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Coyotes Take Big Win Over Rule Bobcats

By Coach Richey

The 2008 Borden County Coyotes played their first home game of the 2008 season.

The Coyotes started out very quickly as a Miles Valentine hit Flynn Chapman on a nice pitch and catch covering 19 yards for a score on their first possession of the game, but a few mental breakdowns cost the Coyotes in their next two possessions as the visiting Rule Bobcats actually took a short lived lead at 8 to 6 half way through the 2nd quarter.

The Coyotes closed the final half of the 2nd period by outscoring the Bobcats 18 to 0. The first of the scores came on a nice 40 yard touchdown run by sophomore Michael Cooley, Michael followed more nice blocks by center Derek Tatum, guard Jake Cooley, end Flynn Chapman, fullback John Hensley and quarter back Valentine for a 2nd touchdown from 51 yards out to make the score 18 to 8.

On the Coyotes next defen-

sive possession, Karl Lamming deflected a Bobcat pass and Michael Cooley cradled it in for an interception to give the home team one more opportunity before halftime. The Coyotes did not disappoint as Valentine connected with Jake Cooley with 1:11 left in the half on a 40 yard scoring pass. This pushed the score to 24 to 8, which was the tally at the halfway mark.

The Coyote defense of ends Jake Cooley and John Hensley, linebacker Flynn Chapman, corners Tony Soto, Zach Telchik, Karl Lamming and Safety Michael Cooley flexed their muscles once again as they forced the Bobcats to turn the ball over inside their own 30 yard line. Four plays later, Michael had his 3rd touchdown of the game and the Coyotes behind their only extra-point kick in 10 tries had a comfortable 32 to 8 lead.

The rest of the 3rd was relatively quiet, but it did include a nice goal line stand by the Coyote defense only to be fol-

lowed with Cooley being tackled in the end zone for a safety and 2 points for the visitors.

The first play of the 4th resulted in the 4th score for Michael and a 38 to 10 lead. The Bobcats used a misplayed interception opportunity to their favor and managed to reach the Coyote end zone moments later to cut the lead to 38 to 18, but the combina-

tion of Valentine and Jake Cooley struck again only 2 plays later connecting on a 18 yard touchdown play for a 44 to 18 lead. The Coyotes and Michael Cooley forced another fumble and 1 play later Flynn Chapman rumbled 40 yards to a 50 to 18 lead. The visitors used a couple of Coyote penalties to move into scoring position and eventually put their final points on the board at 50

to 24, but Michael Cooley scampered in from 35 yards out one play into their next drive to stretch the lead to 56 to 24. After a Tony Soto interception, Flynn Chapman reached the end zone for the 3rd time to make the final score 62 to 24. The Coyote defense and Karl Lamming did have one more highlight as he intercepted a

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Homecoming 2008 Welcome Exes!

Friday, September 26th

Bonfire: 5:00 p.m.

East side of school

Homecoming Meal: 6:00 p.m.

Mexican Stack, Brownies & Tea

Cost per plate: \$5

Immediately following Bonfire

School Cafeteria

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Game Time: 7:30 p.m.

Borden County vs. Klondike

Homecoming Dance:

County Showbarn

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Borden County Booster Club

Immediately following game

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

On Thursday, September 25, 2008 the plane will be spraying for mosquitoes over Gail.

Please keep all children and pets inside from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.





Borden Coyote, Miles Valentine(#1) blocks for teammate Flynn Chapman (#30) as he heads for the goal line.

JV Coyotes Rip the Bobcats

By Coach Benavidez

On Thursday, September 18, 2008, the Borden County Coyote JV team traveled to Rule to take on the Bobcats.

The young Coyotes started out sluggishly as the Bobcats took a 0-13 lead on a couple of scores by the quick Rule team. David Rodriguez got the scores going for the Coyotes on a 3 yard touchdown run. The PAT was successful in the form of a pass from Austin Tyler to Kobie Benham making the score 7-13.

After a great 4 and out by the Coyote defense, the offense came back strong and put another score on the board with a 43 yard touch down run by Rodriguez. Austin Fields ran in the extra point making the score 14-13 in favor of the Coyotes. Rule was able to come back and put a score on the board with a touchdown run of their own but the PAT failed making the score 14-19.

On the next offensive series the Coyotes drove the ball down to Rule's 10 yard line which set up a nice 10 yard touchdown pass from Austin Tyler to Jacob Froman. Fields, once again, ran in the extra point setting the score at 21-19. This was the end of the first half.

