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Cotton  **News**
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After A Rough Start The 2008 Crop Remains Stuck Between A "Rock and a Hard Place"

By Shawn Wade

Next week's USDA Crop Production Report and World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates will begin the process of answering many of the lingering questions the cotton industry has about the 2008 High Plains and U.S. cotton crops.

On the Texas High Plains the "drive-by" opinion on the two million or so acres of cotton still standing, acres which have survived a very difficult first half to the growing season, is that the 2008 crop will fall far short of the record production levels seen the past 3-4 years. Many observers feel the area will have to get a lot of help to even reach the 3 million bale mark.

Understanding that it's still early August it is important to note that the largely intact 2008 High Plains irrigated crop still has an opportunity to improve. It is equally important to note that the situation, especially for non-irrigated acres, could just as easily get worse, which leaves the crop un-

comfortably stuck between the proverbial "rock and a hard place."

Until the first official survey-based production estimate is released August 12 the best available information comes from crop reports from producers, merchants and extension personnel who have been out looking at the crop.

Based on that input, it appears growers in the High Plains region planted approximately 3.2 million acres of cotton this year, matching the region's planted acreage in 2007. Statewide, Texas plantings appear to be right in line with the June USDA Planted Acreage report of 4.7 million acres.

Abandonment has been the big story on the High Plains with an estimated 1.1 million of the region's 3.2

million cotton acres lost thus far. Losses have been primarily from drought related causes, but hail and wind have also been significant contributors, especially in irrigated cotton. Breaking down the losses shows that some 200,000 acres of irrigated cotton have been destroyed along with just over 900,000 dryland acres.

How these figures will compare to the upcoming USDA Crop Production report's acreage levels and survey-based estimate is hard to gauge. With very little actual yield to evaluate at this stage, and so much potential for improvement or decline in the crop, it is clear that the August 12 cotton estimate could be among the toughest forecasts USDA makes this growing season.

School Begins
Monday, August 25th

Drive Safely. Watch out for our playing children.

Drunk Driving Is On The Rise In Texas

HOUSTON-Federal, state and local transportation officials rallied at Texas Southern University Thursday to call attention to the growing problem of drunk driving in Harris County and across the state.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) joined Mothers Against Drunk Driving, local law enforcement and other community leaders to weigh alternatives for combating drunk driving, which is on the rise in Texas.

Texas continues to lead the nation in drunk driving traffic fatalities. During 2006, 1,354 motorists in Texas died in alcohol-impaired crashes where the driver had a blood or breath alcohol concentration of .08 or higher—up 34 deaths from the previous year. Despite improvements during 2006, an average of 17 motorists per month died in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Harris County.

The meeting precedes the national drunk driving crackdown planned for the two weeks leading up to this year's Labor Day holiday.

TxDOT officials announced today that thousands of state troopers and local law

enforcement will be stepping up enforcement of the state's DWI laws between August 15 and September 1. Last year, 3,979 drunk drivers were arrested during the two-week crackdown, up more than 700 arrests from the prior year. Preliminary data indicates 168 people died in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas during August and September last year.

"Our *Drink., Drive. Go to Jail* campaign reminds motorists that if they drink and drive this Labor Day holiday, they will get arrested. Our goal is simple: to prevent alcohol-related crashes, which saves lives and prevents injuries," said Carlos Lopes, TxDOT's director of traffic operations. "Stay out of trouble and don't get behind the wheel if you've been drinking."

Convicted first-time DWI offenders can pay a fine of up to \$2,000, lose their driver's license for as long as a year, and serve 180 days in jail.

Safety officials say other costs associated with a drunk driving arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$10,000 for bail, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes and vehicle insurance increases and other expenses.

Borden County ISD Dress Code 2008-2009

The Borden County School's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Borden County's students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health and safety hazard to themselves or others. Clothing and grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operation is prohibited.

