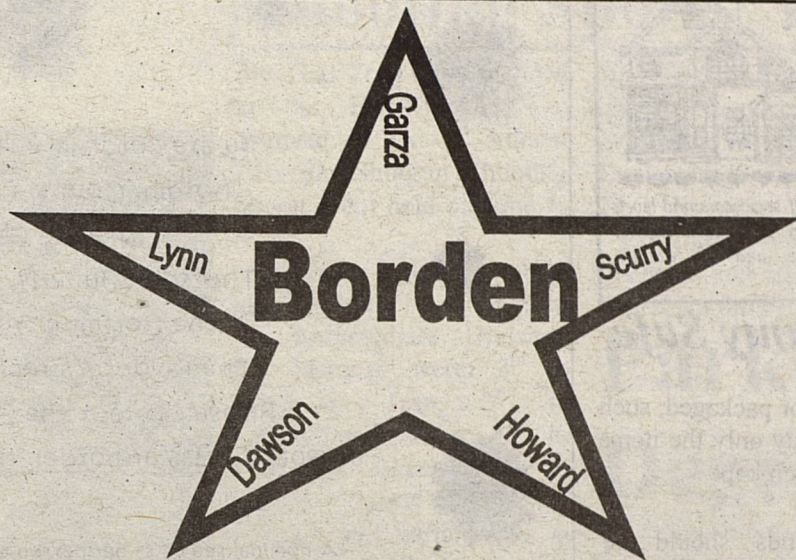


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Weather Creating Déjà vu Situation For Producers and Crop Insurance Providers

Bond Awarded Employee of the Month

Recent volatile weather has combined with the 2007 growing season's wet and cool start to complicate cropping decisions for cotton producers and crop insurance providers.

Recent thunderstorms which brought locally heavy rainfall, hail and high winds have damaged a significant number of cotton acres on the eve of their federal crop insurance final planting dates.

For many growers the impact of recent weather is very similar to the situation they found themselves in during the 2005 growing season and brings on a strong feeling of déjà vu.

As happened in 2005 multiple storms have crisscrossed the area practically on top of the crop insurance final planting dates in the effected areas. Just like 2005 the current situation makes growers unsure of their options going forward and leaves crop insurance providers responsible for making decisions about how they will

deal with damaged acres.

To help answer some of the questions involved, Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers contacted the USDA Risk Management Agency to revisit the rules governing the decision-making process an approved insurance provider (AIP) will go through to determine when it is practical to replant damaged stands and when acreage will be released to alternate uses.

As in 2005, RMA officials note the "practical to replant" determination is the responsibility of the approved insurance provider and that current insurance program rules do not specifically require, or create an expectation that, a producer replant damaged stands beyond the final planting date for their county.

This year AIP's seem similarly challenged to determine when it is not practical to replant a damaged stand, even though much of this

year's uncertainty is being fueled by the same concerns that triggered consultations on the issue between RMA and AIP's in 2005. AIP's should be able to utilize the knowledge they gained in 2005 to move forward with the process of evaluating and releasing damaged stands this year since many of the same conditions exist.

Based on the feedback PCG has received from RMA, AIP's should be making replant determinations on a case-by-case basis and can take into account a variety of circumstances including the amount of growing season remaining until average frost/freezing dates and field conditions to make these decisions just as they have in the past.

By and large the same rules and definitions that concerned AIP's in 2005 are still in force. One change that has come to light, however, is a requirement that documentation supporting the AIP's determination that it is not practical for a producer to

Medical Arts Hospital's June Employee of the Month is Mary Bond, R.N. Mary is the Hospital's Case Manager and Swingbed Coordinator. She also oversees employee health at Medical Arts. Mary has been employed at Medical Arts for 11 years. Mary was nominated for this award by her peers, one of them saying, "Mary loves her job and inspires others to love their job as well."



replant be included in the producers file when acreage is released to other uses and a loss claim is processed.

In an attempt to provide Extension personnel, cotton producers and AIP's with information detailing the current crop situation and prospects for late planted cotton based on long-term average weather patterns, PCG consulted with Texas Cooperative Extension and Experiment Station personnel at the Lubbock Research and Extension Center and

developed a situational overview of the 2007 growing season.

Cotton growers, Extension personnel and AIP representatives interested in obtaining a copy of this situation report can download a portable document format (PDF) version from the PCG website (www.plainscotton.org). Just click the "2007 Crop Situation Report" link to view or download the document.

RMA reminds growers that when crop damage occurs

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Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith

Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



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.

Keeping Summer's Bounty Safe to Eat

Fresh melons and berries fill the aisles of grocery stores and markets. Roadside produce stands full of home grown fruits and vegetables are seen along the highway. All of these are signs that summer is here and so is a bounty of fresh produce. Summer's harvest of fresh fruits and vegetables is an important part of a healthy diet. Just remember to handle fresh produce safely to prevent food borne illness.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that there are 76 million cases of food borne illnesses each year resulting in 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths.

Although not traditionally associated with food borne illness, fresh fruits and vegetables have recently been linked to several outbreaks. That's because fresh produce is often eaten raw. In fact, in recent years the proportion of cases of food borne illness linked to fresh fruits and vegetables has increased.

