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## USDA Releases Upland Cotton Average Prices Received by Growers

By Shawn Wade

Cumulative Upland cotton marketings for the first four months of the 2008-marketing year totaled 2.795 million-bales according to information released December 30, 2008 by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

That figure is a significant 1.757 million bales less than the number of bales marketed through the same period last year and is indicative of cotton demand being dragged down by the serious economic issues facing the U.S. and

world economy.

USDA estimated that November 2008 marketings were 978,000 bales with an average selling price of 53.1 cents per pound. Based on November's sales, and indications that worldwide market activity will continue to slow, December 2008 isn't expected to begin the process of reversing the current situation.

Based on the latest figures, the 2008 Upland Cotton Weighted Average Price calcu-

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STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF BORDEN )

### ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Borden County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does prohibit outdoor burning activities including trash and outdoor grilling. Welding activities will be permitted when additional personnel are on site with firefighting equipment.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

County Judge  
Van L. York

ATTEST:

County Clerk

## All-State Team



Division II state champion Borden County was well represented on the league's all-state football team released this past week. Coyotes pictured (front, left to right) Michael Cooley, Flynn Chapman, (back row, left to right) Jake Cooley, John Hensley, Karl Lamming, Coach Trey Richey, Derek Tatum, Miles Valentine and Tony Soto. Michael Cooley was tabbed as Division II's Player of the Year. Richey is the league's Coach of the Year. Chapman is the Defensive Player of the Year. Valentine, Jake Cooley, Tatum and Lamming are all four first-team all-staters. Hensley and Soto are second-team all-state honorees. The Coyotes had an undefeated season with 14 straight wins and a state title.

## To The Victor The Spoils

### State Champion Coyotes Top D II All-State List

Courtesy of Lamesa Press-Reporter

By Dwight Hines

After being crowned this past month as the top Division II six-man football team in the state, several members of that 14-0 state championship team were recognized this week among that game's best at their

respective positions.

BC junior Michael Cooley is D II's Player of the Year.

"This is definitely a big honor, but I guarantee that (state) trophy still means a lot more," Cooley said.

It's all about what you can contribute or what you can give compared to what you can get out of something."

Coyotes Coach Trey Richey is D II's Coach of the

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Year.

"Again, all of this is pretty flattering, but it's all about a bunch of great kids as well as a great staff," Richey said.

"This is nice, but I don't feel any smarter than I did yesterday. I'm just very fortunate to be the head football coach out here at Borden County."

BC junior Flynn Chapman was that league's Defensive Player of the Year.

"This really is pretty awesome, but the neatest thing about this whole deal is that it's not just one player who's winning it. This says something again about our whole team," Chapman, said. "This isn't about just me or Michael (Cooley), since none of this could have happened without our whole team doing its job."

That BC trio had plenty of Gail company on that squad. Four Coyotes who earned first-team all-state accolades are sophomore quarterback Miles Valentine, sophomore center Derek Tatum, senior tight end Jake Cooley and junior cornerback Karl Lamming.

Other Coyotes who tackled second-team all-state are sophomore John Hensley at defensive end and sophomore Tony Soto at cornerback.

Chapman also earned second-team all-state at kicker.

Two area grid standouts who earned second-team all-state this week are Klondike junior wide receiver Jose Santana and Dawson junior running back Landon Brown.

Four Sands gridders who

received honorable mention are junior spread back Johnny Rogers, senior safety Ethan Zant, junior linebacker Daniel Armendariz and junior defensive end Gabe Guillen.

Dawson senior Rance Meadows also earned honorable mention all-state at tight end.

BC's Cooley was a definite force in all areas of this game.

Offensively, Cooley ran for 2,480 yards and 47 touchdowns while also hauling in eight catches for 85 yards and five other scores. Defensively, Cooley finished with 121 tackles. On special teams, Cooley ran three kick off and two punt returns back for touchdowns.

"Michael's very deserving for the things which he did on both sides of the football," Richey said of Cooley.

"Look at his stats. He finished up with over 2,400 yards in a season where he really didn't get that many touches early on. He probably had as many carries in our last five games as he did during all of the regular season."

Chapman was one of the big ringleaders on one of the top six-man defenses in the state. He finished with 200 tackles, five fumble recoveries, five caused fumbles, nine quarterback pressures, four QB sacks and two interceptions.

"Flynn grew up a ton in a year's time," Richey said of Chapman. "Flynn dedicated himself this season to getting faster and stronger. He also played this game with an atti-

tude.

"Flynn played this game like a middle linebacker's supposed to—he just dominated up front."

Richey was named as the top DII six-man coach after turning the Coyotes around from their 3-6 finish in 2007 to a 14-0 state championship in 2008.

