

# THE BORDEN STAR

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## Jet fighter lands in Gail while waiting for tire repair

A low-level Air Force fighter plane made its way to Gail Saturday afternoon on its way to Midland and ended up staying a while.

The F-111 jet fighter was not on a low-level flight-training mission, but was en route to a static display site.

The aircraft had plenty of escorts also, but not from other airplanes. Some 25 Honda Gold Wing motorcycles helped serve as the escort for the airplane.

The decommissioned aircraft was slowly making its way from Shepard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls to the Confederate Air Force Museum located at Midland International Airport when it made its unexpected lay-over stop in Gail Saturday, after blowing a tire due to the hot pavement and weight of the aircraft.

The F-111 was supposed to have spent Friday night on the grounds of the Scurry County Coliseum after arriving from Wichita Falls, but another flat tire

stopped the convoy in Roby.

The F-111 is of the same type airplane used extensively in Vietnam, and most recently in the Gulf War.

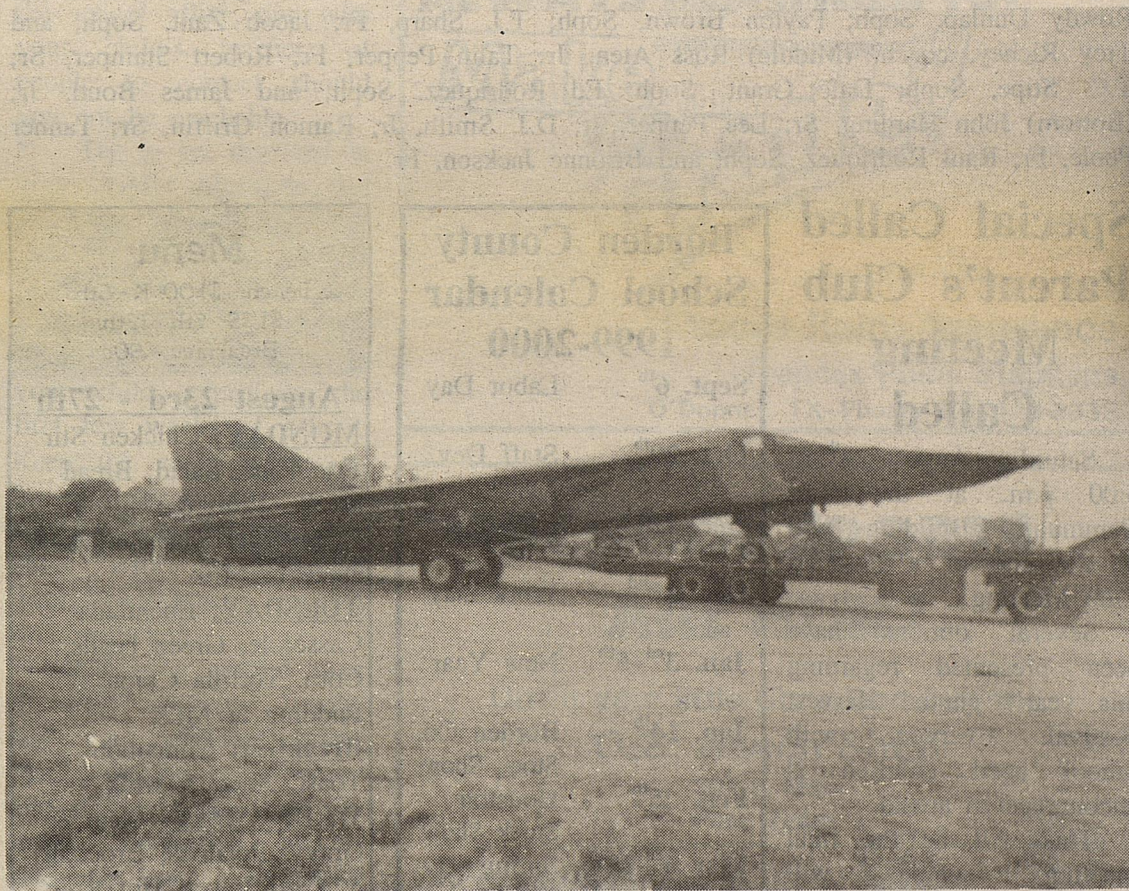
The Texas Department of Transportation carefully regulates the 320-mile trip to the location between Midland and Wichita Falls and travel is about 35 mph — well below the jet's maximum speed of 1,6500 mph.

Kelcy Construction of Brownwood is the contractor for the move.

The jet's nose gear is locked into place on a special flat bed trailer and the airplane is actually being towed on its main landing gear for the entire trip.

The airplane weighs about 50,000 pounds, and has a wing span of 32 feet, about as wide as three normal lanes of traffic.

The route from Wichita Falls was mapped to avoid as many underpasses and bridges as possible, but the



**JUST PASSING THROUGH:** Did I just see a jet fighter parked in down-town Gail? That's right, the aircraft being towed from Wichita Falls to the Confederate Air Force Museum at Midland International Airport was forced to make an unexpected landing

mover has had to take down and then put back up several highway road signs.

Motorcycle riders from the Dallas/Fort Worth area which represent several motorcycle organizations are volunteering their time for the escort.

Among the organizations are the Honda Riders

Club of America, Gold Wing Touring Association and Gold Wind Road Riders Association.