To help consumers keep fruits and vegetables safe to eat, the Partnership for Food Safety Education (www.fightbac.org) gives six recommendations for safe handling of fresh produce:

Check: Food safety for fresh fruits and vegetables begins at the store. Before purchasing, make sure the produce is not bruised, cut, or damaged. If purchasing items that are pre-cut, such

as melons, or packaged, such as salads, buy only the items that have been kept refrigerated.

Clean: Hands should be washed in warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling fresh produce. Make sure cutting boards, counter tops, peelers and knives are also clean before using them. Fresh produce should be rinsed under running tap water before you eat it. That's also true for fruits and vegetables that have rinds or skins that will not be eaten. People don't realize they need to scrub the outside of melons with a vegetable brush or rub them with their hands under running water. If bacteria contaminate the outside of a melon for example, when you slice into it you have the potential of bringing that contamination into the fruit.

Clean firm-skinned produce with a clean vegetable brush or rub it with your hands under running tap water. Do not use detergent or bleach to wash fresh produce. After washing, dry fruits and vegetables with a clean cloth or paper towel. Vegetable brushes can be purchased at your local variety store for two to four dollars. They are an inexpensive tool that can help you keep your fresh produce safe to eat.

Separate: In the grocery cart, keep fresh fruits and vegetables away from such items as cleaners, detergents,

and raw meat, poultry, and fish. At home, that advice also holds true during storage in the refrigerator and during preparation: Keep fresh produce away from raw meat, poultry and fish. Do not use the same cutting board for produce and meats unless it is cleaned with hot, soapy water before and after food preparation.

Cook: If fresh produce has been in contact with raw meat, poultry, fish, or their juices, throw it away or cook it thoroughly.

Chill: To prevent bacterial growth, store all cut, peeled, or cooked produce in the refrigerator within two hours.

Throw away: Fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been refrigerated within two hours of cutting, peeling, or cooking should be thrown away. Remove and throw away bruised or damaged

You are cordially invited to the first
Borden County Summer Sizzle
"Life is a Garden"

on Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Community Room in Gail.

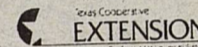
The favor of a reply is requested.

Please contact the Extension Office
at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu to RSVP.

A nominal fee of \$5 per person will be charged at the door
to cover the costs of food, program supplies, and the recipe book.

We hope that you will join us for a tasting of light and tasty recipes, tips for
cooking with herbs, easy summer decorations, food safety, and family fun ideas!

We will have fellowship and punch from 5:45 to 6:00 p.m. to allow an
opportunity for everyone to visit. The program will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.



4-H News Aggieland Lamb and Goat Camp

The 2007 Aggieland Lamb and Goat Camp has been set for July 27-29, 2007. Any youth who would like to attend contact Cody G. Hill at the Borden County Extension Office at (807) 756-4336. Detailed camp information, camp applications, camp costs, etc., can also be found at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/sheepandgoats/camps.html>. This would be a great opportunity to share ideas and learn more about the lamb and goat project. Deadline to register is June 29, 2007.

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Wedding Plans Announced



Ronald Scheid and Chata Locke

Eddie & Diedra Parks of Sherman, Texas would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Chata Locke to Ronald Lee Scheid, of Durant, Oklahoma, son of Ronald Lee Scheid and Cheryl Lemke. Chata is the granddaughter of Martin & Louise Parks of Fluvanna, Texas. The wedding will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2007 at Victory Life Church in Sherman.

Shooting Sports News

The Gail Trap Club traveled to the Hill Country to compete in the 1st Annual Kerrville Shotgun Shooting Sports event held on June 1-3.

Matthew Roberson competed against 74 shooters in the Intermediate Division. His placings were: 3rd in American Trap, 3rd in International Trap, 8th in American Skeet, 18th in Shooting Sports Clay, 7th in 5-Stand and participated in International Skeet.

Raylea Underwood competed in the Ladies Division in all events. Ages in the Ladies Division range from 9 to 19 years of age. Raylea's placings were: 2nd in International Skeet, 5th in International Trap, 1st in American Trap, 3rd in American Skeet, 8th in Sporting Clays, and 13th in 5-Stand.

Matthew and Raylea competed in the Abilene District 9 Shoot on Saturday, June 9. Matthew competed in the Intermediate Division along with 16 other shooters. Matthew won Trap with a 49 out of 50 possible targets and he also won Skeet with a 49. He placed 3rd in 5-Stand. Matthew also won High Overall in the Intermediate Division.

Raylea competed in the Sr. 1 Division where there were 8 competitors. Raylea won Trap with 50 straight (her

first in Trap!!), she won skeet with a 49 and was 5th in S-Stand. Raylea also won Ladies High Overall in the Sr. 1 Division.

Congratulations to Matthew and Raylea! You both did a fantastic job! You

are reaping the benefits of hard work and dedication!

