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## Fourth of July Symbolizes the Power of the Written Word

By Sue Jane Mayes

Fireworks, lake activities, booths in a community park, homemade ice cream, and family reunions are the images most of us have of the Fourth of July.

We especially enjoy the holiday when it falls on a Friday, as it does this year, because then there's the wonderful three-day weekend to stretch out those gatherings.

In our country, the Fourth of July is a happy holiday, one that we have grown to view with relaxation and fun.

Our forefathers would be pleased beyond measure that we have the freedom still to do such things.

Thomas Jefferson, though, might also like to know that at some time during the backyard cookout, conversation might be about more than just the Rangers' losing streak or the need for more beer and ice in the cooler.

Jefferson was the primary writer of the Declaration of Independence, which was formally adopted on July 4, 1776.

In 17 days, Jefferson wrote—not typed—the document that is at the heart of why we celebrate the Fourth.

We celebrate because we

can.

We celebrate because that written document so eloquently stated "the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Family reunions celebrate life.

Gatherings in a park or a church or in a neighborhood with friends represent liberty.

And happiness is...well, happiness is sitting in the lawn chairs, looking into the sky, and listening to small children "ooh and aah" after some beautiful displays of pyrotechnics.

This holiday was created to remember the written document, not the battles that were to come afterwards.

Our country's independence day stems not just from a revolutionary war but from a letter written to a king thousands of miles across the ocean.

The first shots had already been fired in 1775, and the Revolutionary War would rage for several more years.

Even after we won independence, the struggle continued when our newly-formed United States faltered with the Articles of Confederation.

It would not be until 1788 after the ratification of another written document, the Constitution, that we actually came to be the united country we are today.

So why was July 4<sup>th</sup> set aside instead of a decisive battle date or the Constitution's ratification?

On this day over 225 years ago, a few men did not take a leap of faith—they knew exactly what they were doing.

And they did it with pen and paper by signing their names to an essay of which TAKS graders would be proud.

The Fourth of July is about an essay: a strong introduction, body paragraphs that provide support for the actions taken, and a conclusion that leaves readers inspired and determined: "we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

Today, we are a country polarized often by political agendas and parties—that's been a normal progression and one that even Jefferson would understand.

He and a guy named Alexander Hamilton did not like each other and that



**Carrie Hart**, right maintenance technician in the Borden County maintenance section, is being presented a Certificate of Service from Bill Hale. Hart, a 5-year employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was honored for her longevity during a recent supervisors meeting in Abilene. In addition to the framed certificate, Hart received a 5-year service pin and a copper travel cup. Hale is the Abilene district engineer. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

dislike helped to create political parties.

What Jefferson and Hamilton shared, however, was this overwhelming desire to see the United States succeed. It was a pride that manifested itself in the belief that "Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed."

Independence Day comes once a year, but daily we are privileged to experience the

freedoms created by God's hand in our forefathers' efforts.

Jefferson's final sentence refers to that when he wrote that he and the other signers had "a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence."

No modern-day sound bite or television news clip could say it better—those are words that are powerful because they were written.







## Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,  
Borden County CEA-Ag.

*Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.*

## Jackpot Results

### First Time Out Futurity - Kerville, Texas

Show A - Class 4 -  
Southdowns: Miles  
Valentine - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Class 3 - Finewool Cross:  
Miller Valentine - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Class 6 - Finewool Cross:  
Miller Valentine - 6<sup>th</sup> Place

Show B - Class 4 -  
Southdowns: Miles Valentine  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Class 3 - Finewool Cross:  
Miller Valentine - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Class 5 - Finewool Cross:  
Miller Valentine - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

### Golden Spread Classic - Lubbock, Texas

Kalli Poole - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place LW  
American

Ring B: Kalli Poole - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Place LW American and  
Breed Champion

## District 2 Shoot

On July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> four Borden County 4-H Shooters traveled to Lubbock, Texas for the 2003 District II "Pete Peterson Invitational" 4-H Trap and Skeet Shoot.

Tyrell Massingill and Raylea Underwood participated in the Sub-Junior Division in Trap. Out of 50 targets, Tyrell shot 40 and Raylea shot 36. Tyrell and Raylea competed against 84 shooters in the Sub-Jr. Division.

J. Ryan Gicklhorn participated in the Jr. Division in Trap, shooting 62 out of a

possible 75 targets. J. Ryan competed against approximately 39 Junior shooters.

On Saturday, Raylea Underwood participated in Skeet, scoring 38 out of a possible 50 targets. She placed 7<sup>th</sup> after a shoot off for 6<sup>th</sup> place. Austin Tarleton participated in the Jr. Division in Skeet and 5-Stand. Austin shot 56 out of 75 targets in Skeet and 31 out of 50 in 5-Stand.

Congratulations to these shooters on a job well done! Good luck to the area shooters that are preparing for the State Shoot in July.

## FUN DAY

Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Borden County Show Barn

All children from kindergarten to fifth grade are invited to come join the FUN!  
(Children going into K and fifth grade)

Bring a Sack Lunch

Cost: \$5.00 for the craft items

A RSVP would be appreciated but not necessary.

Call the Extension Office at 756-4336

Sponsored by the Borden County 4-H Club



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## Gail FFA Students attend Area Leadership Camp

Six members of the Gail FFA chapter have recently returned from an exciting trip to the Area II Leadership Camp. This event which was sponsored by Howard College in Big Spring, hosted some 175 FFA members throughout the Area.

Students attending the camp received high energy Leadership training from a dynamic Area Officer team, which included Kyle Pinkerton, Area II Secretary. The students attended several workshops but still had time for recreational competition and fun in the areas of volleyball and water sports. Team awards in these areas

were presented during an official dress banquet, which took place during the last evening of the camp. Social events were also held each evening of the three-day camp, which allowed students to meet new friends and compare camp experiences.

