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Borden County Boys Cross Country Crowned 9-1A District Champs

By Coach Turner

The Borden Coyote varsity boys had quite a day at the district 9 meet in windy Carlsbad last Wednesday. Running at the San Angelo State Park the Coyotes came home with the top prize.

The top finisher for BC was Tyrell Massingill who finished 7th with a time of 20:30.

Miller Valentine and Quentin Shafer came in 11th and 12th with a 21:12 and 21:19.

Karl Lamming and Logan Howard were 15th and 16th with a 21:48 and 21:56.

Miles Valentine and Michael Froman were 24th and 25th with a 22:30 and 22:43.

Next up for the boys will be the Region 2 meet at Vandergriff Park in Arlington on November 3rd.

The JV boys won the district championship as well with Brendan Tarleton leading the way with a first place finish and a time of 24:13.

David Rodriguez finished 3rd with a 26:12 and Carlos

Hernandez was 4th with a 26:54.

John Hensley finished 5th with a 28:04 and Tony Soto was 6th with a 28:37. Skyler Williamson was 7th with a 33:38.

The Lady Coyotes finished 6th in the team totals and were led by Olivia Key's 17th place finish with a 16:51.

Taylor Richey was 25th with an 18:07.

Lacey Roberts came in 27th with an 18:30.

Marla Crenshaw was 33rd with a 19:05.

Chellsie Pigford was 38th with a 19:31.

Krista Tarleton finished 41st with a 19:50, and Phyneshia Rutherford was 43rd with a 19:52.

The Lady Coyote JV was led by 1st place finisher Bailey Anderson with a time of 19:20.

Brittany Day was 3rd with a 23:02 and Chasiti Rutherford was 4th with a 23:27.

Baylee Benavidez finished 5th with a 24:42.

The Borden Junior High boy's were led by Blake Turner's 7th place finish with a time of 14:54 and Tanner Richey's 12th place finish with a time of 15:49.

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Borden County Cross Country Varsity boys receiving medals are (left to right) Karl Lamming, Miles Valentine, Miller Valentine, Logan Howard, Quentin Shafer, Tyrell Massingill and Michael Froman.

Homecoming 2007 Welcome Exes!



Friday, Oct. 26th

Bonfire: 5:00 p.m.

East side of school

Homecoming Meal: 5:30

Immediately following Bonfire

School Cafeteria

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Game Time: 7:30 p.m.

Borden County vs. Trent

Homecoming Dance:

County Showbarñ

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Immediately following game

District Opener Proves to be a Disappointment for Coyotes

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to Loraine on Friday for their district opener, and the Coyotes hoped to erase some of the mistakes that have cost them in the non-district portion of their schedule.

The Coyotes came out and looked to put all of the early season disappointments behind them as they used only two plays to travel 50 yards to pay dirt with Quentin Shafer carrying the ball 21 yards the first play and Michael Cooley back from a foot injury carrying the ball the final 29 yards for the Coyote score behind some solid blocking from Quentin, John Hensley and Flynn Chapman.

The Coyotes missed the extra-point, but never-the-less they claimed a 6 to 0 lead 48 seconds into the contest. That lead would be short lived as the Bulldogs returned the ensuing kick-

off 70 yards and successfully kicked the extra-point to take an 8 to 6 lead, which they would not relinquish the rest of the night.

After the Coyotes had a couple of miscues on their offensive possession, the home team Bulldogs used a methodical drive to extend their lead to 14 to 6 with 4:54 remaining in the 1st quarter.

The Coyotes again had some bad luck, as a mishandled pitch took what seemed destined to be a long run or even a touchdown resulted in a 3 yard loss.

As has been the case, early mistakes in a possession resulted in the Coyotes having a difficult time trying to overcome the hole and in the end the Coyotes would have to punt again, but this time Quentin Shafer set lose on a great punt and tremendous coverage by Karl Lamming

and John Hensley pinned the Bulldogs inside their own 3 yard line, but the Coyotes missed a tackle on the first play and what looked like a promising opportunity to pin the Bulldogs and give the Coyotes good field position turned into another lengthy touchdown drive as the Bulldogs capped the 77 yard drive with a 15 yard touchdown pass and a 20 to 6 lead.

