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Advance to Sweet Sixteen, Qualifying UIL Scholarships McMeans Siblings Win Medals in CX State Tournament

Spring Break in Austin was work for Mollie and Zach McMeans, but the end result was an awards ceremony and medals (not to mention some

legendary Amy's Ice Cream). The Borden High School sophomores competed March 12 in the preliminary rounds, (Continued to Page 3)



Pictured are Mollie and Zach McMeans with their CX State medals for advancing to the Sweet Sixteen round after posting a 3-1 record in the prelims.

Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Decision

A decision is an action you must take when the information you have does not lead to a clear answer or choice. Often it's difficult to know what the right decision is. No one wants to make a bad decision. Every predicament has a finite time limit for you to make a decision. Some issues require immediate action, while others are far less critical.

Decisions cannot be avoided by procrastination. Issues rarely resolve themselves. People who routinely opt for doing nothing when faced with a dilemma are in effect allowing others to determine the outcome.

Suppose you receive two job offers, each with its own good and bad points. You are torn between the two jobs and don't want to make the wrong choice. So you take no action while you analyze and agonize. While you are deliberating, you lose one or both jobs to whoever was next on the hiring list. So when you made no decision, your prospective employers made it for you.

Very few decisions are irreversible. In most cases, if

you make a decision and are unhappy with the outcome, you can make a new decision to correct the situation. Although you can't guarantee that every decision will be perfect, you are still better off being proactive rather than passive.

People who are most often pleased with their decisions make them promptly and change them slowly, if at all. Those who are unhappy with their decisions make them slowly and change them quickly and often.

All anyone can hope to do is make the best decision possible with the most reliable information available at the time. Hindsight is always perfectly clear but the view forward is less so. It's a rare situation where the choices are so clear that making the right decision is obvious.

Most of life is lived in a gray area where decisions are judgement calls. Virtually all decisions you make will have positive and negative components. Making an effective decision requires weighing all of the options and choosing the one that is most beneficial.

Although you may feel it's

helpful to get outside input, advice from others is not necessarily suitable. A particular decision might be great for one person yet deleterious to another. This is because each person has their own unique set of values and goals.

In order to make decisions that are right for you, you must first have a clear understanding of your goals and values. These will serve as a measuring stick with which to evaluate your different options.

Decisions you make must be based on your own objectives and desires. Everyone you ask for advice will offer an opinion based on their perspective. As well intentioned as they may be, their suggestions may not be appropriate for you or your situation.

Before making any decision, identify the potential positives and negatives for each course of action. You must be sure that the information you are basing your decision on is accurate and applicable. Any decision based on erroneous information has great potential to cause undesirable results.

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Coyotes' Bats Cooled Off at Gail

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

Borden County head baseball coach Trey Richey probably summed it up best by referring to Thursday's high school baseball game against Ralls at Gail as "one of those days".

"It was just one those days where we couldn't hit it and we couldn't field it, either. Plus, we couldn't throw strikes," Coach Richey said of Thursday evening's 12-5 District 3-1A defeat to the Jackrabbits.

Borden County's Austin Tyler was the losing pitcher in Thursday's game after pitching the first six innings. Tyler struck out nine Jackrabbit batters, but also walked 10 and hit three batters.

Collin Telchik pitched the final inning, where he gave up

one run and struck out one. Telchik, Kurt Shafer, Tristen Benavidez and Hurricane Richter each had a hit.