The Borden County School prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that

1. Is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or contains obscene language

2. Advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited by the school

3. Refers to satanic, cult, prison wear or gang activities
The following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate dress:

1. Dresses, skirts, split skirts and shorts should not be shorter than two inches above the knee. A student will lose the privilege of wearing shorts for the school year upon a third offense. Parents will be notified when the second offense occurs. Shorts must be tailored (hemmed with no frayed

edges). No spandex biker shorts or wind shorts are allowed (loose-legged, athletic running shorts) and shorts shall not be too tight.

2. Wearing of oversized or baggy pants and/or jeans is prohibited at school or at any school-sponsored activity on or off campus. No "saggin, baggin, or draggin." Pants must be an appropriate length and not drag the floor. Boys' pants will be worn at the waist and properly fit the waistline. No excessively wide legged pants will be allowed. No trench coats, dusters, jail attire or para-military attire will be allowed. No chains will be allowed on school property or at school sponsored functions.

3. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately with midriff and back covered at all times. (Tops must be long enough that skin does not show when arms are lifted.) Clothing shall be designed, constructed, and worn in a manner that is not suggestive or indecent, and that shall promote proper decorum. The opening on any type of shirt shall not exceed the equivalent of the first button below the collar of a dress shirt.

Tank tops and "see-through chiffon blouses" will not be allowed unless they are worn with a crew neck T-shirt underneath it or a shirt worn over them during all school hours and activities. Tailored shirt shirttails must be tucked in unless you have a crew T-shirt underneath the shirt. (All tailored shirts will be buttoned

and tucked into the pants or skirt when representing Borden County in any extracurricular activity.)

Sleeveless blouses are permissible but must be in good taste. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and must not be exposed at any time.

4. Footwear shall be a part of regular attire. House shoes are not acceptable footwear. No metal cleats or plates on the soles of shoes shall be worn in the building.

5. Hair shall be clean and well groomed at all times while attending school, school functions, and school sponsored activities. It will be styled in a manner that will keep it out of the student's eyes and not obstruct one's vision. No unnatural or bizarre hair colors or haircuts will be permitted. Eyebrows must not be notched or shaved in an unnatural manner. Male students' hair may be worn no longer than the top of the collar. In addition: geometric or unusual patterns will not be allowed to be shaved or cut in the hair, and boys may not wear ponytails, rat-tails, or braids.

Students are to be clean-shaven at all times. Mustaches and beards are not allowed. Sideburns shall not be worn lower than the bottom of the ear lobe and no wider than one inch at the base.

6. Boys will not wear piercing jewelry. Girls may not wear exposed piercing jewelry other than earrings. No tongue piercing will be allowed for boys or girls.

7. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours or events inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor.

8. Students may not wear hats, caps, bandanas, or hoods inside the building during the school day unless approved by the school administration. In addition, they may not wear such headwear when participating in basketball games, whether actively participating or sitting on the bench.

9. Any clothing or grooming not listed above that is determined by the school administration to pose a disruption, interference, or safety

concern to the normal school operation or Borden County School Community will be prohibited and addressed as appropriate.

A student who violates the dress code shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in school suspension either for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeat offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in

charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity (for example: cheerleader uniforms may vary from normal requirements according to principal/sponsor approval). Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the school administration or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Violations of the Borden County Dress Code may be handled through the Student Code of Conduct.

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		

Coaches: Trey Richey, Peter Benavidez and Fernando Baeza

Borden County Football Junior High 2008 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
#2	Sept. 11	Thursday	Wellman-Union	Here	5:30
#3	Sept. 18	Thursday	Rule	There	5:30
#4	Sept. 25	Thursday	Klondike	There	5:30
#5	Oct. 2	Thursday	Sterling City	Here	5:30
*#6	Oct. 9	Thursday	Buena Vista	There	5:30
*#7	Oct. 16	Thursday	Grandfalls-Royalty	Here	5:30
*#8	Oct. 23	Thursday	Sands	There	5:30
*#9	Oct. 30	Thursday	Westbrook	Here	5:30
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Borden County Elementary Supply Lists 2008 - 2009

Kindergarten: Elmer's school glue (not paste), 2-Glue sticks, 2-boxes of 16 crayons, Scissors (Fiskars for kids), 4-#2 pencils, 2-Folders (with pockets), Big eraser, Supply box (cigar box size), Towel for nap time, Baby wipes/wet wipes (2 boxes), 1 box-Kleenex, Gym shoes.



