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All In The Family

The father-daughter bond can be strained some during the teenage years. Dating, cell phones, fashion, and friends sometimes replace dear old dad. Before long, those teenage years have ended and daughter has gone off to college where dear old dad's role is mainly that of check writer.

Borden High School

senior Kate Wallace has never been able to escape the presence of her father. Not only has she lived with him for all seventeen years of her life, but she has seen him everyday at school.

Mr. Buddy Wallace, in his twenty-fifth year as BHS's Ag teacher, has worked with many students in his award-winning Ag-Science and FFA pro-

grams. One of those students this year is Kate, and soon the father-daughter bond will take them to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the National FFA Convention.

Kate will represent the entire state of Texas in the Extemporaneous Speaking competition to be held in Indianapolis October 24, and Mr. Wallace will be in attendance as both FFA Advisor and, most importantly, proud father.

Not only is Mr. Wallace proud of Kate, but Kate has reason to beam when talking about her father. Buddy is currently

serving as the Texas Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Vice-President (last year his role was that of Secretary-Treasurer). The 1,400 member organization will honor him in 2008-2009 as he moves up to the office of presidency for VATA. The professional organization's home office is in Austin, where Mr. Wallace attends meetings throughout the year.

With so much agricultural related jobs and interests in the family, it might seem that the two would tire of the constant presence in each other's

lives. Just the opposite is true.

"It does me good to know that Kate, who is so active and so busy, has chosen to put the same effort into the FFA and ag programs," Mr. Wallace said. "It would be easy for her to go another avenue—she's pulled in so many directions."

Despite the fact that Kate plays basketball and golf and tennis (regional qualifier in doubles with Rachel Wilson), she has made time to invest in the Gail FFA chapter.

Despite the fact that

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Buddy (left) and Kate (right) Wallace will travel as father-daughter as well as teacher-student to the National FFA Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on Oct. 24th where Kate will represent to entire state of Texas in the Extemporaneous Speaking competition.

Homecoming 2007 Welcome Exes!



Friday, Oct. 26th

Bonfire: 5:00 p.m.

East side of school

Homecoming Meal: 5:30

Immediately following Bonfire

School Cafeteria

Sponsored by the Class of '08

Game Time: 7:30 p.m.

Borden County vs. Trent

Homecoming Dance:

County Showbarn

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Borden County Booster Club

Immediately following game

Debating Duo

Wallace, Wilson Take First Two Meet Championships as Partners

Batman and Robin. Snoopy and Charlie Brown. Peanut butter and jelly. Some things just go together. Such is the case with life-long best friends and current Borden County High School seniors Kate Wallace and Rachel Wilson.

Now, the two students have added another dynamic to their

friendship—they've become cross-examination (CX) debate partners, and the match is one that is already paying dividends.

The debating duo has argued their way to championships at both the Borger High School and Odessa High School Texas Forensics Association (TFA)

Debate Meets.

The partners have yet to lose a judge in all eight of the rounds in which they have debated.

At the Borger H.S. Meet on Sept. 22nd, Wallace and Rachel completed a 2-0 sweep of their opponents, whereas at this past weekend's meet at Odessa H.S., they went 6-0 and won both their semifinal and finals rounds with 3-0 decisions from their judges.

Wallace and Wilson's partnership has been a story in the making. They began kindergarten together here in Borden County back in the fall of 1994.

Along the way, Wallace found her niche in Lincoln-Douglas Debate (which debates values) while Wilson settled in as a CX debator (which debates policies).

With the graduation of past partners, the time was right for the girls to combine forces as seniors.

Between them in debate, Wallace and Wilson have three state gold medals, a state silver medal, and a bronze medal. Now, the team seems set on

winning one together in Austin in March.

With these two tournament victories, the partners are just two points shy of qualifying for the TFA State Meet in March. They will try to finish out those points at this weekend's debate meet at Midland Lee High School.

Wallace and Wilson were joined at the Odessa H.S. Meet by fellow BHS debaters Carlos Hernandez & Krystal Hobson

(who finished 2-1 in the prelims), rookies Bailey Anderson & John Hensley (who finished 1-2 in the prelims).

Additional team members participating in the meet were Lincoln-Douglas debaters Michael Porter (2-1 in the prelims) and Chasiti Rutherford (1-2 in the prelims). Also competing were Eric Espinoza in Poetry Interpretation and Brendan Tarleton in Prose Interpretation.

