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Report Shows U.S. Drought Rapidly Intensifying

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The widest drought to grip the United States in decades is getting worse with no signs of abating, a new report warned Thursday, as state officials urged conservation and more ranchers considered selling cattle.

The drought covering two-thirds of the continental U.S. had been considered relatively shallow, the product of months without rain, rather than years. But Thursday's report showed its intensity is rapidly increasing, with 20 percent of the nation now in the two worst stages of drought — up 7 percent from last week.

The U.S. Drought Monitor classifies drought in various stages, from moderate to severe, extreme and, ultimately, exceptional. Five states — Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska — are blanketed by a drought that is severe or worse. States like Arkansas and Oklahoma are nearly as bad, with most areas covered in a severe drought and large portions in extreme or exceptional drought.

Other states are seeing conditions rapidly worsen. Illinois — a key producer of corn and soybeans — saw its percentage of land in extreme or excep-

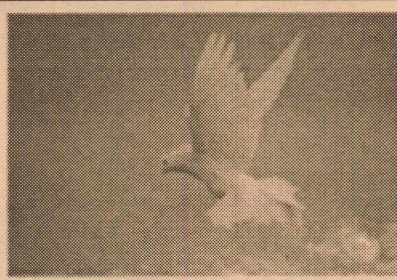
tional drought balloon from just 8 percent last week to roughly 71 percent as of Thursday, the Drought Monitor reported.

And conditions are not expected to get better, with little rain and more intense heat forecast for the rest of the summer.

"Some of these areas that are picking up a shower here and there, but it's not really improving anything because the heat has been so persistent in recent weeks, the damage already is done," said Brian Fuchs, a climatologist at the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. "Realistically, the forecast going forward is a continuation of warm, dry conditions through the end of August easily, and we may see them in the fall."

Some are reacting to the drought with inventiveness. At Lake DePue in Illinois, the dangerously low water level threatened to doom an annual boat race that's a big fundraiser for the community. Hundreds of volunteers joined forces and built a makeshift dam out of sandbags before hundreds of millions of gallons of water

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Integrity

Integrity: adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty

-Random House Webster's Unabridged Dictionary

Those who stand for nothing fall for anything. - Alexander Hamilton

If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you do not have integrity, nothing else matters.

People with integrity can be trusted and relied on. They will not try to take advantage of or defraud someone. Their word is their bond and their handshake is better than a contract. Integrity is an invaluable trait that enables one to stand out from the crowd.

Conversely, people with a lack of integrity risk succumbing to temptation with no frame of reference to guide them. They are susceptible to becoming embroiled in schemes that will inevitably lead to less than desirable results.

"Everyone has their price," is a too frequently heard adage. People with integrity don't have a price. They can not be bought off. Those who will compromise their principles for the right price don't

have any principles to compromise.

People lacking of integrity take bribes, steal, cheat, lie, and take advantage of others. They will sell themselves to the highest bidder. They have a poor self-image and little respect for themselves or others.

Integrity is priceless. Although it can be sold for pennies, no amount of money can buy it back. Once a person gives up their integrity, it's virtually impossible to regain it. Someone who has compromised their integrity will never be fully-trusted again and their motives will always be suspect.

Living with integrity is less anxiety provoking than living without it. You'll never be embarrassed, or worse, by any of your actions. You don't have to always look over your shoulder wondering if you will be caught or if someone will tell on you.

Maintaining your integrity isn't necessarily the path of least resistance. You will encounter those who question the wisdom of your integrity and will argue that it's no big deal for you to overlook it just this one time. There will be peer pressure to conform to the ab-

errant behavior of others.

You may be ostracized, called impractical, unrealistic, or a host of uncomplimentary names. You may be threatened with alienation and shunned. It's important to realize that anyone who asks you to act in a manner contradictory to your integrity is self-serving and has no qualms about sacrificing you to accomplish their own objectives.

Don't put a price tag on your integrity. It's not for sale. Your integrity serves as a compass to keep you pointed in the right direction. When faced with choices, pick the one that is consistent with your integrity. If taking action violates your sense of what is right, don't do it.