"You won't meet a coach who works any harder," Cooley said of Richey. "He's been out her 17 years, so he knows what everybody can do and what they've got to do to get it done."

"You can't help but get pumped about doing something because of the way that he's as motivated as he is."

Chapman echoed Cooley's sentiments about their Six-Man Hall-of-Fame coach.

"He's a great motivator. He's all about setting goals," Chapman said. "We're going to reach those goals by doing whatever it takes."

Richey was proud to see as many of his players recognized in such strong fashion.

"Seasons like this don't happen if not everybody's doing their jobs," Richey said. "Michael and Flynn would both be the first ones to tell you that things like this don't happen to them without everybody else's support."

"This is just another capper to our dream season."

With players like Cooley and Chapman back to lead the Gail bandwagon do not be too surprised to see another banner season in that program in 2009.

"We're going to come back working even harder to see if we can't beat what the '97 team did out here," Cooley said.

The Coyotes won their first state six-man crown in 1997 before finishing as the state runners-ups in 1998.

Two of their current coaches, Fernando Baeza and Colt McCook, played integral parts on those teams.

"Coach Baeza kids us all of the time about them being better than what we are now," Cooley said. "We've now got the chance to do something that those guys didn't back then."

"It might be harder, but that's what we're striving for."

# Making the Grade!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Six-Weeks

### Beta Achievement

**Senior:** Katherine Froman and Krystal Hobson; **Junior:** D'Nae Johnson; **Sophomore:** Bailey Anderson, Taylor Richey and Krista Tarleton; **Freshman:** Austin Fields, Austin Tyler and Chance Taylor; **Eighth Grade:** Shea Burkett, Steven Howard, Kayla Pepper, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Stellie Sanders and Riley Smith; **Seventh Grade:** Taylor Gass, Maeghan Herridge; **Sixth Grade:** Frank Banman, Tye Basquez, and Sean Tucker.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Six-Weeks

### Honor Roll

**Junior:** Kagan Benham, Karl Lamming, Laura Ocanas, Lacey Roberts, Brendan Tarleton and Raylea Underwood; **Sophomore:** John Hensley, Kimberly Proulx and Phyneshia Rutherford; **Freshman:** Kobie Benham and Shaylie Boles; **Eighth Grade:** Kylie Voss; **Seventh Grade:** Matthew Ham, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory Proulx; **Sixth Grade:** McKenna Campbell and Cayden Vaughn; **Fifth Grade:** Thomas Harrison, Channing Miller, Kelby Miller, Colby Pennell, Samuel Raborn, Tatum Richey, Flint Roberts, Taylor Roberts Caelan Thuett, Cheyenne Tucker and Tate Wheatly; **Fourth Grade:** Maddie Benavidez, Cheyenne Dowds, Hayley Gray, Hunter Jones, Dylan Murphy, Maria Neufeld, Avery Price and Kale Yarbro; **Third Grade:** Thadd Basquez, Kable Kleck, Harley Merrill, Thomas Nix, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker and Brittan Webb; **Second Grade:** Madison Cole, Gage Duncan, Katie Gray, Tanner Harrison, Rayme Jones, Emma Key, J.W. Nix, Madison Petty and Brooke Swaffar.

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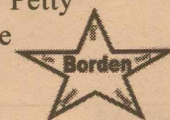
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## Borden Junior High Basketball Schedule 2008-2009

Day	Date	Opponent	Teams	Site	Time
Sat.	Nov. 15	Sands Tourney	G, B	There	TBA
Mon.	Nov. 17	Dawson	G, B	There	6:00
Mon.	Nov. 24	Loop	G, B	Here	6:00
Mon.	Dec. 1	Grady	G, B	There	6:00
Mon.	Dec. 8	Klondike	G, B	There	6:00
Mon.	Dec. 15	Sands	G, B	Here	6:00
Thurs.	Jan. 8	Dawson	G, B	Here	6:00
Mon.	Jan. 12	Loop	G, B	There	6:00
Mon.	Jan. 19	Grady	G, B	Here	6:00
Mon.	Jan. 26	Klondike	G, B	Here	6:00
Mon.	Feb. 2	Sands	G, B	There	6:00

G- Junior High Girls  
B- Junior High Boys

Superintendent: Jimmy Thomas  
Principal: Bart McMeans  
Girls' Coaches- Colt McCook and Peter Benavidez  
Boys' Coaches- Fernando Baeza and Trey Richey

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# Lady Coyotes Win Consolation at Forson Jv Tourney

By Coach Benavidez

The Borden County Lady Coyote JV team traveled to Forson on Thursday to participate in the annual Forson JV Tournament. The girls' first game was against the Midland Greenwood team. The girls got out to a great start and were doing some great things. The rebounding and blocking out continues to improve each game. We struggled from the free throw line and that would turn out to be the undoing of the Lady Coyotes against Greenwood. The Lady Coyotes had the lead until the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter but then lost it and were never able to regain it again. Despite the poor shooting from the free throw line, the girls did a good job in other aspects of the game. The scoring is as follows: Shaylie Boles led all

scorers with 9 points. Lacey Roberts -7, Brittany Day - 3, P.J. Rutherford - 2, Mabelle Barr - 1.