Borden County 6th

Graders Visit

TxDOT

By Matthew Ham, Class Reporter

Last Friday the 6th grade went to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The Supervisor, Mr. Jibber Herridge, took the 6th grade on a tour of the TxDOT yard. The Borden County office competed in the District Rodeo; in the Rodeo, TxDOT workers had to drive dump trucks in difficult places. They won several plaques for being the best in the district. "My favorite part was when Chris Cooley drove around the cones. We didn't laugh because he didn't hit any," said Taylor Gass.

A special thanks to Mr. Herridge, Ms. Carrie Hart, Mr. Andy Hudson, Mr. Robby Dean, and Mr. Cooley for taking time to show us their work.



Dynamic Duo: Kate Wallace (left) and Rachel Wilson (right)

Coyote JV Swat Hornets

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote JV traveled to Aspermont Oct. 4 and improved their season record to 4-1 by winning 19-13.

The Coyotes started the game flat offensively not scoring in the first quarter and letting some good opportunities get through them.

The Coyotes pulled it together and managed a single score on a one yard run by Derek Tatum in the second quarter. Tyrell Massingill ran for the extra point making the half time score 7-6 Coyotes.

The Coyotes welcomed back this week Tony Soto who was a work horse for the Coyotes running the ball this week.

The third quarter started good

with the Coyotes moving the ball well and playing great defense. The Coyotes got on the board with a 14 yard touchdown run by Tony with 2:23 left in the third. The PAT was no good making the score 13-6.

The Coyotes struck quick in the fourth quarter moving the ball well and capitalizing with a 6 yard touchdown run by Tatum. The Coyotes played some great defense in the fourth quarter only allowing a single touchdown to hold on for the victory 19-13.

The Coyotes did a good job of moving the ball offensively in the second quarter by some good blocking by Skyler Williamson, Clay Harding, and Michael

Froman which allowed the Coyotes to hold on for the win.

Statistically for the Coyotes:

Tyrell Massingill had 4 of 8 passing 36 yards and 3 tackles.

Tony Soto had 19 for 112 yards, 1 touchdown and 16 tackles.

David Rodriguez had 15 for 64 yards and 2 tackles.

Derek Tatum had 6 for 27 yards, 2 touchdown and 18 tackles.

Skyler Williamson had 3 tackles defensively.

Clay Harding had 4 tackles defensively.

Michael Froman had 4 tackles defensively.

Good Job Coyotes!



Borden County 6th graders take a tour of Gail's Texas Department of Transportation last Friday. They enjoyed demonstrations of how to operate road equipment. Students pictured are (top row left to right) Kayln Massingill, Taylor Gass, Maeghan Herridge, Tristen Benavidez, T.J. Basquez, Tyler Sommerville, (bottom row left to right) Michael McClain, Mollie McMeans, Mallory McMeans, Zach McMeans, Sydnie Rebeles, Matthew Proulx and Matthew Ham.

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Kate has participated on stage in one-act and won state in both Persuasive Speaking (two consecutive years) and Lincoln-Douglas Debate on the UIL circuit, she has made time to work with her livestock in preparation for various major shows during the second semester.

Kate's thoughts on her efforts: a modest, simple answer that "people with big ear lobes have good luck." Leave it to Kate to quote a Chinese proverb.

Attending and competing in the National FFA Convention will be a first-time experience for daughter but not for father. Mr. Wallace took the State Champion Horse Judging Team to nationals in Louisville, Kentucky, in 2005. Members of that team were LaShae Johnson, Kylan Reynolds, Lacey Newton, and Shelby Roberts.

Another Borden County resident, Mr. Gerry Smith, traveled with Mr. Wallace to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1987 to receive the National FFA Degree.

Kate's competition begins Wednesday morning, October 24, with the 8:30 am preliminary round. The top two students from each heat of eight students will advance to the semi-finals, scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 pm.

If Kate breaks to the finals, she will have to finish as one of the top four in the semi-final round. An awards banquet and ceremony recognizing all competitors will take place

Wednesday evening at 6:30, at which time the finalists will be announced.

On Thursday, October 25, at 2 pm the four finalists will speak once more to determine the rankings.

Mr. Wallace and Kate will not be around Friday to hear the final results. Refer back to Kate's busy schedule—the 2007 Homecoming Queen nominee wants to get back for her senior year bonfire and the football game before being introduced as a nominee at halftime of the Borden County-Trent football game.