Don't justify behavior you know is wrong. When someone sells out they will excuse their actions with statements such as, "I only did it once," "Everyone else does it," "No one will notice," "It wasn't for that much," "No one will care," or "It doesn't matter."

Once you destroy your integrity, the reasoning doesn't matter. No one cares why you have no integrity. You must

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Borden County Elementary School Supply List 2012-2013

Kindergarten: Elmer's school glue (not paste), 2-glue sticks, 2-boxes of 16 Crayons, Scissors (Fiskars for kids), 4-#2 pencils, 2-Folders w/pockets, Big eraser, Supply box (cigar box size), Towel for nap time, Baby wipes/wet wipes (2 box), 1 box-Kleenex, Gym Shoes.

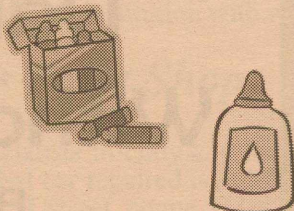
First Grade: 2-Boxes of 16 Crayons, 12-#2 Pencils, Scissors, 2 Medium sized bottles Elmer's Glue, 2-Glue sticks, 2-Boxes Kleenex, 2-Pink eraser, Gym shoes, 1 bottle of sanitizer, 1 pkg baby wipes. **NO FOLDERS AND NOT SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS PLEASE!**



Second Grade: 12-#2 Pencils, 2 boxes of 16 ct. crayons or more, 2 Bottles Elmer's Glue, 2 Glue sticks, Flexible ruler, Scissors (Fiskars for Kids), Erasers, Ruler, Small supply box, 1-Blue pocket folder (no brads), 1-Green pocket folder (not brads), 1-Yellow pocket folder (no brads), 2 Boxes Kleenex, Gym shoes.

Third Grade: 1-3" ring binder (no zippers), 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 4-Red pens, 1 Bottle school glue, 2-Glue sticks, 3-Pocket folders (no brads), 24-#2 Pencils, Crayons, Scissors, 1 Box Kleenex, 1 Box wet wipes, 8 dividers, 1 Pkg. notebook pa-

per (wide ruled), 1 Pkg. 3X5 index cards, Gym shoes. **Girls-**Bring box of zip lock sandwich bags. **Boys-**Bring box of zip lock quart size bags.



Fourth Grade: Crayons, 24- #2 Pencils, 1-Lined composition journal, 4-Red pens, 3-pocket folders (no brads), 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 2-Glue sticks, Map Colors, Scissors, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, 1-Box Kleenex, 1-Large, inexpensive box-baby wipes, Index cards, Gym shoes. **Girls-**1 box of gallon size zip lock freezer bags. **Boys-**1 box of quart size zip lock freezer bags.

Fifth Grade: 1-1 inch 3 ring binder, 1-set of dividers w/tabs (4), 1-Pocket folder of choice, 2-Composition notebooks (not spiral notebooks), 1-Box #2 pencils (may be mechanical), 1-Pkg. wide ruled notebook paper, 1-Pkg. colored copy paper, 4-Red grading pens, 1-Black sharpie, 2-Large glue sticks, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, 1-Box 24 Crayons, Colored pencils, Crayola Washable Markers, Ruler w/ both inches and centimeters, Scissors, Highlighters, 2-Boxes of Kleenex, 1-Box of baby wipes, Gym shoes.

Borden County Independent School District 2012-2013 SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Please realize that teachers may add to their list on the first day of school...
College classes will receive instructions that day as well.

Mr. Benavidez – Spanish I, Spanish II, & Spanish III

- 1 1/2" Notebook
- Dividers
- Notebook Paper
- Red pens
- Plenty of 3"x 5" note cards

Elementary P.E.

