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All-State Honors



Borden County baseballers, Collin Telchik (left) and Tanner Richey were recently named to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's Class 1A All-State Baseball Team.

Coyote Sluggers All-State!

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter

By Dwight Hines

Having a Hall-of-Famer for a dad and an all-stater for a older brother has provided Borden County's Tanner Richey and Collin Telchik with some very big shoes to follow.

Apparently both had close to the same show size.

Both Tanner and Collin enjoyed strong seasons of their own in the 2012 high school baseball season.

They recently capped that

off by being recognized on the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's Class 1A All-State Baseball Team.

Tanner, who will be a returning senior for next year's Coyotes, earned first-team all-state honors in the outfield.

Collin, a 2012 Borden County high school grad, picked up third team all-state at short-stop.

Tanner's dad, Borden

County Coach Trey Richey, was an all-everything performer back in his own high school days at Jayton, putting up the kind of numbers that has him now in the Texas Six-Man Hall-of-Fame.

Collin's older brother, Zach earned all-state honors each of the past two years on the high school baseball dia-

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Senate Passes Farm Bill

By Mary Jane Buerkle

With a vote of 64-35, the U.S. Senate adopted their version of a five-year Farm Bill on Thursday.

The bill, considered to be a major overhaul of farm policy, saves \$24 billion over ten years. The bill cuts direct payments and puts more of an emphasis on crop insurance instead.

However, concerns in the Senate bill still will loom as the House begins their development of a farm bill in mid-July. Several amendments passed during Senate consideration, including the Coburn-Durbin amendment, #2439, that would impose a first-ever AGI means testing on crop insurance; the Chambless amendment #2438 that would impose conservation compliance regulations on crop insurance; and the Grassley amendment #2167 that would impose a \$75,000 pay limit on marketing loans.

"We've said all along that we knew this was not going to be a perfect bill," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "We still have some serious concerns about the harm done to crop insurance, and there still is no real price protection in this bill for cotton."

Verett noted his appreciation for the Senate moving swiftly on the legislation.

"Now, we have an opportunity to work with the House as they develop their farm bill, and we ultimately hope to have a bill in place by the end of September," Verett said. "PCG pledges to do all we can to ensure that we remain at the table in these negotiations."

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mond for his play at second base.

"We've now got four all-stater's in this game out here with half of them coming from the same family," Coach Richey said of the Telchiks.

"It really is quite an honor when both of our your sons are all-state baseball players."

Coach Richey was pleasantly surprised to hear about his sluggers' attention among the Lone Star State's elite.

"In spite of a lot of adversity, playing with a lot of kids coming into this season without much experience, they both had tremendous years at the plate," Coach Richey said of his newest all-state baseball players.

On the year, Tanner hit .071 and Collin finished up the year with a .544 batting average.

"Any time you've got two kids who get on base over half the time they go to bat, it's pretty impressive," Coach Richey said.

Borden County's Telchik was recognized for his efforts on the diamond, as well as inside the classroom, by also earning academic all-state honors from the Texas High School Baseball Coaches. Joining Telchik on that team from Borden County was Austin Tyler.

Tanner finished up the season hitting .701 after coming up with 47 hits in his 67 at bats I 2012. Out of those 47 hits, 28 were double and four were triples.

Richey drove in 26 RBIs and scored 29 runs.

In addition to being their top two hitters, both Richey and Telchik also were two of their top pitchers.

Tanner finished up with a 5-4 win-loss record and a 3.22 ERA. Richey struck out 60 batters.

Telchik finished this season with a .544 batting average after coming up with 37 hits in 68 at bats, including 10 doubles, four triples and one homer.

Telchik also drove in 21 RBIs, while scoring 36 runs.

Collin picked up two wins and two saves with a 4.32 ERA. Telchik struck out 36 batters.

"Probably, the biggest deal going for both Tanner and

Collin is their work ethics," Coach Richey said. "Both of these guys have put in that extra—both have paid their dues."

"Both pretty much grew up playing this game. Both just seemed to keep on getting better and better at it, too."

While his red-hot bat got most of his attention, Tanner Richey also had a very dependable glove that helped patrol the Coyotes' outfield.

"In his three years of being in the outfield, he's made like only one or two errors. That's something else he prided himself on—making big plays out there, as well," Coach Richey said. "Tanner came up with diving catches, as well as several assists, mainly because of how hard he worked at it."

Coach Richey is just as excited to see how Collin's dedication to this game paid off.