The police escort motorcycles are provided by Dal-Star Escorts, and organization that provides escort services for the transportation of wide loads and funeral processions in the north Texas area.

All the motorcycles are equipped with CB radios for communication between the riders and the two vehicles involve in the transportation of the F-111.

The aircraft will remain in Gail for a few more days waiting for the arrival of a supply of tires and for the escort service before continuing the trip.

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**Meet the Coyotes:** (Back L. to R.) Bobby Avery, head coach; Tom Griffin, Jr; Nick Flanigan, Sr; Joseph Hardman, Sr; Kevin Pinkerton, Sr; Cody Nowlain, Soph; Rowdy Dunlap, Soph; Payton Brown, Soph; T.J. Sharp, Fr; Jacob Zant, Soph; and Trey Richey, coach. (Middle) Ross Aten, Jr; Talin Pepper, Fr; Robert Stamper, Sr; T.C. Stipe, Soph; Dale Grant; Soph; Ed Rodriguez, Soph; and James Bond, Jr; (Bottom) John Harding, Sr; Lee Pepper, Jr; D.J. Smith, Jr; Ramon Griffin, Sr; Tanner Poole, Fr; Raul Rodriguez, Soph; and Brionne Jackson, Fr.

## Special Called Parent's Club Meeting Called

Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Gail Community Building will be the site of a Parent's Club Meeting.

Several options have been presented regarding this year's annual Harvest Festival. Everyone with school aged children is encouraged to attend.

This will be the final meeting, which will determine the activities for the Festival.

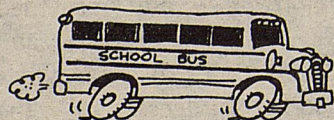
Everyone's input is needed to help with this decision-making meeting.

### Borden County EMS Numbers:

806/759-5111  
Alternate No.  
806/756-4311

### Borden County School Calendar 1999-2000

Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day
Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Dev.
Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas
Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Work Day
Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	New Year
Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Borden Co. Stock Show
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Houston Stock Show
Mar 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Good Friday
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bad Weather
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bad Weather
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher's Work Day



BACK TO SCHOOL

### Menu

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

#### August 23rd - 27th

**MONDAY:** Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Salad, Bread Sticks, Fruit & Milk

**Breakfast:** Pancake, Ham, Juice & Milk

**TUESDAY:** Enchilada Casserole, Green beans, Corn, Tortilla Chips, Pudding & Milk

**Breakfast:** Cinnamon

**WEDNESDAY:** Meat & Gravy, Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Hot Rolls, Juice Bar & Milk

**Breakfast:** Donut, Fruit, Juice & Milk

**THURSDAY:** Hobo Stew, Salad, Rolls, Fruit & Milk

**Breakfast:** Bacon & Eggs, Juice & Milk

**FRIDAY:** Steak Sandwich, French Fries, Salad Cup, Brownie & Milk

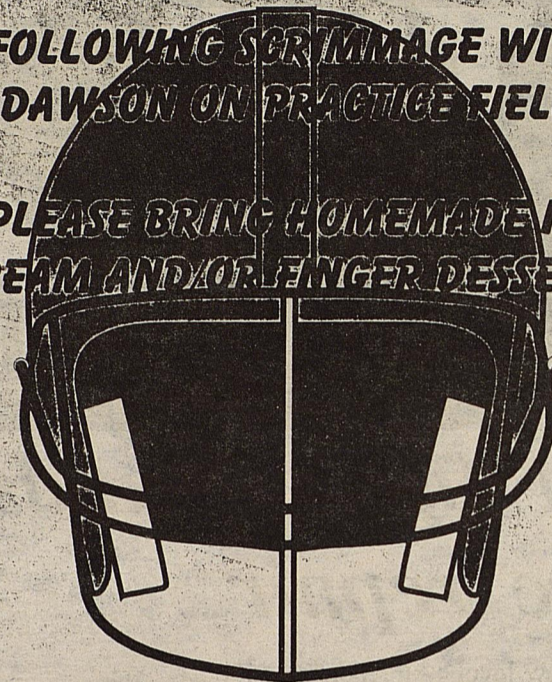
**Breakfast:** French Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk

# MEET THE COYOTES

August 19, 1999

**FOLLOWING SCRIMMAGE WITH DAWSON ON PRACTICE FIELD.**

**PLEASE BRING HOMEMADE ICE CREAM AND/OR FINGER DESSERTS.**



## 1999 Coyote Football Schedules - Varsity -

Aug. 19 (Scrimmage)	Dawson	Here	6:00
Aug. 27 (Scrimmage)	Jayton	There	6:00
Sept. 3	Wilson	There	7:30
Sept. 10	Newhome	Here	7:30
Sept. 17	Highland	There	7:30
Sept. 24	Balmorhea	There	7:30
Oct. 1 (Homecoming)	Whitharral	Here	7:30
*Oct. 8	Westbrook	Here	7:30
*Oct. 15	Sands	There	7:30
*Oct. 22	Grady	Here	7:30
*Oct. 29	Ira	There	7:30
*Nov. 5	Hermleigh	Here	7:30

\* Denotes District Games

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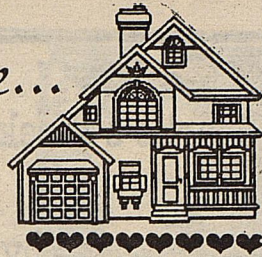
## Junior High Schedule

Sept. 9	Jr. High	New Home	There	5:00
Sept. 16	Jr. High	Sands	There	6:00
Sept. 23	Jr. High	OPEN		
Sept. 30	Jr. High	Hermleigh	There	6:00
Oct. 7	Jr. High	Westbrook	There	6:00
Oct. 14	Jr. High	Sands	Here	6:00
Oct. 21	Jr. High	Grady	There	6:00
Oct. 28	Jr. High	Ira	Here	6:00

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## Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme  
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Family and 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 Courts of Texas Cooperating.