Gym Shoes (if your child cannot tie his/her shoes, please provide Velcro snaps)

Mrs. Bradbury-Science (7th & 8th) Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

- Binder-To keep papers
- Composition notebook
- Set of 5-tab dividers for binder
- 7th & 8th Grade-9x13 aluminum foil pans
- 9th Grade-Clorox disinfecting wipes
- 10th Grade-Quart size bags
- 11th Grade-Gallon size bags/protractor
- 12th Grade-Kleenex

Mr. Edwards – Social Studies (7th), U.S. History (9th), World History (10th)

- Notebook paper
- Pens
- Red pens

Mrs. Herridge – English I, English II, English III, English IV, Science (6th), Speech

English Classes

- 1 1/2" 3-Ring Notebook
- Dividers (At least 10)
- Composition book
- Blue or Black Pens
- RED pens
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- 3X5 Index Cards

Science Class (6th)

- Red Pens (10)
- Pens-Black/Blue
- Pencils
- Homework Folder
- 1 1/2" inch 3 ring notebook
- Dividers (At least 10)

Mrs. Key – Math (6th, 7th, & 8th), Algebra I, Geometry, Technology Applications (7th)

- Notebook paper
- Large Spiral notebook (for taking notes)
- Folder
- Pencils
- Spiral note cards
- Red pens

****Please do not purchase the stretchy book covers for your student's textbooks. They will be provided by the school. Stretchy book covers will not be allowed.

Ms. Mayes – Reading (6th), Social Studies (6th) English (6th) English (7th)

- Two inch 3-Ring Notebook (No zippers or flaps) Notebook Paper
- Dividers
- Map pencils
- Blue or black ink pens
- Pencils
- Red pens

Mr. Parker-Agriculture Science (8th-12th)

8th-12th Grade

- 3-Ring Notebook
- 9 Dividers with labels
- Pens
- Pencils
- Notebook Paper

Ms. Phillips – Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Math Models

- Notebook paper
- 3 Ring Binder
- Dividers
- Plenty of pencils

Mrs. Poole – Good Attitude

Mr. Richey – Math (6th & 7th), Geometry, Algebra I

- Notebook paper
- Spiral notebook
- Dividers (5 or 6)
- Pencils
- Red pens (No other colors needed)
- Highlighter
- Dry erase marker (2 or 3)
- Compass-optional
- Protractor-optional
- 7th & 8th Grades: inexpensive calculator

Mr. Skelton - Social Studies (8th), World Geography (11th), Government/Economics (12th)

- 1 inch 3 Ring Notebook
- Pens-Blue or Black
- World Geography: Map pencils
- Dividers
- Red Pens

Ms. Soto – Reading (7th & 8th) English (8th)

- 1.5 – 2 inch hard cover 3 ring notebook
- 6 dividers
- Notebook paper
- Black or blue pens
- Red pens
- 3 holed pen pouch (dedicated to reading only)
- Composition book-like the black and white covered ones
- Highlighters (4-pk)
- Colored Pencils (Smallest box)
- Folder w/pockets

Ms. Wagner – Band (6th-12th)

- Good attitude and a willingness to work



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Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 10th day of July 2012, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS D. SHARP, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, consti-

tuting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer and Ben Smith, County Attorney present.

MINUTES APPROVED
Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of June 26, 2012 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DUMP GROUND
Thomas Covington met with the court giving a report of the condition and problems concerning the Dump Ground.

COUNTY OFFICE

REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices' Reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted Reports in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BURN BAN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to continue lifting the Burn Ban. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to table action on the Employee Handbook.

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY PROPERTY INSURANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to continue Borden County Management Pool. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4-H PROGRAM

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve a trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico by members of the 4-H Program and the County Extension Agent. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

2012 SEAL COAT PROGRAM

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the contract with Blacktopper Technology, Inc. for the 2012 Seal Coat Program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE SOIL

CONSERVATION WORK

No applications received.
BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM
Continuing to gather data and completing repairs.

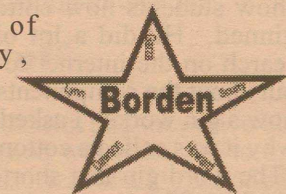
BUDGET WORK SESSION

A work session was held.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said current accounts. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 24th day of July, 2012.



Members of the Gail FFA recently attended the state convention. They are (left to right) Sydnie Rebeles, Bessie Rhodes, Tye Basquez, Steelie Sanders, Kylie Voss, Jordan Day, Matthew Roberson, Seleste Herridge, Maeghan Herridge and Zach McMeans.

