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Former Borden County teacher recalls her teaching roots Following In Their Footsteps

By Sue Jane Mayes

Normally, the little girl walking along the rocky island coast picked up pieces of lumber or driftwood and tossed them back into the ocean. But one day, while exploring with her dad along, she went along with his suggestion that she keep the long lumber-looking item at her feet. "Father knows best," she thought.

The former second-grade teacher has to be a bit more careful when walking around the family ranch in southeastern Borden County these days. A lumber-looking item might just turn out to be a rattlesnake, instead of the walrus tusk that she proudly keeps as a reminder of not only her father

but of some childhood years spent in the Pribilof Islands of Alaska.

The oldest daughter of school teaching parents, Pat had many moments of wandering about an island and then wandering about an Indian reservation.

Her parents, Homer and Olive ("Sassy") Merriott, were referred to as gypsy educators. Pat was born in Turkey, Texas. Her folks taught in that area with a later move to Haskell County. But it would be a major move north to Alaska during WWII followed by teaching stints on Navajo Reservations in New Mexico and Arizona that would provide stories

and memories for the family for years to come.

Pat's dad was from Oklahoma; her mother hailed from Tennessee. A doctor's daughter, Sassy was used to making house calls in a buggy with her father. That might explain why she was more than willing to go on an adventure with her husband.

At the beginning of the war, Alaska was a recognized territory (not yet a state) of the United States government. Due to the Japanese invasion of Dutch Harbor, the native Aleuts were evacuated to Funter Bay, Alaska.

After traveling by train to Seattle, Washington, the family—Homer, Sassy, Pat, and younger sister Linda—took the government supply ship called *The Penguin* to Funter Bay. It was here that Pat's parents worked with the Aleutian children: Homer teaching history, coaching, and then doing some administrative work. Sassy, when not home schooling Pat, taught some English and then eventually 2nd Grade.

While in Funter Bay, an old mining town and 24 hours by boat from Juneau, the Merriott Family experienced first hand the impact of being

Construction Underway!



Excitement grows among Coyote players, coaches and fans as crews began construction on the new Borden County turf football field last week.

Nominations For FSA Committee Elections Due by August 3

Jonathan Coppess, recently announced administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), today reminded farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers that they have until Aug. 3, 2009, to nominate eligible candidates to serve on local FSA county committees.

"I encourage all producers to get involved by nominating candidates to serve on county committees," Coppess said. "FSA county committees are essential to the delivery of federal programs. We are getting close to the deadline and we need more participation. I also urge producers to help us

build a strong future for our next generation of agricultural businesses and communities by nominating beginning farmers and ranchers, minorities and women."

FSA county committees help local farmers through their decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs and disaster programs, and by working closely with county executive directors.

To be eligible to hold office as a county committee member, people must partici-



All dressed up and everywhere to go: the Merriott family in traditional parkas on the Pribilof Islands (left to right) Judith, Homer, Linda, Sassy and Pat (Murphy)

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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

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21 Days to a New Habit

Whether you're trying to eat better, be more active, or quit smoking, experts say that the first 21 days can be the toughest. Here's how to stick with your goal.

Sometimes, to improve your health, your doctor may recommend making changes to your diet, quitting smoking, becoming more active, or making other lifestyle changes. But breaking up is hard to do—especially when it comes to unhealthy habits. "The first few weeks of trying to break a bad habit or start a new, healthy one are the hardest," says G. Alan Marlatt, PhD, director of the Addictive Behaviors Research Center at the University of Washington. "You'll likely encounter temptations, but some strategies can help you cope with any such urges." The good news: If you get through those weeks, the new mind-set becomes easier to maintain. Here are seven ways to help you reach 21 days.

1. Jot in a journal. You can keep track of your progress, monitor any backsliding, and identify situations that may cause you to give in to temptation.

2. Set small steps. Instead of attempting a wholesale, huge life change, aim only for one behavior at a time. Break your goal down into smaller parts. "For example, if your goal is to lose weight and you didn't reach your goal of lost pounds in a few weeks, think about the health benefits of the weight you did lose."

3. Surf your urges. The compulsion to light up another cigarette or toss down a bag of chips has often been described as a wave. It builds and builds, potentially threatening to wash away your newfound resolve like a tsunami. Marlatt's solution: surfing. "Imagine the urge is a wave, and as you feel it build, close your eyes and pay attention to your breathing," he says. "Picture yourself on a surfboard riding the wave

and the desire will subside."

4. Don't trust willpower. Maybe you've had a couple of weeks with newfound willpower. "Even if you think you can slide back into a behavior and put the brakes on whenever you want, it doesn't work like that. Keep yourself out of situations that could make you more likely to backslide."

5. Defuse triggers. With help from your journal, you might be able to identify triggers that may lead to old behavior. Some triggers may include being around others who are engaging in the activity you wish to stop, or it could be stress or negative emotions that may lead you to smoke or overeat. "Try using calming efforts such as meditation or yoga to cope with triggers," Marlatt says.

