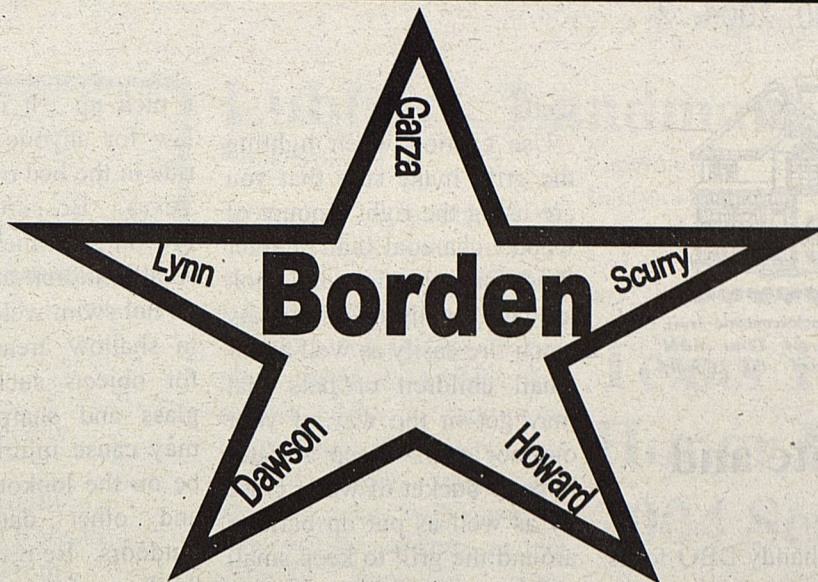


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Shooting Sports Members Participate in District II Shoot

Gail Trap Club members traveled to Lubbock for the District II Shoot on June 25 and 26. Trap was shot on Friday with Sub-Juniors shooting 50 targets, Juniors shooting 75 targets and Seniors shooting 100 targets.

Competing in the Sub-Jr. division was Tyrell Massingill, Matthew Robertson, Brendan Tarleton and Raylea Underwood. Tyrell shot 24 targets, Matthew shot 34, Brendan shot 39, and Raylea shot 47. Raylea placed 3rd in the 1A Class Division after a shoot off for second place. Matthew placed 3rd in the 1C Class Division after three shoot offs and eventually placing 3rd. John Cowart competed in the Junior Division and shot 50 targets. Austin Tarleton participated in the Senior Division and shot 92 targets.

Skeet and 5-stand were shot on Saturday with all shooters shooting 50 targets each. Results in Skeet were: Sub-Junior Division - Tyrell 26 targets, Matthew 23 targets, Brendan 27 targets and Raylea 30 targets. John Cowart shot 38 targets in the Junior Division and Austin Tarleton shot 46 targets in the Skeet Senior Division.

5-stand results were: Sub-Junior Division - Tyrell 21 targets, Matthew 6 targets, Brendan 11 targets and Raylea 19 targets. Junior

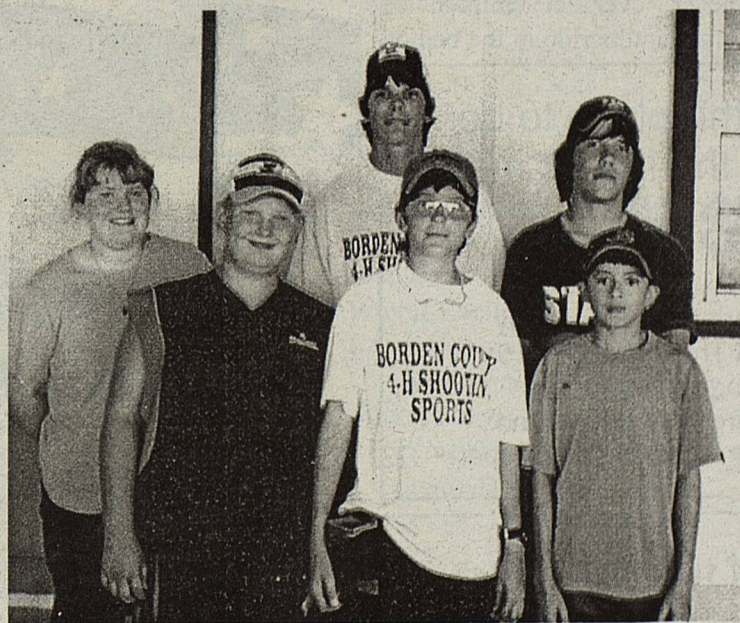
Division - John Cowart shot 30 targets and placed 3rd after a shoot off. In the Senior Division, Austin Tarleton shot 28 targets.

