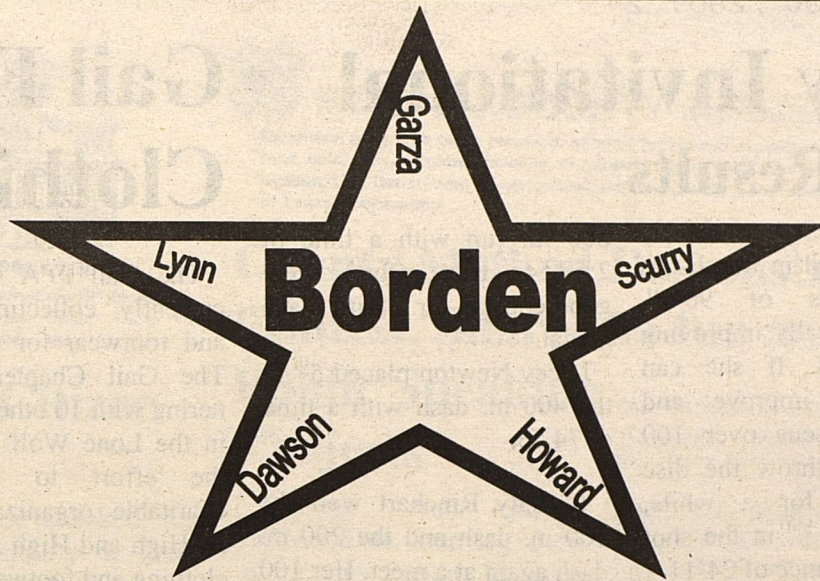


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Set for Success

*B.H.S. Students Compete This Week
In District U.I.L. Academic Meet*

For the past four years, the Borden County High School U.I.L. Academic Teams have met their goal of winning the district championship.

This week, they are trying for their fifth consecutive as they compete in the District 9-A U.I.L. Academic Meet on Tuesday and Thursday, March 29th and 30th.

The Borden County I.S.D. is also hosting the meet for the twelve-school district. Joining BC students at the meet are competitors from high schools in Garden City, Grady, Hermleigh, Highland, Ira, Klondike, Loraine, Roby, Sands, Trent, and Westbrook.

The top three individuals and the first place team in each contest will advance to the Region II-A Academic Meet. Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene hosts those contests on April 22 and 23.

The top six individuals and the top two teams in each contest also earn points that will cumulatively determine the overall district academic champion.

Borden County students competing at the district meet are as follows:

Accounting:

Garrett Chapman, LaShae Johnson, & Cassidy Rinehart.

Calculator Applications:

Clint Chapman, Lacey Newton, Billy Roper, & Christina Soto.

Computer Applications:

Trey Soto, Austin Tarleton, & John Wilson.

Current Issues & Events:

Rowdy Clary, Taylor Peterson, John Wilson, & Rachel Wilson.

Editorial Writing:

Becky Dobyns, John Wilson & Rachel Wilson.

Feature Writing:

Whitney Anderson, Sharelle Gass, & Kalli Poole.

Headline Writing:

Whitney Anderson, Becky Dobyns, & Trey Soto.

Informative Speaking:

Andrew Lamming, Billy Roper, & Tyler Wallace.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

Andrew Lamming, Shelby Roberts, & Kate Wallace.

Literary Criticism:

Clint Chapman, John Cowart, Jake Payne, & Trey Soto.

Mathematics:

Billy Roper, Christina Soto, John Wilson, & Rachel Wilson.

News Writing:

Whitney Anderson, Christina Soto, & Lindsey Stamper.

Number Sense:

Clint Chapman, Billy Roper, & Christina Soto.

Persuasive Speaking:

Adam Carter, Kate Wallace, & John Wilson.

Poetry Interpretation:

Adam Carter, Kalli Poole, & Lindsey Stamper.

Prose Interpretation:

Cassidy Rinehart, Garrett Thomas, & Tyler Wallace.

Ready Writing:

Whitney Anderson, Becky Dobyns, & Zack McConnell.