First Grade: 2-Boxes of 16 crayons, 5-#2 pencils, Supply box, Scissors (Fiskars for kids), 2 medium-sized bottles-Elmer's school glue, 2-Glue sticks, 1-One-subject spiral notebook (wide-ruled), large box of baby wipes, 2 Boxes-Kleenex, Gym shoes.

Second Grade: 12-#2 pencils, 2-Red grading pencils (no pens), Crayons, Colored pencils, 1 bottle-Elmer's school glue, 2-Glue sticks, Notebook paper (wide-ruled), Scissors, Eraser, Ruler, Small supply box, 1-Red pocket folder (no brads), 2 boxes-Kleenex, Gym shoes.

Third Grade: 1-Wide-ruled spiral notebook, 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 4-Red pens, 1 bottle-Elmer's school glue, 2-Glue sticks, 1-Pocket folder, 24-#2 pencils, Large supply box, Crayons, Colored pencils, Scissors, 1 box-

Kleenex, 1 box-Baby Wipes, Gym shoes.

Fourth Grade: Crayons, 1 box-#2 pencils, 3-Red grading pens, 3-Pocket folders (no brads), Notebook paper (wide-ruled), 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 2-Glue sticks, 1-Eraser, Scissors, 1 bottle-Elmer's school glue, 1 pkg.-3x5 lined index cards, 2 boxes-Kleenex, 1 Large, inexpensive box-Baby wipes, Gym shoes.

Fifth Grade: 1-1 inch 3-ring notebook, 1-pocket folder of choice, 6-folders with pockets and brads (6 colors-red, blue, green, yellow, orange, purple), 2-composition books, 1-spiral notebook (wide-ruled), 1-pkg. colored copy paper, 1 box-#2 pencils (may be mechanical), 2pkgs. Wide ruled notebook paper, 2 erasers, 4 red grading pens, 1 black sharpie (twin tip), 2-Large glue sticks, 1-8oz. bottle of Elmer's school glue, 1 box-24 crayons, 1 box 36 colored pencils, 1 box-10 Crayola markers (Classic Colors-broad tip), 1-ruler (with both inches and centimeters), 1 pair of 7 inch Scissors, 1 pkg.-Highlighters (5 colors-green, blue, yellow, orange & pink), 2 large boxes-Kleenex, 1-School box, 1 container hand soap, 1 pkg. 3x5 note cards (for science).

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LEGAL NOTICE

Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 9:30 a.m., August 26, 2008 for the purchase of a new truck for use in the Borden County, Precinct 1. Bids will be opened and considered in the Borden County Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the County Judge, 806/756-4391 or Commissioner, Monte Smith, 432/556-6503.

Borden County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

Borden County Secondary Supply Lists 2008 - 2009

Mr. Ard-English (7th & 8th), Speech (9th), Theatre Arts, Independent Study in Speech

English Classes:

2" 3-Ring notebook with inside pockets-(A heavy duty, plain white one with clear vinyl covering is preferred)-Must be 2" wide, 6 tabbed dividers, loose-leaf notebook paper (wide or college-ruled), black ink pens, blue ink pens, red ink pens (extra ones needed during the year), pencils, highlighters-2 different colors

Speech & Theatre Arts Classes:

1" 3-Ring Binder with inside pockets-(A heavy duty, plain white one with clear vinyl covering is preferred), 5 Tabbed Notebook Dividers, Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper (wide or college-ruled), Black/Blue/Red Ink Pens, Highlighters-2 different colors

Mr. Baeza-Social Studies (8th), U.S. History (9th), World History (10th)