The Coyotes would answer the drive with a quick score of their own as Miles Valentine and Quentin paved the way for Cooley's second touchdown of the evening on yet another 29 yard scamper. Flynn Chapman added the extra-point kick to cut the lead to 20 to 14.

On the Bulldogs next possession, the Coyotes seemed to have the momentum as they forced the home team into a long yardage situation on third down, but 5 missed tackles resulted in a 45 yard touchdown run and momentum regained for the Bulldogs as they pushed the lead to 26 to 14.

The Coyotes had more offensive issues and miscues, but back to back takeaways by the Coyote defense, one by Logan Howard and the other by Miles Valentine kept the Coyotes from falling further behind.

The Coyotes had one last chance before half, but on a play that would sum up the evening an under throw pass to a wide open receiver resulted in dropped pass and a golden opportunity to seize the momentum heading into the locker room and cutting into the eventual half time deficit of 26 to 14.

The 2nd half started much the same as the first half ended as the Coyotes failed to tackle the Bulldogs and the Bulldogs methodically marched down the field. The Bulldogs used 3:39 to extend their lead to 32 to 14



Quentin Shafer (#7) narrowly escapes a Loraine Bulldog in Friday night's disappointing loss.

before the Coyotes touched the football in the second half.

On the Coyotes first possession of the half, they used a methodical drive of their own that was kept alive by a 4th down 6 yard carry by Flynn. Unfortunately for the Coyotes, on a similar 4th down situation inside the Bulldogs 5 yard line, Michael Cooley had just moved inside the 3 yard line which was enough yardage to give the Coyotes a first down, but a hard hit jarred the ball loose and it rolled thru the endzone which resulted in a touchback and a turnover. The Bulldogs again used a time consuming drive to pay dirt as they extended their lead to 38 to 14 with 7:31 left in the contest.

In the final 3 minutes of the game, the Coyotes went to their 2-minute offense and as a result the Coyotes got a very nice run from Cooley and a super decision by Quentin Shafer that resulted in a 17 yard run to get the

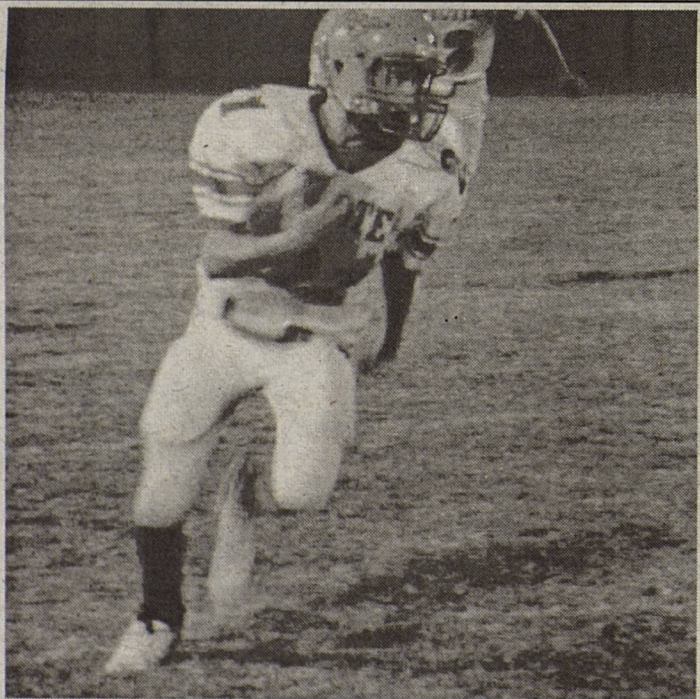
ball to the 5 yard line.

On the very next play Chapman carried the ball behind the blocking of Carlo's Hernandez, Cory Teel, Logan and Quentin into the end zone to keep the Coyote hopes alive, but they would need to connect on all of their extra points and Chapman did just that on this particular point after attempt.