During the final morning camp session, ten students were selected as outstanding participants. These individuals were chosen by the Area Officers for their cooperation, and enthusiasm during camp activities. The Gail FFA chapter is proud to say that three of these ten

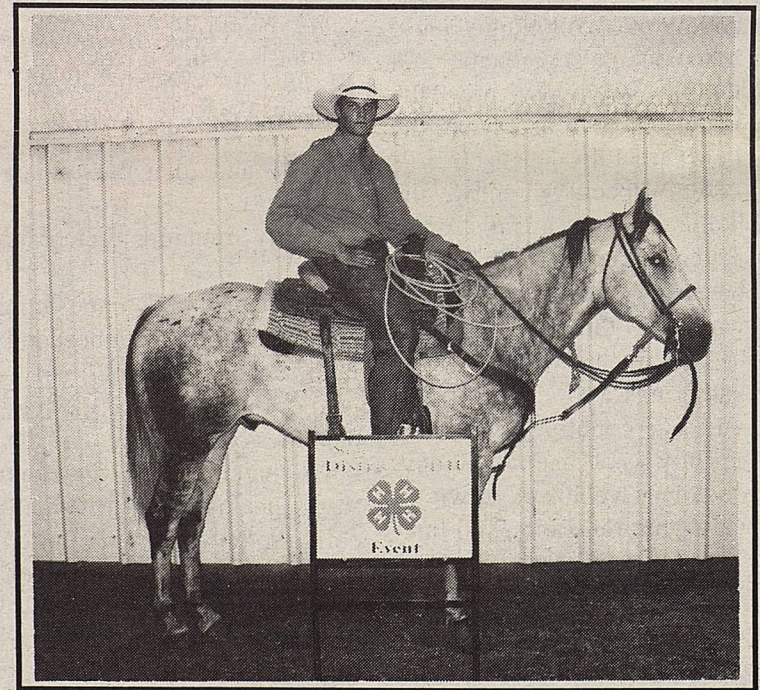
awards went to Gail FFA members. These recipients were Cassidy Rinehart, Tyler Wallace, and J. Ryan Gicklhorn.

The Gail FFA members cam home with a strong foundation of training to help in propelling the Gail FFA Chapter in its leadership success next year, as well as making a lot of new friends. Mr. Wallace wishes to express his thanks to Kyle Pinkerton, Shane Tarleton, Tyler Wallace, Cassidy Rinehart, J. Ryan Gicklhorn, and Brandi Hudson for taking time out of their summer to participate.

## South Plains District 2 4-H Horse Show

The South Plains District 2 4-H Horse Show was held at the Caprock Equestrian Center at Wolfforth outside of Lubbock on June 17. 65 4-Hers from 13 counties competed in show, performance, speed and roping events. Swisher County received the High Point Overall County. Mitchell County placed second and Lamb County came in third. Robin Morris of Mitchell County was the Champion Judged Horseman and Kelly Morris also of Mitchell County received Reserve Champion Judged Horseman. High Point Timed Horseman went to Brooke Winters of Lamb County. Kendra Finck of Swisher County received Reserve High Point Timed Horseman. A special thank you goes to the District 2 4-h Horse show Award sponsors: Joe's Boot Shop, Clovis, NM, Swisher County 4-H Horse Club, KTK Livestock, Borden, County, JP Cattle, and Creative Awards.

Below is a list of Borden County 4-H individuals participating in these events.



Tanner Poole, 1<sup>st</sup> place Calf Roping

### Barrel Racing:

Chance Taylor - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lacey Newton - 13<sup>th</sup>

### Breakaway Roping

Rowdy Clary - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Symeron Rinehart - 6<sup>th</sup>

Chance Taylor - 8<sup>th</sup>

### Calf Roping:

Tanner Poole - 1<sup>st</sup>

Symeron Rinehart - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rowdy Clary - 5<sup>th</sup>

### Poles:

Chelsea Minnick - 10<sup>th</sup>

Lacey Newton - 11<sup>th</sup>

Chance Taylor - 13<sup>th</sup>

### Team Roping:

Logan Furlong - 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Western Pleasure

Chelsea Minnick - 10<sup>th</sup>

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## Texas Announces Largest July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Crackdown *Stepped Up Law Enforcement Aimed at Drunk Drivers*

ABILENE, TX — State officials have a stern warning for motorists who 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday plans include alcohol: Drink, Drive, go to Jail.

Brenda Mitchell, Abilene district traffic safety coordinator for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), said today that State troopers and local law enforcement statewide will step up enforcement of the state's DWI laws between June 27<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>. Thousands of officers, including many in the 13-county Abilene district, will be out in force during the 17-day period, which coincides with the long Independence day holiday weekend, Mitchell said.

Texas is part of a massive nationwide effort aimed at getting impaired drivers off the nation's streets and highways. The mobilization is being spearheaded by the national highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in an effort to reduce alcohol-related crashes this summer.

"Our message to all drivers is simple and direct: If you drink and drive, you will go to jail," says Carlos Lopez, TxDOT Director of Traffic Operations. "There are 60,000 law enforcement officers in Texas who can arrest drunk drivers. Safe alternatives to getting behind the wheel is you've had anything to drink are to designate a sober driver before drinking begins, call a taxi or just stay where you are until you can drive home safely."

Starting today, TxDOT will air new television and radio announcement in English and Spanish with *Drink, Drive, go to Jail* message. The ads will run during programs

typically viewed or heard by men between the ages of 21 and 34. According to Mitchell, research shows this age group is more likely to drive impaired than any other group.

Texas leads the nation in alcohol-related fatalities. The Texas Transportation Institute reports that 1,193 people were killed in drunk driving crashes in Texas in 2000. There were 10,083 crashes in which the driver was impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The legal limit for intoxication in Texas is .08 blood alcohol concentration (BAC). Penalties for a first DWI offense include \$2000 in fines, 72 hours to 6 months in jail and driver's license suspension from 90 days to a year.

## Copeland Set to Take State Exam

Rika Copeland, a 2002 Borden High School graduate, will be taking her State Exam in Cosmetology next month.

The South Plains student not only received her proficiency certification in cosmetology but made the Dean's List as well during the past year.

Rika is the daughter of Dan and Brenda Copeland and the granddaughter of Bertie Copeland, all of Gail.