### Tips for Back-to-School

Can you believe another school year is beginning? It seems sad though they just got out for summer vacation! Even though it has been a short two and a half months, getting off to a good start at the beginning of the school year can be difficult. You should give your child a boost and provide motivation to do the best he or she can during the school year. However, even with "experience," each new school year is an adjustment for all family members. Changes may include things like bedtimes, friendships, activity levels, expectations (academic, social and athletic), activities (TV, homework, school meetings, and outside functions), and diet (hurried, unhealthy meals).

Many children will attend school for the first time and the whole experience is new. For other children, there may be new interests, new doubts, and new developmental changes. Changes at school can include new classrooms, teachers, and subjects. All of these and more mean that the child must redesign at least a few aspects of his or her life. This may come easier for some children than for others.

A child may adjust well one year, and struggle the next with noticeable changes in attitude, mood and social skills. Patience, understanding, and encouragement are attributes parents and family members should possess. In general, most children will adjust in a few weeks.

There are a variety of

ways parents can make transitions easier for their children. Perhaps these can help you and your family adjust to the new school year.

\* Encourage the love of learning. Tell your child about teachers who inspired you and the interesting things you did in school. Do not support negative stereotypes of teachers or of school.

\* Treat school as a normal part of your family's activities, which is easy to do in Borden County! Answer questions, discuss issues, but don't force enthusiasm or unwanted conversation.

\* Visit the local school and bus stop with your child. For new students, you might consider walking to school or driving the bus route to help familiarize your child with how they will get to and from school. Meeting your child's teacher or teachers is also very important. This shows that you are interested in their education and the teacher is very appreciative of your interest as well.

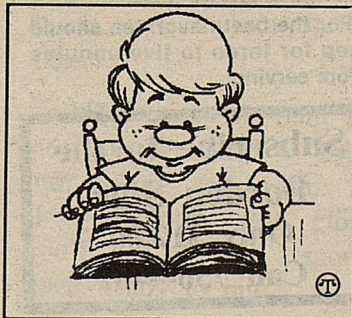
\* Adjust bedtime and wake-up schedules. Bedtimes vary and are less consistent during the summer. Getting your child in a routine will make it easier for them to get adequate rest and be ready for the next day of school. Having them set out the clothes they plan to wear the next day is helpful. Also, be sure to keep everything (papers, homework, etc.) near the door in a satchel for easy pick-up on the way out the door.

\* Allow your child to be involved in making these new schedules, homework times, play and television limits, school lunches, and various rules. They are more apt to comply if they have a part in setting them. Also, discuss consequences of not following the new rules and schedules (i.e. being tired, not getting lessons, finished, being grounded, etc.)

\* Help your child identify people that they can call or look to if they have an emergency at school (they miss the bus, get sick, forget something at home, etc.) if they cannot reach you. This will help ease their mind and keep them from becoming panicked if an emergency does arise. It is also a good idea to leave a list in the school office, and with your child's teacher, of people to contact should you not be reachable.

\* Try to get involved in your child's education and activities. Studies show that kids are more motivated to learn when they see their parents; involved at school. Plan to be available to your child, especially the first few weeks of school. Keep the early weeks as free of outside activities so that you can pamper your child with home-cooked meals and special reading time with you.

This is a special time of year for your family. Let your children know that education is important and that you are there for them. Supportive parents will help make a successful student. Children are the future of our world! Best wishes to you and your family in the 1999-2000 school year!



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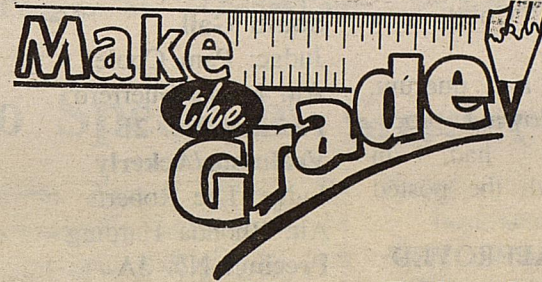
## Rule #4. Set The Rules.

Kids need to know exactly what the rules are. The rules have to be clear, consistent, reasonable. And enforced. Every kid will try to find out exactly how far he or she can go. And drugs are no place for trial and error. To learn more about what kind of rules to set and how to enforce them, call for a free parent's handbook.