On the second and final day of the tournament which was Saturday, the girls knew they would face a tough Wink Wildcats team that they had already played earlier in the year and lost to by 12 points. This game was a reversal of roles this time around, however. Shaylie Boles took control of the game and exploded for 14 points while at the same time playing great on the defensive side of the ball. Seleste Herridge and Mabelle Barr each came into the game and came up with some key steals. The Lady Coyotes and the Lady Wildcats stayed even for most of the first half and went in at halftime

down by two points. The Lady Coyotes came out on fire in the second half and played some great defense while running a potent offense. The Lady Coyotes took the second game against Wink and pulled out a 1 point win. This win would put the Lady Coyotes in the Consolation game against Coahoma. The scoring for this game against Wink is as follows: Shaylie Boles - 14, Shylo Rinehart, Brittany Day and P.J. Rutherford each came up with 5 points, Lacey Roberts - 4, Chelsea Sapp and Raegan Belongia put in 2 points each.

With the confidence boost that the girls earned with a win against the Wink Wildcats, the Lady Coyotes took that boost and put it to good use against the Coahoma Lady Bulldogs. From start to finish, the Lady Coyotes dominated the game. Mabelle Barr had a little extra motivation for this game. Mabelle actually joined us this past week after having attended Coahoma schools her entire life. This motivation showed in the fact that Mabelle led all scorers with 7 points. They did a great job of blocking out and rebounding which was a game focus as well as free throw attempts. All three of these areas were much improved from the first game with Midland Greenwood. Phyneshia Rutherford along with the rest of the girls played great defense. The Lady Coyotes were all flying around the court while at the same time staying in control of the game. The Lady Coyotes received a plaque for the win in the consolation game. These girls are getting better and better by the day and all the while gaining confidence by leaps and bounds. I am extremely proud of the effort by all of these young ladies. They are truly a joy to coach. The scoring for this game against Coahoma is as follows: Mabelle Barr - 7, Lacey Roberts - 5, Brittany Day and Raegan Belongia each had 3 points, Shaylie Boles, Seleste Herridge, and Chelsea Sapp each had 2 points. Shylo Rinehart - 1.

## School Lunch Menu

Jan. 19 - 23, 2009

**Monday** - Breakfast: Cinnamon Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apricots and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Pop Tart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Broccoli w/ranch, Jell-o and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Biscuit, Gravy, Ham, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Stir Fry, Tomato Wedges, Crackers, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Turkey & Noodles, Green Peas, Salad, Bread Stick, Peaches and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ on a bun, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Strawberry Shortcake and Milk.

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# Lady Coyotes Suffer Best Loss of the Season

By Coach McCook

There are some games a team loses because they don't play well. These are difficult to endure. But then there are games a team loses in spite of how well they play. These are painful but worth every bit of hurt. The Lady Coyotes' loss to Sundown January 2<sup>nd</sup> was such a game. After falling behind early, the girls fought their way back and sent the game into overtime. In overtime, they trailed by two with less than 15 seconds left when Taylor Richey tied the game only to have their opponent get off a shot as the buzzer sounded. As the ball went through the

net, the girls' hearts sank. But in this coaches' humble opinion, it was the best loss of the season.

The girls' were led by a stifling defensive effort. Taylor Richey led all scorers with 26 points, 10 rebounds, and 7 steals. Olivia Key had 12 points, 2 rebounds, and 3 steals. Krystal Hobson had 8 points and 11 rebounds. D'Nae Johnson had 5 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals. Stefanie Cooley had 3 rebounds and 2 steals. Bailey Anderson had 6 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals. And Krista Tarleton had 1 rebound and 1 steal.

# Lady Coyotes Put on Show Against Loraine

The first half of the Lady Coyotes' game against Loraine last Tuesday was perhaps the most phenomenal offensive effort I have ever seen. 67 points! Enough said. Olivia Key made eight three-pointers in the half...IN THE HALF! All seven players scored 7 points or more.

Taylor Richey led the Coyote attack with 34 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, and 6 steals. Olivia Key had 28 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 assists. Krista Tarleton had 15 points, 10 re-

bounds, and 3 assists. D'Nae Johnson had 12 points and 8 assists. Bailey Anderson had 9 points, 7 rebounds, and 2 assists. Krystal Hobson had 7 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals. And Stefanie Cooley had 7 points, 3 assists, and 4 steals. If you do the math, those numbers add up to 112 points. The Borden County Lady Coyotes defeated the Loraine Bulldogs 112-58! If you were not there to witness it, words cannot describe it. Awesome game, girls!