6. Try, try, try...again. There's a difference between a "lapse" and a relapse. A lapse is a slight slip; a relapse is becoming entirely entrenched in your old behavior. "About 80% of people have lapses," he says. "You're up against formidable odds, but the good news is that if you keep trying and learn from mistakes, you'll get better as you go along."

7. Prepare for the next hurdle. While those first few weeks may be the toughest, Marlatt says the first three months are the trial period that'll test how well you avoid the urges. "Rely on your journal to show you what triggers the behavior you want to change," he says. "Changing a habit is like learning how to play piano or speak a foreign language. Learn from mistakes so that next time that situation occurs, you'll know how to deal with it."

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Youth Horse Club Results

The Borden County Youth Horse Club kicked off on July 7. There were a total of nine youth participating. The following are the results:

Lead Line: Kambell Schmidt was the only contestant in the Western Pleasure, Barrels, Pole Bending, Flag Race and Goat Ribbon Pull.

8 & Under Western Pleasure Contestants: J. Tom Price, Allie Murphy, Haley Kizer and Luke Carpenter.

8 & Under Barrels: 1st-Allie Murphy; 2nd-Haley Kizer; 3rd-J. Tom Price and 4th-Luke Carpenter.

8 & Under Pole Bending: 1st-Kaley Kizer; 2nd-J. Tom Price; 3rd-Allie Murphy and 4th-Luke Carpenter.

8 & Under Flag Race: 1st-J. Tom Price; 2nd-Haley Kizer; 3rd-Allie Murphy and 4th-Luke Carpenter.

8 & Under Goat Ribbon Pull: 1st-Haley Kizer; 2nd-Allie Murphy; 3rd-Luke Carpenter and 4th-J. Tom Price.

9-12 Western Pleasure Contestants: Avery Price and Blaise Freeman.

9-12 Barrels: 1st-Avery Price and 2nd-Blaise Freeman.

9-12 Pole Bending: 1st-Blaise Freeman and 2nd-Avery Price.

9-12 Flag Race: 1st-Avery Price and 2nd-Blaise Freeman.

9-12 Goat Ribbon Pull: 1st-Avery Price

13-18 Western Pleasure Contestants: Taylor Gass and Seleste Herridge.

13-18 Barrels: 1st-Taylor Gass and 2nd-Seleste Herridge.

13-18 Pole Bending: 1st-Taylor Gass and 2nd-Seleste Herridge.

13-18 Flag Race: 1st-Seleste Herridge and 2nd-Taylor Gass.

13-18 Goat Ribbon Pull: 1st-Taylor Gass and 2nd-Seleste Herridge.

The following are the results of the July 14 Youth Horse Club:

Lead Line: Kambell Schmidt was the only contestant in the Western Pleasure, Barrels, Pole Bending, Flag Race and Goat Ribbon Pull.

8 & Under Western Pleasure Contestants: Haley

Kizer and Luke Carpenter.
8 & Under Barrels: 1st-Haley Kizer and 2nd-Luke Carpenter.

8 & Under Pole Bending: 1st-Haley Kizer and 2nd-Luke Carpenter.

8 & Under Flag Race: 1st-Haley Kizer.

8 & Under Goat Ribbon Pull: 1st-Haley Kizer and 2nd-Luke Carpenter.

9-12 Western Pleasure Contestants: No contestants.

9-12 Barrels: No contestants.

9-12 Pole Bending: No contestants.

9-12 Flag Race: No contestants.

9-12 Goat Ribbon Pull: No contestants.

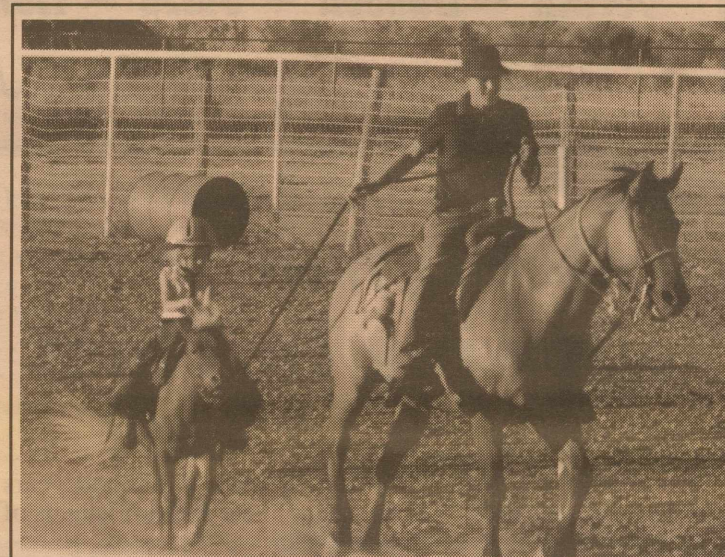
13-18 Western Pleasure Contestants: Seleste Herridge.

13-18 Barrels: 1st-Seleste Herridge.

13-18 Pole Bending: 1st-Seleste Herridge.

13-18 Flag Race: 1st-Seleste Herridge.

