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Coyote Academic Competitors Reclaim Championship Literary Title at District Meet

Seventeen Borden High School students will compete at the Region II-A meet on the Abilene Christian University Campus April 21.

Some students qualified by placing first, second, or third at the district meet in Garden

City March 22; a few BHS competitors are members of first-place teams who will also travel to compete in Abilene.

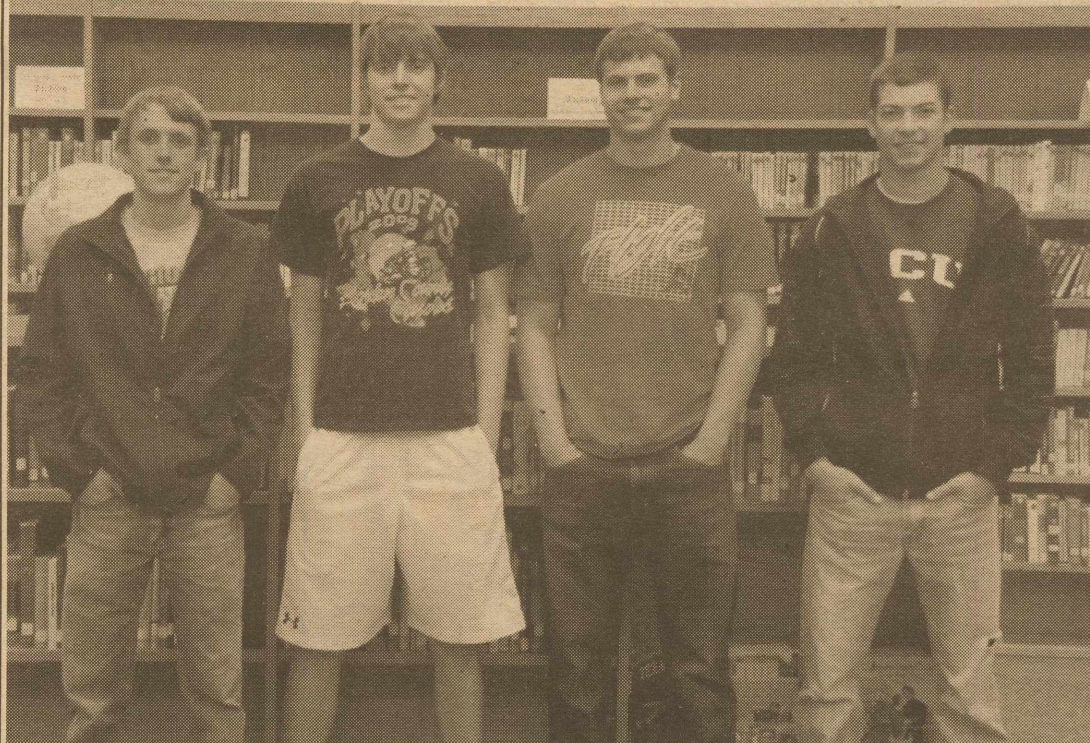
Denied by Water Valley at last year's district meet, Borden High School regained its form and won the District

10-A Literary Meet. This year, BHS scored 91 more points than its nearest competitor, Water Valley.

Team title wins (earning ten points each) came in *Cur-*

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All-District Basketball



Several members of the Borden County Coyote basketball team recently were named to the District 8A DII Boys All-District team. Those named to the list are (left to right) Riley Smith, Austin Tyler, Quint Shafer and Tanner Richey.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

An Open Mind

The mind is like a parachute – it works much better when it is open.

We are born with minds that are wide open. At birth we have no preconceived notions or prejudices. We don't know how to prejudge nor do we have any biases. A child's mind is fully receptive to new concepts and ways of doing things.

With an open mind, a child is willing to experiment in order to discover the most effective way to solve problems. As a child grows up, his mind starts to close. His schooling, parents, and friends all influence his thinking process and limitations are formed.