## Forsan JV Tourney



The Lady Coyote JV team recently traveled to Forsan to participate in the annual Forsan JV Tournament. The team came away as consolation winners. Pictured are (back row left to right) Kagan Benham (manager), Seleste Herridge, Chelsea Sapp, Shalie Boles, Raegan Belongia, Phyneshia Rutherford, (bottom row left to right) Shylo Rinehart, Brittany Day, Lacey Roberts and Michelle Barr.



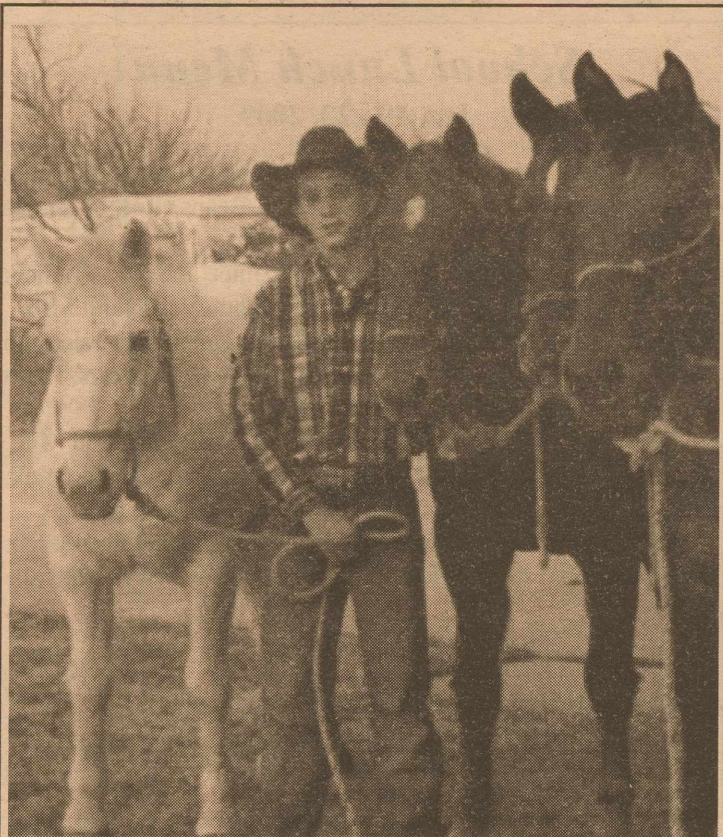
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Pictured above is, Borden County 8th grader, Riley Smith. Smith was recently selected as a representative of the 2008-2009 Wrangler All-Star Rodeo Team.

## 2008-2009 Wrangler All Star Rodeo Team

Riley Smith, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Borden County, has been selected as a representative of the 2008-2009 Wrangler All-Star Rodeo Team.

Riley's selection was based on his accomplishments in the classroom and rodeo arena. Riley joins a select company of Pro Rodeo members including such greats as Trevor Brazile, Joe Beaver, Dan Mortensen, Kelly Kaminski and the late Jim Shoulders.

As a member of the Wrangler Team, Riley is asked to wear Wrangler jeans during his rodeo performances. Wrangler

sends shirts for the team members to wear with the Wrangler logo.

Borden County had several students participate in the National High School Rodeo Association during the Fall Semester: Chance Taylor, Sean Tucker, Dylan Murphy, Bailey Anderson and Riley Smith. These students must maintain a passing average to participate in all of their rodeo events, which include: calf roping, team roping, steer/bull riding, cutting, chute-dogging, steer wrestling, ribbon-roping and breakaway roping.

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# Varsity Boys Win Season Opener Against Stanton

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote varsity boys began their season on Dec. 15 by defeating Stanton 41-37. This was an impressive victory for the Coyotes who had only 45 minutes to prepare for the game. The game began slow offensively for both teams as the Coyotes scored only 5 points in the first quarter with a three pointer from Zach Telchik and a jump shot from Brendan Tarleton. The Coyotes however played excellent defense and only allowed the Buffalos 2 points. In the second quarter the Coyotes began to find their range as Brendan

added six more points with Zach putting in five of his own. Michael Cooley also hit a jump shot which allowed the Coyotes to out score the Buffalos 13-8 in the second and taking an 18-10 half time lead. The second half began with the Coyotes again playing good defense and with other Coyotes contributing offensively. Karl Lamming put in five points followed by Flynn Chapman adding four. Tony Soto was able to hit the front end of free throw and played excellent defense in the third. The Coyotes were able to

outscore Stanton by four in the third which helped hold off the Buffalos in the fourth as they made a late run. Solid defense and a consistent offense in the second half allowed the Coyotes to come away with a 41-37 victory.

