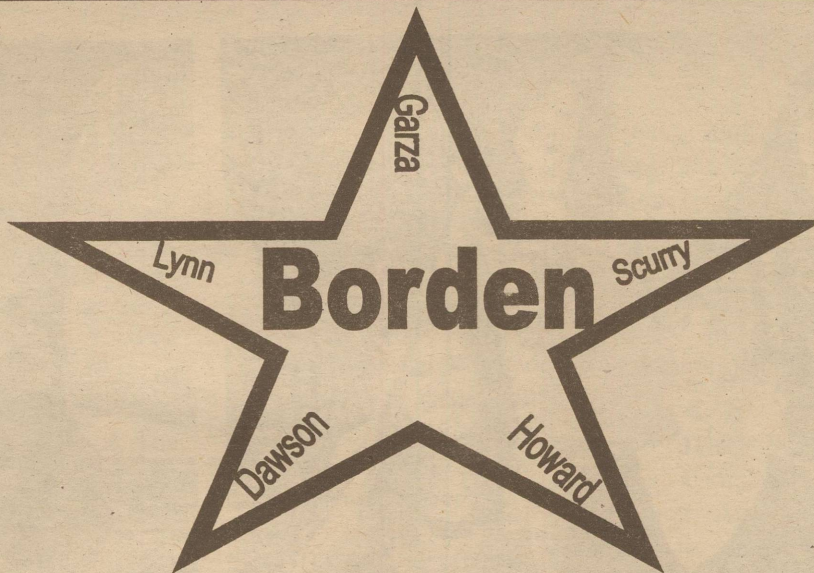


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Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

“Click It or Ticket” Unbuckled Motorists Will Risk a Ticket in Borden County

From May 22nd through June 4th the Borden County Sheriff's Office will be out in force, participating in the “Click It or Ticket” enforcement mobilization, according to Benny Allison.

In 2005 Texas had a safety belt use increase of 7 percentage points, moving from 83.2% to 89.9%. For Texas, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that up to 185 fatalities and 3,000 serious injuries are expected to be prevented, and \$600 million in economic costs saved.

“We appreciate the fact that many more people in Texas are using their safety belts, but there are still a lot of people who don't think they need to buckle up. Buckling up is easy and smart. Law Enforcement agencies will be writing tickets for the people who just don't get it yet. It's simple. Click It or Ticket,” he said.

The Borden County

Sheriff's Office is also participating in an educational campaign to convince pickup truck occupants in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and the Indian Nations to wear their safety belts. Well over a million pickup drivers and passengers in the five state region are still not buckling up, resulting in more than 1,000 pickup occupants dying every year in traffic crashes. Pickup trucks in fatal crashes roll over twice as often as passenger cars. Wearing your safety belt reduces the risk of dying in a rollover crash by up to 80%.

“This educational campaign is needed in our state. In Texas, safety belt use in pickup trucks is 4 percentage points lower than overall use in the state. “Buckle Up in Your Truck’ is more than a campaign slogan. Its good advice that people can live with every day,” said Deputy Allison.

Graduation Exercises to be held

The Junior High Commencement will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thurs. May 25th in the school auditorium. Following the graduation, a reception will be held in the school cafeteria for the graduates, family and friends.

On Friday, May 26th, the Senior Commencement exercises will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium, with a reception following in the school cafeteria. Immediately following the reception, Project Graduation, an all-night party for the graduates and their friends will begin in Snyder.

Last Day of School

Friday, May 26th will be the final day for the 2005-2006 school year. There will be an early dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

Beginning at 9:15 a.m. the Elementary Track Meet will

Producers reminded of Sign-up Deadline

(Post, Texas) -- May 22, 2006 -- Agricultural producers have until June 1, 2006, to sign up for the 2006-crop Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP), said Victor Ashley, County Executive Director with the Garza-Borden County Farm Service Agency (FSA).

USDA will accept late-filed DCP applications through Sept. 30, 2006, if accompanied by a \$100 late fee. Producers will be unable to apply for 2006 DCP payments after Sept. 30, 2006. Sign-up for the 2006 DCP began Oct. 1, 2005.

“I encourage farmers and growers to sign up for DCP by June 1 by visiting the USDA FSA office or by

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begin with students from Pre-K through 5th grade participating. Come out and enjoy their fun and watch for some real stiff competition.

using the convenient online DCP service,” said Ashley. “This program plays an important role in providing producers income support.”