"Collin also put in a lot of time at this game," Coach Richey said. "He went to a lot of camps, as well as outside practices, which helped him develop this game. Because of that, he's also very deserving of everything he gets, too."

After an all-everything junior year at Gail, it will be interesting to see what Tanner will do for an encore this fall for the Borden County Coyotes.

Richey was an all-state quarterback and safety in the Coyotes' DI six-man state runners-up football team.

Richey also was an all-region basketball player for the Gail Gang.

He ran the hurdles at this year's Class 1A state track meet at Austin before his .700 batting average helped him garner all-state honors on the diamond.

"He's absolutely far exceeded the expectations we had, but he's probably made me even prouder as his parent than we are as his coach," Coach Richey said.

"His mom's done a great job of raising him."

While Collin has stepped up to the plate his final time as a Coyote, Coach Richey does not see Telchik's playing days ending just yet.

Collin currently is leaning

Babe Ruth Champs



The Borden County Coyote Babe Ruth baseball team recently was crowned champs after defeating the Tigers. Pictured are (back row left to right) Coach Kirk Jones, Hunter Jones, Trace Richey, Thomas Harrison, Coach John Harrison, Joel Andrade, Riley Herridge, Coach Kurt Coor, (front row left to right) Braxton Coor, Jayton Lewis, Mason Coor, Hunter Huse, Nathan Souder and Robert Jordan.

Coyotes Win Babe Ruth Title; All-Stars Revealed

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

Babe Ruth 13 to 15-year-old baseball made a successful return here to Joe Spikes Field this summer. And what a return it was, right down to that league's final game of its season.

There was not much doubt who the top team in the league was this season between the Coyotes and Tigers.

In fact it was not until the final at bat in this league's final game that a champ was crowned.

With the two-hour time game limit dwindling down, the Tigers were three outs away from locking up that league crown, 5-1, going into the bottom half of the fifth.

A five-run fifth inning rally helped the Coyotes come from behind to capture the 6-5 title-clinching victory.

Things definitely looked good early on for the Tigers who scored that game's first five runs with two in the first and three more in the second.

It was Riley Herridge who came up with one of that game's biggest hits—a shot to center field with one out—that brought home Thomas Harrison, Joel Andrade and Braxton Coor, which helped the Coyotes pull out that squeaker.

Pitching the final three innings, Hunter Jones was Saturday's winning pitcher.

Gilbert Valdez was the losing pitcher in that final game.

Thomas Harrison and Hunter Huse had three hits each to lead the Coyotes' winning attack in that final game.

Sterlyn Wilkie, Joseph Lopez and Isaiah Deanda had two hits each in that final game for the Tigers.

A 10-6 Tiger victory over the Coyotes in Saturday's second game at Spikes Field set up a winner take-all rematch between these two talented young ball clubs.

Six of the Tigers' 10 runs in that game came in a big sixth

inning.

After scoring one run in the first inning, the Coyotes did not score again until the sixth inning when they scored five more. But, it was too little too late as the Tigers held on.

By pitching the first five innings, Gilbert Valdez was the winning pitcher in that game.

Chris Arismendez pitched the final two innings.

Hunter Jones pitched the first five innings for the Coyotes, while Joel Andrade pitched the final game.

Sterlyn Wilkie and Joseph Lopez had three hits each and Jordan Morrison had two hits in that game for the Tigers.

Mason Coor and Riley Herridge had two hits each in that game for the Coyotes.

All-Stars Announced

After recognizing its teams, the Babe Ruth League also announced its 2012 baseball all-stars.

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Gibson Advances to National High School Rodeo Finals

Sidney Gibson participated in the Texas High School Rodeo Finals on June 10—16, 2012 in Abilene, Texas.

After the 1st Go Round, she placed in the top 6 and won a buckle, as well as in the 2nd Go Round., placing in the top 6 again - winning another buckle. Sidney qualified for the Short Go; which is the top 15 barrel racers in THSRA.

For the first time in 8 years there was a tie for State Champion Barrel Racer. Sidney Gibson and Jackie Ganter were announced as co-champion State Barrel Racers. They both received the State Champion Saddle and Buckle.

Sidney will be representing Texas as the State Champion in Rock Springs, Wyoming at the National High School Rodeo Finals (NHSRA) on July 12-21, 2012.

Sidney Gibson is 17 years old and graduated from Bandera High School this year. She has a full scholarship for the rodeo team from Howard College in Big Spring, Texas.