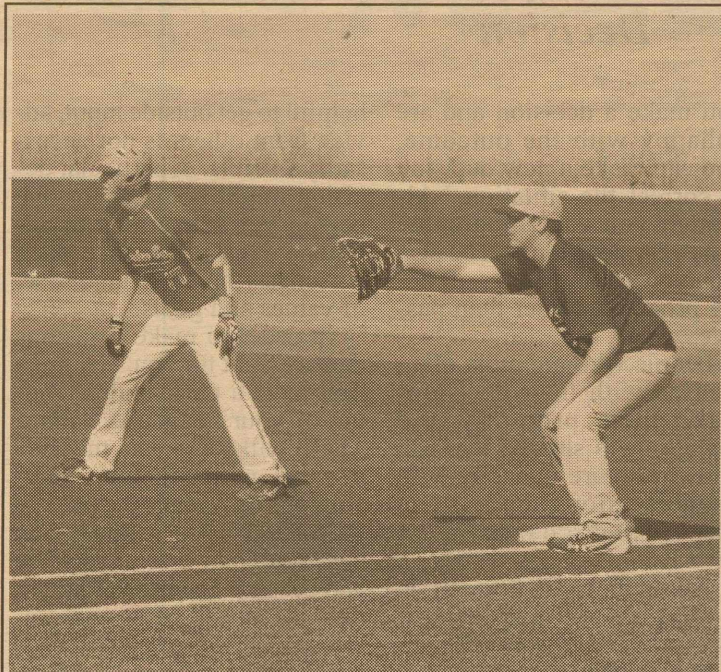
Benavidez drove in three RBI's.

Shafer scored two runs. Tyler and Telchik scored one run, while Richter and Jared Smith had one RBI each.

"Maybe, the layoff hurt.

"We've been swinging some hot bats out here, especially I the top part of our order," Richey said. "We were only one out of 16 in those top five spots of our order and that's been one of our big strengths."

The Coyote baseballers are now 5-3 on the year including 1-1 I district play.



Borden County's Austin Tyler (left) steps away from first base as he waits for a Coyote hit. Tyler scored one run in the match against Ralls.

Coyote's vs. Jackrabbits



Borden County baseballer, Jared Smith hits a Ralls pitch to score an RBI in last weeks' game against the Ralls Jackrabbits.

Revised: February 14, 2012

2012 Borden County Baseball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location	Scores
Feb. 13 th - 14 th	Mon/Tue	Scrimmage:	TBA		
Feb. 17 th	Thurs.	Scrimmage: Idalou	4:00	Gail	9 to 4
Feb. 20 th - 21 st	Mon./Tues.	Loraine	4:00	Gail	20 to 1
Feb. 25 th	Saturday	Sundown	12:00	Gail	
Feb. 27 th - 28 th	Mon./Tues	Open	TBA	TBA	
March 1 st - 3 rd	Thurs. - Sat.	Tourney @ Sundown	TBA	Sundown	
March 1 st	Thursday	Crosbyton	11:00	Sundown	
March 1 st	Thursday	Sundown	5:00	Sundown	
March 3 rd	Saturday	Muleshoe	2:00	Sundown	
March 3 rd	Saturday	Morton	4:30	Sundown	
*March 6 th	Tuesday	Ira	4:30	Gail	
March 10 th	Saturday	Open	TBA	TBA	
*March 15 th	Thursday	Ralls	3:00	Gail	
March 16 th	Friday	TBA	TBA	TBA	
*March 19 th	Monday	Tahoka	4:30	Gail	
*March 24 th	Saturday	Crosbyton	4:30	Crosbyton	
*March 27 th	Tuesday	O'Donnell	4:30	Gail	
March 31 st	Saturday	Lubbock Cooper JV	4:00	Cooper	
*April 2 nd or 3 rd	Mon. or Tues.	Ira	5:00	Ira	
*April 6 th	Friday	Hermleigh(double header)	5:00	Hermleigh	
*April 10 th	Tuesday	Ralls	5:00	Ralls	
*April 13 th	Friday	Tahoka	5:00	Tahoka	
*April 17 th	Tuesday	Crosbyton	4:30	Gail	
*April 21 st	Saturday	O'Donnell	4:30	O'Donnell	
April 27 th	Friday	Open	TBA	TBA	
	Mon-Tues.	Rain out dates			
	Thurs-Sat.	Tie Breaker Date			

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The Little Cast That Could... and Did!

A review by Sue Jane Mayes

That expression of "you just had to be there" is so applicable to the ups and downs that have accompanied Borden County's One-Act program.