13-18 Goat Ribbon Pull: 1st-Seleste Herridge.



Kambell Schmidt participates in the Lead Line Pole Bending with her uncle, Riley Smith. Kambell is the granddaughter of Monte and Deidre Smith of Borden County.

Thank You

Our family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Borden County EMS for their care of Mom, Dad, Keigan and Tristen during our recent bee attack. All four recovered very quickly due to the expertise of care that they received on scene. Covenant ER confirmed this. A very special thank you goes out to Carrie Hart, Mike Valentine, Fernando Baeza, D'Linda Benham, Kerri Dean, Terri Buchanan, Trey Richey, and Kenny Bennett. Also, thank you to all of you who stopped by to check on us and see if there was anything you could help with. We know that it is said often, but when something like this happens, we realize that it can be said a lot more often; we are truly blessed to live in the Borden County community.

*Alfonso & Maria Benavidez
Marie Benavidez and family
Jr. & Roseanne Benavidez and family
Simona Ramirez and family
Phillip & Holly Benavidez and family
Peter & Kerri Benavidez and family*

Following In Their Footsteps...

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isolated. Pat suffered an appendicitis attack while living in Funter Bay, but fortunately the government supply ship was in port. Pat and her mother were sent to Juneau on that ship for the operation. (Judith, Pat's youngest sister who passed away this past June, was actually born in Juneau.)

After the Japanese threat was removed, the Aluets were able to return to St. Paul, the largest of the Pribilof Islands. The Merriotts relocated, traveling a troop ship to St. Paul, nicknamed "Uncle Sam's biggest little possession." (This nickname probably came from the income on fur seals prior to 1910.) It was St. Paul where Pat would roam the island, walk the coast with her father, and find the tusk that now resides on a Texas cattle ranch.

During winters, the island would be iced in. Supplies still somehow arrived by boat. As did the "wholesale" surgeon who would come and perform some routine procedures for island residents. Pat and her sister Linda both had their tonsils out while living on St. Paul.

St. Paul was also where her family experienced some differences in culture that they probably would not have found on dry West Texas plains. On the island was a Greek Orthodox Church, and its parish priest (allowed to marry) had a wife who made a Russian cake every Christmas. Sassy had to have that recipe—the cake was a bit of a monument to piece together, alternating layers and layers of cake and icing. Even after returning home to Texas, Pat's mother continued to make the traditional Russian cake using that same recipe. Experiences such as this one along with a tsunami warning and a walrus tusk made Pat's years in Alaska unique. Not to mention the Christmas tree incident.

Trees had to be shipped in early for the holiday season. Early—as in many weeks prior to Christmas. Obviously, watering was important. When the time came for Pat's dad to bring the tree down from the attic to display for Christmas, it was obvious that watering the tree had been neglected. As her dad brought the tree down the stairs, the dry limbs and pine needles just fell right off.

It looked like the "Charlie Brown Christmas tree" by the time he reached the end of the stairs.

Such moments provided vivid memories for Pat, but the Merriotts decided to make their way back to the continental United States to someplace where there were no tsunamis and where there were live trees with limbs. Their government employment continued as they began teaching on Navaho reservations in New Mexico and Arizona.

After teaching the Navaho children for a few years, Homer and Sassy decided to return to West Texas to enroll their girls in school. Pat started 7th Grade at Stamford and graduated from there as did her sisters.

While in Stamford, her mother continued to teach 2nd Grade while her dad served as the elementary school principal. It was during this time that Homer and Sassy would also drive to Abilene to work on and earn their Masters degrees from Hardin-Simmons University.

After their daughters had all graduated from high school, the Merriotts answered one


more call of the wild and returned to teach in Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska. The stay was shortened as Homer suffered a heart attack while there. He and Sassy returned to Texas, as he finished out his career filling in as the elementary principal in Stamford. By this time, Sassy had retired—perhaps to enjoy her grandchildren, among them Pat's son Michael who was born while his grandparents were in Alaska.

One aspect of Homer and Sassy's legacy is the fact that all three of their daughters became schoolteachers. Indirectly, their legacy affected Borden County. Mrs. Brent (Pat) Murphy taught 2nd Grade in Gail from 1990-2007, sharing her own love for learning with many a child. Now, some of those same children she taught are making their way to classrooms as teachers—the continuation of a teaching legacy that began on a boat called *The Penguin*.

And who knows—maybe someday we can talk Mrs. Murphy into bringing that walrus tusk to school for Show and Tell.




A fish tale: Pat Murphy's dad Homer showing off a salmon that he did not catch in Funter Bay, Alaska.



