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Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

Borden County Pioneer Dies at Home

1906-1998

Graveside service for Edna Clark Miller, 92, of Borden County was held Saturday, May 2, in the Snyder Cemetery.

Her son, Frank Miller of Uvalde officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mrs. Miller, a long-time Borden County resident, died Friday, May 1, at her home.

Born January 3, 1906 in Gail, she graduated from Ranger High School and attended Wesley College in Greenville.

Her son Frank entitled his eulogy "*Honoring a Grand Lady*" and led the service in a celebration of his mother's life. He told how much she loved music and especially fiddle music. She always said that no matter how bad she felt, when she heard that fiddle, it picked up her spirits and made her feel good.

He read scriptures from Psalm 121, and Isaiah 40:28-31. These were two of Edna's favorites. He also read a passage from

Proverbs 31 which he felt applied to her.

Frank believed that if there was one word that best described his mother that word would be **pioneer**. One of Webster's definitions for pioneer is "one who goes on ahead to show others the way." Edna showed the pioneer spirit in the trials and hardships of sand storms, droughts, and the great depression. She endured all these situations with laughter, dignity, and love.

In December of 1924, she married a handsome young cowboy and they made a life together in the cattle ranching business. In the next 20 years she gave birth to five children--a son and four lovely daughters. During this time she moved all her earthly belongings seven times from one old shack to a worse old shack--wherever Frank leased a ranch. In 1942, they built their dream home on the point of a hill she had picked out long before. Edna managed to find something interesting and



Edna Clark Miller

exciting everywhere she went. To her, life was an adventure.

Edna gave to her son and a daughter a little life.

The Station

Tucked away in our subconscious is an Idyllic Vision. We see ourselves on a long trip that spans the continent. We are traveling by train, out the window we drink in the scene--But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day, at a certain hour we will pull into the station--"When we reach the Station, that will be it" we cry--

Sooner or later we must realize there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip! The Station is only a dream. It constantly out distances us.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially coupled with Psalm 118:24 *This is the day the Lord* cont. to pg. 5

1997-98 Awards Banquet
Honoring the UIL Achievements of
Borden County High School Students
Tuesday, May 19, 1998 - 7:30 P.M.
School Cafeteria
Tickets Price: \$6.00 each

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the school office, or may be purchased at the door before banquet.

If you wish to honor these students with your presence, please RSVP by May 15th, to (806)756-4313.



NO SCHOOL

Friday, May 15th.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Friday, May 22nd at 1:05 p.m.



FFA BANQUET HELD

The Gail FFA held their annual banquet on Tuesday evening, in the school cafeteria with approximately 85 guest and 35 members present.

The banquet began with the invocation given by FFA secretary Hailey Adcock. A meal of chicken fried steak, gravy, baked potatoes, green beans, and cobbler catered by Herb's was served and enjoyed by all.

Following the meal the opening ceremony was given by the FFA officer team with Chrissy Armstrong, FFA treasurer gave the welcome.

Guest speaker, Dustin Dean, Ambassador for Agriculture College of Ag Science and Natural Resources, of Texas Tech University was introduced by reporter, Tammy Cooley. Dean complimented the FFA officers on the fact that they greeted guests dressed in their official FFA attire and how much respect for the organization this showed.

He told the members to get involved in as many organizations pertaining to their field in college that they can, due to the fact that not only do grades make a impressive resume, so does the ability to maintain good grades and be able to function in several activities while in school.

Following the speech, FFA advisor, Mr. Buddy Wallace introduced the members and gave the leadership and judging teams recognition. He also praised the students for their accomplishments during the year.



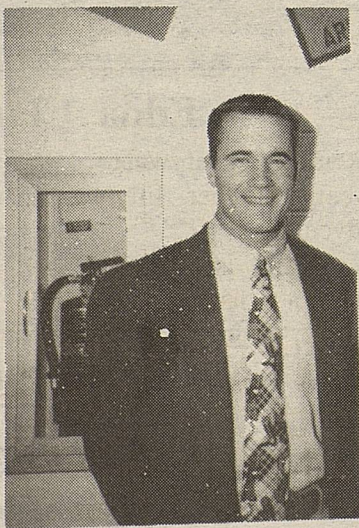
President, Randi Farmer presents Bob Kempf with the Honorary Chapter Recognition award.