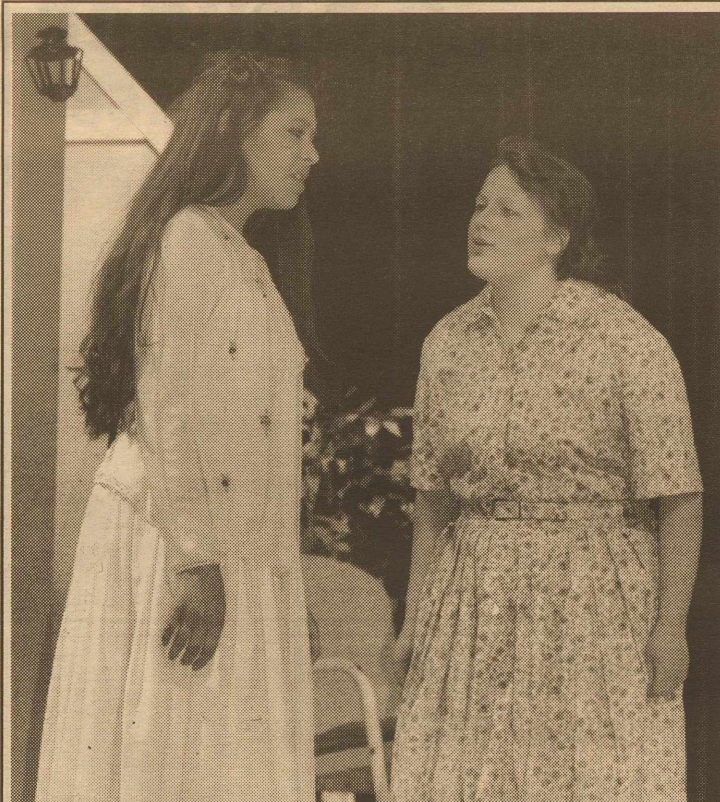
The coaching transition, the inexperience and youth of the cast and crew, and just the overwhelming time management issues are factors that have made the past two seasons fittingly dramatic.

And yet, despite all of those hills to climb, this little engine of stagehands and crew and cast and fearless engineers Cindy Herridge and Charla Soto pulled it off this year with the staging of "Picnic."

The simplicity worked. The casting perfect. The storyline relatable. The props and costumes dead on. And the James Dean character theme of the 1950s as true today as it was then: *sometimes we just have to take a chance and follow our hearts.*

This little engine of a play climbed a big mountain Tuesday by advancing out of zone to district competition. Next week's edition of *The Borden Star* will have all the details, but for now, just try to find a way to (1) attend the district performance, and (2) encourage and thank these people for representing our school with the investment they have made. Just like every other extracurricular activity, they sacrifice and give up the most valuable commodity of all: time.

Get on board. One-Act is on track.



In Monday nights Borden County's high school OAP production of *Picnic*, Flo Owens (played by Maeghan Herridge, right) pleads with Madge (played by Tye Basquez) not to go away with Hal.

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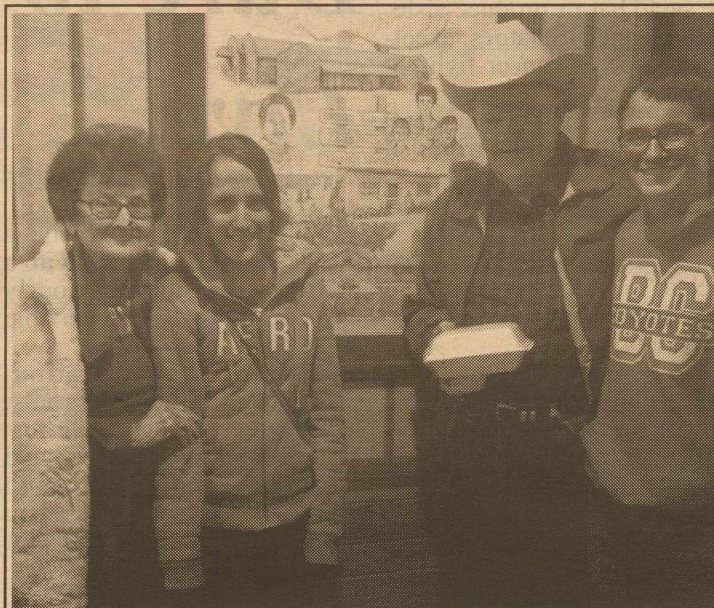
Track Schedule: Updated 1/19/12