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Borden County 4-H News



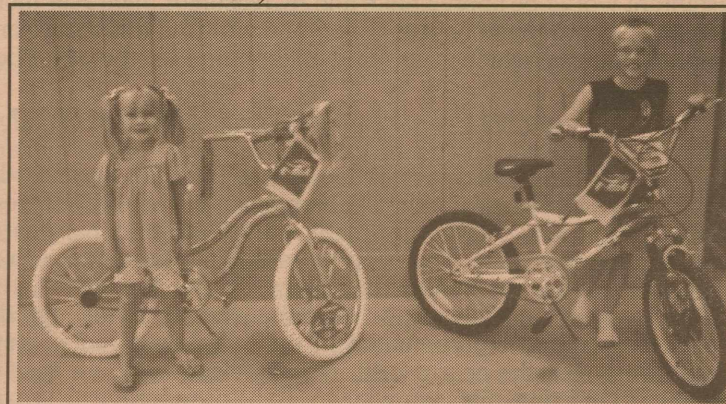
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Fun With 4-H Day

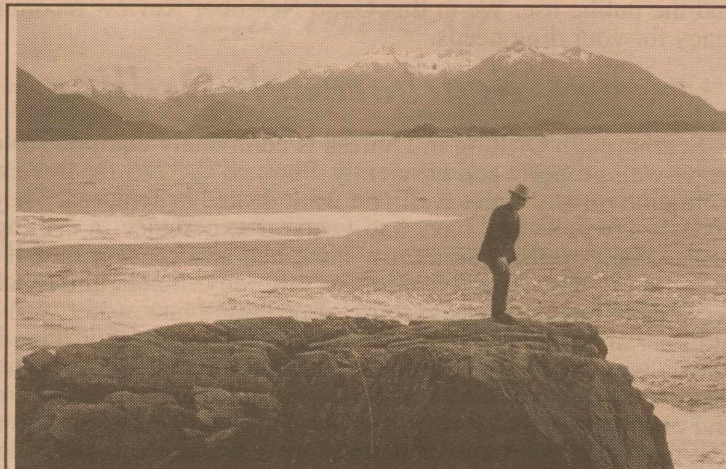
This year the Fun with 4-H Day was held on Wednesday, July 15th at the Borden County Show Barn. The day focused on safety with a theme of "Safety First." We were fortunate to have three 4-H members on hand to serve as counselors for the day and we had seven participants. During the day, youth learned lots of fun songs and played fun games, learned about archery, as well as made leather key chains, sandpaper art bags and ice cream in a bag. However, the highlight of the day were the presentations by Sheriff Billy Gannaway and Deputy Benny Allison on gun safety and Game Warden Brent Tucker on outdoor/water safety. Youth also learned about bicycle safety and food safety. *The Greenhouse* of Lamesa (owners Randy and Verna Adcock) donated two bicycles as prizes for the participants. Winners of the bicycles were Charli Snell and J.W. Nix.

4-H Community Service Helps to Beautify Gail

Borden County 4-H is happy to provide small container gardens placed around local establishments in Gail to help "beautify" the town. The project could not have been possible without the donation of plants by *The Greenhouse* in Lamesa (owned by Randy and Verna Adcock). 4-H'ers will be taking turns caring for the plants throughout the Summer and early Fall. We hope that they will bring a smile to your face when you see them around town. Currently, plants are placed at the Gail Post Office, Borden County Texas Department of Transportation, Borden County Courthouse, and the Borden County Annex Building (which houses the Appraisal Office, Sheriff's Office and Extension Office).



Fun with 4-H Day bicycle winners were Charli Snell and J.W. Nix. The bicycles were donated by The Greenhouse of Lamesa.



We're not in Texas anymore: Homer Merriott, father of Pat Murphy, surveying the beautiful Alaskan scenery on the Pribilof Islands.

Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of Lamesa



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

Acevedo Restaurant Specializing In Fine Mexican Foods

This fine Mexican restaurant is located at 312 S. Dallas Ave. in Lamesa 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 Mexican dishes served with courtesy and a pleasant smile. It is indeed refreshing to find such an up-to-date restaurant as this. It is unsurpassed by any eating place in the way of fast service and good food. When Hector and Grace Cantu went into business it was with the idea that a modern Mexican restaurant would be appreciated, and by reason of their ever increasing patronage, this has proven to be true. Everyone will find this a pleasant place to visit while in Lamesa, whether working or shopping for the day. Phone 872-5715.

Jones-McCall Pharmacy

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

Scarborough Drilling

Scarborough Drilling in Lamesa is completely equipped to drill or repair a water well properly and efficiently. Phone 872-3285 for free estimates and information on any water well you want drilled or repaired. They are located at 2001 S. Hwy. 87 and have had years of experience in drilling and repairing wells. Many in this community have had an occasion to call on them many times in the past. They have always offered efficient and reliable service at a reasonable rate. When you think of drilling a new water well or repairing an old one, always think of Scarborough Drilling. In this "Good Neighbor Review", we feel we can highly recommend the reliable services offered by this water well driller, and suggest that you call them and ask for any information and estimates before having any well drilled or repaired. Also, you will find that they carry any size submersible pumps for all your resident or irrigation needs. We feel you will be highly satisfied with their quality work.