Star Chapter Farmer award winners were Brande Wells and Chrissy Armstrong.

Awards were then presented by the FFA officers to the following: Honorary Chapter Member, Bob Kempf, Star Greenhand Award, Shawna Kempf, Star Chapter Farmer award, Brande Wells and Chrissy Armstrong, and the Proficiency Awards winners

The evening ended with the closing ceremony and the members quoting the FFA moto and sentinel John Brummett giving the special thanks and the benediction.



Guest Speaker: Dustin Dean



Hailey Adcock, FFA secretary shown presenting Shawna Kempf with the Star Greenhand Award.



Proficiency Award Winners: (L. to R.) John Brummett, beef; Clint Cowart, horse; James Nance, Ag. mechanics; Kaci Poole, swine; Brande Wells, sheep and Chrissy Armstrong, diversified livestock. (Not available for photo, Ryan Grant, greenhouse management.)



1998 FFA Officers: Advisor, Buddy Wallace; Sentinel John Brummett; Reporter Tammy Cooley; Treasurer Chrissy Armstrong; Secretary Hailey Adcock; Vice President Kaci Poole and President Randi Farmer.



LEARNING TO DO...
DOING TO LEARN...
EARNING TO LIVE...
LIVING TO SERVE...

Junior High Tennis Teams Compete

The Borden County Junior High girls and boys tennis teams traveled to Lamesa, Monday, May 11 to play in the district matches.

The teams did well as the Pups outscored the Loop and Dawson opponents. The point totals were: Borden County 30, Loop 25, and Dawson 10. The Missy Coyotes placed second with 25 points. The Loop and Dawson girl's teams had 30 and 20 points.

On the Missy Coyotes'

singles team were Oralia Galicia who won third, and Kyla Culp who received a fourth place ribbon. The team of Rika Copeland and Bobbie Kempf placed first in girl's doubles. Dalene Kempf and Michele Bond also paired up to compete on the doubles teams.

Jacob Zant and Talin Pepper placed second in boy's doubles. Also playing on a double's team were Phillip Abalos and Dale Grant and they placed third in the event. Cody Nowlain came in third on

Gail FFA members attend Area II Convention

Two of the Gail FFA members attended the Area II FFA Convention this past week-end. Kaci Poole and Hailey Adcock represented the chapter as voting delegates at the event which took place on the ASU campus in San Angelo.

Some 250 members from around the area attended the convention which hosted the area degree checks, scholarship competition, and an impressive banquet. By at-

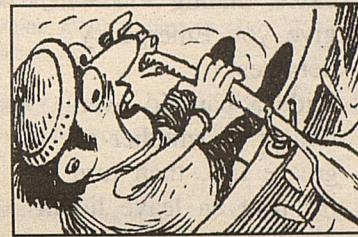
tending the convention Kaci and Hailey enhanced their knowledge in several areas of FFA activities and responsibilities along with having a great time.

Brandee Wells, whose Long Star Degree application was also submitted was unable to attend the convention due to illness, but her hard work paid off as her application was approved and advanced to the State Degree Check this summer.

the boy's singles.

COACHES COMMENTS:

These young people had not had many days to practice as they were working on their track events. I think they did pretty good and I am proud of their effort. Congratulations to all the teams.



We call the right-hand side of a ship starboard because long ago, it was the side of the vessel where the steering was done with long paddles. In old English it was known as steorboard.

Spring Band Concert

The Borden County Music Department and Coyote Band would like to invite you to attend the annual Spring Concert
Thursday, May 21st
at 7:30 p.m.
School Auditorium
Grades K through 12



FFA Plant Sale Nears

Big plans are still being made for the upcoming Gail FFA plant sale. The sale will take place on Thursday, May 14th at the Ag. Science Greenhouse which is located north of the Ag. Building on the Borden County Campus. Sale hours will be from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. All plants will be priced at .50¢ each. Customers will be served on a first come basis. All plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA chapter welcomes everyone to come view the plants and tour their greenhouse.

