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## Up to 320 electrical turbines planned . . . Borden County banking on wind

By Wade Warren  
Managing Editor  
Snyder Daily News

Recognizing the ups and downs of income derived from the oil industry, Borden County commissioners' court has quietly put wheels – or blades – in motion to ensure the long-term financial stability of the county.

Cielo Wind Power of Austin has secured leases along the Caprock in the northwest portion of Borden County where plans are rapidly taking place to locate 250 to 320 wind turbines.

"We've hit a home run," said County Judge Van York. "With the oil values going down, we needed to do something to secure the future for this county and its citizens and we believe this is it."

Borden County rancher Ralph Miller has leased land for the wind turbines and he is as excited as county officials about the long-term benefits for Borden County.

"Just think about what this project will do for Borden County," Miller said as he stood next to a monitoring tower on top of the Caprock.

This slim tower is recording wind direction and speed and is checked once a

week by Cielo employees from San Angelo.

"This tower will be dwarfed by the wind turbines," said Miller. "Each of those towers will be 250-foot high and their blades are 160-foot long."

The elevation where the turbines will be placed is 2,900 feet above sea level and is only 15-feet below the elevation of Lubbock.

The planned project is designed to generate 300 megawatts, and as a comparison, the Lubbock

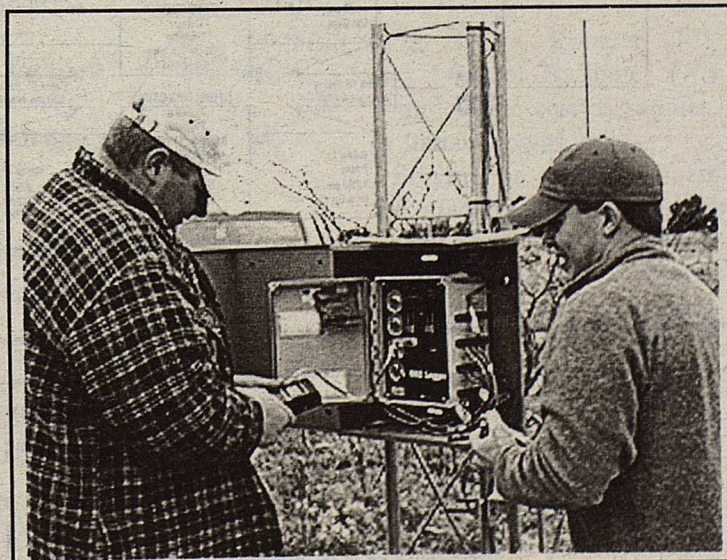
Power and Light generating station on the Slaton Highway generates 250 megawatts, added Miller.

The electricity generated will be transmitted to a TXU site between Snyder and Gail, and eventually sent into the electrical network.

"The electricity that will be generated right here has already been contracted for by the city of Austin," Miller noted.

He said the project would eventually add \$300 million

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**CHECKING IT OUT** – Cielo employees Bryan Molder, left, and Jason Menefee check out information generated from a test tower on the Caprock in Borden County. The wind turbine company has plans to build up to 320 turbines in Borden County at a cost of \$1 million each (SDN Staff Photo)

## Coyote Commedia

*Borden Co. Junior High one-Act Play to Compete This Weekend; Community Performance Set for Thursday*

Most of the time, new versions of old favorites get a bad rap. Just ask the makers of Coca-Cola following their "classic" recipe change in the mid-eighties.

However, if Walt Disney can produce recreations of classical stories of yesteryear, then so too can the Borden County Junior High School One-Act Play cast and crew. They take the stage this week with a new version of the storytime favorite Pinocchio in the form of Johnny Simons' Pinocchio Commedia.

The play takes the classical story of Pinocchio written by Carlo Collodi and adds a theatrical flair in the form of commedia dell'arte, an Italian form of theater from the 1500s. Through the use of masks and stock characters, the traveling actors of this style of theatre produce truly improvised comedy.

The creative production will debut this Thursday, December 12, in the Borden County I.S.D. Auditorium. The community performance will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The performance is considered the cast's and crew's dress rehearsal for the District 9-A Junior High One-Act Play contest to be

held here in Borden County on Saturday, December 14. Schools from Dawson and Paint Creek Junior Highs will join BC in performances starting at 2:00. BC is seeking their fourth consecutive district title.

The cast of twelve has been rehearsing two months for this week's performances. Leading off in the title role of "Pinocchio" is theater newcomer Logan Howard, a seventh grader at Borden County.

Eighth grade veteran Becky Dobyns serves as "Arlecchino," the play's version of the cricket who also narrates the show. Additionally, eighth grade returnees Rowdy Clary "Pantalone (Gepetto)", Kalli Poole "Pulchinella (Wicked Puppet Master)", Lindsey Stamper "Pedrolina (Fool/Donkey)", and Christina Soto "Beltramo (Cat)" also take leadership roles in the production.