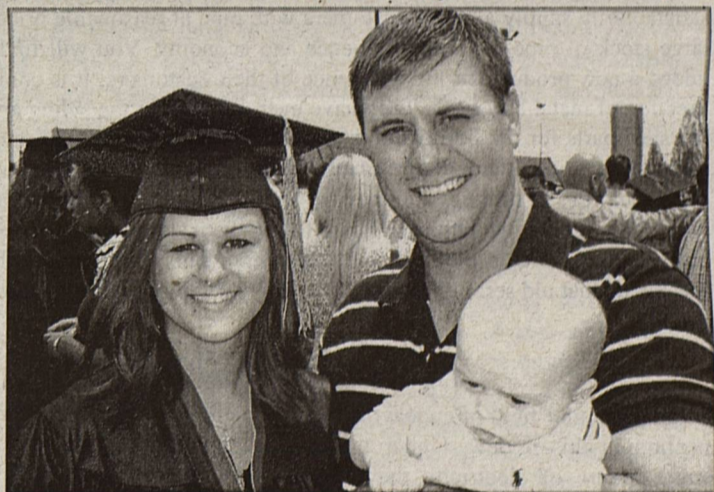
Others attending these shoots were Dean & Tracey Roberson and Ray Don & Jana Underwood. The next shoot will be at Callahan County this coming weekend. Best of luck to each of you!

Parker Receives Degree

Commencement exercises for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center were held on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock. Receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree of Nursing and graduating with Magna Cum Laude honors was Rebekah Parker of Lamesa. Rebekah has been

employed at Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa as an R.N. for three years where she served as Operating Room Director and Diabetes Educator.

Pictured with Rebehak is her husband Dusty Parker and 3 month old son, Pace. She is the daughter of Randy and Donelle Hensley and granddaughter of Don and Nelva Jones of Borden County.



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Color Me Healthy Fun Day



You are invited to attend the Color Me Healthy Fun Day Wednesday, June 20, 2007 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Borden County Community Room in Gail. All youth age 4-7 are invited to join the fun! We will play games, sign songs, make crafts and snacks, and learn all about how to Color Me Healthy!

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact the Texas Cooperative Extension - Borden County Office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

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Borden County**

Sew Jo's

Becky Seago – Jonita Riker - Owners

This is one of the leading fabric centers in this area and they have built their reputation upon service, quality merchandise and good will extended to their many satisfied customers. Having been in the fabric business for a number of years **Sew Jo's** provides the demands of their customers with quality fabrics at reasonable prices. They have a complete line of name brand fabrics and other sewing essentials along with a large selection of pattern books for ordering any pattern you may desire. If you are looking for quality fabrics at reasonable prices go to **Sew Jo's** located at 407 S. 1st St. in Lamesa. It has often been said that business goes where it is invited and remains where it is well treated. In the Review of the reliable concerns in our trade territory we recommend **Sew Jo's** in Lamesa. Their years of satisfactory

Goolsby Bros. Pipe & Steel Co.

Goolsby Bros. Pipe & Steel Co. is located at 501 N. Lynn in Lamesa, phone 806/872-2243 or toll free 1-800-553-5865. They feature pipe for all purposes including irrigation, and water well casing, fittings, pipe threading and structural steel. This prominent pipe & steel company is doing everything they can to satisfactorily supply all their customers with pipe at reasonable prices. They carry a large stock of pipe for your convenience and economy. You will find that they have added a new product for the convenience of their customers. It is components for the erection of metal buildings. They have everything from the siding and roofing to all the steel parts for the frame, doors and windows. In this special review of Lamesa, we wish to bring attention to **Goolsby Bros. Pipe & Steel**. They have built a fine reputation for fair dealings and they have many satisfied customers through their fair dealings in serving the public. Be sure to see them for all your pipe needs. They also buy all types of scrap metal such as aluminum cans, iron, copper, lead and others. So load up that old scrap metal, bring it in and put money in your pocket.

Lyntegar Electric

In this particular field of endeavor there is no organization more worthy of extended mention in this review. Under the direction of man 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 as such purposes as residential, mill and shop operation, irrigation, refrigeration, pipeline, pumping, water wall pumping, ginning and many others. They are continually striving to find new methods of helping you in your everyday needs. Because of their progress they have become a most important industrial asset to this community. By reason of the fact that the management and their assistants have a wide experience in every field of electricity and its use and because of their comprehensive knowledge of your needs, Lyntegar Electric has continued to increase the number of their patrons. Gary Cartwright is the Branch manager with Jerry Bennett-Crew Forman; Johnny Antu-Jurneyman Lineman; Bud Todd-Jurneyman Lineman; Brent Fowler-Jurneyman Lineman; Wayne Wilson-Jurneyman Lineman; Jeremy Gonzales-Apprentice Lineman, Wesley Turner groundman and equipment operator; Josh Balderas-ground equipment operator; Jacob Jarrett-ground equipment operator; and Linda Brown-Secretary/Dispatcher. We of this Good Neighbor Review wish to congratulate this firm located at 2103 S. Hwy 137 in Lamesa on their efforts to serve the electrical needs of this area at a low cost, making this a better and more prospectuous place in which to life. Phone 872-2632 or toll free 1-877-218-2308 for any information or service.

Mesa Irrigation Co.