A person's thinking becomes more limited over time. Often the person doesn't realize this is happening. They become used to living with a restricted mind. Since society supports closed minds, the person with such a mind doesn't experience much criticism.

With age, we develop preferences that cause our minds to close themselves from exploring unfamiliar possibilities. As a result, people tend to resist change and are averse to engaging in new ways of thinking. Since success, learning, and personal growth require an open mind, a closed

mind is counter-productive.

A closed mind puts a person at a real disadvantage. They cannot readily adapt to new and changing circumstances. They are poorly prepared to uncover and take advantage of unexpected opportunities. A person with a closed mind stagnates and misses a great deal of what life has to offer.

People tend to become friends with those they feel comfortable with. The comfort factor is enhanced when everyone shares the same mindset. The result is little exposure to new and different ideas. Consequently, there is little encouragement to open one's mind.

When a person is faced with a decision they tend to choose from a familiar set of options. These responses have developed over time as a result of the person's experiences or the influence of others. It's not unusual to hear someone say that they did something a certain way because it's how they have always done it.

Once you get into this trap you stop looking for other approaches or options. The phrase "thinking outside the box" means to look for new

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Borden County Coyote and Lady Coyote Tracksters Claim District Titles...Again!

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Lady Coyotes and Coyote track teams managed to retain their championship status from a year ago in District 10-A with two different styles of victory. Although both teams lead the meet from beginning to end, the Lady Coyotes were never threatened as they doubled up their nearest competitor the Ira Bulldogs as the Lady Coyotes had 148 points on the day to the bulldogs 74.

On the boys' side, things got a little interesting as a dropped baton in the 800 relay made for a 20 point swing with Klondike and in the end it became a battle to the bitter end. In fact, in the final race, (mile relay) the boys had to manage no worse than 3rd place, the Coyotes and the foursome of Riley Smith, Austin Fields, Tanner Richey and Collin Telchik did better than that as they outlasted Klondike for the 3rd meet in a row and managed to hold off a furious Cougar charge. The final tally on the boys' side was 138 for the Coyotes and 123 for the Cougars.

With this being a district track meet, there were more things at stake than just a district title, there was advancing to the area meet. The top 4 in each event advance to next weeks' area meet at Garden City to compete against district 9-A.

Leading the way on the girls side was Aubree Lester who finished 2nd in both the long jump and triple jump, with a jump of 16'0 1/4" and 34'0 1/4" and was a member of 3 winning relays, the 400 relay (52.28) of Lester, Hanna Forbes, Stefanie Cooley and Kalyn Massingill, the 800 relay (1:52.22) with Lester, Cooley, Massingill and Teryn Soto. The 1600 relay (4:34.0) consisted of Massingill, Lester, Cooley and Tye Basquez. Hanna Forbes got a 5th place finish in the Long jump at 15'2" and won both hurdles, the 100 hurdles in 17.12 and 300 hurdles at 49.00. Kalyn Massingill finished 4th in the Long Jump at 15'2 1/2". Tye Basquez finished 3rd in the 800

with a 2:40.31. Raegan Belongia won the discus with a throw of 86'8" and was second in the shot with a throw of 29'29'7 1/2". Taylor Gass finished third in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:31 and then bounced back and won the 1600 with a personal best 6:02. Teryn Soto finished 3rd in the High jump with a 4'8" clearance.

On the boys' side, the relay team in the 400 relay of Riley Smith, Quint Shafer, Austin Fields and Collin Telchik managed to advance with a second place and season best time of 45.74. Tanner Richey teamed up with Smith, Shafer and Fields to end the day in dramatic fashion as Telchik was able to hold off the Klondike runner after the trio of Fields, to Smith to Richey provided a lead going into the anchor run by Telchik.

