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## Hess Takes Top Hand & Overall

Twelve year old Shayne Hess, her red pigtails primly in place, swept the awards at the Borden County Junior Livestock Show Saturday, January 25 by winning Overall Showmanship, Top Hand, Grand Champion Lamb, Grand Champion Barrow trophies and added 7 banners and 10 ribbons to her growing collection show mementoes.

The 6th grader has been showing in 4-H livestock shows for 4 years. Improving on her last year's record of Grand Champion OPB., Grand Champ. Hamp Barrow, Res. Champ. Medium Wool and Elementary Showmanship Awards; she demonstrated a winning attitude with her complete absorption in showing the judge her animal. She and her brother Kurt, 8, share in caring and showing pigs and lambs. The brother-sister team entered 9 pigs and 16 lambs in this years show.

Shayne's favorite animal is this years Grand Champion lamb, whom she calls No. 11 according to his ear tag. She can't to 4



SHAYNE HESS-Top Hand & Overall Showman



SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS-Left To Right-Back Row-Guy Zant, Shayne Hess, Kristi Stone, Cody Stone, David Holmes. Front Jill Voss, Kurt Hess, Tammy Voss, Kelly Jo Ogden and Ralynn Key.

## BORDEN COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

An appreciative audience of family and friends crowded into the 4-H building Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday mornings, Jan. 23-25, for the annual Borden County Junior Livestock Show. In which a combined total of 236 barrows, lambs and steers were entered. Approximately 50 ranch boys and girls expertly maneuvered their charges around the show ring under the critical eye of their judges.

The Barrow Show on Thursday evening was judged by Johnny Peugh, a Stanton hog farmer. At the finish of his judging he said, "The quality of the show was excellent with top ends being as good as you would find anywhere. A lot of depth was shown in all the classes with uniform good quality throughout. The animals were well-fed, well groomed and extremely well-cared for." He

complimented the exhibitors on their ring behavior and the quality of their barrows.

The Lamb Show on Friday morning was judged by Jim Mazurkiewixz (Ma-zur-ke-witz) from Odessa, County Agent for Ector County. This was largest breed class with 161 entries. In comments following his judging during which he announced his champion and Reserve Champion decisions with a firm handshake to the winners, he stressed that he wanted a nuscular animal but one that is also attractive from the side. "The tallest and longest is not necessarily the winner," he said. "Leg is very important. That is how they grade them and that is what they buy for 'premium'". It was noticeable that he took plenty of time going over each lamb. "I am not ashamed to admit I've made a mistake," he stated

further. "If I think I have, I'll give them a second look." He tries to take the size of the handler into consideration when problems develop in the ring. Generally docile male lambs can become quite RAMbunctious when brought into an unaccustomed environment. One made an unsuccessful attempt to make his getaway by jumping over the heads of a crowd at the gate, adding interest to the show.

He used the term "greasy" frequently, saying several lambs would have placed higher, if they hadn't been greasy (too fat). The self-described "Polish Aggie" said County Agent Dennis Poole was doing an outstanding job with the children in that the quality of their animals were excellent and the handlers themselves in their sportsmanship and presentation was outstanding.

## SALE NETS YOUTH \$58,155.12

Monty Paxton, long-time friend of the Borden County Junior Livestock Association opened bidding as Saturday's auction after receiving a belt buckle in appreciation of his long years of service as auctioneer for the 4-H and FFA sales.

Last year's sales amounted to \$56,107.86 showing an increase of \$2,047.86 over last year's figure. The average price per animal was \$450 with \$400 being the lowest price. Floor money was \$11,525.12 and total premiums were \$417.50. Dana Douglass' Grand Champion Steer brought top price of \$1500.; Shayne Hess's Grand Champion Lamb, \$700; her Grand Champion Barrow, \$700; Ralynn Key's Reserve Grandcamio Champion Steer, \$1400; Tammy Voss' Res. Grand Champion Lamb, \$500; and Cody Stone's Reserve Grand Champion Barrow \$500.

## Top Salesman

Justin Cole Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Teresa Cox of Gail won the Salesmanship trophy for con't to 3



JUSTIN COX-Top Salesman

## BORDEN SPLITS TWO WITH O'DONNELL

Borden County's Lady Coyotes played O'Donnell Tuesday night and the J.V.'s came away with a 25-6 win but the varsity dropped a 41-36 decision to the Lady Eagles. In the see-saw varsity battle, Borden had its chances but let O'Donnell come back in the last minute to steal away the victory.

Leading scorer for Borden was Charla Buchanan, who had 10 points before fouling out. Also scoring were Kelli Williams, Teri Billington, and Lynn Sternadel with 6 each. Kate Phinizy had 4, and Cindy Balague, and Tammy Johnson each had 2. Lynn led in field goal percentage with 75 percent followed by Charla with 63 percent. Charla led in rebounds with 9 and Kelli had 8. Kelli also led in steals with 4 and in free throw percentage with 50 percent. Kate led in assists with 3. Turnovers were a big key to the game as Borden committed 28 turnovers, mostly coming in the final stanza.

In the J.V. game, O'Donnell's slow down tactics almost worked as they kept the game close for three quarters, 11-6. O'Donnell scored only one point in the last half, none in the final quarter where Borden racked up 14 points for the 25-6 win. Elvira Balague scored 16 points for the winners with Shelly Lewis chipping in 3. Kristi Stone had 4, and Dana Douglass had 2. The J.V. now raises its record to 6-0 on the year.

This ends the first half of play

in District 10A. Wilson won the first half with a 5-0 record, 15-4 on the season. O'Donnell finished second with 4-1 in district play and 16-5 on the season. Borden finished third, 3-2, and 15-4 for the year. The second half of play begins for the Lady Coyotes in Klondike Friday night.

## DETAILS ON JR.H HIGH SOUTHLAND GAME

For those who attended the Junior High girls basketball game with Southland Monday night, you were probably left wondering, "What happened?" Below is a brief account of what happened.

Three minutes into the third quarter, Southland was called for a foul. It was the player's fifth foul, and according to the rules (Sec. 5, Art. 1), a substitute must be placed into the game in 30 seconds from the time the official reports to the coach that it is her fifth foul. The Southland

## INJURIES TAKE TOLL IN KLONDIKE GAME

Borden traveled to Klondike Friday and was dealt its first loss in the second half of play by the score of 62-46. The Lady Coyotes suffered their thirteenth sprained ankle of the season, in Thursday's practice, and the injuries are finally becoming more than they can overcome. Thursday's injury came to Kelli Williams, who suffered her third ankle injury of the season. Klondike held a slim one point lead, 11-10, at the end of the first quarter and held a 28-21 half-time lead. Due to foul trouble, Kelli had to come in and play in the third quarter and responded with 12 points despite being able to go only half speed. Borden played Klondike even the third quarter with each scoring 15 points. In the last quarter, fouls and free throws dominated the action. Klondike stepped up to the line 21 times in the last quarter which was nearly half of the total 45 they shot for the game.

Leading scorer for Borden was Tammy Johnson with 13 followed by Kelli's 12. Kate Phinizy had 9, Charla Buchanan had 5, Teri Billington had 4, Cindy Balague made 2, and Kristi Stone had 2. Teri led in field goal percentage hitting 50 percent and Kelli led in free throw percentage with 100 percent hitting 4 of 4. Tammy led in rebounds with 11 and tied with Lynn in assists with 2. Charla led in steals with 4.



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coach used up the 30 seconds questioning the call. At the end of 30 seconds, when no player had checked into the scorers table, a technical foul was called. When the coach refused to sit down, after being warned by the official, another technical foul was called. This year, coaches cannot get off the bench for any circumstances except to request time out or to applaud good play. He received his third technical foul according to rule 10, Section 4, Article 1a (Disrespectfully addressing an official.) After a coach receives his third technical foul in one game, the rules require that he be immediately ejected from the gym. A school official must take over from that point. If no school official is present, (another coach, teacher, or administrator) the team must forfeit the game. No one was present to take over for Southland, hence Borden won by forfeit.

Borden held a slim 18-16 lead at the time of the incident. The Missy Coyotes held a 7-4 first quarter lead and a 12-10 half-time lead. Borden played most of the game without Lisha Sternadel who had been averaging over 20 points per game. Lisha went out early in the game with an ankle injury. Kristi Adcock took up the slack by responding with 14 points. Amy Lewis and d'Arceyanne Lemons each had 2. This raises Borden's record to 10-0 on the season and 8-0 in district. One game remains to be played. The Junior High travels to New Home Monday night, February 3, for their final game. With the win, Borden could accomplish its season goal, an undefeated season. Game time is 6:00

## BOYS DEFEAT O'DONNELL

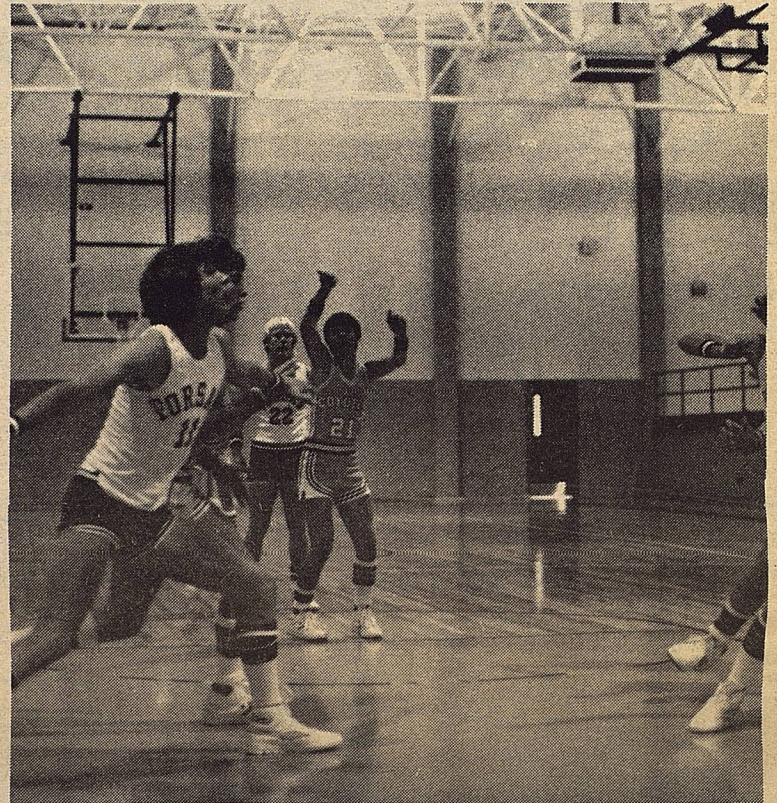
The Borden County boys defeated the O'Donnell Eagles in Tuesday night Cage action. The score was Borden 59 and O'Donnell 49.