Zimmatic, Center Pivot Irrigation

This modern up-to-date establishment has done much to modernize farming methods. It was originated by men of character and integrity with farming know-how and experience and by developing and applying new methods they have progressed as this section has grown and progressed. **Mesa Irrigation Co.** features the Zimmatic system of irrigation, a center pivot system which can save you 25 percent or more than some other types of irrigating, such as gravity flow irrigation, while helping you maximize yields. Through these savings alone the system can pay for itself in 5 to 7 years. Crops grow better with pivot irrigation. As you know, the right amount of water at the right time can significantly reduce the stress on your crops. Farmers who have switched from gravity flow to Zimmatic center pivot irrigation have reported increased yields between 10 and 20 percent. This system allows you to use only the water your crops need, there saving the expense of pumping and can save you as much as 70 percent of the amount of water you use. They also maintain complete repair and service department for your convenience. For the best, this Good Neighbor Review recommends **Mesa Irrigation** located on the Lubbock Hwy in Lamesa. Phone 806/872-5479 or 872-2611.

Jones-McCall Pharmacy

Jones-McCall Pharmacy is located at 1605 N. Bryan in Lamesa, phone 806/872-5453. Here professional pharmacists accurately fill prescriptions from quality drugs. The relationship between the professional pharmacist and the physician is very close. The people should have confidence in the doctor, and the doctor must have implicit confidence in the pharmacist, for he is unable, without a chemical analysis, to determine whether all the ingredients called for in his prescription are contained in the compound and if they are pure and fresh. Moreover, the pharmacist, in many cases is the medium through which the physician gains of his knowledge. To be progressive he is expected to know all the newer preparations that are available. As soon as any biological or medical discovery is proved of worth, he will have a supply on hand for the doctors and the public use. We in this Good Neighbor Review recommend this pharmacy for your drug needs.

First United Bank of Lamesa

A Locally Owned Bank

This is a new home to Lamesa, but not to the surrounding area. First United Bank has 13 Banking Centers in West Texas, from Lamesa north to Amarillo. First United is a FDIC member bank, located at 602 N. 1st Street in Lamesa. You may phone 872-8311 for any information about your banking needs, or you may visit them on their website at www.firstunited.net Be sure to visit the bank for your financial needs and take advantage of their Drive Thru teller windows, open till 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Also, you may want to use their convenient ATM services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our readers will find this a friendly bank, willing to help you with all of your financial need, taking a personal interest in each customer. They ask you to come by the bank and sign up for their convenient Online Banking and Check Card. All of your banking services are available at the Lamesa Banking Center or any of the other 13 locations in West Texas. This Bank has been a leader in helping with Agriculture development and other interest I this area. The employees of this bank are fine, public spirited people who believe in West Texas and feel that there are better days ahead for the energetic farmer, rancher and business person who work with a plan backed by sound judgement. We are pleased to recommend our readers this fine bank.

First Ag Credit

First Ag Credit is located at 101 N. 22nd Street, phone 872-5415. This firm has a complete loan service for farmers and stockmen for agriculture purposes at reasonable rates of interest. It is our purpose in this review to give our readers throughout this district a list of prominent firms in our trade territory. We wish to bring to your attention, **First Ag Credit** in Lamesa. The management has a reputation for 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 this loan association to the farmers and ranchers of this and surrounding areas. During their years of operation they have done everything in their power for the improvement of the community. You too will find this a most desirable firm with which to do business. Phone 872-5415 for information on any farm or ranch loan.

Higginbotham - Bartlett Co.

In 125 years **Higginbotham Bartlett** has come a long way and continues to grow to meet the needs of its customers. They started out as a General Merchandise Store and grew into a Hardware and Lumber Supply chain; today they are a complete Home Supply Center with competitive prices, quality products and the best in customer service. They have been serving Lamesa and surrounding areas since 1916. They offer their customers the personal touch they have come to expect from them. Their knowledgeable employees have years of experience to help you find the right item for your project. They have achieved success in the industry due to their quality service, satisfaction, and quality merchandise. They now have 49 locations throughout West, Central and East Texas which allows them to better serve their many customers with their added size and buying power **Higginbotham Bartlett** is by far stronger enabling them to meet your needs. Their friendly employees can help you get the materials to complete your project, no matter how big or small! In this annual Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of the firms throughout Lamesa we take pride in recommending this firm to all our readers. Phone 872-8321

Kathy's Flowers & Gifts

Kathy Grammer, Owner

This firm is located at 421 S. 1st. Street in Lamesa. It is the place to go when you need flowers for any occasion. Phone 872-8988. Specializing in bouquets and arrangements for all occasions, potted plants, corsages and funeral designs this modern floral establishment will help you select just the right flowers to make a fitting impression. For years flowers have been symbolic of the more delicate phases of human nature. Recent developments in the floral world make it fitting and proper for a man to send their particular message of his heart to his loved one with suitable flowers. When in need of flowers don't fail to consult this prominent florist in Lamesa for all types of flowers. Time and service have honored the name Kathy's Flowers & Gifts. This Good Neighbor Review suggests you contact them first whenever you plan to buy flowers or have them sent by wire. It is always proper for any occasion to "Say It With Flowers". You will find that they have a bridal registry service and have a service for bridal showers and wedding receptions.