Sub-Junior 2-man teams were Raylea and Tyrell with a team total of 127 and Brendan and Matthew with a team total of 123.

The members were accompanied to the shoot by

coaches Kent and Ollie Holmes, Ray Don Underwood and Bill Tarleton. Parents attending the shoot were Dean and Tracy Robertson, Roscoe and Cindy Massingill and Jana Underwood.

The next shoot is District 6 in Midland. Good luck to all shooters.



Shooting Sports Members: (L. to R.) Jana Underwood, Matthew Roberson, Austin Tarleton, Brendan Tarleton, John Cowart and Tyrell Massingill



Drive Safely - Watch Out for the Children

Lubbock Landmark Hosts Archaeology Family Day on July 10th

LUBBOCK, TX - Lubbock Lake Landmark will host Archaeology Family day on Saturday July 10th, from 10am to 4pm. The event includes behind-the-scenes guided tours of the archaeological excavations and research facilities at 10:30 and 11:30 am, and 1:30 and 2:30pm. Hands-on family activities include spear throwing, pottery puzzles, and a simulated excavation.

Each summer archaeologists, students, and volunteers from the U.S. and abroad come to the Lubbock Lake Landmark to participate in its annual Summer Field Research Program. For over 65 years archaeologists have probed the earth for clues to the ancient past at Lubbock Lake Landmark. Although guided and self-guided tours of the sites and exhibitions

are available throughout the year, the summer is a wonderful time for the community to visit the Landmark and see the excavations in progress. During the excavation season tours become more intensive and interactive. Interaction is not only between the tour-guide and visitor, but also the excavators and visitor. The visitor has an extraordinary opportunity to see "archaeology in action," a much more exciting and memorable experience than the usual tour. Visitors can view what is being unearthed and learn how environmental and cultural clues (such as pieces of bison bone or flakes of chert) fit into the picture of the culture and time period under investigation.

Once the site of an ancient,

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Fourth of July Celebration

The First Baptist Church of Gail will have an Independence Day Celebration, on Sunday, July 4th.

The Community is invited to come for a Patriotic Service that will begin at 5:00 p.m. with guest entertainment.

Following the service a hot dog meal with all the fixin' will be served. Everyone is asked to bring chips, dips, cookies, ice cream, brownies, watermelon, etc.

Games and entertainment is planned with prizes for kids as well as lots of fun!

Everyone is asked to bring their fireworks for an awesome fireworks display at dusk.

Come and join the fun!

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Celebrate the Red, White and Blue Safely

Hot dogs and hamburgers, chips and dip, cold watermelon and lemonade, and of course sparklers...those are the things that I think of on the Fourth of July. There are many things to consider while you are enjoying your Independence Day celebration, including food safety, grilling safety, playground and recreation safety, as well as fireworks safety.

To keep food safe, remember the four C's: clean, cross contamination, cook and chill. Be sure to use clean your hands and surfaces for cutting meat and vegetables, as well as serving food. If soap and water are not available, carry along disposable disinfecting wipes to clean your hands and surfaces. Don't cross contaminate your foods. Keep raw foods away from cooked foods, especially meats. Use a separate plate or pan to put the cooked meat in than you used for the raw meat. Use separate cutting boards and utensils for meat and raw veggies and fruits. Cook the food to the proper temperature. If you aren't sure if it is done, use a thermometer.

They make handy BBQ forks with a built in thermometer that are available at most department and discount stores and even the grocery store. A good rule of thumb is to make sure that the juices in chicken run clear and that the inside of hamburger meat is no longer pink. Chill foods properly. Keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Carry along separate coolers for cold and hot foods, and pack extra ice to keep those foods colder longer. In the summer heat, food should not set out more than an hour. Try to serve foods that don't have to be chilled, such as fruits and vegetables and chips. Keep dips and other condiments on ice and store uncooked and cooked meats in the cooler as

well.

Use caution when lighting the grill, make sure that you are using the right amount of wood, charcoal and lighter fluid for your fire, and look around for things that may catch fire easily as well as for small children or pets that may get in the way of your outdoor grill. Keep a water hose or bucket of water close by as well as put up barriers around the grill to keep small children away from the hot metal and flames.