## Stenholm Announces Implementation of the National "Do Not Call" Registry

Washing, DC — Congressman Charlie Stenholm proudly announced the implementation of the national "Do Not Call" registry. Beginning June 127, 2003, consumers in states west of the Mississippi, including Texas, may register via telephone by calling 1-800-382-1222. Furthermore, consumers can register via computer by visiting [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov). Using this method, the telephone number to be protected and an email address for confirmation purposes must be provided.

## AG Talk By Charles Stenholm Cowboy Reunion

Well, I hope everyone is getting their boots shined and making plans to attend the annual Texas Cowboy Reunion to be held in Stamford during the July Fourth weekend.

Cynthia Wimberly Hearn, a graduate of Hardin-Sommons University, has written an excellent thesis on the Cowboy Reunion and I would like to share some of her research with you.

The Texas Cowboy Reunion was founded in 1930 as a tribute to the Texas Cowboy and is held each year around the Fourth of July.

This is not a professional rodeo, but instead is a celebration honoring the tradition of working cow-

"I was proud to vote for the legislation that made this registry possible. The objective of this new law is to hold telemarketers accountable for calling folks listed on the Do Not Call registry, making them subject to penalties for the violation," noted Stenholm. "We must monitor the effectiveness of this registry closely as coordinating the efforts of the federal trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission and state authorities into one national system will be challenging."

While the volume of calls from telemarketers will be reduced, certain businesses are exempt from using the "Do Not Call" registry. "I believe that this effort is a step toward restoring the sanctity of the home, and I firmly believe that this effort is a step toward restoring the sanctity of the home, and I firmly believe that homeowners have a greater right to decide that they wish to be free from such marketing practices in their own home," commented Stenholm.

hands.

The Texas Cowboy Reunion got its start back in the early days of the Great Depression when a group of thirteen Stamford businessmen met to discuss establishing some type of local celebration in order to boost morale during some pretty tough times.

Stamford was central to several large ranches and the founders decided a rodeo would be an appropriate celebration.

The founders named it the Texas Cowboy Reunion and dedicated it to preserving the heritage of the typical West Texas cowboy.

That first year was a success in every way, with 98 cowboys participating in foru events.

Calf roping was the most popular, but was followed closely by wild-cow milking, steer riding, and bronc riding. Back in those days, a total of 12,000 people attended the rodeo during a three-day period.

In the following years, the event grew and, by 1937, crowds totaling 70,000

attended, with people coming from all over the southwest.

In order to accommodate these crowds, reunion officials provided permanent grandstands, new lighting, a small lake, a two-story pavilion, and a bandstand.

During World War II, attendance dropped sharply but rose to between 50,000 and 65,000 by 1955. The years that have followed, attendance has leveled off at between 10,000 and 12,000.

The Texas Cowboy Reunion is a real celebration of the history and tradition of life on the Texas range, and I encourage everyone to attend.

It is important to maintain the heritage of West Texas. It is a great place to raise a family and the horse and cattle industries have helped make it what it is today.



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## Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of Snyder Trade with the firms that support Borden County

### Wal-Mart

**Wal-Mart** is conveniently located on South College Ave. in Snyder, phone 573-1967. The friendly atmosphere, which predominated this store at all items, has placed it in a class all by itself and can well be termed shopping headquarters "for Snyder and the surrounding territory." That much discussed work "Service" finds true expression in the friendly employees who are ready and willing to assist the customers of this store. You will find they have many different departments with a large and diversified line of products, such as clothing apparel, auto supplies, sporting goods, housewives, lawn & garden, jewelry, electronics, food items, plus many other items along with an in store pharmacy. Each department of this store is supervised by those well-trained in needs of the department and the merchandise is well marked according to price, style, etc., to assist you in making your selections. We call the attention of our many readers to the advantage of having a store like this which has maintained the best in service to the public. This policy should guide one to do business with this reliable firm which has the interest of every customer at heart.

### Texas Savings Bank SSB

**Texas Savings Bank** is located at 2619 College Ave. in Snyder. This institution is one of the corner stones of the financial structure of this community. If you have money to save or invest you should investigate the advantages this savings bank can offer you. Along with their many other services such as checking accounts, IRA's, CD Investments, their Automated Clearing House Transactions (for direct depositing into your account of social security, pension, oil royalty or any other payments) and their ATM service. It is well known in this territory for their reliability and many have found their desired method of saving through them. They offer a way for reliable parties to secure loans in a business like manner without being imposed upon in any way. You will be more than pleased with this efficient and modern establishment. Through this widely known institution many people of Scurry and Borden County have progressed. Its service is positively indispensable to the comfort, success and progress of this section. If you plan to build, purchase or repair in the near future, be sure to see **Texas Savings Bank**, phone 573-9305. They are members of FDIC, whereby your savings are insured.

### Southwest Dirt Contractors, Inc.

**Southwest Dirt Contractors, Inc.** is equipped with the best mechanical devices for all classes of work consisting of land clearing, road building, pond building, excavating backhoe and bulldozing of all kind. Anyone needing work done of this nature can do no better than to call this firm, as they have had years of experience in this line of work; so dollars can be saved, where the inexperienced person would waste both time and money. It can readily be seen that this concern is very important to the farmer, the stockmen, the oil industry and the community in general. We know of one more fully equipped or better prepared to do this type of work. For reasonable prices and for getting work done when promised, we refer all our many readers to **Southwest Dirt Contractors, Inc.** located at 3544 W. Hwy 180 in Snyder. Phone 573-4528 and they will gladly give you information or suggestions on your excavating problems.

### Snyder National Bank

This prominent bank is located at 1715 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Snyder and is a member of FDIC, phone 325-573-2681. **Snyder National Bank** is an institution of financial strength and safety and may well be termed "The Friendly Bank". It was founded by men of character and integrity who were very prominent in business and commercial activities and have progressed as this district itself has grown and progressed. Under the management of efficient and capable men they invite accounts of businessmen, women, farmers, labors or all people who desire profitable connection with a modern banking institution. At this bank you will find strength, seasoned judgment, dependability, accuracy in handling details and breadth of vision - - all to be applied to the management of your personal or commercial affairs. In making this review we wish to make the statement that at the **Snyder National Bank** you may at all times save with safety.