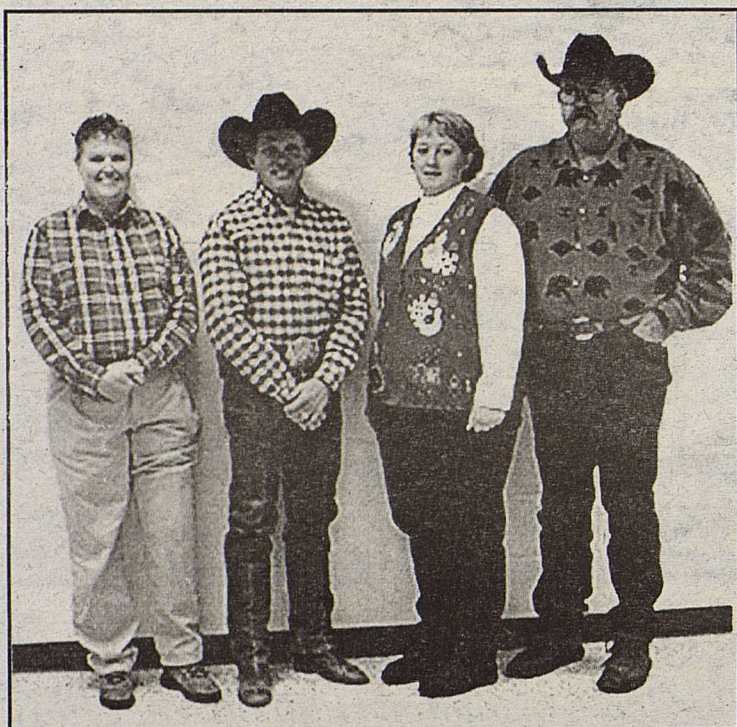
Seventh grade veterans include Kate Wallace "Columbina (Spirit)" and Rachel Wilson "Razullo (Fox)".

First time actors Symeron Rinehart (8<sup>th</sup>), Clint Chapman

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# Borden County EMS Elect New Officers



Borden County EMS held their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8, 2002 to honor their families and friends who support them. After enjoying a wonderful turkey and dressing meal prepared by Chuck and Paula Kimmel, members of Borden County EMS adjourned to the conference room for a quick meeting.

Officers for 2002-2003 were elected as follows:

- President: Mike Valentine
- Vice-President: Chuck Kimmel
- Secretary/Treasurer: Carrie Hart
- Reporter: Philena Farmer

Directors will be Buddy Wallace, Bob Kempf, Kent Holmes, and James Bond.

Borden County EMS would like to thank Judge Van York, the Commissioners Court, County Extension Office, Jimmy Thomas, and Borden County Board of Trustees for their support and help this past year.

## School Menu

### Week Of:

**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**

**MONDAY:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, salad, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes, fruit juice & milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken strips, potatoes, corn, hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuits & Gravy, fruit juice & milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Fajitas, salad, refried beans, ice cream & milk. **Breakfast:** Hot Pockets, fruit juice & milk

**THURSDAY:** Grilled Cheese, chips, salad, slice apple w/peanut butter, cookies & milk. **Breakfast:** Muffins, fruit juice, & milk.