2012 Borden Track Schedule High School

Day	Date	Meet	Location
Friday	February 24 th	Long Sleeve Relays	Hamlin
Friday	March 2 nd	Cougar Relays	Klondike
Friday	March 9 th	Blackwell Hornet Relays	Blackwell
Saturday	March 17 th	Piper Relays	Hamlin
Friday	March 23 rd	Rolling Plains Relays	Jayton
Friday	March 23 rd	Dawson Dragon Invitational	Weich
Friday	March 30 th	Coyote Relays	Gail
Thursday	April 5 th	District Meet	Gail
Thursday	April 12 th	Area Meet	TBA
Thurs./Fri.	April 20 th or 21 st	Regional Qualifiers Meet	TBA
Fri./Sat.	April 27 th - 28 th	Regional	Abilene (ACU)
Fri./Sat.	May 11-12	State Meet	Austin

Junior High

Day	Date	Meet	Location
Thursday	February 23 rd	TBA	TBA
Thursday	March 1 st	Cougar Relays	Klondike
Thursday	March 8 th	Wildcat Relays	Grady
Thursday	March 22 nd	Rolling Plains Relays	Jayton
Thursday	March 22 nd	Dawson Dragon Invitational	Weich
Thursday	March 29 th	District Meet	TBA



Mollie and Zach McMeans visit with former Borden Elementary Principal Ben Jarrett and former business teacher Netta Jarrett for their traditional pre-state meal in Brownwood at Underwood's

McMeans' Medal at State CX...

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winning three of four debates. These rounds typically last 90 minutes and have one judge deciding the case. BHS defeated Clarksville, Port Aransas, and Cherokee while dropping a round to Whitharral.

With the 3-1 record and speaker points averaging 28 out of a possible 30, Mollie and Zach earned a # 9 seed out of 53 teams competing at this year's state meet.

In the octa-final round that took place Tuesday, March 13,

the BHS debaters faced Knox City. A panel of three judges heard the debate. Choosing the negative position, the McMeans team won one ballot with the judge writing that "the negative team clearly showed how the affirmative team does not meet standards, the negative showed a clear lack of affirmative inherency, and the affirmative team failed to address the key components of the negative DA's (disadvantages)."

School Lunch Menu Mar. 19 - 23, 2012

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake, Fruit Juice & Milk. Lunch: Crispy Taco, Lettuce & Tomato, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup, Celery & Peanut Butter, Apple Slices, Saltine Crackers and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nugget, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas, Hot Roll and Milk.


Thursday - Breakfast: Kolache, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Toasted Ham & Cheese, Baby Carrots, Vegetarian Beans, Apricots and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Pizza Bagal, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Submarine Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickles, Baked Chips, Sliced Peaches and Milk.

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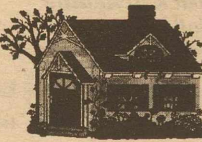
Despite this one judge's definite interpretation, the other two judges accepted the affirmative stance and voted for Knox City, making it a split 2-1 decision in their favor.

Debaters begin their 2012-2013 topic research this summer with the resolution that the federal government should substantially increase its transportation infrastructure investment in the United States.



Heart and Home ...

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



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Convenience Cooking: How to Make Quick & Tasty Meals From a Box

Boxed rice and grain mixes, like Spanish Rice or chicken-flavored noodles, have been part of American cooking for years, usually as a quick side dish. But, with a few extra ingredients and a couple of extra minutes, you can turn these convenience products into a healthy, satisfying, plant-based meals. And the best part is that there is only one pot to wash!

