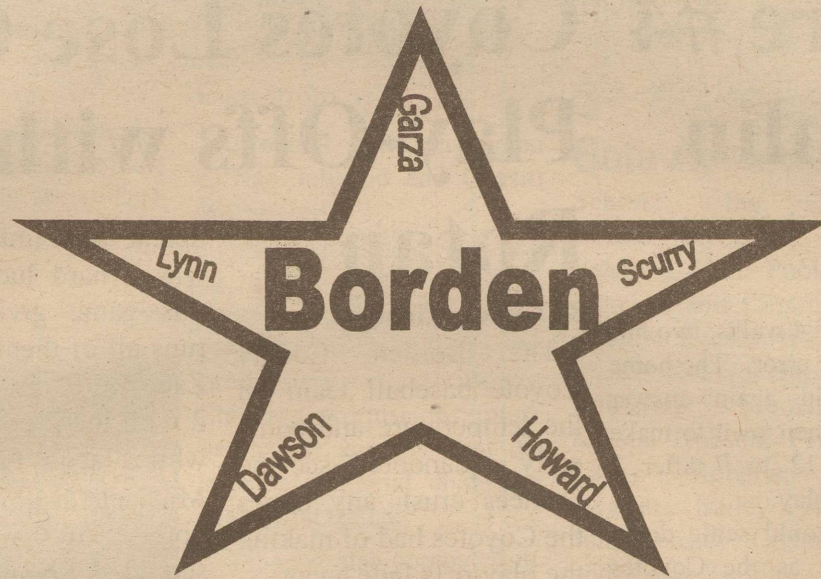


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Gail FFA Judging Teams State Bound

Two Gail FFA CDE Judging Teams have secured their place in the State Judging Competition. The Livestock and Horse Judging teams both placed in the top cut this past weekend at the Area CDE Judging Event at Texas Tech University.

The Livestock Team consisting of Symeron Rinehart, Kylan Reynolds, Lacey Newton, and Shelby Roberts placed 6th high overall out of 140 teams, 3rd high in Area II out of 42 teams, and 1st in District. Symeron Rinehart also had a good day as he placed 6th high individual out of 300 participants.

The Livestock team has been consistently successful all year. The team has placed in the top 5 against Area teams in all of the practice contests leading up to the Area and Tech competition. First year alternate judges, Raylea Underwood and Lacey

Roberts, have also helped the team filling in when needed and have been members on two high placing contests earlier this season. Highlights for the Livestock Team prior to the Tech Area Competition this year have included:

Tarleton Invitational: 8th high team from 240 teams

Snyder Invitational: 5th high team from 60 teams
Texas Tech Invitational: 1st high team from 140 teams

The Horse Team consisting of members Chelsea Minnick, Tyrell Massingill, Clay Harding, and Shylo Rinehart placed 21st overall out of 60 teams at the Tech Contest.

Their strong 5th place finish from a field of 27 Area teams will advance them to the State Competition. The team also captured the 2nd place slot in the District standings. Alternate team member Drew Tyler has also

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Eleven BHS Students Advance to U.I.L. Academic State Meet

The Borden County High School U.I.L. academic team had a stellar Saturday at this past weekend's Region II-A Meet as eleven – count 'em: *eleven* – BHS students qualified for the U.I.L. Academic State Meet.

Finishing second place overall with 203 points, the squad's unprecedented day was capped by three event team championships and two team runners-up finishes.

Members of the Current Issues & Events (CI&E) and Spelling & Vocabulary Teams both finished first and qualified for state – placing them *at least* as one of the top five teams in the state in their respective events.

Rachel Wilson, Rowdy Clary, Karl Lamming, & Reynaldo Hernandez comprise the CI&E team. Wilson, a junior, finished first individually as well, and Clary, a senior, finished tied for fifth.

In Spelling &

Vocabulary, senior Becky Dobyns placed second and sophomore Katherine Froman finished in fourth to lead the team to victory. Freshmen Brendan Tarleton and Chellsie Pigford complete the team.

The Speech and Debate Team championship also went to BHS following strong finishes in four of the five speech events.

Clary and Wilson finished first and second respectively in Informative Speaking while junior Kate Wallace finished second in Persuasive Speaking.

Wallace double-medaled by placing third in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. She is the defending state champion in both of her events.