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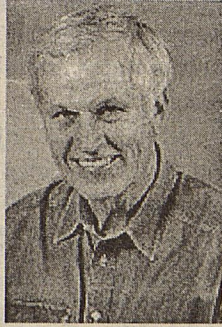
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# Courthouse News



## Charlie's Weekly Round-Up

by  
Congressman Charlie Stenholm

August 6, 1999

**WHEREAS,** On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1999, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**Van L. York,** County Judge, Presiding; **Doug Isaacs,** Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **Larry D. Smith,** Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **Vernon Wolf,** Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **Hurston Lemons, Jr.** Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **Joyce Herridge,** County Clerk and ex-officio of the Commissioners' Court.

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1999 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes and motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS ALLOWED**

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

**COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to renew the Group County Health Insurance for County Employees and Elected Officials with no charges being made. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BUDGET HEARING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs to set

the Public Hearing for the year 2000 County Budget on August 23, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the Borden County Courthouse. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ELECTION JUDGES**

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to appoint Election Judges and Alternate Judges as shown on the following order. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Precinct No. 1**

**Plains**

Judge: Verna Ogden

Alt. Carla Hensley

**Precinct No. 2A**

**South Gail**

Judge: Pam Cooley

Alt. Maria Guerrero

**Precinct No. 2B**

**Vealmoor/Ackerly**

Judge: Lee Roberts

Alt. Rhonda Harding

**Precinct No. 3A**

**Murphy**

Judge: Donna Nehring

Alt. Melton Davis

**Precinct No. 3B**

**Fairview**

Judge: Lindel Koonce

Alt: Mary Ruth Gray

**Precinct No. 4A**

**North Gail**

Judge: Lydia Baeza

Alt: LaJean Shaw

**Precinct No. 4B**

**Snellings**

Judge: Nelva Jones

Alt: Gwen Herring

**Early Voting:**

Judge: Jana Underwood

Alt: John Anderson

Commissioners' Court recessed from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 P.M.

At 1:00 P.M. Commissioners Court reconvened.

**COUNTY BUDGET**

County Budget was discussed and a work session was held.

**Oil Industry Relief = West Texas Relief**

Folks living in rural communities have figured out something at the micro level which often seems harder to grasp when populations enlarge and become more complex: Things which have an impact on my neighbor have an impact on me.

So, for example, the crisis of the oil patch in recent years carries consequences not only for those directly involved in oil, but also for infrastructure industries which support oil and gas, and for those endeavors which depend on the industry's revenues.

The few cents saved at the gas pump seem far less desirable when the price of that cheap gas is figured in terms of lost jobs, closed businesses, schools starved of valuable tax dollars and communities which suffer an overall economic down-turn.

Beginning in November 1997, independent oil and gas producers began experiencing critically low oil prices. In fact, if you account for inflation-adjusted dollars, oil prices have been at an all-time historical low over the past 20 months.

Prices bottomed-out so badly that the challenge rose far beyond a little belt-tightening and profit loss. Recent prices of oil sank below what it actually costs to find and produce crude. In other words, there was no profit at all as oil companies were forced to sell at prices less than their costs.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America has estimated their industry lost over 56,400 jobs and \$25 billion during this time. Many service and production companies simply closed their doors and shut down 136,000 wells, many of

which will never be re-opened.

With a lingering stereotypical image of the high-rolling Texas oil man left over from the '80s boom, appreciation of the crisis has been slow in coming. In fact, only as coalitions of representatives from a variety of stressed industries have come together have we begun gaining the mutual understanding and political clout necessary to remedy some of these problems.

I am very happy to report that just before Congress left for its summer break back in our home districts, we approved a loan guarantee program for oil and gas producers. This guarantee by the federal government should reassure financial institutions considering loans to qualified oil and gas producers and service companies attempting to ride out these rough times. With oil prices beginning to rise slightly, there is reason to hope that the industry can turn the economic corner if it receives help at this vital time.

The maximum loan amount will be \$10 million and the government will guarantee up to 85 percent of each loan. All loans will need to be paid in full by December 31, 2010.

As a fiscal conservative, I am particularly pleased that the estimated cost of this guarantee, \$125 million, was entirely paid for by the bill. Since the Senate had previously approved the language, it is now being sent to the President, who is expected to sign the bill into law in the near future.

Rising above the recent crisis will take time, but good news for the oil patch is good news for all of West Texas and is as welcome as a good rain in August.



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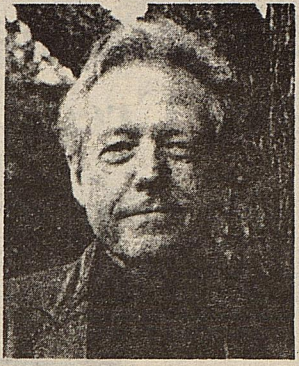
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## Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

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### The West in Bronze

Lisa Perry lives in Springtown where she creates sculptures and jewelry. She makes tiny gold horses for necklaces, pins and earrings. She also makes giant bronze statues 25% larger than life-size.

While she was growing up in Helena, Montana, she spent hours after school at the state Historical Museum admiring the sculptures and paintings by artist Charles Russell.

After her daily museum visit, she went to the state capitol building across the street to see her father, the assistant attorney general of Montana. When he finished work, they rode home together and talked of art and horses.

Lisa studied art at Montana State University where she met her husband George, also a lover of horses. They made a living by raising bucking and racing horses and producing amateur rodeos. In the late 70's the couple moved to Weatherford where George got a job managing a ranch.