Also advancing was the throwing duo of Matt "Big Cat" Roberson winning the shot and discus with throws of 49'0 1/2" in the shot and 125'4" in the discus. T.J. Basquez was second in both with a personal best put of 47'3" and then a 121'10" in the discus. Quint Shafer finished third in the high jump with a jump of 5'8" while Austin Tyler turned in a huge day finishing 4th in both the long and Triple jumps. In the Long Jump, Tyler jumped a personal best 20'1 1/2" and in the triple a 40'2 1/2". Tyler also finished runner up in the 110 high hurdles with a personal best time of 15.82 and was fifth in the 300 hurdles running a 44.3 after running a 43.8 in the prelims. Luke Burkett also had a good day finishing second in the 3200 and 1600 meter runs. Luke ran a personal best 10:52 in the 3200 and a 5:05 in the 1600. Tanner Richey had a big day as he won both hurdle races turning in a 15.42 in the 110 high hurdles and a personal best 40.9 in the 300 hurdles. Also scoring for the Coyotes was Helio Rosales putting the shot 40'8 1/2" to just miss advancing finishing 5th. The final qualifier for the Coyotes was matt Proulx in the 400

as he finished 4th in a personal best 55.88.

The Borden County JV boys also brought home the title outscoring Ira 161 to 128. The Coyote JV got relay victories in all three relays, with Frank Banman, Ricky Torres, Jared Smith and Tristen Benavidez winning the 400

and 800 relays in times of 48.56 and 1:43.54. Jared and Torres were joined by hurdlers Sean Tucker and Kurt Shafer winning the 1600 relay in a season best time of 3:57.69. Kurt won both of the hurdle races and the triple jump with times of 18.49 and 48.26 and then jumped 35'9" in the triple

jump. Kurt also finished 2nd in the high jump with a 5'4" jump. Sean finished second in both hurdle races running a 19.69 and a 48.98. Ricky Torres won the long jump with a jump of 17'5 3/4" and was third in the high jump with a 5'4" clearance.

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The Borden County girls track members winning the district title last Thursday are (back row left to right) Coach Trey Richey, Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill, Hanna Forbes, Clair Shafer, Aubree Lester, Raegan Belongia, Kaylyn Dean, Mollie McMeans, Coach Michael Skelton, McKenna Campbell, (front row left to right) Tye Basquez, Stefanie Cooley and Teryn Soto.



The Borden County boys track members winning a fourth district title this past Thursday are (back left to right) Coach Richey, Tanner Richey, Riley Smith, Matt Proulx, Helio Rosales, Matt Roberson, Austin Tyler, Quint Shafer, T.J. Basquez, Coach Skelton, (front left to right) Collin Telchik, Austin Fields and Luke Burkett.

Academic Team Reclaims Title...

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rent Issues and Events, Cross-Ex debate, Social Studies, Speech, and Spelling. The BHS Journalism team also scored five points, finishing second to Grady in the four journalism contests.

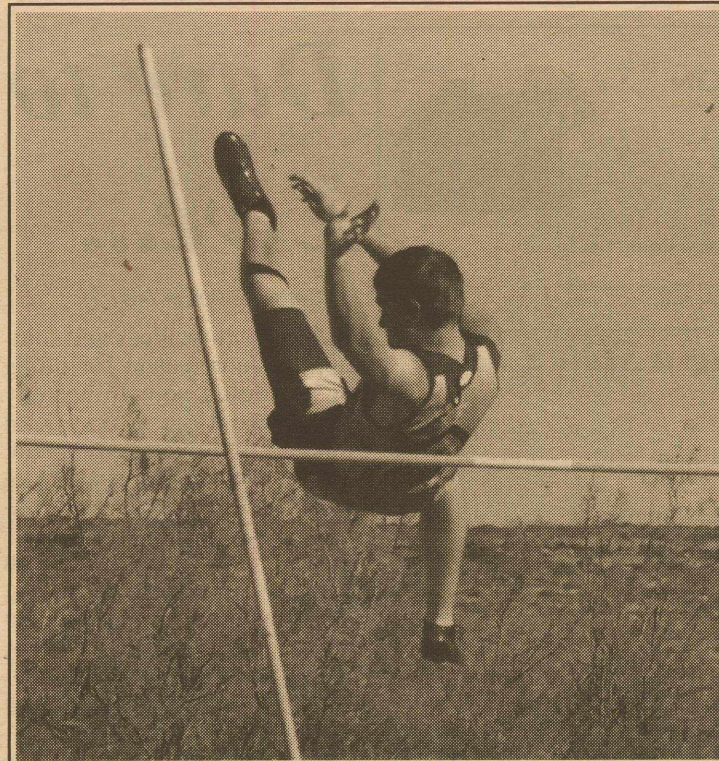
Regional qualifiers are listed below along with team and individual contest results in those events:

Seniors: Luke Burkett (2nd in Science and 1st in Biology), Austin Fields (2nd Calculator Applications); **Juniors:** Celina Guerrero (1st Speech Team, 2nd Poetry Interpretation), Jordan Day (1st Speech team, 2nd Persuasive Speaking), Shea Burkett (1st Place Team Social Studies, 1st Place Team Spelling, 2nd individual Spelling, 5th individual Social Studies), Steelie Sanders (1st Team Spelling, 3rd individual Spelling); **Sophomores:** Kassie Gaines (1st Speech team, 1st Informative Speaking, 4th Poetry Interpretation), Mallory McMeans (1st Team Current Events, 2nd Team Journalism, 2nd individual News Writing, 3rd individual Feature Writing), Matthew Ham (1st Team Social Studies, 1st Team Spelling), Mollie McMeans (1st Team Social Studies, 3rd individual Social Studies, 5th Ready Writing), Taylor Gass (1st Speech Team, 3rd Poetry Interpretation), Zach McMeans (1st Speech Team, 1st Team Current Issues and Events, 1st Team Social Studies, 1st individual Persuasive Speaking, 1st individual Current Events, 1st individual Social Studies); **Freshmen** Cayden Vaughn (1st Team Spelling, 6th individual Spelling), Frank Banman (1st

Team Current Issues and Events, 5th individual Current Issues and Events), McKenna Campbell (1st Editorials, 6th Ready Writing), Sean Tucker (1st Team Current Issues and Events), Tye Basquez (2nd Informative Speaking, 6th Lincoln-Douglas debate) and 1st place Speech team.

Scoring points at the district One-Act Play competition were the following Borden County cast members of "Picnic": All-Star cast Tye Basquez; Honorable Mention All-Star Cast Cayden Vaughn and Mollie McMeans; Tech crew award: Mallory McMeans.

Other students representing Borden County at the District 10-A meet are as follows: Maegan Herridge (LD Debate), Hannah Forbes (Prose-Science), Teryn Soto (Prose-News Writing-Headline Writing-Feature Writing), Kurt Shafer (Ready Writing-Headline Writing-Feature Writing), Mason Coor (Number Sense-Mathematics), Kalyn Massingill (Number Sense), Steelie Sanders (Number Sense-Mathematics), Shea Burkett (Calculator), Austin Tyler (Calculator), McKenna Campbell (Accounting-Headline Writing), Austin Fields (Science), Sydney Day (Science), Tanner Richey (Science), Mallory McMeans (Editorial Writing), Celina Guerrero (Literary Criticism), Mollie McMeans (Literary Criticism), Michael Taylor (Literary Criticism), Clair Shafer (News Writing, Editorial Writing), Sean Tucker (Mathematics).



Borden County pole vaulter, Riley Herridge placed 2nd in last weeks' district meet with a jump of 8'0".

District Track...

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Zach McMeans was the final medal winner for the JV finishing 2nd in the 3200 in a time of 13:25.

In the JV girls division, Sydnie Day won both the 100 and 200 with times of 15.04 and 30.93. Lexi Peterson finished 2nd in the 200 with a time of 32.14. McKenna Campbell was the final medal winner finishing 2nd in the discus and 3rd in the shot put.

Congratulations to all of you for your effort, not only today but during the entire track season. The Coyotes and Lady Coyotes that finished in the top 4 will now advance to the Area Meet in Garden City on Thursday the 12th of April.