**FRIDAY:**

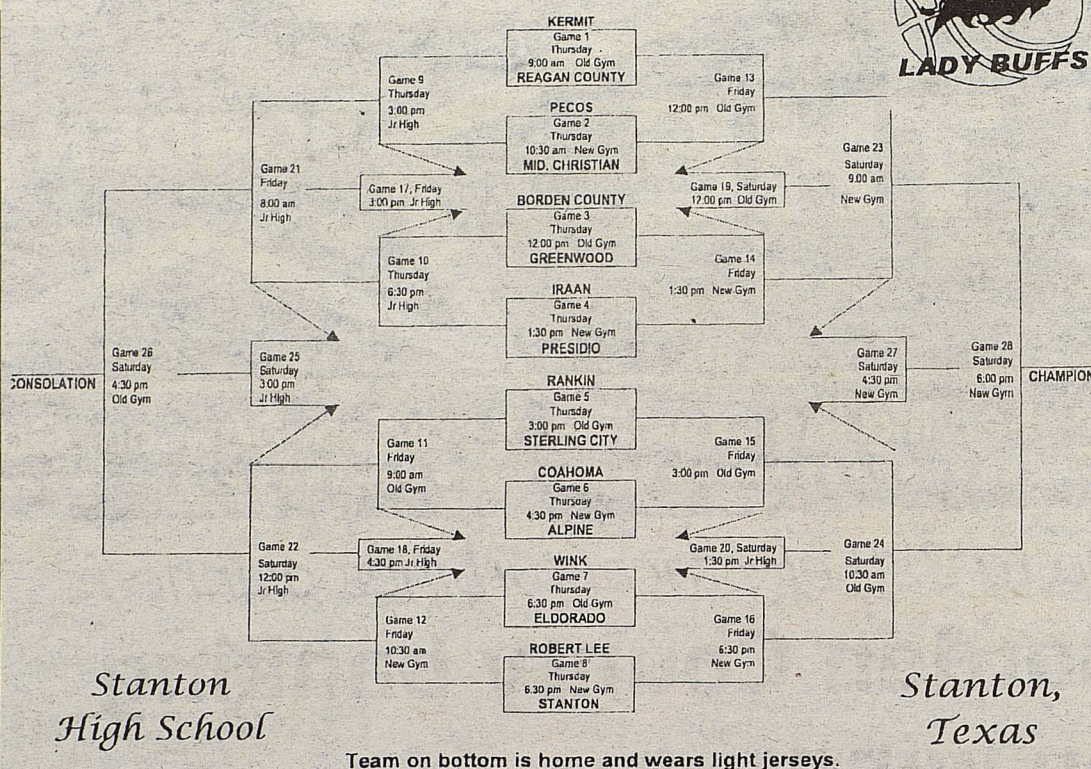
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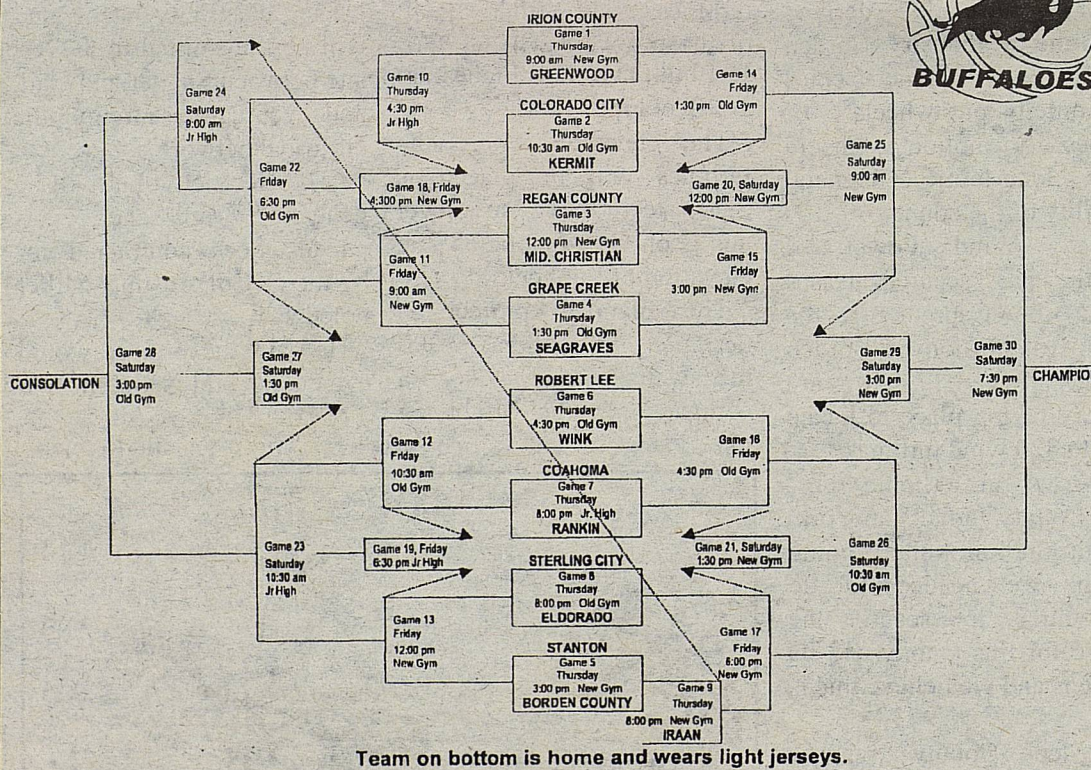
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## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Hooptown Classic December 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense

(\* denotes unanimous choice)

Offensive MVP:	# 8 Jeremy Renteria	Sr.	Sands
Quarter Back:	# 8 Jeremy Renteria*	Sr.	Sands
Spread Back:	# 9 Chris Garza	Jr.	Loop
Running Backs:	#32 <b>T.J. Sharp*</b>	Sr.	BC
	#11 Nate Looney*	Sr.	Sands
	#56 Heath Webb	Sr.	Sands
Ends:	# 5 <b>Kyle Pinkerton*</b>	Jr.	BC
	# 1 Brandon woods*	Jr.	Sands
	#20 T. Springer	Sr.	Grady
Center:	#60 Catlin Barraza	Sr.	Sands
Kicker:	#32 <b>T.J. Sharp*</b>	Sr.	BC
Utility Player:	#20 Joe Ed Morris	Sr.	Klondike
	#50 Daniel Espinoza	Sr.	Loop

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offense

Quarter Back:	#12 <b>Brionne Jackson</b>	Sr.	BC
Spread Backs:	# 8 Eric Tunnell	Sr.	Grady
	# 3 Kanyon Brown	So.	Dawson
Running Backs:	#30 Scott Ferguson	Sr.	Klondike
	# 1 Nathan Perales	Sr.	Dawson
	# 2 Andrew Villa	So.	Grady
Ends:	# 4 Breck Thurmond	Sr.	Dawson
	#21 Aaron Weatherman	Sr.	Klondike
	#65 Joe Gonzales	Sr.	Sands
	# 7 <b>Raul Rodriquez</b>	Sr.	BC
Center:	#30 <b>Talin Pepper</b>	Sr.	BC
Kicker:	#33 Julian Mojica	Jr.	Sands
Utility Player:	#45 Braxton Gray	Jr.	Dawson