Senior Lindsey Stamper qualified for state for the first time after finishing third in Poetry Interpretation. Finishing fourth and one spot out of advancing to state in the event was freshman Eric

Espinoza.

The journalism team finished second following a championship in Editorial Writing by Dobyns and a second place finish in News Writing by senior Christina Soto. Both advance to state. Adding points to the team's total was Wilson with a fifth place finish in Editorial Writing.

Also finishing in second place was the Social Studies team. Clary finished fourth individually and was followed by teammates Taylor Peterson, Carlos Hernandez, and Clint Chapman.

Dobyns medaled for the third time on the day when she claimed the Ready Writing championship. She is the returning state champion in the event.

Placing fifth was the Literary Criticism team comprised of senior John Cowart, junior Hannah

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Coyotes Scare #4 in State Hamlin Pied Pipers

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyote Baseball team traveled to Hamlin to take on the #4 team in the state hoping to keep their play-off hopes alive. The Coyotes would face a pitcher that pitched a perfect game just a week earlier. The young men from Gail were not intimidated at all as the guys came out and were not phased by the Hamlin hurlers 85 mph fastball as Clint Chapman got the Coyotes started with the first of his 4 hits on the night by singling to left. That was followed by a run scoring double by Quentin Shafer to left field and then another run scoring shot, this time a triple by Zane Williamson followed by another triple by Flynn Chapman to push across 3 runs in the first 4 batters and only 7 pitches into the game.

The Coyotes next batter Miller Valentine popped up to the pitcher and then Michael Cooley while trying to lay down a bunt on a safety squeeze play mashed his finger when the 85 mph fastball hit his finger. That sent him to the hospital for stitches and stalled the rally or momentum that the visitors had created for themselves.

The Coyotes would not push across Flynn from 3rd but never-the-less had a 3 to 0 lead with the hometeam coming up to bat. In the bottom half of the 1st the Pipers managed to score 9 runs on 6 hits 4 walks and an error. The Coyotes however did not let that bother them as they chased the piper starter as they scored 4 more

runs behind 4 walks, two hits and a piper error. The home team would again answer with 3 of their own to make the score 12 to 7 after 2 innings of play.

Things would settle down quite a bit as the Coyotes behind the stellar pitching of Freshman Flynn Chapman held the high powered Pipers to a lone run the rest of the game. Meanwhile, the Coyotes scratched across 2 more runs and actually had two runners thrown out at home and one thrown out at 3rd base during the final 5 innings of play.

The Coyotes played valiantly and showed that they are definitely an up and coming baseball program and a team not to be taken lightly.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Clint Chapman with 4 hits, 2 singles a double and a triple with 2 runs scored and an RBI.

Zane Williamson was 2 of 2 with 3 runs scored and 3 RBI's.

Flynn Chapman was 3 of 4 with 3 RBI's.

Also getting a hit in this game was Quentin Shafer with a hit in 4 trips and an RBI.

Miller Valentine had a hit in four trips along with an RBI, while Karl Lamming had a hit and scored a run.

Jacob Froman also scored once along with Jake Cooley.

Quentin Shafer started the game on the mound, but only managed to get 2 outs while giving up 4 hits, 3 walks and 7 runs with only 2 of them being earned.

Flynn Chapman pitched 5

Coyotes Lose Grip on Play-Offs with Loss to Rotan

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyote baseball team let the temperature and some early squandered scoring chances crush any hopes the Coyotes had of making the play-offs fade away.

After playing so brilliantly against the Hamlin Pied Pipers, the Coyotes hoped to follow being the only team to take Hamlin to the full 7 innings build into this pivotal match-up with the 3rd place Rotan team.

A split and the Coyotes would still have a chance at the play-offs, but a twin killing and the hopes of making history would have to wait another year.

The Coyotes loaded the bases and actually had a runner thrown out trying to steal, but managed no runs. The coyotes got runners on 2nd and 3rd in the 2nd inning and could not score. And then in the 3rd the Coyotes stranded yet another runner, making it 6 left on base in the first 3 innings.

Meanwhile, the defense kicked the ball around early and often and as a result, the Coyotes committed 12 errors in this contest. These twelve errors turned into a 12 to 2



1/3 innings giving up 8 hits, walking 3 while striking out 8. He also gave up 6 runs but only 1 of those was earned.

defeat as Clint Chapman was a hard luck loser in this game giving up 11 runs all of them unearned. Zane Williamson was 1 of 2 with the 2 coyote RBI's while Jacob Froman and Michael Bullinger were both 2 of 3 with a run scored. Flynn Chapman had the other two Coyote hits in this contest.