I would also like to thank

everyone that helped make this district track meet a success. I would mention names but I would undoubtedly miss someone. You know who you are, I truly appreciate all of your efforts. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped with the Borden County Relays. We truly had a lot of people take away from their busy schedules to help make the 2012 Borden County Relays a huge success. Again, I would love to mention everyone's name but I would leave someone out. Thank you so very much, I hope to see all of your smiling faces for the 2013 Relays. Take care, thank you again and May God bless you all.

School Lunch Menu

April 16 - 20, 2012

Monday - Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce & Tomato, Tater Tots, Carrot Dippers, Rice Crispy Treat and Milk.

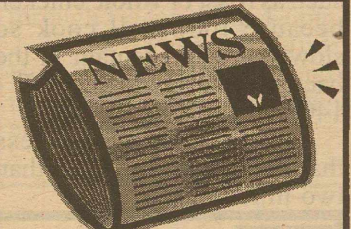
Tuesday - Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish Strips, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Salad, Fruit and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef and Bean Burrito, Spanish Rice, Corn, Sparkly Apple and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Crackers, Desert and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ on a Bun, Sliced Potatoes, Pickle Spears, Pineapple & Cherries and Milk.

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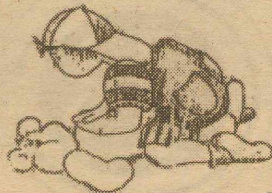
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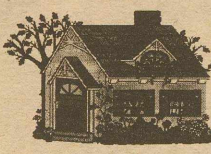
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Heart and Home ...

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Safety Tips for Using a Slow Cooker

Slow cooker recipes are popping up everywhere on blogs and Pinterest these days. There are also many new products are out on the market to make slow cooking much simpler. However, not all the recipes follow safety guidelines.

It is always a great thing to have dinner waiting for you when you get home and the slow cooker is one way to have that luxury! It does require some pre-planning and prep on your part, but a healthy meal is a terrific result after a hectic day.

There are many wonderful easy recipes out there for your slow cooker, but since it is a different type of cooking method, it is important to remember some food safety issues. Here are a few to remember while reaping the rewards of your slow cooker.

- Remember to keep perishable food refrigerated until preparation time. If cut up ahead of time, store meat and vegetables in the refrigerator.

- Always defrost meat or poultry *before* placing into a slow cooker. It is best to make dishes with high moisture content such as chili, soup, stew, or spaghetti sauce.

- Cut food into chunks or small pieces to ensure thorough cooking. Do not use the slow cooker for large pieces such as roast or whole chicken because food will cook so slowly it could remain in the bacterial danger zone (40E - 140E F) too long.

- Fill cooker no less than half full and no more than two-thirds full.

- Place vegetables on bottom and around sides and corners. Vegetables cook slower than meat and poultry in a slow cooker. Keep the lid in place, removing only to stir or check the food for doneness.

- Food will stay safe while cooking and when completed as long as cooker is operating.

- Throw away food even if it looks done when the power goes out or you are not at home during the entire slow-cooking process, and know the power went out.


- Finish cooking the ingredients immediately on a gas or camp stove or outdoor grill if you are at home when the power goes out.


- If food is completely cooked before power went out and you are at home, it should remain safe to eat up to 2 hours in the cooker with the power off.

- Store leftovers in covered containers, and refrigerate within one to two hours after cooking is finished

- Reheating leftovers in a slow cooker is not recommended. Cooked food can be reheated on a stove top or in a microwave, and then put into a preheated slow cooker to keep hot for serving.

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Dare to Live...

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and innovative ideas and solutions. Your reason for doing or not doing something may have been valid at one point but may no longer be relevant.

Or, you may be basing decisions on erroneous information that you just always accepted as pertinent. You should constantly be looking for new and better ways to do things. As you learn and grow, options become available that may not have previously existed.