She plans on obtaining her degree in Equine Science and a minor in Business. She also plans on becoming member of the PRCA with the goal of advancing to the NFR (National Finals Rodeo).

Sidney has been training her horse, Miss Beacon's Blondie, since the horse was 2 years old. Blondie, a Palomino, was born on Lonnie and Pat Taylor's farm from the dam, Miss Beacon. They gave the mare to Sidney when the horse was 2 years old. Blondie's sire-Heza Two Eyed belonged to Max Jones of Fluvanna. Lisa and Randy Ogden of Gail, Texas helped train Blondie on the barrel pattern, as well as being mentors for Sidney and her career. Sidney has been running barrels with Blondie since the mare was 3 years old.

Sidney is the daughter of Brian and Shanna Gibson; the granddaughter of Lonnie and Pat Taylor of Vealmoore and the late Rita Kay McBride Leek. She is also the niece of Doyce Taylor of Vealmoore.



Sidney Gibson, pictured, will represent Texas at the National High School Rodeo Finals to be held in Wyoming in July.

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toward playing college ball at Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene. He also has participated in recent college tryouts at Angelo State University, as well as Blinn and Tyler Junior College.

"We feel like he's got a shot at the next level as long as he continues to get better like he has," Coach Richey said. "He's really matured both mentally and physically. He really understands this game and he just always plays so hard at it.

"One of the neatest things about this game is size really doesn't matter. You don't have to be 6-foot-5 and 240 pounds to play it."

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Selected to Lamesa's 14- and 15-year old all-star team were Joel Andrade, Mason Coor, Thomas Harrison, Riley Herridge, Hunter Jones, Jayton Lewis, Roger Martin, Draven Martinez, Heath Derington, Joseph Lopez, Gilbert Valdez and Sterlyn Wilkie.

Coaches for Lamesa's 14- and 15-year-old Babe Ruth all-stars are Kirk Jones, John Harrison and Roger Martin.

Lamesa's 14- and 15-year-old Babe Ruth all-stars will begin play in its district tournament, coming up June 28 at Littlefield.

Tabbed to Lamesa's 13-year-old Babe Ruth all-star baseball team are Braxton

Coor, Isaiah Armendariz, Jake Cisneros, Zach Salazar, Bryce Singleton, Bryson Adcock, Dakota Alexander, River Stephens, Braydon Wilson, Hagen Montgomery, A.J. Morales, Jordan Morales, Jordan Morrison and Brad Williams.


Coaches for Lamesa's 13-year-old all-stars are Craig Marty Adcock and Kurt Coor.

Lamesa's 13-year-old Babe Ruth all-stars will begin play in their district tournament June 27 at Denver City.

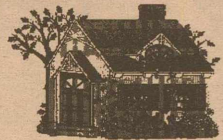
The Coyotes would like to express a big thank you to Borden County ISD for allowing them use of the Coyote baseball facilities.

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Heart and Home ...


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

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Picnic Table Protocol

Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, corn-on-the-cob . . . pull up a seat at the picnic table and enjoy some easy summer fare. But wait! Before you do, look down and make sure that the surface you're about to dine on is clean and germ-free. Summer brings with it many opportunities for a great picnic! Here are some ways to keep the picnic table clean and germ-free.

Picnic tables in public spaces are busy places that can be breeding grounds for germs. Even picnic tables at home may be subject to the unwanted attention of birds and other elements of nature, not to mention the challenge of spilled food.

On the Go

Make disinfectant wipes your summer traveling companion! Use them for quick wipe downs on public picnic

tables and benches.

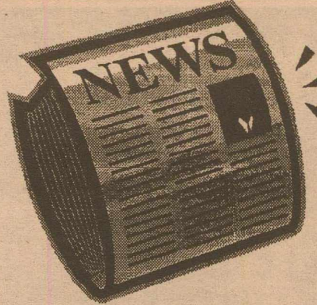
On the Home Front

For general cleaning, soap and warm water may suffice. However, if you plan to use the table for food preparation—or if juices from meat, seafood or poultry have spilled on the table—the next step is to sanitize it. Mix a solution of three tablespoons of chlorine bleach to one gallon of water. Apply the solution to the surface of the table and let stand for two minutes. Rinse with a solution of one tablespoon of chlorine bleach per gallon of water.


Hand Hygiene

Clean hands are as important as a clean picnic table. If soap and water aren't available, use a disposable hand wipe or a hand sanitizer to clean your hands.