Lisa didn't do any artwork for ten years after she graduated. In 1980, she found an old ball of art wax in a closet, got it out and started making something with it. That first piece was instantly popular and her second sculpture ended up being in great demand. George quit his job on the ranch to help Lisa. Income from those first two sculptures equaled his annual salary.

One of Lisa's bronze sculptures depicts an old truck. "That's based on a

childhood memory," says Lisa. "One day I saw this rusty old pickup in a field. It had some goats around it and a boy was standing on the cab of the truck, reaching to get a peach off a tree."

People are always guessing what model pickup it is. "It's a 1934 Ford."

Photographs of her work have been on some prestigious magazine covers. Some of the most influential people in the world own her art, which is in several museums and galleries.

Her awards indicate that she is one of the more acclaimed bronze sculpturists in the United States.

Lisa Perry's specialty is horses. Several people have her make exact replicas of horses they own. She often works on the piece while viewing horses from an outdoor studio.

She is probably best known for two huge statues. One is the prehistoric bear commissioned by Texas Tech University. It is seven feet long and sits at an archeological site on the edge of Lubbock which has evidence of man and animals living there 10,000 years ago.

She researched the subject thoroughly by examining very old skulls and bones and observing living relatives of the prehistoric animal.

The other work is of monumental proportions and sits in front of the Exchange Building at the Fort Worth Stock Yards. It depicts legendary bulldogger Bill Pickett



Jeffrey Patterson/Press-Reporter

#### SENATORIAL VISIT

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison stopped by Gail Wednesday afternoon. Before a crowd in the Borden County courthouse, Hutchison discussed highlights of the tax surplus allocation bill recently passed by Congress, as

well as how its provisions and portions of the ag spending bill will impact agriculture. After her question-and-answer period, Hutchison visited with those who attended, including Charles Cannon, left, and Arlan Youngblood.

### Pete Laney to Speak in Snyder

Pete Laney, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, will be guest speaker for the annual Snyder Chamber of Commerce Banquet at 6:30 p.m. on August 31<sup>st</sup> in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children and are to be purchased by 4 p.m. on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber of Commerce office at 2302 Avenue R. Mail orders can be sent to the Chamber and tickets will be held at the door.

Former Snyder mayor David Holt will be master of ceremonies for the

wrestling a longhorn steer. It is one and a quarter life-size.

"He used to bite the steer on the nose to bring him down," says Lisa. "So if you look real close, you'll see old Bill's mouth open, ready to bite."

event. Special awards for community service will be presented. Colorful banquet decorations will feature a Hawaiian luau theme and entertainment will be by music and drama students from Snyder Junior High

School.

Information about the banquet can be obtained by calling the Chamber office at 915/573-3558. The Chamber's e-mail address is [SnyChCom@SnyderTex.com](mailto:SnyChCom@SnyderTex.com)

#### Fifth Sunday Fellowship

There will be *Dinner on the Grounds* at the First Baptist Church in Gail on Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>.

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# Beckham-Vice President of Marketing & Communications Earns National Marketing Honor for Farm Credit Association

Lone Star Federal Land Bank Association has been awarded Certificate of Merit of the 1999 Farm Credit System for excellence in television advertisement and specialties by Farm Credit Council Services (FCCServices), Inc. according to Becki Whittington, National Education Credit Council Manager. Patti Beckham, the Association's vice President of Marketing and Communications received the award for their entry titled "Building Your Dreams Today-Lone Rancher and Generations" and specialty entry of the Lone Star Federal Land Bank. These awards are considered a top honor among the BioStar Awards, which are bestowed annually by FCC Services, a subsidiary of the Farm Credit Council, the trade association for the National Farm Credit System.

According to Whittington, the 13-member judging panel selected information based on the entry's professional quality,

creative originality, production execution and ultimate fulfillment of the objectives for which the entry was created and used to accomplish. The entries were judged relative to other entries received from Farm Credit Associations and Banks nationwide. Judges were selected for their education, experience and expertise in the areas of sales, marketing, public relations, media and web sit technology.

The honor was presented to Patti Beckham, Vice President of marketing and Communications at the System's *Three-in-One Institute* held recently in Denver, Colorado. The institute brings over 200 Farm Credit professionals together for a conference focusing on knowledge, skills, and networking with other experts with over 36 professional and System speakers. Besides general sessions, there are four tracks on specific areas. These areas are Finance, Credit, Marketing, Human Resources and Technology.

The BioStar Awards are an annual part of the Marketing Track, according to Whittington. Named for the logo of the Farm Credit System, the BioStar Awards recognizes outstanding achievement. Two hundred and nineteen entries were part of the judging for the 1999 honors.