The Coyotes did not get the onside, but they did force the Bulldogs to punt with a minute to play. Again, using their 2-minute offense, the Coyotes moved into Bulldog territory and with 16 seconds remaining in the contest a perfectly executed Hitch and pitch resulted in another Coyote score as Flynn received the pass from Brendan Tarleton who pitched out to a streaking Quentin Shafer who carried the ball the remaining 30 yards to the end zone.

Unfortunately a high snap

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Borden County Running back, Michael Cooley, rushes past Bulldogs for a touchdown in Friday night's game against Loraine.

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Whitharral/Borden County Scrimmage

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

4:00 p.m.

- 2-8:00 quarters - Varsity/BC vs. Whit
Whit vs. Wilson
- 6:00 quarter - JV
- 2-8:00 quarters - Varsity/BC vs. Wilson
Whit vs. BC
- 6:00 quarter - JV
- 2-8:00 quarters - Varsity/Wilson vs. Whit
Wilson vs. BC
- 6:00 quarter - JV



And the race is on! A block by Coyote Pup, Austin Fields, resulted in a 72 yard touchdown by Blake Turner. The Pups played a tremendous game against the Bulldogs coming out on top 39-9.

Pups Pummel the Bulldogs

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups remained undefeated on the season, but more importantly the young men from Gail America captured their first district victory.

As has been the case most of the season, the Pups got off to a fast start as Tanner Richey returned the opening kick-off 65 yards behind some solid blocks by Matthew Roberson, Austin Tyler, Austin Fields, Blake Turner, and Chance Taylor. Richey added the extra-point kick to give the Pups a quick 8 to 0 lead.

The Pup defense quickly produced a 3 and out for the visiting Loraine Bulldogs and 3 plays later the Pups hit pay dirt again as Riley Smith hit Austin Fields on a nice screen pass that Austin turned into a 37 yard touchdown pass play and a 14 to 0 lead.

The Pups regained possession for a third time in the opening quarter as Chris Teel came

up with a Bulldog fumble. One play later Richey scooted around the corner for a nice 51 yard touchdown scamper behind two very nice blocks by Austin Fields and Blake Turner. This brought closure to the first period with the Pups leading 20 to 0.

The Bulldogs mounted a nice time consuming drive that was finally stopped by the Pup defense. After having some offensive issues on the ensuing possession that pushed the Pups just 8 yards from their own endzone, the Pups pulled a rabbit out of a hat as Tanner Richey rolled left and passed the ball back to the right and connected with quarterback turned receiver on this play Blake Turner that resulted in a 72 yard touchdown play when Austin Fields blocked the only Bulldog with a chance to stop Blake. The touchdown was the final points of the first half that saw the

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Coyotes Fall to Loraine...

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ended any hopes of the miracle finish as the failed extra-point left the Coyotes 10 points behind at 38 to 28 and when the Bulldogs recovered the onside, it produced the final score as well.

Individual stats for this contest: Michael Cooley in his first game since week one had 17 carries for 162 yards and 2 TD's also 3 receptions for 41 yards and was in on 10 tackles with 1 pass broken up.

Quentin Shafer had 69 yards on 10 carries and was 2 of 7 passing for 29 yards while catching two passes for 37 yards and a touchdown. Quentin was also in on 7 tackles and caused a fumble and had a punting average of 36.5 yards.

Flynn Chapman had 2 carries for 11 yards and a touchdown

caught a pass for 10 yards and 2 of 3 on extra-pt attempts and also in on 11 tackles.

Brendan Tarleton was 4 of 7 for 67 yards and one touchdown passing.

Miles Valentine was 1 of 4 for 8 yards and was in on 5 tackles, recovered a fumble and had a sack.

Logan Howard caught a pass for 8 yards and was in on 6 tackles, caused a fumble, recovered a fumble and had a sack.

John Hensley was in on 18 tackles and caused a fumble.

Karl Lamming broke up a pass and had 7 tackles.

Cory Teel had a tackle and Tony Soto had a tackle.