The fighting Coyotes need excellent shooting and a hard-nosed man to man defense to secure the victory. Borden was 21 of 49 from the field for an above average 43 percent. However, free-throw shooting was the real key. The Coyotes were 17 of 21 for an excellent 81

percent. Hard-nosed man to man defense helped to account for 27 "forced" turnover by O'Donnell, which proved to be the final key in the victory.

Borden was lead in scoring by Chris Cooley, who scored 17 points, Doyce Taylor added 15 points, while Mickey Burkett scored 13 points and pulled down 15 rebounds.

The fighting Coyotes enter the second round of district play on Friday January 24.



MAKE IT MICHAEL

## menu

February 3-7, 1986

Monday	Fried Fish Portions Pinto Beans Cole Slaw Fruit Cornbread Milk	Salad Bar
Tuesday	Western Burgers Vegetable Salad Buttered Corn Fruit Milk	Salad Bar
Wednesday	Frito Pie Pork & Beans Vegetable Salad Fruit Cobbler Milk	Salad Bar
Thursday	Green Enchilada Casserole Mexican Bean Salad Jello & Fruit Hot Bread Milk	Salad Bar
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce & Pickles Cookies Milk	Salad Bar

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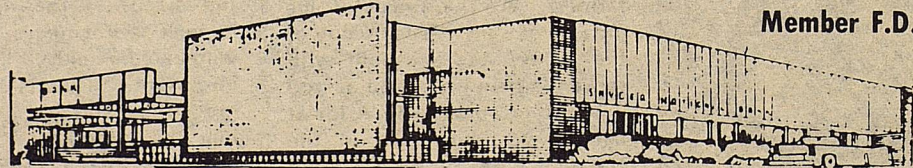
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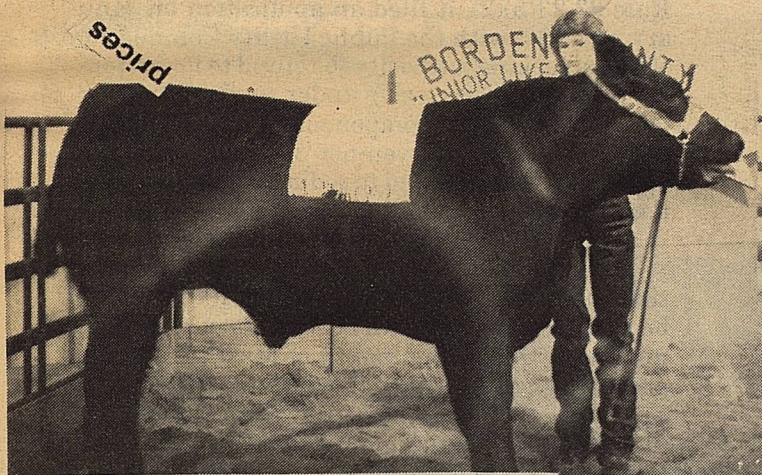
# Grand Champions



Shayne Hess with the Grand Champion Lamb

Only 14 steers were shown under Spencer Tanksley, Muleshoe, Bailey County Agent, with Ralynn Key's Hereford calf named champion in the British and British Cross Class at 1235 lbs. M'Lys Lloyds Shorthorn was Reserve Champion at 1010 lbs. In the European breed Dana Douglass was named Champion breed Dana Douglass was named champion with her steer at 1164 lbs and Kelly Jo Ogden, Res. Champion with a steer at 1140 lbs. Dana's entry was purchased from Marcus Cros, Andrews, and was a product of a Maine Anjou Chianine Cross, and was chosen Grand Champion of the show while Ralynn Key's Hereford, named Grand Champion Reserve, was acquired from Tommy Newman of Stanton, Texas.

After his final decision had been made, Spencer Tanksley said to the exhibitors, "These were very difficult classes for me to judge because there was a lot of difference in breeds, size, amount of finish and cover, scale, length and smoothness. I commend you on how you have shown your steers, particularly the Grand Champion. She has done an excellent job. For the others, tomorrow is another day. Go home and work with your calves. Someone else may have a different opinion next time." Parents especially should be recognized for their contribution of the time, effort and money



Dana Douglass with the Grand Champion Steer



Shayne Hess with the Grand Champion Barrow

expended in becoming involved with these youngsters' projects.

Their children are the most important crop they will ever raise.

Officials who kept the machinery of the show moving smoothly were the JUDGES: Johnny Peugh, Swine; Jim Mazurkiewicz, Lambs; and Spencer Tanksley, Steers; Rick Vestal, Showmanship. SHOW SUPERINTENDENTS were:

Lisa Ludecke, Swine, and Lambs; Mike Stevens, Steers. Ring Stewards: Joe Kropp, Mike Stevens, Kent Holmes, Les Copeland, Alvin Smith. SHOW CLERK-Dorothy Browne; ANNOUNCER, Rev. Pat Ray; AGRICULTURE & FFA TEACHER, Buddy Wallace; BORDEN COUNTY AGENT, Dennis Poole; RIBBON GIRLS: Jill Voss, Carrie Hart, Laura Hensley and Patsy Underwood. Bill Phinizy is president of the Borden County Livestock Assn., Fred Ridenour, Vice-Prsres.; Van York, Secretary; Jerry Stone, Treasurer. Directors in the association are Kent Holmes, Steve Hess, Weldon Lloyd, Joe Belew, Borden Gray, Jr.

Breeds represented in the show were Rambouillet lambs, (finewool), Rambouillet-Suffolk (Cross Bred); Suffolk (Medium Wool) and Southdown. In the Barrow Class there were Durocs, Hampshire and OPB. Steers were British and British Crosses. Also European Crosses.

Again for another year, Super Kids put on a Super Show



JOHNNY PEUGH, SWINE JUDGE



SPENCER TANKERSLY, Steer Judge

## SHOWMAN

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describes her usual schedule as waiting for her mother to get home from her teaching job at 4:30 then she works with her lambs, leading them around a ring and practicing setting them up. Then, if she's not too tired she does the same with her pigs. She follows this routine about 4 times a week. The family also treks to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio and San Angelo with their porkers where Shayne is going to do her best to keep up her winning habits.

She acknowledged she is probably a pretty good student in her 6th grade class and is looking forward to becoming a veterinarian. Her winning ways are greatly admired by her friends. Her closest competitor, Tammy Voss, volunteered, "I would rather get beat by her than anyone."

## SALESMAN

from pg 1

selling the most membership cards and chances on the picture "Comanche Girl". Justin is 9 years of age, a first year showman in 4-H, and is in the third grade at Borden Elementary School.

This project is a vital part of the FFA and 4-H member project. The money is used by the Junior Livestock Association for future shows.

The trophy presented to Justin was donated by Linn Travel Agency of Lamesa and Bobby Love.

The runner-up for Top Salesman was Jim Evans; 3rd, Mindy Herring; 4th Marcus Belew; 5th, Patsy Underwood. These 4-H members should be commended for their time and effort in helping all 4-H members as well as FFA members.



MONTY PAXTON, Auctioneer is awarded for 21 years of service.



JIM MAZURKIEWICZ, Lamb Judge

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MARY ANDERSON SAWYER

## Vows Exchanged

Mary Anderson became the bride of Bruce Sawyer Hutto Saturday, January 25, 1986 in Midland, Texas.

The morning ceremony was held in St. Nicholas Episcopal Church with the Reverend Joseph Schley, Jr. officiating. Dr. Joan Lucas, organist, played selections from Bach while the couples immediate family were seated.

For her wedding, the bride chose a dress of ivory satin and silk knit. The pleated skirt of satin was tea length. The bodice was a long sleeved silk sweater designed with a vee neckline appliqued with ivory satin flowers. The bride wore her mothers pearls and carried her fathers prayer book topped with a small spray of Talisman roses.

The brides young nieces, Sarah and Rebehah Bland were attendants. They wore handkerchief linen dresses in white, designed with a berth collar edged in lace, long sleeves and a dropped waistline. The young ladies carried miniature nose gays of Talisman roses and Baby's Breath encircled with ivory satin leaves and ribbon of ivory and apricot.

The grooms father served as bestman.