Gail FFA Members Attend State Convention

The Borden County FFA chapter recently traveled to the state FFA convention in Corpus Christie, Texas.

While attending the conference members Zach McMeans, Tye Basquez and Bessie Rhodes competed at state speaking contests with Tye finishing fourth in the Junior Prepared competition.

Six members of the Gail FFA chapter received their Texas FFA Lone Star FFA degree. These members were Kylie Voss, Kaylyn Dean, Jordan Day, Steelie Sanders, Seleste Herridge and Matt Roberson.

Other members attending the convention were Maeghan Herridge and Sydnie Rebeles which represented the chapter as voting delegates for the state business meeting.

While in Corpus Christie the group visited the Texas State Aquarium and enjoyed a day at the beach.

Borden County Football Players

The 2012 football season will kick off August 6th at 4:30 p.m. I hope you all are looking forward to getting started. I am extremely excited about the upcoming season, as it will be an opportunity to build on our success from last year, but it also allows us to get started on a new season in hopes of getting the taste of what could have been out of our mouth. Yet again the target on our chest is huge as we have gained much respect in the six-man world with our continued success. Graduation again has created some holes to fill, but I hope you view it as an opportunity for some to step up and grasp your opportunity to make a difference. Coming up one game short last year should motivate you to work very hard to reach and accomplish a dream and our goal!!! If you believe it—we can achieve it!!!!

****WE NEED TO FOCUS ON HOLDING THE ROPE THIS YEAR!!****

We will start practice from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. but as we have in the past may move most workouts to the morning to avoid some of the heat.

I hope you are running and lifting to get ready. If not, then it would be a good idea to start. Don't leave it up to the coaches to get you in shape.

I hope you have had a good and eventful summer and are now ready to make history and leave a life-long mark on the community of Gail and Borden County High School. We again have the opportunity to play when the grass is dead if we take care of business. What an exciting opportunity you young men have for the 2012 football season.

I will see you on August 4th for the physical and August 6th for practice at 4:30 p.m. As we will test you in the weight room in preparation to change our attitude and play for a title again in 2012 and this time finish the job!!!

Thanks,
Coach Richey

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

A Portable Cotton Gin

Joe D. Rogers of Hereford collects old carpenter tools. Some of them date back to the days of the American Revolution in 1776. He has traveled throughout the New England states looking for the ancient items. "My wife says I can spot a rusty chisel a hundred yards away while traveling at 70 miles an hour," says Joe, a teacher who holds a few history degrees. He fell in love with tools while working in his dad's shop.

Joe uses the old tools to makes things that were invented more than 200 years ago. He made a cotton gin that he carries around in his car to show students how cotton is ginned. He did a lot of research on the internet to find out about the components and how a gin works. I asked him why it was called a cotton gin. "The word gin is a shortened version of the word engine," he said. "It was first called a cotton engine. Later on, words like spinning ginny came into use. It's just another word for engine."

The cotton gin he made is about the size of an apple box, approximately the same size as the original cotton gin built by Eli Whitney in 1792.

"The idea for the cotton gin came to him while he was watching a cat chase a bird. When the bird flew through a chicken wire fence, the bird was on one side, but his feathers were on the other side. His brain kicked in and he thought about a series of combs and brushes to remove seeds from a cotton boll. The comb and brush idea came from watching a slave curry a horse. As the horsehair collected on the comb, he would knock it off with a brush. So Eli went to his blacksmith and built it in

about a week."

Joe says Eli hoped to make money from his invention, but while he was waiting for a patent, several people stole his idea. "It was so simple everybody could copy it and they did, so Whitney never made any money off it. Not that he really needed it. He had invented a nail making machine and was the sole manufacturer of hatpins. He wanted to corner the market with the cotton gin, like an operating system for computers.

He had ideas of controlling all the gins and all the cotton would come through him."

The cotton gin brought about the Industrial revolution. Some say the invention encouraged slavery and ultimately led to the Civil War.