Scoring for the Coyotes: Zach Telchik 11, Brendan Tarleton 10, Karl Lamming 9, Michael Cooley 6, Flynn Chapman 4, Tony Soto 1, and also contributing were Carlos Hernandez and Clay Harding.

Good Job Coyotes!

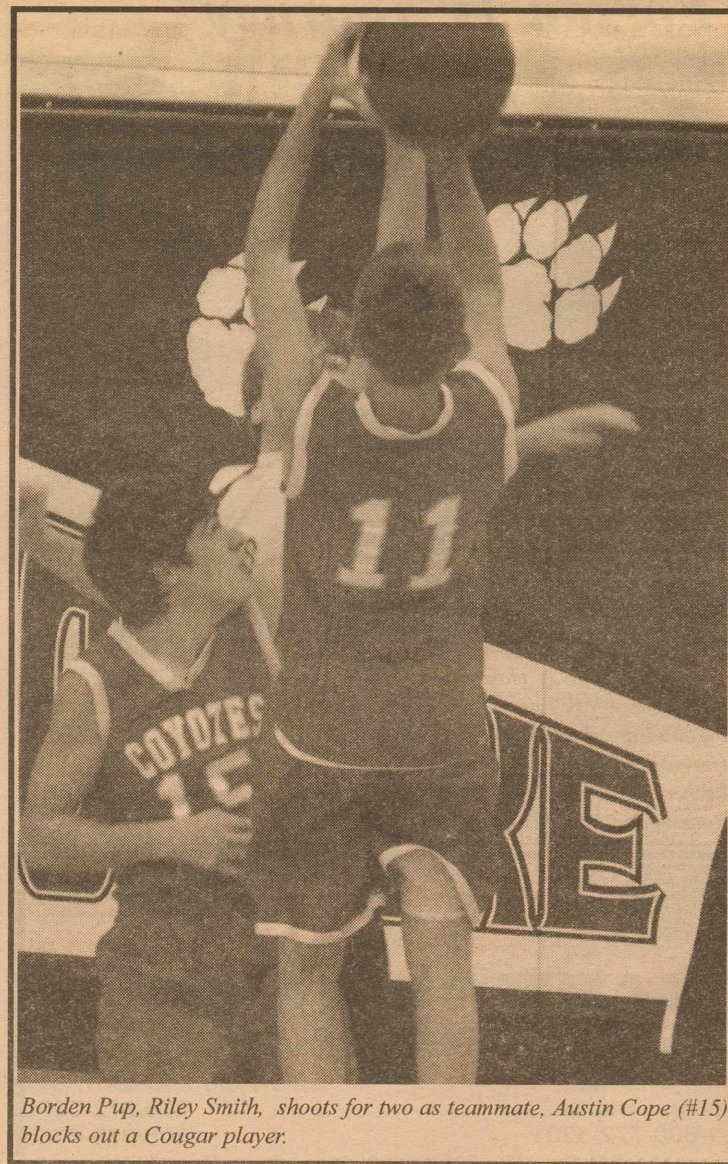
# Pups Clobber the Cougars

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote Junior High continued their winning ways December 8 as they traveled to Klondike and defeated the Cougars 42-21. The Coyotes jumped out early using full court pressure to take an 18-4 first quarter lead. Solid defense in the second allowed the Cougars only four points while the Coyotes scored six. Leading the offense in the first half was Tanner Richey with 10 and Riley Smith with 8. Also contributing was T.J. Basquez with 4 and Steven Howard with 2. Solid defense was played in the first half by Matthew Ham, Matthew McClain, Tristin Benavidez, and Matthew Proulx which only allowed the Cougars 8 first half points.

In the second half more Coyotes got involved scoring as Matt Roberson put in 4 points with Zach McMeans and Austin Cope both adding 2 points. T.J. was the leading scorer for the Coyotes in the second half with 6 points while the Coyotes again played excellent defense only allowed 13 second half points. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes: Tanner Richey 12, Riley Smith 10, T.J. Basquez 10, Matt Roberson 4, Zach McMeans 2, Austin Cope 2, Steven Howard 2

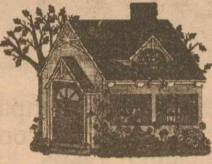


Borden Pup, Riley Smith, shoots for two as teammate, Austin Cope (#15) blocks out a Cougar player.

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**Heart and Home ...**

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



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## Wishing You a Healthy H-A-P-P-Y N-E-W Y-E-A-R

### H - ealth

"The first wealth is health." (Source: Ralph Waldo Emerson) Make health a priority this year. Health should be more than the absence of disease - read on for ideas.