Source: *The Soap and Detergent Association Cleaning Matters July/August 2007*



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Fun in the Canyons


4-H'er Kaitlyn Cribbs and her mom, Penny Cribbs, went with Julie Smith on June 14th to the District 4-H Wildlife and Nature Workshop held at Caprock Canyons State Park in Quitaque. It was a full day that included hiking, touring the buffalo herd pens, archery and spear throwing, fishing, kayaking, learning about the reptiles and amphibians in the park and stamping a leathercraft project. They also enjoyed hot dogs and s'mores. There were 75 4-H'ers, parents and County Extension Agents that attended from across the district.



Borden County 4-H'er receives instruction on archery while attending the Wildlife and Nature Workshop in Quitaque recently.


Recycled Planters

Mrs. Smith's 4th grade class had an opportunity to build recycled self watering planters out of soda bottles for a gardening and horticulture curriculum enrichment lesson led by Julie Smith. Flowers were donated by Randy and Verna Adcock of the Greenhouse of Lamesa.



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A Genealogy Mystery

By Lisa Dennis Mahler

Charlotte Elizabeth Parker was born on September 29, 1855 in Nashville, Arkansas. She is the great grandmother of Steve and Joel Dennis and myself. Charlotte's parents were John C and Mary Ann Parker. She was the youngest of five children. John was born around 1814 in North Carolina and Mary Ann was born in Tennessee. By 1850 (U.S. Census) John and Mary Ann are living in Arkansas. They bought land for farming in the Nashville area for the next eight years. Amassing a total of 241.92 acres. They also are listed on the 1860 U.S. Census. Then John and Mary Ann and one child disappear from tax and census records. For 150 years this has remained a mys-

tery.

The family story that has been told is that Charlotte's daughter, Rose, asked her mother what happened to her parents. It is said the Charlotte turned her head and began crying and did not answer the question. No one ever asked the question ever again and Charlotte never offered to tell her story. So imagination runs wild about what happened to John and Mary Ann. Was there a dispute with a neighbor? Was there a wild animal attack? Was there a group of marauders? Was there a disease that occurred?

We do know that the remaining children all left Arkansas and made their way to San Saba Texas by 1867. In

this group travelling to Texas were: the oldest, widowed, sister Hester with her three small children, brothers Thomas and David, and Charlotte, age 12 in 1867.

Research was conducted on the Internet and in local genealogy libraries. Census records are a wealth of information. And luckily Arkansas land records are available online. From the land records I knew the section, township and range of each piece of property of these great, great grandparents. But there were not any clues to their disappearance. The next step was to visit the Nashville area.

I enlisted the help of Joel and we took off to hunt for clues knowing that a quick trip might not yield any answers. We started our hunt in the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives in the town of Washington. Washington was the main center of business for southwest Arkansas in the pioneer days. It was also where John Parker bought his land. Visiting this historic town and knowing that our ancestor had to conduct business here was exciting. Our short archive work did not yield any clues except that John was not on the tax rolls in 1861 so the next stop was the Hempstead County Courthouse to look at deeds. While there we found the original entries and payments for the land that John bought starting in 1851. The purchase price for 40 acres in 1851 was \$1.25 per acre. By 1859 the price was 12 1/2 cents per acre. The records revealed that he paid cash for a total of 241.92 acres over an eight-year period. We had confirmed the location of all his acreage. We certainly found the price per acre fascinating.

We travelled to Nashville, Arkansas the next day. The road we travelled cut right through the property of our relatives and the one thought that crossed our minds was the extent of trees, vines and undergrowth of the land. Clearing any property for farmland was a huge and backbreaking undertaking in the 1850s.

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Obituary

Annette Louise Couch

1953 - 2012



Annette Louise Couch, age 58, of College Station went to be with her Lord on Thursday, June 21, 2012. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 23, 2012 at the Christ United Methodist Church, 4201 State Hwy 6 South, College Station, TX 77845 at 1:30 pm with Pastor Jerry House officiating.

Annette was born November 3, 1953 in Big Spring Texas, Howard County, to John and Lennis Phipps Couch and grew up on the family ranch. She attended Gay Hill Elementary School and graduated from Borden County High School in Gail, Texas, in 1972. She continued her education with a Bachelor's degree in Communications from West Texas A&M University.

As a youth, Annette was a ten year Howard County 4-H member, taking advantage of the many opportunities and skills taught by her volunteer leaders and county agents, and she served as a local club officer. She was honored to represent her county and district at the Texas 4-H Round-Up for four years and she represented Texas at National 4-H Congress in 1972.