In the 2nd game, Flynn Chapman started the game, but the defense did not get much better in this game. As the Coyotes committed another 4 errors which resulted in 9 of the Yellow Hammer 16 runs being unearned. That made for a total of 21 unearned runs in the two games for the Yellow Hammers.

Flynn Chapman took the loss as was unable to get out a single Rotan hitter gave up 3 hits, walked 2 and was charged with 4 runs, but only 1 earned run.

Quentin pitched 2 innings giving up 6 hits, 8 runs, 6 earned and walked 3 batters while striking out only 2.

Clint Chapman pitched 3 more innings giving up a pair of hits, 4 unearned runs, while walking two and striking out 3.

Michael Bullinger was 2 of 3 again with a run scored and an RBI.

Quentin Shafer was also 2 of 3 with a run and an RBI.

Clint Chapman was one of one with 2 runs.

Zane Williamson was 2 of 2 with a run.

Jacob Froman was 1 of 2 with a run and Flynn Chapman was 1 of 3 with 2 RBI's.

The Coyotes will next play the Hamlin Pied Pipers. The Coyotes now stand at 7 and 6 on the season and 3 and 6 in district.

4-H News

Junior High and High School 4-H Meeting

The Borden County Junior High and High School 4-H will meet on Wednesday, April 25 from 12:35 to 1:05 p.m. Any youth 7th through 12th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

4-H Summer Camps!

Watch your mail in the next few days for a 4-H Summer Camp newsletter! We are getting information daily about awesome summer opportunities!

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING

There will be a Parents' Club meeting on Thursday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

2007 Golf Season Ends Early

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Boys and Girls golf teams saw a fifteen year streak come to a close Monday as no boy or girl golfers advanced to the regional tournament.

This is the first time in 15 years that no Borden County golfer will advance to the Regional golf tournament and it is only the second time in those same 15 years that a boys golf team has not advanced as they have been district champions or runners-up 14 of those 15 years, but with the change in districts, the streak comes to a close.

Competing for the Girls golf team was Seniors Christina Soto and Becky Dobyms, junior Kate Wallace, sophomore Baylee Benavidez and freshman Chellsie Pigford.

These five young ladies finished 5th with a two day total of 1029.

Christina led the team with a 14th place finish and a two day total of 224 after firing rounds of 114 and 110.

Kate finished 16th with a two day total of 234 after shooting a 114 and a 120.

On the boys side, seniors Jacob Froman, Symeron Rinehart, Clint Chapman, teamed up with freshman Brendan Tarleton and Karl Lamming to finishing 6th firing a two-day total of 821.

Jacob Froman led the Coyotes as he finished 6th with a two day total of 166 after firing an 82 and 84. This marks the first time in Jacob's high school career that he has not made the trip to regional.

Taylor Peterson and Tyrell Massingill participated in the JV division.

Varsity boys results and

standings after two rounds are as follows:

Jacob Froman-82, 84 with a total of 166; Karl Lamming-115, 101 with a total of 216; Brendan Tarleton-121, 115 with a total of 236; Clint Chapman-113, 102 with a total of 215; Symeron Rinehart-123, 102 with a total of 225.

Varsity team standings are as follows:

In 1st is Robert Lee with a total of 651; 2nd Garden City with a total of 662; 3rd Bronte with a total of 674; 4th Sterling City with a total of 708; 5th Water Valley with a total of 773; 6th Borden County with a total of 820; 7th Loraine with a total of 833; 8th Blackwell with a total of 836. Westbrook and Ira withdrew.

Playing for the JV were Taylor Peterson finishing in 8th place scoring 130 & 118 with a total of 248 and Tyrell Massingill scoring 137 & 135 with a total of 272.

Varsity girls results and standings are as follows:

Christina Soto-114, 110 with a total of 224; Kate Wallace-114, 120 with a total of 234; Chellsie Pigford-144, 143 with a total of 287; Becky Dobyms-160, 151 with a total 311; Baylee Benavidez- withdrew.

Varsity girls' team standings are as follows:

In 1st Robert Lee I with a total of 765; 2nd Sterling City with a total of 828; Garden City with a total of 885; Robert Lee II with a total of 977; 5th Borden County with a total of 1029; and 6th Blackwell with a total of 1053.