David Hogg Body Shop Serving You Since 1979

David Hogg Body Shop located at 208 S. 6th Street in Lamesa, phone 806/872-5730 is the firm to see in our area for complete auto body repair including paint jobs as well as auto glass installations. You always get the best for less at David Hogg Body Shop. Not only Lamesa but in all the surrounding territory this firm is well known for expert work in rebuilding wrecked cars and trucks as well as small damages. In many cases they have restored wrecked cars that the owners thought were beyond the aid of even expert services. Whether it is just a scratch, a dented fender or a completely wrecked auto they can fix it like new in a short time. Add their excellent paint jobs are sure to please you. Their service is known by many people, not only for their ability to render expert service, but also for their honest and fair dealing with their customers. We are most happy to recommend such a firm as this to all our readers in this our annual Good Neighbor Review. You will find that they are one of the leaders in this area for body repair.

Shannon Forbes Insurance Agency Farmers Insurance Group Companies

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

State National Bank

This prominent bank is located at 801 N. 4th Street in Lamesa. Phone 872-8808. The **State National Bank** is an institution of financial strength and safety and may well be termed "The Friendly Bank". It was founded by men of character and integrity who were very prominent in business and commercial activities and is progressing at this district itself is growing and progressing. Under the management of efficient and capable men and women they invite accounts of business men, women, farmers, laborers or all people who desire profitable connections with a modern banking institution. At this bank you will find strength, seasoned judgement, dependability, accuracy in handling details and breadth of vision—all to be applied to the management of your personal or commercial affairs. In making this "Good Neighbor Review" of the firms in Lamesa we wish to make the statement that at this bank you may at all times save with safety for the area FDIC member bank. Drop in and visit with them for any information on your banking needs.

Mize Construction George & Eddie Mize-Owners

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

Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of Lamesa

Wilton, Newberry, Heidel, Leonard and Horton CPA

Today's Certified Public Accountant is more than just a tax professional. A CPA is a business advisor, keeping a breast of legislation which affects the businessman and woman, the individual, and the professional. They are an invaluable "SILENT" partner in helping you improve your business and financial status. Laws affecting your business can change yearly and forms required by various agencies are over-whelming to many businesses. Wilton, Newberry, Heidel, Leonard and Horton are competent in matters that could be beneficial to your business. They can be reached at 611 N. 2nd Street in Lamesa, phone 806/872-5426. We recommend this competent CPA firm as an experienced and professional advisor to business people and professionals in our area. We believe the expertise of a CPA is a necessity in today's complex economic and business environment.

Claiborne's Supermarket

Lamesa's Only Home-Owned Supermarket

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

Sew Jo's

Beck Seago-Jonita Riker-Owners

This is one of the leading fabric centers in this area and they have built their reputation upon service, quality merchandise and good will extended to their many satisfied customers. Having been in the fabric business for a number of years **Sew Jo's** provides the demands of their customers with quality fabrics at reasonable prices. They have a complete line of name brand fabrics and other sewing essentials along with a large selection of pattern books for ordering any pattern you may desire. If you are looking for quality fabrics at reasonable prices go to **Sew Jo's** located at 407 S. 1st Street in Lamesa. It has been said that business goes where it is invited and remains where it is well treated. In the Review of the reliable concern in our trade territory we recommend **Sew Jo's** in Lamesa. Their years of satisfactory. Phone 806/872-2411.

WS Electric

Wayne Smith-Owner

Industrial, commercial and residential wiring is a specialty with **WS Electric** located at 306 N. 3rd Street in Lamesa. Phone 806/872-5902. This firm is well known in this area for fast and dependable wiring service. They have been in this type of business for several years and have the know-how to handle any job. **WS Electric** employs one Master Electrician, one journeyman electrician and one residential wireman. Experience does make a difference in the electrical contracting business field. Reasonable bids can only be made when the contractor you call is familiar with the problems involved. You can rest assured that **WS Electric** will be reasonable in all dealing. Their popularity has increased each year they have been in business and they are now recognized as leaders in the field of wiring. This Good Neighbor Review recommends them to all in this section that have wiring of any type to be done. Remember the name, **WS Electric** for the best in electrical wiring service.

A-1 Body Shop

Free Estimates - 20 Years Experience

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

B.E. Implement

Ryan Webb-Manager

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

Hogg Flying Service

Glenn & Janice Hogg, Owners

Crop Dusting-Seeding-Fertilizing-Liquid Spraying

Hogg Flying Service is one of the largest and oldest crop dusting services. They are located at the Municipal Airport in Lamesa and can be reached by calling 806/872-9696. Protecting crops through scientific crop dusting in order that farmers and ranchers may realize peak production from the fields and orchards is the pride of Hogg Flying Service. Their experience is a recognized fact by all who have called upon them for service. Their complete up-to-date knowledge of the latest scientific development in crop dusting assures the farmer that his crop will receive the best protection available today. You are cordially invited to call them for free information and/or estimates. We in this Good Neighbor Review highly recommend Hogg Flying Service to our readers for reliable information and dependable service in the field of crop dusting, seeding, fertilizing, or liquid spraying.