The Coyotes will next phase the Trent Gorillas for homecoming this Friday. Good luck guys! Get back in the race with a homecoming victory.

District Cross Country...

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The Junior High girls' top finishers were Mattie Turner in 13th with a 17:53 and Teryn Soto in 14th with a 17:58. Stefanie Cooley was 33rd with a 19:39 and Lexi Peterson was 36th with a 20:22. Kylie Voss was 45th with a time of 22:09.

Congrats to all the teams on a great season and good luck to the Coyotes at Regionals.

School Lunch Menu

October 29-Nov. 2, 2007

MONDAY - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Coyote Taco, Refried Beans, Salad, Pineapple and Milk.


TUESDAY - Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice, and Milk. Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Jell-O w/ fruit, and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast: Ham & Egg Patty, Fruit juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger Mac, Green beans, Carrots, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Milk.

THURSDAY - Biscuit w/ gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Polish Sausage, Bake Potato w/Ham & Cheese, Steamed Broccoli, Crackers, Ice Cream, and Milk.

FRIDAY - Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit Juice, Milk. Lunch: Chicken on a bun, French Fries, Salad Cup, Brownie, Milk.

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Homecoming Dinner



Friday, October 26th after the bonfire

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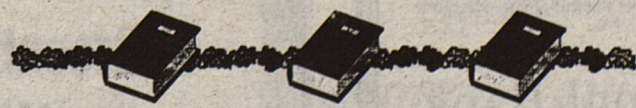
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Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



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Getting Your Kids Organized

If you are like most people, it seems that the many items that your children have multiply like the loaves and fishes! However, with a few simple solutions, you can make your home tidier and allow your children to be more organized in the process. Remember that children learn from a very young age about basic living skills and establish their habits that they will use the rest of their lives. So, if you can teach them while they are young, you will be developing healthy skills and habits that they will use forever.

Make the wardrobe reachable: Install a clothes bar in the closet, one that is low enough for your child to reach the hangers. Most home improvement or discount stores have closet rod extenders that you can buy for a reasonable price to make the closet rods double and lower. As your child gets taller, raise the bar accordingly, and as a New Year's ritual, record with a marker each new level and year on the wall. It's fun for children to look back and

see how their grasp grew!

Simplify bed making: The habit of daily bed making can be instilled early, but it's unreasonable to expect a young child to remake a complicated bed every morning. Comforters are a great solution—they are so easy to toss on. And keep pillows to a minimum. Also, create a laundry day and request that all family members deposit their dirty sheets in one place.

Install swingable towel bars: Everybody needs his or her own towel and towel bar. Invest in towel holders that hide behind the bathroom door, with hinges at different levels. Adults can use the top hinges; children can reach the lower ones.

Organize the accolades: Create a special shelf mounted on the wall opposite your child's bed to display his or her trophies, honors, special art projects or great test scores. That way, your child can fall asleep each night after a good look at all his or her positive accomplishments. It can inspire sweet dreams!

Compartmentalize large toy

boxes: Small toys and toy pieces often get lost in those big cabinets, so organize them by using stackable airtight containers in the same size. You can easily label them with masking tape and a marker. And many of the snap on/off lids are simple for children to pop on and off. Also, you can keep a toy "lost and found" storage bag or container in a kitchen drawer for those pieces that appear in the strangest places.

Give rubber ducky a home: Store your children's bath toys in a caddy mounted with suction cups on the tub wall. Make sure you place it low enough so your child can reach it. And encourage your child to place the toys back in the caddy right after his or her bath.

With these few simple ideas and solutions, you and your children can be more organized and be able to enjoy more time together!

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4-H News

Consumer Education Project

The Consumer Education project meetings and Consumer Decision Making practices will be held on during October and November after school in the Extension Office meeting room. The first meeting will be held on Monday, October 22 - if you would like to participate in this project and contest, please make plans to attend this meeting. This project is for all you wishing to enhance their consumer and decision making skills. These skills are used in our daily lives. The District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest Saturday, December 1. For more information, contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

Ag News

4-H Lamb and Goat Validation

Lamb and goat validation will be held on Monday, October 29, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Borden County Show Barn located behind the school. If you plan on exhibiting a lamb or meat goat project through 4-H or FFA at the county and/or major livestock shows, you must have the animal on feed and validated by October 31, 2007.