Working in Communication and Customer Services at the Spearman radio station, Texas Instruments, at the Lubbock, Temple and Dallas offices, was a natural fit for her interest in technology and people. Her ability to work through complicated issues with patience and encouragement were appreciated by all those she helped. After a 27 year career with Texas Instruments, she re-

tired briefly and continued managing the family ranch before starting anew with Comp USA, Verizon, the Dallas Symphony and Maximus.

Growing up in rural west Texas, Annette saw the need to be a contributor to her community. She was a lifelong volunteer for the Red Cross and responded when needed to assist and support families that had been displaced from their homes due to disasters. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and of the 50+ Sunday School Class.

Because of her experience in working with the Dallas Symphony, she was active as a member of the Big Spring Symphony Guild and served on several committees. She was a strong patron of the arts for her community and enjoyed traveling the world with her sister and friends.

An avid movie buff, Annette was the Wikipedia of knowledge when it came to movies and actors. She was the "final source" on anything related to movies. She enjoyed going to the movies throughout her lifetime and being the trivia winner whenever asked about specifics.

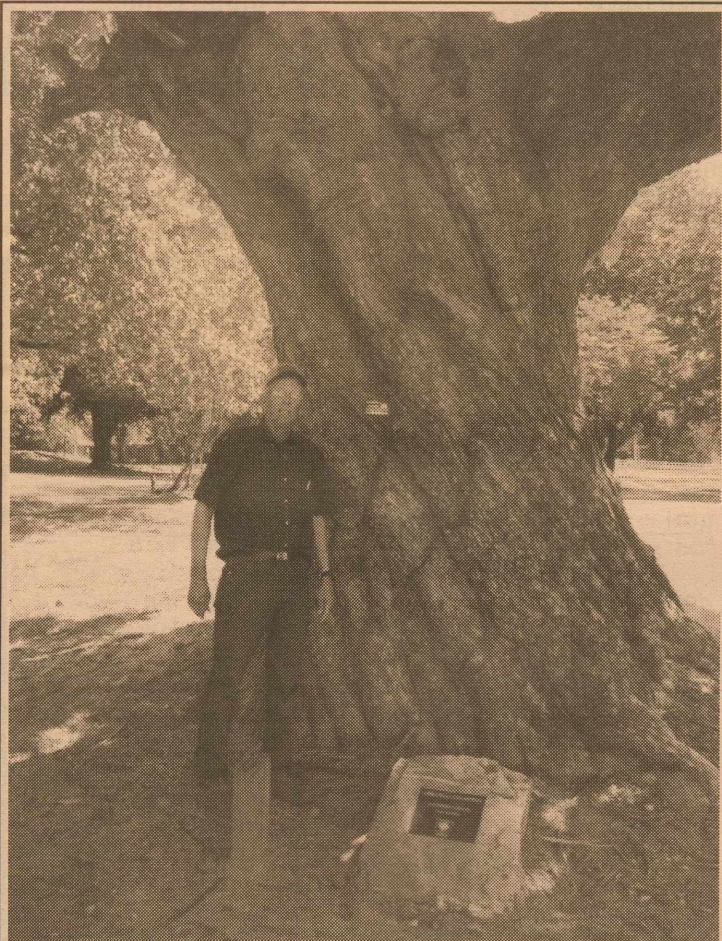
Annette and her sister, Martha, have been season ticket holders for the Dallas Cowboys for 29 years. She was a fan since the Ice Bowl of 1969 and her loyalty never faltered, taking the highs and lows in stride. It was both her passion and her enjoyment.

Domino and Cydney, Annette's cats, will miss her greatly. She enjoyed their company, energy, and entertainment.

She is survived by her loving sister, Martha Couch of College Station; and her many friends and loved ones who cared so much for her.

Annette was preceded in death by her parents, John and Lennis Couch; her grandparents, Enoch and Fleta Phipps and GJ and Josie Couch.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Annette's name to The Texas 4-H and Youth Development, 4180 State Highway 6 South, College Station, TX 77845, Attention Toby Lepley.



Joel Dennis stands beside a catalpa tree in Washington, Arkansas. History of the pictured catalpa tree: Hohn H. Smith came to Hempstead County in 1824 when he was seven years old. In 1831, when he was 14 years old, Smith carried the mail 180 miles on horseback from Washington, Arkansas to Natchitoches, Louisiana. It required ten days for the round trip and he made two trips each month. On his mial routs, he stopped at a catalpa tree hedge growing along the Red River. He filled his pocket with the winged seed from this tree and when he get to Washington, he scattered the seed over the land where the 1836 courthouse was built. It is estimated this tree is over 178 years old.