Sonic Drive-In

This excellent drive-in is located at 401 N. 4th in Lamesa. Be sure to stop here for a cold drink and a bite to eat the next time you are shopping in Lamesa for the day. They provide curb service for your convenience. Just drive up to the **Sonic Drive-In** and you will be pleased with the excellent service they give you right in your own car. You will find they have easy in and out access and you will find a menu right by your window when you drive in. One of the most important points a person considers when he eats away from home is the sanitary conditions of the kitchen from which his food comes from. In this Good Neighbor Review we wish to commend the management of **Sonic Drive-In** on keeping such a clean kitchen and serving really good food. When they moved to their new and larger facility it was with the idea that it would be greatly appreciated by the people of this area and this has been proven by their ever increasing business. The management wishes to take this opportunity to thank all his Borden County customers for their past and future patronage. Phone 806/872-5943.

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First United Bank of Lamesa A Locally Owned Bank

First United Bank has 13 Banking Centers in West Texas, from Lamesa north to Amarillo. First United is a FDIC member bank, located at 602 N. 1st Street in Lamesa. You may phone 872-8311 for any information about your banking needs, or you may visit them on their website at www.firstunited.net. Be sure to visit the bank for your financial needs and take advantage of their Drive thru teller windows, open 8:30 till 4:00 p.m. The inside lobby is open from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Also, you may want to use their convenient ATM services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our readers will find this a friendly bank, willing to help you with all of your financial need, taking a personal interest in each customer. They ask you to come by the bank and sign up for their convenient Online Banking and Check Card. All of your banking services are available at the First United Bank, Lamesa Banking Center or any of the other 13 locations in West Texas. This Bank has been a leader in helping with Agricultural development and other interest in this area. The employees of this bank are fine, public spirited people who believe in West Texas and feel that there are better days ahead for the energetic farmer, rancher and business person who work with a plan backed by sound judgement. We are pleased to recommend to our readers this fine bank.

El Jalepeno Restaurant #2 Danny and Miriam Lopez-Owners

This restaurant is recognized as the social center for motorists and the public in general. It is known by those who visit it as headquarters for "GOOD EATS" for both breakfast and lunch served from 6 am to 3 pm. So come in and bring your friends, as you are always welcome here. There is always a friendly atmosphere and their patrons, seen from every walk of life make this popular restaurant their regular eating place. Here they serve authentic Mexican Food. Their specialty is homemade tortillas made fresh daily, also made fresh daily they have Menudo, Caldo and BBQ with breakfast served all day. In this entire section there is not another establishment that surpasses this well known eating place in service and satisfaction. The attention and courtesy you receive here is always noticed by the customers. In making this review we are pleased to recommend El Jalapeno Restaurant # 2 to all of our many readers for their excellent service and delicious foods.

Spike Dykes Ford-Lincoln-Mercury

Spike Dykes is the Ford dealership in Lamesa. The dealership is located at 1207 So. Lynn. You can call toll free 1-800-658-6230. Spike Dykes is dedicated to proving that they are the very best in quality sales and service. You will find a large inventory of new Ford, Lincoln and Mercury cars and trucks along with a great selection of low mileage, late model used cars and trucks. Customer satisfaction is the number one priority at Spike Dykes, with quicker turn around time for parts and service, the factory-trained technicians can usually get your car out the same day, or shortly after, this Ford dealership promises to offer a professional, courteous, friendly atmosphere to take care of all your vehicle needs.

If you need special financing they are connected with Ford Motor Credit as well as many other financial institutions to handle your financing needs. If you bought your cars or trucks from some of the area town dealers, they invite you to discover the way Spike Dykes has of doing business. You won't get a better deal or a better price for your trade in at any other dealer. They will treat you fairly, with no hassles, no pressure and with a sincere effort to earn and keep your business. You are invited to come by anytime for a test drive, an appraisal on your car or truck or just a cup of coffee and a friendly visit. Your welcome anytime and they will answer any questions you might have about these Ford Products.

Hogg Welding Service Gary Hogg-Owner

With such a rapid development of this section efficient welding service has become more necessary. By having a dependable welding service much delay is avoided and operation costs are drastically reduced for industries, farms and ranches. It makes no difference how large or small the job may be, **Hogg Welding Service** at 211 S. Lynn Ave in Lamesa, will do it in such a manner that you will be entirely satisfied with their work. They are fully equipped for all classes of work, including cast iron, bronze and brass, and they do each job according to the latest approved methods. They are specialists in the repair of broken parts. The management employs only men who understand in detail, the intricate processes of welding various types of metals. You are assured of receiving a precise job which will give you satisfactory service. In this "Business & Professional Reviews", upon giving such excellent service to patrons in this section. Phone 806/872-7276.