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense

(\* denotes unanimous choice)

Defensive MVP:	#56 Heath Webb	Sr.	Sands
Defensive Ends:	# 7 <b>Raul Rodriquez</b>	Sr.	BC
	#55 Andrew Phipps	Sr.	Dawson
	#44 Kendall Cooks	Jr.	Grady
	#65 Joe Gonzales	Sr.	Sands
Line Backers:	#56 Heath Webb*	Sr.	Sands
	#32 <b>T.J. Sharp</b>	Sr.	BC
	# 1 Brandon Woods	Jr.	Sands
Corner Backs:	# 8 Eric Tunnell*	Sr.	Grady
	#30 <b>Talin Pepper*</b>	Sr.	BC
Safetys:	#11 Nate Looney*	Sr.	Sands
	# 9 Chris Garza	Jr.	Loop
Punter:	#12 <b>Brionne Jackson</b>	Sr.	BC
Special Team Player:	#16 <b>Derek Rodriguez</b>	So.	BC

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offense

Defensive Ends:	# 5 <b>Kyle Pinkerton</b>	Jr.	BC
	#50 Lewis Fawver	Sr.	Dawson
	#34 Colt Tate	Sr.	Grady
	#60 Catlin Barraza	Sr.	Sands
Linebackers:	#16 <b>Derek Rodriguez</b>	So.	BC
	#50 Daniel Espinoza	Sr.	Loop
	# 2 Andrew Villa	So.	Grady
	# 4 Breck Thurmond	Sr.	Dawson
Corner Backs:	#19 <b>Andy Lozano</b>	Jr.	BC
	# 1 Nathan Perales	Sr.	Dawson
Safetys:	#22 T. Springer	Sr.	Grady
	# 8 Jeremy Renteria	Sr.	Sands
Punters::	# 2 Andrew Villa	So.	Grady
	# 9 Chris Garza	Jr.	Loop

## 2002 Football All Stars and Alternates District 5-A

### All Stars

Heath Webb Sands  
**T.J. Sharp** Borden County

### Alternates

1<sup>st</sup> Jeremy Renteria Sands  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Nate Looney Sands  
 3<sup>rd</sup> **Talin pepper** Borden County  
 4<sup>th</sup> **Raul Rodriquez** Borden County

# 4-H News

## Consumer Decision Making Contest

Six Borden County 4-H'ers competed in the District 2 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest in Tahoka on Saturday, December 7. The Consumer Decision Making Contest is a competitive event which enables 4-H'ers to practice making decisions based on information about a situation and some possible marketplace options available. It provides these youth with an opportunity to practice marketplace skills and

compare decisions with a panel of judges who are knowledgeable about today's marketplace and the goods and services available. The Junior 1 Team placed first out of four teams. The team consisted of Bethany Stamper (9<sup>th</sup> High Individual), Chance Taylor (8<sup>th</sup> High Individual), Raylea Underwood (5<sup>th</sup> High Individual) and Lacey Roberts (2<sup>nd</sup> High Individual). The Junior 2 individuals placed well among the 24 other youth participating. Shylo Rinehart received 10<sup>th</sup> place in overall placings. Shelby Roberts received 7<sup>th</sup> place in overall placings, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in overall

## Jr High OAP

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(8<sup>th</sup>), Shelby Roberts (7<sup>th</sup>), and Michael Bullinger (7<sup>th</sup>) complete the cast as zannies, or Italian clowns.

Serving as crew members are Jacob Froman (Light Technician), Sharelle Gass (Stage Manager), Sarah Harding (Sound Technician), and Lacey Newton (Props & Costumes Mistress).

Directing the show is Darrin Ard, Borden County J.H. & H.S. English, Speech, & Theater Arts teacher.

Come out and enjoy a night of rollicking and hilarious theater and support these young actors in their performances.

## Let Me Get My Hat

by Dennis Poole,  
 Borden Co. CEA-Ag.

## 2003 BCJLA Awards

Thanks to all sponsors and co-sponsors of awards for the 2003 Borden County Junior Livestock Show. The dates for the stock show will be January 9 - 11, 2003. If you would be interested in sponsoring or co-sponsoring an award for the 2003 Junior Livestock Show, please give us a call at 806.756.4336. The following awards are in need of sponsorship:

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- Belt Badges:  
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Thanks once again for your continued support of Borden County 4-H and FFA members.

reasons and 5<sup>th</sup> place overall individual. We congratulate these youth for exhibiting their outstanding knowledge and consumer skills at this competition.