Tennis Season Comes to Close

By Coach Turner

The girl's doubles team of Rachel Wilson and Kate Wallace claimed their first district championship last week at the 9-A meet in Garden City. The girls will be playing at the regional meet being held at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene on April 25th and 26th.

In quarterfinal play Rachel and Kate beat the team of Niehues/Schwartz from Garden City 6-2, 6-2. They defeated Gonzales/Leija from Sterling City 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 in the semifinals. Kate and Rachel defeated Hasty/Hasty of Sterling City 7-5, 6-1 to take the gold medal. Seniors Sarah Harding and Christina Soto defeated Cooper/England from Blackwell 7-5, 7-6 in first round action, but were eliminated by Hasty/Hasty in the quarterfinals 6-1, 6-3.

In boy's singles Clint Chapman was upset in the quarterfinal play by Burleson

of Westbrook 6-1, 6-4. Burleson will represent 9-A as the district runner-up at the regional tournament. Flynn Chapman defeated Smith from Water Valley 6-2, 0-6, 6-2 then he lost to Sanchez from Garden City 6-0, 6-0 in the Quarter Finals of the Boys' Varsity Singles.

In mixed doubles Symeron Rinehart and Becky Dobyms were defeated by Rios/Martin of Sterling City 6-1, 6-0 in the quarterfinals. John Cowart and Olivia Key defeated Barrera/Martinez from Loraine 6-0, 6-1 in the first round but lost to the eventual champs Jansa/Lopez from Garden City 6-0, 7-5 in the quarterfinals.

In JV action Karl Lamming and Brendan Tarleton beat Edens/Jordan from Water Valley 8-1, Gally/Cook from Garden City 8-5, and Glass/Hale from Garden City 8-2 to win the boy's doubles district championship.

Track Advances to Regional

By Coach Avery.

Two members of the Borden County men's track team advanced to the regional last Thursday. Michael Bullinger won the gold in the pole vault by clearing 12'6". Michael Cooley was third in the high jump by clearing 5'6".

Also participating in the meet was Zane Williamson in the triple jump, 36'7 3/4" was his distance placing him in 8th. Jake Cooley ran a great race in the 400 m. dash, running on the home stretch about 60 meters away from the finish Jake had just

passed a runner moving him from 5th to 4th place, which would have qualified him. Then with 20 meters left Jake's knee that was operated on in October gave way on him, he fell on the track, rolled, and got back up to finish 8th in 61 seconds.

The fourth place finisher ran a 55.3. This was a case of bad luck and a broken heart for Jake, he had worked so hard to get his knee ready and go as far as he could. He is only a sophomore and he will do great things in the future.

Krystal Hobson and Quentin Shafer defeated Medina/Tulamoles from Loraine 8-2, and Munoz/Galindo from Sterling City 8-1 to win the mixed doubles district championship.

Drew Tyler defeated Boswilla from Westbrook 8-2 before dropping a second round match to Clark of Garden City 8-5.

Eric Espinoza was defeated in the first round 2-8 by Easterly from Water Valley. Lindsey Stamper defeated McCaleb from Sterling City 8-1 and Benzer from Sterling City 8-3 before retiring. Shylo Rinehart and D'Nae Johnson were defeated in the first round by Hasty/Hasty of Sterling City 2-8. Congrats to all the players on a terrific season.

Lunch Menu

April 23rd - 27th,

MONDAY - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, Chips, Pinto Beans, Pineapple/Mandarin Orange Salad, and Milk.

TUESDAY - Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Jell-o w/whipped topping, and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Fruit juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Mexican Casserole, Refried Beans, Salad, Spanish Rice, Orange Quarters, and Milk.

THURSDAY - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickles, French Fries, Cake w/frosting, and Milk.

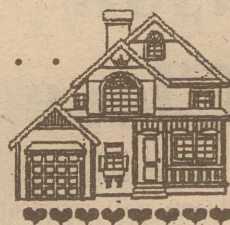
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Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith

Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



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Protect Your Home from Power Surges

A flash of light, a crack of thunder. You wake up with a start, realize that your family and house are safe, then go back to sleep thinking everything is ok. But is it? You really won't know until the next day, when you check to see if a power surge turned your computer, home theater or sound system into a pile of fried microchips.