### Dennis Quick Auto Service & Sales

This auto repair service is located at 811 25<sup>th</sup> St has been serving the people of this area for over 40 years in quality service and fair prices. Having equipped their garage with the latest tools and equipment enables this establishment to accurately and economically service your motor vehicle. Their repair service on all makes of cars or trucks will assure you of quality workmanship and at a reasonable price. Before you take your vehicle anywhere be sure to drive in and visit with Bubba Dennis or his team of service professionals and get their estimate on that repair or overhaul work. The mechanics here know their business and with their modern equipment can put your car or truck in first class condition and at a low cost. You will also find that they are the dealer for Goodyear, Hankook, Bridgestone, Michelin, B.F. Goodrich and Kelly tires along with a complete tire service department. For all your tire service needs, on the farm or on the road be sure to phone 573-2624 as they have three (3) tire repair service trucks on call 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. If you want to work done correctly and at a fair price, take all your automotive repair problems to **Dennis Quick Auto Service & Sales** and receive complete satisfaction in professional and courteous service.



### Big Country Autoland The largest full line General Motors dealer in West Texas



**Big Country Autoland** is your authorized dealer for Chevrolet, Buick, Cadillac, Oldsmobile, Pontiac and GMC trucks. They are located at the Intersection of Hwys 208 & 180 in Snyder. Phone 573-5456 or toll free 1-800-573-5459. These General Motor products will give you the advantage of driving comfort, safety, efficiency of operation and easy handling. So treat yourself to a ride in one of these General Motor products and you will agree that they have beauty, roominess and plenty of power. At this time, **Big Country Autoland** invites you to come by and see the all-new CHEVROLET SILVERADO and GMC SIERRA pickups. This firm is also completely equipped to service any and all makes of automobiles. The mechanics at this firm are certified and will give your auto the best of care. In this Good Neighbor Review we are happy to recommend **Big Country Autoland** to all our many readers throughout Borden County. You can be assured of professional care and service when you buy or have your car or truck serviced at **Big Country Autoland**.

### Kerry's Pit & Grill

For a meal that is tasty and delicious and a place that is clean and orderly arranged, go to **Kerry's Pit & Grill** located at 711 Ave. X at the corner of Hwy 84 and Huffman in Snyder. There you will find a home like atmosphere with courteous service that you will like. **Kerry's Pit & Grill** features dinners of choice meats that are cooked to suit you, served with vegetables, salad bar and if you desire, dessert. They also have delicious steaks cooked in your favorite manner, or for mouth watering Bar-B-Que this is the place, or if it s just a snack you want you will find sandwiches or the salad bar. Also they serve breakfast and have a catering service. If you are a person who wants pleasant surroundings and the best in foods when you eat out, you will certainly find them here. Once you visit them you will become another of their many satisfied and regular customers. We in this Good Neighbor Review can honestly say that **Kerry's Pit & Grill** had that friendly atmosphere and superior service that makes dinning out a real pleasure. Phone 325-573-2783 for information, reservations or for catering that special party or even that you may be planning.

### Sid Wall Insurance Agency

For all kinds of insurance call **Sid Wall Insurance Agency** located at 2517 College Ave. in Snyder, representative for all types of insurance. This firm represents Farmers Insurance Group, one of the larger and more reliable insurance companies, and they are ready to serve you in your insurance needs. They are now serving a great number of people throughout Scurry and Borden County's with auto, accident, property and life insurance. There are so many things over which we have no control, both of a personal and property nature, that you owe it to yourself and your family to insure against these things which do happen. When you think of insurance, think of **Sid Wall**. Go over your needs with him and he will be able to assist you in selecting the kind of insurance suited to protect you adequately. Once he has made a study of your problems, you will be advised how best to meet that need at a minimum cost. You are invited to come in and discuss insurance with no obligation on your part and see for yourself if your protection is sufficient for all your needs. In this review we feel a sense of satisfaction in recommending this firm in Snyder for insurance of all kinds. Phone 915/573-1941 for any information.

### G&G Glass Company

Glen Clarady - Gus Tavor - Mario Herrera - Owners  
**G&G Glass Company** is located at 1300 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Snyder. This enables them to better serve the people of this area in all their glass needs. They feature a full line of glass for storefront construction, windows, desktops, coffee tables and mirrors and have a complete installation service. Regardless of what item you have that needs glass, all you have to do is take the measurements and give them to **G&G Glass Company** and they will cut the glass to your exact specifications, or they will be glad to come by and take the measurements for you. If you have a desk that does not have a glass top, it is subject to scratches and stains. If you want to preserve it and have it keep that new look, have a glass top cut for it. A desk is only one of the many items that can be improved in this manner. So, look around your home or office and see what items could be enhanced by the addition of glass. Then on your next trip to Snyder, drop by and permit **G&G Glass Company** to give you a free estimate. Remember, for all your glass needs, from broken windows, to furniture tops or new construction **G&G Glass Company** is the place to see. They invite you to come in and get acquainted. Phone 573-0149.



## Larry's Trucks & Stuff

This firm is one of the leaders of its kind in this district and they have built their reputation upon the service, satisfaction and good will extended to their many customers. They have a complete line of accessories for all types of cars, pickups, vans & Sport utility vehicles, such as, bed liners, bed mats, gooseneck hitches, trailer wiring, bug shields, bed rails, running boards, cab steps, headache racks, tool boxes, grill guards, along with auto detailing and car washing. Having been in this line for a number of years, the management provides the demands of his customers with quality service and merchandise at reasonable prices. The people of this area prefer trading with **Larry's Truck & Stuff** because they know they will be treated fairly. It has often been said "That business goes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated". Through constant vigilance and execution of this policy they have attained success and popularity among the people of this district. In this review of the reliable concerns in our trade territory we recommend Larry's Trucks & Stuff now at their new location just north of Big Country Autoland at the intersection of Hwys 208 & 180 in Snyder. Their satisfactory service to the public, quality merchandise and fair prices purvey the ultimate reason for their success. Phone 573-3188.