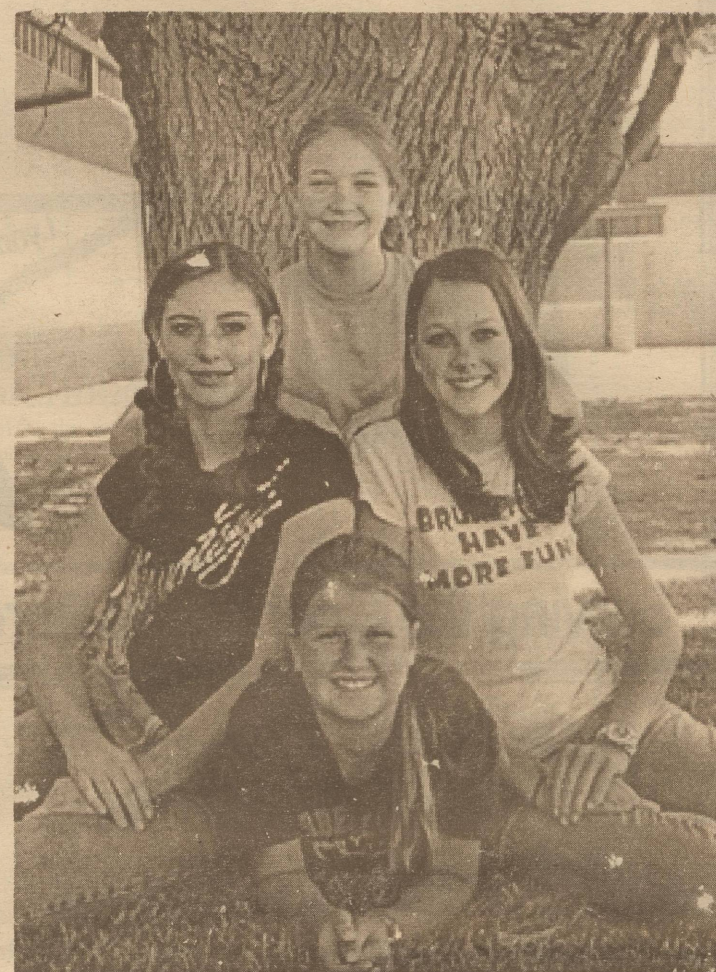
The program provides payments to eligible owners, operators, landlords, tenants, or sharecroppers on farms enrolled for the 2002 through 2007 crop years. There are two types of DCP payments -- direct payments and counter-cyclical payments. Direct payments are tied to acreage bases and yields. Because direct payments provide no incentive to increase production of any certain crop, the payments support farm income without distorting producers' current production decisions.

Counter-cyclical payments provide support counter to the cycle of market prices as part of a federal farm program “safety net” in the event of low crop prices. Counter-cyclical payments for a commodity are only

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2006 High School Coyote Cheerleader: Back row (L. to R.) Katherine Froman, Soph; Sarah Harding, Sr; and Becky Dobyns, Sr. Front row: D'Nae Johnson, Fresh, Christina Soto, Mascot, Sr; Lacey Roberts, Fr. and Olivia Key, Fr.



2006 Jr. High Coyote Pup Cheerleader: Back Phyneshia Rutherford, 8th. Center: Taylor Richey, 8th and Krista Tarleton, 8th. Front: Stefanie Cooley, 7th grade.



Learning and Living

By Becky Dobyns

When I learn your righteous laws, I will thank you by living as I should!
-Psalms 119:7

The Global Night Commute

60,000 people. All across the United States. Gathering on one night, for one cause, in 130 different cities.

This sums up the Global Night Commute, which six people from Gail participated in on April 29th - Terri Buchanan, Trey Soto, Dannelle Copeland, Tony Soto, John Hensley and me. We left our beds to sleep outside the First Baptist Church of Abilene on the ground in the cold with 450 strangers.

You may ask why we would do such a thing. The fact is, tens of thousands of kids in Africa do the same thing every night. The Lord's Resistance Army, a cult, has been waging war for twenty years against the Ugandan government, and has spread to many parts of Africa.

These Rebels have to capture kids from the ages of 8-14 and teach them to be killing machines so they can continue their genocide "in the name of the Holy Spirit". 130 people are killed everyday in Uganda, and 50,000 children have been abducted from their homes and families.

Due to the daily and nightly fear of being abducted, children must travel long distances on foot with just blankets and bare feet to sleep on the concrete floors of train stations, hospitals, and sometimes even outside. They must crowd together and always be on the watch, for any African child traveling alone can easily be abducted by the Rebels. At any moment they could be killed,

raped, forced to kill others, or watch their friends be taken right in front of their eyes.