Those who are most successful are always looking for better ways to live. They refuse to limit their thinking to that which they already know. They consistently try and test new ideas. They seek to improve on what already exists. Since they never know where an inspiration may come from, they keep their mind open.

Fortunately, it's never too late to begin to reopen your mind. At first you may feel uneasy exposing yourself to new ideas. But in order to make progress you have to persist and move past any uncomfortable feelings.

As a start, when faced with a dilemma, let your mind explore all options without prejudging. Try to think of alternatives different from your normal set of choices. Whenever you find your thinking following habitual patterns, direct your mind to other avenues.


As you learn to keep your mind open, you will uncover a wonderful new world filled with unlimited potential and possibility.

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4-H Record Books

Record keeping is an important skill for living that is developed through 4-H project work. It is not an extra task, but an integral part of any 4-H project. All 4-H members should integrate some basic record-keeping skills into each project. Record keeping should be tailored for each individual 4-H'er and their project work, leadership, and community service.

The 4-H record keeping system helps youth: develop goal-setting skills by setting individual, project and group goals, foster communication skills through writing and interpretation of 4-H project work, organize and create personal histories, develop a comprehensive 4-H Members Achievement Plan (M.A.P.) by identifying the steps needed to accomplish their goals, and reflect on and understand the value of their learning experience.

By using the record-keeping system, youths develop positive record-keeping habits, have an adequate measurement of what has been learned, have a basis for planning 4-H projects and programs, can interpret information and details, have a greater ability to help or assist leaders and/or agents, and understand the personal value of record-keeping. Any youth interested in completing a 4-H Recordbook should contact the Extension Office for current information and assistance. **We will hold a record book workshop on Monday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Conference Room. Please note that County Record Books will be due to the Extension Office on Monday, June 27 by 5:00 p.m.** District Record Book Judging will take place on July 13.

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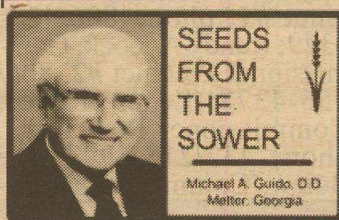


Last week started the demolition of the old cafeteria and administration offices to make room for new dressing rooms for the gyms. Plans to move into the new Borden County school building are expected to be the last of June.

Easter Bunny Visit



The Borden County Parents Club saw a record attendance at the annual preschool Easter egg hunt last Friday. The kids enjoyed hunting eggs, having refreshments and getting their picture taken with the Easter bunny.



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The Bible says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all."

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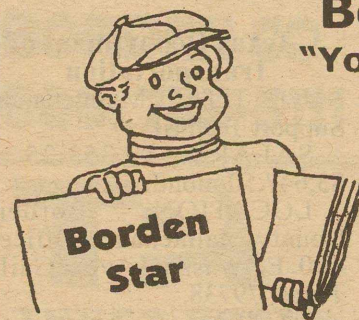
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- 3-used culvert pipe (Prec. 4)
- 1-air compressor (Prec. 4)

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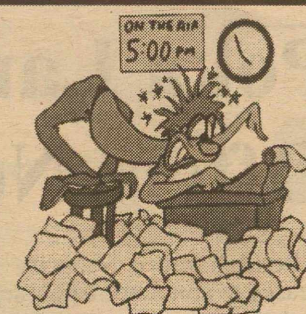
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P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 37 Case No. 0275122
Status/Permit No. 710170

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 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 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.

Help Wanted

Texas Department of Transportation

JOB TITLE: General Transportation Tech II

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: One (1) year experience maintenance, construction, heavy equipment operation, transportation-related or roadway maintenance work. (Experience requirements may be satisfied by full-time experience or the prorated part-time equivalent.)

SALARY: \$2,094.33 - \$3,246.25/month

LOCATION: Borden County Maintenance Office, 400 E. Wasson Ave., Gail, Texas, 79738. Phone (806)756-4491.

To apply for a position as a General Transportation Tech II, call 806/756-4491 or apply in person at the above address. Applications may be picked up at any TxDOT office and mailed to the above address

(online application cannot be accepted). Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. Monday, April 16, 2012. Applications will be limited to the first 10 received.

