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## Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference

(please note: New Location)

The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting

Texas Agriculture as well as the BMP's (Best Management Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum, and peanuts.

This conference will be held on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Movieland Theater, located at 604 North Austin Ave. in Lamesa, Texas. Registration will begin at 7:15 a.m. and the program will start at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee, which includes a complimentary gift, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is \$20 if paid by January 16, 2008. After January 16 and at the door, the registration fee will be \$25. Registration forms and fees, payable to "**Dawson Ag Fund**," should be mailed to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, Texas 79331.

The program, sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Dawson. Borden.

Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, and Garza Counties, will feature information on the Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Who are we and What do we do?; Overview of Cotton Variety Demonstration Results; Overview of Cotton Production - Picker vs Stripper, Fertilizer Management in Dryland & Irrigated Production Systems; Overview of Small Grain Production: Wheat & Grain Sorghum - Varieties and Fertilizer Management in Irrigated & Dryland Production Systems; Overview of Peanut Production: Varieties and Fertilizer Management in Irrigated & Dryland Production Systems; Plains Cotton Growers Update; AgCares Update; Weed Control in Cotton Production Systems; Management Production for Sustaining Agriculture while Maintaining Profitability; Cotton Pest Management; Nematode & Wilt Control in Cotton Production Systems; Laws and Regulations Presentation.

Five Continuing Education Units (CEUs) (3 General, 1 IPM and 1 Laws & Regs) will

be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

Speakers include Dr. Darrell Dromgoole, Dr. Mark Kelley, Dr. Randy Boman, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Dr. Wayne Keeling, Mr. Jay Yates, Dr. David Kerns, and Dr. Terry Wheeler all with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service; Mr. Roger Haldenby with Plains Cotton Growers and Mrs. Debbie Slocum with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Producers who wish to pre-register, may do so by calling the Dawson County Extension Office at 806/872-3444. Remember, the absolute registration fee deadline is \$20 if paid by January 16, 2008. After January 16 and at the door, the fee will be \$25.

We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for this event. We request that you call the Dawson County Extension office at 806/872-3444 as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary aid or service that you require.

## Turner Finishes Second in Free Throw Contest



Blake Turner recently finished second in the free throw contest held at the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock.

Shooters were selected by program number or in Blake's case he volunteered after the number called was not present. By making a free throw at halftime of the Argyle/El Paso Austin game he secured a spot in the final shootout held during the boy's championship game on Saturday night, December 29<sup>th</sup>. Twenty shooters went after the two prizes, a DVD/Combo TV and two tickets anywhere Southwest Airlines flies.

After making it to the final two, Blake finally missed and "settled" for the prize he wanted all along. A 15" LCD TV with DVD player.



# Borden County Invitational Mustangs Slip

## Results Big First Half Puts Eagles Over Coyotes

By Coach Baeza

After an easy first round in the Borden Invitational the Coyote Varsity squared off against a tough Lubbock Christian Team in the second round. This would prove to be the toughest team that the Coyotes have faced all year as the Eagles were tough to stop in the first half.

The Eagles got off to a blistering first quarter as everything they threw up seemed to drop in. The Coyotes meanwhile struggled against Lubbock's stingy defense and only managed nine first half points. Karl Lamming accounted for eight of the Coyotes first half points as he was able to find the basket on some outside jump shots. Flynn Chapman was the other Coyote to score as he was able to convert one for two from the free throw line.

The Eagles on the other hand put up forty seven points in the first half, thirty two of which came in the first quarter. With such an overwhelming lead the Coyotes could have easily given up during the second half, but this was not the case. The Coyotes were finally able to find some offense with Carlos Hernandez hitting a three and Michael Cooley adding his own on fast breaks. The defense also picked up during the second half as they did not allow the Eagles more than ten points during each quarter. Michael

applied great pressure as he racked up twelve steals that led to thirteen points during the second half.

The Coyotes finally put two quarters together as they outscored the Eagles during the second half 26-14. This game was a testament to how our guys never give up and continued to get better as the game

progressed.

Even though the Coyotes did not win the game, there were a lot of good things that the Coyotes can build on.

Scoring for the Coyotes: Michael Cooley 13, Flynn Chapman 8, Karl Lamming 8, Carlos Hernandez 3, Brendan Tarleton 2, and Miles Valentine 1. Good Job Coyotes!