Legal Notice

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TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOSEPH LLOYD BOWEN, DECEASED, Defendant.

Defendant Greeting: NOTICE

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this Citation, default judgment may be taken against you."

Said Plaintiff's Petition in Condemnation was filed with the 132nd District Court of Borden County, Texas on May 17, 2012, the file number of said suit being Case No. 1218.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition in Condemnation at or before ten o'clock AM of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this Citation before the Honorable 132nd District Court of Borden County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Gail, Texas.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC (Plaintiff)

v.

Sandra Brown, Donald Bowen, Allen Dale Bowen and **The Unknown Heirs of Joseph Lloyd Bowen, Deceased (Defendants).**

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: **Eminent Domain/Condemnation** as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition in Condemnation on file in this suit in connection with property described as follows:

A 2.428 acre transmission line easement out a 40 acre tract of land out of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company Survey, Section 21, Block 32, Township 3 North, Abstract 291, Situated in Borden County, Texas.

Plaintiff is represented by: Clark Aspy of NAMAN, HOWELL, SMITH & LEE, P.L.L.C. whose address is 8310 N. Capital of Texas Highway,

Suite 490, Austin, Texas 79731 and Danny M. Needham of MULLIN HOARD & BROWN, LLP whose address is 500 S. Taylor, Suite 800 Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Said Condemnation Hearing to be held on July 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Court in Borden County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Gail, Texas, this the 6th day of June, 2012.

Joyce Herridge, Clerk of the Court

DISTRICT COURT, BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

MTN Energy Inc, 2917 W. Industrial, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation, which is non-productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, Cantrell Well Number #1. The proposed disposal well is located 1.2 miles South East of Gail in the Clayton Ranch (Strawn), in Borden County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval of 3050 to 7000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of **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 fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).



Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 12th day of June 2012, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

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

Other officers Present: Sharlot A. Stone, County Treasurer and Ben Smith, County Attorney.

Visitors: Kenny Hensley, Steve DeWolf, Wilson Rotenberry, Buster Taylor.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the June 12, 2012 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court to order at 8:50 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of May 22, 2012 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TAX ABATEMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zones in Borden County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

STEPHENS RANCH WIND ENERGY REINVESTMENT ZONE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve THE Order Designating Stephens Ranch Wind Energy Reinvestment Zone. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Amendment to Tax Abatement Agreement with Wind Tex En-

ergy, L.P. and Stephens Ranch Wind Energy, LLC for wind power project in the northwestern portion of Borden County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock

WATER DEPARTMENT
Buster Taylor visited with the Court concerning Water Issues. No action taken.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices' Reports, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted Reports in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BURN BAN

A discussion concerning the Burn Ban was held. No action was taken.

FIRE WORKS

A discussion was held. No action taken.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve request from Terry Smith and John Anderson I Precinct No. 2 and Frank Beaver in Precinct

No. 4 for road construction. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No applications were received for Soil Conservation Work.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

Borden County Water System Assessment was discussed. No action taken.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Appraisal Board Membership.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 26th day of June, 2012.

AW1-9
Prescribed by Secretary of State
Section 42.003(b), Texas Election Code
3/2007

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT

Notice is hereby given to the registered voters of Precinct ALL that this precinct has been consolidated with Precinct 4 Voting in the Court House election will be conducted at 117 E. WASSON GAIL TX (location)

for voters residing in Precinct ALL

Ross D. Sharp
Signature of County Judge

Date 6/6/12

AVISO DE PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO

Por lo presente se les da aviso a los votantes registrados del Precincto ALL que este precincto se ha consolidado con el Precincto 4 La votación en la elección Court House se manejará en 117 E. WASSON GAIL TX (sitio)

para los votantes que residen en el Precincto ALL

Ross D. Sharp
Firma del Juez del Condado

Fecha 6/6/12



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Change

Change is inevitable. Change is OK. Everyone changes and everyone experiences change. You will experience internal and external changes. External changes originate from your environment and the people in it. Internal changes often occur in response to external changes.

It's important to understand the nature of change and how to use it to your advantage. If you resist change, deny its existence or feel guilty when you experience it, you will feel frustrated. When you accept change you can make the most of it while using it as a catalyst to diversify your experiences.