Hill Insurance Agency



For all kinds of insurance call Hill Insurance Agency located at 218 N. Austin in Lamesa. This firm represents one of the largest companies and they are ready to serve you in your every insurance need. They are new serving a great number of people in this section with auto, property, accident and life insurance. There are so many things over which we have no control, both of a personal and property nature, that you owe it to yourself and your family to insure against these things which do happen. When you think of insurance, think of Hill Insurance Agency. Go over your needs with them and they will be able to assist you in selecting the kind of insurance suited to protect you adequately. Once Sandra Barker has made a study of your problems, you will be advised how best you can meet that need at a minimum cost. You are invited to come in and discuss insurance with no obligation on your part and see for yourself of your protection is sufficient for all your needs. In this review of the businesses of Lamesa we feel a sense of satisfaction in recommending this firm to all our many readers for insurance of all kinds. Phone 806/872-5413 for any information.

Automotive Technology

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

Lamesa Tire & Battery

Ramond Vargas, Owner - Freddie Vargas, Mgr.

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

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

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

Adams Crop Insurance Agency

For all you farmers and ranchers throughout our area, you will find that **Adams Crop Insurance Agency** located at 211 N. 22nd in Lamesa is the firm to see for all your crop and livestock 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 and ranchers throughout this section of West Texas and are looking forward to serving this area for many more with a quality crop and livestock insurance service. There are so many things over which we have no control, weather wise, that you own it to yourself and your family to insure against these things which can and do happen. When thinking of crop insurance, think of **Adams Crop Insurance**. Go over your needs with them and they will be able to assist you in selecting the right coverage to protect you adequately. Drop by the office or phone 806-872-9324 for an appointment. Once they have made a study of your needs they will advise you how you can meet that need at a minimum cost. In this Good Neighbor Review, no firm can receive a higher recommendation than **Adams Crop Insurance Agency**.

Goolsby Bros. Pipe & Steel Co.

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

Farmers Machine & Welding Shop

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

The Country Store

This firm is one of the leaders of it's kind in this district and they have built their reputation upon the service, satisfaction and good will extended to their many farm and ranch customers. Having been in this line for a number of years, the management provides the demands of his customer with quality service and merchandise at reasonable prices. The farmers and ranchers of this area prefer trading with **The Country Store** because they know they will be treated fairly. It has often been said "that business goes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated". Through constant vigilance and execution of this policy they have attained success and popularity among the people of this district. In this review of the reliable concerns in our trade territory we recommend **The Country Store** located at 603 N. Lynn in Lamesa. Their satisfactory service to the public, quality merchandise and fair price survey the ultimate reason for the success. Phone 806/872-2422.

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

In 125 years **Higginbotham Bartlett** has come a long way and continues to grow to meet the needs of its customers. They started out as a General Merchandise Store and grew to into a Hardware and Lumber Supply chain; today they are a complete Home Supply Center with competitive prices, quality products and the best in customer service. They have been serving Lamesa and surrounding areas since 1916. They offer their customers the personal touch they have come to expect from them. Their knowledgeable employees have years of experience to help you find the right item for your satisfaction, and quality merchandise. They now have 38 locations throughout West, Central and East Texas which allows them to better serve their many customers with their added size and buying power **Higginbotham Bartlett** is by far stronger enabling them to meet your needs. Their friendly employees can help you get the materials to complete your project, no matter how big or small! In this annual Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of the firms throughout Lamesa we take pride in recommending this firm to all our readers. Phone 872-8321, located at 2211 Lubbock Hwy, Lamesa, Texas 79331.

Rick's Paint & Body Shop

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

Lyntegar Electric

In this particular field of endeavor there is no organization more worthy of extended mention in this review. Under the direction of man thoroughly conversant with every feature of electricity they furnish an abundant and dependable source of electric power to the people of this area. They have contributed much by furnishing low cost power and light to local and rural area for as such purposes as residential, mill and shop operation, irrigation, refrigeration, pipeline, pumping, water well pumping, ginning and many others. They are continually striving to find new methods of helping you in your everyday needs. Because of their progress they have become a most important and industrial asset to this community. By reason of the fact that the management and their assistants have a wide experience in every field of electricity and its use and because of their comprehensive knowledge of your needs, **Lyntegar Electric** has continued to increase the number of their patrons. Gary Cartwright is the Branch Manager with Jerry Bennett-Crew Forman; Johnny Antu-Journeyman Lineman; Bud Todd-Journeyman Lineman; Brent Fowler-Journeyman Lineman; Wayne Wilson-Journeyman Lineman; Wesley Turner 2nd class Lineman; Jessie Cruz-ground equipment operator; Ty Smith-ground equipment operator; Britt Rebber-ground equipment operator; Aaron Pigford-ground equipment operator; Chris Braswell-ground equipment operator; and Julie Stacha-secretary/Dispatch. We of this Good Neighbor Review wish to congratulate this firm located at 2103 S. Hwy 137 in Lamesa on their efforts to serve the electrical needs of this area at a low cost, making this a better and more prospectuous place in which to live. Phone 872-2632 or toll free 1-877-218-2308 for any information or service.

Athletic Physicals Scheduled for Aug. 1

By Coach Richey

We are scheduled to take athletic physicals Saturday, August 1st at 10:00 AM in Abilene, Texas.

We will depart from Gail at 8:00 AM. You will need to have your physical form signed and filled out before we leave. The doctor will not sign it if your parent or guardian does not sign it. You will need to wear shorts and T-shirt for the physical.