### A - ttitude

"Health and cheerfulness naturally beget each other." (Source: Joseph Addison) A positive attitude may not cure a disease. However, thinking positive can help you deal with misfortune, make the most of your situation and enjoy life more.

### P - hysical activity

"A man's health can be judged by which he takes two at a time - pills or stairs." (Source: Joan Welsh) The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommends for adults: "Most health benefits occur with at least 150 minutes (2 hours and 30 minutes) a week of moderate intensity physical activity, such as brisk walking. Additional benefits occur with more physical activity. Both aerobic (endurance) and muscle-strengthening (resistance) physical activity are beneficial." For more information and for guidelines for children: <http://www.health.gov/paguidelines/guidelines/default.aspx>

### P - eople

"Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it..." (Source: Dr. Karl Menninger) Numerous studies indicate social networks, whether formal (such as a church or social club) or informal (such as meeting with friends), make people less vulnerable to ill health and premature death. Be wary, however, of social support that drains you through people being too demanding or encouraging you to engage in harmful behaviors.

### Y - our body

"Take care of your body. It's the only place you have to live." (Source: Jim Rohn) Schedule physical checkups as needed: eyes, teeth, mammogram, colonoscopy, general physical, etc.

### N - O!

"Half of the troubles of this life can be traced to saying yes too quickly and not saying no soon enough." (Source: Josh Billings) Rather than adding "take a time management class" to your "to do" list, consider starting a "don't do" list. You may discover doing LESS can bring MORE enjoyment to your life. Especially if doing less allows you to spend time doing more to contribute to your health and happiness and that of family and friends!

### E - at healthy

"Rich, fatty foods are like destiny: they too, shape our ends." (Source: Author Unknown) MyPyramid.gov recommends: "To move to a healthier weight, you need to make smart choices from every food group. Smart choices are the foods with the lowest amounts of solid fats or added sugars: for example, fat-free (skim) milk instead of whole milk and unsweetened rather than sweetened applesauce. Also, consider how the food was prepared. For example, choose skinless baked chicken instead of fried chicken and choose fresh fruit instead

of a fruit pastry." For more information on planning healthy menus, visit <http://www.mypyramid.gov>

### W - isdom

"A wise man makes his own decisions, an ignorant man follows public opinion." (Source: Chinese Proverb) Take time to listen to your own body. Rather than set your goals based on how fast other people walk or jog, how little sleep others can get by on or how much some-

one else eats, concentrate on what makes YOU healthy.

### Y - our hands

"Keeping hands clean is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of infection and illness." (Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Here's how to wash your hands from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

When washing your hands with soap and water:

- \* Wet your hands with clean running water and apply soap. Use warm water if it is available.

- \* Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub all surfaces.

- \* Continue rubbing hands for 15-20 seconds. Need a timer? Imagine singing "Happy Birthday" twice through to a friend.

- \* Rinse hands well under running water.

- \* Dry your hands using a paper towel or air dryer. If possible, use your paper towel to turn off the faucet.

### E - nough sleep

"A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the

doctor's book." (Source: Irish Proverb)

According to the 2008 "Sleep in America" poll by the National Sleep Foundation (NSF), "Working too much and sleeping too little takes a serious toll on people's professional and personal lives," Some of the findings of the poll included:

- \* 29 percent of those polled fell asleep or became very sleepy at work in the past month;

- \* 36 percent have nodded off or fallen asleep while driving

- \* 14 percent missed family events, work functions and leisure activities the past month due to sleepiness.

Cutting back on other activities rather than cutting back on sleep may be more effective in enhancing the quality of your life.

### A - void portion distortion

"Never eat more than you can lift." (Source: Miss Piggy, muppet character) Rather than worry so much about "what" you eat, consider "how much" you eat. Downsize your portion sizes. Serve food on

smaller plates. Eat from plates and bowls rather than packages and bags, so you see how much you're eating.

### R - eading materials

"Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint." (Source: Mark Twain)

Consider the source before starting a new drastic diet or exercise plan. Beware of plans that:

- \* Promise quick, dramatic results

- \* Charge large fees for consultations, equipment, supplements, etc.

- \* Rely solely on testimonials and statements from "professionals" with unusual-sounding degrees.

Source: Ann Henneman, MS, RD; University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Service Nutrition Specialist

## Thought for the Day

Ever notice that the  
people who are late  
are often much  
jollier than the  
people who have to  
wait for them?

Source: St. Louis Inspirational  
Christian Connection.

## Thank You

*The family of Fannie Ballentine would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all for the cards, plants, calls and words of encouragement during the loss of our "Nana".*

*May God bless each one of you.*

*Cindy & Jibber Herridge & family  
Jana & RayDon Underwood & family  
Kerri & Robby Dean & family*

## 2009 Borden County Jr. Livestock Show



Thursday, January 15  
Steer Show - 6:00 p.m.



