

# THE BORDEN STAR

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## January is School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month and Borden County ISD is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge their commitment to our community and school.

Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas.

These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education. They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education. Even though we are making a special effort

during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment on their part.

We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community's children and families. These individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their dedication to the continuing success of our students and schools.

The men serving as Borden County ISD School Board members are: John Anderson, President; Joe Harding, Vice President; Mike Valentine, Secretary; Randy Hensley, Dennis Poole, Freddy Roberts and Monte Smith.

## Road Reconstruction to Begin

The Texas Department of Transportation has contracted with Jones Brothers Construction to reconstruct F.M. 1054 North from the Lynn County line and going South approximately 8 miles. This project will begin January 12, 2004, and will be completed in approximately six months. Please refer any questions, concerns or complaints to the Texas Department of Transportation Area Engineer, Roy Dill, 432/263-4768. For emergency assistance, contact Jibber Herridge, 806/756-4491

## 2004 Borden County Jr. Livestock Show

Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
STEER SHOW - 6:00 P.M.



Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
LAMB SHOW - 8:30 a.m.  
GOAT SHOW - following  
SWINE SHOW - following

Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Complimentary Ranch Breakfast 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
AWARDS CEREMONY - 9:00 a.m.  
PREMIUM SALE - 9:30 a.m.



Everyone is invited to attend the 2004 BCJLA Stock Show

## Coyotes, Lady Coyotes Overcome Slow Starts to Take District Wins Over Sands Mustangs

A 48-34 win against the Sands Mustangs Friday night got the Borden Coyotes off to the start they wanted as District 9-A play has begun.

Led by senior Kyle Pinkerton's 16 points, BHS rallied from a first-quarter deficit to go 1-0 in district play.

The Coyotes took the lead for good in the second quarter when Ben Griffin connected on two free throws with 6:48 remaining before halftime.

The free throws made it a 15-13 game, and BHS never trailed again.

The Coyotes shot 50% from the field in the first quarter, but a cold spell in the second quarter kept the game close as the hosts led only 19-17 at halftime.

It would be a fourth-

quarter attack in which the Coyotes pumped in 18 points that made the difference.

Sands was only able to net eight points in that final period which sealed the first district win for BHS.

### GAME STATS

Anderson (4 pts., 3 rebounds); Chapman (3 pts., 6 rebounds); Pinkerton (16 pts., 6 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 assists); Tarleton (11 pts., 9 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 blocked shot, 1 assist); Griffin (4 pts., 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists); Carter (8 pts.—including two 3-pointers—3 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 assists); Thomas (2 pts., 2 rebounds); Wilson (1 rebound, 1 assist)

## Gass Returns Sparks Lady Coyotes

Knee surgery is usually

always a bummer, but when it's your senior year—it just hurts more.

Senior Jami Gass got past that hurt Friday night as the 5'9" senior returned to action after a two-month rehab.

Gass just missed an incredible double-double as she scored 13 points and grabbed nine rebounds in the 67-39 win over the Sands Lady Mustangs.

Defensively, her four steals contributed to the win also as the Lady Coyotes had 22 steals as a team.

Jami had plenty of senior help as her cousin Shayla hit a 3-pointer and stole the ball three times and dished off two assists.

The only other senior, Menda James, almost had a double-double, too, but in another category.

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*In Final Non-District Action*

# Griffin's Buzzer Beater Nails Post; Girls' Win In Overtime

Talk about money's worth.

Borden High School Coyotes and Lady Coyotes saw to it that fans who drove the 30 miles north got just that as the two teams pulled out two wins in nearly identical fashion.

The Lady Coyotes had to go one extra period, but the 34-32 win gave BHS a boost of confidence going into district play.

Post rallied from a halftime deficit in the low-scoring game to tie the score at 18-18 after three quarters of play.

The James' sisters--Menda and Ashley--made sure the fourth quarter didn't get away.

Trailing 28-22 with less than two minutes to play, the Lady Coyotes needed a spark.

Menda stole a pass and went the length of the floor to close it to 28-24 at the :55 mark.

## Same Score, Different Verse

Against Post, the Coyotes ended the first half the same way they ended the game--buzzer beaters by the two leading scorers.