Notebook paper, pens, 1 1/2 inch notebook, red pens

Mr. Benavidez-Spanish I, Spanish II & Spanish III

1 1/2 Notebook, dividers, notebook paper, red pens, plenty of 3x5 notecards

Mrs. Herridge-English I, English II, English III, English IV, Science (6th)

English Classes:

1 1/2" 3-Ring Notebook, dividers, composition book, blue or black pens, red pens, loose-leaf notebook paper, 3x5 Index cards

Science Class (6th):

Spiral notebook, 3x5 index cards, folder with pockets, ruler (Metric & Standard), black Sharpie marker, 1 1/2" 3-ring notebook

Mrs. Key-Math(7th), Math (8th), Algebra I, Geometry, Technology Applications (7th)

Notebook, spiral notebook, folder, 1" Notebook, plenty of pencils, red pens

Mr. Lewis-Science (7th & 8th), Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Notebook or pocket folder, pens, CHEMISTRY: Inexpensive calculator

Mr. Marshall-Band (6th - 12th)

Good attitude and a willingness to work

Ms. Mayes-Language arts

(6th), Reading (6th), Social Studies (6th), World Geography (11th)

1" 3-ring notebook (no zippers or flaps), dividers, map pencils, black or blue ink pens, pencils, red pens

Mr. McCook-Social Studies (7th), Health (9th), World Geography (11th), Government/Economics (12th)

Spiral notebook, pens, world geography: map pencils, additional supplies will be addressed first day of class

Mrs. Phillips-Algebra II, Pre-Calculus

Notebook, paper, spiral notebook, dividers, plenty of pencils, red pens

Mrs. Poole-Keyboarding (7th), Keyboarding/Recordkeeping (9th), Word Processing Application, BCIS I, BCIS II

Notebook paper, black/blue/red pens

Mr. Richey-Math (8th), Algebra I, Geometry

Notebook paper, spiral

notebook, dividers (5 or 6), pencils, red pens (no other colors needed), highlighter, dry erase marker (2 or 3), compass, protractor, 7th & 8th Grades: inexpensive calculator

Mrs. Soto-Reading (7th & 8th)

1.5-2 inch hard cover 3 ring notebook, 8 dividers, notebook paper, 300 note cards, black or blue pens, red pens, 3 holed pen pouch (dedicated to reading only), composition book-like the black and white covered ones, NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, smiling face-good attitude!

Mr. Wallace-Agriculture Science (8th-12th)

8th Grade: 3-ring notebook, 9 dividers with labels, pens, pencils, notebook paper.

9th-12th Grades: 9 dividers with labels, pens, pencils, notebook paper



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Heart and Home ...

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Get Some Motivation From the Olympics

This month, athletes from all over the globe are gathering to compete in the Olympics. Despite differences in culture and language, there is one thing that every country loves...food!

This month, as you are following the triumphs of your favorite athletes, why not try some foods from their native countries? A fun way to to this is with fruits from around the world. Below are some ideas:

*Southeast Asia - The starfruit is originally from southeast Asia and Maysia. It's name comes from the star shapes that are formed when the fruit is sliced.

*China - Kiwis originated in China. They are also called Chinese Gooseberries. To eat a kiwi, simply cut it in half and scoop out the green flesh with a spoon. The seeds are edible, too. You can also peel and slice this little fruit to add to fruit salad.

*India - The national fruit of India is the mango. There are many types of mangoes, and many are used for chutneys and sauces.

*Caribbean - Plantains are a staple in Caribbean food. They resemble bananas, but are longer and have thicker skins. A popular way of serving them is as tostones.

*South America - Cherimoyas look like pine cones and have a white flesh with black seeds. They have a creamy texture when eaten.

For more information on

these and other fruits, visit Fruits and Veggies More Matter Web site at <http://www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov>.