An Inside Job

As dangerous as lightning is, 80% of temporary power surges actually originate from inside the home. They are caused by motor-driven appliances like an air conditioner, dish washer, or refrigerator; or even something as small as a laser printer or coffee maker.

According to Leviton Institute, three types of power surges can occur both inside and outside your home: **destructive** surges that "fry" your sensitive electronics; **disruptive** surges that cause you to have to reset or reprogram devices; and **dissipative** surges that degrade your sensitive electronic components over time.

The good news is that you can be more sensitive to your home's sensitive electronics. There are a wide variety of surge protection devices (SPD's) on the market to protect your valuable home electronics from these potentially destructive power surges.

First Line of Defense

Power strip SPD's are the

simplest and cheapest form of protection. They are widely available, reasonably priced (typically between \$10 and \$50), and provide good protection from temporary power spikes. Most come with six to eight outlets, enough for the average home office or den.

Keep in mind that they protect not just expensive electronics but computers as well; some of the information or data on them might be irreplaceable (like photos, files and videos). Since even a minor power fluctuation can freeze up a program or corrupt a file, be sure your surge protector is up to the job - look for one with the UL 1449 label, which guarantees it meets tested and approved standards.

By the way, do not forget your phone, data and cable/satellite TV lines; they can carry a voltage spike into your home just as easily as a power line, with the same destructive results. Make sure your surge protector can also accommodate them.

Network of Protection

Power strip SPD's, while effective at stopping most in-house spikes, can be overwhelmed by nearby lightning strikes that enter your home through the power line. For unparalleled protection, the Leviton Institute recommends that you have a licensed electrical contractor install a whole-house network.

The network protection begins outside the house with a meter socket surge arrester, which can be installed by your utility company. Inside, a panel-mounted device installed near the circuit breaker box forms the second layer of defense. A final gauntlet of SPD outlets and power strip SPD's in each room protect at the point-of-use.

With a whole-house network in place, you can rest easier knowing that, even if lightning strikes somewhere nearby, your home will be protected. You might even sleep better at nights. Except for the thunder of course!

Source: Spring Safety Issue of Helpful Hints on Home Electricity from Leviton Institute, Volume 11

Walk Across Texas Mileage Update

After three weeks of walking, the Borden County Walk Across Texas participants have walked 470.5 miles! The BC Steppers have walked 179.5 miles, the Go-Getters have walked 140.25 miles and the Dream Girls have walked 146.25 miles over the past three weeks. For more information about Walk Across Texas, contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or visit the Walk Across Texas web site at <http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu>.

There will be a MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) exhibit on display in front of the Borden Co. school on Wed. April 25th Everyone is invited to come by and view this exhibit.

Come join the fun!

What: Cool Clovers 4-H Club Meeting
Who: Any youth age 8 (or enrolled in 3rd grade) thru 6th grade
Where: County Show Barn
When: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 from 3:45-4:45 p.m.



Program: Snake Safety

This is our last meeting of the year. We will be electing officers for the 2007-08 4-H year. Refreshments will be provided by 4-H. We hope that you will make plans to attend and bring a friend! Hope to see YOU there!

For more information, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Primexx Operating Corporation, 4849 Greenville Avenue, 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 of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Upper Spraberry Formation, Nan Martin "A" Lease, Well Numbers 2704, 2707, and 2714. The proposed injection well is located 9 miles NNW of Gail, Texas in the Clayton Ranch, N. (Sprayberry) Field, in Borden County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5550 to 5900 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas 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 Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512)463-6792.

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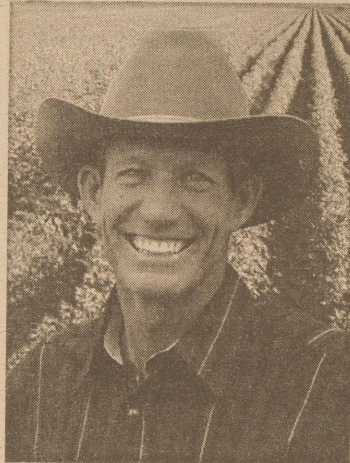
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Obituary



Terry Pepper 1956 - 2007

Terry Pepper, of Borden County departed this life on Sunday, April 15, 2007 at his residence, at the age of 50. He was born November 19, 1956 in Bexar, Texas to Leslie Pepper and Betty Jean Verett Pepper. Terry was a 1975 graduate from Sabinal, Texas. He received a degree from Abilene Christian University in 1979 and then moved to Borden County where he was an Organic Cotton Farmer. Mr. Pepper was a member of the Church of Christ. Terry married LaRhea Minter December

28, 1977 in Riverton, P.O. Box 447, Lander, Wyo. 82520.