The result was a 34-32 win over 2-A Post.

Senior Shane Tarleton had the honors before halftime when he drilled a 3-pointer to tie the score at 13 going into intermission.

The game stayed tight in the second half as the two teams traded leads. The largest lead of the game came at the end of the third quarter when BHS led 25-19 with only eight minutes to play.

The lead evaporated as the Coyotes suffered four consecutive turnovers and watched Post tie it up at 25.

Adam Carter connected on an assist from Kyle Pinkerton with 2:45 in the

Another basket by Menda with only :30 left brought BHS within two.

With :20 remaining in regulation, Ashley was fouled and went to the line, needing to make both free throws to keep the game alive.

She did. Both teams notched 10 points in the final quarter, setting up the three-minute overtime period.

Post held as much as a four-point lead, 32-28, but Emily Mayes finally connected on a 3-pointer--her first and only one of the evening--to make it a 32-31 game.

Then, junior Cassidy Rinehart went to work, driving inside and getting fouled.

She made one of the two free throws to tie the score at 32, and on the next Post possession, Rinehart stole the ball, took a pass from LaShae Johnson and went in again.

The resulting foul put Rinehart on the line again where she made one, giving the Coyotes a 33-32 lead with just :24 remaining.

Post set up one more play but missed the shot, and Johnson pulled the rebound from the crowd under the basket.

She was immediately fouled. The one free throw she made now gave BHS a 34-32 lead which held up as Post's desperation shot was off the mark.

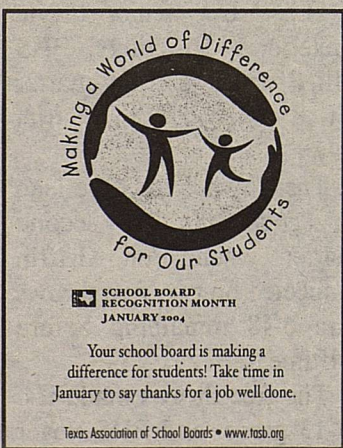
### GAME STATS

S. Gass (7 pts., 4 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists); M. James (12 pts., 4 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 blocked shot); A. James (4 pts.--all free throws, 3 rebounds, 1 assist); Rinehart (5 pts., 4 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist); Mayes (5 pts., 2 rebounds, 1 steal); Johnson (1 pt., 3 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist); Anderson (1 rebound)...also seeing action were Thelma Balaque and Lindsey Stamper

Coyotes a 34-32 victory.

### GAME STATS

Tarleton (14 pts.), Griffin (8 pts.), Carter (7 pts.), Pinkerton (3 pts.), Anderson (2 pts.)--Chapman (5 rebounds), Wilson (1 assist); A. Tarleton (1 blocked shot); Thomas (1 deflected pass)



game to make it a 27-27 game.

Tarleton's jumper gave BHS the 29-27 lead as the senior took Griffin's inbound pass and put it up off the glass and in. He was fouled on the play, and the free throw gave the Coyotes a 30-27 lead with a minute to play.

The two teams traded scores and with just seconds to play, BHS held the ball on the final possession.

Griffin drove down the right side and from 10 feet out hit a running sideways jumper (now called the Griffin hook) which gave the

**EARLY DISMISSAL**  
Thurs. - Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 pm  
**NO SCHOOL** - Fri. - Jan 16<sup>th</sup>

# Pinkerton Makes Elite First Team All-State as Defensive End

Senior Kyle Pinkerton just added one more honor to his all ready impressive list after being named to the Texas Six-Man All-State Team at the defensive end position.

Pinkerton was named the Region I MVP defensive player for the 2003 season just last week.

## Roper, Wilson Win 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at Friona Debate Tournament

Borden High School's two cross-examination debate teams posted a combined 5-2 record in the Friona Bobsled Classic as the second semester of UIL preparation gets underway.

Last year's Class A State Champions--juniors Billy Roper and John Wilson--advanced to the semi-final round as the number one seed with a perfect 3-0 record.

They lost to the eventual champions, a team from Vernon.