Mize Construction

George & Eddie Mize - Owners

Mize Construction is located at 702 N. Lynn in Lamesa. Phone 872-3765. This firm specializes in a complete welding service, their slogan is "Welding Anywhere-Anytime". This company is one of this sections best equipped welding shops receiving work from all the surrounding area and serving both industrial and agricultural interests in a most up-to-date manner. They have been especially instrumental in helping to keep the wheels of industry moving. Many of the business men, and ranchers of this area offer the highest praise for the work done in their shop. However, a job does not have to be brought into their shop to receive their attention and service. For they are equipped with modern portable equipment and much of their work is done right on your location. You will find they have the experience and equipment for all classes of backhoe service for any oil field, commercial, industrial, residential, farm and ranch backhoe work. They can do all types of ditching, pond building, small dam building and all types of dirt, gravel or rock removal and loading among many others. All work, whether large or small will always receive the same interest and courteous consideration.

Brock Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Bo A. Brock, D.V.M.

Foremost among the professional men is this popular veterinarian, located at 1204 S. Dallas Av., phone 806/872-3183. In every community there are individuals who, because of specialized services are an indispensable factor in the community. Foremost among these, especially in a rural community, is a good veterinarian, who saves thousands of dollars for the farmers or ranchers. He has proven capable and is ready to serve those who call upon him. He has fitted himself with years of study and experience, so that you may call upon him day or night and be assured that he will be there as soon as it is humanly possible. He will do everything that can be done for the pet or any other animal. So, in this review and directory of reliable business and professional people in our area, we wish to compliment Dr. Bo. A. Brock and suggest that if you are in need of service of this kind, that you get in touch with this reliable veterinarian.

Shannon Forbes Insurance Agency

Farmer Insurance Group Companies

The reputation of **Shannon Forbes Insurance Agency** has been built upon it's excellent insurance service, the satisfaction and good will of their many satisfied policy holders. One of the leaders of it's kind in this section, this firm is under the management of people who knows the insurance business and needs of her customers and furnishes a quality insurance service at fair prices. If you will come by his office, **Shannon Forbes** will be glad to go over your coverage with you and advise you on what additional insurance you might need. Or you may phone her office at 872-9467 and she will be glad to visit with you at your home or place of business and go over your insurance needs with you. After going over your insurance coverage and needs, she will advise you on how to meet any additional needs at the most economical price to you. At the present time she is serving a large number of people throughout this section in their insurance needs, whether for auto, life, property or medical. In this review of the business and professional concerns of this section, we highly recommend, **Shannon Forbes Insurance Agency**, located at 807 N. Dallas Ave. in Lamesa. Phone 872-9467 for any information or for an appointment.

Automotive Technology

All types of automobile repairing are featured at **Automotive Technology** in Lamesa at 312 North Dallas, Ave. Phone 872-3666. Alternator work, carburetor work and electrical system work are all considered to be of the most difficult class for a repairman to handle. You can rest assured that this first class garage can do this work for you properly. They offer excellent experience and correct tools with which to do the job efficiently. They also specialize in a complete front end alignment service along with brake, muffler, and any other type automotive repair. Also they are equipped for complete Computer Diagnostic Technology to better serve you. They also have a complete tire service, featuring National and Toyo Tires. Folks in this section speak highly of the work they have had done at **Automotive Technology**. You can be sure the price is going to be right and the work will be done that is expected. This Good Neighbor Review suggests you go to **Automotive Technology** whenever you have automobile trouble Here you know you will be treated fairly.

The Country Store

This firm is ne of the leaders of it's kind in this district and they have built their reputation upon the service, satisfaction and good will extended to their many farm and ranch customers. Having been in this line for a number of years, the management provides the demands of his customer with quality service and merchandise at reasonable prices. The farmers and ranchers of this area prefer trading with **The Country Store** 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 **The Country Store** locatd at 603 N. Lynn in Lamesa, Their satisfactory service to the public, quality merchandise and fair price survey the ultimate reason for their success. Phone 872-2422.

Hogg Welding Service

Gary Hogg-Owner

With such a rapid development of this section, and efficient welding service has become more necessary. By having a dependable welding service much delay is avoided and operation costs are drastically reduced for industries, farms and ranches. It makes no difference how large or small the job may be, **Hogg Welding Service** at 211 S. Lynn Ave in Lamesa, will do it in such a manner that you will be entirely satisfied with their work. They are fully equipped for all classes of work, including cast iron, bronze and brass, and they do each job according to the latest approved methods. They are specialists in the repair of broken parts. The management employs only men who understand in detail, the intricate processes of welding various types of metals. You are assured of receiving a precise job which will give you satisfactory service. In this "Business and Professional Reviews", upon giving such excellent service to patrons in this section.

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Helena Chemical

One the concerns upon which the farmers and ranchers depend a great deal is **Helena Chemical**. This firm has been a friend and renders a service of benefits to the farmers throughout their trade area. They are dealers in Liquid Fertilizers and Dry Bulk Fertilizers. They also offer soil testing, insecticides, herbicides, custom applications and crop consulting. Wyatt Birkner, the manager, was raised around the Houston area and has worked for Helena for the past eight years. He has been in the farm related business sense completing school. He was in the crop spraying business around the Houston area until buying his own crop spraying business in Uvalde in the mid 80's which he ran until joining Helena. He has worked his way up in the company and in January 2003, he was offered the managers' job in Lamesa. With this opportunity, he and his wife brought a home and plan to work here until his retirement. He is looking forward to meeting and serving the farmers and ranchers of this area. For information concerning your fertilizing problems, be sure to call upon **Helena Chemical** located at 107 N. 22nd Av. in Lamesa or phone 872-8883 for any information. It has been the aim of this firm to offer reliable products at honest prices to maintain high quality and save money for their many patrons.