Mr. Wallace, too, has to get back. He is also the Voice of the Coyotes and will be announcing the game as he has done for many years on Friday nights.

The teenage years are almost gone for this father and daughter. But, the two have enjoyed many of the "sugar and spice and everything nice" moments that have come their way. Let's hope for an especially sweet time in Indianapolis next week.

The theme for next week's national convention is *Blue Jackets, Bright Futures*.

How fitting.

Mr. Wallace has seen to it that many of his students have had opportunities to get a head start on what lies ahead after high school. And now with his own daughter, he's getting the chance to share with her what all parents try to give to their children: the gift of a bright future.

BC Cross Country Teams Run at Romp Through the Park

By Coach Turner

The Borden County Cross Country teams ran at the Romp Through The Park in Lamesa on Saturday, October 13th.

The Varsity and JV Boys ran 3 miles, while all others ran 2 miles.

In the JV boys division, Clay Harding came in at 27th finishing with a 29:52.1

In the Varsity boys division, Miller Valentine finished 47th with a 21:29.0, Tyrell Massingill finished 52nd with a 21:48.8, Logan Howard finished 23:07.4, Miles Valentine finished 71st with a 23:08.8, and

Karl Lamming finished 72nd with a time of 23:22.3.

In the Varsity Girls division, Taylor Richey finished 69th with a time of 16:14.7, Marla Crenshaw finished 79th with a 16:37.5, Lacey Roberts finished 88th with a 16:57.4, Krista Tarleton finished 91st with a 17:08.1 and Chellsie Pigford finished in 92nd place with a time of 17:12.1.

In the Girls JV division, Phyneshia Rutherford finished 29th with a time of 17:10.3, D'Nae Johnson finished 50th with a 18:23.6 and Brittany Day

finished in 51st place with a time of 18:33.1.

Running in the Boys Junior High division, Blake Turner placed 22nd with a time of 13:55 and Tanner Richey placed 37th with a time of 14:55.

In the Girls Junior High division, Mattie Turner finished in 44th place with a time of 15:57, Teryn Soto finished 46th with a 15:59, Stefanie Cooley finished 87th with a 17:07, Shae Burkett finished 95th with a 17:19 and Kylie Voss finished in 102nd place with a time of 17:28.

Great job to all who ran Saturday morning!

School Lunch Menu

October 22 - 26, 2007

MONDAY - Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Frito Pie, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Pears and Milk.

TUESDAY - Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit Juice, and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Pineapple, and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Biscuit Pudding, and Milk.

THURSDAY - Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Broccoli w/ranch, Jell-o, and Milk.

FRIDAY - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk. Lunch: BBQ Sandwich, Beans, French Fries, Surprise Cookie, Milk.

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Friday, October 26th after the bonfire
In the B.C.I.S.D. Cafeteria

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, & Tea/Water
\$6.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for Children
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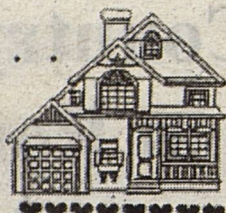
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By Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



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Plan Now for Holiday Spending

If you are a typical American household, spending hundreds of dollars (or more) during the holiday season (on gifts, food, decorations, parties, child care, and more), then you'll need a few months to come up with the needed funds. The good news? Starting now will give you a really good chance of avoiding debt this holiday season!

Start by identifying your basic monthly income and your basic (essential) living expenses (rent, utilities, food, clothing, etc.). Use that information to decide how much money you can set aside for holiday spending each month prior to the holidays.

For example, suppose that you have \$200 available in October, \$240 in November and \$175 in December. That means that your total holiday budget is \$615. Each month, set aside the planned amount. In October you plan to set aside \$200 for holiday spending. If you get paid weekly that might mean setting aside \$50 per week OR it might mean setting aside different amounts each week to fit your bill-paying schedule (for instance, \$100 in the 2nd week and \$80 in the 3rd week and \$20 in the 4th week).

Stash your holiday money somewhere special - in a designated bank account or perhaps in cash (keep it in a safe place). Mark down how much you put into your holiday fund, and whenever you spend on a holiday item, take the money out of the holiday fund. This lets you know how much is available for holiday spending and helps you make sure your use ONLY that

much money, not more.