Kyle Pinkerton and Tyler Wallace also competed Saturday, winning two

## District Wins

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Her 11 points along with six steals and 5 rebounds went along way in helping push the Lady Coyotes to a 1-0 start in district play.

### OTHER PLAYER STATS

A. James (6 pts.--all free throws again!, 2 rebounds, 3 steals, 3 assists); Rinehart (14 pts., 4 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 blocked shot); Mayes (4 pts., 5 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 assist); Johnson (6 pts., 6 rebounds, 1 blocked shot); Balaque (2 pts., 2 rebounds); Anderson (1 rebound); Stamper (8 pts., 2 rebounds); also seeing varsity action was Brandi Hudson

The first-team all-state honor is the first for a Coyote football player since the 2000 season when the Coyotes were quarterfinalists in postseason action.

At least one more game is on tap for the senior as he is scheduled to play in the Six-Man All Star game this summer in Lubbock.

rounds and losing one--the one round they lost was also to the eventual tournament champion.

District cross-ex is slated for February 2 at Borden High School.

The State UIL Cross-Ex Tournament will be March 15-16 on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

## School Menu

### Week Of:

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004

**MONDAY:** Frito Pie, Salad, Pinto Beans, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, Fruit Juice and Milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit Juice & Milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Lasagna, Carrots, Salad, Garlic Toast, Fruit and Milk. **Breakfast:** French Toast, Fruit Juice & Milk

**THURSDAY:** Beef Soup, Grilled cheese, Pickles, Jell-o, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Muffins, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

**FRIDAY:** BBQ Sandwich, Beans, French Fries, Cake & Milk. **Breakfast:** Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

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## #1 Lady Raiders at Home Saturday

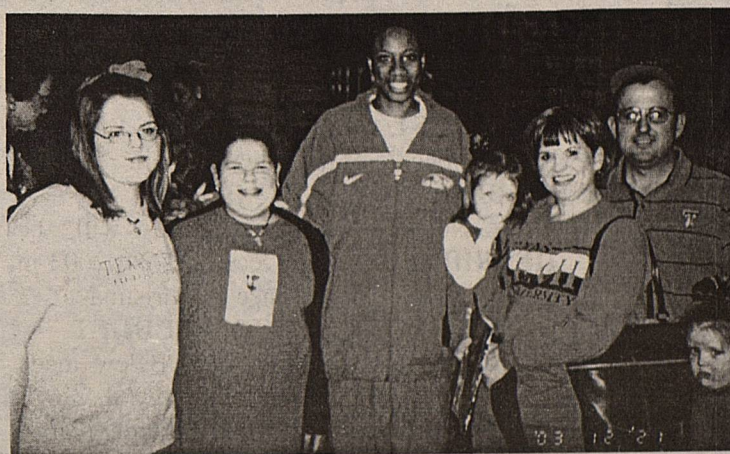
Texas Tech's Lady Raiders face Baylor Saturday at 5 p.m. in another Big XII game.

Tickets can be purchased game day: \$6 for general admission or \$16.50 for reserved seating.

The Lady Raiders played before a packed United Spirit Arena (15,000 +) this past weekend when they defeated Oklahoma State 106-42.

Senior Natalie Ritchie broke the school record for 3-pointers made in a game when she nailed down eight; the previous record of seven had been set by Rene Hanebutt (Class of '99).

Ranked #1 in the coaches' poll and #2 in the ESPN and USA Today polls, the Lady Raiders are undefeated at 15-0.



**Guess which one is the Lady Raider?** – The Glen Gray family (along with Lisa's two nieces) got to meet sophomore post Jametra Clark from Hale Center. Clark is shooting 54.6% from the field – leading the team in that category.