8 Weightless Winning Ways with Summer Fare

Healthful outdoor entertaining with easy-do ideas:

1. *Thirst Quencher:* Stay hydrated with plenty of water. Add lemon, lime or cucumber slices for a super refresh.

2. *Go Green:* Serve summer's bounty of leafy greens and veggies with low-fat or fat-free dressings.

3. *Smoky Veggies:* Grill corn, tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant and more for great flavor with little fat.

4. *Flavor Up:* Dry rubs or marinades boost flavor in meats and veggies and keep the fat low.

5. *Dog Days:* Turkey and chicken hot dogs are not always low in fat. Compare nutrition labels for healthiest options.

6. *Best Buns:* Buy whole wheat or whole grain buns or wrap burgers and dogs in whole wheat tortillas.

7. *Fresh & Fruity:* Mix grated fresh gingerroot with a bit of sugar and fruit chunks for a flavorful low-cal finale.

8. *On the Rocks:* Heap a glass full of ice, then add your beverage to cut beverage calories in half.

Source: *Eat Better America* (<http://www.eatbetteramerica.com>)

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Borden County 4-H News

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4-H Community Service Opportunity

4-H'ers are requested to please contact the Extension Office to sign up for your turn to care for the container gardens around town. You may sign up for a whole week or vary your times throughout the summer.

Join the Borden County Booster Club

And get in on the action and school spirit!

The booster club will kick off the new school year with officer elections on Wednesday, August 27th at 8:00 a.m. This will be the 1st meeting of the year, so please make plans to attend and bring your school spirit and fresh ideas.

** If you have questions about joining the booster club or helping with any activities contact Tammy Simmons at 806/200-0168 or Kerri Benavidez at 806/756-4320. **

MEET THE COYOTES!

Borden County Booster Club is kicking off the 2008 - 2009 school year.

Come join us as we welcome all of our new teachers, coaches and students and kick off another Coyotes season!!!

CHECK OUT ALL THE COYOTES GEAR AVAILABLE THIS YEAR AND ORDER YOURS BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS!



When: Saturday, Aug. 16th, 2008 after the football scrimmage

Where: On the practice field behind the tennis courts

What to Bring: Lawn chairs and your Coyote spirit

THERE WILL BE HOMEMADE ICE CREAM AND BROWNIES

If you are interested in helping with this event or other Booster Club activities, please contact Tammy Simmons at 806/200-0168 or Kerri Benavidez at 806/756-4320.

Tax Holiday To Be August 15-17

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 15, 16 & 17-the state's annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

The law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. A backpack us a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags. The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

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Agriculture News
by Cody G. Hill
Borden County Extension Agent -
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Underwood Participates at State Shoot in San Antonio

Borden County Senior 4-H Member Raylea Underwood recently traveled to San Antonio to participate in the State 4-H Shooting Sports games.

Raylea participated in five disciplines at the state shoot which included sporting clays, American Trap, American Skeet, International Trap and International Skeet.

Raylea won High Over-All in the Sr. 1 competition - Ladies Division. She placed 1st in the ladies division of American Trap with a score of 97 out of 100; placed 2nd in the ladies division of American Skeet with a score of 94 out of 100; placed 2nd in the ladies division of International Trap with a score of 44 out of 50 and placed 1st in the ladies division of International Skeet with a score of 32 out of 50.

Raylea had a great time at the state shoot considering that she had to shoot in the rain, in ankle deep water and once had to seek shelter when a tornado was spotted nearby. But as you can see from the above results, it did not affect her shooting ability! Congratulations Raylea!! Your hard work and dedication has made you a champion shooter!