Following the wedding ceremony the bride and groom

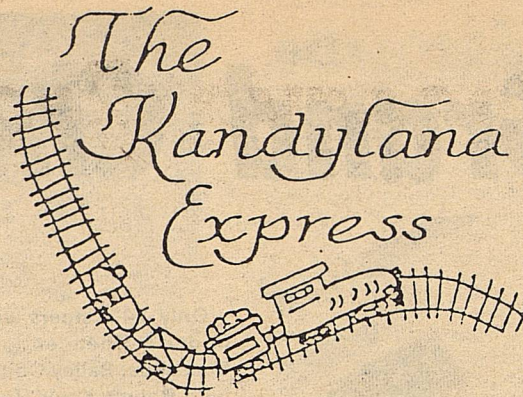
were honored with a seated Champagne Brunch hosted by the brides parents, at the Midland Country Club. The brides table featured an apricot cloth appointed with silver and crystal. It held a wedding cake of ivory, a silver punch bowl and a candelabra arranged with Talisman roses. The guests were seated at round tables centered with bouquets of Holland flowers and roses.

Mary Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Anderson of Borden County is a graduate of Brennaue Academy, Gainesville, Ga. and the University of Texas, Austin. Until her marriage she was employed by Coastal Resources, Midland, Texas.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hutto of Big Spring. Bruce is a graduate of Big Spring High School and the University of Texas, Austin. He is currently employed by Clay Desta Communications in Austin.

On Friday, January 24, the couple were feted by the grooms parents with a pre-nuptial dinner held at The Racket Club in Midland. Guests included the bride and grooms immediate family and close relatives.

Following a brief wedding trip, the couple will be at home in Austin.



When shopping for beef most consumers consider the price per pound because that figure is printed on the label. But buying beef according to the cost-per serving is actually the best way to get the most of for your money.

Different beef cuts have different percentages of fat and bone, so each one doesn't necessarily give you the same number of servings per pound. Some cuts that cost more per pound also give you more servings per pound, which will make their cost-per-serving comparable to lower-priced cuts.

To compute the cost per serving of any cut, you need to know about how many servings you'll get from a pound of each different retail cut. Then divide the approximate number of servings per pound into the cost per pound and you'll have the cost for each three-ounce serving for that cut.

Here are the number of three-ounce servings you can expect from different retail cuts of beef:

-Two servings per pound: porterhouse steaks, T-bone steaks, top loin (club) steaks, rib steaks and roasts, chuck steaks and blade chuck and arm chuck roasts.

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-Four servings per pound: ground beef, stewing beef, cubed steak and liver.

Shopping with cost-per-serving in mind means you can buy according to how much beef you'll be able to put on the table for your meat dollar.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

TEXAS UTILITIES ELECTRIC COMPANY hereby publishes NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and the Public Utility Commission's Substantive Rule 23.23(b)(2), it filed an application on January 14, 1986, with the Public Utility Commission of Texas seeking authority to refund to its customers a prior over-recovery under its fixed fuel factors (base rate fuel component) in the amount of \$78,002,807 as of November 30, 1985, including applicable interest, and to reduce its current fixed fuel factors.

Texas Utilities Electric Company has proposed that the refund be made and its fixed fuel factors be reduced effective with customers usage beginning with the billing month of March 1986. The proposed change in fixed fuel factors is expected to result in a \$233,413,145, or 11.88%, decrease in fuel revenues for the twelve months ended September 30, 1985, adjusted only for customer growth. All customers and classes of customers whose electric service rates include charges for fuel cost pursuant to Texas Utilities Electric Company's Rider FC, entitled "Base Rate Fuel Component," and all territories in which Texas Utilities Electric Company provides electric service through its Dallas Power & Light Company, Texas Electric Service Company and Texas Power & Light Company divisions will be affected if the application is granted.

A complete copy of said application is on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512)458-0223 or (512)458-0227, or (512)458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

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## BID NOTICES

COUNTY OF BORDEN  
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### BID NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will consider bids for the replacement of the heating and air conditioning system for the Borden County Courthouse on Monday, February 24, 1986, at 10:00 A.M.

Specifications and plans may be obtained at the Office of the County Judge, Box 156, Gail, Texas, phone 915-856-4391.

Borden County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York  
County Judge  
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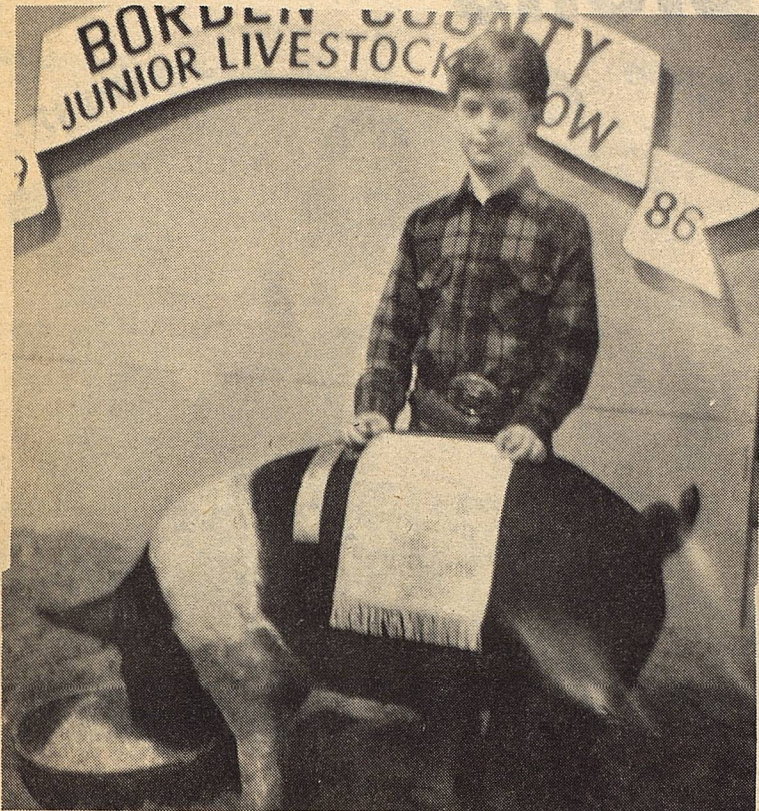
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# Reserve Breed Champions



Marcus Belew with the Reserve Hampshire

## Miller and Stone On Presidents List At WTC

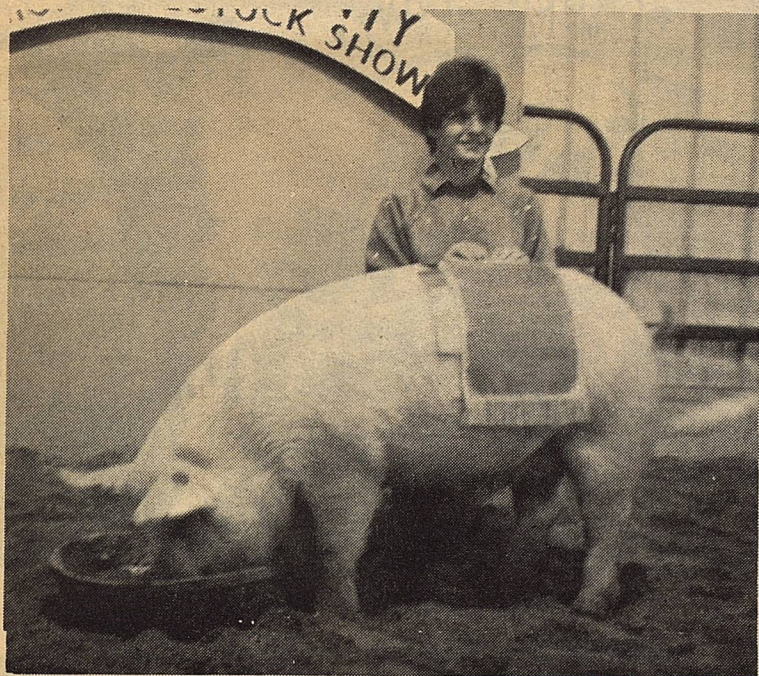
Snyder--Tammy Jo Miller of Fluvanna and Cam Haden Stone of Gail have been named to the President's List for the 1985 fall semester at Western Texas College.

The President's List is made up of students who make no grade lower than A (4.0 grade point average) in at least 15 semester hours of courses. Twenty-four students were included on the latest President's List.

Western Texas College began spring semester classes on Jan. 22 and late registration is in progress. Students still planning to enroll are urged to register as quickly as possible to begin work with their classmates. Information about registration and courses on the spring schedule can be obtained by calling the college at 915 573-8511.



A'Lise Lloyd showing her Champion Other Pure Breed Barrow



Mindy Hensley shown with the Reserve Other Pure Breed Barrow

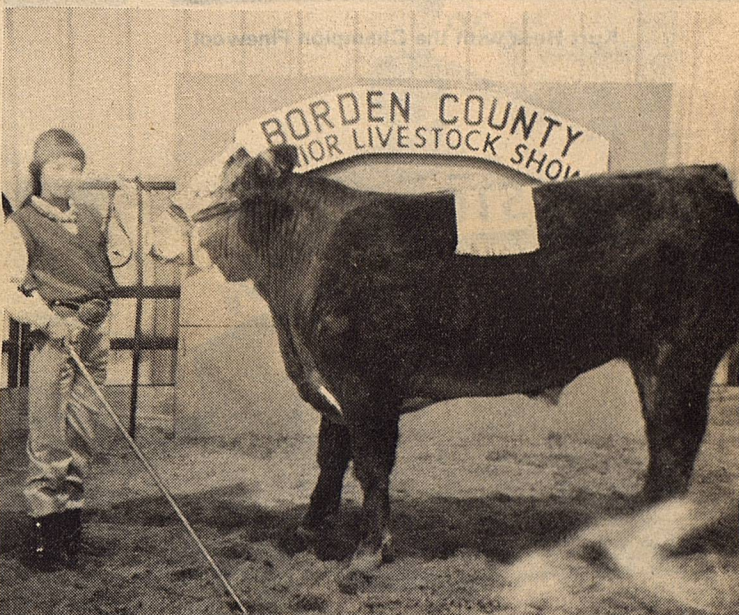
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## BOB LUDECKE MEMORIAL

The late Bob Ludecke was a strong supporter and volunteer worker for the Borden County Junior Livestock Association. In his memory, his daughter, Lisa, offered this award. "Because of his love and support for young people and their involvement in stock shows, the family of Bob Ludecke gives this award in memory of him."