Maximum Health with Minimal Work

Boxed grain mixes are convenient, but many need help nutritionally. Some simple choices at the store and at home, however, can ensure a fast and healthy meal. When possible, opt for nutrient-rich, whole grain mixes. Those that contain brown rice, kasha (roasted buckwheat), barley, quinoa, whole wheat couscous and wild rice are great choices. Today's supermarket shelves are teeming with new and exotic flavors.

When cooking with convenience foods, sodium can add up fast. If a box mix includes a seasoning packet, you can usually use half or maybe less. (There will still be plenty of flavor.) Or skip the seasoning packet and create your own mix of herbs and spices. If you are adding canned beans to the meal, rinse them well. Try canned vegetables with no added salt. And use lemons and limes (both the juice and the zest) for a burst of fresh flavor.

Finally, consider the fat. If a box mix calls for butter or margarine, substitute healthier oils like olive or canola. You can also use less fat than recommended.

Putting Together a Fast Meal

Any combination from the following list of foods can turn a boxed grain mix into a delicious, healthy meal. Be sure to use a generous amount of vegetables and a source of protein like chicken, beans, cheese,

tofu, or nuts. With the exception of vegetables and cheese, you can include most at the beginning of cooking. Add vegetables during the last few minutes to ensure a crisp texture (and maximum nutrient retention). Add cheese just before serving.

Ingredients for a Quick and Tasty Meal from a Box

* **Fresh, frozen or canned vegetables:** save time with pre-cut fresh vegetables from the salad bar or produce aisle

* **Canned tomatoes:** excellent source of cancer-fighting lycopene

* **Precooked chicken and turkey:** without skin, trimmed of fat

* **Canned beans:** rinse thoroughly under running water

* **Canned salmon or tuna:** packed in water, not oil

* **Tofu:** firm and extra firm, diced

* **Leftover beef and pork tenderloin:** trimmed of fat

* **Cheese:** reduced-fat varieties or small amounts of strong tasting cheeses like Parmesan, feta, or sharp cheddar


* **Nuts:** walnuts, peanuts, pecans, almonds, pine nuts

* **Dried fruit:** apricots, cranberries, currants, dates, raisins

* **Fresh herbs:** basil, cilantro, dill, rosemary, parsley, chives

* **Dried herbs and spices:** oregano, thyme, bay leaves, curry powder, chili powder, cumin, coriander

Source: *American Institute for Cancer Research*



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Dare to Live...

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Note what options you have if you are later unhappy with a particular decision. Obviously any decision with irreversible consequences has to be given much more consideration. Once you know your goals, have gathered accurate information about your options, and understand the benefits and drawbacks of each option, you are ready to make your best decision.

Make decisions promptly. Putting them off rarely works to your advantage. Welcome the freedom to make decisions. Each one is an opportunity to steer your life on a course of your choosing.

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Borden County 4-H News

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County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-Fun and Public Speaking Project

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4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, vocal, band and musical. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 5th at Levelland Middle School in Levelland. **The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 11.** For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

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On the Wild Side of Life
by Cody G. Hill
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Houston Stock Show Successful for 4-Her's

Borden County was very well represented during the 2012 Houston Livestock Show March 5-18. Results were; Myka Blissard – Reserve Champion Shorthorn Heifer, Garrett Hill – 2nd Place Duroc, Cheyenne Hill – 2nd Place Berkshire, Myka Blissard – 3rd Place Simmental, Paige Holbrooks – 3rd Place dark Cross, Payton Merket – 3rd Place Hampshire, Payton Merket – 3rd Place Limousin, Thomas Nix – 3rd Place Simbra, JW Nix – 5th Place Brangus, Tatum Treadwell – 5th Place Hampshire, and Steelie Sanders – 8th Place Duroc. Also Exhibiting were Braxton Coor, Kylee Dean, Hayley Gray, Katie Gray, Kaci Hudson, Erin Nix, and Flint Roberts.