Planning ahead will work best if you set limits for different types of holiday spending. Continuing with the example, here is one way a hypothetical person might divide their \$615:

- * \$400: gifts (\$300 for family, \$100 for friends, teachers and coworkers)
- * \$100: annual holiday party (\$65 for the dinner, \$35 for the babysitter)
- * \$25: new decorations
- * \$35: special groceries
- * \$30: gas for two trips to Grandma's house (this might be more depending on how far Grandma's house is!)
- * \$25: extra in case some thing comes up

Of course, each family's holiday spending plan will be different - make a plan that meets *your* needs.

Key rules to follow when planning for holiday spending:

1. Basic household needs come first. DO NOT skip paying the phone bill or the utility bill in order to make more money available for holiday spending.
2. Keep track of your holiday spending so you don't spend more than you planned. If you are tempted to spend extra in one category (such as gifts), then reduce another category accordingly. Be sure to keep all the receipts from holiday purchases in one envelope for easy reference - it will help in returns if needed as well.
3. Remember - the payoff for all this care and planning comes in January, when you'll start the year without any big debts or back bills to worry

about. Also, remember the reason for the season - it isn't how much you spend on your loved ones, but how much time and love you give!

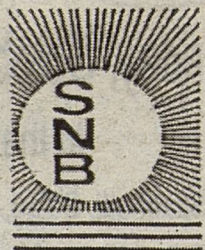
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Thought For The Day

Funny how small our sins seem. but how big 'their' sins are

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Immediately following the homecoming game

All 1997 students and teachers welcomed

For more information please call Peter & Kerri at 806/756-4320

Thank You

The Wallace family would like to express our heart-felt thanks to all who supported us at the passing of our beloved "Papa", "Dad", J.C. Wallace Jr. Your prayers, kind words, and love have been uplifting during our time of loss and sorrow. We are blessed to have friends in such a caring community. May God bless each of you.

In Christian Love,

The Buddy Wallace Family



Coyote Gear is Here!!

Borden County Booster Club has the latest in Coyote Gear! Jackets (adults and youth sizes), stadium seats, spirit pins, and victory bells! Come by the Booster Club table at home football games and get your SPIRIT ON!!!

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4-H News

Consumer Education Project

The Consumer Education project meetings and Consumer Decision Making practices will be held on during October and November after school in the Extension Office meeting room. The first meeting will be held on Monday, October 22 - if you would like to participate in this project and contest, please make plans to attend this meeting. This project is for all you wishing to enhance their consumer and decision making skills. These skills are used in our daily lives. The District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest Saturday, December 1. For more information, contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

Cool Clovers 4-H Meeting

The Cool Clovers 4-H Club will meet on Tuesday, October 23 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. The program will be on "100 Years of 4-H." Any youth ages 9 (or currently enrolled in 3rd grade) through 5th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

Junior High and High School 4-H Meeting

The Borden County Junior High and High School 4-H will meet on Wednesday, October 24 from 12:20 to 1:05 p.m. The program will be on "100 Years of 4-H." Any youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

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And The Oscar For Best Grouch Goes To....

When the powers that be—
Hallmark Cards probably—
came up with Boss's Day, they
probably didn't have in mind
what Dr. Charles McCook's em-
ployees did to him.

Borden County graduate Amy
(Mason) Pennel and her sidekick
Donna work at Dr. McCook's
dental practice in Post. After
hearing about a contest on
KSNY in Snyder for National
Grouch Day, the two submitted
the poem below about their be-
loved boss.

Dr. McCook won: unani-
mously, no doubt.

Our Nominee for National Grouch Day 2007

We heard your add on the ra-
dio
as we listen to the station ev-
eryday,

because we think our boss is a
little grumpy,

here is what we have to say.

He's the one who cleans and
pulls our teeth

the man who people fear the
most,

the one we'd like to nominate,
is our local dentist here in Post.
He grunts, moans, and groans
complains that he's just too
old,

and to keep us out of the cof-
fee

he makes it taste too bold.

On Fridays he is always ready
for somewhere outside to go,
but when Monday roles
around

gripe, gripe, gripe because the
wind did blow.

At Halloween we push for
him to play dress up

that only puts him is a bad
mood,

so, no need to look far for what
he should wear

he will be Ebenezer Scrooge.

We bring flowers and candles
into the office

just to cheer the place up,

then he sputters and coughs
and tells us
that we don't need all that
smelly stuff.

Sometimes we get too many
patients

at once sitting in the treat-
ment chairs,

then the doc feels hurried and
rushed

and then gives us a foul glare.