Plants Available:

Beefsteak Tomatoes
Green Bell Peppers
Cantolope

Cherry Tomatoes
Jalapeno Peppers
Yellow Squash

Pre-School Day



If your child will be 5 on or before Sept. 1, 1998, he or she is invited to visit Kindergarten on Friday, May 22.

Please bring immunization records, the child's social security card, and birth certificate for pre-registration.

If you notify the bus driver in your area, your child may ride the bus.

Lunch will be provided by the school and class will dismiss 1:05 p.m. on that Friday.



School Lunch Menu

Lunch: \$1.00 K-6th
\$1.25 7th-12th
Breakfast: .50¢

May 18th - 22nd

MONDAY: Pizza, Corn, Okra, Pudding & Milk

Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit, Juice & Milk

TUESDAY: Steak on a Bun, Onion Rings, Salad Cup, Fruit & Milk

Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuit, Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Beef Pasta, Spinach, Baked Beans, Crackers, Juice Bar & Milk

Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit, Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Pork Patty, Cheese Potatoes, Green Peas, Hot Rolls, Fruit, & Milk

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk

FRIDAY: Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Salad Cup, Cookies, & Milk

Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk

Thank You!

The 8th grade Class and their parents would like to thank Mr. Thomas for allowing them to have their annual 8th Grade Lock-In in the school's Blue Room and Gym last Friday night.

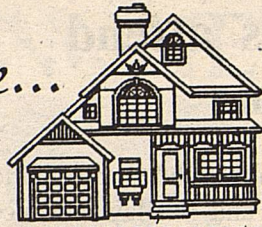
The kids had a GREAT Time and will always remember this special night.

Thanks again for allowing us to use and enjoy the nice facilities we have in our school.

8th Grade Class of '98
and Parents

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
Borden County Extension Agent -
Family and Consumer Sciences



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Recipe For Safer Cooking

When in the kitchen preparing a meal or snack, it is important to follow certain safety measures. Fires can develop without warning, and in many cases due to negligence. Follow these tips to protect you and your family when in the kitchen. Use these tips daily for safer cooking.

To prevent a cooking fire in your kitchen:

- * Keep an eye on your cooking and stay in the kitchen. Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of cooking fires.
- * Wear short of close fitting sleeves. Loose clothing can catch on fire.
- * Watch children closely. When old enough, teach children to cook safely.
- * Clean cooking surfaces to prevent food and grease build-up.
- * Keep curtains, towels and pot holders away from hot surfaces, and store solvents and flammable cleaners away from heat sources.

NEVER keep gasoline in the house.

- * Turn pan handles inward to prevent food spills.
- To put out a fire in your kitchen:

- * Call the fire department immediately. In many cases, dialing 911 will give you Emergency Services.
- * Slide a pan lid over flames to smother a grease fire, then turn off heat and leave lid in place until the pan cools. NEVER carry the pan outside.
- * Extinguish other food fires with baking soda. NEVER use water or flour on cooking fires.
- * Keep the oven door shut and turn off the heat to smother an oven or boiler fire.
- * Keep a fire extinguisher here in the kitchen. Make sure you have the right type and know how to use it.
- * Keep a working smoke detector in your home and test it monthly.

Buckle Up America Week!

The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration has declared May 18th-25th, 1998 as Buckle Up America Week. Safety experts remind motorists that buckling up is the most effective measure they can take to protect themselves in a crash, and urge them to make it a habit during Buckle Up American Week.

During Buckle Up America Week, state and

local safety groups, as well as law enforcement officers, make a special effort to encourage people to use safety belts and child safety seats. This effort is being accomplished through increased information and enforcement of our safety restraints laws.

Many people just don't realize how the chance of serious injury or death is reduced significantly if safety belts are worn.



BORDEN COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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1998-99 4-H Officers Elected

4-H officers were elected last week during the first meeting of the season.

Officers elected are:
Kaci Poole, President
Holly Thomas, Vice President
Tanner Poole, Jr. Vice President
Shawna Kempf, Secretary

Cody Nowlain, Reporter
T.C. Stipe and Rowdy Dunlap, Sr. Delegates
Bobbie Kempf, Dalene Kempf, Shayla Gass and Laura Stamper, Jr. Delegates
Congratulations to these newly elected officers.