## Coyotes Go 1-2 in Borden Invitational

By Coach Baeza

In the final game of the tournament the Coyotes faced the Seminole JV. This was a good team and the Coyotes knew that they would have to play well in order to have a chance for a win.

Flynn Chapman started the game with the hot hand for the Coyotes as he scored 11 of the Coyote's 15 first quarter points.

Carlos Hernandez hit a three pointer and Michael Cooley hit 1 of 2 from the foul line to finish out the scoring. The Coyotes also played solid defense that allowed the Indians only 14 first quarter points and the Coyotes took a 15-14 first quarter lead.

The Indians started the second quarter with a different look defensively that got the Coyotes out of their offensive rhythm.

Karl Lamming was the high scorer for the Coyotes in the second with 4pts as they allowed the Indians to go on a 14-8 run due to turnovers by the Coyotes. This allowed Seminole to take a 28-23 lead into the locker room that they would never give up.

The Coyotes were consistent offensively during the second half as they managed 11 points in each quarter. Tony Soto and Clay Harding were able to score their first varsity points of the year putting in some valuable time for the Coyotes.

Defensively in the second half the Coyotes could not keep a good Seminole team from hitting from the outside and allowed two big quarters by the Indians of 17 and 24. This made the final score 69-45 in favor of the Indians.

Scoring for the Coyotes: Flynn Chapman 17, Carlos Hernandez 10, Michael Cooley 6, Karl Lamming 6, Brendan Tarleton 3, Tony Soto 2, and Clay Harding 1.

## Past Coyotes!

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote Varsity played host to the Sands Mustangs on Dec. 11 and almost came away with a great come from behind victory in the final seconds.

The Mustangs started the game shooting lights out from the field despite good defense by the Coyotes. The Mustangs were able to put up 23 first quarter points to the Coyotes 11 points which was generated by Carlos Hernandez and Karl Lamming. Carlos was able to convert on two jumpers while Karl added a 3 pointer and two fast break lay-ups.

The second quarter found the Mustangs finally cooling off from the perimeter and the Coyotes finally finding the range themselves. Michael Cooley had a big second quarter as he scored 6 points with Brendan Tarleton adding four of his own. Tyrell Massingill gave the Coyotes some quality minutes as he came off the bench to hit a three pointer with two minutes left in the quarter.

To finish out the quarter for the Coyotes, Carlos found the bottom of the net on a 3 pointer and Flynn Chapman hit a jumper from the baseline. The

Coyotes went into halftime trailing 35-28, but playing good team ball as every player for the Coyotes was able to contribute offensively in the first half.

The Coyotes began the second half playing well, but the Mustangs were again able to find the range as they outscored the Coyotes 13-9 in the third.

The Coyotes were however determined not to let the Mustangs have another big quarter as they played tough defense in the fourth to allow them an opportunity to win the game. Flynn had a big fourth quarter as he poured in 9 points with Tyrell adding 5 of his own. The Coyote defense did an excellent job holding the Mustangs to only 9 points in the fourth as they put in 19 of their own.

The game came down to the wire as the Coyotes were not able to convert on a last second shot, which allowed the Mustangs to slip away with a 1 point victory.

Scoring for the Coyotes: Flynn Chapman 15, Karl Lamming 11, Michael Cooley 9, Tyrell Massingill 8, Carlos Hernandez 7, and Brendan Tarleton 6.

Good Job Coyotes!