The personal interview with Ms. Beckham on the Lone Star Federal Land Bank Association brings tremendous pride home to the "Lone Star State". Patti Beckham was raised in a West Texas town, Orla, Texas. She rode a school bus one way 50 miles to attend school in Pecos, Texas. "Never did I dream living in Orla, Texas would I be promoting a banking institution," she says. Her creativity comes from nothing to do in the small town and her mother always telling her to be creative and find something to do. It was tough in Orla, Texas. The opportunity of marketing has been a great success and allowed Ms. Beckham to grow in her career with Land Bank. She began her career with the Land Bank as clerical assistant and throughout her career with the Land Bank. She began her career with the Land Bank as clerical assistant and throughout her 16 years of service she was promoted to Office Manager, Office Supervisor and has been Vice President of Market and Communications for the past 18 months. She also serves as Cooperate Secretary for the association. For approxi-mately two years prior to marketing Ms. Beckham attended several seminars and Farm Credit Council Institutes keeping updated on marketing issues for the future. Ms. Beckham gives



Patti Beckham-Vice President Marketing & Communications of the Lone Star Federal Land Bank

credit to her current Board of Directors and former Chief Executive Officer, Jackie Eubanks for believing in her abilities and capabilities to put forth the necessary and constant promotion of the association. Ms. Beckham feels marketing is always looking to the next vision. Where to go, what to do, how to explore. You can't stop or you will get run over. A marketing person is always thinking and getting outside the box.

The Lone Star Federal Bank Association has been developed through several mergers taking time to build relationships, offices, exploring and making decisions to the best interest of the stockholders.

Ms. Beckham states "promotion this association comes natural." The association has nine (9) office locations and all of the personnel in each location are the utmost professional and tenured employees any banking institution could find anywhere. "These employees are promoted as stars," says Beckham. They know the business of the farmers and ranchers, agribusiness's, and rural homes. It's not hard to promote *Rural America* when your people know

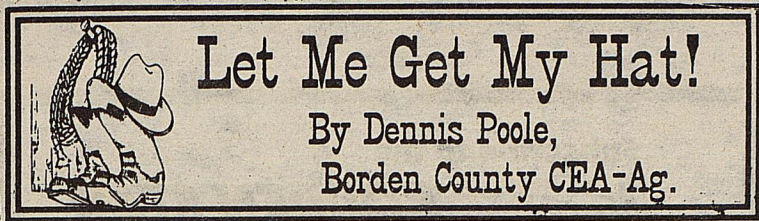
what they are talking about. They positively would not have been in the business since 1917, and they believe in the Land Bank.

Ms. Beckham states their territory is approximately 500 miles long and she tries to touch each county, working with television, radio, newspaper, exhibit booth, and contacts with Realtors. However, her opinion is that every Board member, employee and stockholder is a marketing person for the association. It takes all of us to make what the association is today.

It is with "Texas Pride" she bring these honors home to the *Lone Star State* serving 33 counties in the association territory in Borden, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Fisher, Taylor, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Young, Eastland, Palo Pinto, Erath, Parker, Hood, Somervell, Johnson, Tarrant, Dallas Wise, Cooke, Grayson, Denton, Fannin, Delta, Lamar, Red River, Titus, Camp Morris, Bowie, and Cass counties.

The 9 office locations are Paris, New Boston, Denton, Sherman, Weatherford, Cleburne, Stephenvill, Abilene and Sweetwater.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK**  
 CSJ No. 604367001  
 Sealed Proposals For:  
Cleaning Bridge Joints and Resealing in Kent, Borden Scurry and Fisher Counties  
 Will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at:  
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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1999**  
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## Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,  
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## "Don't Get Bucked Off By New Equine Law!"

Planning to sell Old Paint? After September 1, Texas law will require that equine, including horses, donkeys, mules and asses, have a test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), (also known as "Coggins" or "Swamp Fever") within 12 months before the animals undergo any change of ownership. The law exempts nursing foals changing ownership with their test-negative dams, and equine sold to slaughter. Persons who sell equine and fail to comply with the law, passed as House Bill 1732 in the 76th Texas Legislature, commit a Class "C" misdemeanor.

"Buying test-negative animals will reduce the chance of taking home an infected animal," said Dr. Terry Beals, executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "It's a real shame to buy an untested horse, get home, and find out later that the animal is infected and has exposed your best horse to the disease."

EIA is a viral disease spread from an infected equine to a 'clean' equine by blood-to-blood contact. Biting flies can mechanically carry the disease from one horse to another, and unsterilized medical instruments or blood transfusions can also put equine at risk. (Mosquitoes are not capable of spreading EIA.) Like some other viral diseases, EIA can strike as an acute infection, in which the animal becomes very ill and

dies. At the other extreme are infected equine that show no signs of being ill, but test positive for the disease. These equine pose a threat, as no one suspects the animal has a health problem, even though it is a reservoir for disease.

"Our 12 governor appointed commissioners have proposed regulations that will bring us in line with the new change-of-ownership testing law and clarify conditions for selling equine to slaughter without a test," said Dr. Terry Beals.

"The commissioners have struggled with the question of the untested equine moving through a market to slaughter," he said. "At this point, they are against it. However, until their final vote is cast and regulations are adopted, we recommend that markets require a test for all horses, even if they are expected to be sold for slaughter. If, however, the markets elect to sell untested equine to slaughter, the animals will be allowed to move only to the plant under a restricted permit, known as a VS 1-27, issued by a TAHC inspector or veterinarian."

"The commissioners will address the proposals and may adopt them as regulations at their mid-September meeting in Austin. The law, however, will be in effect September 1, requiring that the equine have an EIA test within the past 12 months. The person transferring the ownership is responsible for having the equine tested, whether the animal is traded or sold at

a public auction or private sale, or is just given away."

TAHC commissioners, each of which represent the public or a segment of the livestock industry, have proposed the following:

\* Foals that are nursing and are less than 8 months old would be exempt from EIA testing, if they undergo change of ownership with their dam. The mare, however, must have tested negative for EIA within the previous 12 months.