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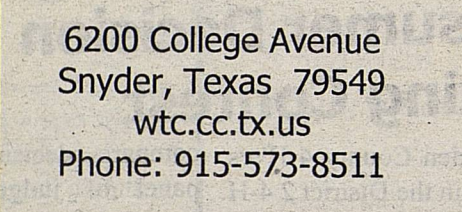
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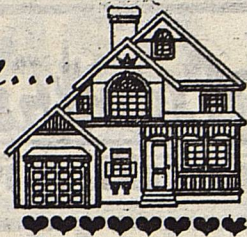
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## Heart and home...

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## Tips for Sending Your Holiday Greetings

It is once again time to send out our holiday greetings to family and friends. There are a number of ways to send a holiday greeting. You may choose to involve your family in preparing homemade cards and enclose a family photo. You may choose to purchase printed cards that have a special verse or message inside, or ones with a photo pocket and message. You may also choose to spend time writing a letter telling everyone all the news that is happening in your family. There are a number of inexpensive preprinted papers with matching envelopes and labels that you can choose from to send your letter on.

No matter how you express your holiday wishes, there are some things that you will want to keep in mind when sending them.

- ◆ **Think of your message.** Holiday stories and poems, Bible scriptures, memories and quotes from children spark thoughts that convey a message that is uniquely yours. No matter what the message is, your want it to come straight from your

heart.

- ◆ **Involve the entire family.** Ask family members to suggest messages and designs for your card. Also, have every family member sign the greeting.
- ◆ **Include a recent family photo.** This is especially great for the people you do not see often and if you have growing children and/or a new addition. If possible, select a picture that ties in with the theme or message of your greeting. Vacation and holiday photos are great. When trying to take photos for cards, shoot them horizontally and vertically to allow for options in card design and selection.
- ◆ **Maximize your greeting card budget.** Unfortunately it is too late to buy the sale cards for this year, but after Christmas, watch for sales on Christmas cards and buy them then. You won't have to fight the crowds to choose your greetings and you will be able to be thinking of a photo opportunity throughout the

year. Also compare greetings from store to store, or look into having them printed at a printing shop, sometimes it is less expensive.

- ◆ **Plan ahead.** You generally know how many people are on your greeting list, start making them out ahead of time and pre-buy stamps. This will make it less stressful when it comes time to send them out. Also, there are a number of beautiful Christmas and holiday stamps available through the United States Postal Service. Also, be sure to watch the card size, some cards will require extra postage to send.

- ◆ **Check out the Web.** If you and your family are online, consider sending an Internet card. There are a number of e-greeting sites available with a wide variety of cards. Some sites you might look to are <http://www.hallmark.com>, <http://www.bluemountain.com>, and <http://www.egreetings.com>. You can also check out the search engines and your Internet Service Provider to see if they offer any web greetings.

## Banking on wind

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to the tax base of Borden County that now stands at \$200 million.

Other landowners who have leased land to Cielo include Martin Parks, Jennie Smith, Steve Beavers and Bob Jordan.

In order to attract the company to Borden County, the commissioners' court did what most entities have to do to attract new industry — grant tax abatements.

"The county granted Cielo a 10-year tax abatement, but we will receive \$50,000 per year for the 10 years and then the turbines will go on the rolls at their taxable value," Judge York said.

The county granted the abatement in increments of 80 units each and each of the four increments will stand alone in the tax abatement process, Judge York said.

"If 80 turbines go on line one year and then 80 the next, we'll reap \$50,000 per year from each 80 units," said the judge.

As part of the process, the county declared a 40-section area as a reinvestment zone.

President of Cielo, Walter Hornaday of Austin, said a time line has not been pinpointed to begin construc-

tion.

"We're not ready to announce the construction time line just yet as there are still numerous loose ends to tie up."

Hornaday said the project is good news not only for Borden County, but neighboring counties as well.

"We just completed a project in the Panhandle that employed 250 people at the peak construction time."

Hornaday added the Panhandle project now employees about 10 people to operate the project, and they are mostly local residents.

The Borden County project is expected to employ 300 at the peak construction period, and one person for every eight units when in operation.

Hornaday was very complimentary of the Borden County officials and the community as a whole in working with Cielo.

"Without the support of the officials and community members in Borden County, we would not be able to develop the project," said Hornaday.

Cielo has projects in other areas of Texas, including one on King Mountain near McCamey that is billed as the world's largest wind power project.

Other completed company projects are near Pecos, El Paso, Ozona and White Deer.

Miller added that the project in Borden County has involved numerous environmental studies. "You can't imagine the environmental studies that are conducted before a project like this gets underway."

Everyone wants to make sure it is environmentally sound and that no archeological spots are disturbed," he said.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church Gail**

Everyone is invited to come and share a very special Christmas Eve with Music, Prayer, Lighting Candles, and Fellowship. Bring your family and friends and join us.



## Have A Safe & Happy Holiday!

There's no telling who you'll run into,  
so keep your eyes open . . . and enjoy the season!



### Moore-Rain Insurance

Frances Rains Stephens  
806/428-3335 O'Donnell, Texas





## Soothing a holiday stomach

Turkey and dressing and heartburn, oh my! This holiday season, many people will unfortunately receive the gift that keeps on giving — heartburn and stomach upset.