Friday, January 16  
Lamb Show - 8:30 a.m.  
Goat Show - after Lamb Show  
Swine Show - after Goat Show

Saturday, January 17  
7:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
Complimentary Chuck Wagon Breakfast

Awards Ceremony - 9:00 a.m.  
Premium Sale - 9:30 a.m.

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## Commissioners Meeting

**WHEREAS**, On this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2008, 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:

**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, Prec. No. 4; **JOYCE HERIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

**MINUTES APPROVED**  
Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of December 9, 2008 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PRECINCT NO. 2 EQUIPMENT YARD**  
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to increase the Precinct No. 2 Equipment Yard Rent by \$600.00 per year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

**PRECINCT NO. 3 EQUIPMENT YARD**  
Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve \$3600.00 for County purchase of land to be used as Precinct No. 3 Equipment Yard. Deed will be recorded in Volume 307, Page 691 of the Deed Records, Borden County Commissioner

Belew seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**BORDEN COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS**  
Julie Smith CEA-Family & Consumer Sciences Agent and Cody G. Hill, ECA-Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, met with the Court. They presented a review of their activities and projects in 2008. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to approve the Resolution Congratulating the Borden County ISD Football Team on their State Championship Win. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PRECINCT NO. 1 TRUCK**  
Commissioner Smith made a motion to purchase truck for Precinct No. 1 from Lubbock Truck Sales as bid, without the lease purchase agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

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

**DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA**  
No new items were presented.

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

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.**

## Legal Notices

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6032-49-001 for THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS in TAYLOR County, etc will be opened on February 10, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,557,578.05

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from re-

production companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 28605

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District  
District Engineer  
4250 N. Clack  
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150  
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT**

Primexx Operating Corporation, 4849 Greenville Ave., Ste. 1600, Dallas, Texas 75206 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Upper Spraberry Formation, Nan

Martin "B" Lease, Well Number 2717. The proposes injection well is located 2 miles NNW of Gail, Texas in the Clayton Ranch, N. (Spraberry) Field, in Borden County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5600 to 5900 feet.

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

Request for a public hearing from the 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, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512)463-6792.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a Public Hearing on January 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Court Room to consider traffic regulations on certain county roads.

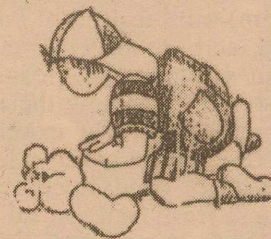
Any interested person is invited to attend and present oral or written comments.

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## Upland Cotton Prices...

(Continued from Page 1)

lated through November 2008 stands at 55.26 cents per pound. With the first third of the marketing year now past, the calculated 2008 Weighted Average Price is hovering just above the 52-cent threshold where Counter-cyclical payment rates begin to drop. The preliminary mid-month price reported for December 2008 was 53.90 cents per pound.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on prices and cumulative marketings from August 1 through November 30,

2008.

The 2008 Counter-cyclical payment rate authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill will be based on the 12-month Weighted Average Price Received by growers. For cotton the 12-month Weighted Average Price will reflect price and marketings for the 2008 marketing year. The 2008 cotton marketing year began in August 1, 2008 and ends July 31, 2009.

"Cotton News" is a weekly publication of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

For additional information contact PCG at 806/792-4904.

**Average Price Received For 2008-crop Upland Cotton**  
(Weighted by Marketings)

	Marketings (000's of Running bales)		Prices (cents/Lb.)	
	Monthly	Cum.	Monthly	Weighted
August	1,144	1,144	56.50	56.50
September	95	1,239	61.10	56.85
October	578	1,817	55.50	56.42
November	978	2,795	53.10	55.26
December	na	na	53.90*	na

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; \* = preliminary

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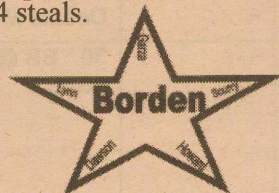
## Lady Coyotes Begin District With Convincing Win

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes traveled to Dawson last Friday for their district opener against the Dragons. From the opening tip the girls took control of the game. They won each quarter, steadily pulling away from their opponent: 19-9, 10-8, 18-7, and 16-8. In the end they defeated the Dragons 63-32. With this convincing win the Lady Coyotes bring their season record to 17-6 and their district record to 1-0.

Taylor Richey led all scorers with 25 points. She also had 6 rebounds, 2 assists, and 4 steals. Olivia Key had

15 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 steals. D'Nae Johnson had 8 points, 5 rebounds, and 6 assists. Stefanie Cooley had 8 points, 6 rebounds, and 3 steals. Bailey Anderson had 3 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 steals. Krista Tarleton had 3 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals. And Krystal Hobson had 1 point, 6 rebounds, and 4 steals.