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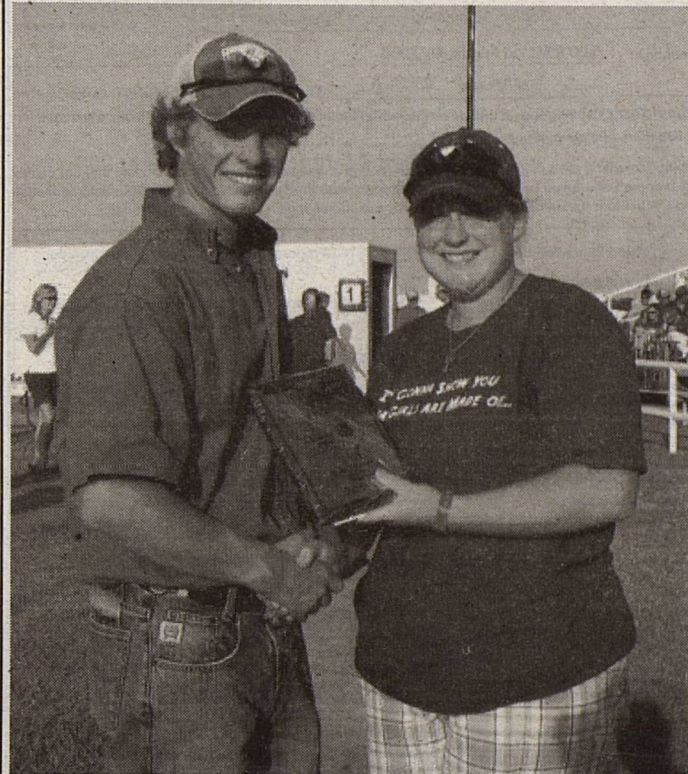


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Underwood Receives Award



Luke Sammons, a Texas 4-H Ambassador presents Raylea Underwood, who recently competed in the State 4-H Shooting Sports games with the award for the High Overall Ladies Sr. I Division. Raylea is a Borden County sophomore and the daughter of RayDon and Jana Underwood of Gail.

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Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who sent flowers or cards, brought food, paper goods, school supplies, donated money and those of you who stopped by or called to check on us. There has been so much love and support shown to us by the people of this community. Thanks to all of you who continue to have us in your thoughts and prayers. I am taking this one day at a time.

Thank you again!

Arica, Robert, Kimber, Matt & Nick



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Thank You

We would like to thank all of the people and organizations that helped fight our grassfire on Sunday, August 10. It is so reassuring to know that so many people will come and help in this community at the drop of a hat. Once again, we appreciate all of you and your thoughtfulness.

Craig Hubbard
Clayton Hubbard
John and Kevva Anderson



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Borden County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M., on August 26, 2008 in the School Cafeteria Gail, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04000	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.00000	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.00000	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	4.91000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	4.91000	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 890,814,242.00	\$ 1,014,597,864.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 311,200.00	\$ 127,859,528.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 685,746,203.00	\$ 836,901,172.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 311,200.00	\$ 127,859,528.00

* Appraised value* is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** New property** is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** Taxable value*** is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.03360	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.03360	\$ 16,971.00	\$ 8,881.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.00339	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.00339	\$ 18,231.00	\$ 7,327.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.04000	\$ 19,716.00	\$ 7,327.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 24,092.00	\$ 27,663.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 7,760.00	\$ 10,229.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.03362	\$ 1.04
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 80.21	\$ 106.38
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 26.17

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is . This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of .

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 11,751,723.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$



Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 8th day of July, 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 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 meetings of June 24, 2008 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER HEARING
Commissioner Belew made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for the Borden county Water System for July 22, 2008 at 9:15 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICES RE-

PORT
After examination of the County Offices Reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the submitted County Offices Reports. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIVISION ORDER
After consideration of the Division Order for the Permanent School Fund, Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Division Order from Roff Operating Company and authorize Judge Van L York to sign order. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TRAFFIC REGULATION PUBLIC HEARING
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing on Traffic Regulations for Certain County Roads at 9:00 a.m. July 22, 2008. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

CENTRAL COUNT ELECTION OFFICIALS
A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to appoint Jana Underwood as the Central Count Manager and Judge and to appoint Sharlot Stone as the Central Count Tabulating Supervisor and Alternate Judge. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ELECTION OFFICIALS
Commissioner Adcock

made a motion to appoint election Judges and Alternate Judges as shown on the following order. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

2009 BUDGET
A work session for the Precinct Budget was held. **ACCOUNTS ALLOWED**
The current accounts were examined. 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 Reyes to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 22nd day of July, 2008.