The start of the second half began with Rodriguez following some excellent blocks set up by Austin Fields, Kobie Benham, Skyler Dear, Collin Telchik, and Jacob Froman and going in for a touchdown from 18 yards out. The PAT failed.

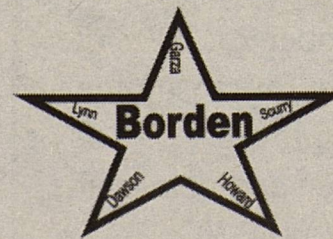
New to the Coyotes this game was freshman, Chance Taylor, who came in and did a good job on the defensive side of the ball. After a stout defensive series the Bobcats were able to punch it in from the 1 yard line for a touchdown. The PAT was successful. The score was now 27-26 with the Coyotes in the lead.

The next offensive series for the Coyotes saw the Coyotes pound the ball on the ground until Rodriguez escaped from 11 yards out for a touchdown. Austin Fields again scored the PAT. The score was now 34-26.

The Bobcats were still dangerous as the Coyotes would find out on the next play as the deep man for Rule ran back the kickoff 60 yards for a touchdown. Add to that the successful extra point and the score was now 34-33. The Bobcats refused to give up and were given new life with that kick-off return.

However, the Coyotes had some special teams magic of their own as on the very next play, Austin Fields ran back a 53 yard kickoff return of his own. The PAT failed making the score 40-33. Once again, the Coyote defense rallied behind some key tackles by Dear, Benham, Telchik, Taylor, Tyler, Fields, Froman, and Rodriguez and was able to stop the Bobcat offense getting the ball back on downs. The hot arm of Austin Tyler found the sure hands of Jacob Froman again for an 11 yard touchdown pass. The PAT failed making the score 46-33. The shootout was not over. Rule came back and broke free for a 45 yard touchdown run. The PAT failed (46-39). After causing some Rule defenders to turn cartwheels with some awesome cut blocks, Fields powered the ball in from the 3 yard line. The PAT failed making the score 52-39. The Bobcats managed to score one final time on a 22 yard touchdown run but the PAT failed.

The Coyotes came back with 24 seconds on the clock to end the game with a 3 yard touchdown plunge by Austin Fields. For a change of pace, the Coyotes decided to try the kick for the PAT and it was successful ending the game with a score of 60 to 46 in favor of Borden County. Fields had 17 carries for 171 yards and two touchdowns. Rodriguez ended the night with 15 carries for 225 yards and four touchdowns.



School Lunch Menu Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 2008

Monday - Breakfast: Ham & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chili con Carne w/beans, Chips, Salad, Peaches and Milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Toaster Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pop-corn Chicken, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Apple Sauce and Milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fajitas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Jell-o w/pear and Milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Meat & Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Cobbler and Milk.

Friday

Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, French Fries, Salad, Yellow Cake w/frosting and Milk.

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Coyotes Take Bobcats...

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deep pass for the 5 turnover forced by the Coyote defense.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Michael Cooley as he had 238 yards on 22 carries and 5 touchdowns while having 7 tackles, 1 interception, a caused fumble and a fumble recovery.

Flynn Chapman had 101 yards on 11 carries and 2 touchdowns along with 3 receptions for 52 yards and another touchdown and was in on 14 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Miles Valentine was 6 of 13 passing for a season high 113 yards and 3 touchdowns, 1 rush for 12 yards and was in on 3 tackles.

Jake Cooley had 2 catches for 58 yards and 2 touchdowns and was credited with 11 tackles, 5 pressures and 2 ½ sacks, John Hensley had 1 carry for 14 yards, was credited with 10 tackles, 5 pressures and 2 ½ sacks.

Tony Soto had 2 carries for 25 yards and was the leading tackler with 17 tackles and 1 interception a nice 4th down batted down pass.

Zach Telchik was in on 16 tackles, Karl Lamming had 7 tackles 3 passes broken up and an interception and a 4th down batted pass.

Brendan had a tackle and Derek Tatum and Clay Harding also contributed mightily to the coyote victory on both sides of the ball.

The Coyote defense limited the Bobcats to 19 yards rushing and forced 5 Bobcat turnovers. The Coyotes defeated a very tough #7 ranked team in the state handily, but must shore up their extra-points in the future.

Congrats and good luck this week. The Coyotes will host the much improved Klondike Cougars for homecoming Friday night at 7:30. Thank you all for your support.

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Borden County Pups Blast Bobcats

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups improved to 2-0 on the season and pushed their impressive consecutive wins streak to 20 in a row with a lopsided 54 to 14 score over the home team, Rule Bobcats.