You'd think a crisis like this would be getting tons of global attention, but it isn't. The President of Uganda, Yoweri Museveni, has long ignored it. The government denies these children exist.

The United Nations had done little to help, and our own government hasn't done much either.

At the Global Night Commute, the 60,000 people all across the US (and some in Norway, Singapore, Ireland, New Zealand, Peru, and Canada) all laid down to stand up for people who can't stand up for them-selves. In addition to this, we sent letters to our senator and George Bush, asking them to pay attention to these children crying out for help. Oprah featured the crisis on her show on April 26th, and Lucy Liu has been involved for quite some time. With celebrities, the media and 60,000 Americans all crying out, we're hoping that the government will finally take action against this horrible war - the longest in African history.

Cool Clovers 4-H is sponsoring an aluminum can collection!



During the Month of May, Please collect your used aluminum cans for recycling. You may bring the cans in plastic garbage sacks to the Extension Office if you would like to help out.

We appreciate you help!

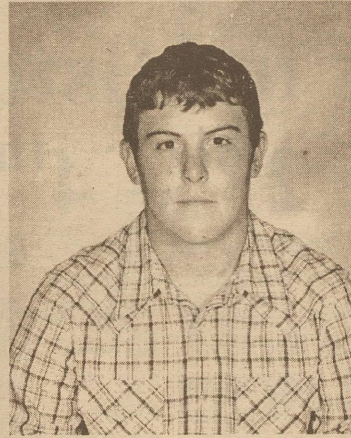
Taylor Gass,
Secretary/Reporter



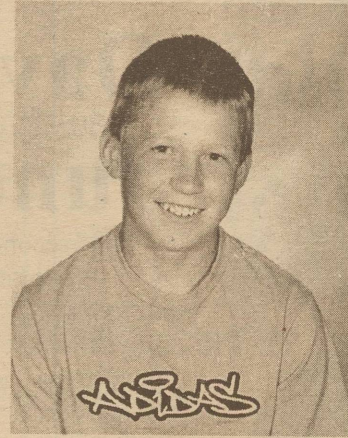
2006 Eighth Grade Graduates



*Karl Morgan
Bush-Lamming*



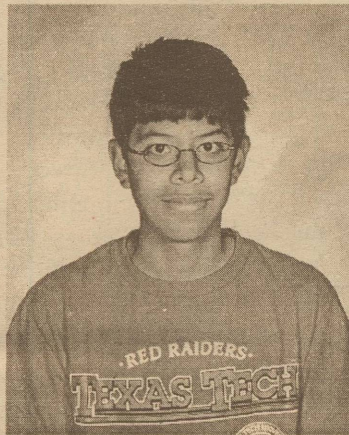
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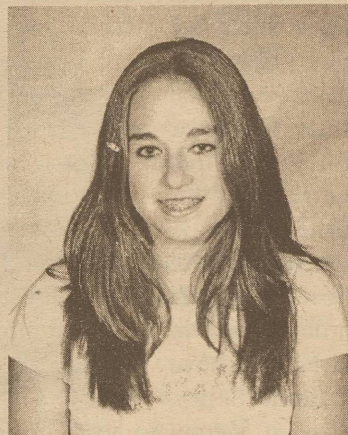
Michael Lee Cooley



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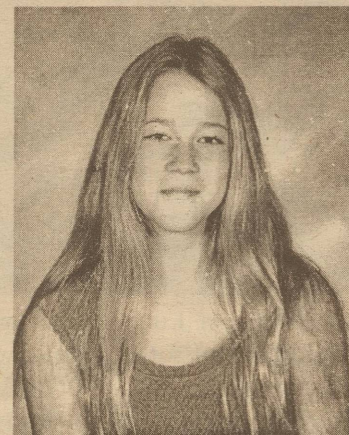
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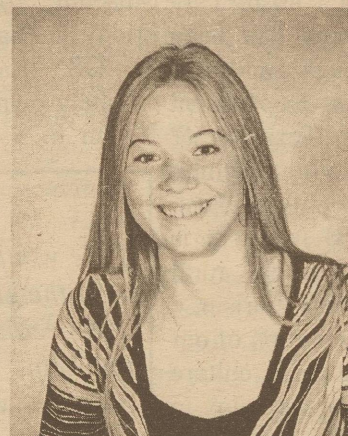
Olivia Ann Key