He is survived by his wife LaRhea, his mother, Jean Pepper of Lubbock; two sons, Talin Minter Pepper and wife Amanda; Lee Kendall Pepper and wife Ashley; one daughter Kelly Strickland; three grandchildren; two brothers, Kelly and wife Lesa Pepper; and Carl and wife Debbie Pepper.

Memorial services will be held at 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 16, 2007 at the Church of Christ in Lamesa with Mike Schneider, Mike Christensen and Jim Beck officiating.

Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. To register or send condolences online, please visit www.whitefuneralhome.com

Memorials may be made to Wyoming Youth Camp at [whitefuneralhome.com](http://www.whitefuneralhome.com)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY, (RRC Operator No. 784548) 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 the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 528, Bk. 97, H&TC RR CO/BOUCHIER, A W Survey, A-1069, HOOD (SPRAYBERRY) Field, BORDEN County, being 7 miles W direction from FLUVANNA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: HOOD (SPRAYBERRY)	
Lease/Unit Name	MILLER "528"
Lease/Unit Well	No.6
Lease/Unit Acres	640.6
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1787.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	866.0
Lease Lines	1837.0 F W L, 1787.0 F N L
Survey Lines	1837.0 F W L, 1787.0 F N L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) WILDCAT. No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
HOOD (SPRAYBERRY) OIL statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
WILDCAT Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6000 feet.

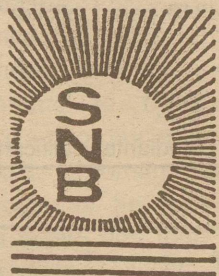
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (801) 526-3741.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing 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 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 any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, 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 May 23, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHINSUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICAITON Rule 37 Case No. 0251353 (Dist. 8A)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given herewith that proposals will be considered from Banks and Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Monday, May 8th, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may, at its discretion, reject any and all bids or proposals submitted. Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 116.021, Local Government Code, Vernon's Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate percent interest to be paid on time deposits and rate of interest Borden County would pay on borrowed funds for ordinary operating expenses and borrowed funds for equipment purchases. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

Van L. York,
County Judge
Borden County

Calendar For 2007 Constitutional Amendment Election

- March 13th - First day to submit application for early voting.
- April 12th - Last day to register to vote.
- April 30th - Early voting by personal appearance begins
- May 4th - Last day to receive application by Mail
- May 8th - Last day to vote early by personal Appearance
- May 12th - ELECTION DAY

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 9:30 a.m., May 8, 2007.

1. Fuel for 2007
 - a. unleaded
 - b. diesel
2. Propane for Courthouse, and Precinct #2 Barns

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, P.O. 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

Submit bids to: County Judge's Office
P.O. Box 156
Gail, Texas 79738

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Commissioner's Court Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 27th day of March, 2007, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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 HERIDGE**, 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 March 13, 2007 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

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

EMS
Mike Valentine, President of Borden County EMS, met with the Court concerning the 1994 Ambulance which needs to be updated and needs repairs. A new ambulance is being considered. Borden County will be the Bidding Agent. Commissioner Belew made a motion to advertise for bids for a new ambulance. Bids are to be opened April 24, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Borden

County has agreed to pay up to \$43,000, EMS has agreed to pay up to \$10,000, Borden County ISD has agreed to pay up to \$43,000. This is in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement that Borden County has with the School. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY EMPLOYEE MANUAL
Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint an Ad Hoc committee to revise the Borden County Employee Manual. The Committee will consist of 2 commissioners, one representative from the Road Hands and one representative from the Court House Employees. The Committee is charge with reviewing the manual and make recommendations to the Commissioners Court. The Commissioners Court will then act upon the Manual. Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
Bank Bids and Fuel bids to be considered.

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 9TH day of April, 2007.

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN
WHEREAS, On this the 28th day of March, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. the Jury of View Panel met to receive objections to a proposed County Road Map. The following members of Commissioners Court were present: Precinct 1

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2007-2008 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2007. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

1. Be economically disadvantaged
2. Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)
3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualified for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806)756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2007.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2007. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2007. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2007-2008. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806)756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2007.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten (10) or more students qualify.

LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2007-2008

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2007-2008. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2007. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

1. Sea económicamente perjudicado
2. Este limitado experto ingles (LEP)
3. Sea destituido

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame 806/756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2007.

LA DENEGACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2007. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2007. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2007-2008. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, a llame 806/756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2007

LA DENEGACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican.

Commissioner Monte Smith, Precinct 2
Commissioner Randy Adcock, Precinct 3
Commissioner Ernest Reyes, Precinct 4
Commissioner Joe Belew, County Judge
Van L. York, and County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court
Joyce Herridge.

DRIVE CARFULLY - - -
Watch Out for the Children!
 An Important Reminder from:
Moore-Rains Insurance
 Frances Rains Stephens
 701 - 8th St. - O'Donnell, TX
 806/428-3335



FFA Judging Teams

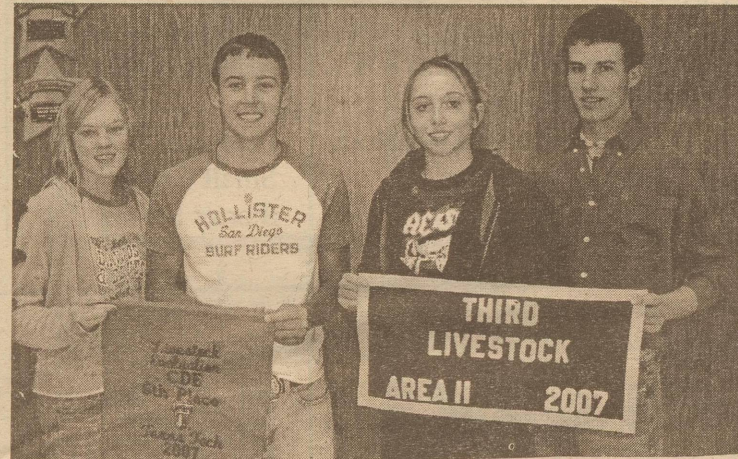
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helped the team this year and will travel with them to State.

The Livestock team will represent Area II at the State Contest at Texas A&M on Saturday, April 28th.

The Horse team will also represent Area II at the State Horse Contest at Texas Tech on Saturday, April 21st.

Good Luck to all State Qualifiers!



State Qualifiers! Pictured with their Texas Tech state Qualifier Contest Team Award are (L. to R.) Shelby Roberts, Symeron Rinehart, Lacey Newton and Kylan Reynolds.



First High Team at the Texas Tech Invitational! Raylea Underwood, Shelby Roberts, Lacey Roberts and Kylan Reynolds.



Fifth High Team at Snyder Invitational! (L. to R): Shelby Roberts, Symeron Rinehart, Lacey Newton & Raylea Underwood.

UIL Meet

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McConnell, and freshmen D'Nae Johnson and Chasiti Rutherford.

Rutherford also advanced to the quarterfinals in Lincoln-Douglas Debate with a 3-0 record in the preliminary rounds. Showing promise for future years, she actually beat the eventual regional champion in the first round.

Johnson also competed in Prose Interpretation but failed to break to finals. BHS was also represented at the meet by McConnell in Ready Writing and Stamper in News Writing.

District 9-A swept the top three places at the Region II-A Meet, which is a true testament of the quality of the academic programs at the schools.

Garden City High School, the defending regional and state champion, barely knocked off BHS's bid for the regional championship. They scored 234 points to BHS's 203. Water Valley High School finished in third with 127 points.

Congratulations to all BHS UIL Academic State Qualifiers!

Making the Grade!