"An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply for this job my call the phone number of the Human Resources Office (325)676-6842.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

Texas Department of Transportation

JOB TITLE: Maintenance Support Tech III

SALARY: \$2,353.25 - \$3,647.50/month

LOCATION: Borden County Maintenance Office, 400 E. Wasson Ave., Gail, Texas, 79738.

Job Requisition Number: 017413

Closing Date: April 19, 2012

Applications and a copy of the Job Requisition can be picked up at the TxDOT Office at the above address or any other TxDOT Office. You can also access at the TxDOT website: www.txdot.gov. Completed applications may be mailed to TxDOT, 4250 North Clack Abilene, Texas 79601 or returned to any TxDOT office or submitted online through the above website.

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Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 27th day of March, 2012, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS SHARP, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court with Joe Belew, Commissioner Precinct No. 4 absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other officer Present: Treasurer Sharlot Stone. Others attending Meeting: Joel Dennis, John Anderson, Johnny Kemp, Rickey Guilliland and Michael J. Bodanchule.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp opened the March 27, 2012 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court at 8:45 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of March 13, 2012 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ROAD PETITION

John Anderson, representing Muleshoe Ranch, visited with the Court. After consideration, Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the Petition to Close Muleshoe Road and revert back to Muleshoe Ranch. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ROAD CLOSING

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Order to Close Muleshoe

Road, commencing at the intersection of Muleshoe Road and County Road 257 proceeding in a Southwesterly direction for approximately 9.6 miles. Order to be recorded in the Deed Records of Borden County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

PREDATORY

CONTROL

Rickey Gilliland, Michael J. Badanachule, representatives of Wildlife Services, Johnny Kemp, Trapper, Joel Dennis and John Anderson, of Borden County Trapping Club gave a report concerning the Predatory Control and the support for Predatory Control in Borden County. Borden County contributes \$2400.00 monthly as support. No action taken.

BURN BAN

Commissioner Smith made a motion to extend the Borden County Burn Ban, Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

AIR EVAC POLICY

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to renew the Air Evac policy for the Borden County Employees. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STEEL WHEEL ROLLER

After a discussion, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to table the Steel Wheel Roller. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

After a discussion, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the upgrading of the EMS Radio System with South Plains Communications. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to purchase portable radios to be used by the Borden County Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECESS

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to recess the Commissioners Court Meeting so Court might attend a presentation by Monsanto. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners Court reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to advertise for the sale of Surplus Equipment. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**THANK
YOU
FOR
READING
THE
BORDEN
STAR**

*Thought
for the
Day*

*Again and again
God has shown that the
influence of a very
average life, when once
really consecrated to
Him, may outweigh
that of almost any
number of merely
professing Christians.
-Frances Ridley
Havergal*

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ORAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

No applications received.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 10th day of April, 2012.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

That Good Time of Year

I looked out the window and it was spring. The lawns were coming back to life and leaves were appearing on previously bare branches. The mesquite trees were beginning to show their special shade of green.

Most people's favorite season is the one in which they were born. I was born in late spring so the season of renewal is my favorite time of year. I love to see the earth come back to life, when it purges itself from winter's darkness and feels cleansed, blessed again. It's when we witness the season of hope.

Spring is when you want to get out and do things you may have never done before, like grabbing a cane fishing pole and a can of worms and going to the lake; or just going outside to watch a bug for about an hour; or just stretching out and staring at your shoes while you contemplate things.

You wear fewer clothes in the spring. Shorts and t-shirts replace sweaters, coats, hats, scarves and gloves. And you might even go around with no socks or shoes.

The outside beckons and you think about taking a walk. The bicycle that's been unused for months awaits a rider. You feel the tires to make sure they're ready. You take it outside to test everything. The fresh air makes you feel frisky and you become a child again.