Rachael Nora Payne



Chellsie Danielle Pigford



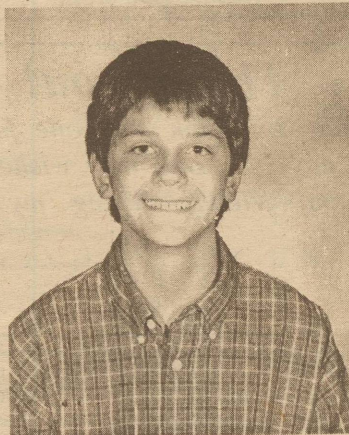
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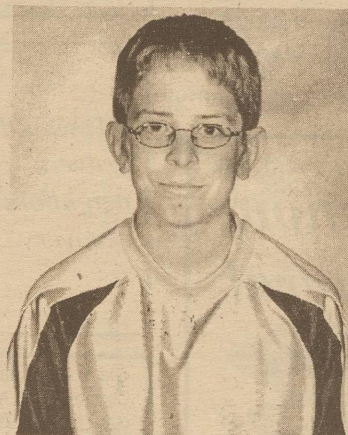
*Lacey Nicole Roberts
Valedictorian*



Chasiti Hope Rutherford



Brendan Connor Tarleton



Phillip Andrew Tyler

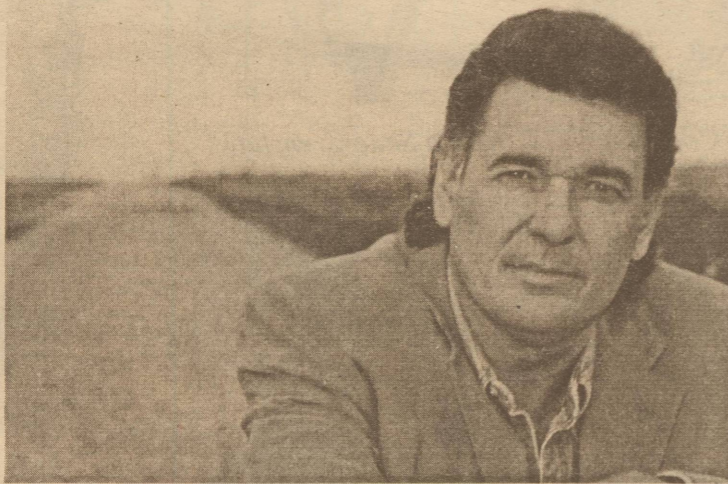


*Raylea Kay Underwood
Salutatorian*



*Skyler Robert
Williamson-Dear*

Kenny Maines to appear at Old Mill Trade Days in Post

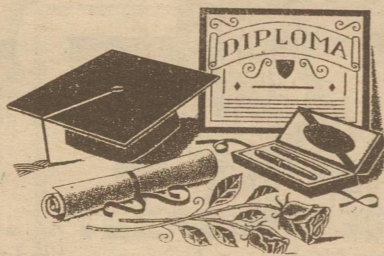


Kenny Maines, well-known Lubbock performer and long-time member of the Maines Brothers Band, will make a solo appearance on The Rainmaker Stage at Old Mill Trade Days on Saturday, June 3rd from 5 pm to 8 pm. There is no additional charge for the performance and Trade Days vendors will be open until 8 pm Saturday to provide shopping and eating opportunities during these extended hours. This special event is part of the Post City Celebration Days, June 2-4. Old Mill Trade Days is a marketplace at historic Postex Mills in Post. The event is the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each month, 9 am to 5 pm Friday and Saturday; 9 am to 8 pm Sunday. Admission is \$1.00 on Friday/Senior Adults free and \$2.00 Saturday and Sunday. There is no charge for children under 10 and parking is free. Call 806/495-3529 for more information.

Do you need work done around the home place?

Light dirt work w/Skid-Steer, Fencing, Mowing, Hauling off trash, Cleaning up around barns and out buildings.
If so, call Cody or TC @ 806.241.0975 or 806.549.3901
Work on Monday's - Friday's after 4:30 p.m. -
Leave a message, will get back with you.

*You worked, you studied,
you tried and you
Succeeded.
Congratulations!*



Branon Funeral Home

Lamesa, Texas

Post City Celebration Days in Historic Post, TX June 2nd - 4th

The second annual Post City Celebration Days, June 2, 3 & 4 will feature a variety of activities for the community as well as visitors. "This was a great event last year with thousands visiting our community," explained Paul Beach, president of Post City Celebrations, Inc., the non-profit group organizing the event. "We've added some new events this year and will again have free shuttles to make it easier for everyone to participate." A 4D barrel race event will take place at the Post Stampede Arena on Saturday and Old Mill Trade Days will have extended hours until 8 pm, also on Saturday. Kenny Maines will perform at Trade Days from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Funding for Post City Celebration Days has been provided through a grant from The Texas Department of Agriculture's "Texas Yes!" program along with matching funds from the City of Post. The Texas Yes! initiative is designed to spotlight rural Texas and promote tourism. "This is a celebration of our heritage, our diverse culture and the good life we enjoy in Post," Beach continued. "Most of the activities for this celebration are happening in Post throughout the year. We pulled everything

together for this special Saturday weekend."