Science:

Rowdy Clary, J. Ryan Gicklhorn, Reynaldo Hernandez, Zack McConnell, Aaron Pigford, & Kylan Reynolds.

Social Studies:

Rowdy Clary, John Cowart, Jake Payne, & Taylor Peterson.

Spelling & Vocabulary:

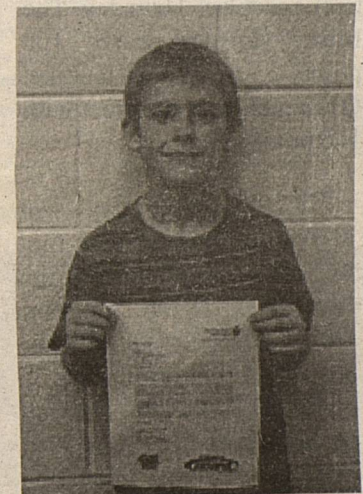
Becky Dobyns, Emily Mayes, Austin Tarleton, & Rachel Wilson.

Vaughn recognized by American Heart Association

By Bric Turner

The students of Borden Elementary recently participated in Jump Rope for Heart. The students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade raised over \$1300.

Second grader Cayden Vaughn was recognized this week by the American Heart Association for his outstanding effort in raising \$330 for the AHA. Cayden was the top money raiser for Borden Elementary School. He is the son of Benny and Angie Taylor of the Plains Community in Borden County. Caden was the top money raiser for Borden



Cayden Vaughn
County Elementary.

Thanks to all who participated and especially to those who donated to this worthy cause.

FFA Greenhouse Plants for SALE

The Gail FFA Chapter now has plants available for spring planting. These plants are available in the green house, which is located north of the Ag., Building on the Borden County Campus. Anyone wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806.756-4313 (school) or 756-4478 (home). All plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA Chapter welcomes

everyone to come view the plants and tour their greenhouse.

Plants Available:

Large Variety of Tomatoes
Cherry Tomatoes
Juliet Tomatoes
Green Bell Peppers
Jalapeno Peppers
Small Geraniums

Don't
Forget!

Time Change

Sunday

April 3rd.

Spring Forward!

GOT NEWS?

Mail it to:

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Or call: 806/756-4220

e-mail

vadcock@bcisd.net

Borden County Invitational High School Girls Results

The Lady Coyotes scored 39 points in the Borden Invitational track meet last Friday placing 6th in the meet.

Chelsea Minnick placed fourth in the 3200 m. run with a time of 15:33.83. This was a very good time considering this was the first meet that Chelsea has run in this year.

Dannelle Copeland was sixth in the shot put with a put of 25'.

Christina Soto set a personal record in the discus with a toss of 90'5". Christina is really improving in this event. If she can continue to improve and throw the discus over 100 feet she can throw the disc past district for a while. Christina was 7th in the shot put with a distance of 24'11".

Kate Wallace also participated in the shot and disc. Sarah Harding also set a personal best record in the

800 m. run with a time of 2:59.54. Her efforts were good enough for a third place medal.

Lacey Newton placed 5th in the 400 m. dash with a time of 74.53.

Cassidy Rinehart won the 100 m. dash and the 200 m. dash again at a meet. Her 100 meter time was 13.45, and her time in the 200 meters was 28.36. This was the best time of the year in this event for Cassidy.

Jr. High Girls tie for 2nd place

The Borden County junior high girls track team tied for the runner-up spot in the Borden County Invitational track meet last Thursday. The Missy Coyotes scored 108 points tying Klondike. O'Donnell won the meet with 146 points.

The 400 m. relay won second in the meet with time of 58.44. Running on this relay was D'Nae Johnson, Olivia Key, Krystal Hobson and Rachael Payne.

The 800 m. relay also won second with a time of 2:08.44. Running on this relay was D'Nae Johnson, Marla Crenshaw, Shylo Rinehart and Olivia Key.

The 1600 m. relay placed

third with a time 5:14.54. Running on this relay was Lacey Roberts, Chellsie Pigford, Marla Crenshaw and Krystal Hobson.