"The holiday foods we love best, like Thanksgiving turkey, gravy and pie, are made up almost completely of fat," said Dr. Gulchin Ergun, medical director of the Reflux Center at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital in Houston. "The same fat that makes our food taste so good also can give us heartburn."

Heartburn is caused when stomach acid overcomes the barrier between the stomach and esophagus, called the sphincter, which keeps the lower end of the esophagus closed when a person is not swallowing food or liquids. Foods that contain fat cause the sphincter to relax, allowing the acid to come up more easily into the chest.

The result is a burning pain in the chest and the abdomen that can last for hours and is often accompanied by a sour taste.

The simple way to prevent heartburn is to avoid the foods and drinks that trigger it, like high fat foods, foods high in acidity like cranberry sauce, and alcoholic drinks.

But if you just can't give up your favorite treats, the following tips may help soothe your holiday stomach:

- Move around. Lying down after a big meal may help trigger heartburn. "Chest pressure is negative, and your body wants to move things from a positive to a negative area," Ergun said. "If you are lying down after a big meal, it makes it easier for stomach acid to move up." Ergun suggests taking a walk, or playing a game of touch football

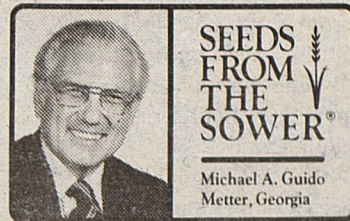
with your family after your meal.

- Take an antacid. For immediate relief, over-the-counter antacids work fastest to reduce the acid that causes heartburn or stomach upset.
- Eat in moderation. If you can't give up your mother's famous pecan pie, then go easy on the ham, or just eat only a portion of everything on your plate.

"Having a small amount of heartburn around the holidays isn't necessarily bad for you," Ergun said. "But you should really see your doctor if you are having symptoms two or three times a week."

Annually, more than 7 million Americans suffer from chronic heartburn, called Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD). Left untreated, GERD can increase the risk for esophageal

cancer. Diet modification, prescription drugs and surgery are all options to relieve the symptoms of GERD.



It was a never-to-be-forgotten experience to visit the Church of the Nativity outside Bethlehem.

Behind an altar in this ancient church is a cave. Embedded in the floor is a star. It designates the birthplace of Christ.

I entered the church happily but the cave humbly. The door is so low you can't walk in standing up. You must stoop.

Do you want to meet Christ this Christmas? You must get on your knees. It's only as you invite Him into your heart and confess Him with your mouth that you become a child of God.



*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

*Luke 2:11*

In celebration of that great event, we wish all of you a holiday filled with His peace and Love.

### Branon Funeral Home

403 N. Austin  
Lamesa, Texas

## Tips to maintain and improve windbreaks and other trees/shrubs

Windbreaks and other tree/shrub plantings can be a large investment. Increased property values, healthier livestock, reduced energy bills, and enhanced wildlife habitats are just a few of the returns on the investments. Here are a few tips to maintain and improve the returns.

Protect young seedlings from animal damage. Rodents and rabbits can easily kill young trees by girdling (removal of a narrow strip of bark from around the trunk). Repeated defoliation by deer and/or domestic livestock can be just as detrimental. A small investment in posts and wire can save your plantings.

Weeds and grass steal valuable moisture and nutrients from young trees and shrubs. Maintain a week-free area at least 3' around

the tree or down on each side of the row until the trees have developed a 6' drip (canopy) line. This can be done mechanically or by the use of herbicides. If you use herbicides, be careful and follow label directions.

Mulches and plastic weed barriers are less labor-intensive methods to control weeds and grass around plantings. Both help conserve moisture by cutting down on evaporation. Plastic weed barriers can also harvest moisture if properly installed.

Rainfall in West Texas, during average years, doesn't provide enough moisture for young trees and shrubs. Regular watering should be done from March through November, and the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out during the winter. Young trees and shrubs need 5-8 gallons per week the first

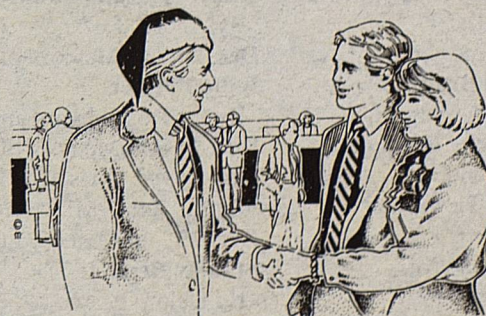
year, 10-15 gallons per week the second year, and 20 gallons per week the third year. Application should be throughout the week rather than all at once. Trickle or drip irrigation is a labor free and cost effective way to do this.

Early detection of damage caused by insects or disease and make treatment more effective and less costly. Make a habit of inspecting your trees and shrubs anytime you're around them.

We are now accepting orders for trees and drip irrigation through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003. For further information, call or come by the Upper Colorado Soil and Water conservation District office. The office is located in the Scurry County USDA Office complex at 5309 Big Spring Hwy. In Snyder (915)573-6317 ext. 2.