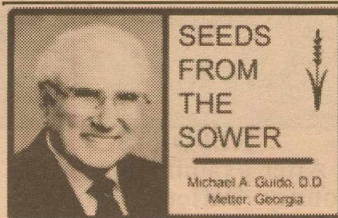
"Before the cotton gin was invented, farmers could produce three pounds of cotton a day, then after the gin came along they could do 150 pounds a day. So they needed more cotton. To get it farmers had to clear more land, do the planting and harvest, which required more slaves.

Then you had to have all those other machines: the spinning ginnys, the mills, factories and all the rest."

When Joe demonstrates his homemade cotton gin to students, he starts with raw cotton. "I gather up cotton left in the fields after harvest and put it through the machine. I turn it with a hand crank that came from an old sausage grinder. It makes a great tool to teach about the social changes that came about during the time when our nation was young. When the students can touch something, it tends to make them focus on whatever you're trying to teach. I love teaching with artifacts."

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Michael A. Guido, D.D.
Minister, Georgia

A famous clown had a personal life that was full of tragedy and tears. But no one in his audience ever knew it. He always smiled and made others laugh.

One day he was asked, "How can you act so happy?"

Vitelli answered, "When I smile, it makes me feel less sad. When the audience smiles and laughs, it helps me to forget my problems, and I feel happier."

When you give a smile, you get one in return. Others feel better, and so do you. It's like honey - you can pass it around, but some sticks to you.

So smile! The Bible says, "A cheerful heart is good medicine."

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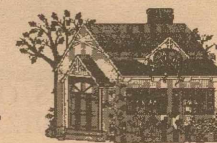
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hold your ground and resist any and all pressure to tarnish your integrity. It's one of your most precious commodities.

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AgriLIFE EXTENSION
Texas A&M System



Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith

Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

Program Postponed

Please note that the Feeding Your Family: Menu Planning and recipe Selection and Preserving the Harvest Programs scheduled in early August will be postponed until further notice.

Booster Club Meeting

The Borden County Booster Club will hold its 1st meeting of the 2012-2013 school year on August 27th (first day of school) at 8:05 am in the Coyote Room next to the Superintendents' office.

Attention:

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developmentresourcesmith.com
432/352-6649.

Please call if you have acreage that needs representation.

Come fly with VBS!

Place: **First Baptist Church Gail, Texas**

Pre-K thru adult classes

Date: **July 29th - August 2nd**

Time: **6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

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Amazing World

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Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of Snyder

West Texas Animal Clinic Charles Church-DVM

Foremost among the professional men is this popular veterinarian, located on the 84 Bypass. Phone 325/573-8586. 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 rancher. He has proven capable and is ready to serve those who call upon him. He has fitted himself with years of study and experience, and you may call upon him at any time and be assured of quality and dependable veterinary service. He will do everything that can be done for the pet or any other animal. So, in this review of reliable business and professional people of Snyder, we wish to compliment **West Texas Animal Clinic** and suggest that if you are in need of service of this kind that you get in touch with him. In this our Business and Professional Review of Snyder this veterinarian has our highest regards. You can tell he has to confidence of the rancher and farmer, in fact, all people in this are by the amount of business **West Texas Animal Clinic** is doing.

Tindol Insurance Agency A Proud Past With a Solid Future

The reputation of **Tindol Insurance Agency**, representative for Germania, Progressive, Dairyland, and other insurance companies, has been built upon its excellent service, the satisfaction and good will toothier many satisfied policy holders. One of the leaders of its 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 the office, 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 **Tindol Insurance Agency**, located at 1907 25th Street in Snyder. Phone 573-8649 for any information or for an appointment.

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



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State Farm Insurance Joe LaRoux Agency

Everyone's looking for an encouraging sign in today's economy. The fact is, you'll find one right here in Snyder at **State Farm Agent Joe LaRoux's** office. Because for 86 years, **State Farm** agents like Joe have been there helping people protect the things that matter most. That's why more people trust **State Farm**. And we consider that a very good sign. When busy lives meet big responsibilities I'm there... With so many demands on your time some things just have to wait. But don't put off talking with me about life insurance-it may be the most important thing you ever do. I'm also always looking for ways to make your car and homeowner's insurance dollars work harder for you. For all your insurance needs give me a call at 325/573-3544 or come by 1707 30th St. Ste. B in Snyder, Tx. Like a good neighbor **State Farm** is there.