Benny Boyd

Benny Boyd & Strate Colbath - Owners

Your authorized Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Cadillac, Buick, Pontiac and GMC dealer is **Benny Boyd**, located at 1611 Lubbock Hwy. in Lamesa. Phone 872-5484. These cars and trucks are universally recognized as some of the great motor values of this age. This is not only the opinion of the casual buyer, but of the expert as well. For service, economy and reasonable price these cars and trucks reign supreme. The management is courteous and accommodating and will be pleased to show you the many advantages of owning one of these new vehicles. **Benny Boyd** is fast becoming one of the leading dealerships in West Texas. You will find that they maintain a service department for all makes and models of automotive and trucks. They have a complete line of parts and thus are able to render complete service to the owner. You will find skilled and experienced technicians in charge of their automotive repair who will do everything to guarantee satisfaction. We the compilers of this Good Neighbor Review are pleased to compliment this leading dealership on the efficiency of their service to the people of this section of West Texas. Stop in anytime for a demonstration ride or just to get acquainted with this dealership in Lamesa.

Brown Roofing & Sheet Metal

Brown Roofing & Sheet Metal is located at 1911 Seminole Road in Lamesa, phone 806/872-7137. The people of this territory are extended a cordial invitation to visit this establishment of this firm and look over their different styles and colors of roofing. These products can be bought and installed by their workmen at very reasonable prices. They have made a most exhausting study of the roofing problems of this particular area and have looked over the entire field of roofing as presented by the various manufacturers. They have selected most artistic lines of roofing and will be glad to go over any property you may have in mind and aid you in the selection of a design and color that will make your home attractive. Their employees are men who most thoroughly understand the work and who are careful to see that all roofing is correctly and accurately put on. The right amount of space is left everywhere and there is no stinting of materials to thoroughly cover the place, so there will be no leads or trouble after the job is completed. Be sure to call 872-7137 or call the shop at 872-2872 or FAX 872-5041 if you are interested in receiving a first class roofing job. Wayne Brown the owner has been serving the roofing needs of this area since 1953. Trade with a firm that supports our area and helps in the growth therein.

Pedroza's

The Finest In Mexican Food Dining

This Mexican food restaurant, located at 1501 Lubbock Hwy. in Lamesa 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 Mexican dishes served with courtesy and a pleasant smile. It is indeed refreshing to find such an up-to-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 Lamesa, whether working or shopping for the day. Phone 872-2884.

Lamesa Tire & Battery

Ramond Vargas, Owner - Freddie Vargas, Mgr.

Lamesa Tire & Battery located at 107 N. Dallas Ave. in Lamesa is your dealer for the world famous Kelly Springfield. When you purchase tires for your automobile, truck or farm equipment, you want tires that will give you the greatest safety. For longer wear and the best in tire quality, buy Kelly Springfield tires. Motorists have praised these tires for years and they have proven to be the best tire your money can buy. At **Lamesa Tire & Battery**, you will find tire experts who will be glad to advise you on your tire needs. Here they realize that quality is as important to everyone as price. They stand behind their service and products and you can be assured that the tires handled by this firm will be the best. You will also find they have a tire repair department where you can have your old tires repaired by experienced workmen, along with a complete wheel alignment service. In this Good Neighbor Review issue, we take great pleasure in recommending such a firm as this to all our many readers. See them for all your tire needs in auto, truck or farm equipment. 872-6702 or 1-800-817-6802.

WS Electric

Wayne Smith - Owner

Industrial, commercial and residential wiring is a specialty with **WS Electric** located at 2215 South 5th in Lamesa. Phone 806/872-5902. This firm is well known in this area for fast and dependable wiring service. They have been in this type of business for several years and have the know-how to handle any job. **WS Electric** employs one journeyman electrician and one residential wireman. Experience does make a difference in the electrical contracting business field. Reasonable bids can only be made when the contractor you call is familiar with the problems involved. You can rest assured that **WS Electric** will be reasonable in all dealings. Their popularity has increased each year they have been in business and they are now recognized as leaders in the field of wiring. This Good Neighbor Review recommends them to all in this section that have wiring of any type to be done. Remember the name, **WS Electric** located at 2215 S. 5th. for the best in electrical wiring service.

Henry Norris Agency

For all kinds of insurance call **Henry Norris Agency**, representative for all types of insurance, located at 520 S. 1st. in Lamesa. They represent some of the largest companies and they are ready to serve you in all your insurance needs. They are now serving a great number of people in this section with auto, accident, commercial property and life insurance. There are so many things over which we have no control, both of a personable 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 **Henry Norris Agency**. Go over your needs with them and they will be able to assist you in selecting the kind of insurance suited to protect you adequately. Once they have made a study of your insurance needs they will advise you how best to meet that need. You are invited to come in and discuss insurance with no obligation on your part and you will be able to see if your protection is sufficient. In this Good Neighbor Review we feel a sense of satisfaction in recommending this firm in Lamesa for insurance of all kinds. Phone 806/872-5446 for any information.