Got News??
Mail it to:
P.O. Box 137
Gail, TX 79738
806/756-4313
ext. 275
email:
kdean@bcisd.net

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BUS BID/QUOTE REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids/quotes for school buses.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "BUS BID" or sent via e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, August 22, 2008. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated researched, and presented to the board of trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net or by calling (office 806-756-4313) (cell 806-759-5467) (fax 806-756-4310)

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Mike Valentine, Secretary

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Enjoying Summer Is All In The Attitude

Summer is the fun season. It's when you relax a little. You continue working, but it's not as serious as it might be during cold weather seasons. It's warm. You think about swimming and ice cream and watermelon. You seek shade and a cool breeze. You drink lemonade from a tall glass with bubbles of condensation on the outside. You think about Hawaii.

This summer has been fabulous for us. We've done all the right things to get the most out of the season. We traveled to the west coast and drove among the tall redwoods. We spent some time in Jefferson, Texas, one of the most unique cities in the state. We rode bicycles in the Davis Mountains. We went to Albany with friends and saw Fandangle, the state's oldest outdoor drama. The calliope concert before the play was amazing. We ate watermelon, went swimming and saw fireworks on July 4th.

Travel is one of my favorite things to do. So is sitting on our deck and having morning coffee while listening to the birds. Our deck overlooks a canyon and we get all sorts of critters that are fun to watch.

We bought some new outdoor furniture in the middle of the season and that has made such a difference. Now we spend more time outdoors, sometimes having all three meals out there. Just being outdoors brings a certain calm to the soul. It makes you appreciate the down time, no matter how short it is.

I've gone barefooted more this summer than I have in years. Maybe it's because we put in a new driveway and it's extremely smooth and easy on the feet. It is casual around here. I put on some kind of slip on shoe when I need to and only wear socks when I'm taking a long walk or going to some dress up occasion. Not that I spend all of my time at home. I just want

to make the most of that time. The summer attitude kicked in early May, just about the time school is winding down. I was fulltime at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin this past school year and was over there three days a week. That cuts into the time I spend writing columns, producing radio programs, creating commercials, doing interviews and making speeches. I was ready for a break.

How do you get the proper attitude to enjoy summer? I think you have to earn it. I'm the type person that thinks the work has to get done before the play starts. I'll work my tail off to get a project finished so I can relax for a day or so. When we travel, I work ahead to make sure everything is done so we can leave with a clear conscience.

Sure it's fun to travel, to sit on a deck with your favorite beverage and look at beautiful scenery. I can do that on a cruise ship, in a foreign city or at home. But to get the most out of it, you have to think you deserve it. I've always said you can work and still have time to relax and see the world. It just takes a little planning and organizing.



**THANK
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COUNTY OF BORDEN STATE OF TEXAS

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing to conduct a Public Hearing on August 26, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Court Room to consider the Wind Tex Energy, LP application to designate certain property located in Borden County as a reinvestment zone eligible for property tax abatement under chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

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

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

NOTICE: Texas Local Government Code

Sec. 152.013. PROCEDURE FOR SETTING AMOUNTS FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

- (c) Each year the commissioners court shall set the salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected county or precinct officers. The commissioners court shall set the items at a regular meeting of the court during the regular budget hearing and adoption proceedings.
- (d) Before the 10th day before the date of the meeting, the commissioners court must publish in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of:
- (1) any salaries, expenses, or allowances that are proposed to be increased;
 - (2) the amount of the proposed increase.