Some people thrive on change while others resist it. Although you do not have to change, external circumstances will change and you will be facing new situations for the first time. Just the process of growing older carries with it a multitude of changes.

As you get older your needs, goals, perception, and understanding changes. Something that a person finds appealing in their 20's may have no appeal when they are in their 40's. Conversely, a person in their 40's might be surprised when they want to do things that they had no interest in previously.

A person in a relationship has different requirements than when they were single. If someone finds they are single after spending many years in a relationship their needs will change also. It's often difficult to predict how you will feel in a particular situation until you are in it.

One of my readers, Alice, 41, relayed her situation and dilemma to me. Since she was young, Alice had wanted to be a doctor and have a career in medicine. She went to medical school in her twenties and finished her residency in her thirties. Along the way Alice got married and had two kids who are now two and four.

Alice said that whereas she

used to be career oriented, she now wants to spend more time with her kids. Alice is not as excited about being a doctor as she used to be. She was troubled by her changing sentiments. Alice was wondering if there was something wrong with her that was causing the lack of interest in medicine.

Alice's situation is very common. As she got older and started a family, Alice's needs and focus changed. She was uncomfortable with her changing emotions because they were contrary to her thrust during most of her adult years.

Alice has devoted so much to pursuing her career. She had invested an enormous amount of time and money in her training. It's normal for her to be uneasy about now finding herself being pulled in a different direction.

Alice has to accept her changing sentiments. She should not evaluate them as either right or wrong but accept them as the way she feels. One's life is fluid and dynamic. It changes with time and experience. It's ok for Alice to spend more time with her family without feeling guilty about neglecting her career.

There is nothing wrong with change. Your options do not become limited as the years pass. When you experience change you are free to make adjustments in response. Just because you have followed a particular path, for a certain period of time, you are not prevented from altering your course.

Fear of change is anxiety inducing. Trying to prevent it will have as much chance of success as trying to empty the ocean with a spoon. Since change can't be stopped, you will feel as if you are constantly failing if you try.

No one is singled out for change. Change is neither a reward nor a punishment. Whatever change you experience is just the way it is. Do whatever you can to make the

best of it. You are free to adapt to the change. People throughout time have lived with change and you can also.

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A Genealogy Mystery...

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These pioneers were tough.

Nashville (population 4800+) is a beautiful town with tall trees, green lawns and rolling hills. Compared to West Texas towns of similar size, we were pleasantly surprised at the number of downtown businesses. Our first stop was the newspaper office where we inquired about the local historian. The advertising sales manager made a phone call for us and we had a date to meet Cecil Harris, the area historian. In the meantime we walked across the street to the Howard County Courthouse to inquire about any and everything. Again we met more helpful people.

Amy Reeder of the Assessor's office was able to tell us who currently lives on the Parker land. Needless to say the land is much divided.

We met with Cecil who knew a lot of local history but we were to discover that there is very little written history about the area from the 1840s and 1850s. Cecil did mention one cemetery that we had not seen in our research. The archives and the local library cemetery books did not list burials for this cemetery and it was very near the land that the Parkers owned. It was definitely worth locating. Maybe we would get lucky and find John and Mary Ann's burial site. The cemetery was remote and on private property...we were not to be deterred! We had directions and we were

somewhat confident that we had found the right road. However, we left paved road and we were soon in deep, overgrown woods. I took a chance and drove to a house to ask for help. Luckily the fellow we met couldn't have been more helpful. He jumped on his four-wheeler and we followed him deeper into the woods and he was able to get permission for us to look at the gravesite. To say this cemetery is remote is an understatement. We drove as far in as we could and then had to walk down a ravine and back up a hill where the cemetery was located. Unfortunately this neglected cemetery is like so many. There were some readable stones but a majority of the gravesites were simply marked with a stone. The unmarked burials will remain a mystery forever. Our host informed us that the entire county is covered in burial sites that may or may not be marked with headstones. The pioneers often buried their family members on their own land and not in established cemeteries. Joel and I came to the conclusion that this is probably what happened to John and Mary Ann and possibly to the missing brother.

Our two-day exploratory trip was over. Exhausting to say the least. We met the most friendly and helpful people. And we felt humbled by what our ancestors faced in the wilderness of Arkansas and the incredible hard work that it took to make a living. On our drive back to Texas we also realized the amazing journey that the surviving children endured. They travelled for months by wagon and horseback on primitive roads and across several big rivers. All seven survived this trip to San Saba. All seven are found on the 1870 U.S. Census.