## Hog Heaven

Mike & Lisa Jones - Owners

There is a good reason for **Hog Heaven** being so popular to the folks throughout this area. The food served here has that real down home appeal and draws lovers of fine food from miles around. Here you will find a friendly atmosphere along with delicious foods and quality service. It isn't often you can find a place to eat away from home with all these qualities and at such fair prices. They have daily lunch and dinner specials along with all you can eat CharBroil Sirloin every Wednesday night for \$7.99, All You Can Eat Catfish for \$8.50, or Bar-B-Q Ribs at \$8.99 on Thursday, Friday & Saturday. They also serve breakfast on Saturday & Sunday. Also, their hand breaded chicken fried steak is a specialty with them and is one of their finest in the area. The management, Mike and Lisa Jones are proud of this establishment and have good reason to be. They have left nothing undone to make this one of the best eating-places in this area. If you haven't eaten with them yet we suggest you do so soon. Try them the next time you are in Snyder and we feel like you will want to return many times. They are located at 1510 College Ave, phone 573-8855.

## J.C. Roofing Co.

Jessie Carrisalez - Owner

Providing all types of roofs and repairing at 912 Ave. Q in Snyder. This firm features roofs that will last. Roofs are very important in the preservation of the beauty and durability of your home. Don't delay having that old roof repaired. This firm in Snyder can repair or re-roof your home at prices to suit your pocketbook. If your home needs a new roof, consult a firm that is reliable and **J.C Roofing Co.** is just that firm. Many people do not know just what type of roof they should have on their house to add to its beauty. This firm will explain the various roofing materials and colors from which you may choose. These workmen have had years of experience and they give personal attention to every job. If you are in need of services of this kind, phone 573-6407 or 573-1157 in Snyder. They will gladly give you free estimates and you will find their prices is reasonable. We, in this review, wish to recommend this prominent firm for all your roofing needs.

## Southern Electric True Value

**Southern Electric True Value** is conveniently located at 900 College Avenue, in Snyder, phone 573-4903. Here they feature building materials of every description of the highest quality at the lowest possible prices, including everything to go with it, hardware, tools, plumbing supplies, paint, kitchen cabinets, doors, windows, light fixtures, and a complete line of electrical supplies, as well as commercial cleaning supplies. The people of this section of West Texas including contractors, builders and farmers have come to know that they can depend upon **Southern Electric True Value** for everything in building materials. It may be said that this firm is a valued asset to this community. One of the essential features of any house, store or any other structure is that it will stand the wear of the years. The same is true of the reputation of any business firm and that is why **Southern Electric True Value** enjoys an ever-increasing volume of business and popularity. We in this Good Neighbor Review suggest you see them for all your building materials, hardware, cleaning and paper products and electrical supply needs.

## Eddins-Walcher Company

James Courtney-Manager

Through the services of **Eddins-Walcher Co.** located on the old Lubbock Hwy. in Snyder, rural life in this section has been made more attractive. With their services there is no home that can not enjoy a modern system of cooking and heating. They offer the propane system, giving you a gas fuel, which has been passed by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and can be secured as complete systems with ranges, heaters and other gas appliances. Propane can be used for practically every purpose natural gas is employed. With propane you merely turn on the gas and light it and you immediately have a flame intensely hot with perfect combustion and is clean burning. Also you will find that they have a delivery service for Farm & Ranch fuels; delivering right to your location for the operation of all your farm and ranch equipment. It affords us a distinct pleasure in this our annual "Business and Professional Good Neighbor Review of Snyder" to recommend **Eddins-Walcher Co.** and refer their propane service to all our readers throughout Borden County. Phone 573-5722 for any information or home delivery.

## Big Country Electric Cooperative Owned by the Members who use it's services

In this particular field of endeavor there is no organization more worthy of extended mention in this Review. Under the direction of men thoroughly conversant with every feature of electricity they furnish an abundant and dependable source of electric power to the people of this area. They have contributed much by furnishing low cost power and light to local and rural areas for such purposes as residential, mill and shop operation, irrigation, refrigeration, pipeline pumping, water well pumping, ginning and many other types of uses. They are continually striving to find new and cheaper methods of helping you in your everyday needs. Because of their progress, they have become a most important industrial asset to this community of West Texas. We in this Good Neighbor Review wish to congratulate this firm located at 2100 College Ave. in Snyder, with the main office in Roby on the Snyder Hwy., on their efforts to serve the electrical needs of this area at a low cost, making this a better and more prosperous place in which to live. Phone 573-3161 in Snyder or 776-2244 in Roby for information or service.

## Snyder Concrete Company

**Snyder Concrete Company** located at 2300 Ave. Q in Snyder offers prompt and dependable service in ready mixed concrete. This up-to-date company furnishes a complete service of high quality ready mixed concrete for building construction. They are prepared to supply out of town orders, real estate men, subdividers and homebuilders on short notice. They have a fleet of modern trucks for transporting and mixing concrete in any quantity desired. This is a real convenience in building as it eliminated delay and assures a high quality, hard setting concrete. The best of service is provided the public of this area. No matter whether you have a large or small amount of concrete work to be done, you will find it more convenient and economical to use the service of this well-known establishment. We wish to say that **Snyder Concrete Company** has more than justified it's existence as it's service in this field has proven an essential necessity to this area. Phone 573-2522 for any information.

## Thompson Insurance Agency

A Proud Past with a Solid Future

The reputation of **Thompson Insurance Agency**, representative for Germania, Progressive, Dairyland, Unitrim and other insurance companies, has been built upon it's excellent service, the satisfaction and good will to their many satisfied policy holders. One of the leaders of it's kind in the area, this firm is under the management of a capable staff who know that insurance business and the needs of their customers and furnish a quality insurance service at fair prices. If you will come by their office, Larry Thompson, or Robbi Tindol will be glad to go over your coverage with you and advise you on any new or additional insurance you may require. Or you may phone 573-8649 and they will be glad to visit with you at your home or place of business about your insurance needs and furnish them to you at the most economical price. At the present time they are serving a great number of people throughout this area of West Texas in their insurance requirements, whether for auto, life or property. In this review of the business and professional concerns of Snyder, we highly recommend **Thompson Insurance Agency**, located at 1911 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Snyder. Phone 573-8649 for any information or for an appointment.