Thirty years old, our Christ-
mas tree and stand is broken

and always leans to one side,
But he claims there's no need

for a new one,

that would only hurt his
pride.

He doesn't want a computer
to be up-to-date would just

be a crime,

in fact, it wasn't too long ago
that he let us get rid of the

rotary dial phone line.

The place needed a little fix-
ing up

but not to this ol'grouch,
It took 25 years for our wait-
ing room,

Just to get a brand new couch.

When time comes to pay bills
He places one cent stamps,

forty-one all in a line,
Posts them all over the enve-
lope

So the address you can barely
find.

When asking our patients if
we should do this

They said he had their vote,

They agreed with us on

Writing and turning in this
little note.

We want him to be the win-
ner

For a grouch, no further you
should look,

Please, please pick this poem

About our friend and boss, Dr.
Charles McCook.

Amy & Donna

Worlds Best Grouch



Dr. Charles McCook (center) is pictured with his assistants Amy Pennell (left) and Donna Smith (right). Dr. McCook won the Best Grouch contest on KSNY radio in Snyder based on a poem written by Pennell and Smith. Dr. McCook's son, Colt, was also a former student of Borden County.

Lights For Gail

There will be a "Lights For Gail" meeting held on October 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's courtroom at the Borden County Courthouse. If you are interested, please attend.

Making The Grade!

1st Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Senior: Sharelle Gass, Rachel Wilson; **Sophomore:** Karl Laming, Lacey Roberts, Raylea Underwood; **Freshman:** John Hensley, Kimberly Proulx, Taylor Richey, Krista Tarleton; **Eighth Grade:** Austin Fields, Blake Turner, Shea Burkett, Steven Howard, Kayla Pepper, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Steelie Sanders, Riley Smith, Mattie Turner; **Seventh Grade:** Austin Fields; **Sixth Grade:** Taylor Gass, Kayln Massingill, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, Zack McMeans, Matthew Proulx.

1st Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Junior: Katherine Froman, Krystal and Hobson; **Sophomore:** Flynn Chapman, D'Nae Johnson, Chellsie Pigford, Michael Porter, and Brendan Tarleton; **Freshman:** Bailey

Anderson, Joseph McConnell, Phyneshia Rutherford, and Miles Valentine; **Eighth Grade:** Austin Tyler; **Seventh Grade:** Celina Guerrero, Teryn Soto, and Kylie Voss;

Sixth Grade: Matthew Ham, and Maeghan Herridge; **Fifth Grade:** Frank Banman, Tye Basquez, Blaise Freeman, Nathan Ham, Sean Tucher and Cayden Vaughn; **Fourth Grade:** Joel Andrade, Rhaeden Bland, Kylee Dean, Zoie Key, Channing Miller, Kelby Miller, Colby Pennell, Samuel Raborn, Jyrsten Rebeles, Tatum Richey, Flint Roberts, Taylor Roberts, Caelan Thuett, Merik Valentine, and Tate Wheatley. **Third Grade:** Maddie Benavidez, Tanner Freeman, Hayley Gray, Hunter Jones, Dylan Murphy, Maria Neufeld, Avery Price and Bryce Turner. **Second Grade:** Thadd Basquez, Veronica Hernandez, Kable Kleck, Thomas Nix, Nicholas Proulx, Trace Richey, Brian Torres and Morgan Wilson.

Howard County Muzzleloaders to Hold

Rendezvous

The Howard County Muzzleloaders are inviting you to join us on a trip back in time.

Come with us as we journey to the mountains, the plains, the rivers, and to the great sea toward the west.

The great men and women who blazed the trails for us to follow were forced by the very

nature of their journeys to overcome hardships we in this world can't begin to imagine. They were often the victims of disease and starvation, war-like Indians and countless other incidents.

It is in their honor that we in the club portray ourselves as the great mountain men who often with little more than the clothes

on his back and his trusty Hawkins rifle took to the woods in search of beaver, the plainsman who left the settlements in search of the buffalo out on the great plains, and the American Indians who both helped and hindered the slow march west. Once or twice a year they all came together to buy supplies, tell lies, and sell their pelts, but mostly just to join in on the laughter, fun and games.

It is in the memory of these great men and women that we ask you to join us in this thing we call RENDEZVOUS.