A-1 Air Conditioning, Inc.

This firm located at 2312 Ave. R in Snyder, phone 325/573-7635, installs air conditioning and heating units and are licensed, bonded and insured. Superior to the vast majority air conditioning and heating shops and surpassed by none either in general excellence of work or superiority of materials used. This popular firm has continued its successful career for many years because the management and assistants are among the most efficient air conditioning heating craftsmen anywhere. If you are figuring on any work, let them help make up your plans. You will find that consulting them will save you money. **A-1 Air Conditioning** has gained an excellent reputation for giving prompt and courteous attention to every job. In this review we are glad to compliment them and refer them to all our readers when desiring work or information in this line.

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 and sport utility vehicles, such as, bed liners, bed mats, goose-neck hitches, trailer wiring, bug shields, bed rails, running boards, cab steps, headache racks, tool boxes, grill guards, along with auto detailing and car washing and they are your dealer for spray-on Rhino Lining. 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.

King Carpet Cleaning & Floor Coverings & Remodeling

King Carpet Cleaning & Floor Coverings located at 3707 College Ave. offers you the best in floor coverings, carrying a large selection in brand names, such as Mohawk, Galaxy, Horizon, Aladden, Shaw, Philadelphia, Coronet, Cabin Crafts and Laura Ashley carpets; along with ceramic and vinyl tile, linoleum and hardwood flooring featuring such brands as Domco, Armstrong and Congoleum, all for residential and commercial as well as air duct cleaning and a remodeling and painting service. So, if you are needing any type of floor covering for your home or place of business call this reliable firm for free estimate and a friendly representative will be glad to consult with you, show you samples of different materials and colors and give you any advise that you may need on your floor coverings needs, either at your home or place of business, or you are welcome to come in and talk it over with them. They can also furnish you with expert installation by master installers that are guaranteed to please you. They also have a carpet cleaning service and carpet damage restoration from fire and water. They can remove water stains, pet odor, spot removal and do carpet repairs as well as having a complete remodeling service from the smallest to the largest projects. They serve you with a 24-hour emergency service. Insurance claims are accepted. So far all your flooring needs call on this fully insured firm for guaranteed workmanship and free estimated. Phone 325/573-3032 or fax 573-9016.

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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 325/573-9318. 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 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 325/573-9318 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.

84 Truck and Trailer

Don and Laurie Chandler-Owners

Where does the smart truck driver take his rig for service in our area? **84 Truck and Trailer** has been repairing and maintaining trucks for years and the men who know quality keep coming back again and again! Located at 207 84 Bypass in Snyder, phone 325/573-1888, this outstanding service depot caters to the needs of the professional driver with lubrication, tune-ups, alignment, general welding, rear ends, transmissions and most any other repair needed. They are the acknowledged experts in the field! These skilled technicians know that downtime costs you money, and they make every effort to get you rolling again in a minimum of time. Don't let just anyone service your truck... See the experts and drive away with a perfectly repaired rig! We recommend them and suggest you become a regular customer. Many have.

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.

Community Bank of Snyder

This prominent bank is located at 1715 25th Street in Snyder and is a member FDIC, phone 325/573-2681. **Community Bank of Snyder** 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 **Community Bank of Snyder** you may at all times save with safety.

Southern Electric

Southern Electric 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, a complete line of guns and ammunition 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** 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** enjoys an ever-increasing volume of business and popularity. We in the Good Neighbor Review suggest you see them for all your building materials, hardware, cleaning and paper products and electrical supply needs.