## Nix's Auto & Tire Service

**Nix's Auto & Tire Service** is your dealer for the world famous Bridgestone/Firestone and Michelin tires. When you purchase tires you want tires that will give you the best in long wear and mileage. You can be sure of these qualities when you purchase Bridgestone/ Firestone or Michelin, two of the top names in the tire industry. You will find that this firm has a complete tire service including flat repair for auto or truck, front end and 4-wheel alignment, mounting and computerized wheel balancing. **Nix's Auto & Tire Service** also has a complete automotive repair shop featuring all work being done by certified Master Auto Technicians who have the expertise to handle and repair anything from a minor tune-up to a major overhaul. Engine rebuilding, transmission repair of any kind, electrical system work, brake systems, fuel injection and exhaust system work along with computer analysis are featured by this auto repair shop. They also feature oil changes and are a state inspection station. In this Good Neighbor Review, you will find that we highly recommend **Nix's Auto & Tire Service** to all our readers. Feel free to phone 573-3567 or 573-6818 for any information or for an appointment. We believe that you won't be disappointed!

## The Shack

Stan Pavlik - Owner

This restaurant is located at 1005 25<sup>th</sup>. Street in Snyder and is one of the finest and most popular in this section. They have gained a name that has spread over a large area as a place where both the local and traveling public can well satisfy their demands in good eating. The menu consists of many tempting dishes served with courtesy and a pleasant smile. They have daily lunch specials, or if you desire a smaller meal they have sandwiches or the best salad bar in town. It is indeed refreshing to find such an-up-date restaurant as this. It is unsurpassed by any eating place in the way of fast service and good food. When the management went into business it was with the idea that a modern restaurant would be appreciated, and by reason of their ever-increasing patronage, this has proven to be true. Everyone will find this a pleasant place to visit while in Snyder, whether working or shopping for the day. Phone 325-573-4921 for reservations.



## Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of Snyder Trade with the firms that support Borden County

### Fowler & Associates Insurance Agency

There is a deserved place in every community for any business which contributes to the security and well being of its citizens. In this regard the insurance business is deserving of prominent mention and more particularly, **Fowler & Associates Insurance Agency**, located at 3405 Snyder Shopping Center, phone 915/573-9318. You will see that they specialize in planning an insurance program whereby maximum protection is provided from each insurance dollar spent. Renewals are promptly and efficiently taken care of, eliminating dangerous lapses, which might otherwise occur. You will find that Fowler & Associates handles all types of insurance and will give you prompt and courteous claim service. Just phone 915/573-9318 and set up an appointment at their office or at your home or place of business and they will be glad to assist you in what insurance or additional insurance you may need. Regardless of what your present or future insurance needs may be, it will pay you to stop in and talk to these insurance experts and we are sure that you will be glad that you did so.

### Coventry Plumbing

Superior to this vast majority of plumbing shops, and surpassed by none, either in general excellence of work or superiority of materials used. **Coventry Plumbing** located in Snyder at 1311 College Ave, phone 573-3085, has continued their successful career for many years because the management and assistants are among the most efficient plumbing, craftsmen in this part of the state. If you are figuring on any work, let them help make up your plans. You will find that your consultation there will save you money. **Coventry Plumbing** has gained an excellent reputation for giving prompt and courteous attention to every job. So for all your plumbing installation and repair, be sure to call on this firm and we are sure that you will be glad that you did. In this review, we are glad to compliment them and to refer them to all your readers when desiring work or information in this line.

### Permian Communications

For all your communication needs be sure to see **Permian Communications** located at 2403 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Snyder. Here you will find everything that you will need in communication equipment for business, industry or just for your own personal use. They carry a complete line of two-way radios, cellular phones and other needed communication devices. They are experts in helping you select the correct system for your purpose and can offer expert installation. You will find that they also have a superb repair department staffed with experienced personal. Through their years of satisfactory service to the public, quality products, top-notch repair service, fair treatment, fair prices and the fact they have a knowledge of every branch of the communication trade this firm has continued to witness an increase in the number of their patrons. We in this Good Neighbor Review highly recommend **Permian Communications** as being an asset to this and surrounding areas. Phone 573-8296 for any information you might need.

### D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital

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**D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital** is dedicated to providing the highest level of quality services to meet the health care needs of the people throughout this area. **Cogdell Memorial Hospital** is a 99 bed licensed hospital located in the Southern part of Snyder at 1700 Cogdell Blvd. State-of-Art equipment, recently renovated facilities in many areas and excellent and caring staff provide for exceptional healthcare to the person who is in need of medical care. Medical/Surgical, Obstetrics, ICU/CCU, Emergency Department and long term care are the services they offer. In addition to these primary services, they also provide Radiology, Laboratory, Respiratory Therapy, Physical Therapy and Home Health Services. This Good Neighbor Review would not be complete without mention of the medical services offered by D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital to the people throughout this section of West Texas.

## IRS Urges Post April 15 Filers with Extensions to E-File

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers who have filing extensions that they can e-file their tax returns until October 15<sup>th</sup>.

More than 8.5 million taxpayers are estimated to have tax returns due on August 15 because they requested an automatic

extension to file. The IRS estimates that almost 3 million taxpayers will request an additional extension giving them until October 15, 2003. All of these taxpayers can take advantage of IRS e-file.

"IRS e-file is the quick, smart, fast way to get taxes

done," said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson. "Taxpayers receiving refunds can receive them more quickly through IRS e-file especially when they choose the direct deposit option."

Taxpayers with a balance due can also pay their taxes electronically by scheduling a

safe and convenient electronic funds withdrawal from their bank account or pay with a credit card. Taxpayers can also sign up through Electronic Federal Tax payment System (EFTPS) to make their payment electronically.

