on the other side of the kitchen."

At the University of Texas he started in pre-law, then went to government, then went to English, then went to journalism. "I switched to journalism because they said the girls were promiscuous and you got to drink a lot," says George. "It wasn't quit like that but I loved it." George went to law school and despised it. "I still have nightmares about waking up and having a law final I hadn't studied for." He got a law degree and passed the

bar. "It's the only bar I ever passed," he says with a smile. He practiced law for a while, but didn't care for it.

Growing up in East Texas, George didn't hear much Spanish. "I had never even remotely been in a Hispanic environment while growing up, so one day one of these San Antonio guys came to me and said, 'I'm gonna teach you the dirtiest words in the Spanish language.' So he taught me the words and I practiced and practiced. This was in November of 1964. So I walked into a friend's room who was studying one night and yelled at the top of my lungs these absolutely filthy, dirty words in Spanish: FELIZ NAVIDAD! His mouth dropped open, his eyes got big and I thought those dirty words must really be bad for him to react like that. A couple of weeks later I was listening to the radio and they were singing those bad words Feliz Navidad. I wondered

how they could do that on the radio. Some bi-lingual friends of mine pointed out the words meant Merry Christmas. Years later I told that story to Jose Feliciano, who wrote the song, *Feliz Navidad*. He's probably still laughing about it."

[www.tumbleweedsmith.com](http://www.tumbleweedsmith.com)

**THANK  
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BORDEN  
STAR**

# Public Notice

## Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4.0 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a compliance value in quarter four, 2016 of 5.02 mg/L for EP001.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis,

may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

An alternate source of water should be provided to the affected population, which consists of children less than nine years old. The alternate water should be used for drinking and cooking only. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are taking the following actions to address this issue: water vouchers are available to families with children 14 years of age or younger, also we are working to correct the problem by investigating alternative solutions.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391

Ross D. Sharp, County Judge  
Public Water System ID # 0170010  
P.O. Box 156  
Gail, Texas 79738

DECEMBER 2016						
December 22, 2016– January 4, 2017 Christmas Holidays						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 FFA State LDE Contest-Huntsville	2 FFA State LDE Contest-Huntsville	3 FFA State LDE Contest-Huntsville
4	5 JH BB @ Hermleigh- 5:00	6 HS BB @ Crosbyton- 4:00	7	8 BC Tourney-GB  FFA Christmas Party	9 BC Tourney-GB  ASU Wool Judging Workshop	10 BC Tourney-GB  ..
11	12 Elementary/JH UIL Awards Assembly-2:30  JH BB vs. Westbrook- 4:00	13 HS Boys BB vs. Lubbock Titans-6:30	14	15 V Boys BB @ Sands Tournament	16 V Boys BB @ Sands Tournament  HS Girls BB @ Grady-4:00	17 V Boys BB @ Sands Tournament
18	19 Christmas Band Concert Grades 4-9, 2:45	20 Christmas Concert Grades K-3, 2:45  HS BB @ New Deal- 5:00	21 End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks/Semester	22	23	24
				CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
25	26	27 Ropes Tourney-GB	28 Ropes Tourney-GB	29	30	31
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