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Claiborne's Supermarket

Lamesa's only Home Owned Supermarket

This enterprising dealer is located at 710 N. 4th. Street in Lamesa. This is the store to which you will want to come if you are interested in keeping that grocery bill within range. They sell on a close margin of profit to give you the advantage of lower prices. Folks in this section have found the values to be as great here as any place in town. You sure won't go wrong by trading at this store. It is a great help to know that you can stop at one grocery and get everything you need. It is no small problem to keep shelves stocked with desirable foods. But, this grocery in Lamesa has done a marvelous job in the past and will continue with their progressive business policy. We are happy to recommend this prominent grocery store in Lamesa and suggest you drop in and look over their many bargains. Phone 872-7011.

Farmers Machine & Welding Shop

Farmers Machine & Welding Shop is located at 203 S. 4th Street in Lamesa. Phone 872-5645. They maintain a machine shop that is unsurpassed in service, workmanship and supplies and wish to extend to the people of this district appreciation for their patronage. **Farmers Machine & Welding** is the headquarters in this section for machine work and all kinds of welding. They employ machinists and welders of outstanding accuracy and ability. This shop is noted for prompt and efficient service and in having work ready when promised. Their charges are reasonable for all work. If any article is beyond repair they will promptly tell you so. For honest and dependable workmanship bring your repair work to **Farmers Machine & Welding** in Lamesa. They welcome small jobs as well as those which may require several days work. Contact them for an estimate without obligation for any job you have.

State National Bank

This prominent bank is located at 801 N. 4th Street in Lamesa. Phone 872-8808. The **State 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 is progressing as this district itself is growing and progressing. Under the management of efficient and capable men and women they invite accounts of business men, women, farmers, laborers or all people who desire profitable connections with a modern banking institution. At this bank you will find strength, seasoned judgement, 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 "Good Neighbor Review" of the firms in Lamesa we wish to make the statement that at this bank you may at all times save with safety for the area FDIC member bank. Drop in and visit with them for any information on your banking needs.

Hogg Flying Service

Glenn & Janice Hogg, Owners

Crop Dusting - Seeding - Fertilizing - Liquid Spraying

Hogg Flying Service is one of the largest and oldest crop dusting services. They are located at the Municipal Airport in Lamesa and can be reached by calling 872-9696. Protecting crops through scientific crop dusting in order that farmers and ranchers may realize peak production from the fields and orchards is the pride of **Hogg Flying Service**. Their experience is a recognized fact by all who have called upon them for service. Their complete up-to-date knowledge of the latest scientific development in crop dusting assures the farmer that his crop will receive the best protection available today. You are cordially invited to call them for free information and/or estimates. We in this Good Neighbor Review highly recommend **Hogg Flying Service** to our readers for reliable information and dependable service in the field of crop dusting, seeding, fertilizing or liquid spraying.

Rose Plumbing & Septic Systems

Bill Rose, Owner

Rose Plumbing & Septic Systems, located at 106 N. 15th. Street in Lamesa, offers you a complete service in plumbing along with installation of septic systems. This reputable concern has the equipment, operated by skillful technicians to give you dependable service that you desire. They specialize in all plumbing repair, septic system installation and repair and installation of disposals and hot water heating units. They maintain a modern and up-to-date repair shop, with all the equipment and know-how necessary to give you prompt and speedy repair or installation on any job. For residential, commercial, industrial, farm or ranch Rose Plumbing & Septic Systems has the equipment necessary for a thorough job. They can save you money because of their dependability and their qualified experience. For guaranteed plumbing repair, septic system installation, back hoe work, plumbing fixtures, faucets, disposals and water heaters, visit or call Rose Plumbing & Septic Systems and receive dependable money saving service. Phone 872-3502 for any information in their line. Nigh time and holiday emergency service phone 872-3407. Free estimates on all installation jobs.

Wal-Mart

Always Low Prices - Always

Wal-Mart, located at 2406 Lubbock Hwy, in Lamesa is known as this section's leading discount store. Phone 872-9576. Visit them on your next trip to Lamesa. This merchandising center offers the highest quality ladies, mens and childrens clothing, jewelry, household products, appliances, electronic equipment, hygiene products, lawn and garden supplies, sporting goods, auto supplies and many others. When a store is able to satisfy the most exacting demands of all classes of people, then it must be acknowledged that it has reached an enviable position in it's trade. Such is the case of this prominent firm for this section. People of every class have found that merchandise from this store is made from the best of materials and is moderately priced. They make a specialty of catering to those of moderate means and each department of this store is under the supervision of people well trained in the needs of the department and all merchandise is arranged for the convience of the customer. So stop and shop at **Wal-Mart**.