The Pups wasted very little time in gaining control of this ballgame as Steven Howard got the Pups on the board first with a nice 30 yard touchdown run, following the blocks of TJ Basquez, Luis Andrade, Matt Roberson, Helio Rosales and Tanner Richey to give the Pups a 6 to 0 lead.

After a quick 3 and out, the Pups got a 50 yard touchdown run by Tanner Richey to increase the lead to 12 to 0. Troy Copeland carried the ball over for the extra point to increase the lead to 13 to 0. Yet another nice defensive series by the Pups resulted in a 3rd possession of the 3rd quarter for the Pups, and on the very first Play, Pup quarterback Richey connected with TJ Basquez on a nice 35 yard touchdown pass and a 19 to 0 lead.

On the very first play of the 2nd quarter, the 2nd team offense of Tristen Benavidez, Matthew Ham, Matthew Proulx, Tyler Summerville, Valerio Hernandez, Troy Copeland, Brady Dowds, Zach McMeans and Michael McClain put together a nice drive that culminated with a 25 yard touchdown pass from Tristen to Matthew Proulx. Matthew Ham crossed the goal line on the extra point and a

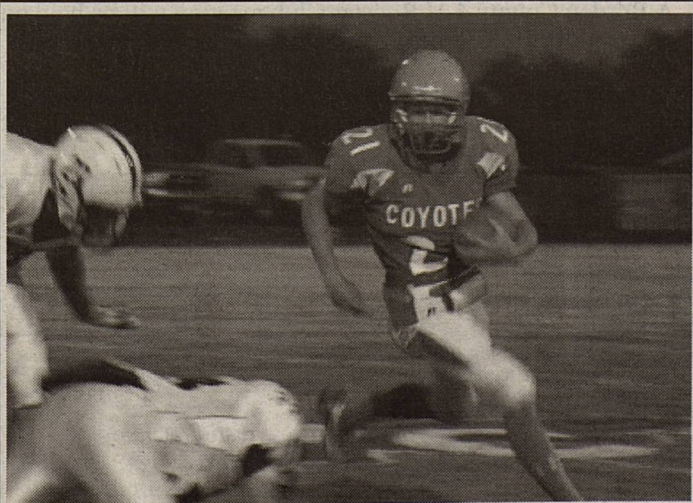
nice 26 to 0 lead.

With the Pups electing to play all 7th graders on the next defensive possession, the host team Bobcats managed a little success of their own to cut the lead to 26 to 7. Only a few moments later, Richey connected with Helio Rosales on a 20 yard touchdown pass along with a Michael McLain point after run and the Pups had their lead back up to 33 to 7.

The Bobcats would answer again to cut the lead to 33 to 14, but on the ensuing kick-off, Richey rumbled 55 yards to pay dirt and a 39 to 14 lead. The connection of Richey to Rosales came through again on the extra-point for a 40 to 14 lead at the half.

In the 3rd quarter, both teams were held scoreless until the 2nd unit offense came through early in the 4th quarter as classmates, Matthew Proulx connected with Zach McMeans on a 7 yard touchdown pass. Another Ham run pushed the lead to 47 to 14. Late in the quarter TJ scampered 30 yards to pay dirt for his 2nd score and the Ham show resulted in another extra point and a Pup 54 to 14 lead which would be the final tally of this contest.

The Pups will travel to Klondike on Thursday to face undefeated and unchallenged Klondike at 5:30. Good luck Pups!!! Congratulations on a nice team victory.



Borden County Coyote Michael Cooley (#21) cuts for more yards against a Rule Bobcat last Friday night. Coyotes came out on top with a score of 56-24.



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Heart and Home ...

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



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Building An Emergency Kit

We generally do not think about preparing an in-home emergency kit or disaster supply kit. However, with recent flooding in the area and hurricanes in Texas, we may have begun to realize that it is very important to keep a basic collection of items that members of your household would probably need in the event of a disaster. It is important to keep these items in a portable container that is near, or as close as possible, to an exit door. Every household should keep an emergency kit and keep it up to date. The number of people in a household and their ages and abilities will determine how many containers will be required to carry the kit items.

The emergency supply kit should be accessible to you whether at home or should you need to evacuate. Make sure that it can be accessed quickly and easily. Store the kit items in a sturdy, clearly labeled, easy-to-carry container(s). Duffle bags, backpacks, storage totes and covered trash receptacles make good containers. Your supply kit should hold items that can accommodate each family member for three days. In case of prolonged power outages and major disasters, you should plan to have enough food and water supplies for 2 weeks.