2008 PROPOSED 10% ANNUAL COST OF LIVING INCREASE

OFFICE	2009 PROPOSED		AMOUNT	2009
	ANNUAL PROPOSED SALARY	INCREASE		
COUNTY JUDGE	\$32,428 (+ \$15,000 STATE SUPPLEMENT)	\$2,948	\$3,000	\$1,200
COMMISSIONER, PRT#1	\$24,377	\$2,216	\$3,645	\$250
COMMISSIONER, PRT#2	\$24,377	\$2,216	\$3,645	\$250
COMMISSIONER, PRT#3	\$24,377	\$2,216	\$3,645	\$250
COMMISSIONER, PRT#4	\$24,377	\$2,216	\$3,645	\$250
SHERIFF	\$36,560	\$3,324	\$4,500	\$1,500
COUNTY TREASURER	\$33,650	\$3,062	\$3,000	\$0
DIST/COUNTY CLERK	\$33,650	\$3,062	\$3,100	\$600
JUSTICE OF PEACE	\$10,048	\$ 913	\$800	\$0

COUNTY OF BORDEN STATE OF TEXAS

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for Borden County for 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas.

A summary of the proposed Borden County budget is as follows:

Jury Fund - \$1,600
General Fund - \$1,275,079
Road & Bridge Fund - \$798,400
Permanent Improvement Fund - \$70,000

Any interested person is invited to attend and present oral or written comments. The proposed budget may be examined at the office of the County Clerk or the County Judge.

The proposed tax rate for 2008 is .22397 per \$100.00 valuation. Last years tax rate was .26784 per \$100.00 valuation.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

No. 380

Estate of IN THE PROBATE COURT
Patsy Ollen Underwood, OF
Deceased BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS
AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PATSY OLLEN UNDERWOOD**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration with Will Annexed for the Estate of Patsy Ollen Underwood, were issued on July 10, 2008, in Cause No. 380, pending in the County Court of Borden County Texas, to Patsy Eileen Kleck.

The residence address of such Administratrix is:

Ms. Patsy Eileen Kleck
724 North Oak
Gail, TX 79738,

and she receives her mail at:

Ms. Patsy Eileen Kleck
P. O. Box 35
Gail, TX 79738.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to be presented within the time and the manner prescribed by law to the Administratrix:

Ms. Patsy Eileen Kleck
P. O. Box 35
Gail, TX 79738.

SIGNED this 24th day of July, 2008.

Patsy Eileen Kleck
Patsy Eileen Kleck
Independent Administratrix

BORDEN COUNTY ISD
HOUSE BID REQUEST

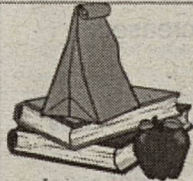
The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids to sell a school house and have it removed from the school campus. The party receiving the bid will be required to remove the house from school property no later than 60 days after the bid is accepted by the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District. All bids will be considered.

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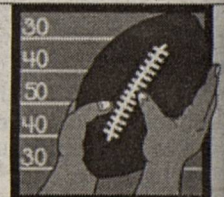
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By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Mike Valentine, Secretary



August 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 District 4-H Officer Training, 9:30 - 12:30 at TTU	2 Physicals (7 th - 12 th) - Depart Gail 8:00 a.m.
3	4 Two-A-Days start 4:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 CPR/First Aide Workshop	12 Registration: A.M. 9-12 Seniors P.M. 1-5 Juniors FFA Lone Wolf District Officer Meeting @ Snyder	13 Registration: A.M. 9-12 Sophomores P.M. 1-5 Freshmen	14 Registration: A.M. 9-12 - 8 th , 7 th , 6 th P.M. 1-5 - Late Registration	15	16 HS Football Scrimmage vs. Ropes/O'Donnell Here TBA
17	18	19 Staff Development	20 Staff Development	21 Staff Development HS Football Scrimmage @ Klondike 6 p.m.	22 Work Day	23
24	25 First Day of School Issue Books No schedule changes	26 Teacher request for textbooks due to Principal	27	28 JV Football vs. New Home There 6:30	29 Staff return paperwork to Superintendent's office	30 Varsity Football vs. New Home @ Trent 10:00
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