Sincerely Yours

Great Gift Ideas!

Personalized

Invitations, Birth Announcements, Enclosure Cards, Notes, Luggage Tags, Etc.

Many Selections Available

Hayley

806/756-4417

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, 3,082 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 1996. Of that number, 1,662 were unrestrained. Of the 70 children under age 4 who died in crashes, 43 were not restrained. When used correctly, child safety seats do save children's lives. The best practice is for children age 12 and under to ride properly restrained in the back seat of all motor vehicles.

Buckle Up America Week is part of a nationwide effort to increase the use of safety belts and child safety seats. For more information on passenger safety, call the extension office at 756-4336.



Buckle up, it's the law!

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., May 26, 1998 for the purchase of a new vibratory compactor. For more information, contact the County Judge's office at 806/756-4391.

The Commissioners' Court reserved the right to reject any or all bids.
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

Van. L. York
County Judge
Borden County, Texas

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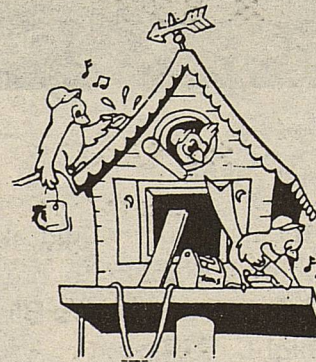
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Lamesa, Texas

Moore-Rains Insurance



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Springtime

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O'Donnell, Tx

806/428-3335

Pioneer Dies at Home

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had made, We will rejoice and be glad in it."

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb over more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefooted more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less! Life must be lived as we go along.

The Station will come soon enough!.....

Robert J. Hastings

Edna loved to read and was a student of genealogy, history, and western lore. She was a published author, having written a book on her won family, Our Clarks. She loved the historical facts of the west, especially West Texas, Borden county and all that area.

During the 50's and 60's, Edna and Frank buried two of their daughters, Martha Joyce Cox and Myrl Faith Weston.

So her children would learn about her Lord, she took them through many pasture gates, over dusty or muddy roads, and across Bull Creek to the little Methodist Sunday School in Gail. After Mrs. Dorward retired, she took over the teaching of the adult class.

Edna loved beautiful things especially flowers and became the African Violet Queen of West Texas. She shared the plants she grew with her friends or anyone who expressed an interest in flowers.

Mrs. Miller was a member of the Daughters of American Revolution, Permian Basin Historical Society, South Plains Genealogical Society, Borden County Historical Society and the Snyder Garden Club.

He closed the service with a prayer and Jody

Nix played her favorite fiddle piece "Maiden's Prayer".

Survivors include her son, Frank Miller of Uvalde; two daughters, Shirley Ann Newton of Fluvanna and Barbara Alice Farmer of Borden County; a sister, Willie Russell of Duncan, Okla.; 11 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. Two grandsons preceded her in death.

The family suggests memorials to Borden County Cemetery Association, in care of Dan Turner, Rt. 1 O'Donnell, TX. 79351

EMS

Memorials

In Memory Of:

Bonnie Sneed

by Mr. & Mrs. Herman Buddemeyer
by Jewel Newby
by Doyle & Shirely Newton
by Paul & Mary Ann Awtry

Roland Hamilton

by Opal Nance
by Ray & Cathy Renner
by R.B. & Grace Snell
by Ellis & Carter Schildknecht
by Mr. & Mrs. Borden Gray, Jr.

by J.D. Hart
by Sid & Connie Hart
by Doris Bennett
by Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Smith
by Ross, Sarah & Jason Sharp
by Mr. & Mrs. Tim Wilson
by Rusty & Carol & Casey Wolffarth
by Fran Bennett
by Ronny & Linda Bennett
by Doris & Lloyd Selman
by D.R. & Bendette Covey
by Wayne & Sherry Bennett
by Railey & Lisa Fallis
by Tony & Claudia Aynes
by Tom & Betsy Hamilton
by Doyle & Shirley Newton
by Mr. & Mrs. Dorman Powell
by Mr. & Mrs. Max Fitzhugh