For more information, please contact Cody G. Hill, County Extension Agent -Agriculture, at (806) 756-4336.

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Hendricks Retires From TxDOT

ABILENE, Texas - Jacque Hendricks, officer manager for the Texas Department of Transportation's Borden County maintenance section, has retired from state service following a 28-year career in state employment.

Prior to joining TxDOT in April 1997, Hendricks served 17 years with Mental Health Mental Retardation. Her last position with MHMR was as administrative assistant to the superintendent of the Big Spring State Hospital. Hendricks also worked one year with the Texas Education Agency. She joined TxDOT as the Borden County office manager in April 1997.

A native of Charles City, Iowa, she moved to Big Spring at the age of ten and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1968.

Hendricks married Bo in 1986 and they have a son and daughter in-law, Brian and Sharon Jones of Big Spring.

They also have a granddaughter, Robyn, 13. The Hendricks' lived in Big Spring and Snyder for ten years following their marriage before moving back to Bo's hometown of Gail and building a home.

Asked what she will remember about working for TxDOT, Hendricks said, "There has not been one day in ten and a half years when I did not want to come to work. I have thoroughly enjoyed every day I've been here."

Jibber Herridge, Borden County supervisor, said of her, "It has been a true

pleasure to have Jacque as our office manager. Over the past years she has taken care of all the duties in the office as well as taken care of the employees in this section. Her expertise and her cooking will be greatly missed."

Hendricks, whose hobbies include cooking and canning, said she plans to spend her retirement traveling a little bit with her sisters, riding with her son on his big Blue Bell truck a couple of times, and cleaning house.

She is the daughter of Mildred Sevey of Big Spring.



On the day of her retirement, Jacque Hendricks, third from right, gets a group hug from her fellow employees. She retired from the Borden County maintenance section where she had served as office manager for more than 10 years. With her from the left are: Chuck Kimmel, Ray Underwood, Andy Hudson, Carrie Hart, Jibber Herridge, and kneeling, David Bolton. (TxDOT Photo)

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Pups Capture First District Win...

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home team Pups leading 26 to 0.

The 2nd half started out poorly for the Pups as the Bulldogs returned the opening kick-off inside the Pups 10 yard line. The Pup defense of Matthew, Steven Howard, Chance Taylor, Austin Tyler, Austin Fields, Tanner Richey and Blake Turner met the challenge and after 4 plays took over inside their own 3 yard line.

Unfortunately, on the very next offensive play, the shut out was history as a nice defensively play by the visitors managed to tackle Chance Taylor in the endzone which resulted in a safety and 2 points for the Bulldogs.

On the free kick, the Bulldogs again returned the kick into Pup territory and on the very next play, the Pup defense over pur-

sued and the Bulldogs were back in the game as the score now stood at 26 to 9 midway thru the 3rd quarter.

The Pups responded moments later as Austin Fields took the pitch from Turner and used some solid blocks up front to quickly regain the momentum as he scampered 53 yards with his nice run to push the score to 32 to 9. After a nice defensive possession, the Pups extended their lead to 38 to 9 when Tanner Richey broke free on a 41 yard run down the sideline.

Austin Tyler added the extra-point to extend the lead to 39 to 9 near the end of the 3rd period.

The Pups would finish this contest with the second team offense and defense.

Riley Smith playing with this group but also stepping in with the first team defense off and on

in the contest turned in a hand full of tremendous defensive plays as the Bulldogs tried to get him out of position on a few reverse plays, but Riley would not be fooled and he turned potential big offensive plays into tremendous defensive plays. A

Iso playing a lot with this group was Luis Andrade, Luke Burkett, Valerio Hernandez, and Chris Teel. These young men were joined by some first team players, Steven, Chance, Matthew and Austin Tyler. These young men played on both sides of the ball and did a great job of limiting the Bulldog offense and moved the ball some themselves as Steven and Austin Tyler did the bulk of the running with this group.