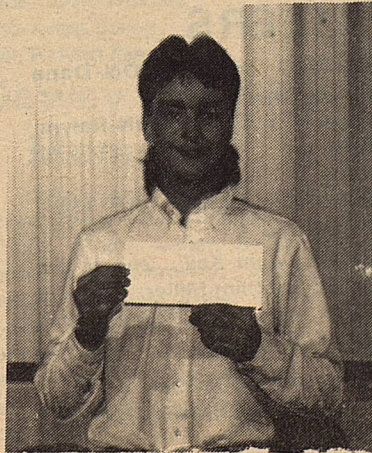
This year's Bob Ludecke Memorial Award went to David Holmes, a Sophomore at BHS. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Holmes. David won first place honors with his Heavy Weight Duroc and showed him to Reserve Champion spot in the Duroc Breeds. He also fed sheep this year.



Kelly Ogden with the Reserve European Cross Steer



Salesmanship Runnerups



David Holmes--Bob Ludecke Memorial Trophy recipient.

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# Breed Champions



Kurt Hess with the Champion Finewool

## SHOW RESULTS

### LIGHT WEIGHT MEDIUM WOOL

1st Ralynn Key; 2nd Shayne Hess; 3rd Kurt Hess; 4th Justin Cox; 5th Clay Miller; 6th Tammy Johnson; 7th Justin Cox; 8th Cody Stone; 9th Jill Voss; 10th Dana Gray; 11 Gerry Smith; 12th Mandi Herring. Also showing were Susan Bray, Darrell Hodnett, Jim Ridenour, Clint Bray, Michael Murphy, Jon Herring

### MEDIUM WEIGHT MEDIUM WOOL

1st Tammy Voss; 2nd Shayne Hess; 3rd Kurt Hess; 4th Kurt Hess; 5th Kristi Stone; 6th Jon Herring; 7th Jon Herring; 8th Patsy Underwood; 9th Cody Stone; 10th Kristi Stone; 11th Clint Bray; 12th Gwendolyn Hodge. Also showing Mickey Burkett, Jim Ridenour, Doyce Daylor, Mandi Herring, Susan Bray

### HEAVY WEIGHT MEDIUM WOOL

1st Shayne Hess; 2nd Tammy Voss; 3rd Tammy Voss; 4th Brice Key; 5th Ralynn Key; 6th Jill Voss; 7th Dana Gray; 8th Kandy Belew; 9th Brice Key; 10th Jill Voss; 11th Shayne Hess; 12th Kurt Hess. Also Showing were Michael Murphy, David Holmes, Jim Ridenour and Mandi Herring and Jon Herring

MEDIUM WOOL  
GRAND CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL-Shayne Hess  
RESERVE CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL-Tammy Voss

SOUTHDOWNS  
1st Clay Miller; 2nd Jill Voss; 3rd Justin Cox; 4th Kristi Stone; 5th Cathy York; 6th Patsy Underwood; 7th Jill Voss; 8th Clint Miller; 9th Cody Stone

GRAND CHAMPION SOUGHDOWN- Clay Miller  
RESERVE CHAMPION SOUGHDOWN- Jill Voss

## STEERS

GRAND CHAMPION-Dana Douglass  
RESERVE CHAMPION-Ralynn Key

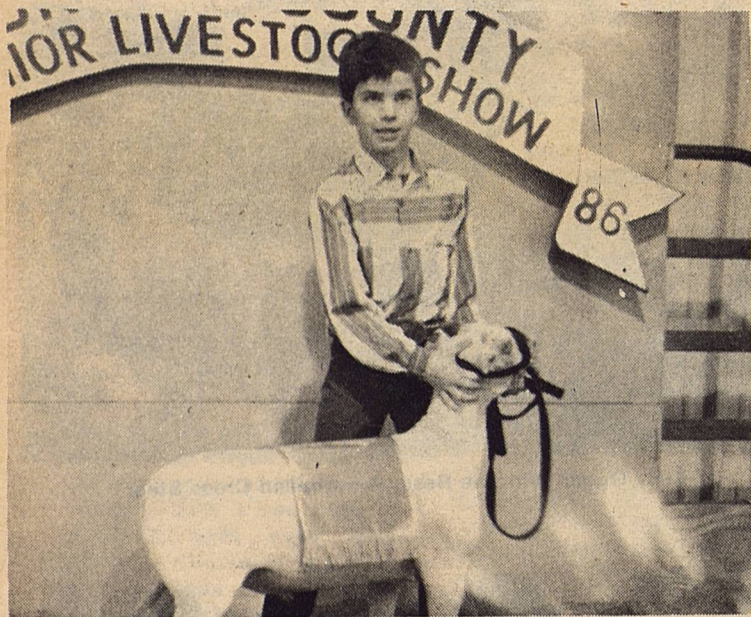
### BRITISH AND BRITISH CROSSES

1st-Ralynn Key; 2nd M'Lys Lloyd; 3rd Clint Miller; 4th Clay Miller; 5th Cathy York and 6th Guy Will Zant

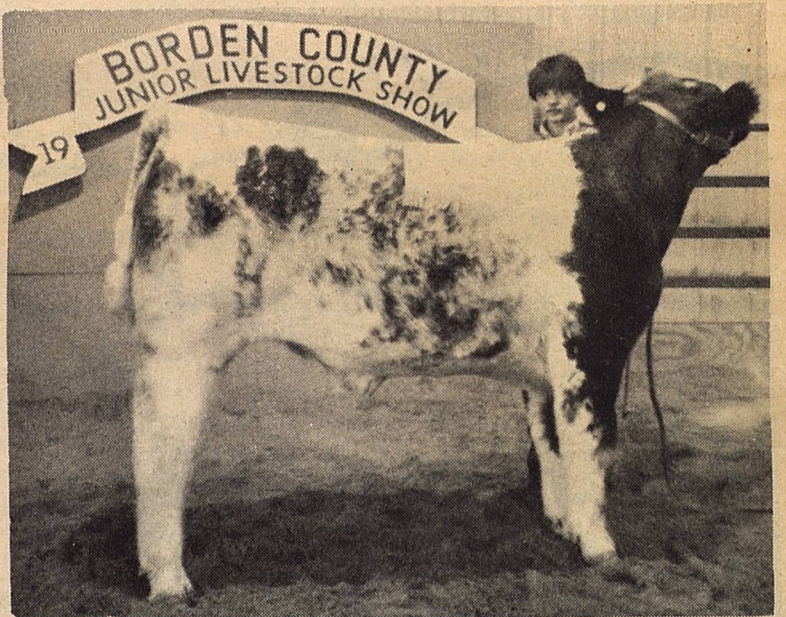
CHAMPION-Ralynn Key  
RESERVE CHAMPION-M'Lys Lloyd



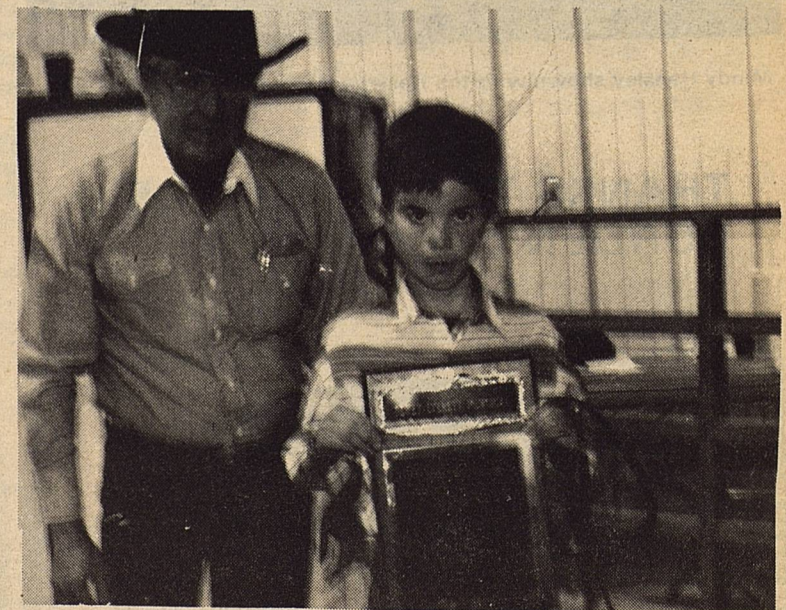
SHAYNE HESS with her Chasmpion Duroc was shown by Tammy Voss



Clay Miller with his Champion Southdown



A Lise Lloyd — Reserve British Cross



CLAY MILLER RECEIVED THE DEWEY EVERETT MEMORIAL PLAQUE-A plaque in memory of Dewey Everett, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Becky and Tammy, was presented to Clay Miller who showed his 94 lb. lamb to its championship in the Southdown Class. He was also the recipient of a buckle and bucket in this breed with 9 entries. Jill Voss was awarded Reserve Champion.

## VALENTINE'S DAY-Feb. 14th

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Rosalene Hector-915-263-0977

con't to 7

# Reserve Breed Champions

## SHOW RESULTS

con't from 6

**EUROPEAN CROSSES  
LIGHT WEIGHT EUROPEAN  
CROSSES**

1st-Dana Douglass; 2nd D'Lyn  
Lloyd; 4th A'Lise Lloyd

**EUROPEAN CROSSES  
HEAVY WEIGHT**

1st Kerry Fryar, 2nd Jeff  
Covington, 3rd D'Lyn Lloyd; 4th  
A'Lise Lloyd.