Marla Crenshaw placed third in the 800 m. run with a time of 3:00.59. Marla threw the shot 21'7".

Raylea Underwood participated in the discus event.

Lacey Roberts placed 6th in the 800 m. run with a time of 3:04.59. Lacey also ran the 400 m. dash in 80.13.

Rachael Payne was third in the 100 m. dash with a time of 14.60. Rachael was second in the 200 m. dash with a time of 31.44. She also won the long jump with a leap of 12'11", and she was first in the triple jump with a

distance of 26'2 3/4".

D'Nae Johnson was 6th in the 100 m. dash with a time of 15.25. D'Nae also threw the disc 57'10".

Krystal Hobson was fourth in the 200 m. dash with a time of 32.13. Krystal was 5th in the discus with a toss of 62' 10".

Olivia Key won first place in the 1600 m. run with a time of 6:42.84. Olivia was also third in the triple jump with a distance of 25'5 3/4". Olivia long jumped 11' 3/4".

Shylo Rinehart threw the discus 47'4". She also ran the 200 m. dash in 34.22.

Chellsie Pigford was 7th in the 800 m. run with a time of 3:07.00.

Jr. High Girls win Runner-Up at Grady Track Meet

The Borden County Junior High girls track team placed 2nd at the Grady Invitational track meet just before spring break, March 17th. The Missy Coyotes just barely edged out Wellman-Union for the spot by one point, 103 to 102. The meet winner was Sands with 148 points.

The Girls scored 48 of their 103 points in the relay races. The team of D'Nae Johnson, Olivia Key, Krystal Hobson

and Rachael Payne won the 400 m. relay with a time of 58.94. The 800 m. relay also took home the gold with a time of 2:11.43. Running on this relay was D'Nae Johnson, Chellsie Pigford, Olivia Key, and Marla Crenshaw.

The girls on the 1600 m. relay came in fourth with a time of 5:16.89. Running on this relay was Marla Crenshaw, Chellsie Pigford, Krystal Hobson and D'Nae

Johnson. Marla Crenshaw placed third in the 800 m. run with a time of 3:02.90. Marla also participated in the disc.

Rachael Payne won the 100 m. dash with a time of 14.85. Rachael also was second in the 200 m. dash with a time of 32.24. Rachael was second in the triple jump with a distance of 27'2 1/2" and she was 5th in the long jump with a leap of 14'2".

Chellsie Pigford ran the

Gail FFA to Host Clothing/Shoe Drive

The Gail FFA Chapter is currently collecting clothes and footwear for the needy. The Gail Chapter is partnering with 10 other Chapters in the Lone Wolf District in the effort to supply a charitable organization with Jr. High and High school age clothing and footwear.

Anyone wishing to donate items of this nature is encouraged to bring them to the Borden County Ag. Department at the Borden Campus.

The following collection criteria will need to be followed to insure an organized effort:

1. All clothing items need to be clean, folded and placed in a garbage bag or box prior to delivery.
2. Footwear should be separate from clothing.
3. Items should be for Jr. High and High school ages.
4. Items donated should be delivered by Friday, April 8th at 4:30

The Gail FFA Chapter and the Lone Wolf District wish to thank all who will be supporting this worthwhile cause. Please "Give the shirt off your back" for the needy.

School Menu

Week Of: April 4th - 8th, 2005

MONDAY: Frito Pie, Salad, Pinto Beans, Fruit, & Milk
Breakfast: Hot Pockets, Fruit Juice & Milk

TUESDAY: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Biscuits, Pudding, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuits & Gravy, Ham, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna, Carrots, Salad, Garlic Toast, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** French Toast, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Chicken & Rice, Green Beans, Celery Sticks, Bread Sticks, Fruit, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Muffin, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY: BBQ Sandwich, Beans, French Fries, Cake, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice & Milk.

100 m. dash in 16.17.

Shylo Rinehart ran the 100 m. dash in 15.50, and she ran the 200 m. dash in 34.92. Shylo also participated in the shot put.