### 2007-2008 Borden County Basketball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site	Teams
Nov. 6	Tues.	Meadow	6:00	Gail	gG
Nov. 10	Sat.	Klondike	12:00	Klondike	gG
Nov. 13	Tues.	New Home	4:00	New Home	gGBB
Nov. 16	Fri.	Dawson	4:00	Gail	gGBB
Nov. 19	Mon.	Midland Trinity	6:00	Midland	GB
Nov. 20	Tues.	Grady	4:00	Grady	gGBB
Nov. 27	Tues.	Crosbyton	4:00	Gail	gGBB
Nov. 30	Fri.	Open	4:00		gbGB
Dec. 4	Tues.	Forsan	4:00	Gail	gGBB
Dec. 6-8		Borden County Tourn.		Gail	GB
Dec. 11	Tues.	Sands	4:00	Gail	gGBB
Dec. 13-15		Meadow Tourn.	TBA	Meadow	GB
Dec. 27-29		Caprock Tourn.	TBA	Lubbock	GB
Dec. 31	Mon.	Southland	1:00	Southland	gGBB
*Jan. 4	Fri.	Ira	4:00	Ira	gGBB
*Jan. 8	Tues.	Hermleigh	4:00	Gail	gGBB
Jan 10 & 12	Th, S	Forsan JV Tourn.	TBA	Forsan	gGBB
*Jan. 11	Fri.	Westbrook	4:00	Westbrook	gGBB
*Jan. 15	Tues.	Lorraine	4:00	Lorraine	gGBB
*Jan. 19	Sat.	Highland	6:00	Gail	GB
*Jan. 22	Tues.	Ira	4:00	Gail	gGBB
*Jan. 25	Fri.	Hermleigh	5:00	Hermleigh	gGBB
*Jan. 29	Tues.	Westbrook	4:00	Gail	gGBB
*Feb. 1	Fri.	Lorraine	4:00	Gail	gGBB
*Feb. 5	Tues.	Highland	5:00	Highland	GbB

\* Denotes District Games  
 Girls' Coaches: Bric Turner & Peter Benavidez  
 Boys' Coaches: Fernando Baeza & Trey Richey  
 Borden County Tourney:  
 Post Forsan Borden County  
 Lubbock Christian New Home O'Donnell  
 Guthrie (Girls only) Crosbyton Meadow  
 Anson Klondike

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# Lady Coyotes Battle in Caprock Tournament

By Coach Turner

The Borden Lady Coyotes had to weather a two game storm to break into the win column at the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock held December 27-29th, but it was certainly worth the wait as Borden County avenged an early season loss to the New Home Lady Leopards by the score of 71-70.

With the Lady Coyotes down by two with 6.2 seconds to go, Taylor Richey took the inbound pass and worked her way down the court. Stopped at the top of they key, Richey hit Bailey Anderson in the corner for a three point attempt. In spite of a defender running straight at her, Bailey let it fly from 22 feet away and it fell through the net as the buzzer sounded. The big three pointer was Bailey's 15<sup>th</sup> point of the night.

Taylor Richey led the Coyote attack with 24 points and was also joined in double figures by Olivia Key with 19. Krystal Hobson had 7 points and D'Nae

Johnson finished with 4. Krista Tarleton wrapped up the scoring with 2 points.

In first round action the Lady Coyotes fell to the defending 2A Region 1 champions by the score of 70-33.

Borden County was very competitive in this game by a big 24-6 third quarter did in the Lady Coyotes. Bailey Anderson led with 11 points. Taylor Richey had 8, Krystal Hobson had 6, and D'Nae Johnson had 5. Olivia Key finished with 2 points and Krista Tarleton wrapped up the scoring with a free throw.

In second round play the Lady Coyotes dropped a 67-28 decision to the Squaws from Friona. Olivia Key led with 11 points. She was followed by Bailey Anderson with 6 and Taylor Richey with 5 points. Krystal Hobson and Kate Wallace wrapped up the scoring with 3 points each.

# First District Win For Lady Coyotes

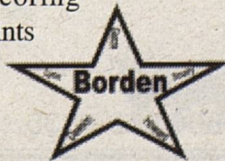
By Coach Turner

The Borden Lady Coyotes traveled to Ira on January 4<sup>th</sup> and came home with their first District 12 win with a 62-38 victory over the Lady Bulldogs.

The game was never in doubt as Borden County jumped to an early 13-4 lead. The score was 31-16 at the half and the Lady Coyotes closed the game out with a 31-22 second half.

Olivia Key led the attack

with 21 points including 5 three pointers. Krystal Hobson dominated inside and scored 14 points. Taylor Richey scored 13 and Rachel Wilson knocked down 6. Baylee Benavidez finished with 3 points and both Kate Wallace and D'Nae Johnson wrapped up the scoring with 2 points each.



# Lady Coyote JV Escapes Ira With a Victory

By Coach Turner

The Borden County Lady Coyote JV team traveled to Ira on 01-04-08 to take on the Lady Bulldog JV team. The Lady Coyotes won a nail biter by a score of 26 to 25.

The Lady Coyotes started out the game with some hot shooting and good defense. This was the teams first game back since December 11, 2007. The long break gave us a chance to get rested up and play some good basketball.