Be sure to keep an eye on everyone in your group. Know the safety rules of the park or area you will be in, if you are at home or at a family member's, set up a few rules to ensure everyone's safety. Have an emergency plan prior to your outing. If you go to a large park or place where you can be separated, have a designated meeting place that everyone knows about. Dress your children in brightly colored clothing so that you can find them easily in a crowd. Don't overload recreational vehicles such as four wheelers or go carts and never, ever let children or other adults ride in the bed of

a pick up. It is against the law for anyone under 16 to ride in the bed of a pick up in Texas. Be sure to keep an eye on swimmers, especially small children and those that do not swim well. Don't dive in shallow areas and watch for objects such as broken glass and sharp rocks that may cause injuries. Always be on the lookout for snakes and other dangers while outdoors. Be responsible and think safety first when enjoying your summer recreation and time outdoors.

Fireworks are a lot of fun and can be enjoyed by all, but they can also be dangerous. Make sure to check for burn bans in your area, and check the city or county ordinances about shooting fireworks. Many places in our area have banned them due to the extremely dry conditions. However, if you decide to go ahead and shoot your fireworks, remember these safety tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- Never allow children to play with or ignite

fireworks.

- Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house, dry leaves, and flammable materials.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Wet the area you are lighting the fireworks in and keep a water hose and/or bucket of water on hand in case of a malfunction or fire.
- Wear safety goggles and clothing that will not fall into the fire while lighting the fireworks.

By following these few safety hints, your July Fourth celebration should be safe and enjoyable.

Remember, safety first! Happy Independence Day!

Green Acres is the place to be...
4-H fun day is the life for me!



Mark your calendars for 4-H Fun Day on the afternoon of Thursday, July 15.

All youth entering Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to attend. More details will follow in next week's paper!

Thomas and Tanner announce the arrival of their baby sister:



Thomas - 6 yrs. old

Tatum De'Ann Harrison

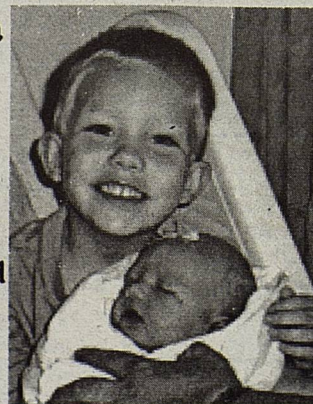
Born: March 24, 2004 - 8:22am
Midland Memorial Hospital
Wt. 6 lb. 9 oz. - 18-1/2"

Parents:

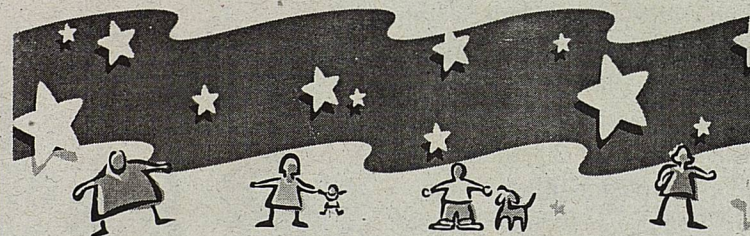
Kristi & Jon Harrison, Greenwood

Grandparents:

Randy & Verna Adcock
Perry & Suzanne Harrison, Lubbock



Tanner - 3 yrs. old



Have a Safe and
Happy of July

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4-H News

Summer Horse Project Results

The Borden County 4-H Horse Project held its County Horse Show and Final Point Night on Thursday, June 24. Fourteen participants and their families and friends enjoyed a hot dog supper during competition. Results are as follows:

PEE WEE:

1. Taylor Gass
2. Blaise Freeman
3. Branson Smith
4. Sean Tucker
5. Tanner Freeman
6. Katie Gray

7. Hayley Gray

JUNIOR:

1. Riley Smith
2. Krystal Hobson
3. Brice Smith

SENIOR:

1. Caden Nowlain
2. Lacey Newton
3. Chelsea Minnick
4. Sharelle Gass

Congratulations to all these participants! Thanks again to all the parents that offered their help and expertise in various ways. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

District Horse Show Results

On Tuesday, June 15, seven Borden County 4-H members traveled to Wolfforth to compete in the District II 4-H Horse Show. 63 participants throughout the area competed in this event. Participating from Borden County were: Rowdy Clary, Logan Furlong, Chelsea Minnick, Lacey Newton, Kylan Reynolds, Symeron Rinehart and Chance Taylor. Placings in the events entered by our local youth are as follows:

Registered Mare - Under 5 (5 entries):

Chelsea Minnick - 4th Place

Registered Gelding - 5 yrs & Over (14 entries):

Kylan Reynolds participated

Breakaway Roping

(17 entries):

Rowdy Clary - 1st Place
Symeron Rinehart - 3rd Place
Chance Taylor - 5th Place

Logan Furlong - participant

Tie Down Calf Roping

(7 entries):