Texas Coalition for Safety Belts



## Merry Christmas!

Our entire staff extends warm greetings and thanks to you and your family..

We're banking on all of you having the most joyous holiday season ever!

### Snyder National Bank



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# Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

The "Star" on Gail Mountain will be sponsored on the following nights:

**Nov. 29** - In Honor of:  
**Delmo & Martha Pearce**  
 By the Citizens of Borden County

**Nov. 30** - In Honor of:  
**Rachael Payne (Happy Birthday on 11/29)**  
 By Ed & Lara Payne

**Nov. 30** - In Honor of:  
**Girls at The Coyote Store**  
 By Eddie Harrison

**Nov. 30** - In Honor of:  
**Tom & Margaret Ardry & Austin**  
 By Eddie Harrison

**Dec. 1** - In Memory of:  
**Sterling & Gladys Williams**  
 By Warren & Betty Beaver

**Dec. 1** - In Memory of:  
**Buddy Sharp**  
 By Helen & Jim Warden

**Dec. 1** - In Memory of:  
**James & Ann McLeroy**  
 By Bob, Julie, Meredith, Marc & Meg McLeroy

**Dec. 1** - In Honor of:  
**Our Family**  
 By Rich & Barbara Anderson

**Dec. 5** - In Memory of:  
**Edward Smith**  
 By Warren & Betty Beaver

**Dec. 5** - In Memory of:  
**Binie & Nell White**  
 By Binie & Edna White

**Dec. 6** - In Memory of:  
**Mary Mullins Cary**  
 By Margaret Cary Billingsley

**Dec. 7** - In Memory of:  
**Oleita Mitchell**  
 By William Mitchell

**Dec. 8** - In Memory of:  
**Joe & Mayola Bradshaw**  
 By Edgar & Margaret Ray, Steve & Dorothy Barrington

**Dec. 10** - In Honor of:  
**R. D. & Carol Lewis**  
 By Shawn Lewis

**Dec. 11** - In Honor of:  
**Langley Pearce**  
 By Jerry Stevens

**Dec. 12** - In Memory of:  
**Mr. & Mrs. Lillo S. Munger**  
 By Marjorie Munger Middleton

**Dec. 12** - In Memory of:  
**Beno & Donna Hendricks**  
 By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

**Dec. 13** - In Memory of:  
**James Eubanks**  
 By the Dennis Poole Family

**Dec. 14** - In Memory of:  
**Buz & Jo Sawyer**  
 By Bill & Sheryl Tarleton

**Dec. 15** - In Memory of:  
**Charlie & Margie Engle**  
 By Helen Engle Humphrey

**Dec. 16** - In Honor of:  
**My Wife, Connie**

By T. Ruffin Johnson, Jr. (from North Carolina)

**Dec. 17** - In Memory of:  
**Bill Schooler** and In Honor of:  
**Florence Schooler** on their wedding anniversary  
 By Bill & Sheryl Tarleton