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San Antonio Stock Show



Katie Gray is pictured holding a fifth place ribbon for the Light Weight Duroc she recently exhibited in the San Antonio Stock Show. Katie and sister Hayley (center) own the duroc. Also pictured is sister Brooklyn.

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- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Cotton Economics
Dr. Jackie Smith
- 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Grain Economics
Dr. Mark Welch
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Laws and Regulations
Mr. Paul Weiser
- 11:00 - 11:15 a.m. Break & Booth Visitation
- 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Weed Resistance to Herbicides - Why & How
Dr. Pete Dotray
- 11:45 - 12:15 Weather Cycle Outlook
Dr. Ted McCollum
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

Concurrent Sessions

- Session A**
- 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Water Quality Effects on Herbicide
Dr. Pete Dotray
- 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Deep Sampling of Nitrogen & Variety Trial Results
Dr. Mark Kelly
- 2:15 - 3:00 p.m. Grain Sorghum Production
Dr. Calvin Trostle
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. IPM Program Update
Dr. Chris Sansone
- 4:15 - 4:30 p.m. Distribute CEU Certificates
- Session B**
- 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Cowherd Management at this Time of Drought
Dr. Ted McCollum
- 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Weed & Brush Control in Range & Pastures
Mr. Gerald Hobson
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Feral Hogs, the Good, Bad, and Ugly
Dr. Dale Rollins
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Forage Sorghums
Dr. Calvin Trostle
- 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. Vaccination/
Trichomoniasis Update
Dr. Charles Church
- 4:15 - 4:30 p.m. Distribute CEU Certificates

For individuals needing a TDA pesticide applicator's license a separate room will be setup for training and testing. Registration at 8:30 a.m., training from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and testing begins at 1:00 p.m. For this training RSVP by March 27. Contact Cody G Hill at the Borden County Extension Office at 806-456-4336.

Speakers

- Dr. Mark Kelly, Cotton Agronomy Program Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Lubbock
- Dr. Charles Church, DVM - Snyder
- Dr. Pete Dotray, Weed Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Lubbock
- Mr. Paul Weiser, TDA, Field Inspector
- Mr. Gerald Hobson
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- Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension Economist (Management), Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Lubbock
- Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Specialist II, Wildlife Management, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, San Angelo
- Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Lubbock
- Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Lubbock
- Dr. Chris Sansone, Professor & Extension Entomologist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, San Angelo
- Dr. Mark Welch, Extension Specialist, Assistant Professor Grain Marketing, TAMU

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Notice of Public Meetings

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) would like to invite you to a meeting to solicit public input concerning project selection for the 2013-2016 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and for a proposed amendment to the Rural 2011-2014 TIP. The TIP consists of street, highway, and transit projects to be funded with Federal, State, and Local funds over a four-year period.

The Abilene District is composed of the following counties: Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor. TxDOT will host two meetings at the following locations and times:

Tuesday, April 3, 2012
Dora Roberts Community Center

100 Whipkey Drive (Ballroom)

Big Spring, Texas

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 5, 2012

Jones County Courthouse
101 Courthouse Square
(District Courtroom)

Anson, Texas

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

TxDOT staff will be on hand to present, discuss, and solicit comments concerning project selection. Written comments concerning project selection should be addressed to:

Blair W. Haynie, P.E., CFM
Director of Transportation Planning & Development

Texas Department of Transportation

4250 North Clack

Abilene, Texas 79601

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Blair.Haynie@txdot.gov

Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or require language interpreters, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT at (325) 676-6810 at least one week prior to the meeting. We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate those needs.

We value your input and ideas on transportation needs. Comments will be accepted through April 16, 2012 until 5:00 p.m.