Buddy Sharp

by Doyle & Shirely Newton

Bess Smith

by Doyle & Shirley Newton

Madge Hendricks

by Doyle & Shirley Newton

Edna Miller

by Ross & Sarah Sharp
by Eva Doyle
by Mr. & Mrs. Earl Davis

Donations:

Mr. & Mrs. John Anderson
Ruth LePelt

PROCLAMATION

TO THE PEOPLE OF BORDEN COUNTY

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service in Texas; and

WHEREAS, each year in Texas, trauma is a major cause of death and disability, especially for Texas children; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams provide lifesaving care in Texas 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of emergency medical services providers in Texas are volunteers; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical service professionals in Texas respond to more than one million calls every year to help the ill or the injured; and

WHEREAS, Texas' EMS systems consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, telecommunicators, first responders, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate for those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, Texas EMS personnel also care for the community by teaching injury prevention to citizens to lessen the occurrence and severity of injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Trauma Network, one component of Texas' EMS system, is an organized trauma care system consisting of comprehensive trauma facilities, major trauma facilities, general trauma facilities and basic trauma facilities; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services professionals work within the Texas Trauma Network to provide timely access to quality care to injured or ill persons; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services professionals work within the Texas Trauma Network to provide timely access to quality care to injured or ill persons; and

WHEREAS, the people of Texas benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals and from the availability of the Texas Trauma Network, and the recognition of Texas EMS Week will educate the people of Texas about injury prevention and how to respond to a medical emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we commend and congratulate Texas EMS personnel for outstanding, dedicated prehospital and medical care to the people of Texas, and hereby join the Texas Department of Health in designating May 17-23, 1998 as

Texas Emergency Medical Services Week

in Borden County and urge all citizens to acquaint themselves with the activities and values of the Emergency Medical Service, to show interest in it and to give help and encouragement to the volunteers who are working to give better service to those who need Emergency medical care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Borden to be affixed this 12th day of May, 1998.

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VAN L YORK
COUNTY JUDGE
BORDEN COUNTY

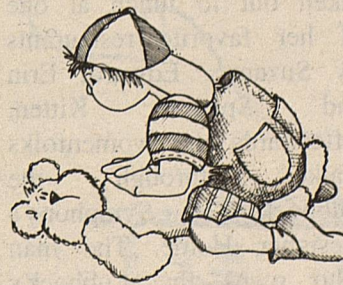
The Caprock Cafe

in Gail is now under
new management
Rona Teel

Daily Specials
Dine-in or Carry Out!
Hours: Mon. - Sat.
6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Would you be able to give CPR to a someone in a time of emergency?



If you are not sure, maybe you should enroll in a CPR class sponsored by the Borden Co. EMS.

If you would be interested in attending a class, contact any Borden County EMS, personnel or call: 915-573-4164

Texas Agricultural Summit on Finance Set For May

Agriculture can be a risky business, even for bankers. That's why issues in agricultural financing will be the focus of a May 27 Texas Agricultural Summit Conference in Austin.

"Banks and other institutions that lend money to agriculture are undergoing significant

changes," said Dr. Gene Nelson, head of the agricultural economics department at Texas A&M University and a member of the summit planning committee. "Agriculture is also changing as a result of the 1996 Farm Bill, new trade relationships and technology.

"The challenge at the

Texas Agricultural Summit Conference will be to set priorities for responding to these changes.

The summit, called "Financing Texas Agriculture in the Future," is geared toward representatives of commercial banks, the farm credit system and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, agricultural leaders and others concerned with agricultural finance.

Although the 1996 Farm Bill gave producers more flexibility in planting decisions, it also resulted in a riskier environment driven by market forces.

The conference will focus on maintaining awareness of credit-risk sources, pro forma analysis

in evaluating loan applications and monitoring loan portfolios, awareness of stress-testing benefits, strategic planning services for revenue generation, and information technology in the coming century.

A registration fee of

\$75 will be used to partially offset the cost of the conference, which will be held at the Omni Southpark Hotel. More information is available by calling (409)845-8484 or by e-mail at

j-oman@tamu.edu.

Out-N-About

Driving down the caprock on 1054 towards Gail is always a scenic drive as there always seems to be wild turkeys, deer, and antelope crossing the road. But this morning a male ring-neck pheasant was spotted. His feathers were shining brightly as he made his way across the road to perhaps nibble on a different kind of grass. I haven't seen a pheasant in that area for a long time. Hope he raises a very large family and they thrive and multiply.