The research will not end. There is still a title search on the land to see how long the children were able to hold onto the land. There may be a probate record. And there may be a hint or a story within the microfilm of the newspaper from Washington, Arkansas about the demise of John and Mary Ann. And lastly there are the descendants of the brothers and sister who may have heard a tale of survival.

Joel and I may not ever solve the mystery but we are thankful to our ancestors for their tenacity, pioneer spirit, and bravery.

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Buckling Up: *The Simple Choice That Can Save Your Life*

All of us are faced with hundreds, if not thousands, of decisions every day. Most don't involve life or death matters, but there is one simple decision that does have life-altering consequences. Choosing to wear a seat belt every time you're in a vehicle is one of those decisions. It's one act that can save your life or the life of someone you love. And it's also the law.

Whether you're the driver or a passenger sitting in the front seat or the back, Texas law now requires everyone in a vehicle to be secured by a seat belt. Children under the age of 8 must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches.

Most Texans are buckling up, thanks to the Texas Department of Transportation's annual Click It or Ticket safety campaign. Every May, thousands of local law enforcement agencies join the Texas Department of Public Safety to ticket anyone who isn't wearing a seat belt or whose children aren't properly secured.

The threat of getting an expensive citation has been a powerful motivator to get more drivers and passengers to buckle up. Since the Click It or Ticket campaign began eleven years ago, the state's seat belt use rate has steadily climbed, and now almost 94 percent of motorists in Texas buckle up. The net effect is fewer deaths and injuries. TxDOT's crash statistics indicate that 95 percent of the 778,448 Texans involved in crashes in 2010 where there were no injuries were wearing seat belts.

Texas now ranks seventh in the nation for seat belt use. In spite of all the progress we've made, one group of motorists remains significantly less likely to buckle up. That group is pickup truck drivers and passengers. Since roughly one out of every four vehicles registered in Texas is a pickup truck and pickups are twice as likely as passenger vehicles to roll over in a crash, that's cause for

concern.

According to a recent study by the Texas Transportation Institute, only 80 percent of pickup truck passengers buckle up. Compare that to the more than 90 percent of passengers in all other types of vehicles who regularly put on their seat belts. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that half of pickup drivers who died in traffic crashes in 2010 were not wearing a seat belt.

Not buckling up doesn't make sense – financial or otherwise. While a ticket for not wearing a seat belt can cost anywhere from \$25 to \$250 plus court costs that drive up the expense even more, drivers and passengers who do not wear seat belts put themselves at risk for the greatest cost of all – serious injury or death. Depending on the type of vehicle, wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of fatal injury by up to 60 percent.

For motorists who need the extra incentive to buckle up, law enforcement will be out in force on Texas streets and highways between May 21 and June 3 – including the Memorial Day holiday weekend – looking for and issuing a citation to drivers and passengers who aren't wearing seat belts. It comes down to this: if you're not buckled up, expect to pay up.

It doesn't matter what kind of vehicle you're in. It doesn't matter where you're sitting. It doesn't matter if it's day or night. The smart choice is to buckle up, every time, everywhere, and to make sure everyone in your vehicle does the same. Buckling up is the one simple decision that all of us can make every day to save not only our own lives but also those of our loved ones.

Click It or Ticket. It's the law.

– Carol Rawson,
Director,
TxDOT Traffic Operations Division



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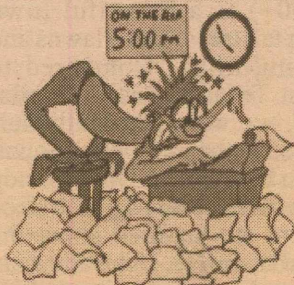
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Thought for the Day

The Christian does not go to the temple to worship. The Christian takes the temple with him or her. Jesus lifts us beyond the building and pays the human body the highest compliment by making it His dwelling place, the place where He meets with us.

-Ravi Zacharias



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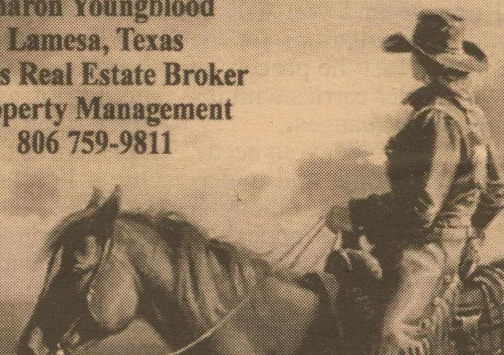
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