**CHAMPION EUROPEAN  
CROSS-Dana Douglass  
RESERVE CHAMPION  
EUROPEAN CROSSES-Kelly  
Jo Ogden**

## CHAMPIONS

**GRAND CHAMPION  
STEER-Dana Douglass  
GRAND CHAMPION  
LAMB-Shayne Hess  
GRAND CHAMPION  
BARROW-Shayne Hess**

**CHAMPION FINEWOOL-Kurt  
Hess**

**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION  
STEER-Ralynn Key  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION  
LAMB-Tammy Voss  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION  
BARROW-Cody Stone**

## DIVISION

### SHOWMEN

Each year nine Division  
Showmen are selected by the  
Showmanship Judge.  
Recipients were:

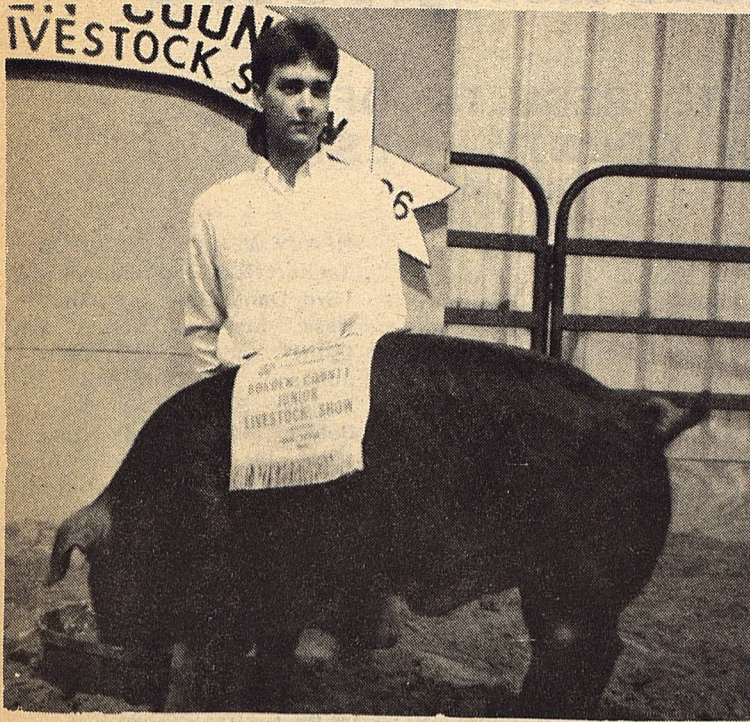
**ELEMENTARY  
SHOWMANSHIP  
Swine-Kurt Hess  
Lamb-Jill Voss  
Steer -Guy Will Zant**

**JUNIOR HIGH  
SHOWMANSHIP  
Swine-Cody Stone  
Lamb-Tammy Voss  
Steer-Kelly Jo Ogden**

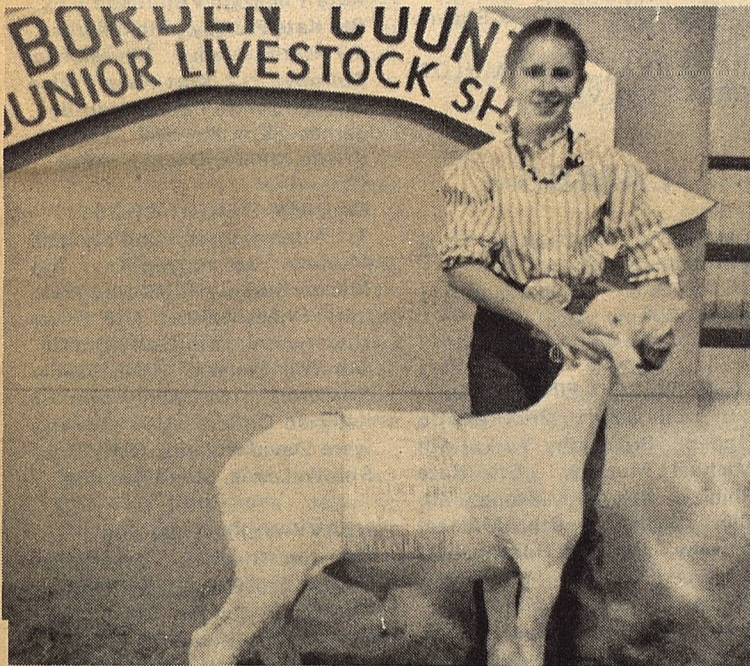
**HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION  
SHOWMANSHIP  
Swine-David Holmes  
Lamb-Kristi Stone  
Steer-Ralynn Key**

## Dewey Everett Memorial

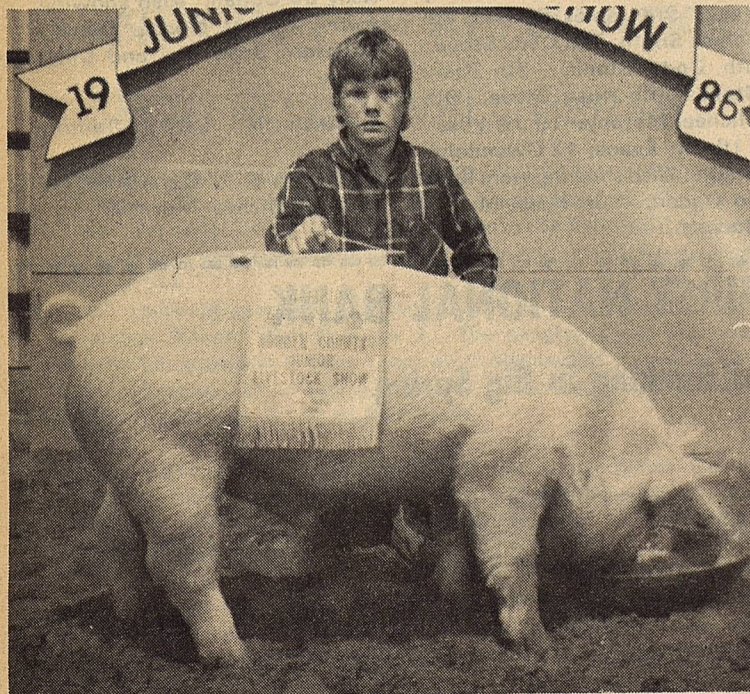
A plaque in memory of  
Dewey Everett, donated by Mr.  
and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Becky  
Miller and Tammy, was  
presented to Clay Miller who  
showed his 94 lb lamb to its  
championship in the Southdown  
Class. He was also the recipient  
of a buckle and bucket in this  
breed with 9 entries. Jill  
Voss was awarded Reserve  
Champion.



David Holmes with the Reserve Duroc Barrow



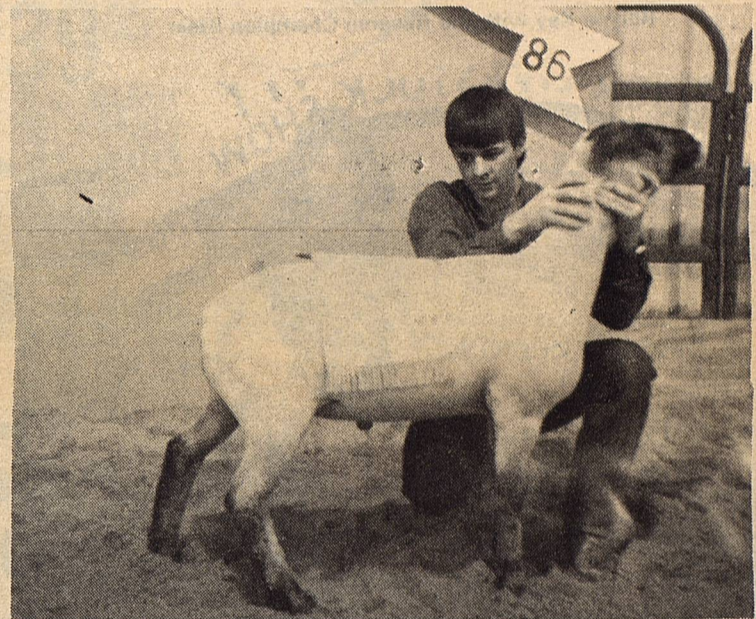
Shayne Hess with the Reserve Finewool lamb



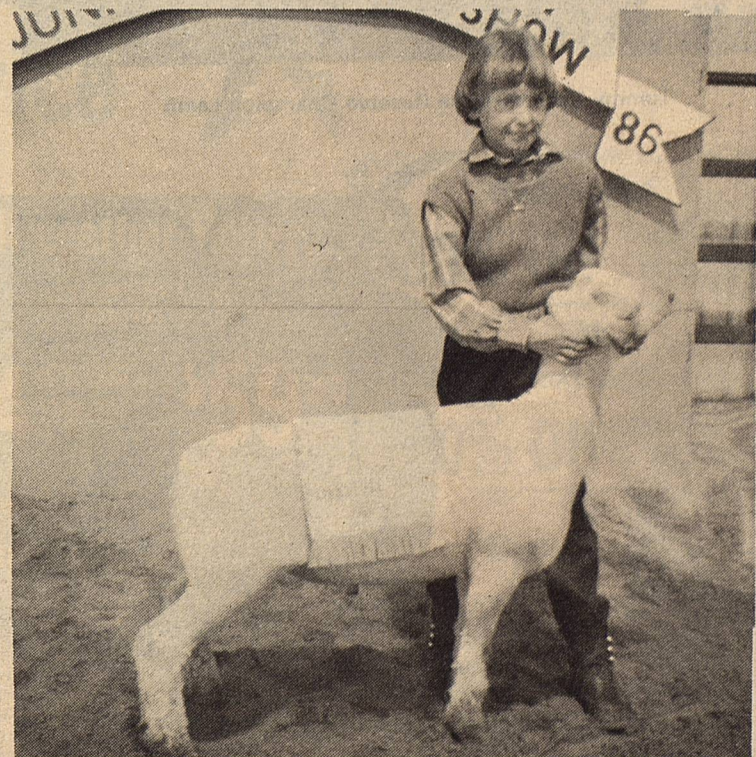
Cole Vestal with the Reserve Cross Barrow



Tammy Voss with the Reserve Medium Wool lamb.