To properly supply your emergency kit, assemble the following items for use at home or in case you must evacuate. Remember to pack them in easy-to-carry containers and label the containers clearly.

- Portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra, fresh batteries.
- Flashlight and extra, fresh batteries.
- First Aid Kit.
- Cash and coins.
- Copies of personal identification, such as driver's licenses, passports and work identification badges and cop-

ies of medical prescriptions and credit cards.

- An extra set of car keys and house keys.
- Matches in a waterproof container.
- Map of area marked with places you could go and their telephone numbers.
- Items for infants, such as formula, diapers, bottles, pacifiers, powdered milk and medications not requiring refrigeration.
- Special items, such as denture needs, contact lenses and supplies, extra eyeglasses, and hearing aid batteries.
- Food - a three day supply in the kit and at least an additional four-day supply readily accessible for use if you are confined to home. You may want to consider stocking a two week supply of food and water in your home.
- Medications - Prescription and non-prescription that are regularly used. Check with your physician or pharmacist on storage requirements.
- Water - three gallons per person in the kit and an additional four gallons per person readily accessible for use if you are confined to home.
- Kitchen accessories: manual can opener, mess kits or disposable cups, plates and utensils, utility knife, sugar and salt, aluminum foil and plastic wrap, resealable plastic bags.
- Household liquid bleach.
- For each person, one complete change of clothing and footwear (including sturdy work shoes or boots, raingear,

and other items adjusted for the season, such as hat and gloves, thermal underwear, sunglasses, dust mask).


- Blankets or sleeping bag for each person.
- Small tent, compass and small shovel.
- Paper, pencil, needles, thread, small A-B-C types fire extinguisher, medicine dropper, whistle and emergency preparedness manual.
- Sanitation and hygiene items (toilet paper, towelettes, soap, hand sanitizer, liquid detergent, feminine supplies, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, comb and brush, lip balm, sunscreen, plastic garbage bags (heavy duty) and ties (for personal sanitation uses), medium plastic bucket with tight lid and disinfectant.
- Entertainments such as games and books. Favorite comfort dolls and stuffed animals for small children.
- Roll of duct tape and scissors.
- Plastic sheeting precut to fit shelter-in-place room openings.
- Supplies for pets if sheltering in place.

Remember, it never hurts to be prepared! Go ahead and make an emergency supply kit. Some of these items may not be necessary for your family, but keep them in mind and make sure you have the basics or can grab them quickly in case of an emergency.

For more information about disaster preparedness, contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County at (806)756-4336 or visit our web site at <http://borden.tx.tamu.edu>. You may also visit the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network web site at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>.

Information taken from the *Talking About Disaster: Guide for Standard Messages Manual* published by the National Disaster Education Coalition.



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Borden County 4-H News

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Swine Validation

The validation process is designed to identify ownership, assist in identification at the county and/or major stock shows, and to aid in the recover of lost or stolen animals. This process is conducted across the state of Texas so to exhibit at the Borden County Junior Livestock Show and/or Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, or Austin, 4-H'ers and FFA members must have their animal validated.

Swine will be validated in the month of November. Swine will be tagged, hair samples collected and ear notches documented.

There are also fees involved in the validation process. Swine validation for animals who will be exhibiting at the county and major livestock shows will require a state tag. A validation fee of \$7.00 will be charged for each animal validated with a state tag.

Those swine projects that will only be exhibited at the Borden County Junior Livestock show will need to pay \$5.00 per head for validation.

Deadline to order swine tags is September 23, 2008. You will need to call Cody G. Hill or Buddy Wallace to pre-order your validation tags if you plan on exhibiting swine at the Borden County Stock Show or at a major stock show in 2009.

All tags must be paid for when ordered. Each family needs to make sure they order enough tags to validate all of their projects. Ordering one extra tag is always a good policy!!!

For more information, or to order your validation tags, contact Cody G. Hill, CEA-Ag Borden County at (806) 756-4336 or Buddy Wallace, Ag Science Teacher at (806) 756-4313.

4-H Food & Nutrition Project

The Food and Nutrition project meetings will be held on Monday, September 29, Tuesday, September 30, Monday, October 6, Tuesday, October 7, and Tuesday, October 14 from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. (after school) in the Home Economics Department. This project is for all 4-H youth that are interested in learning about basic nutrition, eating healthy, basic food preparation skills, and much more. The County 4-H Food Show will be held on Monday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The District 4-H Food Show will be held on Saturday, November 15 in Levelland. For more information, contact the Extension office.