The Lady Coyotes made good passes and delivered the ball to the posts to create many scoring opportunities. Rebounding was much improved

in this game as well.

The scoring leader for the Lady Coyotes was Chellsie Pigford with 11 points. Chellsie also contributed in a big way in the form of freethrows. She was 5 of 6 from the line. Chasiti Rutherford also contributed 5 points.

The scoring is as follows; Phyneshia Rutherford -3, Lacey Roberts - 3, Marla Crenshaw - 2, Krista Tarleton - 1 and Raylea Underwood - 1. Brittany Day and Annie Stribling both helped the team by playing good defense as each had some very important rebounds.

# Player of the Week



Lady Coyote, Bailey Anderson, receives Player of the Week. Anderson a freshman and is the daughter of John and Kevva Anderson.

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# School Lunch Menu

January 14-18, 2008

**MONDAY** - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Taco Salad, Corn, Pudding and Milk.

**TUESDAY** - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice, and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Green Peas Hot Roll, Fruit Mix and Milk.

**WEDNESDAY** - Breakfast: Oatmeal w/Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk. Lunch: Chicken & Rice, Carrot Stick, Green Beans, Bread Stick, Pineapple and Milk.

**THURSDAY** - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Sloppy Joe, Salad, Chips, Pears, Cookie and Milk.

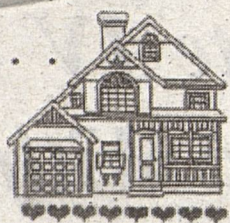
**FRIDAY** - NO SCHOOL

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## Heart & Home . . .

By Jodie Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent  
Family & 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 Court of Texas Cooperating.

### Conquer Weight Gain with Small Changes

For success in maintaining a healthy weight, UDSA has an important message for young and old, "Eat Smart, Play Hard". This USDA Food and Nutrition Service Campaign promotes healthy eating and encourages physical activity in children and families. By following the USDA Dietary Guidelines, and adopting the MyPyramid pattern for our food choices, we can learn to "Eat Smart". "Play Hard" simply means we need to move more, and places a positive spin on movement since physical activity should be enjoyable. Being active helps you maintain a healthy weight, as well as reducing stress and improving mood.

Small changes over time can lead to a big difference in your weight and your health. Short term "diets" simply don't work in the long run because you end up feeling deprived, starved, and often bored with the regiment. Nutrition experts recommend for long term success that you adopt a healthy eating pattern that fits your preferences. Increase your awareness of major obstacles that often lead to weight gain such as super-sized portions, frequent eating of high fat fast food, too much regular soda or fruit drinks, and lack of physical activity.

To maintain a healthier weight, start by evaluating your own eating and lifestyle habits, and work on making one change at a time. Another important factor is to accept your body and concede that in midlife and beyond, no one looks exactly like they did in their 20's. Researchers reported at the 13th Annual Congress on Women's Health in 2005 that women with this 'happily

imperfect' mindset are more successful at weight control. Studies at the University of California-Davis also found that changing behavior to accept your body is more effective in the long run to prevent weight gain. The good news is that losing 5 to 10 % of your body weight helps lower cholesterol and blood pressure, as well as improving blood sugar regulation. This would translate to an average weight loss of 10 to 15 pounds for the person weighing 200 pounds. Losing 10 pounds is achievable for many people by making some simple lifestyle changes.

Here are seven tips to help you maintain a healthier weight and have more energy:

**1. Eat early – Kick start the day with a power breakfast.** The National Weight Loss Registry which tracks people who have lost more than 30 pounds and kept it off for more than five years, cites eating breakfast as a key strategy for weight control. Include protein like yogurt, peanut butter, cottage cheese, an egg, or lean deli-meat so you will feel satisfied longer. Then add a whole grain like high fiber cereal or bran muffin; and top it off with fruit and a glass of skim milk.

**2. Eat regularly – Plan to eat every 3 to 4 hours to avoid hunger and overeating.** Snack smart to curb the munchies. These sensible snacks provide longer-lasting energy: whole grain bread with thin slice of low-fat mozzarella cheese; low-fat popcorn; a few almonds or walnuts; sliced apple or banana with peanut butter; carrot sticks with low-fat dip; string cheese and pretzels. Quench your thirst with skim

milk, vegetable juices, or water.

**3. Eat bright – Keep healthy by eating a rainbow of color.** Research at Penn State University found that eating more high volume, high-fiber foods that are largely water like fruits and vegetables was an important strategy for maintaining a healthier weight, especially if combined with reducing portion size. Make half your plate 'colorful' with fruits and vegetables: dark green (broccoli, spinach, romaine); red (tomato, strawberries); orange (citrus fruit, carrots) yellow-orange (squash, melons); purple and blue (grapes, blueberries).

**4. Eat whole foods – Keep it real, keep it small.** Focus on eating more whole foods, but smaller portions. Eating fewer processed foods will help reduce calories and improve nutrition since many of these foods are higher in sodium, fat, and calories. Eating a whole fruit provides more fiber and thus more 'eating' satisfaction. It takes more fruit juice to feel similarly satisfied, thus more calories. Follow the Dietary Guidelines and make at least half of your grains, whole grains each day. The whole grains are rich in fiber, folic acid, and B-vitamins and also keep you satisfied longer. Keep it small by keeping tabs on portion size. Eat half of what you are served, take home half, or share with a friend. Think smaller portions when ever and where ever you eat.

**5. Eat strong – Keep hunger at bay by including protein in meals and snacks.** It's the protein in your meal that leads to a feeling of fullness and satisfaction. Including lean protein each time you eat will help prevent overeating on desserts and sweets. Choose from among lean cuts of beef and pork, fish, poultry, dry beans, and low fat yogurt and cheeses.

**6. Eat slowly, and only when hungry.** Researchers in the field of weight management indicate people who pay more attention to internal cues of hunger and fullness are more successful at

maintaining a healthy weight. To lessen weight gain, Weill Medical College of Cornell University encourages people to eat only when hungry, avoid "empty" calories like soda, and eat smaller portions to reduce calories.

**7. Move more, move often.** Of all the strategies to maintain a healthy weight, physical activity is the most important factor. Weight control is a balancing act – calories in and calories out. Find ways to increase your activity level everyday. The goal is to move more and sit less. The Dietary Guidelines recommend about 60 minutes of physical activity most days of the week to help manage weight and prevent weight gain. Yet, this doesn't have to be all at once, you can break it up with 10 to 20 minute walks before and after work. And focus on movement throughout

the day, it all adds up whether it means taking the stairs, doing errands on foot, dancing, gardening, or cleaning the house. Pedometers (step counters) are also a great way to monitor your movement and motivate you to find more ways to put "steps" into your day.

The key is to establish lifelong eating habits and find ways to move that you enjoy. There is no easy answer for maintaining a healthy weight. Yet, once you get the mindset of adopting a lifestyle that supports a healthier weight, you can make gradual changes that you can live with and ones that will help you avoid weight gain.

Source: Lynda Johnson, R.D., Nutrition & Health Education Specialist

University of Missouri Extension



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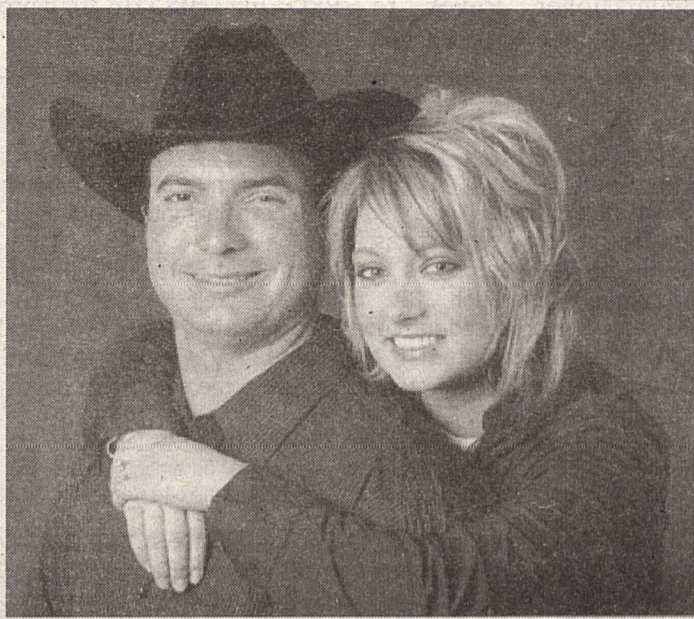
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## Engagement



### Jerimiah Erwin and Shayla Gass

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Gass of Gail, Texas wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shayla Gass, to Jerimiah Erwin, son of Eddie and Judy Erwin of Winnsborrow, Louisiana.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Borden County High School and is employed at Pancache Salon and Day Spa in Lubbock, Texas.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Fort Necessity

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#### 2008 Borden County Jr. Livestock Show



Thursday, January 17  
Steer Show - 6:00 p.m.



Friday, January 18  
Lamb Show - 8:30 a.m.  
Goat Show - after Lamb Show  
Swine Show - after Goat Show

Saturday, January 19  
7:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
Complimentary Chuchwagon Breakfast

Awards Ceremony - 9:00 a.m.  
Premium Sale - 9:30 a.m.



## First Ag Credit Declares \$12.6 Million Cash Patronage Distribution

The First Ag Credit, FCS board of directors recently declared an estimated \$12.6 million in cash patronage payments for the 2007 calendar year. The patronage distribution will reduce most members' cost of borrowing by approximately 85 points, or nearly 1 percent.

Over 6,700 stockholders can expect their checks in early 2008, and with this year's declaration, First Ag Credit has returned nearly \$70 million in cash patronage and stock retire-

ments since 2001. Keith Vandivere, chairman of the board from Lubbock, said, "The payment is a result of the financial strength of the association as well as our dedication to our members and their success, and is a nearly \$4.4 million increase over last year."

Terry Dane, chief executive officer, said, "We are pleased

that once again we are able to return a substantial cash patronage distribution to our stockholders. With the continued support of our agricultural producers, First Ag Credit had another outstanding year."

First Ag Credit, FCS, with over \$1.7 billion in total assets, serves 113 counties in Texas with 38 offices conveniently located throughout its territory.

### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 8A  
Rule 37 Case No. 0254148  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec. 5, 2007  
Status/Permit No. 648298

#### 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 (SPRABERRY) Field, BORDEN County, being 7 miles W direction from FLUVANNA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: HOOD (SPRABERRY)	MILLER "528"
Lease/Unit Name	MILLER "528"
Lease/Unit Well No.	7
Lease/Unit Acres	640.6
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1014.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1026.0
Lease Lines	1014.0 F North L, 2657.0 F West L
Survey Lines	1014.0 F North L, 2657.0 F West L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: HOOD (SPRABERRY) OIL statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Robert Krueger, at (801) 524-2742.

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 Protest must 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) 463-6751.

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 January 16, 2008 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



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## Reyes Seeks Third Term

Ernest Reyes, Commissioner of Precinct 3, would like to thank all the residents and voters in precinct 3 for all their support for the past 8 years. Commissioner Reyes, resident of Borden County for the last 27 years would like to encourage everyone to vote come this election day, March 4th, 2008. He will appreciate your continued support.



## Commissioners Meeting

**WHEREAS**, On this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007, 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;  
**RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2;  
**ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3;  
**JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Prect. No. 4;  
**JOYCE HERIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court with Monte Smith, Commissioner Precinct No. 1 absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda. Connie Stipe is in attendance.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of November 27, 2007 were read. Commissioner Belew 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.

### COUNTY PICKUP BIDS

Cody Hill, Borden County Extension Ag Agent, was present. After reviewing the bids and making comparisons, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the bid of Benny Boyds for the new pickup for the County Agent. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

### WINDPOWER AGREEMENT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to consider a tentative Abatement Agreement with Eurus Energy waiting for the

final agreement. This is a tentative agreement awaiting certain terms and provisions to be written into final agreement. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### EMPLOYEE MANUAL

The Court held a work session on the employee manual.

### COUNTY BURN BAN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to lift Borden County Burn Ban. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Neal Humphrey and Sandra Rideorat-Hausak with Texas Tech University and Carlton Britton with Colorado River Municipal Water District was also present. Motion carried.

### COUNTY REPORTS

After examination of the County Reports, Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept the submitted County Reports. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

Commissioner Belew made a motion to distribute Available School Funds in the amount of \$94,000.00 to Borden County I.S.D. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### PERMANENT-SCHOOL FUND

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to invest \$1,797,950.00 of Permanent School Funds in Certificate of Deposit with the Snyder National Bank with the contract interest rate. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### OFFICIAL COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to set the eleven county Holidays for the year 2008 as listed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### REGULAR COURT DAY

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to set the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 A.M. as the Regular

Session for the Commissioners Court to convene for the year 2008. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

### REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEALS

After a review concerning Travel Reimbursement for meals, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to pay actual expenses with receipts for meals. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### FIREWORKS BAN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Courts Order to Restrict or Prohibit the Sale or use of Restricted Fireworks during the December Season. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An Application for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards was received from Kelvin Barkowsky in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the applications at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

The water project is complete. The arsenic system is being worked on.

ORDER OF THE COURT FROM JUDGE ARMSTRONG regarding Official Court Reported set at \$5043 plus longevity pay program is hereby placed of record to-wit: LEGAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR BIDS FOR SELF-PROPELLED ROAD BROOM is hereby placed of record to-wit:

VISITORS SIGN IN SHEET for December 11, 2007 is hereby placed of record to-wit: DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Items to be considered are County Show Barn, Borden

County Employee Handbook, County Auditor, County Arena

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes to adjourn. Motion was seconded

by Commissioner Adcock and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Upper Sprayberry formation, **CR "B" Lease, Well Number 2716, Tract 2**. The proposed injection well is located 9 miles NNW of Gail in the **Clayton Ranch, N (Sprayberry) Field, in Borden County**. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from **5600 to 5900 ft.**

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

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

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## Borden County ISD Board Meeting December 17, 2007

The BORDEN STAR, Wed., January 9th, 2008...7

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:30 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mike Valentine.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2007 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the December 2007 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A school board training report was given as follows: John Anderson-2 hours, Joel Dennis-2 hours, Joe Harding-2 hours, Randy Hensley-2 hours, Carol Lewis-14.75 hours, Dennis Poole-no hours, and Mike Valentine-2 hours.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to set the January 21, 2008 regular meeting for 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to adopt a resolution to continue taxation of goods-in-transit, pursuant to § 11.253 (j), Texas Tax Code, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded

by Randy Hensley to take action to approve an extension of the 120-day time period for board action on the application of Bull Creek Wind LLC for a limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Joel Dennis to take action to adopt the findings concerning the application from Bull Creek Wind LLC for a limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes, as amended on December 3, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to take action to waive the job creation requirement set forth in Texas Tax Code § 313.051(b) pertaining to Bull Creek Wind LLC project. The motion passed with six voting in favor and one voting against. John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine voted in favor. Dennis Poole voted against.

11. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to take action to approve the agreement for a limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes with Bull Creek Wind LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to take action to create Coyote Wind Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Texas Tax Code §312.0025, in order to implement the application of Coyote Wind, LLC for a limitation on qualified property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas

Tax Code. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to take action to adopt the findings concerning the application from Coyote Wind, LLC for a limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes, as filed on August 31, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to take action to approve the agreement for a limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes with Coyote Wind, LLC.

15. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to take action to approve the findings concerning the application from Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy LLC for a limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes, as amended on November 10, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to take action to waive the job creation requirement set forth in Texas Tax Code § 313.051(b) pertaining to Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy LLC project. The motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to take action to approve the agreement for a limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes with Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

18. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to amend the 2007-2008 Borden

County Independent School District Budget as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

19. The annual evaluation of Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was conducted.

20. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report and reported that 163 students were enrolled as of December 14,

2007. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

21. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas will accept sealed bids until 9:00 a.m., January 22, 2008 for the purchase of one self-propelled road broom to be used in Borden County Road & Bridge. For more information, contact Precinct 1 Commissioner Monte Smith, phone 806/439-6379; Precinct 2 Commissioner Randy Adcock, phone 806/756-4378; Precinct 3 commissioner Ernest Reyes, phone 432/965-3212; or Precinct 4 Commissioner Joe Belew, phone 325/573-7718, or call the County Judge's office at 806/756-4391. The commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

Van L. York

Borden County Judge

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

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

Dist/Div: **Abilene**

Contract **6168-08-001** for **MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY** in **BORDEN** County, etc. will be opened on **JANUARY 16, 2008** at **10:00 a.m.** at the District Office for an estimate of \$78,740.00.