Krystal Hobson won the 200 m. dash 31.55 and she was 6th in the discus with a

toss of 62'4".

Olivia Key won the 1600 m. run with a time of 6:36.91. She also long jumped and triple jumped 22'6".

Raylea Underwood threw the shot and the disc at this meet.

DRIVE CAREFULLY - - -
Watch Out for the Children!
An Important Reminder from:
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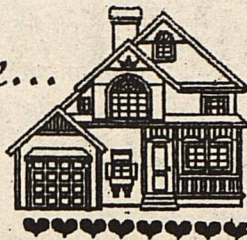


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Heart and home...

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



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Borden County Senior Citizen Group

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 4 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 games and more fellowship!

Please keep in mind that there are many possible opportunities this group 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!

When You Work With Pesticides . . .

With spring underway, that means that everyone is getting the ground ready to plant and working in their yards. That generally means the use of pesticides, herbicides, and other chemicals. It is vital that you follow the proper methods when using pesticides, and especially when laundering clothes worn when using the chemicals. Here are a few tips to remember when working with these chemicals:

WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING!

- # Long sleeves and pants, or coveralls, made of:
 - cotton plain weave
 - poly-cotton blend, plain weave
 - cotton or poly-cotton twill
 - non-wrinkle cotton twill weave
- # Shoes or boots with socks; head covering.
- # Add extra protection as required by chemical label:
 - goggles
 - respirator
 - chemical-resistant gloves

DON'T SPREAD PESTICIDE RESIDUES!

- # Change clothes at work; place in a sealable disposable bag.
- # Transport in trunk or truck bed, not inside vehicle.
- # Store and wash work clothes separately from other laundry.
- # Wear chemical-resistant gloves to handle work clothes.

FOLLOW THESE CLEANING STEPS!

- # Hang work clothes in the sun to help break down chemicals.
- # Launder small loads only.
- # Use washing machine set on longest wash cycle and highest water level.
- # Wash with hot water and extra, heavy-duty detergent.
- # Line dry. In bad weather, use dryer on high heat.
- # Clean washer by running an empty cycle with hot water and detergent.



BORDEN COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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



County Method Demonstration Contest, Share-the-fun and Public Speaking Projects

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for method demonstrations or illustrated talks; as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: drama, Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, comedian, vocal and musical.

The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest has been extended to Wednesday, April 6.

This project provides youth

an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking

skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 7th at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the H L BROWN OPERATING L L C, P O BOX 2237, MIDLAND TX 79702 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 TX. Admin. Code Section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception to lease lines and distance between wells requirements for the permit to drill Well No. 5, Carmack A Lease, 642 Acres, Sec. 48, Bld. 32, T-6-N, EL & RR R.R. co./J.R. Roper Survey, A-1398, Borden (Carmack) Fields (s), Borden County, being 9 miles in a northwest direction of Gail, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

576' from the north line and 467' from the west line of the lease.
567' from the north line and 467' from the west line of the survey.
Field rules for the Borden (Carmack) field are 660/1320, 80 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7400 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 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 Protester 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 Robert McNaughton, at 432-688-3726. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701.

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 **April 13, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D. SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION INFORMATION

The trustee election for the Borden County Independent School District will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2005. Three positions will be filled in this election. Two positions will be three-year terms, and one position will be a one-year unexpired term. Interested candidates may obtain an application for a place on the ballot in the central office of the Borden County I.S.D. Other important school board election information is as follows:

- 3/07/05 Last day to file for place on ballot
- 3/08/05 First day to apply for ballot by mail
- 3/14/05 5:00 p.m. deadline for filing a write-in declaration
- 4/07/05 Last day to register to vote for Saturday, May 7, 2005 election
- 4/20/05 First day of early voting by personal appearance
- 4/29/05 Last day to apply for ballot by mail
- 5/03/05 Last day of early voting by personal appearance
- 5/07/05 Election Day (polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT ELECTIN LAWS REQUIRE VOTERS TO HAVE A CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE OR A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. CURRENT LAW ALLOWS NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