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Christmas Decorating Contest

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Join in the fun! Complete and mail the entry form below and help decorate Gail for the Holidays!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____ Phone: _____

Directions to home: _____

Mail your entry to "Lyntegar & Lights for Gail - Christmas Decorating Contest", P.O. Box 312, Gail, TX 79738. All entries must be received by November 19, 2007 at 5:00 pm, and the location of the entry must be within a five-mile radius of Borden County Courthouse. Judging will be done on Wednesday, November 21st between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES
CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: **Abilene**
Contract **6171-97-001** for **HOT POUR CRACK SEAL** in **HOWARD** County, etc. will be opened on **November 13, 2007** at **11:00a.m.** at the District Office for an estimate of **\$202,522.26**.

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

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State Office
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Austin, Texas 78704
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Dist/Div Office (s)
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District Engineer
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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

NPO: 24864

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Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

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Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

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

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith.

Finding Jim Killeen

The city of Killeen is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. Last spring, there was a week of events. "Everything from black tie galas to antique cars and chili cook-offs," says Connie Kuehl, who heads up Killeen's Convention Center. "We had arts and crafts, including antique quilts." Connie says there was one thing that made the event special. "A guy from Los Angeles named Jim Killeen googled his name, just out of curiosity. He found there were six other people in the world named Jim Killeen."

Jim Killeen of Los Angeles found Jim Killeens in Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Denver, St. Louis and New York. The LA Jim is a filmmaker, so he decided to make a documentary of his name search and subsequent events.

"In his googling, he found our 125th was going on," says Connie, "so LA Jim flew the other six Jims to Killeen, Texas for the celebration. They were here about three or four days and were a delight. They had a blast."

Connie says their coming was a surprise. They just called and said they were coming to the party. The Jim Killeens were given the royal treatment during the event and they got into the spirit of things. They cooked some horrible chili, enjoyed Texas wines and met lots of people. Connie had Jim Killeen name badges made with their hometowns on them. She arranged press conferences, which the Jims loved.

Along with Killeen's 125th anniversary, it was the Killeen rodeo's 60th anniversary. The Jims were honored guests and showed up wearing cowboy clothes. They whooped and hollered and even rode a pygmy bull.

"They were given prime seats, but they hardly ever used them. They were on their feet most of the performance. The announcer got into it, too. He asked if there was a Jim Killeen in the audience. They all stood and waved as the crowd cheered." LA Jim's film crew was on hand and Connie says they got some good footage.

"They have found some sponsors and are ready to go in to production. The name of the documentary is GOOGLE ME, THE MOVIE."

The Jims are thinking about making Killeen, Texas the place for the movie's premiere.

The Jim Killeen from Ireland wants to come back. He wants to bring about 100 of his kinfolk named Killeen. During the celebration, some local historians did some research on the city's origin. The founder of Killeen was a man named Frank Killeen, a railroad man.

"They're not even sure he ever came to Killeen," says Connie.

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NRCS Texas Accepts Applications for EQIP Funding

Texas agricultural landowners interested in participating in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) need to apply by Nov. 16, 2007, if they have not already done so to be eligible for the next round of funding, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"Although EQIP is a continuous sign-up program, some producers may not have signed up yet," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "We will rank all eligible applications received by the end of the ranking period on Nov. 16 for 2008 funding. There is a strong possibility that EQIP funds will become available in October."

EQIP promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers receive financial and technical assistance to help install conservation practices and to implement management systems that promote conservation. Financial assistance is on a cost-shared basis with the producer. The technical assistance is provided at 100 percent of the cost by NRCS.

According to Gohmert, there are a few changes in EQIP for 2008.

NRCS is adding another statewide resource concern to the program at the recommendation of the State Technical Committee. Funding will be provided in 2008 specifically for conservation practices that improve habitat for the pronghorn antelope in west Texas.

Also new in 2008 will be a process to streamline payments. Instead of the traditional percentage-of-cost rates, NRCS will offer flat-rate payments based on a schedule for each conservation practice. "Landowners will know up-front what the payment in dollars will be," Gohmert said.

"One important component of EQIP that remains the same is the input needed from the local level to make EQIP address the most pressing resource concerns there," Gohmert said. "Our local offices may be holding program development group and local working group meetings very soon to gather that input." NRCS offices and local soil and water conservation district officials will have more information about local meetings.