In the end, the Pups had their fifth win of the season and their first district win with a final of 39 to 9.



Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. John Clay Carpenter

Cassidy Ogden and John Clay Carpenter exchanged wedding vows on October 8, 2007 with Jane Jones officiating.

Cassidy is the daughter of Randy and Lisa Ogden of Gail. John Clay is the son of Morrison Carpenter and the late Sally Haerber of Rocksprings, Texas.

The couple reside in Borden County.

Christmas Decorating Con-

Make your plans now to enter your home and/or yard in the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Co-op. entries will be judges on originality, quality and visual impact by an impartial party from Lyntegar. Prizes provided by Lyntegar Electric Co-op will be awarded for the top four winners and will be announced at the Lighting of the Star. These prizes will be announced at a later date.

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Mandatory Public Notification Language Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

August 2006

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 4mg/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 5.3 mg/L in 2005 and 5.5 in the 1st quarter of 2006 and 5.6 mg/L in the 2nd quarter of 2006.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

A Song For The Battleship Texas

Bill Sava of Dimmitt heard about a statewide competition to compose some original music to be played at the re-opening of the Battleship Texas near Houston. He entered the competition and was notified that his song was a finalist. He was told to be in Pasadena so he could perform his song before a group of judges.

On the recording he submitted, Bill sang the song and a lady friend of his accompanied him on the piano. When the time came to go to the judging, the piano player told Bill she couldn't make the trip. So Bill recorded her accompaniment on a cassette recorder and headed for the competition in Pasadena.

"As I pulled up there to the school where the judging was to take place," says Bill, "I noticed there was a big crowd of people around there. I was pretty impressed.

There were buses that had names of bands on the sides of them. There were people in tuxedos getting out of those buses. They were all carrying instruments.

I was standing there taking all this in, not really connecting with the fact that these people were there to do the same thing I was going to do. A former Miss Texas was in the competition."

Bill got up to the front of the building where they were registering people.

"The gentleman who was registering me asked me my name and I told him. Then he said, 'and you're one of our finalists.' I told him I was. He told me he needed some information from me and asked me what my musical background was. I told him I was the Post-

master of Dimmitt, Texas and didn't really have a musical background. He asked me who would be playing for me while I sang my song. I reached into my pocket and pulled out my tape and told him this is the tape of the music. He said, 'you plan to do this with a tape?' I told him yes, I was going to use the tape.

The man asked me if I was nervous. I told him I was not nervous at all. I asked him if he knew who I was. He told me no. I said well, if I mess up down here and you don't know who I am, I can go back home and it's not going to make any difference to anybody. Now if I was doing this in front of some of my friends I would probably be extremely nervous.

I got on stage and sang the song just like I had good sense. I didn't win anything."

Bill said it was an expensive trip. He paid for his plane ticket and car rental and hotel room. When he was filling up the car with gas on his way to the airport, he gave the man behind the

counter his credit card. When he signed the ticket, he told the man he didn't give him back his credit card. The man told him that he had indeed given him back his credit card and he had already put it in his wallet.

Within a month, Bill's credit card invoice had charges on it that he did not make. The man at the gas station had kept the card. Bill got that cleared up after a few months.

"I will tell you one thing. I had so much fun. It was great to go down there and show off for a while. If I had it to do all over again, I would."

Bill is now County Judge of Castro County. He just sings for pleasure these days, not in competition.



State FFA officers enjoy a visit with the Gail FFA chapter officers. Pictured are (back row left to right) Jade Keith (Area II State Vice President), Sharelle Gass, Chelsea Minnick, Tatum Gunn (First Vice President), Miller Valentine, Kate Wallace, (front row left to right) Shelby Roberts, Shylo Rinehart and Justin Self (State President).