B.E. Implement

Quentin Merket - Manager

When in the market for farm implements, be sure to go to **B.E. Implement** located at 1605 N. Hwy 87 in Lamesa. Phone 872-5474. **B.E. Implement** features the famous *John Deere* farm machinery, which has stood the years of rugged usage and has proven satisfactory in every phase to the farmers of this area. To be efficient, a piece of arm machinery must be built to stand the rugged use necessarily involved in the working of farm land and *John Deere* is just that equipment. **B.E. Implement** also features a complete parts and repair department, so that when your equipment needs overhauling and renovating, as all machinery must at various times they can give you the best possible service in the shortest possible time and at the least expense to you. Be sure to contact **B.E. Implement** first when in the market for any type of farm equipment. Just phone for information or stop in the next time you are in Lamesa and let one of their representatives show you the advantages o using *John Deere* equipment to put your farm on a really paying basis. "Nothing Runs Like a Deere."

Rick's Paint & Body Shop

Ricky Minjarez - Owner

Rick's Paint & Body Shop is one of the best body shops in Lamesa. Phone 872-6735 for service. This enterprising shop specializes in auto painting and repair of auto bodies and fenders. They have a wide selection of paints from which to choose, or they can blend pain so it will match your car perfectly. This firm has the finest in equipment and experience and is capable of giving your car a paint job equal to the one it had when it came from the factory. There is an art to repairing and painting an automobile and making it look new again. The owner of this firm supervises work done on every car so you may be sure that your car will receive personal attention. For a very reasonable price you can make your old car look new again. You will find all the charges very reasonable at **Rick's Paint & Body Shop**. Stop in the next time you are in Lamesa and have them estimate the cost of making your car look new. There is no obligation. They are located at 314 North 1st. Street.

Borden County ISD Regular Board Meeting

May 21, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 8:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Dennis Poole. Mike Valentine was absent. Jimmy Thomas and Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.
2. There was no community input.
3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2007 board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the May 2007 bills. The motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to take action to

sponsor chemical free graduation night for the class of 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the student transfers for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to set the next regular school board meeting for 7:00 P.M. on June 18, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to add, revise, and delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for the TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 80. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded

by Carol Lewis to hire Becky Nix as the Special Education Director for the Bi-County Special Education Coop as recommended by the board of directors of the Bi-County Special Education Coop, and to hire Fernando Baeza as a teacher/coach for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Mr. McMeans reviewed the 2007 TAKS Test results.

11. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to amend the 2006-2007 Borden County I.S.D. Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Action taken at the March 7, 2007, Special Meeting was reviewed.

13. Mr. Thomas gave a student enrollment report and reported that 160 students were enrolled as of May 21, 2007, and gave a year to date financial and investment report. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

Weather Creating Situation

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before the applicable final planting date they do have an obligation under the crop insurance policy to try to plant and/or replant crops until the final planting date whenever possible.

14. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

For growers that decide to replant stands before the final planting date or during the late planting period it is critical that they obtain permission from their AIP to destroy what remains of the original stand and replant those acres to the same crop. Failure to obtain an AIP's approval could result in a loss of coverage for those acres.

For growers that incur damage from hail or other causes it is appropriate that they contact their insurance provider to notify them of the loss and to schedule an evaluation of the damage by a loss adjuster. Such appraisals, especially those triggered by a hail event, are typically delayed at least 7 days from the date of loss so that a more accurate evaluation of the crops potential to recover or survive can be made.

Horse Project Planning Meeting



Tues., June 19, 2007

at 6:00 p.m. in the

Community Building

Anyone interested in helping with planning is welcomed to attend.

For more information, call your

County Extension Office

at 756-4336.

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Kelley's Automotive

All types of automobile and truck repair are featured at Kelley's Automotive at 1400 S. Bryant Ave. Phone 872-2296 or 872-2297. Alternator work, carburetor work and electrical system work are all considered to be of the most difficult class for a repairman to handle. You can rest assured that this first class garage in Lamesa can do this work for you properly. They offer excellent experience and correct tools with which to do the job efficiently. They also specialize in ring jobs, replacing and grinding valves, brake repair, custom exhaust work, installation of dual exhaust systems, complete transmission service, from replacing, rebuilding or servicing and any other type of automotive repair. In fact they can do almost any repair job your car or truck needs. They are also your State Inspection Station Folks in this section speak highly of the work they have had done by Kelley's Automotive. You can be assured the price is going to be right and the work will be done that is expected. The Good Neighbor Review of Lamesa suggests that you go to Kelley's Automotive whenever you have anything the matter with your car or truck. Here you know you will be treated fairly.

A-1 Body Shop

Free Estimates - 20 Years Experience

Employees at this firm are specialists in body and fender work as well as auto painting and complete auto glass replacement service. The place to have that car repaired is at A-1 Body Shop in Lamesa. They are located at 1311 Lubbock Hwy. phone 872-3150 for any information. The owner of this firm fully understands body and fender repair having 20 years of experience. Because of their excellent workmanship and service it will be well worth your while to have this reliable firm take care of all your auto 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 A-1 Body Shop in Lamesa and get free estimates for any work in auto body repair, auto painting and auto glass installation. You will find that they have many satisfied customers throughout this area who will highly recommend their work to you. As they are one of the leaders of their kind in this area and they have built their reputation upon the service, satisfaction and good will extended to their many customers.