Logan Furlong - 3rd Place
Rowdy Clary 4th Place
Symeron Rinehart - 5th Place

Team Roping (7 entries)

Participating were Logan Furlong and Kylan Reynolds

Western Pleasure

(20 entries)

Chelsea Minnick - participant

Western Riding (5 entries)

Lacey Newton

Reining (9 entries)

Logan Furlong - 2nd Place

Pole Bending (22 entries)

Lacey Newton - 8th Place

Lubbock Landmark

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spring-fed watering hole, Lubbock Lake has produced evidence of an unbroken human presence spanning 12,000 years. One of the few places in North America that reveals this continuous occupation, the site has yielded early tools and weapons, as well as the remains of many extinct animals, including mammoths, ancient camels, two types of ancient horses, ancient bison, giant short-faced bears, and giant armadillos. The site was discovered in 1936 as the city of Lubbock attempted to revive the underground springs. Excavations began in 1939, and are conducted annually from June to August. The Museum of Texas Tech University is responsible for the preservation, research and interpretation of the Landmark.

Admission to the Lubbock Lake Landmark is FREE OF CHARGE. Please call (806)742-1116 or email lubbocklake@ttu.edu for additional information.

The Lubbock Lake Landmark, a unit of the Museum of Texas Tech University, is located at 2401

Chelsea Minnick - 10th Place
Barrel Racing (22 entries)
Lacey Newton - 9th Place
Chelsea Minnick - participant
Stakes Race (19 entries)
Lacey Newton - 9th Place

Congratulations to these 4-H members and their families on their accomplishments!

Landmark Drive on Lubbock's northwest edge (accessible via marked Loop 189 exits, or following signs at US 84 (Clovis Rd) through

Landmark Lane to Landmark Drive). Stay up-to-date . . . visit the Museum's website at <http://www.museum.ttu.edu> and select the Lubbock Lake Landmark link.

Texas Tech announces Honor List for Spring 2004 Semester

Texas Tech University had 2,216 students to qualify for the Honors List, for the Spring Semester of 2004. The Honor's List, is comprised of the President's List and Dean's List. To be eligible for the President's List a student must have taken at least 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained a 4.0 grade point average. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have taken at least 12 quality hours during the semester and

maintained a 3.5-3.9 grade point average.

Four former BHS graduates qualified for these Honor Lists. They are as follows:

President's List

Hailey Adcock, Sr.

Multidisciplinary Studies

Dean's List:

Crystal Dye, Jr.

Interior Design

Carolyn Lewis, Sr.

Early Childhood

Kaci Poole, Sr.

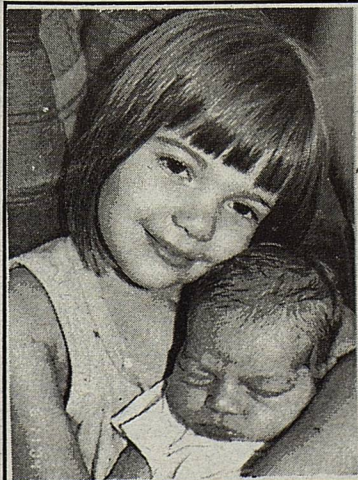
Agricultural Comm.

Borden County Senior Citizen Group

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 5 in the Community Room. This will be a pot luck supper (bring your favorite dish to share) that will begin at 6:00 p.m. We will enjoy our meal and fellowship first, then enjoy your favorite games to play.

There are many possible opportunities this center can provide, including wonderful fellowship, fun games and activities, great learning experiences, a chance to have your blood pressure and

blood glucose checked, and even a possibility of group outings. We invite you to participate in the second Borden County Senior Citizen Group Evening. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Julie Smith at (806)756-4336. Also, if you need transportation to and from the Community Building, please contact us to make arrangements. We look forward to a great new opportunity for our friends in Borden County!



Jayli Ashton Teeters
Announces the birth of her new sister
Kamryn Laine

Born: June 3, 2004 12:46 p.m.

Covenant Medical Center
6lbs. 9 oz. 19 1/2 inches

Parents:

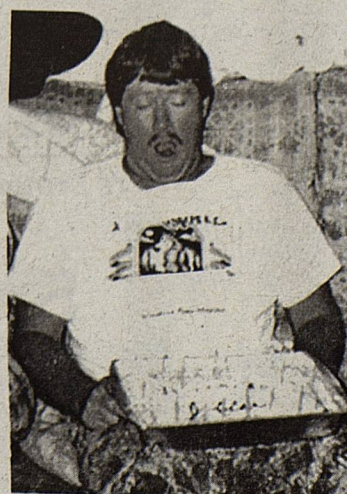
Staci & Caleb Teters, Lubbock

Grandparents:

Susan & Barry O'Brien, Borden Co.