**Dec. 18** - In Honor of:  
**Terry Millenbine Family**  
 By Terry Millenbine

**Dec. 18** - In Memory of:  
**J. K. Mitchell Family**  
 By Warren & Betty Beaver

**Dec. 19** - In Honor of:  
**Terry Millenbine Family**  
 By Terry Millenbine

**Dec. 19** - In Memory of:  
**Sterling P. Stewart**  
 By Edna M. Stewart

**Dec. 20** - In Honor of:  
**Mildred Sevey**  
 By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

**Dec. 20** - In Memory of:  
**Phillip Stewart**  
 By Edna M. Stewart

**Dec. 21** - In Honor of:  
**Trey Richey Family**  
 By Trey & Hayley Richey

**Dec. 22** - In Honor of:  
**Billy Gannaway**  
 By B. A. Hopkins

**Dec. 23** - In Honor of:  
**Connie & Sidney Hart**  
 By B. A. Hopkins

**Dec. 23** - In Memory of:  
**Buddy Sharp, Bill Gilleland**  
 By the Ross Sharp Family

**Dec. 24** - In Honor of:  
**Carol & R. D. Lewis**  
 By B. A. Hopkins

**Dec. 24** - In Honor of:  
**Andres Lozano Family**  
 By Andres Lozano

**Dec. 24** - In Memory of:  
**Babe Brewer**  
 By the Ross Sharp Family

**Dec. 24** - In Memory of:  
**Our Loved Ones & Friends**  
 By the Ralph Miller Family

**Dec. 25** - In Memory of:  
**Stanley Bennett**  
 By Delmo Pearce

**Dec. 25** - In Memory of:  
**Paul H. Logsdon**  
 By Louise Logsdon

**Dec. 25** - In Memory of:  
**John & Katherine Stephens**  
 By Mr. & Mrs. Steve Stephens

**Dec. 25** - In Memory of:  
**C. C. Nunnally**  
 By Florence Nunnally

**Dec. 25** - In Honor of:  
**Zella Nixon**  
 By B. A. Hopkins

**Dec. 25** - In Honor of:  
**Larry Hopkins**  
 By B. A. Hopkins

**Dec. 25** - In Memory of:  
**Edward Smith**  
 By Terry Smith & Family

**Dec. 26** - In Honor of:  
**Margaret Sharp**  
 By B. A. Hopkins

**Dec. 27** - In Honor of:  
**Sarah & Ross Sharp**  
 By B. A. Hopkins

**Dec. 28** - In Honor of:  
**Barbara & Van York**  
 By B. A. Hopkins

**Dec. 29** - In Honor of:  
**Sue & Bob Beal**  
 By B. A. Hopkins

**Dec. 30** - In Honor of:  
**Joyce & Fiddler Herridge**  
 By B. A. Hopkins

**Dec. 30** - In Memory of:  
**Our Parents**  
 By Rich & Barbara Anderson

**Dec. 31** - In Honor of:  
**Shirley & Kenneth Bennett**  
 By B. A. Hopkins

**Dec. 31** - In Honor of:  
**Our Customers**  
 By Bertie Copeland & Family

**Dec. 31** - In Honor of:  
**My Grandchildren, Tori, Jacob and Bodie**  
 By T. Ruffin Johnson, Jr.

Light bulbs for the "Star" on Gail Mountain are being sponsored for the following:

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Clay Kingston, Garland Doyle**  
 By Eva Doyle

**J. Pat Porter, Lela Porter, Skeet Porter**  
 By Bob & Cookie Dyess

**Joe Bradshaw, Mayola Bradshaw**  
 By Edgar & Margaret Ray, Steve & Dorothy Barrington

**Thomas W. Hale Family**  
 By Pauline Stephens

**Paul H. Logsdon**  
 By Louise Logsdon

**Zada Chapman**  
 By D. T. & Jean Chapman

**Marsaline Summer Whitcomb**  
 By James H. Whitcomb

**Bonnie Wilson, Darwin Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Obe Wilson**  
 By Marguerite Faver

**Marc B. Kincaid**  
 By Thelma K. Schafer

**Buddy Sharp, Barbara Sharp, Preston Sharp, Ella Sharp, Babe Brewer**  
 By Margaret Sharp

**Edna Miller**  
 By John Stovall

**Dave Covey, Ruby Covey, James Covey, Francis Bennett**  
 By D. R. Covey

**Corky Ogden, Vernon Creighton**  
 By Verna Ogden

**Beno & Donna Hendricks, Paula Rios**  
 By Mildred Sevey

**Beno & Donna Hendricks**  
 By the Ross Sharp Family

**Buddy Sharp, Paula Rios, Johnnie W. Sevey**  
 By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

**Edna Buchanan, Cleo Couture, Floyd Buchanan, Nora Buchanan, Warren Sweat, Charles Couture**  
 By Bob & Terri Buchanan

**Buddy Sharp, Preston Sharp, Ella Sharp**  
 By Barbara & Todd White

**Brandon Adcock, Dottie Adcock, Vernon Todd**  
 By Randy & Verna Adcock

**Lynda Beaver, Patsy Westbrook**  
 By Steve & Becky Beaver

**IN HONOR OF:**

**Kyle Jennings, Dean Jennings, Madolyn McCormick, McCrae McCormick, Justin Cox, Corey Cox**  
 By Warren & Betty Beaver

**Horace Hale, Tom N. Hale**  
 By Pauline Stephens

**Dorothy Browne, Joyce & Jerry Kincheloe, Janice Morgan & Family**  
 By Dorothy Browne

**Vickie Kiker, Gayla Erwin, Cody Newton, Jessica Ky Kiker, Lacey Newton**

By Newton Family Ranch

**Juan Rios**  
 By Mildred Sevey

**Margaret Sharp, Sarah L. Gilleland, Jason Sharp, Marcie Andrews**  
 By the Ross Sharp Family

**Brian & Sharon Jones & Family, Margaret Sharp**  
 By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

**Ross Sharp Family, Margaret Sharp**  
 By Sarah Gilleland

**Hailey Adcock, Kristi, Joh, Thomas & Tanner Harrison, Tharon Todd**  
 By Randy & Verna Adcock

**Jibber Herridge, Fuzz Herridge**  
 By Maurice Herridge

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 Mattie V. Turner  
 Mr. & Mrs. Royale D. Lewis  
 Van & Barbara York  
 Brenda Copeland  
 Jackie Keene  
 Larry & Wanda Smith  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joel Dennis  
 Bill & Sadie Ludecke  
 Joey, Holguin, Joel Holguin,  
 Jonathan Holguin, Dylan  
 Beam, Cindy Earnest  
 Flora Johnson

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)**

**District:** Abilene  
**Contract:** 6091-63-001 for "ON DEMAND" MBGF CONTRACT in SCURRY County, etc. will be opened on December 20, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$58,336.80

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

**NPO: 7730**

**State Office**  
 Construction Division  
 200 E. Riverside Dr.  
 Austin, Texas 78704  
 Phone: 512-416-2540

**DISTRICT OFFICE**  
 Abilene District  
 District Engineer  
 4250 N. Clack  
 Abilene, TX 79601  
 Phone: 915-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.