May Stephens is home now from an extended stay in the Lamesa Memorial Hospital. She is recovering from a fall that broke five of her ribs and punctured a lung. A niece, Elma Ruth, is going to stay with her for about a week as May continues to get well. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mary Lynn Williams and Judy Kingston attended an "end of school" program at the 1st Baptist Church in Midland. Their grandchildren, Kortni Edwards in the 3 year old class and Patricia Kingston in the 4 year old class sang their songs and said their parts perfectly as reported by their grandmothers. Patricia's little sister, Candace, not to be out done, told her granddad about her pet

lizard. He was her friend because he licked her.....well maybe he wanted to lick her. Oh, well, she still thinks he is a neat pet.

Allen's Galley Restaurant, in Lamesa, was a place of family get-togethers on Mother's Day. The Kingston and Doyle clan combined their family celebration of their mothers, Bonnie Kingston and Eva Doyle. Joining in the eating, visiting, and laughter was Howard and Pearl Armstrong, their daughter Diane and Bill Clark and their children Sarah, Francis, and Chris; Kent and Ollie Holmes, Glen and Judy Kingston, and Lonnie Doyle. After a delightful lunch they went to Bonnie's home and got out the dominos. It is hard to believe, but Bonnie took a nap amid all the noise of wild game playing.

Bob and Cookie Dyess drove to Lubbock and were taken out to lunch at one of her favorite restaurants by Suzanne, Edward, Erin and Spencer Kitten. Afterwards the womenfolks walked through the Lubbock Symphony's Designer Home. The man who owns the Lubbock's McDonald's franchises is the proud occupant of the home. All Cookie, Suzanne, and Erin could say later was WOW!

Rabies Clinic

Vealmoor, Texas

May 20th. Wednesday

4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

\$5.00 per rabies vaccine

Dr. Hank Thompson

Western Hills Animal Clinic

Big Spring, Texas

If you need any additional medicine call the clinic in advance. 915-267-5721

For more information call:

Kevva Anderson 915-399-4425

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review

Call R.D. Lewis, Borden County Appraisal Office (806) 756-4484

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB)

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your

hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at: Borden County Appraisal Office, Gail, TX...or call (806) 756-4484.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Winning Letter

Micah, the thirteen year old daughter of Randy and Donelle Hensley, wrote a letter to a Lubbock TV station in hopes it would win some prizes for her mother. Out of 200 entries it was chosen as the winner. Her lucky mom will receive 2 tickets to any Southwest Airline destination, dinner for 2 at Jazz Restaurant, flowers and a makeover (which will come in handy if Donelle gets caught picking up a bucket in another car wash). Becky Neighbors traveled to the Hensley home to interview Donelle and the spot was aired last Sunday night on the KLBK news show. Congratulations to the Hensley family and especially Micah and Donelle!

The following is a copy of the winning letter.

Dear KLBK,

I need your help! My mother, Donelle Hensley is in desperate need of a "vacation". She is not exactly crazy; she is just a "hardworking" homemaker and a "mother" of two teenage girls and a five year old boy. Here are a few reasons why she should be "Mother of the Year".

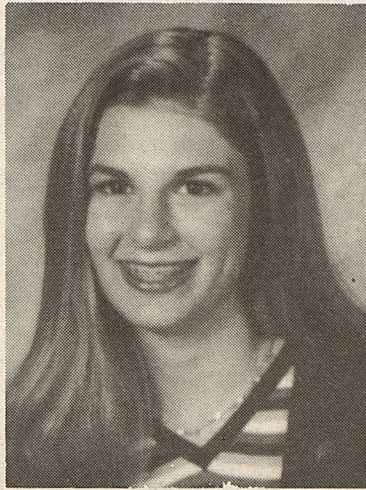
First of all, she is always quoting, "If a mother's place is in the home, then why am I always in the car?" She is a Little League mom and hasn't missed a track meet or basketball game all year. She also attends cross-country meets, piano recitals, U.I.L. academics, tumbling class, Vacation Bible School.....It never ends! Sometimes I feel she tries too hard. She is always pulling out her camera and Tylenol out of her huge purse, which holds "vital" supplies such as Matchbox cars and Legos. Please, send her on a long vacation! We love her dearly, but we feel she needs to "get away" and do something "grown-up" for a change.