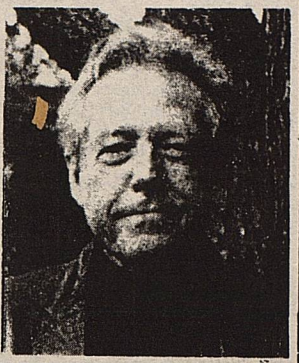
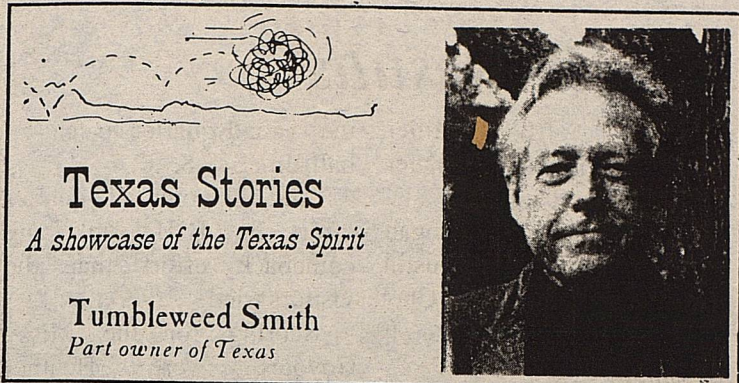
**Meeting A Lady Raider . . .** Katie Gray, daughter of Glen and Lisa Gray, waits for Alshea Robertson to sign her poster after a Lady Raider game. Robertson is a freshman out of Plainview and one of "The Posse". She is also second on the team in scoring with a 10.3 ppg. Average.

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### Texas Stories

*A showcase of the Texas Spirit*

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*Part owner of Texas*

## Branding Irons for Cattle and Steaks

I ran into Johnny Waddle at Canton's First Monday. He lives in Royse City and makes two types of branding irons: the traditional kind for branding animals and the steak kind for branding steaks.

A year ago, Johnny was working for a Cadillac dealer in Dallas, doing branding irons as a hobby. Now his hobby is his vocation.

"People kept asking me to make one for somebody's birthday or Christmas present," said Johnny. "I was making so many of them I just decided one day to get out of the car business and into branding irons fulltime."

The steak brands have been sold all over the US and in England. They generally have a two inch single letter on the business end. The basic cost is twenty dollars, but if you want to add another letter, that's five dollars more. The traditional brands start at forty-five dollars, plus five dollars more for any additional letter.

Heating the small steak brands is no problem. Just fire up the grill, put the brand on it and let it start warming up. Then put on your steak, hamburger meat or chicken. When you flip it for the last time, apply the brand lightly to the meat. Johnny says with the brand on top of the grill you don't get any asses or debris.

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We're going to make one in the shape of a fire hat with his number on it. I made one in the shape of a chef's hat. The Van Zandt county sheriff has one in the shape of his badge. I've made brands for military units and even crafted some irons in the shape of company logos, like Georgia Pacific."

He started making branding irons when he wanted to brand some of his horses.

"I couldn't find anyone who would, make one like I wanted. I wanted 5J on it. There are five of us in the family and all our names start with J. Finally I just made it. 5J is the name of our company. 5J Brands."

He can fill most orders within a month, except around Father's Day or Christmas. Those take two months.

He got into branding irons fulltime while recuperating from an illness.

"I had time to think and realized this is what I wanted to do."

Some people use gloves to handle the steak brands. But hey have an eighteen inch handle on them which doesn't get very hot. Johnny's wife doesn't use gloves.

He sells his branding irons mostly at rodeos and trades day events in Canton (he's here every month), Fredericksburg and Luckenbach.

He produces about two hundred brands a month. Some of the easy ones take an hour to make. The more difficult ones take as much as a day. He has made some unique ones.

"A lady came in yesterday and wanted one for her husband who is a fireman.

~ Thank You! ~

*I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers, and prayers sent my way during my surgery and recovery.*

*I especially want thank my wife, Joyce, for her unselfish devotion. I couldn't have made it without her!!!*

Sincerely,

Frank Herridge



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## Courthouse News

**WHEREAS**, On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2003, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of December 8, 2003 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion.

### HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to request approval of the spending of Homeland Security Grant for a Diesel Generator Unit mounted on

skids for the Radio Tower. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock.

### BORDEN COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS

Julie Smith, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, and Dennis Poole, Agriculture County Agent, met with the Court and presented the Educational Program Highlights for 2003. Dennis Poole gave a report on the outside improvements accomplished on the Borden County property located in Block 28 of the Town of Gail.