Taxpayers have several ways to e-file. They can use tax preparation software on their own computers. Our they can have a tax

professional that offers e-filing prepare and transmit their return. Some taxpayers can still participate in the Free File program and e-file their tax returns for free.

Free File, the tax preparation and electronic filing service, remains available for people who received filing extensions. Free File, which debuted Jan. 16, is a public-private

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### McDonald Welding Supply, Inc.

**McDonald Welding Supply** is located at 1110 College Ave. in Snyder. They are distributors for all the well-known name brands of welding equipment along with a large line of hardware items and steel products for farm and ranch use. **McDonald Welding Supply** has a complete line of supplies for both light and heavy welders. Following is a partial list of supplies they offer you; complete line of industrial gases, gas welding torches, hoses, gauges, complete electric welding equipment, electrodes of any type, as well as all those other necessary supplies such as gloves, goggles, helmets, wire brushes, etc. If you are in the welding business, it is to your advantage to get acquainted with the reliable firm in Snyder. Here you will find a large line of hardware items for the farm, ranch and general public. Also they carry a complete assortment of steel for all purposes. Drop in at 1110 College Ave. and they will be happy to discuss your welding hardware and steel needs with you, or phone 573-5329. Also, remember that for all your hardware needs or for all farm and ranch steel products, **McDonald Welding Supply** is the place to go.

### First Ag Credit

Farm Credit Service

**First Ag Credit**, Farm Credit Services (formerly Production Credit Assoc.), is located at 5111 College Ave. in Snyder. Phone 573-3222. They loan money to farmers and ranchers for agricultural purposes including operating, equipment and real estate loans at reasonable rates of interest. As it is our purpose in this Good Neighbor Review to give our readers throughout this district a list of prominent firms in our trade territory, we wish to bring to your attention this leading firm, **First Ag Credit, FCS**. The management, Robert Lehrer, has a reputation far and wide for honest business dealings and is anxious to please every customer alike. Their position among the people of this district is evidence of well placed confidence and in this review we take pleasure in recommending **First Ag Credit, FCS** to the farmers and ranchers of this and surrounding counties. During their years of operation they have done everything in their power for the improvement of the community and this district as a whole. You too, will find this firm to be a most valued asset to our section of West Texas and most desirable institution with which to do business.

### Bell-Sypert-Seale Funeral Home

Time and service have honored the name of **Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home** located at 3101 College Ave. in Snyder, phone 573-5454. For years this reputable funeral home has served the people of this section of West Texas. They relieve you of all worry and responsibility and by sympathetic cooperation bring comfort in the hour of distress. Their service supplies the consoling through that the final tribute to your loved one has been beautiful and fitting. They have in their employee only those who have a natural fitness for this profession. When a funeral director must be called, may we suggest that you place this firm in charge. They will relieve you of all the many details that must be taken care of and at the same time see that everything is done according to your desires. In this Good Neighbor Review we unhesitatingly refer our readers to this reliable firm and suggest that you call them when in need of a funeral director.

### Mark's Paint Shop

Employees at this firm are specialists in body and fender work as well as auto painting. The place to have that car repaired is at **Mark's Paint Shop** in Snyder. They are located at 2103 25<sup>th</sup> street, phone 573-4290 for any information. The owner of this firm fully understands body and fender repair. Because of their excellent workmanship and service it will be well worth your while to have this reliable firm take care of all your bodywork. Also, their automobile painting surpasses anything done in this area. They have the know-how that puts their work in a class all by itself. Be sure to see **Mark's Paint Shop** in Snyder and get free estimates for any work in auto body repair or auto painting. You will find that they have many satisfied customers throughout this area who will highly recommend their work to you.



# Happy Birthday America

## Sen. Hutchinson Weekly Column

On July 3, 1776 after having severed America's ties to the British crown, founding father John Adams sent a letter to his wife, Abigail, describing his vision for Fourth of July celebrations in the future. He wrote, "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary festival. . . . It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shews, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

Americans did indeed carry out President Adams' vision and the Fourth of July has become one of the most festive and beloved celebrations in our nation. No single occasion more clearly defines us as a free people than Independence Day.

Each year in the Lone Star State, Texans don their red, white and blue garb, string up patriotic garlands and celebrate the Fourth of July with picnics, parades and fireworks. From Dalhart to Falfurrias, festivities range from backyard barbecues to

stadium-sized pageantry. Today's celebrations continue a grand tradition.

In 1777, the city of Philadelphia, the veritable birthplace of our democracy where both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were forged, held one of the most spectacular Fourth of July celebrations in recorded history. Armed ships lined the river, discharging 13 cannons in honor of the 13 United States; Congress the president and military officers attended an elegant dinner with toasts to the patriots and soldiers who gave their lives in defense of freedom. A discharge of artillery and small arms followed, accompanied by live music; soldiers on horseback and on foot paraded through town and the evening closed with the chiming of bells and a grand exhibition of fireworks concluding with 13 rockets illuminating the sky.

Throughout the years as our country expanded westward, celebrations continued, fashioned by local interests and regional flare. In 1848, the cornerstone of the

Washington Monument was laid on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Forty years later a monument to Francis Scott Key was unveiled in San Francisco. In 1960, the 50-star American flag waved for the first time as Hawaii entered the union. Our bicentennial in 1976 rivaled the 1777 Philadelphia displays and lasted for a year. And in 2002, with the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks still weighing on our minds, Americans gathered across the country amid heightened security to celebrate the Fourth of July with a new appreciation for the price of freedom.

Though early celebrations were quite spectacular, it was clear, even then, that our experiment with democracy would be challenging. President Adams closed the letter to his wife saying, "You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost us to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these states. Yet through all the

gloom I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth all the means."

He knew too well that freedom isn't free.

This year as we gather in celebration of our independence and enjoy our liberties, it is important to reflect on the challenges our young nation still faces today. Threats to our way of life abound. Terrorism is a reality we confront, and our troops are stationed around

the globe in defense of our freedoms and placed in harms' way to battle those who wish to destroy our democracy. They will never succeed.