The Celebration schedule includes the following activities each day of the event:

- * Old Mill Trade Days 9 am to 5 pm Friday & Sunday; 9 am to 8 pm Saturday. Kenny Maines on stage 5 pm to 8 pm Saturday; Christian Country performers on stage Sunday.
- * Garza Theatre production of "Twinderella" and "Poultry in Motion" at 9 pm Friday & Saturday; 2:30 pm matinee on Sunday. (Call 495-4005 for ticket information.)
- * Juried art show sponsored by the Post Art Guild, 10 am to 5 pm Friday and Saturday; 1 pm to 3 pm Sunday.
- * Garza County Historical Museum, 10 am to 5 pm Friday and Saturday
- * OS Ranch Museum, privately owned art museum, 10 am to 5 pm Friday and

A full day of events are scheduled for Saturday, June 3:

- * Green Pastures Bass Club, Lake Alan Henry, 6 am to 3 pm
- * Ponies In Post Barrel Racing, Post Stampede Arena, Hwy. 84. Rookie Round Up, 4D barrel races & exhibitions - 9:30 am
- * Street Party, music & shopping on historic Main Street - 10 am to 8 pm
- * Antique Tractor Show, Well Fargo Bank Parking Lot, 216 W. Main - 10 am

There will be comfort food galore - homemade ice cream, bar-b-q, gorditas - on Main Street and over a dozen food vendors at Old Mill Trade Days.

For more information about Post City Celebration Days, visit www.postcitytexas.com or call 806-495-3529.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who came to help fight the grass fire we had on May 19th.

We really appreciated the quick response, and all the help. Without that, it could have turned into a disaster, with the dry conditions. Thanks again to everyone,

*Sincerely,
Bob & Sue Beal*

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for the all the prayers, cards, calls, and well wishes from all my neighbors and friends during my surgery and recovery.

*Sincerely,
Sue Smith*

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Engagement Announced



Rad Eicke and Faith Farmer Hamilton

Fairy Eicke of Lubbock and Johnny Eicke of Snyder announce the engagement of their son, Rad Eicke of Lubbock, to Faith Farmer Hamilton of Lubbock and formerly of Borden County. Parents of the bride are Philena Farmer of Borden County and Nathan Pewitt of Lamesa.

The wedding will be held July 14th, 2006 in Jamaica and a reception is planned for July 28th at the Wagon Wheel in Snyder.

The bride-to-be is a student at the Covenant School of Nursing and the prospective groom is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and works at Accessory Depot in Lubbock.



It's a Girl

Aubree Faye Blissard

Born: April 26th, 2006

12:07 p.m. Midland

Weight: 7lbs. 2 oz. 19 1/4" long

Parents:

Mike & Amanda Blissard

Big Sister: Myka

Grandparents:

Bill & Dolores Jenkins

Sonny Anderson

Barbara Blissard



Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas

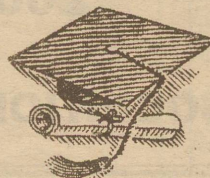


The Exploding Car is Back in the Rodeo Arena

I happened to be with legendary rodeo clowns Quail Dobbs and Leon Coffee the day Quail sold Leon his famous exploding car. For decades, Quail entertained rodeo audiences all over the world with his slapstick comedy. His old car reared up, spun around and spewed fire, smoke, car parts and fireworks all over the arena. When he wasn't clowning with his car, Quail fought bulls and was honored many times for his work as a barrel man.

Quail bought the car, a 1910 Model T with a 1927 engine, in 1966. He bought it sight unseen over the telephone and when he saw it for the first time, it looked like a pile of junk. He worked with it and created an act that rodeo fans can still quote almost word for word.

Quail fought his first bull in 1962 and clowning for 36 years at some of the most prestigious rodeos in the world. He performed at Cheyenne 28 years. He booked two years in advance and was in the arena 130 nights a year. Quail gave up clowning seven years ago and put his car in storage. Since 1999, his arena is the courtroom. A sign on his Justice of the Peace office in



Coahoma reads "The Law East of Stink Creek."

When I interviewed Quail and Leon, it was mutual admiration. Each man couldn't say enough good things about the other.

Leon, who has been in several movies and won a barrel full of rodeo honors himself, is absolutely thrilled with the purchase of the car.