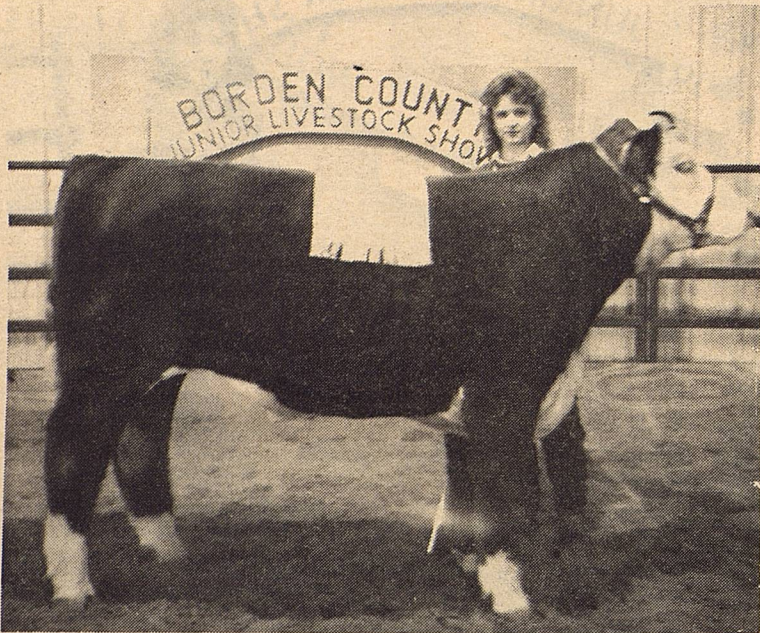


Michael Murphy with the Reserve Cross lamb



Jill Voss with the Reserve Southdown lamb

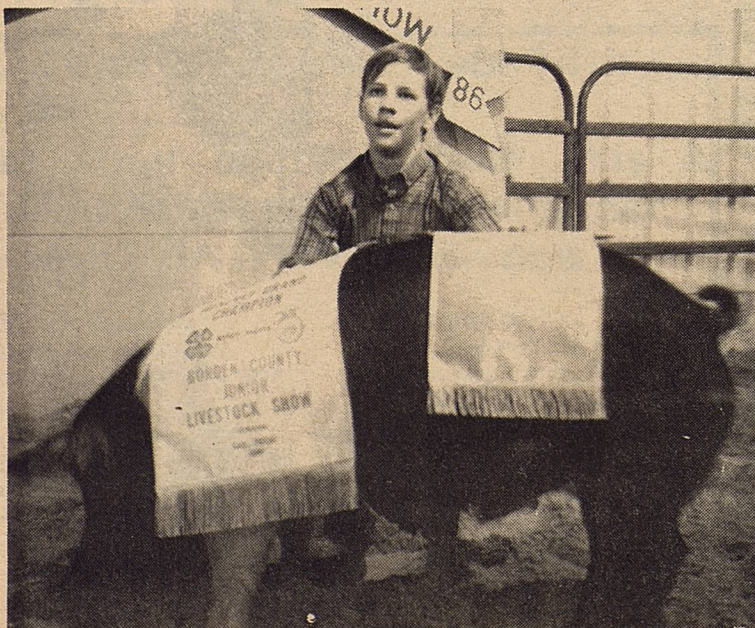
# Reserve Grand Champions



Ralynn Key with the Reserve Champion Steer



Tammy Voss with the Reserve Champion Lamb



Codyt Stone with the Reserve Champion Barrow

## COMPLETE RESULTS OF THE BORDEN COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

### BARROWS

**CHAMPION BARROWS**  
**GRAND CHAMPION:** Shayne Hess  
**RESERVE CHAMPION-**Cody Stone

**OTHER PURE BREEDS (OPB)**  
 1st- A'Lise Lloyd; 2nd Mindy Hensley; 3rd Kristi Stone; 4th Marcus Belew; 5th Kurt Hess; 6th Shayne Hess; 7th Cody Stone; 8th Kurt Hess

**CHAMPION OPB-A'Lise Lloyd**  
**RESERVE CHAMPION-Mindy Hensley**

**LIGHT WEIGHT DUROCS**  
 1st Shayne Hess; 2nd M'Lys Lloyd; 3rd Kurt Hess; 4th Brandon Adcock; 5th Shayne Hess; 6th Kristi Stone

**HEAVY WEIGHT DUROCS**  
 1st David Holmes; 2nd Seth Vestal; 3rd D'Lyn Lloyd; 4th Monty Floyd; 5th Mindy Hensley

**CHAMPION DUROC-Shayne Hess**  
**RESERVE CHAMPION-David Holmes**

**LIGHT WEIGHT HAMPSHIRE**  
 1st Cody Stone; 2nd Kristi Adcock; 3rd Shayne Hess; 4th Kristi Stone; 5th Amy Lewis; 6th Kristi Stone; 7th Cole Vestal; 8th A'Lise Lloyd; 9th Kurt Hess

**HEAVY WEIGHT HAMPSHIRE**  
 1st Marcus Belew; 2nd Kandy Belew; 3rd Cody Stone; 4th Lance Telchik; 5th David Holmes; 6th M'Lys Lloyd; 7th Clint Anderson; 8th D'Lyn Lloyd

**CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE** Cody Stone  
**RESERVE CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE-**Marcus Belew

### LIGHT WEIGHT CROSS

1st Shayne Hess; 2nd Kurt Hess; 3rd Cody Stone; 4th Monty Floyd; 5th Cody Stone; 6th Kristi Stone; 7th Shawn Lewis; 8th Robert Buchanan

### MEDIUM WEIGHT CROSS

1st Kandy Belew; 2nd Kristi Adcock; 3rd Randall Hollis; 4th Lance Telchik; 5th M'Lys Lloyd; 6th Randall Hollis; 7th David Holmes; 8th Seth Vestal

### HEAVY WEIGHT CROSS

1st Shayne Hess; 2nd Cole Vestal; 3rd Brandon Adcock; 4th Marcus Belew; 5th Jerry Green; 6th Clint Anderson; 7th A'Lise Lloyd; 8th D'Lyn Lloyd

**CHAMPION CROSS-Shayne Hess**  
**RESERVE CHAMPION CROSS-Cole Vestal**

### LAMBS

**GRAND CHAMPION LAMB-Shayne Hess**  
**RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB-Tammy Voss**

### LIGHT WEIGHT FINEWOOL

1st-Shelly Lewis; 2nd Kelly Jo Ogden; 3rd Cathy York; 4th Michael Murphy; 5th Kate Phinizy; 6th Cody Stone; 7th Clint Miller; 8th Michael Murphy; 9th Jon Herring; 10th Kristin Kilmer; 11th Will Phinizy; 12th Jim Ridenour. Others showing were Patrick Herridge and Tammy Johnson

### MEDIUM WEIGHT FINEWOOL

1st Shayne Hess; 2nd Tammy Voss; 3rd James Smith; 4th James Smith; 5th Cody Stone; 6th Cody Stone; 7th Kristi Stone; 8th Kristi Stone; 9th Michael Murphy; 10th Jill Voss; 11th Jim Evans; 12th Gwendolyn Hodge; Also showing were Kelly Jo Ogden; Kurt Hess, Mickey Burkett

### HEAVY WEIGHT FINEWOOL

1st Kurt Hess; 2nd Tammy Voss; 3rd Dana Gray; 4th Shayne Hess; 5th Kristi Stone; 6th Cathy York; 7th Tammy Johnson; 8th Cathy York; 9th Angela Evans; 10th Marcus Belew; 11th the Cody Stone; 12th Jim Ridenour. Also Showing Kandy Belew, Cody Cox

**CHAMPION FINEWOOL-Kurt Hess**  
**RESERVE CHAMPION FINEWOOL-Shayne Hess**

### LIGHT WEIGHT CROSS

1st Rachel Romero; 2nd Justin Cox; 3rd Shayne Hess; 4th Cody Stone; 5th Kristi Stone; 6th Kate Phinizy; 7th Justin Cox; 8th Kate Phinizy; 9th Jill Voss; 10th Cathy York; 11th Michael Murphy; 12th Kurt Hess. Also Showing were Patrick Herridge, James Smith, Will Phinizy, Kristin Kilmer, David Holmes

### MEDIUM WEIGHT CROSS

1st Tammy Voss; 2nd Michael Murphy; 3rd Ralynn Key; 4th Mickey Burkett; 5th Cathy York; 6th Shelly Lewis; 7th Patsy Underwood; 8th Gerry Smith; 9th Will Phinizy; 10th Felicia Romero; 11th Cathy York; 12th Kelly Jo Ogden. Also showing were David Holmes, Cody Cox, Shawn Lewis, Mandi Herring

### HEAVY WEIGHT CROSS

1st Jim Ridenour; 2nd Kristi Stone; 3rd Gwendolyn Hodge; 4th Jim Ridenour; 5th Mickey Burkett; 6th Kandy Belew; 7th Mickey Burkett; 8th Shayne Hess; 9th Will Phinizy; 10th Dana Gray; 11th Marcus Belew; 12th Kelly Jo Ogden. Also showing were Cathy York, Tammy Johnson, Brice Key and Cody Stone

**CHAMPION CROSS-Tammy Voss**  
**RESERVE CHAMPION CROSS-Michael Murphy**



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# 1985 Farm Act Not Easy To Digest

Cotton producers and industry officials alike are finding the 1985 farm act is not a simple beans and cornbread meal that can be ingested and digested in a single sitting.