## Borden County ISD Board Meeting December 15, 2008

### Regular Board Meeting December 15, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the December 2008 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. It was reported that Joe Harding and Randy Hensley had obtained 6 hours of School Board Training.

6. The annual superintendent's evaluation was conducted.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Carol Lewis to set the January 2009 meeting for 7:00 P.M. on January 19, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to amend the 2008-2009 Borden County Independent School District Budget as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the purchase of two 72-passenger buses from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast as follows: 2009 "C2" 72 Passenger Bus-\$84,494 and 2010 "C2" 72 Passenger Bus-\$85,154. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Proposals submitted for Construction Manager At Risk Services for a Potential Building Project were reviewed. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve Lee

Lewis Construction, Wiley Hicks Jr. Inc., and Western Builders to make the short list of companies in the "two step" process that will be interviewed at a special meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2009, to be considered to provide Construction Manager At Risk Services in a potential building project. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to add, revise, or delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 84. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report, reported that 190 students were enrolled as of December 9, 2008, and gave a construction report. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joe Harding to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### Special Board Meeting January 8, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in special session at 6:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Joe Harding was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. Representatives of Lee Lewis Construction Inc. made a presentation and were interviewed for Construction Manager at Risk Services for a potential building project.

3. Representatives of Wiley Hicks Jr. Inc. made a presentation and were interviewed for Construction Manager at Risk Services for a potential building project.

4. Representatives of West-

ern Builders made a presentation and were interviewed for Construction Manager at Risk Services for a potential building project.

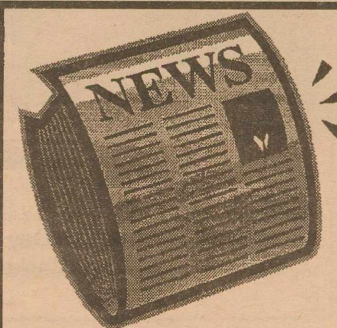
5. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to select Wiley Hicks Jr. Inc. as the Construction Manager at Risk for a potential building project. The motion carried unanimously.

6. There was no Community Input.

7. Mr. Thomas reported that 194 students were enrolled as of January 8, 2009. It was also reported that the resignation of Tracy Cooley was accepted and that Tanya Shafer had been hired as a support staff member. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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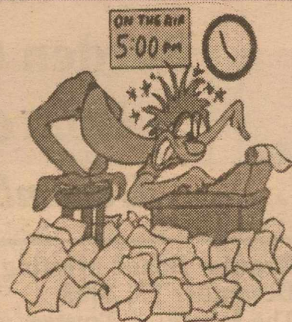
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Borden County Water System is installing equipment to lower the level of ARSENIC to below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) standards.

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For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391

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Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation**

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This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

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# January 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* Denotes District HS Basketball Games January 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Holidays January 25<sup>th</sup> - February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fort Worth Stock Show</p>				<p>Happy New Year!</p>		
				1	2 BB vs. Sundown Here 1:00 gG	3
4	5 Classes Resume - Begin 4 <sup>th</sup> Six Weeks  HS OAP Auditions	6 Cool Clovers Meeting in Conference Room 11:30-12 JH (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> ) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:30-1 BB @ Loraine 5:00 GbB ACT Deadline for Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup> Test HS OAP Auditions	7 HS (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> ) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:35-1:05  HS OAP Auditions	8 JH BB vs. Dawson Here 6:00  HS OAP Auditions  Forsan JV Tourney	9 * BB @ Dawson 4:00 gGbB	10 Andrews UIL Meet (all events)  Forsan JV Tourney
11	12 JH BB @ Loop 6:00  Picture Day - Boys' Basketball	13 * BB vs. Loop Here 4:00 gGbB	14	15 Early Dismissal 12:30  Borden County Jr. Livestock Stock Show	16 HOLIDAY  * BB @ Grady 4:00 gGbB  Borden County Jr. Livestock Stock Show	17 Brownwood UIL Meet (all events)  Borden County Jr. Livestock Stock Show
18	19 JH BB vs. Grady Here 6:00	20 * BB vs. Klondike Here 4:00 gGbB	21	22	23 * BB @ Sands 4:00 gGbB  Snyder Speech & Debate Meet	24 TTU Collegiate 4-H Game Day with Lady Raiders TTU UIL Meet (no speech/debate) or Haskell UIL Meet (no CX) or Hereford Speech & Debate Meet SAT Test (must have registered by Dec. 26) Snyder Speech & Debate Meet
25	26 JH BB vs. Klondike Here 6:00	27 * BB vs. Dawson Here 4:00 gGbB	28	29	30 * BB @ Loop 4:00 gGbB	31 Holiday Speech & Debate Meet