Secondly, 1998 is her special year. On May 10th, Mother's Day, she will turn the big "40". Also, in June, she will celebrate her 20th anniversary. Hopefully, this vacation will carry her through these important events.

Even other moms agree that my mother is pretty special. When they all get together to swap "mom stories" hers are always the biggest and the best. She claims that she'll someday "write a book" (as soon as she has the time.) Just last week, she was at the Laserwash car wash and she went to remove a bucket from the driveway. Unfortunately, the machine just happened to turn on with 2,000 pounds of pressure. You can only imagine "what happened next!"

In conclusion, I feel my mother is top mom in the "South Plains" maybe even the country! Please reward her with the award she deserves.

Sincerely,
Micah Hensley



Micah Hensley



The family of **Roland Hamilton** wishes to express our appreciation and gratitude for the many beautiful flowers, cards, prayers, food and other acts of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one.

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Three Biomass Energy Projects in Texas Share Funding

The 13-state Western Regional Biomass Energy Program picked 19 biomass-to-energy projects in 10 states totaling nearly \$1 million for possible funding. Western is one of five regional biomass energy programs funded by the U.S. Department of Energy designed to further the goal of replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy resources to generate electricity and power vehicles.

Three projects in Texas were selected for funding.

Negotiations To Begin

"Projects were selected on technical merit," Jeff Graef, Western Administrator said. "Over the next few months, Western staff will contact grant winners to finalize project details such as cost and completion dates."

The 19 Winners

The 19 projects selected by Western's advisory panel allocated \$947,350 for the projects. Those projects anticipate adding at least \$2.138 million in funds from other sources. Western requires the winners to at least match the grants dollar-for-dollar. The three Texas towns selected are:

Texas

* Tahoka Texas; Cratach

Grant of \$50,000; Matching funds of \$182,820

This project builds on earlier research of biomass-to-electricity power plants. using straw, grass, nut shells, and cotton gin trash as fuel, this project will complete and development and test of a one megawatt unit in Tahoka. If successful, power plants such as these could be located at sugar, rice, wood & textile mills, coffee plantations and food processors to eliminate waste products and produce electricity for use by the plants and mills.

* Canyon TX; West Texas A&M University

Grant of \$66,200;

Matching funds of \$67,915

An estimated 36 billion pounds of cattle manure is produced annually in the Texas Panhandle. The project at the University's state-of-the-art feedlot will explore practical solutions for resolving this waste problem while extracting the waste's energy potential. In both laboratory and pilot level tests, manure will be placed in membrane-lined and covered landfill cells. The biogas produced from these tests will be analyzed for content and production.

* Austin, TX;

Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association

Grant of \$29,000 Matching funds of \$20,850

This grant will finance three seminars in 1998 and 1999 on livestock waste-to-electricity, methane gas potential and production from landfills and renewable transportation fuels such as biodiesel and ethanol.

Grants from Western to the winners are estimated to total \$947,530. The winners have pledged \$2,138,223 in cash and in-kind matching funds for the projects.

\$4.8 Million Requested

According to sources at Western, 82 project applications for a record-shattering \$4.8 million were submitted in January for funding. "Even if the entire regional biomass budget was available for these 82 projects, we would still be \$1.8 million short," Graef said. Only \$3 million is being shared this year by all five regional biomass programs.

Biomass proposals submitted involved projects in 12 of the 13 states in the region. South Dakota was the only state in which no specific projects were proposed. However, region-wide projects and even projects outside the 13-state regional were submitted for possible

funding by Western.

Making the Hard Decisions

Each of the 82 proposals was reviewed four times. The proposals were checked for completeness, evaluated by experts in the project area, ranked by the

representatives from the 13-member states and checked by the U.S. Department of Energy for diversity and geographic balance.

The Nebraska Energy Office in Lincoln provides day-to-day operations for Western. The U.S. Department of Energy's Denver Regional Support Office

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