It is instead a complex document, and understandably so, considering that it attempts to perform the long-thought-impossible feat of maintaining producer income protection and at the same timemaking U.S. farm products available in world markets at competitive prices.

And development of its provisions was made no easier by the fact that the latter feature constitutes a total abandonment of a principle inherent in farm programs since their inception. Farm programs always have sought to stabilize world prices.

As described by the redoubtable "Cotton Outlook" of Liverpool, the intention of the 1985 act "now is overtly to achieve the opposite: to offer greater competition as it becomes apparent that other growths are quoted at a discount."

The Outlook further opines that "The weight of responsibility resting upon those who must administer such a program will be immense."

Language of the bill includes base loans, deficiency payments, base acreages, payment yields and acreage reduction terminology, none of which is new. But understanding the new bill's "market-enhancement" provisions and their effect on producer decisions requires gaining familiarity with such new phrases as "loan redemption rate," "loan payment," "first handler certificate," and "established world price."

The base loan in 1986 will be

55 cents, grade 41 staple 34. But since that price is well above the world price, the Secretary will fix a lower "loan redemption rate" approximating a world price established by a yet-to-be developed formula.

Producers using the loan will get the 55-cent base (plus or minus quality premiums or discounts). They can then redeem the cotton at the lower redemption rate and sell loan equities at so much above the redemption rate instead of the base loan, as now. Their gain will be the difference between the base loan and the redemption rate, plus whatever their equities bring. Neither will be affected by the \$50,000 payment limit.

In an apparent effort to prevent all cotton from going through the loan under these provisions, another option is offered. Producers selling directly into the market can receive an unlimited payment, over above and deficiency payment, equal to the difference between the base loan and the loan redemption rate. That's what's being called the "loan payment."

"First handler certificates" will come into play when the world price drops below the existing loan repayment rate and U.S. cotton is no longer competitive. When that happens the Secretary is to issue certificates, valued at the difference between the world price and the loan redemption rate, to first handlers, again enabling them to sell at competitive prices.

In setting the loan redemption rate the Secretary has two options, one with a downside limit of 44 cents per pound in 1986 and the other with no floor except the world price.

## NOTICE FOR APPLICATION FOR FLUID WELL PERMIT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT  
Citation Oil and Gas Corp., 16800 Greenspoint Pk. Dr. No. 300 South, Houston, Texas 77060 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta-Clearfork, Muleshoe Ranch, Well Number 2. The proposed injection well is located 16 miles S'y to Gail, Texas in the Escondido (Strawn) Field, in Borden County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3120 to 3510 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-445-1373).

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## COUNTY AG-AGENT REPORT

DENNIS POOLE

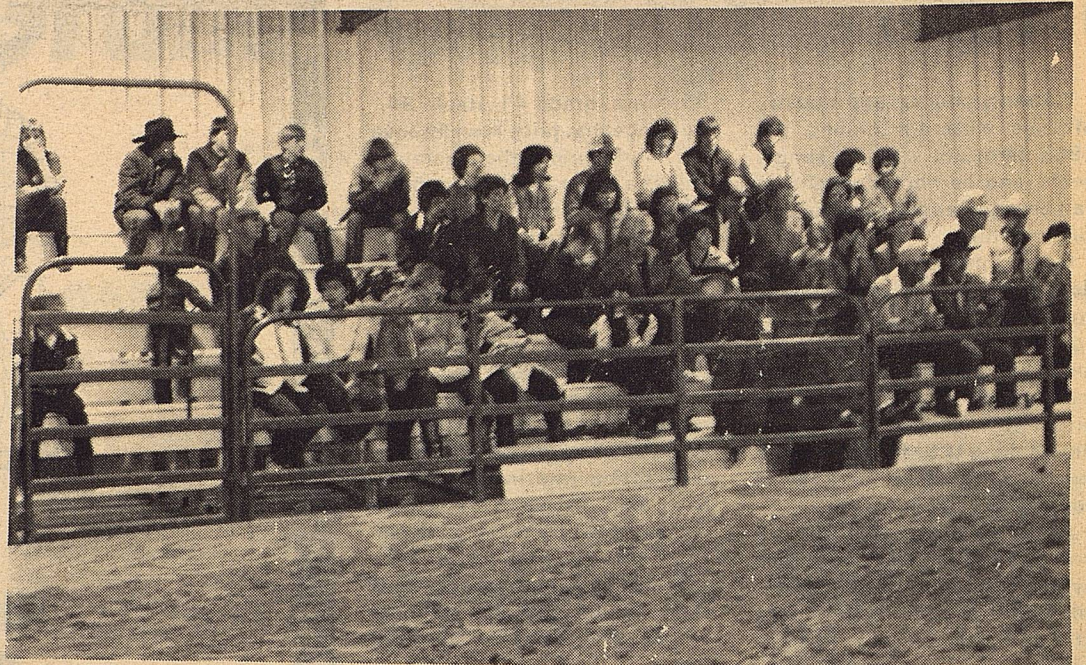
### INFERFERON APPROVED FOR HORSE USE

Immuno Modulators Laboratories, Inc. (IML) has received approval from the Texas Department of Health to market "Equiferon"™, a lymphokine preparation containing alpha interferon. Equiferon will be used in the prevention and treatment of viral respiratory infections in horses. The horse population in Texas is estimated to be between 5 and 6 million with approximately 10 percent of the equine population affected by viral respiratory disease, a major concern at shows, racetracks and in working horses.

In February, licensed veterinarians will be able to purchase Equiferon through distributors within the state of

Texas. Equiferon is supplied in a freeze dried powder form that is reconstituted prior to use with a companion diluent. Administered orally, it can be used as a prophylactic treatment prior to viral disease exposure or as a therapeutic treatment at the onset of clinical signs of viral respiratory infection.

IML's Agriferon-C was the first licensed interferon product for veterinary use. Agricferon-C was introduced to the Texas market earlier this year and gained acceptance by the cattle industry in its use as a successful treatment for shipping fever. That success spurred IML to seek Texas approval for other animal health care products.



### TROPHY DONATIONS

#### GRAND CHAMPIONS

STEER.....DOYLE NEWTON  
 BARROW.....DOROTHY BROWNE  
 LAMB.....JOE CANON  
 FINEWool.....VAN L. YORK

OVER ALL SHOWMAN....MR. W.L. WILSON JR.

#### RESERVE CHAMPIONS

STEER.....LISA LUDECKE  
 BARROW.....KEY BROTHERS IMPLEMENT  
 LAMB.....DON COX

SHOWMANSHIP.....WEST TEXAS ANIMAL CLINIC-DR. CHURCH

TOP HAND AWARD.....GAIL OFFICE SUPPLY

TOP MEMBERSHIP SALESMAN.....LINN TRAVEL AGENCY-ROBBIE LOVE

### MOORMAN FEEDBUCKETS AND BUCKLE DONORS

Besides trophies, ribbons and banners, buckets and buckles have become a tradition at the Borden County Junior Livestock Show.

The Moorman feed buckets are donated each year by C.W. Howell, Moorman Feed Representative in Snyder.

Mr. Howell has been a long-time supporter of the county show. The buckets are awarded to the breed champions-1986 recipients were Dana Douglass, A'Lise Lloyd, Shayne Hess, Cody Stone, Cole Vestal, Ralynn Key, Dana Douglass, Kurt Hess, Tammy Voss, and Clay Miller

Embossed buckles have been a popular award for several years. They are donated by local supporters and awarded to the 1st place in each class. If an exhibitor should have more than one 1st place animal, the buckle goes to the next in line.

Recipients of buckles and their donors were:

#### BARROWS:

A'Lise Lloyd, Danny and Cam Stone; Syayne Hess, Buddy and

Pat Telchik; David Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stone; Cody Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Key; Marcus Belew, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rinehart; Kurt Hess, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lewis; Kandy Belew, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Holmes; Cole Vestal, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Lloyd

#### LAMBS

Shelly Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herridge; Tammy Voss, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phinzy; Dana Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Van York; Rachel Romero, Mr. and Mrs. Borden Gray, Jr.; Michael Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith; Jim Ridenour, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Herring; Ralynn Key, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ridenour; Kristi Stone, Ms Kandy McWhorter; Brice Key, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Murphy; Clay Miller, Mr. and Mrs. James McLeroy

#### STEERS

M'Lys Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Beaver; Dana Douglass, Borden County Abstract Company; Kerry Fryar, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Belew



TANNER POOLE AND KAREN KEY

#### CANCER SOCIETY MEETING

The Borden County Cancer Society held a meeting Wednesday, January 15, 1986, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom of the Borden County Courthouse.

The purpose of the meeting was to set the date for the annual barn dance. The date will be Friday, April 11, 1986, beginning at 9:00 P.M. Music will be provided by Jody Nix and The West Texas Cowboys.

We will be raffling a steer once again. Tickets will be available for purchase soon.

Persons attending the meeting were Jerry and Carolyn Stone, Van York, Dorothy Browne, Joyce Herridge, Sue Smith, Terry Cheatham, Marcy Ritchey and Lisa Ludecke.