You get out the ice cream freezer and clean the barbecue grill and imagine how the fruits of summer will taste. The earth

warms. The sky boils. The wind ceases its relentless howling and settles down to a gentle breeze.

No season offers more promise than springtime. And no place shows off its spring wardrobe any better than Texas. When it's springtime in Texas, fields of blue and yellow and red appear and the air is scented with wildflower perfume. Seeing Texas in the spring is like seeing New England in the fall. We experience the colors and our lives are enriched. Flowers are arranged between the cactus and rocks in natural bouquets. Texas is the birthplace of spring.

The silence of the prairie is broken with the piercing sound of birds.

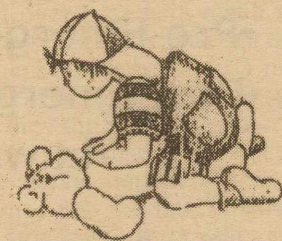
Welcome to the spring, they seem to say. And they show off their colors, too. Mocking birds flash their white tail feathers while cardinals and cedar waxwings provide a spectacular aerial display. A hawk catches a wind current and glides gracefully in the perfect blue of an April sky. The miracle of spring is amazing to observe.

The 24-hour celestial parade is a wondrous event. We wake up to a dawn of sunrise pink. Later the golden sun illumines the clouds. By mid afternoon they become active and bounce around like giant white pillows. At sundown the sky is streaked with crimson and gold. And

darkness brings its own special magic. Spring makes you glad to be alive.

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in case of an Emergency!
Just Call Us . . .**

**BORDEN CO
806/759-5111**



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2012**

Re-Elect

Ernest Reyes

For

**County Commissioner
Precinct 3**

I would appreciate your support on my re-election for another term as your commissioner.

I will continue to see to the needs of my precinct and the people who live here just as I do!

Political advert. Paid for by Ernest Reyes

Vote

Benny Taylor

for

Commissioner

Precinct 1

Your vote is greatly appreciated

Political Advert. Paid for by Benny Taylor

CAPROCK WEED SPRAYING

RESIDENTIAL LAWN SPRAYING

- Flea & Tick
- Pre-Emergent Weed Control
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- Lawn Fertilizer

CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATES

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806/407-8850

Vote

BENNY ALLISON

For

**Borden County Sheriff
Tax Assessor/Collector**

Republican Candidate

Your vote will be greatly appreciated

Political advert. Paid for by Benny Allison



BORDEN COUNTY YOUTH HORSE CLUB

MEMBERSHIP: \$20 PER CHILD

AGE GROUPS: LEAD LINE, 5 AND UNDER, 6-8, 9-12, 13-18

EVENTS: WESTERN PLEASURE, BARREL RACING, POLE BENDING, FLAG RACE, GOAT TYING

MAY 29TH, JUNE 5TH, 12TH, 19TH, 26TH @ 6:30 PM

AWARDS FOR EVERYONE AND NO ENTRY FEES

THIS YEAR THE HORSE CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE RAFFLING OFF AN IPAD 3!

FUNDRAISER BARREL RACE MAY 19TH @ LAMESA RODEO ARENA

FMI: CASSIDY CARPENTER (806)-786-6796

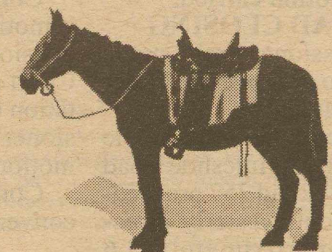
FIND US ON FACEBOOK: (BORDEN COUNTY YOUTH HORSE CLUB)

Borden County Youth Horse Club

Fundraiser Barrel Race

May 19th, 2012 @ Lamesa Texas Rodeo Arena

- BO: 9:00 am
- Exhibitions: 10-12:30 (\$4)
- 1:00 pm 10&Under Youth 3D (full second splits)
- \$500 added Open 4D immediately following youth (1/2, 1/2, 1 second splits)
- Youth Entry Fee \$15
- Open 4D Entry Fee \$30
- -Equal Payout|
- Books close at last 25 runners.



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