### DUMP GROUND

Dump Ground will be closed December 24, 2003 in observance of Christmas.

### AMEND BUDGET

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the 2003 Budget Amendments. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards was received from Larry D. Smith in Precinct no. 2. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motorgrader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

### DISCUSSION - ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Emergency Management Plan to be reviewed.

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by commissioner Belew to adjourn.

### Digital Photo Classes

If you are interested in digital pictures of any kind, this class series is for you! All supplies for the class are provided. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 5 and Feb. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. Class held in Borden Co. School Computer lab. It's best if you can plan to attend every session. The course will cover digital images types, review of camera options, and formatting images for various purposes. The course will include a little fun also.

## Branon Funeral Home

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## Jr. High Basketball Results

Borden Jr. High basketball teams hosted Ira Monday night with the boys falling 39-20 and the girls posting a 34-26 win.

The Coyote Pups trailed at half-time 21-9 but outscored Ira in the third quarter (9-6).

The rally did not carry over into the final period, however, as Ira put 12 points on the board to the Coyotes' 2.

Scoring summary for the boys is as follows: Chase

Pinkerton (10), Miller Valentine (5), Quentin Shafer (4), Timothy Crenshaw (1). Also playing were Logan Howard, Brice Smith, Justin Stroope, Jake Cooley, Clay Harding, and Tyrell Massingill.

The Missy Coyotes' win was paced by a balanced scoring attack and some good defense.

After a close first quarter score (8-4 in favor of BJH), the girls scored 10 points in

the second quarter to lead at half-time, 18-8.

And 11-point 4<sup>th</sup> quarter effort by BJH sunk any comeback effort that the visitors tried.

Scoring for the Missy Coyotes were Heather Brooks (11), Sharelle Gass (7), Rachel Wilson (7), Bailee Benavidez (6), Shelby Roberts (2). Other girls contributing were Sidney Shipp, Kate Wallace, Katherine Froman, and Laura Griffin.

## Washing can prevent colds hands-down

A simple 15-second procedure - washing your hands - just might prevent you from coming down with a cold this season.

"Many people come down with colds in the winter, not because of cold temperatures, but because people live and work in close quarters," said Dr. W. Paul Glezen, a professor in the department of molecular virology and microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "The more crowded a room is, the greater the chances are for spreading germs."

Viruses that cause colds can be spread through direct contact, most commonly when people touch their noses or mouths and then touch someone or something else, such as contaminated toys or food.

When washing your hands, use soap and warm water and wash all areas thoroughly, including wrists, palms, back of hands, fingers and underneath fingernails. Rub

hands together vigorously for 10 to 15 seconds and dry with a clean disposable towel.

According to Glezen, washing hands correctly not only promotes good health and good personal hygiene, but also reduces the number of circulating colds.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT**  
Apache Corporation, 6120 S. Yale, Suite 1500, Tulsa OK 74136 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Canyon Reef formation, North Von Roeder No. 307. The proposed injection well is located 25 miles southwest of Snyder, Texas in Von Roeder (North) Field, in Borden County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6788' - 6830' feet.

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

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

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT APACHE CORPORATION, 6120 S YALE SUITE 1500, TULSA OK 74136 4224 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 distance between well to directional drill Well no. 1, W. Ed "RB" Murphy Lease, 1,588 Acres, Sec. 81, Bk. 25, H & TC RR Co. Survey, A-37, Von Roeder West (Clearfork) Field(s), Borden County, being 8 miles in a north direction of Vincent, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

SL: 185' from the west line and 360' from the south line of lease.

185' from the west line and 360' from the south line of survey.

BHL: 1,350' from the west line and 660' from the south line of lease.

1,350' from the west line and 660' from the south line of survey.

Field rules for the Von Roeder West (Clearfork) field(s) are 660/1320, 80 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 5,000 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6899.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY January 22, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

**THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION**

## Borden County POLITICAL CALENDAR

### Co. Commissioner:

#### Precinct #1

Scott Brooks  
Benny Taylor  
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John Stephens

#### Precinct #3

Ernest Reyes

### Sheriff:

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March Primary Election