Drive Safely . . . Our children are playing

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 14th day of March, 2005, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of February 28, 2005, were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards was received from Joel Dennis, Flying D Ranch Company, in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the

application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a Motor Grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WIND ENERGY

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to renew the Guidelines and Criteria for granting tax abatement in Reinvestment Zones in Borden County. Motion was

seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

WIND ENERGY

Kathryn Arbeit, representative of Orion Energy LLC, met with the Court concerning Orion Energy LLC Application for a Property Tax Abatement Agreement. A formal first draft of property Tax Abatement Agreement will

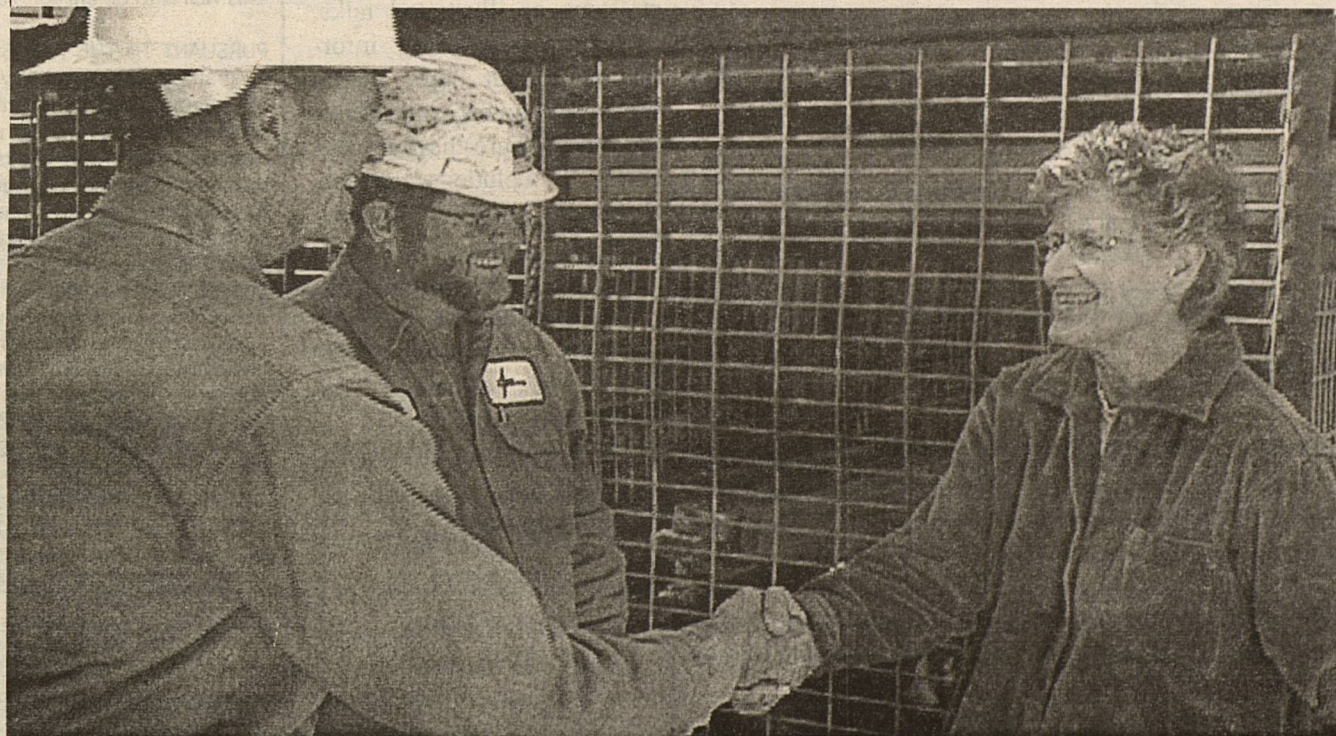
be presented March 25th, 2005 with a Public Hearing to be held in April.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Tax Abatement Agreement
ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved unanimously.

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