State Officers Visit Gail FFA Chapter

The Gail FFA members were buzzing with excitement after a great visit with 3 of their state level officers this past week. The state team arrived in Gail on Tuesday, October 16th and spent the evening at the Wallace home while enjoying a meal with several Gail FFA Members.. The State President (Justin Self) was accompanied in his visit by First vice-president Tatum Gunn and Jade Keith who is the state Vice-President from Area II. The officer team met in the conference room with the entire Gail FFA Chapter and 8th grade class on Tuesday afternoon and worked together to bring a motivational, humorous, and insightful message to the members while making new friends in the process.

The Gail stop is just one of

many made by the officer team this year as they travel several thousand miles to visit several hundred schools, civic organizations, and businesses with the mission of promoting the FFA program on the local through national levels. There is one officer elected on the state level from each of the ten areas in Texas. The team consists of a President, First vice-president, and eight acting vice-presidents. These candidates are chosen from their respective Area Convention delegations, and run for the Presidency at the State Convention in July. The officer's job starts after they are instated by the outgoing officers at the convention.

If you would like to find out more about this dynamic team, check them out at www.texasffa.org on the FFA link.

Got News?

Mail it to:

P.O. Box 137
Gail, TX 79738

806/756-4313

ext. 275

email:

kdean@bcisd.net

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 6171-97-001 for HOT POUR CRACK SEAL in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on November 13, 2007 at 11:00a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$202,522.26.

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: 23588

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.

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BORDEN CO
806/759-5111



Fall Festival

2007 Saturday November 3

All the fun begins at 6:00 P.M.!

Bingo!

sponsored by the Borden County Booster Club
Great prizes include gift certificates,
electronics, home decor, auto care and more!

Brisket dinner with trimmings! Also available for take-out.

Pie Walk
Cake Walk
Basketball
Golf
Bucking Bull
Cow Patty Bingo
Ring Toss
Jail
Many More!
Fun
for
the
Whole
Family!

NOTICE OF HEARING

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 8A-0253692

IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Austin, Texas

October 1, 2007

NOTICE OF HEARING

ON THE APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION

TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY AUTHORITY FOR THE PROPOSED VON
ROEDER WEST UNIT

VON ROEDER, W. (CLEAR FORK) 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. (2007), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on November 8, 2007, 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 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 Apache Corporation for unitization and secondary recovery authority pursuant to §101, Texas Natural Resources Code for the Von Roeder West Unit, Von Roeder, W. (Clear Fork) Field, Borden County, Texas. Applicant advises that the unit agreement has been approved by the owners of more than 85% of the working interest and the owners of more than 65% of the royalty interest. If you have question regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Michael McElroy, at (512)327-8111. If you have question 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 copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

Mandatory Public Notification Language Notice of Drinking Water ARSENIC Violation August 2006

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 ARSENIC. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL ARSENIC at .01 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for ARSENIC indicates a level of .026 mg/L in 2006.

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.

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 806/756-4394.

Van L. York, County Judge
Public Water System ID#01700,10
P.O. Box 156
Gail, Texas 79738

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of
Borden, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Borden, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 6, 2007, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendment as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas. (Notifíquese, pr las present que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6, 2007, de Noviembre 2007 para votar el la eleccion, para adoptar o rechazar la emniendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 80a Legislamra Sesion Regular; de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

No. 1 AT Plains Community Center
No. 2A - 2B at Borden County Community Building
No. 3A - 2B at Fairview Election Building
No. 4A - 4B at Borden County Courthouse
Absentee at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal office hours.

No. 1 en Plains Community Center
No. 2A - 2B en community room de Gail
No. 3A - 3B en la sitio se votacion Fairview
No. 4A - 4B en Courthouse de Gail
Para los que se encuentran ausente, para eldie propuest pueden votar en oricina del County Clerk en Gail, Texas

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

County Clerk's Office (oricina del Secretatio del Destrito y Condado)
Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 22, 2007 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 22 de Octubre, 2007 and ending on 02 de Noviembre, 2007 (y terminando el 02 de November, 2007.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para lotetas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)
Joyce Herridge
P.O. Box 124
Gail, Texas 79738

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
October 30, 2007 (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: Octubre 30, 2007)

Issued this the 10th of October, 2007
(Emitada este dia 10 de Octubre, 2007)

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