"I know how good that car act used to make me feel, then Quail's still out there. With him not clowning anymore, I figured my bringing the car act back would be a tribute to Quail. I've always told him he was my hero. I won't try to be Quail, but there will always be part of Quail in the act."

Quail says the car needed Leon a lot more than Leon needed the car. "It sat for

seven years going to waste. I'm glad Leon has it."

Leon said he's been rodeoing a long time but right now he's like a kid in a candy store. "I'm just so excited to get in it and drive it. You can't imagine how troubled I was to call Quail and ask him if he would sell me that act. It's a part of Quail's life. It's a part of history that needs to be seen by generations of young people, to let them know that car's still going. It's such a great honor to be able to have it. In my eyes, Quail will be enshrined in this car."

Leon left Coahoma with the car and spent 3 solid weeks working with it to get his act together. HE tried it out at a couple of college rodeos, and now he's doing it at pro rodeos all over the country.



Best Wishes

We're betting on you to make big footsteps in the future life of the community.

Lamesa Butane

Arlen Morris, Mgr.
501 S. Lynn Street
Lamesa, Texas

Congratulations to all of the BHS Graduates!



Moore-Rains Insurance
Frances Rains Stephens

O'Donnell

Obituaries

J. Wiley Holmes

1911-2006

Services for J. Wiley "Jake" Holmes of Temple, Texas will be held Wednesday, May 24th, at 2:00 p.m. at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple. Burial will follow at Bellwood Cemetery.

Mr. Holmes passed away May 21st at his home in Temple at the age of 94. He was born July 10, 1911, in Plains, TX to Theophilus Hunter Holmes & Barbara Elizabeth Reed Holmes.

He was affectionately known as Jake, Daddy J, and Grandpa.

In 1930 he graduated from high school in Ralls, TX. He received his Bachelors degree from the Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas in 1937. While at A&M he was a member of the Senior Livestock Judging team that won the National Collegiate title at the Kansas City Royal. He was a Master Sergeant in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He served in North Africa and the China-Burma-India Theater. His decorations and citations included the American Theater Campaign Medal, the EAME Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal, a Victory Ribbon, one service stripe, and four overseas service bars. On August 2, 1947, he married Sybil Kathryn Garner Belk.

He retired from the Agricultural Extension Service after many years as County Agent of Borden County and four other counties in west Texas. While serving in Ward County, he was named outstanding County Agent in Texas by the National

Association of County Agents.

He farmed for seven years in the Red Ranger Community of east Bell County. During that time he served on the Rogers School Board and was instrumental in the formation of the Little Elm Water Shed project.

During retirement he remained active in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Association and the China-Burma-India Veterans' Association. He was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Morgan's Point.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sybil.

He is survived by his son, Gene Holmes & wife Joyce of Belton and his daughter, Kathryn Smith of Temple; five grand-children: Michelle Hurley of Albuquerque, NM, Kim Godin of Belton, Gena Garcia of Los Lunas, NM, Lois Smith of Arlington, and Jay Lon Smith of Arlington; six great-grandchildren; his brother, Dr. T.H. Holmes & wife Doris of Lubbock, his sister, Elizabeth Morrison of Lewisville; and two wonderful caregivers, Donna Leneer and Dorothy Whitaker.

Pallbearers will be Jay Lon Smith, Joe Godin, Kyle Oldham, Jake Godin, Don Rohde, and Johnny Hilliard.

Services for Jesse L. "Jet" Sorrells, 85, were held on Saturday, March 11, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. at Reynolds Ranch Headquarters south of Dalhart. Burial was at 3:00 p.m. in Memorial Park Cemetery, under the direction of Horizon Funeral Home, Dalhart. Officiating was Dean Whaley, Minister of the Dalhart Church of Christ.

Mr. Sorrells died March 7th, 2006. in Abilene, Texas.

Jesse Sorrells was born March 22nd, 1920 at his family's home in Knapp, Texas and was raised between the 9R and Triangle Ranches in Borden County, which at that time were both owned by the Reynolds family. He grew up working cattle for both ranches.

Jesse loved all sports, especially golfing. He attended West Texas State University on a Basketball/Football scholarship. His sports career was ended on Pearl Harbor Day when he joined the Army. After getting out of WWII, he came back to work as Ranch Manager for Reynolds Cattle Company for almost 40 years. In 1947, he worked as chuck wagon boss for 3 years. After the manager of the Dalhart ranches died, he was made General Manager of all their operations. He

Jesse Sorrells

1920-2006

managed both ranches - Rita Blanca 65,000 acres and the Matlock at 35,000 acres. He felt the happiest time of his life was the 13 years he managed their ranch known as the X'es or long X outfit, in the Davis Mountains near Kent, TX. It was approx. 400,000 acres and ran a chuck wagon almost year round.