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: Bryan
Contract 6240-65-001 for PERMEABLE FRICTION COURSE (PFC) OVERLAY in BRAZOS County, will be received on April 10, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. and opened on April 10, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$196,669.90.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified 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.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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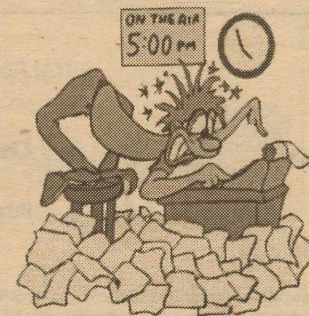
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DISTRICT 8A
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SHARP IMAGE ENERGY, INC., [RRC Operator No. 770731] 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 LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 9, Bk. 30 T5N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-196, ROMAC (ELLENBURGER) Field, BORDEN County, being 5 miles NE direction from GAIL, TX, Texas.

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 within the deadline. 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 Protestant 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's Docket Services Department 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's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (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 AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Apr 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:
FIELD: ROMAC (ELLENBURGER)

Lease/Unit Name : GAIL 9
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1PU
Lease/Unit Acres : 80.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 473.0
Lease Lines : 855.0 F W L, 608.0 F S L
Survey Lines : 1132.0 F E L, 55.0 F N L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 4 additional fields: (1) RAFTER CROSS (ELLENBURGER), (2) GAIL, SOUTH (STRAWN), (3) GAIL, SOUTH, (4) WILDCAT. No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields. Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

ROMAC (ELLENBURGER) : OIL Special Rules 660/1200, 80.0 acres.
RAFTER CROSS (ELLENBURGER) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
GAIL, SOUTH (STRAWN) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
GAIL, SOUTH : 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 9500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Kyle Grant, at (512)4783456.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The National Vietnam War Museum

Ever since he took helicopter pilot training at Fort Wolters near Mineral Wells, Jim Messinger thought there should be some kind of museum to honor helicopter pilots who fought in Vietnam. "It was called the helicopter war," says Jim, who is treasurer of the National Vietnam War Museum board of directors and oversees the facility, located just outside Mineral Wells.

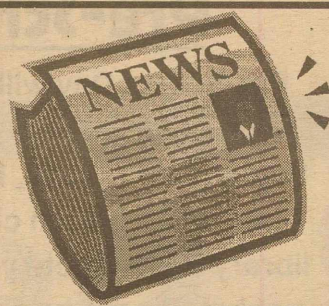
"We worked with museum professionals and they said if you're going to build a museum about anything it needs to be built someplace where it relates to the story. Ninety percent or more of the helicopter pilots in Vietnam trained here."

The museum got started in 1994 as a result of a bunch of those pilots getting together and wanting to do something meaningful besides party. So they raised money, bought a 12-acre tract of land and set about to build a great museum. It'll be housed inside a 50,000 square foot building with eleven galleries showing different aspects of the war.

One display on the drawing board is a replica of the rooftop rescues of people in Saigon. Visitors will walk up a ramp and see and hear helicopters picking up people and getting airborne. Another exhibit will feature a street scene in a Vietnam village. The visitor's center, open eighteen months, had people last year from 36 states and 3 countries. Many of the 40,000 pilots who trained at Fort Wolters come back to see the fort. Now they have another place to visit. Presently, the museum has a Huey helicopter atop a tall pole, a series of memorial gar-

dens, a transport vehicle, and a half scale replica of the Vietnam Wall. A temporary building that houses the headquarters and visitors center was once on President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, acquired through a federal surplus property program. The museum probes the question, "Did we win the war?" Jim and the others realized there was no national venue dedicated to examining the Vietnam era. The museum hopes to put the experience in broad perspective and present historical facts and consequences of the war.

Jim flew helicopters in Vietnam and later taught pilots at Fort Wolters. Prior to the service, he was on academic probation at Northern Illinois University and joined the Army to avoid the draft. After the military he graduated cum laude with two bachelor's degrees in math and education, then earned a masters and doctorate in management science (the use of computers and math to solve business problems). He worked for a while in computer programming. When he learned about the museum, he jumped on board to help raise some \$25,000,000 to build the museum. The Friends of the Museum organization will have its annual fund raiser on March 31st. I'm honored to be the keynote speaker. The museum sends out a newsletter three times a year. Its website is nationalvnwarmuseum.org. "We think it's the first war that was blamed on the soldier," says Jim. "Wars are won, lost and fought by politicians."