4-H Booster Club Meeting

A Borden County 4-H Booster Club meeting will be held on September 30, 2008 in the Community Room at 6:30 p.m. We encourage any one excited about supporting the Borden County 4-H Club are welcome to attend!!! If you have any questions, contact Cody or Julie at the Borden County Extension Office at (806) 756-4336.



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Agriculture News
by Cody G. Hill
Borden County Extension Agent –
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Hurricane Ike

The TAHC's Area Command continues operations in the TAHC headquarters in Austin, with on-site representatives from the USDA's Veterinary Services, Animal Care, and National Resources Conservation Services; the Texas Department of Agriculture, and TXSART. The TAHC also is represented at the State Operations Center and is in close contact with livestock industry representatives. The Area Command may be reached at 800-550-8242, ext 296.

A Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) assessment team has nearly completed the Galveston Island large animal assessment. Fresh water supplies are being supplied for rescued and stabled animals. The Texas Department of State Health Services has declared the island unsafe and has advised citizens to leave and avoid returning until basic resources and services are restored.

The TAHC's livestock carcass assessments were conducted initially in neighborhoods and in municipalities, but were expanded to include the entire impact area. Reliable numbers of dead or stranded livestock are not yet available, as additional carcasses and animals are detected as the water recedes and roads are cleared in the hard-hit counties along the coast, allowing access to remote areas. A team of TAHC and USDA Veterinary Service field staff continues to work in the Chambers, Jefferson and Orange counties area and has short-term, but greatly appreciated assistance from Florida's State Animal Response Team, and a response team from New Mexico. In addition to working with the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Agrilife Extension Service and producer organizations to acquire and distribute hay, feed, water and essential equipment for livestock survival, the TAHC's multi-state team continues livestock assessment by air boats, swamp buggies, by air and truck. The team is serving as a liaison

among producers and local and state emergency officials. The TAHC also is coordinating carcass disposal with the National Resources Conservation Services (USDA-NRCS) and other entities.

The NRCS offers financial assistance and proper disposal site identification to cattle owners who have the means to dispose of livestock carcasses on their own property. For other situations, NRCS contractors may assist with removal, transport, and disposal of the carcasses. For application forms and livestock disposal specifications, contact the NRCS office in Bryan at 979-846-0757, ext. 3 or visit the NRCS Texas Web site at http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/ike_assist.html or www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/ike_assist.html.

The USDA's Farm Service Agency has a Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) available to compensate producers for lost livestock. To participate, producers may be asked for verifiable records or certifications. The USDA Farm Service Agency may be reached at 1-866-680-6069 for more information.

An informational sheet from the USDA's Farm Service Agency is posted on the TAHC's web site at <http://www.tahe.state.tx.us/> along with information or links from the NCRS, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and other agencies and associations.

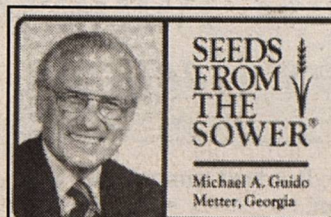
The Texas Agrilife Extension Service continues to raise funds and is purchasing basic items to support surviving, displaced livestock, including hay, troughs and panels. To make a cash or credit card donation for "Operation No Fences: Hurricane Ike Horse and Cattle Relief" call 979-845-2604 or go to <http://agrilifevents.tamu.edu> and follow the prompts.

The Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline at 1-877-429-1998 is coordinating the donations of hay, feed and

equipment. The relief effort is moving into its second phase: relocating surviving livestock from the storm-ravaged area. Fenced pastureland and transportation is needed, and the TDA will match resources offered with livestock producers in need. More information may be obtained at <http://www.tda.state.tx.us/hayhotline>.

The TXSART, the Texas State Animal Resource Team, is working with a cadre of credentialed animal care agencies, associations and pet care companies serving in affected counties to assist local and county animal control officers and animal care associations. Their work has included capturing loose animals, providing emergency sheltering, feeding and veterinary support.

The Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation has developed a tax-deductible relief fund to support efforts to provide emergency animal shelters, treatment of animals injured by the hurricane; and the rescue, recovery and reuniting of lost animals with their owners.



A mother asked her little girl, "Did you say your prayers last night?"

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Then on Saturday, September 27th, bring a sack lunch and meet with us at the Union Methodist church. Be there at 11 a.m. or later to eat and visit. The church is between Gail and Snyder.