5th Six-Weeks

Beta Achievement

Senior: Clint Chapman, Becky Dobyms, Taylor Peterson, Kalli Poole, Lacey Newton, and Christina Soto; **Junior:** Rachel Wilson, and Shelby Roberts **Sophomore:** Katherine Froman and Krystal Hobson; **Freshman:** Lacey Roberts; **Eighth Grade:** Bailey Anderson, John Hensley, Taylor Richey, and Krista Tarleton; **Seventh Grade:** Austin Fields and Blake Turner; **Sixth Grade:** Kayla Pepper, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson and Mattie Turner,

5rd Six-Weeks

Honor Roll

Senior: John Cowart, Jacob Froman, Sarah Harding, Rowdy Clary and Lindsey Stamper; **Junior:** Pascual Espinoza, Logan Howard, Sharelle Gass, and Kate Wallace; **Sophomore:** Carlos Hernandez; **Freshman:** D'Nae Johnson, Karl Lamming and Brendan Tarleton; **Eighth Grade:** Kimberly Proulx and Phyneshia Rutherford; **Seventh Grade:** Seleste Herridge; **Sixth Grade:** Riley Smith,

Kylie Voss and Teryn Soto; **Fifth Grade:** Taylor Gass, Matthew Ham, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, Zach McMeans, Matthew Proulx, Maeghan Herridge, and Tyler Summerville; **Fourth Grade:** Eva Banman, Frank Banman, Tye Basquez, Blaise Freeman, Nathan Ham, Mackenzie Herring, Marlena Seyler, Sean Tucker and Cayden Vaughn; **Third Grade:** Rhaeden Bland, Kylee Dean, Zoie Key, Channing Miller, Colby Pennell, Samuel Raborn, Tatum Richey, Flint Roberts, and Merik Valentine; **Second Grade:** Mattie Benavidez, Tanner Freeman, Hayley Gray, Quinton Kimmel, Dylan Murphy, Avery Price, and Bryce Turner.

For Sale

Dura-Built storage bldg. 8x16, double lofts-\$1500

Dura-Built storage bldg., 12x20, double lofts-\$3000

2001 VW Beetle, 5-speed, 56k miles-\$9000

Call 756-4432.



Pictured is Symeron Rinehart with his individual Livestock awards. As a Senior leader of the Livestock team, he has placed 3rd High Individual at Tarleton Invitational and 6th High Individual at Texas Tech state Qualifiers Contest.



Got News?

Mail to:

P.O. Box 137
Gail, Tx. 79738

Email:

vadcock@bcisd.net

Memorial Scholarships

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship.**

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 18th, 2007. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**Brandon Adcock
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

John Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **John Harding Memorial Scholarship.**

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 18th, 2007. Letter of application must be sent to the following address:

**John Harding
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship.**

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 18th, 2007. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**J. Pat Porter
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

Gail FFA Greenhouse Plants for SALE

The Gail FFA chapter now has plants available for spring planting. These plants are available in the greenhouse, 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 806-756-4478 (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	Peppers
Cherry Tomatoes	Small Geraniums
Roma Tomatoes	Starter Flowers

PARENT'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP!

Parent's Club Scholarship applications must be returned to Mr. Ard by April 18th, 2007

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY, (RRC Operator No. 784548) 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 the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 528, Bk. 97, H&TC RR CO/BOUCHIER, A W Survey, A-1069, HOOD (SPRAYBERRY) Field, BORDEN County, being 7 miles W direction from FLUVANNA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: HOOD (SPRAYBERRY)

Lease/Unit Name	MILLER "528"
Lease/Unit Well No.	5
Lease/Unit Acres	640.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	467.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	974.0
Lease Lines	1787.0 F W L, 467.0 F N L
Survey Lines	1787.0 F W L, 467.0 F N L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) WILDCAT. No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
HOOD (SPRAYBERRY) OIL statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
WILDCAT Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (801) 526-3741.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing 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 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 any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, 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 May 23, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHINSUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICAITON
Rule 37 Case No. 0251353 (Dist. 8A)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Borden, Texas:
(a las 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., May 12, 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. (Notifiquese, por las present que las casillas electorales listados abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12, 2007, May de 2007 para votar el la eleccion, para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas constitucionales asi como fueron sometidas por la 80a Legislama Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATIONS(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 - 3B 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 de votacion Fairview
No. 4A - 4B en Courthouse de Gail

Para los que se encuentran ausente, para el dia propuest pueden votar en oficina del County Clerk en Gail, Texas durante las horas normales.

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

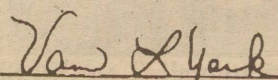
County Clerk's Office (oficina del Secretario del Distrito y Condado)
between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el April 30, 2007 and ending on May 8, 2007 (y terminando el May 8, 2007)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas 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:
May 4, 2007.
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: May 4, 2007)

Issued this the 16th of April, 2007
(Emitada este dia 16 de April, 2007)


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