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Poka Lambro Annual Meeting Set for March 29th

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is set to host their 61st Annual Membership Meeting - Thursday, March

29, 2012. The meeting will be held at Poka Lambro's main business office located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka, Texas on US Hwy 87.

Member registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. - followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. The business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. One important item of business on the agenda will be the election of directors for the Cooperative.

Other meeting highlights will include the reports of officers and directors and the presentation of Poka Lambro Scholarships. All Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Members may pick up door prize cards when registering at the meeting. Members must be present to win door prizes.

For additional information please contact Amy Preston at 1-800-422-2387.

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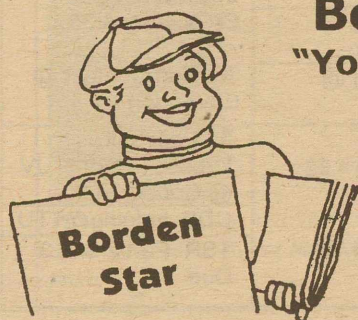
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Pepperoni Pizza Kit	\$18.50 each		
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Return payment with order to Ms. Phillips. Orders will be filled immediately while supplies last.

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Total Paid: _____

Pre-School Day

Pre-School Day will be Friday, April 6th. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2012, he/she is invited to visit the kindergarten class, please go to the library to complete your child's registration packet. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record.

WE WILL BE HAVING AN EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:30 ON PRE-SCHOOL DAY.

Pre-School students will attend school from 8:05 – 12:30. The school will provide lunch. If your child would like to ride the bus, please contact the bus driver in your area.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 806/756-4313.

Thought for the Day

A violin-maker in the old days always chose the wood for his violins from the north side of the trees; it was the side upon which the wind and the storms had beaten. So he said when he heard the groaning of the trees in the forest at night he didn't feel sorry for them, for they were just learning to be violins.

-Unknown

*Denotes District Baseball Game March 7-17 Houston Stock Show

MARCH 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cougar JH Relays @ Klondike Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, Crosbyton, 11:00; Sundown, 5:00	2 Cougar HS Relays @ Klondike	3 Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, Muleshoe-2:00; Morton - 4:30 UIL Meet @ Plains
4	5 OAP Practice-6:30	6 *Baseball vs. Ira-Here 4:30	7 ELA TAKS tests Grades 10,11	8 Wildcat JH Relays @ Grady OAP Practice-6:30	9 Hornet HS Relays @ Blackwell PROGRESS REPORTS Early Release @ 12:30	10 *Baseball - Open
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12 State CX Meet @ Austin	13 State CX Meet @ Austin	14	15 *Baseball vs. Ralls-Here, 4:30	16 Baseball - TBA	17 Piper HS Relays @ Hamlin
Spring Break !!!!						
18 OAP Dress Rehearsal-4:00	19 *Baseball vs. Tahoka Here, 4:30 OAP Community Performance-8:00	20 OAP Zone @ Klondike	21	22 Rolling Plains JH Relays @ Jayton Dawson Dragon JH Relays @ Welch HS District UIL @ Garden City	23 Rolling Plains HS Relays @ Jayton Dawson Dragon HS Relays @ Welch WTAMU Judging @ Canyon	24 *Baseball vs. Crosbyton @ Crosbyton, 4:30 Judging Contest @ Clarendon
25	26 EOC Writing for English I	27 STAAR Writing-gr. 4,7 STAAR Math-gr. 5,8 EOC Reading *Baseball vs. O'Donnell-Here 4:30	28 STAAR Writing-gr. 4,7	29 District JH Track -TBA	30 Coyote HS Relays @ Gail WTAMU Judging @ Canyon	31 Baseball vs. Lubbock Cooper JV @ Cooper, 4:00 CDE Judging@TTU TSR Part 2 and 3 Due