Susie & Dennis Teeters, Big Spring

You were celebrating #26
when first we met
Now the years have flown
by and the "Greyer"
you get
As you celebrate #40
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The "Mailbag"



Before there was a nation, there was mail

It officially began in a tavern in Massachusetts. No, the bar wasn't named "Cheers," but looking back, a little rejoicing probably is in order.

In early colonial times, mail was an iffy proposition. Correspondents depended on friends, merchants, and Native Americans to carry messages between the colonies. However, to handle the growingly important mail traveling between the colonies and England, the first official notice of postal service in the colonies appeared in 1639. The General Court of Massachusetts designated Richard Fairbanks' tavern in Boston as the official repository of mail brought from or sent overseas, in line with the practice in England and other nations to use coffee houses and taverns as

mail drops. Our first Post Office.

Post Offices and post routes began springing up throughout the colonies. In 1673, Governor Francis Lovelace of New York set up a monthly post between New York and Boston, and William Penn established Pennsylvania's first Post Office in 1683.

When the Continental Congress named Benjamin Franklin the first Postmaster General (PMG) in 1775, the United States was a weak confederation of colonies scattered along the eastern seaboard. The founders of our nation realized the important role that mail would play in the development of our country, helping to bind the new nation together, support the growth of commerce, and ensure a free flow of ideas and

information.

When the Constitution of the United States was adopted in 1789, it established a Post Office and the Office of the Postmaster General. George Washington appointed Samuel Osgood of Massachusetts as the first PMG under the Constitution. At that time, there were 75 Post Offices and about 2,000 miles of post roads.

In the more than two centuries since, the United States and the Postal Service have grown and changed together. As mail delivery evolved from foot to horseback, stagecoach, steamboat, railroad, automobile, and airplane, with forays into the use of balloons, helicopters, pneumatic tubes, and once even a guided missile, it was mail transportation contracts that ensured the income necessary to build the great highways, rail lines, and airways that eventually spanned our nation.

Today, the Postal Service delivers nearly half the world's mail, operates the

largest non-military transportation fleet in the world, and delivers some 200 billion pieces of mail each year. It fuels our nation's economy, the pipeline for the \$900 billion mailing industry which employs nine million people and accounts for 8 percent of the gross domestic product in the U.S. And it

still binds our nation together, eight million businesses and 250 million American strong, address by address, community by community, coast by coast.

The Post Office was an important building block in the development of our country. It's just as important today.

**In case of Emergency Call:
BORDEN COUNTY EMS
806/759-5111**

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 10:00 a.m., July 12, 2004.

1. Fuel for 2004
 - a. unleaded
 - b. diesel
2. Propane for Courthouse and Precinct #2 Barn

For specifications and information on the above, contact the office of the County Judge, Borden County Courthouse, 806/756-4391.

Bids should be submitted to the Office of the County Judge, PO Box 156, Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas 79738.

The right is reserved by the Borden County Commissioners' Court to accept or reject any and all bids.

For the Borden County Commissioners' Court

Van L. York,
County Judge
Borden County

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ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

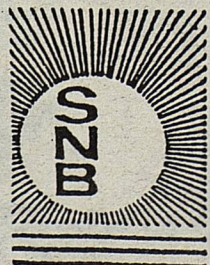
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Borden County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) fire fighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

ADOPTED this 28th day of June, 2004 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Van L. York, County Judge
Attest: Joyce Herridge, County Clerk
By Jana Underwood, Deputy

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the APACHE CORPORATION, 6120 S. YALE SUITE 1500, TULSA OK 74136 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to distance between well to directional drill Well No. 2, Murphy, W. Ed "RB" Lease, 1588 Acres, Sec. 81, Bk. 25, H & TC RR CO Survey, A-37, Von Roeder, W. Clearford Field(s), Borden County, being 8.3 miles in a north direction of Vincent, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

SL: 900' from the south line and 30' from the west line of lease.
900' from the south line and 30' from the west line of survey.

BHL: 1675' from the south line and 850' from the west line of lease.
1675' from the south line and 850' from the west line of survey.

Field rules for the Von Roeder, W. (Clearfork) field(s) are 660/1320, 80 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4620 feet

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Bill G. Spence, consultant, at 512-495-6416. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY August 01, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION