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Borden County I.S.D. Receives TEA Honors

In a report released recently, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) awarded the Borden County I.S.D. ten Gold Performance Acknowledgements.

These awards are held in high esteem by the B.C.I.S.D. administration, whose district was named as a "Recognized" district in August.

The Gold Performance Acknowledgment System recognizes districts and campuses for high performance on indicators other than those used to determine the annual accountability ratings.

To receive acknowledgements, a district must meet student body percentage requirements in each area.

Gold Performance Acknowledgements received by the Borden County I.S.D. and the school's percentages are as follows:

- **Advanced Course/Dual Enrollment Completion** by high school students in 2006-2007 (41.4%)
- **Attendance Rate in**

2006-2007 (96.6%)

- **Commended TAKS 2008 Performance: Reading/English Language Arts** (56% of all students tested)

- **Commended TAKS 2008 Performance: Mathematics** (46% of all students tested)

- **Commended TAKS 2008 Performance: Writing** (47% of all students tested)

- **Commended TAKS 2008 Performance: Social Studies** (50% of all students tested)

- **Recommended/ Distinguished Achievement High School Programs** - (100% of the Class of 2007 Graduates)

- **SAT/ACT Results** - (40% of the Class of 2007 Graduates met minimum standards)

- **Texas Success Initiative (TSI) - Higher Education Readiness Component: English Language Arts** - Class of 2009 (70%)

- **Texas Success Initiative (TSI) - Higher Education Readiness Component: Mathematics** - Class of 2009

(56%)

These awards are a testament to the hard work exhibited by Borden County students, staff, and parents.

Of particular interest are the acknowledgements for "commended performance" percentages on last spring's TAKS tests.

B.C.I.S.D. received recognition in four of the five testing areas and barely missed receiving the Science acknowledgement by a mere 1%.

In an age where simply passing the various TAKS tests has become the focus statewide, large percentages of Borden County I.S.D. students not only passed, but they also met extremely high standards to be named as "commended" on the tests.

Congratulations to the staff and students of Borden County I.S.D. for a job well done.



BHS Educator Receives Area Business's Teacher of the Year Award

Borden County residents have known for a long time that teacher Deidre Smith ranks at the top of her class in the teaching profession.

Now the South Plains area knows.

Mrs. Smith's honor was announced by Lamesa Walmart Store Manager Josh Ebbinger and Support Manager Tony Gonzales.

The award not only comes with some deserved recognition, but Smith was given a

\$100 gift certificate.

Other teachers from Dawson, Klondike, Lamesa, O'Donnell, and Sands were nominated for the Teacher of the Year Award.

Mrs. Smith, a 1976 BHS graduate, began her teaching career in 1991 as the kindergarten teacher with BCISD. Since 2004, she has taught fourth graders in the local school system.



*Daylight Savings
Ends Sunday, November 2
at 2 a.m.*

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Coyotes Defeat Rival Sands Mustangs in Third Quarter

By Krista Tarleton

Another exciting victory for the Coyotes ended in the third quarter of last Friday night's football game.

Last Friday, the Borden County Coyotes were ready and well-prepared for the Sands Mustangs. The Coyotes expected to come out with a victory.

"We should win if we go out and take care of business," sophomore John Hensley said.

Miles Valentine, the quarterback for the Coyotes, was ready for what was to come on Friday.

"If we do what we are capable of, we should easily get to 8-0," Valentine said.

The tough Coyote defense prevented the Mustangs from gaining a first down on their initial possession, forcing them to punt and bringing the Coyotes' offensive line near the 40 yard line.

Mustang defense held the Coyotes around the 35 yard line but not for long. Miles Valentine ran for a 42 yard touchdown followed by a PAT from Flynn Chapman.

The Mustang's next attempt to score on the fourth down ended when Michael Cooley made a solid hit on the quarterback, again bringing the Coyotes to their 39 yard line. Now the Coyotes had possession of the ball in their own

territory. In an attempt to receive a first down, Miles Valentine threw 10 yards to Michael Cooley who then ran it 3 more yards, bringing the Coyotes to the 31 yard line. On the second down, Flynn Chapman took a hand off from Valentine and ran it for a 31 yard touchdown. Chapman followed his run with a 2 point conversion.

The Mustangs managed a first down but was stopped short on the next series when senior Jake Cooley took down the ball carrier. This ended the first quarter with a score of 16-0.

The second quarter began with a fourth down attempt from the Mustangs. Jake Cooley fought long and hard trying to reach the Mustang quarterback who was finally able to throw a 32 yard touchdown pass. After a missed PAT from the Mustangs, the Coyotes maintained their lead.

On the Coyotes' next possession, Michael Cooley took advantage of a hole opened up by Jake and Flynn, and outran several Mustangs for a Coyote touchdown. Following the touchdown, Chapman kicked yet another PAT, bringing the score to 24-6.

A tackle by Hensley and Soto forced the Mustangs to begin their next drive on their

own 28 yard line. The Mustangs were unable to obtain a first down due to the defensive efforts of Soto, Telchik, Chapman, and Cooley.

The Coyotes took possession once again and began their drive near midfield. The Coyotes quickly advanced down the field on an 18 and 21 yard run by Michael Cooley, landing the Coyotes deep in Mustang territory. Michael ended the drive with a 4 yard touchdown run.

Taking a deep kick from Chapman, the Mustangs ran it back for 68 yards, but were stopped short of a touchdown because of a diving tackle from Tony Soto. The Mustangs scored the next possession followed by a PAT, bringing the score to 30-14.

The Mustangs attempted an onside kick which was quickly recovered by Karl Lamming. After two quick stops by the Mustangs, Valentine completed a 34 yard pass to Zach Telchik, bringing the Coyotes to striking distance once again. Another Coyote touchdown by Michael Cooley and a successful kick from Chapman brought the score to 38-14.

The next set of downs found the Mustangs advancing down the field on a series of short completed passes. The Cooley brothers teamed up to bulldoze the Mustang ball carrier and then a holding call forced the Mustangs back. A fourth down attempt to score was batted down by Soto, allowing the Coyotes to take over on their own 10 yard line. A holding call forced the Coyotes back to the 5 yard line where Michael Cooley took a pitch from Valentine and with a great block from Chapman- ran 16 yards for the next Coyote score. With only 14 seconds to go, Chapman's kick is good and brings the score to 46-14.

With time running out, the Mustangs were unable to score before the half.

The third quarter began with an onside attempt by the Mustangs that was pounced upon by Karl Lamming. The Coyotes needed only a few minutes before Flynn Chapman com-

pleted a run for the Coyotes' next touchdown.

The Mustangs were again stopped by a strong Coyote defense led by John and Jake. An incomplete pass on the 4th down destroys Mustang chances for a score.

Deep in Mustang territory, Chapman takes a pitch from Valentine and after a "bone-crushing" block from Tarleton, runs the ball in for the final Coyote touchdown. The game ended on a run in by Chapman with the final score of 59-14.

For the football players, this game was no different than any other game.

"Well, we just came out and played like we do every Friday night," senior, Jake Cooley said. "We didn't have to do anything special, just played our game."

The coach was proud of the way that his team played.

"I thought the guys played unbelievably," head coach Trey Richey said. "I am proud of what they accomplished with their efforts."

His players were also happy with how they played with one another.

"Well, we played like a team," junior Michael Cooley said. "We didn't talk each other down when something went wrong. We picked each other up and kept going."

Some could hardly find words to describe how well they played.

It rocked," cheerleader Taylor Richey said. "I just don't know what else to say!"

The Coyotes will kick off for their next game in Westbrook at 7:30 p.m.



Borden County Coyotes block Mustangs making the way for running back, Michael Cooley (#21) to score yet another touchdown.



Borden Coyote, Miles Valentine (#1) narrowly escapes Sands Mustang, Michael Gomez (#31) for a 42-yard touchdown.

Players of The Week



Borden County Coyote Players of the Week for the week of Oct. 24 are (left to right) Flynn Chapman (end/linebacker), Michael Cooley (running back/safety) and Austin Tyler (quarterback/center)

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Coyote JV Comes Up Short Against Sands Mustangs

By Coach Benavidez

It has always been considered something special to be part of a team that creates an upset. It is even more special when that team does it as part of a comeback.

After falling behind 18 -0, the young Coyote JV squad had one of two choices. They could either put their head down and go home early or they could fight back and see what happens at the end. The Coyotes decided on the latter, and almost pulled off an upset.

In the first quarter, Kobie Benham opened the scoring for Borden County by taking off on a 23 yard touchdown run. The PAT failed.

The defense was shaky during the first half as the Coyotes gave up 38 first half points. The offense saw two touchdown passes from Austin Tyler to Chance Taylor and Skyler Williamson-Dear making the score 20 to 38 in favor of the Mustangs.

In the second half, after defensive adjustments, the Coyotes only gave up one touchdown in the third quarter. Michael Froman made some key tackles in order to give the Coyotes the ball back. Austin Tyler was again able to connect on a 40 yard touchdown pass to Williamson-Dear. Skyler

was able to show some of his breakaway speed as he raced to the endzone.

The Coyote defense did not give up a single point in the fourth quarter. Collin Telchik showed some impressive concentration as he fought for a tipped ball thrown by Chance Taylor and raced 52 yards for the score. The Coyotes narrowed the score to 38-44. The

inside kick failed and the Mustangs were able to run out the clock.

The tackle count is as follows: Kobie Benham 8, Michael Froman 7, Chance Taylor 13, Skyler Williamson-Dear 21, Austin Tyler 3, Collin Telchik 3.

Congratulations to the Coyote JV squad on a job well done.



Borden Jv Coyotes, Collin Telchik (#10) and Kobie Benham (#32) stop a Sands opponent from gaining more yards. The Coyotes fell to the Mustangs 38-44. They will take on Westbrook here tonight.

"From Sea to Shining Sea"



Borden County I.S.D.'s salute to Veterans of the United States Military Veterans' Day Assembly Tuesday, November 11 10 a.m.



Borden High School auditorium

If you or a family member is a military veteran and would like to attend, please contact the school office with your information: branch of service, years of service, military assignments, and any other military background information you would like to share in the commemorative programs that will be printed for this occasion. If you have photos, please include those to the school in care of the following:

Veterans' Day Assembly Committee
Borden County ISD
P.O. Box 95
Gail, TX 79738

Please label photos as those will be returned after the assembly.



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School Lunch Menu Nov. 3-7, 2008

Monday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Ham, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ Sausage, Ranch Style Beans, Potato Salad, Bread, Apricots and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Pop Tart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Corn Salad, Pudding and Milk.

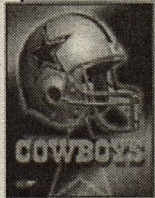
Wednesday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Quesadillas, Spanish Rice Lettuce & Tomatoes, fresh Fruit and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Corn, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit Cobbler and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Sandwich, French Fries, Salad Cup, Brownie and Milk.

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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences



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Office Colds and Flu: How to Avoid Spreading Germs at Work and School

Gotta Love the Label

Grocery stores seem a whole lot more like libraries nowadays. But instead of picking up a good book, shoppers are reading nutrition labels—and with good reason.

By checking out the label before you buy, you can find lower-fat and higher-fiber foods that can help you eat healthier. Take a guided tour of the Nutrition Facts label to help you eat better.

Serving Size

The first line defines what makes up one serving of the food by weight (grams) or measure (1/2 cup). When comparing choices, be sure the serving size is the same for a fair comparison of calories and nutrients.

Serving per Container

The second line tells the number of servings found in the container. Most packages contain more than one serving.

Amount per Serving

The next set of information is spelled out based on the serving size declared above.

Calories

The calories on the label are based on the amount in one serving—but most packages contain multiple servings. To figure out the total calories in the package, you'll need to do some math. For example, a 3-oz bag of chips may contain three servings at 160 calories each—which means 480 calories for the entire bag.

Calories from Fat

Nutrition labels list the number of calories contributed by the fat in the food. Fat provides more calories per amount than carbohydrate or protein—and its consumption may be linked to disease—so be sure to balance high-fat foods with foods that contain lower amounts of fat.

Fat and Cholesterol

The label shows the amount

of fat present in the food. Because there are different kinds of fat, the label lists amounts of saturated, trans, polyunsaturated, and monounsaturated fats, followed by the amount of cholesterol.

Fiber

Fiber is part of the carbohydrate present in foods. Look for foods that are rich in fiber—those containing 5 grams of fiber or more per serving or good sources at 3 g of fiber per serving.

Percent Daily Value (%DV)

The % Daily Value (%DV) listed next to various nutrients is based on a 2,000-calorie diet. Look for foods with smaller amounts of fat, saturated fat, and sodium. And choose options with higher percentages of fiber, vitamins, and minerals.

Vitamins and Minerals

Amounts of vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium, and iron are listed as %DV on nutrition la-

bels—but other nutrients may be listed too, if they are present. Nutrients with 10%DV are good sources while 20%DV or more indicates an excellent source.

Ingredients

Ingredients are listed by weight. The ingredient with the greatest weight is shown first; the ingredient with the smallest weight is listed last. If you're looking for whole grains, choose foods with "whole" before the grain, as in whole wheat or whole oats, as the first or second ingredient.

Allergen Warning

As allergy concerns increase, so has allergen information on packaging. Good news: A 2006 FDA rule mandates that foods contain warnings (below the ingredient list) for the presence of potential allergens (milk, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, egg, shellfish, or fish).

Source: General Mills Eat Better America (<http://www.eatbetteramerica.com>)

Thought for the Day

*When I'm feeling down,
I like to whistle. It
makes the neighbor's
dog that barks all the
time run to the end of
his chain and gag
himself.*

Source: mypilotisgod.com

**Buy your chances to win a
\$200 Wal-Mart Gift Card
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4-H member!**





\$1 per ticket

Raffle tickets will be on sale
through November 8th
(drawing to be held at the Fall Festival
on 11/8 in the County Show Barn - you
do NOT have to be present to win!).

Proceeds will benefit the
Borden County 4-H club

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Borden County 4-H News

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2008-09 4-H Officers

The officers for the Borden County 4-H clubs and the county council are listed as follows.

Cool Clovers (3rd-5th Grade)

President - Trace Richey
Vice President - Thomas Nix
Secretary/Reporter - Tatum Richey
Recreation Chair - Merik Valentine
County Council Delegates to be elected at November meeting

Junior High (6th-8th Grade)

President - Tristen Benavidez
Vice President - Matthew Proulx
Secretary/Reporter - Mollie McMeans
Recreation Chair - Ricky Torres
County Council Delegates - Sage Wheatley and Nathan Ham

High School (9th-12th Grade)

President - Seleste Herridge
Vice President - Shylo Rinehart
Secretary/Reporter - Raylea Underwood
Recreation Chair - Chance Taylor
County Council Delegates - Autumn Tyrell and Mandi Hudson

County Council

President - Raylea Underwood
Vice President - Shylo Rinehart
Secretary/Reporter - Taylor Gass
Community Service Chair - Zach McMeans
District Council Delegates - Lacey Roberts and Matthew Ham

November 4-H Meeting Dates

Cool Clovers 4-H (3rd-5th Grades)

Tuesday, November 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Conference Room

Junior High 4-H (6th-8th Grades)

Tuesday, November 4 from 12:30-1:00 p.m.
Conference Room

High School 4-H (9th-12th Grades)

Wednesday, November 5 from 12:35 to 1:05 p.m.
Conference Room



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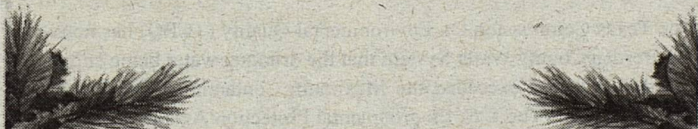



12th Annual Borden County Home for the Holidays
"Homemade Christmas"
on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Community Room in Gail.
The favor of a reply is requested.
Please contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or borden.tx@tamu.edu to RSVP.

A nominal fee of \$5 per person will be charged at the door to cover the costs of food, program supplies, and the recipe book. We hope that you will join us for a tasting of delicious recipes, entertaining tips, homemade gifts, food safety and storage, helpful holiday hints, and creative holiday decorations. We will have fellowship and punch from 5:45 to 6:00 p.m. to allow an opportunity for everyone to visit. The program will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

For a community service project this year, we ask that you please bring pajamas for youth from newborn through 18 to be donated to Buckner's Children's Home of Lubbock.

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension program. We request that you contact your Texas Agrilife Extension Service office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.

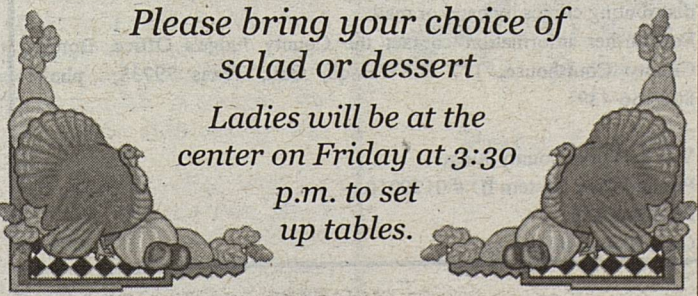

Plains Community Annual Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 2, 2008
at 12:30 p.m.
at the Plains Community Center


Turkey and dressing main course will be catered.

Please bring your choice of salad or dessert

Ladies will be at the center on Friday at 3:30 p.m. to set up tables.

Due to the out of town football game on October 31st Borden County will Trick or Treat on Saturday Nov. 1st



M&M's Kids Fundraiser Dinner



Sunday, November 2nd
Gail First Baptist Church
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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 14th day of October, 2008, 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; **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.

TAX ABATEMENT

Steve DeWolf representative of Stephens Wind Farm met with the Court concerning their proposed Tax Abatement.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of September 23, 2008 and October 1, 2008 were read. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICES REPORT

After examination of the County Offices Reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the submitted County Offices Reports. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIVESTOCK TRAILER

Borden County Extension Ag. Agent, Cody Hill visited with the Court. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to purchase from Jarrett trailer, a Livestock Trailer to be used by the Extension Office in the amount of \$17,175.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the Permanent School Fund Division Order of Roff Operating Company LLC on the Willie Ross Lease in Martin County. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Applications for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards were received from Tim Wilson in precinct No. 1 and 2; Kenneth P. Bennett in Precinct No. 2; and Joel Dennis of the Flying D Ranch Company in Precinct No. 4. 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 Belew. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

ried.

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

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 28th day of September, 2008.

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Re-Elect
Dennis Poole
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Your vote will be greatly appreciated!

NOVEMBER 4, 2008 ELECTION CALENDAR General Election and School Board Election

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| September 5 | First day to submit application for early voting by mail |
| October 6 | Last day to register to vote |
| October 20 | Early voting by personal appearance begins
Early voting located in Clerks Office in Courthouse
For both GENERAL and SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION |
| October 28 | Last day to receive application by mail |
| October 31 | Last day to vote early by personal appearance |
| November 4 | ELECTION DAY |

Contact Joyce Herridge, County Clerk if you have questions.

Mandatory Public Notification Language Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a level of 5.5 mg/L in the 1st quarter mg/L in 2008 and a level of 5.5 mg/L in the 2nd quarter of 2008.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391

Van L. York, County Judge
Public Water System ID # 0170010
P.O. Box 156
Gail, Texas 79738

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This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing ARSENIC in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

Borden County Water System is installing equipment to lower the level of ARSENIC to below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) standards.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Seven Years Under Sail

Bill Breeden was raised in Amarillo and now lives in Harlingen. He says Amarillo was too cold. He was trained as a civil engineer and had a variety of careers. He raised cattle in five states, had feet lots and a meat packing company, owned marinas and was a concessionaire for the National Parks Service. He had always wanted to go to sea, so it just seemed natural to him that he should sell everything and have a fancy yacht built in California to his specifications. "It took a couple of years to get it finished," says Bill, who now owns a citrus farm in Harlingen. "When it was ready, my wife and I took a shake-down cruise to Hawaii. From there we went to Alaska and then to Panama. We spent a year in Central America, and then headed for the West Indies where we spent three years island hopping. We came back to Texas and went through the southern part of the Gulf, then wound up going up the east coast and spent a summer in Chesapeake Bay. We sailed on the river to Washington, DC. By then we thought we had been everywhere we wanted to go, so we went to Florida, sold our boat and moved to the valley."

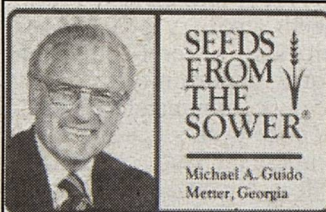
Before taking off on his journey, the only experience he had on a sailboat was sailing on lakes and a couple of charter trips in the Caribbean. While at sea, he didn't plan to do any work, but he ended up doing some.

"I went to a cocktail party one night in the Bahamas and was feeling pretty brave and got talked in to being a mill-work superintendent on a big hospital they were building in Saint Thomas. Because of my civil engineering background, I could read a set of blueprints and apparently not too many people there could do that. I was on that job six months. We lived on the ship during that time."