To sign up for EQIP or to get

more information, contact the NRCS office serving your county. Look in the phone book under "U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture," or find your service center on the Web at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

You can also get information about Texas NRCS conservation technical assistance and programs at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Source: United States Department of Agriculture; Natural Resources Conservation Service



While many Texas crops have an ideal harvest date, it's no secret the beloved Texas apple stands out every month of the year. A favorite for all ages, Texas apples score high on the nutrition report card. Packed with vitamins A and C, calcium, phosphorus and high amounts of potassium, apples from the Lone Star State are healthy, great-tasting and always available.

Conditions have been ripe for an excellent crop this year, creating a long growing season for a wide variety of fresh, crisp apples. In fact, there are 20 different apple varieties grown commercially in Texas - from Gala to Golden Delicious to Granny Smith to the popular Red Delicious.

The majority of Texas apples are grown in the South Plains around Lubbock and along the border of Texas and New Mexico. And while the hot Texas summer often takes its toll on state crops, tree-ripened Texas apples hold up well against the ever-present sun.

Because they usually stay on the tree longer, Texas apples have a higher sugar content and a noticeably sweeter flavor - up to 40 percent sweeter than most other apples - which is another great reason Texas apples reign supreme when it comes down to delicious flavor.

For apples right off your neighbor's tree at a local pick-your-own farm, go to www.picktexas.com where you will find recipes, guides and advice for finding the freshest fruit in Texas. Also, for a listing of Texas apple growers, visit www.gotexan.org.

Ag News

4-H Lamb and Goat Validation

Lamb and goat validation will be held on Monday, October 29, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Borden County Show Barn located behind the school. If you plan on exhibiting a lamb or meat goat project through 4-H or FFA at the county and/or major livestock shows, you must have the animal on feed and validated by October 31, 2007.

For more information, please contact Cody G. Hill, County Extension Agent -Agriculture, at (806) 756-4336.



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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID
INJECTION WELL PERMIT**

Primexx Operating Corporation, 4849 Greenville Ave., Ste 1600 Dallas, Tx 75206 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **Upper Sprayberry** formation, **Nan Martin "B" Lease**, Well Number **3411**. The proposed injection well is located 9 miles NNW of Gail in the **Clayton Ranch, N. (Sprayberry) Field**, in **Borden County**. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from **5600 to 5900 ft.**

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.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within 15 days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 - (512)463-6792.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)**

To the registered voters of the County of
Borden, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Borden, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 6, 2007, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendment as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas. (Notifíquese, por las present que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6, 2007, de Noviembre 2007 para votar el la eleccion, para adoptar o rechazar la emniendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 80a Legislatmra Sesion Regular; de la Estado de Texas.)

**LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)**

No. 1 AT Plains Community Center
No. 2A - 2B at Borden County Community Building
No. 3A - 2B at Fairview Election Building
No. 4A - 4B at Borden County Courthouse
Absentee at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal office hours.

No. 1 en Plains Community Center
No. 2A - 2B en community room de Gail
No. 3A - 3B en la sitio se votacion Fairview
No. 4A - 4B en Courthouse de Gail
Para los que se encuentran ausente, para eldie propuest pueden votar en oricina del County Clerk en Gail, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votacion adelantado en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

County Clerk's Office (oricina del Secretatio del Destrito y Condado)

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 22, 2007 (entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 22 de Octubre, 2007 and ending on 02 de Noviembre, 2007 (y terminando el 02 de November, 2007.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para lotetas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Joyce Herridge
P.O. Box 124
Gail, Texas 79738

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:

October 30, 2007 (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: Octubre 30, 2007)

Issued this the 10th of October, 2007
(Emitada este dia 10 de Octubre, 2007)

Van L York, County Judge (Firma del Juez Condado)

NOTICE OF HEARING

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 8A-0253692

IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Austin, Texas

October 1, 2007

NOTICE OF HEARING

ON THE APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION

TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY AUTHORITY FOR THE PROPOSED VON
ROEDER WEST UNIT

VON ROEDER, W. (CLEAR FORK) FIELD,
BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2007), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on November 8, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Apache Corporation for unitization and secondary recovery authority pursuant to §101, Texas Natural Resources Code for the Von Roeder West Unit, Von Roeder, W. (Clear Fork) Field, Borden County, Texas. Applicant advises that the unit agreement has been approved by the owners of more than 85% of the working interest and the owners of more than 65% of the royalty interest. If you have question regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Michael McElroy, at (512)327-8111. If you have question regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512)463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, And, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

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