This Fourth of July, on the 227<sup>th</sup> celebration of our nation's independence, I hope you will take the opportunity to celebrate with family and friends the gift of liberty that is America and pay tribute to those heroes in the armed forces who keep the flame of liberty alive.

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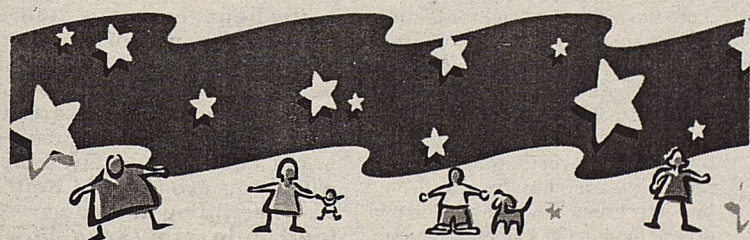
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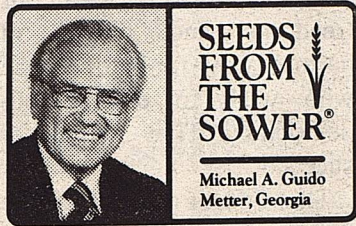
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Stuntman Graham Tyson of England loved Christine Good, and he let it be known in a novel way.

While flying his plane at an air show, he unleashed a yellow banner behind it that read, "Christine, will you marry me?"

Standing in front of 15,000 spectators, she kept shouting, "Yes! Yes!" until he came down and put the ring on her finger.

They weren't ashamed of their love for each other, were they?

But are you ashamed of your love for the Lord who redeemed you?

The Living Bible declares, "Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others He has saved you."

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The charm, one might say the genius, of memory is that it is choosy, chancy and temperamental; it rejects the edifying cathedral and indelibly photographs the small boy outside, chewing a hunk of melon in the dust.

—Elizabeth Bowen  
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## AMERICA'S PROTECTORS

### U.S. Troops Safer—In Surprising Ways

(NAPS)—One reason many of America's defenders may have lighter hearts these days is that they have lighter equipment.

Thanks to today's technology, some of the most sophisticated gear U.S. troops have is also easy to carry. For example, the new M4 carbine has a retractive plastic butt stock and a shorter barrel with plastic hand grips—making it more lightweight and maneuverable for added mobility in close quarters. A carbine, or short-barreled rifle, the M-4 fires the same small, high-velocity ammunition as the old M-16. It can also be easily reconfigured into a grenade launcher, a laser or an illuminator to help guide bombs.

Today's soldier has a helmet made of a lightweight plastic composite that can be stronger than older helmets to protect the temples, ears and neck.

Lightweight night vision equipment can be individual binoculars or goggles and the more heavy-duty-thermal imaging equipment. These devices convert light particles called photons into electrons. The photons strike a special plate in the lenses and an electrical pattern is established. This signal is amplified and sent to a video screen.



**More than ever, American troops are protected by high-strength, lightweight plastics.**

Our military has chemical defense equipment that consists of a vinyl protective suit and a gas mask with an airtight seal. To make it easy to carry when it's not being worn, the suit folds compactly into a backpack when not in use. The backpack is modular with removable components and pockets so troops can tailor their packs to shorter or longer missions.

In addition, a soldier's flak jacket and interceptor body armor are both made of plastic to protect against shrapnel and gun fire.

Lightweight, durable materials such as plastics give troops added mobility and added survivability on the battlefield.

## Computer Classes

Sign up for self paced computer classes!

Tuesday Nights  
6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

The computer lab at Borden County school will be open. Entrance is by the old gym.

Learn how to use Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excell or Access.

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Darby Key, Sheri Poole or Kip Wallace will be available to help with any questions or project.

Come on in!

It is not the ship so much as the skillful sailing that assures the prosperous voyage.

—George William Curtis

## E-File

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partnership between the IRS and the free File Alliance, a consortium of tax preparation software companies. Each company sets its own criteria for taxpayer eligibility, generally based on income, age or state registry. Eligible taxpayers are able to prepare and e-file their federal tax return for free.

Free File must be accessed through [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). By April 15, 2003, more than 2.73 million filed their taxes for free through the Free File Program.

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## Lime Cools The Sizzle Of Summer



This luscious Key Lime Pie is the essence of easy. Once you've made the crust, just fill it and chill it.

(NAPS)—When you're wilting in the sun, lime's tanginess is an instant perk-me-up, whether it's in margaritas, mojitos, salsas or refreshing desserts.

One of the best varieties is Florida's famous Key lime, named for the islands where it is grown. Compared to green limes, this yellow-tinged citrus fruit is smaller, more flavorful and brighter tasting, adding zip to everything from fresh papaya salad to rich Key lime pie.

Oddly enough, those famous pies are usually enjoyed in restaurants because Key limes are hard to find in grocery stores. Fortunately that is changing, and now pie with great Key lime flavor is a breeze to make at home with a mix, ready for parties or a family treat.

This recipe makes a rich, delicious pie that captures the flavor of Key limes and tastes even better when served frozen. It's the essence of easy—all you do is press the crust into a pie plate and bake it. Then fill it and chill it.

For other delicious recipes using a variety of Continental Mills products, visit the Web site at [www.continentalmills.com](http://www.continentalmills.com).

### Key Lime Pie

- 1 package Krusteaz Key Lime Bar Mix (1 pouch each complete crust and lime filling mix)
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1-2 drops green food color

Preheat oven to 350°F. Press full pouch of complete crust firmly into bottom of lightly greased 9-inch pie pan (no additional ingredients required). Bake 15 minutes.

Let cool completely. Place whipping cream, full pouch key lime filling mix and green food color in large bowl. Using an electric mixer, mix on high speed until mixture is thick or until stiff peaks form. Spoon filling into baked pie shell and chill 2-3 hours or overnight.

For firmer set, freeze several hours or overnight and serve frozen. Garnish with lime slices and whipped topping, if desired.

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