\*Zebras would be exempt from the change-of-ownership testing rule. If an equine is not tested, it could be sold only direct to a slaughter plant, where a blood sample would be collected for testing at state expense.

Testing for EIA is relatively simple. An accredited veterinarian must draw the blood sample, complete the accompanying paperwork, and send the specimen and document to one of the 60+ laboratories in Texas approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to conduct EIA tests. Results generally take three to five days, if the specimens are handled by mail.

"After the USDA establishes guidelines, some horse markets may set up 'off-site' laboratories, to expedite EIA testing just prior to the sale," said Dr. Beals. "Thanks to new technology, test results can be available in only a few hours. To prevent disappointment, sellers should call ahead before hauling an untested horse to a market."

If an equine tests positive at the market lab, the owner may elect to have the animal tested again. After a second blood sample is collected and sent to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, the animal is to be taken home, under a restricted movement permit, issued by a TAHC inspector. While awaiting test results, the equine in

question, and all other equine on the premise of origin are to be quarantined.

"If the confirmation test is positive, this animal will be handled as any infected equine, according to TAHC regulations," said Dr. Beals. He explained that the animal would be permanently identified with the official "74A" on the upper left shoulder, unless the animal is euthanized immediately. Other equine on the premise would be considered as exposed to the disease and would remain under quarantine until tested negative for the disease at least 60 days after the infected animal is removed.

To help prevent the spread of disease, TAHC regulations require EIA-infected equine to be euthanized, sold for slaughter or sent to a research facility. If the animal must be kept, it is to remain permanently quarantined at least 200 yards from other equine. In 1998, 370 equine tested positive for the disease in Texas.

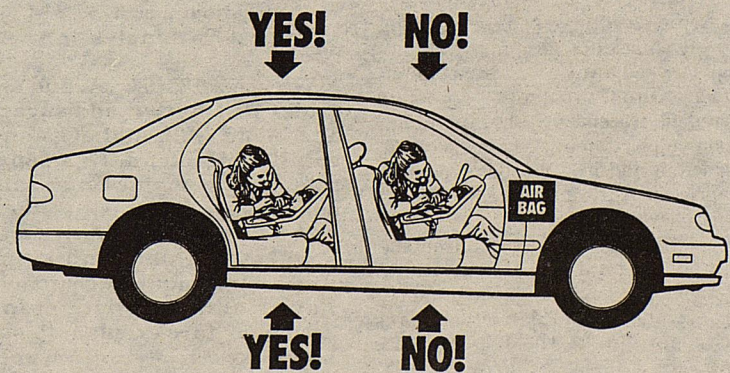
"Infected equine will be allowed to move through the market to slaughter, as they are permanently

identified with the 74-A brand and are inspected within 24 hours prior to entering the market," he said. As part of the inspection, the TAHC or USDA-accredited veterinarian will ensure that the animal has no clinical signs of the disease and has a normal temperature. The animal will move under the VS 1-27 permit and must remain isolated under a roof at the market, and remain on the premises no longer than 24 hours.

"Other aspects of the EIA regulations will not change," explained Dr. Beals. A negative EIA test within the previous 12 months is required for equine transported to events, races, trail rides, assemblies, or other gatherings, where they will commingle with other equine. The EIA test document, called a VS 10-11, is adequate proof of testing. Equine used exclusively for ranch work are exempt from EIA tests, unless they are undergoing change of ownership.

For more information, call Carla Everett, TAHC public info officer, at 1-800-550-8242, ext. 710.

# BABIES AND AIR BAGS DON'T MIX!



The safest place for any child safety seat is in the back seat of the vehicle. A child safety seat can save your child's life, but it's important to use it correctly! Never place a rear-facing child seat in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag. Your child could be in danger in a crash!

## Davis Family Reunion Held

Descendants of John Gilmer Davis gathered at Christene's Café in Coahoma on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> days of August for their Annual Reunion.

John Gilmer Davis came to Borden County in 1898 and settled on land on the North side of the Colorado River. He made his home there, raised his family and kept his residence there the rest of his life. He owned land on both sides of the river; where Lake J.B. Thomas is now located.

Of his twelve children, Lura Perry and Melton Davis, both of Borden County and Della Davis Brooks of Loop are the three surviving children.

The annual Reunions began on his home place in 1935 and has been held each year since, moving to the Knapp Community Center some years ago. This year the Reunion was at Christene's Café in Coahoma, owned and

operated by Christene LaRue, a granddaughter of Mr. Davis.

The oldest person in attendance was Mr. Melton Davis who still lives on the home section at Lake J.B. Thomas.

The persons who traveled the farthest to attend were Jean Arlene Cotton Laird, a granddaughter, and her husband, Robert Larid, from Willcox, Arizona.

Others attending were Art and Carolyn Davis; Clayte and Midge Graham; Henry and Beth Zachry; Robert and Mareda Briggs; Roy and Sharon Graham; LaJayne Davis; Jimmy and Joyce Graham Lucas; Vanessa Jones; Ludy Davis; Stacy Perry, Kally and Laena; and Samuel Perez all of Midland.