Spanish Inn

Authentic Mexican Food

For Mexican food, the people of this area visit the **Spanish Inn** located at 2212 College Ave. in Snyder, phone 325/573-2355 for reservations. Through the efforts of the management to serve only true Mexican dishes with real flavor of the country, as well as interesting Mexican décor, this restaurant has become a nice eating place. They employ chefs that know how to prepare authentic Mexican dishes that are sure to please you. Contrary to the belief that Mexican food is very hot, they serve all their dishes with the hot sauce and peppers on the side so that you can enjoy it the way you want it. For a place to eat authentic Mexican food in the same atmosphere that you are sure to enjoy and with friendly service, visit this fine Mexican restaurant. We're sure you'll want to return many times. When the management went into business it was with the idea that modern Mexican restaurant would be appreciated and by reason of their ever increasing patronage, this has proven to be true!

Wilson Motors

"Customer satisfaction since 1955"

Your authorized Ford, Mercury & Lincoln dealer is **Wilson Motors**, located at 1101 Coliseum Drive in Snyder, phone 573-6351 or 1-800-545-5019. These automobiles and trucks have been in the past and still are recognized as one of the great motor values of this century. This is not only the opinion of their many satisfied customers but of the expert as well. For service, economy and reasonable prices the *Ford, Mercury & Lincoln* continue to reign supreme. Here you will find that the management and employees are courteous and accommodating and will be pleased to show you the advantage of owning one of these fine automobiles or trucks. **Wilson Motors** also have a maintenance shop for the servicing and repair of any and all cars or trucks. You will find that they carry a complete line of parts and are able to render complete service to their many patrons. Here you will find skillful and experienced workmen in charge who will do everything to guarantee satisfaction. We are pleased to compliment **Wilson Motors** on the efficiency of their service and products to the people of this section. Stop in anytime for a demonstration ride, and experience the difference!

Bell-Cypert-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, without hesitance, refer our readers to this reliable firm and suggest that you call them when in need of a funeral director.

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West Texas State Bank

West Texas State Bank, located at 1901 26th Street in Snyder is a strong bank that instills confidence within the community and surrounding area. This bank is not only able but will care for every reasonable want of it's customers. Our readers will find this bank a friendly bank, providing all of the facilities and services of a city bank together with personal interest in every customer. Be prepared to take advantage of opportunity by depositing a reserve in this bank. When you are contemplating making an investment of any kind, it is a safe plan to consult with the officers of this bank before making any investment, rather than to complain about it later. A great deal of credit is due the officers and directors of the West Texas State Bank, who have done their best toward the developing of the agricultural, ranching, oil and other interests of the community. The officers and directors of this bank are fine public spirited men who believe in Scurry County and this area of West Texas and feel that there are better days ahead for the energetic person who works with a plan backed by sound judgment and reasoning. We, the compilers of This Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review are pleased to recommend this member FDIC bank to all our readers.

G & G Glass Company Glen Clarady & Gus Tovar-Owners

G & G Glass Company is located at 1300 25th 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, window, 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 window, 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.

Friendly Flower Shop Rodney & Theresa Dupree-Owners

This firm located at 3203 College Ave. in Snyder is the place to go when you need flowers for any occasion. Phone 325/573-3851. Specializing in bouquets and arrangements for al 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 phase of human nature. Recent developments in the floral world make it fitting and proper for a man to send the 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 Snyder for all types of flowers. Time and service have honored the name **Friendly Flower Shop**. They appreciate all their customers from the surrounding area and look lorward to serving you now and in the future. This firm has been the leading flower shop in Snyder for 70 years and is now operated by the 3rd generation. They also have a huge gift shop area with gifts for all ages, collegiate gifts, along with lots of home interior items and a new baby and kids' toy department. This Good Neighbors Review suggests you contact them first whenever you plan to buy flowers or have them sent by wire. It is always proper for an occasion to "Say It With Flowers"

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 purpose. 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.

Alexander's Pest & Weed Control Corey & Stephanie Chester-Owners

This firm located at 1001 College Ave. in Snyder offers a most complete service in modern termite and other insect control, including inspection of all types of buildings to determine the extent to which pests' have infested your property. This firms' services cover all features of the extermination trade, and it will rid you property of all pests. Men are at your service who are trained and are capable of performing this work most efficiently and at reasonable prices. Work is quickly done so that your property is not tied up or closed down for any long period of time, and their work is safe and sure. Service is available for commercial, industrial, and residential buildings. **Alexander's Pest & Weed Control** gives their customers the most up-to-date extermination control obtainable anywhere. We in this Good Neighbor Review highly recommend this firm and suggest that you call them when in need of any insect extermination. Phone 325/573-7133.