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## USDA ANNOUNCES NEW CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

Farmers may begin in early March to volunteer highly erodible cropland for entry into the Conservation Reserve Program, a provision of the Food Security Act of 1985.

Highly erodible land that enters the Conservation Reserve Program will be ineligible for farming for 10 years and must instead be planted with permanent vegetative cover.

The Conservation Reserve is one of the most important provisions of the 1985 farm bill. The program will go a long way toward conserving America's eroding farmland for the future.

Program participants will receive annual rental payments, the amounts depending on the bids per acre and the number of acres under the 10-year contracts. Participants also will receive 50 percent of eligible costs of establishing trees or grass on the acreage placed in the reserve.

Rental payments will compensate farmers for retiring highly erodible cropland from crop production. The conservation payments will partly reimburse farmers for one-half the one-time costs of establishing vegetative cover.

Rental payments will be made annually as soon as practicable after October 1 of each calendar year. Cost-sharing payments will be made as soon as possible

after individual participants report their conservation treatments are in place.

The total amount of rental payments for any fiscal year may not exceed \$50,000 or its equivalent, if in-kind payments are made. There is no payment limit on cost-sharing for cover establishment.

Farmers who decide to return land to production during the contract must repay the government, with interest, all of its costs for annual rental and for establishing cover. In the event of national need, however, the Secretary of Agriculture may declare that any farmer who wants to return the land to production may do so without penalty.

The signup dates for the Conservation Reserve Program are expected to be announced soon. Farmers interested in participating in the program should contact their local office of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Other USDA agencies also will administer the program. Technicians from USDA's Soil Conservation Service will help farmers determine if their land is eligible; the Extension Service will lead public information and education efforts; and the Forest Service will coordinate and provide technical assistance for tree-planting.

## OLD SETTLERS REUNION COMMITTEE SETS SCHEDULE

The Borden County Old Settlers Reunion Committee met January 16th in the Commissioners Court Room, to discuss and finalize plans for the Reunion. The following itinerary was agreed on:

**BORDEN COUNTY OLD SETTLERS REUNION**  
June 29, 1986 (Sunday)  
Borden County School  
Gail, Texas

- 8:30 A. M. REGISTRATION Foyer of Auditorium
- MUSEUM OPEN (close for Church)
- 10:00 CHURCH SERVICE AUDITORIUM
- SHORT BREAK
- 11:15 WELCOME AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM
- 12:00 LUNCH CAFETERIA
- 12:30 MUSEUM OPEN
- 2:00 PARK DEDICATION
- 2:30 PLAY DAY FESTIVITIES ARENA  
(goat sacking, washer pitching,)  
OLD TIME MUSIC PROGRAM CAFETERIA  
VISITING
- 3:00 DRAWING FOR QUILT CAFETERIA  
VISITING

It was also agreed that the official costume for all helping with the Reunion be long, checked gingham dresses and shirts, in your choice of color and pattern. One dress is made and will be at the Abstract Co. if anyone would like to see it.

The quilt top is pieced and ready to begin embroidering names. Bring or mail names and \$2.00 per name to Borden County Old Settlers Reunion, Box 5, Gail, Texas, 79738. Money made from the quilt will be used to defray the cost of the Reunion. The quilt will be given away the afternoon of the Reunion.

## BORDEN 4-Hers at NATIONAL WESTERN

Tammy and Jill Voss showed two market lambs at the National Western Livestock Show in Denver Colorado January 17, 1986.

Tammy placed 3rd with a heavy wright Hamp. Suffolk cCross lamb and Jill placed 7th with a heavy weight Suffolk lamb.

Accompanying the two 4-Hers were their parents, Terry and Connie Voss and Richard Miller of Ropesville, Texas.

## - Obituary -

RILEY GENE OGDEN

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3:30 in Johnson's funeral chapel, San Angelo, Texas for Riley Gene Ogden. He died about 9:00 A.M. Sunday in his home after suffering a heart attack. He was born August 27, 1927 in Lamesa, Texas. He was retired from GTE after 35 years of service. He was a Baptist. He is survived by his wife, Frances, a sister Roberta Collins of El Paso, three brothers, Sevoy of Gatesville, Hollis of Lamesa, and Corky of Gail, also several nieces and nephews.



Painting Comanche Girl was won by Bonnie Sneed--Congratulations



THE LLOYDS GETTING STEERS READY TO SHOW



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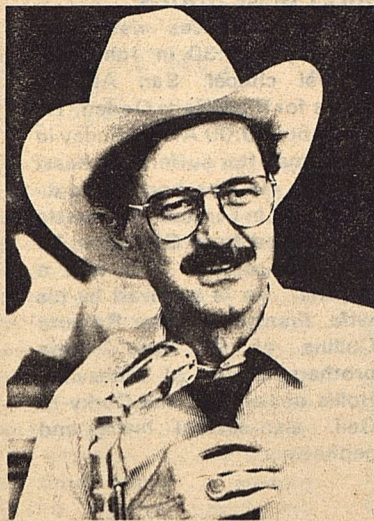


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# Who Will Farm the Land?



BY JIM HIGHTOWER

"Who will farm the land?"

A line from a forgotten folk song? The title of another television documentary on the farm crisis?

No, it's a real question that we Texans must ask ourselves today, because there is an effort under way in Austin right now to dismantle the one high school educational program that has produced generation after generation of highly-qualified farmers and ranchers--the Vocational Agriculture program and its student component, Future Farmers of America.

Since it was established in Texas in 1928, the combination of Voc Ag and FFA has helped to educate more than 1 1/2 million students in the increasingly complex business of agricultural production, processing and marketing. This year, some 59,000 Texas kids are studying under Voc Ag programs being offered in more than two-thirds of the state's 1,170 school districts.

"Who needs them?"

All of us, assuming we will continue wanting a wide variety of top-quality food at reasonable prices.

This morning's bacon didn't originate at the super-market--it was once a well-tended pig, produced by a farmer who most likely was an FFA participant and Voc Ag student. If we are to keep raising pigs economically and to the high standard of quality that consumers expect, we must have people who know what they are doing to raise them. A great deal more knowledge and skill are required to do this than just putting slop in a feed trough. While most farmers have a natural aptitude for growing things, their aptitude must be trained and expanded, and farmers also need to be educated about the business side of modern agriculture.

That's why we in Texas historically have seen the wisdom of investing a pittance of public education funds in a high school curriculum and training program that teaches some of our kids to do skillfully what the rest of us don't want to do: raise pigs. Voc Ag and FFA literally are primary entrepreneurial training grounds in Texas for bringing home the bacon, as well as the beef, the vegetables, the grain products, the cotton and wool clothing, and all the other food and fiber items we count on daily.

Yet, there are some well-meaning reformers of Texas public educational programs who seem to think that raising a proper pig is not as worthy an educational goal as learning to program a computer. Under the guise of education reform, administrators of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) have recently made budgetary

cuts that simply gut our Voc Ag and FFA programs.

Prior to TEA's cuts, a total of 16 full-time TEA staff positions were allocated to administering this agricultural curriculum across the state. Fifteen of those staff people were field supervisors and their assistants, serving as the direct link to all the local school programs. This key staff made up the statewide network essential to the successful administration of the program. The total budget for the Voc Ag effort in Texas was \$834,000--only two-tenths of one percent of TEA's \$4.6 billion annual budget.

Voc Ag's budget has now been slashed by two-thirds, and the field staff has been zeroed-out entirely. Only one person--the state Vocational Agriculture director--remains to handle the entire program. Not only does this cut out the guts of the program, but it destroys the heart as well, because the thousands of Texas families who participate and the larger agricultural industry that relies on Voc Ag and FFA feel that their education needs are being abandoned by the state's educational brass.

For their part, TEA administrators claim to be acting under the mandate of House Bill 72, which overall is a very positive and long-overdue step toward educational excellence in Texas. But there is no such mandate in this reform bill. It is clear that neither the Legislature, the Governor--nor the people of Texas--intended that H.B. 72 would ever be used as a hatchet to destroy a program that is integral to our state's second largest industry. Even an increasingly urban, urbane and high-tech society needs the best farmers we can develop, and our system of secondary education must continue to meet its historic commitment to this goal.

Fortunately, it is not too late to reverse this misguided budgetary action by TEA administrators. The State Board of Education, appointed by the Governor, is the official policy-making body that oversees TEA, and they have the authority to overrule the devastating cuts that have been made in Voc Ag. As Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, I have formally requested that they do just that.

Working with state legislators, local public officials, educators, FFA alumnae and other interested parties, we have devised a responsible, bare-bones, compromise proposal that would salvage the Voc Ag and FFA programs without restricting the desire of TEA administrators to tighten up on the management of these programs. Specifically, we are asking the State Board of Education to reinstate six of the ten field supervisor positions in TEA's current budget. This would require TEA to restore less than \$200,000 to the budget of Voc Ag. Also, we can add some in-kind, cooperative support to the program by stationing these six field supervisors at some of our state's top regional universities. Several universities already have indicated an eagerness to provide offices and secretarial assistance and to lend some of their staff expertise to the Voc Ag effort.

Under this compromise, the program still would suffer a substantial cut, but it would survive, and it could continue to respond to the vocational aspirations of thousands of future Texas farmers.

But even this modest step will not be taken by the State Board of Education unless there is a powerful expression of

public support from people like you. It is not enough for a Commissioner of Agriculture to request action; if the bureaucracy is to move in the direction we want, then it must receive a clear nudge from all Texans who want to restore the integrity of this valuable education program.

I'm calling on you to make your voice heard in Austin. Support restoration of funding for Voc Ag and FFA by writing Chairman Jon Brumley, State Board of Education, Austin, Texas 78701.

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