His 43-ton ketch, with its mainsail, mizzen and head sails, had all the conveniences found in an upscale home. "We even had a bathtub. In the

kitchen we had an oven, two refrigerators, and a commercial size deepfreeze. Down below we could store forty cases of beer. We had plenty of provisions and enough water, diesel and fuel oil to last six months at sea without having to go ashore. We thought if we ever got lost, we could wander around for six months, anyway. Looking back on it, at the time it seemed like the natural thing to do. I was young enough to do it physically and could afford to do it financially. We went aboard on my fiftieth birthday and ended our sailing career when I was fifty-seven. It was a great experience and lots of fun."

He moved to the valley in 1984 and runs one of the most successful citrus farms in the region. He gave me a bite of the sweetest orange I've ever had. "I didn't know a thing about citrus when I started," says Bill. "We got the first good crop up and going, then we had a freeze and lost everything. That's just a part of it. I'm still getting the hang of it 24 years later. I have made tons of friends here in the valley."



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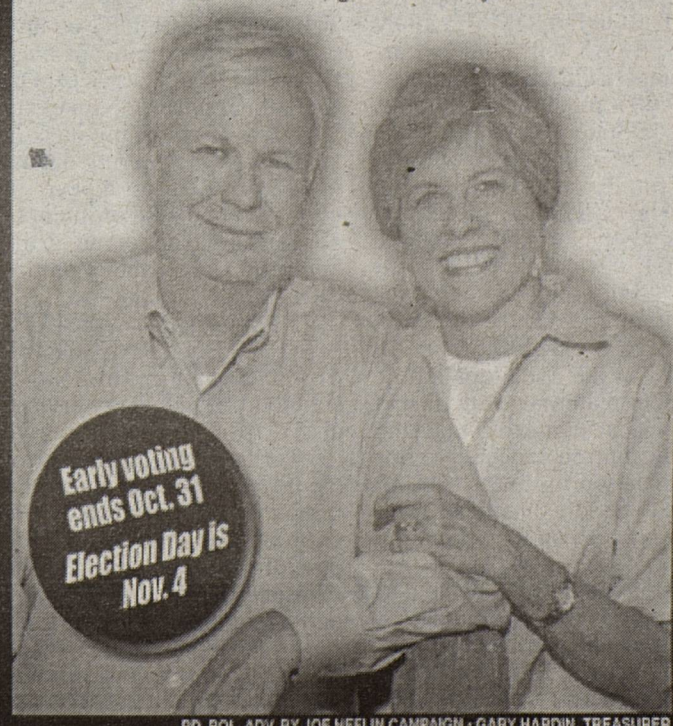
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Legal Notice

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

OIL AND GAS DOCKET
IN RE:
CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION
NO. 8A-0259609

OF
WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Austin, Texas
October 27, 2008
NOTICE OF HEARING
ON THE APPLICATION
OF SINCLAIR OIL & GAS
COMPANY
FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
PROPOSED MILLER (SPRABERRY) UNIT FOR SECONDARY RECOVERY OPERATIONS IN THE HOOD (SPRABERRY) FIELD
BORDEN COUNTY,
TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 *et seq.* (2008), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on **DECEMBER 5, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.** at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 *et seq.* (2008). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Sinclair Oil & Gas Company for Commission approval of

the establishment of the (proposed) Miller (Spraberry) Unit for secondary recovery operations pursuant to Chapter 101 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, in the Hood (Spraberry) Field, Borden County, Texas.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Ana Maria Marsland-Griffith, at (512) 476-3529. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

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

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

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

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. **If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties.** Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

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 **6032-13-001** for **CRACK SEALING in SCURRY** County, etc. will be opened on **NOVEMBER 19, 2008** at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$249,949.00.

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 and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO:27925

State Office

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200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office (s)

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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.



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NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On the 15th of October, 2008, I impounded the following estray;

Kind of animal: Cattle

Number of head: 1

Breed: Brangus

Color: Black

Sex: Bull

Age: 2 years old

Brands, ear marks: - on hip; also has chicken foot brand on unknown location.

And, on the 15th day of October, 2008, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Borden County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of the recorded brands in Borden County, Texas, for the owner of said estray but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 4th day of November, 2008, said estray will be sold at public auction at Abilene, Texas.

Witness my hand this 15th day of October, 2008

Billy J. Gannaway

Sheriff of Borden County, Texas



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