Hargrove Crop Insurance

For all you farmers throughout our area, you will find that **Hargrove Crop Insurance** located at 2701 College Ave. in Snyder is the firm to see for all your crop insurance needs. This firm is your representative for all types of crop insurance and is ready to serve you for all your needs. For many years they have served many farmers throughout this section of West Texas and are looking forward to serving this area for many more with a quality crop insurance service. There are so many things over which we have no control, weather wise, that you owe yourself and your family to insure against these things which can and do happen. When thinking of crop insurance, think of **Hargrove Crop Insurance**. Go over your needs with them and they will be able to assist you in selecting the right crop insurance to protect you adequately. Drop by the office or phone 573-8975 for an appointment. Once they have made a study of your needs, they will advise you on how you can meet that need at a minimum cost. In this Good Neighbor Review, no firm can receive a higher recommendation than **Hargrove Crop Insurance**.

Dennis Quick Auto & Tire Service

This auto repair service is located at 811 25th St. in Snyder 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 vehicles 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 & Tire Service** and receive complete satisfaction in professional and courteous service.

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Capital Farm Credit

Capital Farm Credit is located at 5111 College Ave. in Snyder. Phone 325/573-3222. 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, **Capital Farm Credit**. The management 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 **Capital Farm Credit** 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.

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 25th 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 for 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 I auto body repair or auto painting. Mark has made it a point to furnish the people of this area with only quality work at the most economical prices. You will find that they have many satisfied customers throughout this area who will highly recommend their work to you.

Skeet's Texas Grill

This restaurant is located at 4212 College Ave. 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.

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 Snyder, whether working or shopping for the day.

Snyder Lumber Company

Snyder Lumber Company is conveniently located in Snyder at 2109 25th Street, phone 573-3579. Here they feature building materials of every description and the highest quality at the lowest possible prices. This popular lumber concern carries a complete line of grade "A" building materials and through their fair dealings of doing business and the high quality and fair prices constantly offered they have won an enviable reputation throughout this section. The people of this territory, including contractors, building and farmers have come to know that they can depend upon **Snyder Lumber Company** 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 **Snyder Lumber Company** enjoys an ever increasing volume of business and popularity.

Drought Intensifying...

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were pumped in from a river. By Wednesday, the effort had added 2 feet to the water level, doubling the lake's size and saving the race.

In other areas, communities are instituting water restrictions and asking people to voluntarily conserve.

The drought stretches from Ohio west to California and runs from Texas north to the Dakotas. Only in the 1930s and the 1950s has a drought covered more of the U.S., according to National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C.

Nationwide, ranchers have been selling off large numbers of animals they can't graze and can't afford to buy feed for. The nation's cattle inventory, at 97.8 million head, is the smallest since the U.S. Department of Agriculture began a July count in 1973.

Mark Thompson, a professional farm manager with about 1,200 acres of corn and soybeans near Fort Dodge, Iowa, said good land management practices including no-till farming could help crop farmers muddle through.

"Eastern Iowa is in worst shape than we are," he said. "Right around here, we're still at the tipping point, but conditions have improved somewhat, even though last night's rain wasn't widespread."

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback declared a drought emergency in all of the state's 105 counties this week and urged residents to conserve as much water as possible.

GAIL TRADE DAYS

**Aug. 3rd, 4th, & 5th
Fri., Sat. & Sun.**

**Call and reserve a space
806/756-4434**

1st weekend of each month

SEE YOU THERE!

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BUS BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District, will receive bids for two 23 or 24 passenger school buses.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas, Borden County Independent School District; Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "BUS BID". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 16, 2012. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board Of Trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mailing to jthomas@bcisd.net or by calling (office 806-756-4313) (cell 806-759-5467) (fax 806-756-4310).

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Mike Valentine, Secretary