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

**NPO:25755**

**State Office**

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

**Dist/Div Office (s)**

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

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



## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Seeing The Big Balloons

Thanksgiving has always been our big holiday. Sometimes more than twenty people show up to enjoy being together and eating my wife's delicious food. Susan gets out the silver, crystal, china and linen and spends weeks preparing for the event.

In recent years, since our sons have families and are developing traditions of their own, our Thanksgivings have been smaller affairs. We have spent a couple of them with our sons in Dallas and San Francisco. Part of our Thanksgiving Day has always been spent watching the Macy's Parade on television. This year, we decided to take our 17-year-old grandson Jackson to the big apple and see the parade in person. When we arrived at Manhattan around noon on Wednesday, we walked to the John Lennon Memorial in Central Park, one of the places Jackson wanted to visit. Because it was sixty degrees and little wind, leaves were still on the trees in full color. The reds, oranges, rusts, yellows and golds were spectacular. While I was taking a picture of Susan and Jackson, I heard a voice say, "Would you like for me to take a picture of the three of you, Tumbleweed?" It was Woody

Kupper, a friend of mine from Odessa. It's always fun to run into someone you know when you're away from home. We went to the area where the balloons were being inflated. Huge nets had been placed over the balloons, tethered down by sandbags. Ronald McDonald, Scoo-Be-Doo and Snoopy were in the process of becoming giant-size. We were not alone. Thousands of people for blocks around stood in line to view the balloons. I've never seen so many baby carriages or dogs on leash.

That night we saw a play in the off-Broadway West Side Theater. Its title was *My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm in Therapy*. We laughed all the way through it. The morning of the parade we were up at 5:30 and walked to the parade site. We landed at 65th and Broadway and joined a group of people in a festive mood. We quickly bonded. More than three million people lined the parade route. After the 90-minute parade, the crowd surged onto the streets. Cars didn't get to drive on them for at least an hour until the people settled down to enjoy the rest of Thanksgiving Day. We had lunch at Park Café. Instead of the two hours or more we usu-

ally spend around the Thanksgiving Day table, we finished our turkey dinners in about 20 minutes.

Walking in New York City is easy because it's flat. No hills to climb. We walked about seven miles a day. We went to the World Trade Center site, the top of the Empire State Building, Grand Central Station, the Museum of Modern Art and Bloomingdale's. We rode the subway and took a cab when we got tired of walking. New Yorkers are interesting to watch. They walk and talk fast

and are smartly dressed. Girls wear boots up to their knees. Guys wear black leather coats. They pay no attention to traffic lights. If there are no cars coming, they walk on red. New York City has the rhythm of America. You hear several languages and know you're in a unique, stimulating place. You feel alive.



*Thought for  
the Day*

*It is the weak who  
are cruel.  
Gentleness can  
only be expected  
from the strong.*

Source: St. Louis Inspirational  
Christian Connection.

BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 8,952,234	\$ 122,495	\$ 9,074,729
State Program Revenues	657,508	28,054	685,562
Federal Program Revenues	34,092	146,529	180,621
Total Revenues	9,643,834	297,078	9,940,912
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
Instruction	1,389,884	166,244	1,556,128
Instructional Resources and Media Services	27,667	-	27,667
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	4,119	202	4,321
Instructional Leadership	-	121,371	121,371
School Leadership	137,775	-	137,775
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	11,341	3,508	14,849
Health Services	56,163	546	56,709
Student (Pupil) Transportation	252,248	-	252,248
Food Services	188,365	-	188,365
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	261,595	1,986	263,581
General Administration	343,364	2,070	345,434
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,081,732	372	1,082,104
Security and Monitoring Services	12,206	779	12,985
Data Processing Services	80,137	-	80,137
Community Services	106,350	-	106,350
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	347,055	-	347,055
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	4,847,972	-	4,847,972
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	40,882	-	40,882
Total Expenditures	9,188,855	297,078	9,485,933
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	454,979	-	454,979
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
Sale of Real and Personal Property	257	-	257
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	257	-	257
Net Change in Fund Balances	455,236	-	455,236
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	11,267,907	-	11,267,907
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 11,723,143	\$ -	\$ 11,723,143

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A public hearing will be conducted in the School Cafeteria of the Borden County Independent School District at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2008, to review the 2006-2007 Academic Excellence Indicator System as required by State Law. All interested persons of the Borden County Community are welcome to attend.