HOMECOMING DANCE

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 9th day of September, 2008, 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:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; **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 1 absent constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED
Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of August 26, 2008 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICES REPORT
Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of August 26, 2008 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2009 SHERIFF FEES
After reviewing the Sheriff's Fees, Commissioner Smith made a motion to set the 2009 Sheriff Fees as listed below with no changes made. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

PURCHASING AGREEMENT
Commissioner Reyes made a motion for Borden County to enter into an Interlocal Agreement and Resolution with The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joyce Herridge called to office and Deputy Clerk Jane Underwood present.

WATER SYSTEM
Discussion held with no action being taken on the SCADA Control System for

the Borden County Water System.

RADIO TOWER
After a discussion, Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve Monte Cheatum painting the Borden County Radio Tower. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL
A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the County of Borden and Borden County Independent School District. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joyce Herridge in attendance. Jana Underwood returned to Clerks Office.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
No new items were presented.

ADJOURN
A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 23rd day of September, 2008.



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The Cowboy Strike

by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

When the "beef bonanza" came to the Texas Panhandle in the 1880s, it sparked a classic confrontation - cattle punchers versus cattle barons - that ranks as one of the great tales of the golden age of the American cowboy. More than just a good story, though, it continues to provide valuable lessons about the pursuit of happiness and the American dream.

Traditionally, cowboys and ranchers shared a friendly relationship. Frequently paid with cattle, and allowed to build their own maverick herds, cowboys lived with the hope, and prospect, of becoming ranchers themselves.

But when the demand for beef soared, a new "breed" of owners from England and Scotland came in and dominated the Panhandle lands. They formed corporations, claimed the maverick cattle as their own and insisted that the cowboys work for wages only. When barbed wire was introduced, they fenced in the open range.

Naturally, the cowboys resisted. At stake was their chance to claim a part of the American dream. Denied the right to own cattle, they demanded higher pay. The owners said no. So, just before spring roundup 125 years ago, the cowboys shocked the cattle country. They went on strike.

It was called the first cowboy strike in America. By some estimates, the number of striking cowboys grew to more than 300 across five large ranches. The owners fought back, firing cowboys and hiring replacements. Their strike in 1883, 10 years before Labor Day became a legal holiday in Texas, accentuated a deep-seated belief that hard work deserves honest pay and fair treatment. After two-and-a-half months, the resistance of the cowboys weakened and the strike ended.

During the strike, the town of Tascosa became a popular place for out-of-work cowboys. Money saved to weather the walkout all too often evaporated amid the temptations in this "Cowboy Capital of the Panhandle," northwest of Amarillo.

In the daytime, Tascosa was a trade and supply center. At night, its rip-roaring "suburb" of Hogtown provided entertainment for a cast of characters that even Hollywood could not invent.

The mysterious and intriguing Frenchy McCormick and her husband, Mickey, reigned over the gambling parlors of Hogtown. Frenchy dealt the cards and Mickey tended the bar.

Keeping the law in Hogtown were Sheriff Pat Garrett and District Attorney Temple Lea Houston, son of Sam Houston. Keeping them

busy were a cast of notorious characters, including famed bad man Billy the Kid.

The cowboys around Tascosa were rugged individualists with a deep streak of independence. They worked from sunrise to sundown - from "can see to can't see" - roping, bulldogging, branding and herding cattle. But their way of life on the open range would fade, as would Tascosa. The death knell for the town came when the main east-west railroad bypassed it.

But the American dream did not die with it. Tascosa took on a new purpose when the ghost town was donated to help start Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in 1939. Since it was founded nearly 70 years ago, the Boys Ranch has cared for more than 8,000 at-risk children. Cal Farley became known as "America's Greatest Foster Father."

On the site of old Tascosa, the chance to fulfill the American dream has come full circle.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

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Charles Chupp is Not Your Typical Mayor

Charles Chupp has made a living as a writer because he says it's something you can do in the shade. He is one clever fellow and some of his writings appeared on the front page of the Fort Worth Star Telegram when the regular front page columnist, George Dolan, wanted to take some time off. Chupp lives in DeLeon and has been actively involved with the operation of the city. He served on the school board and served a few terms as mayor. "I'm the only write in candidate ever elected to the mayorship of De Leon," says Chupp. "I had three slogans: 'It ain't stealing if you need it', 'Cash donations gladly accepted' and 'You can do worse than vote for me. You always have.'"

He lost his wife of 58 years in March and to help with his depression, he wrote a book in thirty days. It's called "Waggin' Tales" and is about different dogs he has had. "I started to write a history of them and their exploits," says Chupp. "I had a killer Chihuahua and that was my special breed. They're tough little hombres. They don't know fear or much of anything else. I got started writing the book and I had to weave my kids, my wife and some of the kinfolks in because I bestowed gift Chihuahuas on people who didn't even want them."

He says the book was an exercise in survival and recommends writing to anyone who wants to get rid of their troubles. His wife's nickname

was Sunshine and one recent afternoon he was sitting on his front porch late in the day and the chair where his wife used to sit was filled with sunshine. Chupp has written eight books since 1994. His latest one is about the adventures of him and his brother during World War Two.

"My dad rented a chicken house out to an entrepreneur in DeLeon. He stored used tires in it to sell during the war. Behind it he had a pace where he kept white lightning from Glen Rose and peddled it. My brother Frank and I sold him whiskey bottles. They're worth a lot more than a coke bottle. We got a nickel apiece for whiskey bottles and if they had a cork in them we got seven cents. We were making money hand over fist.

"We found out how to get in that back compartment without him knowing it. We got a board that we could turn up on just one nail. It would pivot on it.

"The chicken house is where we kept a box of cigarette butts from out of the house. Snipes is what we called them then. When John Franklin and I needed a break from the house we'd go out and have us a snipe and sample the wares in one of those bottles. There were so many there we didn't want to use much out of any of them. But if one got a little bit low, John Franklin would refill it with the only means nature gave him for refilling it. Then we'd put it over in another stack."

Getting Through Tough Times

By Bryan Golden

We all have tough times we have to get through. There are many situations you have no control over. However, what you do in response is completely up to you. First of all, don't get caught up with stress, worry, and fear. They cause anxiety, agitation, and perhaps feelings of depression.

Living with events you can't change is part of life. Attempting to change things you have no control over causes frustration. Once you recognize something is beyond your control, you can concentrate on making the best of it.

Taking action is more productive than worrying. Although there are many situations you can't control, you can control your reaction to them. This is the essence of coping. By directing your energy at finding survival strategies, rather than obsessing over your predicament, your attitude will improve. With action and a proactive attitude, you have a lot of leverage to improve your circumstances.

Although predicaments you have no control over can be a hardship, you do have the ability to get through tough times. You've endured before and you will again. Problems and people are in constant conflict. Flexibility and creativity are the keys to surviving.

Tough times don't last but tough people do. Problems and people are in constant conflict. The way you triumph over problems is to outlast them. Adversity comes and goes. Problems are solved, resolved or fade away. Tough people keep going. They may slip, trip or fall but they get up, recover their balance and keep moving forward.

Tough times can have a grinding, draining and demoralizing effect on a person. But allowing a tough problem to beat you into despair puts you in danger of becoming overwhelmed with little hope of recovery. Everyone needs encouragement and motivation.

Often, it's when you're hanging on by your fingernails, and feel that you can't last much longer, that you're about to turn the corner and overcome your problems. It's exactly at the point where you want to give up, and throw in the towel, that you must dig

deeper into your inner storehouse of resolve and march on.

Understanding that tough times don't last gives you the stamina to outlast them. There has never been a problem that could stand up to the power of imagination and determination. Mental toughness empowers you to find solutions. Tough times force you to develop your strengths and formulate a strategy of thinking, enabling you to find the way around, over, under or through a problem.

Problems are only temporary aberrations on your path of life. Tough times are like a brick wall. When examined up close, both are made up of small pieces that are removable. If you try and break through a brick wall by repeatedly throwing your body against it, you will only become sore and frustrated.

However, if you climb to the top of the wall with a hammer and a chisel, you can readily begin removing one brick at a time. This is the same approach that will allow you to tackle tough times. Each challenge is a collection of bricks that can be removed one at a time.

You can cause problems to

crumble by disassembling them into small pieces. Once your brick wall of problems has been reduced into a pile of rubble, it no longer seems imposing or overwhelming.

When viewed in this way, every challenge will appear conquerable. You realize that you can overcome any problem. As you begin to proactively disperse adversity, your self-confidence, self-esteem, and mental toughness will flourish. Rather than being apprehensive of tough times, you will become as worried about them as you would be of a housefly. They may be annoying but they are certainly no match for you and your mind.

You have the ability to be constant and consistent. You have the force of will power and determination. Tough times will come and go but you have the power to endure and overcome. You are a tough person who will outlast tough times.

Bryan is a self-development expert, syndicated columnist, author of "Dare to Live Without Limits", and professor. Email Bryan at info@BryanGolden.com
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Borden County Football 2008 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 16	Saturday	Ropes/O'Donnell	Gail	TBA
Scrimmage	Aug. 21 or 22	Thurs./Fri.	Klondike	Klondike	TBA
#0	Aug. 30	Saturday	New Home	Trent	10:00
#1	Sept. 5 or 6	Friday/Sat.	TBA	TBA	TBA
#2	Sept. 12	Friday	Wellman-Union	There	7:30
#3	Sept. 19	Friday	Rule	Here	7:30
#4	Sept. 26	Friday	Klondike	Here	7:30
#5	Oct. 3	Friday	Sterling City	There	7:30
*#6	Oct. 10	Friday	Buena Vista	Here	7:30
*#7	Oct. 17	Friday	Grandfalls-Royalty	There	7:30
*#8	Oct. 24	Friday	Sands	Here	7:30
*#9	Oct. 31	Friday	Westbrook	There	7:30
*#10	Nov. 7	Friday	Open		

**District Opponents for 2008-2009: Sands, Grandfalls-Royalty, Buena Vista & Westbrook



Head Coach: Trey Richey

Assistant Coaches: Peter Benavidez, Fernando Baeza and Colt McCook

Borden County Football Junior Varsity 2008 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 16	Saturday	Ropes/O'Donnell	Gail	TBA
Scrimmage	Aug. 21 or 22	Thurs./Fri.	Klondike	Klondike	TBA
#0	Aug. 27	Thursday	New Home	Here	6:00
#1	Sept. 4	Thursday			
#2	Sept. 11	Thursday	Wellman-Union	Here	7:00
#3	Sept. 18	Thursday	Rule	There	7:00
#4	Sept. 25	Thursday	Klondike	There	7:00
#5	Oct. 2	Thursday	Sterling City	Here	7:00
*#6	Oct. 9	Thursday	TBA	TBA	TBA
*#7	Oct. 16	Thursday	TBA	Here	7:00
*#8	Oct. 23	Thursday	Sands	There	7:00
*#9	Oct. 30	Thursday	Westbrook	Here	7:00
*#10	Nov. 6	Friday	Open		

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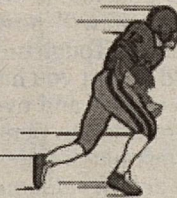
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September 2008



Permian Basin Fair, Odessa - September 5th - 13th
 West Texas Fair, Abilene - September 5th - 13th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 FFA Chapter Officer Meeting and Cookout 6:30 p.m. JH Cheerleading Practice 4-5 p.m.	2 Cool Clovers (3 rd -5 th) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 11:30-12:00 JH (6 th -8 th) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:30-1:00 FFA Lone Wolf District Officer Meeting WTC 5:00	3 HS (9 th -12 th) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:35-1:05	4 Southland JV There 6:30	5 OPEN (No varsity football) PROGRESS REPORTS	6 Cross Country @ Wilson 9:00 a.m.
7	8 Junior Meeting in Conference Room during Tutorials JH Cheerleading Practice 4-5 p.m.	9 Photos-Seniors, K-11, JH & HS football & cheerleaders Lone Wolf District Camp (Snyder 4:30) SAT Registration Deadline for Oct. 4 th Test 4-H Achievement Picnic @ Show Barn 7:00 p.m.	10	11 Wellman-Union JH & JV Here 5:30 CX Debate Workshop - Lubbock Coronado	12 Wellman-Union Varsity There 7:30	13 ACT Test (Must have registered by Aug. 12) Cross Country @ Slaton 9:00 a.m.
14	15 JH Cheerleading Practice 4-5 p.m.	16 BCJLA General Meeting (Community Building, Gail) 7:00	17	18 Rule JH & JV There 5:30	19 Rule Varsity Here 7:30 ACT Registration Deadline for Oct. 25 th Test	20 Coyote Opry, Show Barn, Gail South Plains Fair - Goats/Swine Show
21	22 JH Cheerleading Practice 4-5 p.m.	23	24	25 Klondike JH & JV There 5:30	26 HOME COMING Bonfire 5:00 Sr. Supper after Bonfire 7:30 Klondike Varsity Here End of 1 st Six Weeks Teacher Self-Report Part I Due SAT. Reg. Deadline 11/1 Test	27 South Plains Fair - Steer/Lamb Show Cross Country @ Lubbock (Mae Simmons Park)-HS only 9:00 a.m.
28	29 Beginning of 2 nd Six Weeks 4-H Food & Nutrition Meeting 3:45-5:15 Home Economics Lab JH Cheerleading Practice 4-5 p.m.	30 ACT Explore Test for 8 th Grade - a.m. 4-H Food & Nutrition Meeting 3:45-5:15 Home Economics Lab				