Jesse was proud to be a rancher and veteran. He worked for Medical Pay, Inc. a family owned company for the last 10 years and was their best ambassador. He loved his friends at Hendrick Medical Center, Diamond Back Golf Club and Graham Regional Hospital. A special heart felt thanks goes to the incredible staff at Royal Estates Living Center in Abilene.

Jesse was a phenomenal letter write and would seldom attend funerals but always spent hour upon hour writing memory filled letters to a family that had lost a loved one.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 55

years Myradell Cessnun Sorrells, two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include two daughters: Marilyn Sorrells Schmidt of Dalhart & Judy Lynn Sorrells of Abilene, TX; two nieces raised as daughters: Susan Cessnun Gunnels of Big Lake, TX & Synthia Cessnun Howell of Dalhart, TX; one grandson: Douglas Schmidt and one granddaughter: Melanie Schmidt Bohr both of Dalhart and one great-granddaughter: Shelley Schmidt Drgac of Caldwell, TX.

Pallbearers were Douglas Schmidt, Tom Black, Howard Engle, Melvin Mason, Kenneth Switzer, Junior Gray, Hawk Alls, Watt Reynolds, Tom Reynolds, Frank Escabado,

Roy Jackson, Randy Bibb, Hank Barnett, Jack King, Warren Eaton, T.L. Griffin, J.M. Sterling and Oke Livingston.

Memorials can be made to Dalhart Senior Citizens Center, 610 Denrock, Dalhart, TX 79022,

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 10:00 a.m., June 12, 2006.

1. Fuel for 2006
 - a. unleaded
 - b. diesel

2. Propane for Courthouse and Precinct #2 Barns

For specifications and information on the above, contact the office of the County Judge, Borden County Courthouse, 806/756-4391.

Bids should be submitted to the office of the County Judge, P.O. Box 156, Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas 79738.

The right is reserved by the Borden County Commissioners' Court to accept or reject any and all bids.

For the Borden County Commissioners' Court
Van L. York,
County Judge
Borden County

Submit bids to County Judge's Office
PO Box 156
Gail, Texas 79738



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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 8th day of May, 2006, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Residing; **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.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of April 24th, 2006, were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

COUNTY REPORTS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the county reports from County Treasurer, County Extension Agents and the County Monthly Report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

COUNTY ROAD INVENTORY

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to add

a total of approximately 35 miles of road to the County Road Inventory for the Texas Department of Transportation. The miles are: 8 miles in Precinct. 1, 3.3 miles in Precinct. 2, 10.9 miles in Precinct. 3, 13.6 miles in Precinct. 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

COUNTY ROAD CONTRACT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to retain Allison, Bass and Associates for the implementation of Chapter 258, Texas Transportation Code to establish the Public Interest in Roads Maintained by Borden County. This action is taken because of the statues preventing County Commissioners doing work on private property and Texas Attorney General Ruling DM-13 stating that County Commissioners are not authorized to maintain private roads even though the roads are used for school bus routes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL NOTICE FOR FUEL

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to advertise for bids on gasoline, diesel, and propane for the year 2006. Bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M. on June 12th, 2006. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Dennis Poole, Borden County Agent, visited with the Court.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes for Borden County to join the National Association of Counties (NACO). Commis-

sioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY BURN BAN

Commissioner Smith made a motion to lift the County Burn Ban. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR RADIO TOWER

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation to place Radio Equipment on Borden County Radio Tower. Judge Van York will sign Agreement. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR JURY

Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint the County Clerk to file

quarterly requests with the Comptroller's Judiciary Section for county reimbursement of juror payments per Senate Bill 1704, 79th, Legislature. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

JURY PAY

After a discussion, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to increase the jury pay for all Justice of the Peace, Petit and Grand Jury Courts. The pay for first day prospective jurors showing for selection process will be increased from \$6.00 to

\$20.00. The pay will increase from \$12.00 to \$40.00 on the second day whether juror has been sworn in or not. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new item presented