Delwyn and Judy Davis; Stephanie Davis; Alyssa Davis; Mae and Clistus Addison; and Cheryl Kirby all of Snyder. Eugene and Barbara Bryant; Ginger

King; Isaac and Zack all of Big Spring. Betty F. Madry; Mike and Lori Madry; Darrel and Leita Davis all of Lubbock. Stevie Ford; Doyle and Carol Ford; Bobby and Linda Welch all of Odessa.

Betty Graham Burrow from Irving; Brent Perry from San Angelo. Sally, Brit, Holli and Jake Barnes from Anson. Della Davis Brooks from Loop; Nance and Robert Dickerson from Amarillo. James and Louise Morris from Henrietta. Calvin and Wanda Jo Davis from Jonesboro. Ertis Kulla from Purnela; Marshall Dobson from Permela. Bobby, Tina Jennifer and Christy LaRue from Coahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Perry of Vealmoor. Attending from

Borden County were Lura Davis Perry; Melton and Martha Davis; May Shaffer.; James Herrington; Dorothy Browne and Christene and Isaac LaRue.

## Pointers For Parents

### Apricot Oatmeal Squares Earn An A+

(NAPS)—An easy-to-make, nutritious snack may get an A+ this school year from kids and busy parents.

Packed with apricots and oats, Apricot Oatmeal Squares make the grade by meeting moms' requirements for a nutritious snack. Chocolate chips help make the squares a treat kids crave.

An ideal take-along treat for kids' lunches, the squares are also terrific as after-school or sporting event snacks or as quick pick-me-ups tucked away in a parent's briefcase. Plus, apricots—whether canned, frozen or fresh—are a high source of vitamin A, beta carotene, calcium and iron. By using canned apricots, Apricot Oatmeal Squares are easy to make all year.

Although teaching children the importance of eating nutritious snacks can be a tough assignment, these chewy and delicious treats can help make the lesson more appealing.

**Apricot Oatmeal Squares**  
 2 sticks butter  
 ¾ cup brown sugar  
 ¾ cup sugar  
 2 eggs  
 2 teaspoons vanilla  
 1½ cups flour  
 1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking soda  
 3 cups quick-cooking oats  
 1 15¼ oz. can Del Monte® Almond Flavored Apricot Halves (or non-flavored), drained and diced into small pieces (approx. 1 cup)  
 1 bag semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375°  
 Bake 20-25 minutes

Grease a 13"x9" pan and set aside. Melt butter, add sugars and blend well. Add eggs and vanilla and blend. In a separate bowl, combine flour, salt, baking soda and mix together. Add mixture to the butter and sugars. Add oats and blend until combined. Add apricot halves and chocolate chips. Spoon mixture evenly into pan and bake 20-25 minutes until toothpick pulls out clean; do not overbake.

Variations: Omit chocolate chips; add 2 teaspoons of cinnamon and an additional can of apricot halves (drained and diced). Other possibilities include adding ½ cup of walnuts, almonds or coconut.



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### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: August 18, 1999, in the Borden Star, published in Borden County.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P. O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869, has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a State permit to conduct weather-modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below.
2. The Colorado River Municipal Water District has a valid Texas weather-modification license that was originally issued in 1975 and has been renewed annually. The most recent license renewal was granted by the Commission on October 16, 1998 and expires on August 31, 1999. An application by the District for renewal of its license for 2000 was filed by the CRMWD on June 15, 1999 and is now being considered by the Commission.
3. The purpose of weather-modification operations is to increase rainfall to affect the inflow of fresh water into the J. B. Thomas and E. V. Spence reservoirs located in Borden, Coke, and Scurry Counties of Texas. The requested period of the permit is four years from the date of issuance by the TNRCC.
4. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be conducted by and on behalf of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P. O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869.
5. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be carried out in both an operational area and a target area to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area includes the counties of Lynn, Garza, Kent, Fisher, Nolan, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Martin, and Dawson.
6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather-modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described as bounded by a line beginning at a point of origin at Big Spring, in Howard County, and running along Highway 87 in a northwesterly direction to Lamesa; thence, north-northeast on Highway 87 to the north border of Dawson County; thence, east along the northern boundary lines of Dawson, Borden, and Scurry Counties to Highway 84; thence, southeast along Highway 84 to Roscoe, in Nolan County; thence, south-southeast to Maryneal; thence, southerly to Robert Lee, in Coke County; thence, westerly to Highway 87 at a point approximately thirteen miles northwest of Sterling City, in Sterling County; and thence, northwesterly along Highway 87 to the point of origin at Big Spring, Texas. That is, the target area includes all or part of Howard, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Nolan, Coke, and Sterling Counties.
7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation include a licensed meteorologist who will select cumuliform or other appropriate clouds for seeding, using a weather-radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecast techniques, surface weather observations, and pilot reports. The licensed meteorologist will direct one or more aircraft equipped with flare racks or generators to dispense either glaciogenic or hygroscopic seeding material into the updraft portions of selected clouds to perform seeding operations.
8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact George Bomar, MC-160, TNRCC, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-0770.
9. A public hearing on this application may be called by mailing a petition that requests a hearing to the Executive Director, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the last date the Notice of Intention is published in week one of the mandatory three-week period required by 289.17(j) of Commission rules. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on an application prior to issuance of a permit.

Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Council, MC-103, TNRCC, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363.