We will be at the Action Sports and Physical Therapy clinic in Abilene. The telephone number is (325)676-5633. The address there is 1717 Pine Street. Easy directions are, as you come in on Interstate 20 you will take the Hardin Simmons exit. Stay on Pine Street and it will be on your left, just a few blocks past the hospital.

If you would like to meet us there so you can stay and shop in Abilene that would be fine. You will need to bring some money to eat lunch. We will try to be back in Gail by 3:00 PM.

If you plan to play a sport this year of any kind during the upcoming school year, you are required by our school district to take a physical. The school furnishes the physical at this time. If you can not make this date then you will need to get a physical on your own and at your expense.

Also you will find in this letter an **Acknowledgment of Rules form** and a **Steroid Form**, read them, have your parent read them, sign them both and bring all of the paperwork with you. The medical release, will allow au to seek emergency treatment for you if there is a need during the school year.

We are truly excited about the upcoming year and we look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at home or on my cell. Trey Richey (806)756-4417 (home) and (806)759-3335 (cell). Take care and enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Borden County ISD Board Meeting July 9, 2009

Special Board Meeting July 9, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in special session at 6:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Jimmy Thomas, Richard Constancio, James Hicks, John Abbott, Ross Sharp, and Trey Richey were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. Representatives from Shiver Megert & Associates and Wiley Hicks Jr. Inc. presented bids that were submit-

ted to upgrade the Borden County I.S.D. Football Stadium as related to the bond proposal for field turf and stadium upgrades. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the bid submitted by Hellas Construction Inc. for field turf and football stadium upgrades in the amount of \$1,390,136. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to advertise and sell four old school vehicles at public auction or to the highest bidder. The motion carried unanimously.

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



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Thought for the Day

Nothing can make
our life, or the lives
of other people, more
beautiful than
perpetual kindness.

--Leo Tolstoy

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USDA FSA Elections...

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pate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and live in the local administrative area where they are running. Eligibility requirements, more information and nomination forms are available at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>

People can nominate themselves or others. FSA encourages beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as minorities and women, to nominate themselves.

All nominees must sign the nomination form FSA-669A. All nomination forms for the 2009 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 3, 2009.

After that, ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by November 6. Ballots will be due back to local USDA Service Centers on December 7. The newly elected county committee members will take office January 1, 2010.

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Britt Trucking & Construction Co.

The reputation of Britt Trucking & Construction Co. has been built upon its excellent service, the satisfaction and good will of its many oilfield customers. One of the leaders of its kind in this section, this business is under the management of a man who knows the demands of his customers and furnishes quality service at fair prices. People throughout this section prefer trading with Britt Trucking & Construction Co. located on the Seminole Hwy in Lamesa because they are assured of fair treatment and courteous dependable service. It has often been said that business goes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated. This fact accounts for the success and popularity of this firm among oilfield people of this area. In this review of reliable trade concerns in our trade territory we wish to recommend Britt Trucking & Construction Co. to all of our many readers. Their years of satisfactory service in the oilfield and fair prices are your assurance that this is the best place to trade for all your oilfield trucking or construction work. Phone 806/872-353.

On the Wild Side of Life
by Cody G. Hill
Borden County Extension Agent -
Agriculture

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.

Texas Shotgun Shoot Out and Gaines County Shoot Results

Matthew Roberson and Raylea Underwood recently competed at the Texas Shotgun Shoot Out held in San Angelo, Texas on July 9 - 11, 2009.

Matthew competed in the Intermediate Class (ages 11-13). There were 45 shooters in this class. Matthew's results are as follows: American Skeet 49 out of 50 targets for 1st place; American Trap 46 out of 50 targets for 2nd place; Sporting Clays 87 out of 100 targets for 3rd place; International Skeet 39 out of 50 targets for 4th place; and International Trap 48 out of 50 targets with a shoot off and won 4th place. Matthew won 3rd place High Over All winning an "AMERICASE" custom shotgun case and a \$100 Academy gift card.

Raylea competed with 32 shooters in the Sr. 2 Division. She placed 1st in American Trap shooting 48 out of 50 targets and received a \$100 Academy gift card. Raylea participated in the other disciplines but did not place.

Matthew traveled to Seminole to the Gaines County Shoot on July 18, competing with approximately 23 Intermediate shooters. In 5-Stand, Matthew placed 1st shooting 41 out of 50 targets and received a \$75 Academy gift card; American Trap 48 out of 50 targets for 1st place and a \$75 Academy gift card; American Skeet with a perfect score of 50 out of 50 targets for 1st place and a \$75 gift card. Matthew also received High Over All and placed 1st shooting 139 out of 150 targets and receiving a \$100 gift card.

There was also a parent/child shoot in Trap and 5-Stand. Matthew and his father Dean won

1st place and received a \$50 Academy gift card.

Matthew and Raylea have worked hard all summer to be accomplished shooting sports contestants. Their dedication and practice is earning them great rewards!