ADJOURN

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

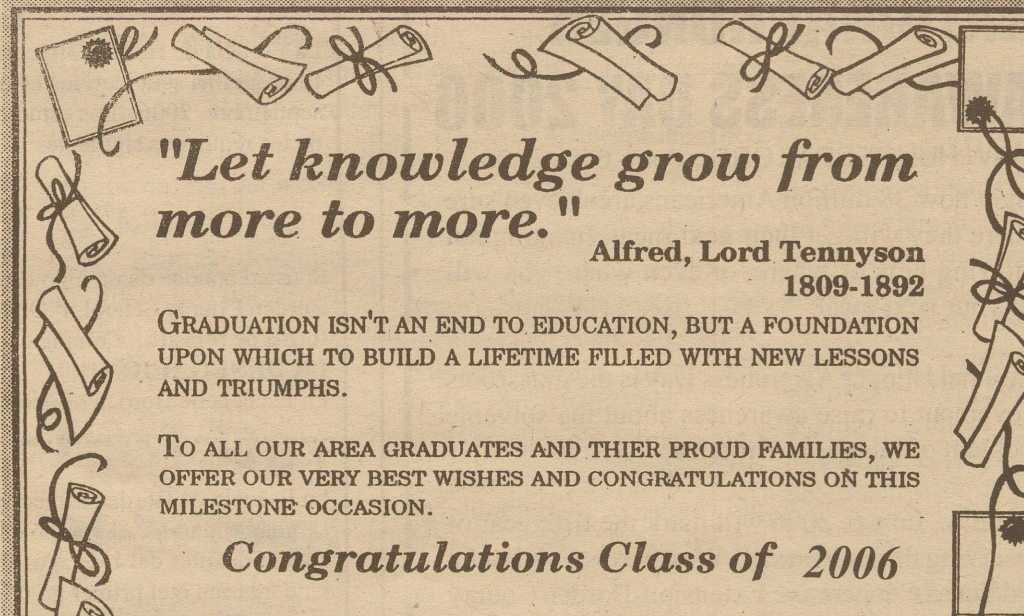
You've come a long way and we know you'll go far!



Moore-Rains Insurance
Frances Rains Stephens

O'Donnell, Texas
806/428-3335

Congratulations




"Let knowledge grow from more to more."

Alfred, Lord Tennyson
1809-1892

GRADUATION ISN'T AN END TO EDUCATION, BUT A FOUNDATION UPON WHICH TO BUILD A LIFETIME FILLED WITH NEW LESSONS AND TRIUMPHS.


TO ALL OUR AREA GRADUATES AND THIER PROUD FAMILIES, WE OFFER OUR VERY BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS MILESTONE OCCASION.

Congratulations Class of 2006



State National Bank

Big Spring Lamesa O'Donnell



Sign-up Deadline

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issued if the effective price for a commodity is below the target price for that commodity.

The 2002 Farm Bill requires producers sign annual contracts through 2007 to participate in DCP. Producers may choose not to participate in DCP in any year. USDA has issued more than \$28 billion in DCP payments to producers since the program began in October 2002.

ONLINE DCP SIGN-UP

Producers may also sign up for DCP online at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/egov/edcp_default.htm.

Applicants must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account to use the service. This requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> and visiting the local FSA office for identity verification.

The online service allows producers to choose 2006 DCP payment options, assign crop shares, as well as sign and submit their contracts over the Internet. The service was designed to reduce paperwork and speed up contract processing at FSA offices.

The DCP was authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (2002 Farm Bill) and is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

More information on DCP is available at local FSA offices and in the DCP fact sheet posted online at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/dcp06.htm>. FSA's Web site is www.fsa.usda.gov.

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NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY 2006

WWW.HUNGERDAY.ORG June 6th - 2006

Right now 38 million Americans aren't even sure where they will get their next meal. Imagine not knowing how or where, or even when, you will eat your next meal.

National Hunger Awareness Day is the grassroots movement to raise awareness about the solvable problem of hunger in America.

Tuesday, June 6, 2006 will mark the fifth year of observing this movement. West Texas Food Bank and Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County will be hosting a staple food box distribution that day from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Community Room in Gail. Please call (806)756-4336 for more information.

Team	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Total Miles
Mesquite Roadrunner	73	79	78.5	79.25	82.75	78	470.5
County Cruisers	45.5	50.5	49	58.7	45	67.5	316.2
Wayward Walkers	38.5	47.5	51.5	54.5	50	39	299
Jabber Walkies	48	37	47	48	47	57	266

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2006-2007 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2006. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

1. Be economically disadvantaged
2. Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)
3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2006.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2006. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2006. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2006-2007. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2006.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten or more students qualify.

LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2006-2007

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2006-2007. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2006. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

1. Sea económicamente perjudicado
2. Este limitado experto ingles (LEP)
3. Sea destituido

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2006.

LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2006. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2006. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2006-2007. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2006.

LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican.