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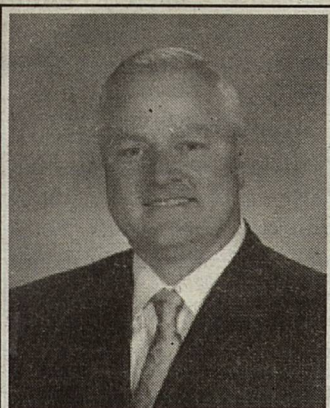
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August 20th, 2008

## 2008-2009 School Year to Begin on August 25th

*Dear Students, Parents and Borden  
County School Community:*



Supt. Jimmy Thomas

The 2008-2009 school year will begin on Monday, August 25. The official school day will begin at 8:05 a.m. and conclude at 3:33 p.m. each day.

New employees for the 2008-2009 school year are as follows: Mrs. Ericka Dowds-foodservices, Mrs. Kari Griffin-teacher, Mr. Colt McCook-teacher/coach, and Mrs. Shela Tucker-teacher.

High School students in the eleventh and twelfth grades will continue to have the opportunity to earn college courses if they qualify according to state guidelines and testing criteria. Academic excel-

lence will continue to be a top priority for the Borden County Independent School District during the 2008-2009 school year. All Borden County students will continue to receive free meals during the 2008-2009 school year.

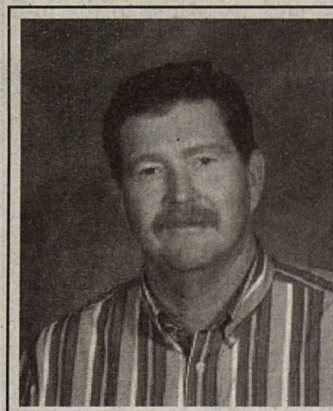
We would encourage you to help promote enrollment for the Borden County School District. During the 2008-2009 school year it is expected that we will send the State in excess of \$5,165,394 in recapture. The primary thing we need to think about when discussing school finance is that our school district cannot survive without a healthy student enrollment. Efforts by the Borden County School Community to encourage parents with school-age children to reside and attend school in Borden County will be sincerely appreciated.

Our desire for the upcoming school year is for every child of the Borden County School to have a successful educational and social experience. Your support and involvement is needed and appreciated. We would like to commend our community and staff for their dedication and

support in providing an outstanding educational opportunity for our students. We encourage your continued involvement in your child's educational experience. Please contact your child's teachers or the school administration if your child is having problems in classes or extracurricular activities. Your involvement and intervention is the best way to prevent problems relating to your child's educational success and positive school experience. Please feel free to call the following numbers as needed: central office 806-756-4313, principal's office 806-756-4315.

Sincerely,  
Jimmy Thomas

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Buddy Wallace

(Austin) The Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas (VATAT) recognized more than 200 deserving teachers and supporters of agricultural

### COYOTE OPRY

Saturday, September 20th  
Borden County Show Barn  
Fish Fry starting at 5:00 p.m.  
Music starting at 6:00 p.m.

Music from local and area talent,  
pastry, auction, raffles.

Free family entertainment!

All proceeds go to the Borden County  
Junior Livestock Association

## Local Teacher Recognized For Commitment to Agricultural Science

science during the VATAT Professional Development Conference for Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Cluster, July 28-August 1, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Borden High School Vo-Ag teacher, Buddy Wallace, was a recipient. Wallace, the 2008-2009 VATAT President, also was honored for his twenty-five years as a member of VATAT and teacher in Texas's public schools. All twenty-five years have been at Borden County.

"The VATAT is proud to recognize the achievements of our members and the dedication of our supporters," said Gerald Young, executive director of the VATAT.



## Borden County ISD Board Meeting July 21, 2008

### Regular Board Meeting July 21, 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, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Dennis Poole arrived at 7:35 P.M. Randy Hensley was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present.

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

2. There was no community input.

3. The Board met with Judge Van York to discuss an Interlocal Agreement between Borden County and the Borden County Independent School District. No action was taken.

4. The paving bid submitted by Price Construction of Big Spring, Texas was reviewed. Mr. Paul Chevalier of Price Construction was present to answer questions pertaining to the bid. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the bid as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the June 16, 2008 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

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

7. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the recommendations submitted by the Bi-County Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors pertaining to the salary of Florence Schooler and increasing the sick leave for the Bi-County employees for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by

Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the Borden County I.S.D. salary schedule and employee salaries as presented by Mr. Thomas for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve free meals for school children and employees for the 2008-2009 school year and to charge visitors \$2.80 for lunch and \$1.68 for breakfast. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the bid submitted by United Fuel for propane and to approve the bid submitted by Lamesa Butane for diesel and gasoline for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joe Harding to solicit bids and/or quotes for the purchase of one or two activity buses. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to set the July 2008 meeting time and date for 7:00 P.M. on July 18, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to add, revise, and delete policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 83 and to adopt revised DEA and CCG Local Policies. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the 2007-2008 Borden County ISD Budget Amendments as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Dennis Poole to continue

the senior trip and to provide additional help for the senior sponsors during their junior and senior sponsorships.

The motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve a change order with Hindman Ready Built Homes to add ceramic tile and crown molding to the house bid approved on June 16, 2008 at a cost of \$3,240 per home. The motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve a resolution to join the Region 4 ESC Cooperative Purchasing Network as a means to save money on school supplies. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date report on current construction projects, a year to date financial report and discussed the appraisal values for the 2008-2009 school year. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

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

### Special Board Meeting August 4, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in special session at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Borden County Independent School District. 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. Mr. Paul Trautman gave a presentation on a thorough facility study that he conducted for the Borden County Independent School District as contracted with the Texas Association of School Administrators.

4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the 2008 proposed tax rate of \$1.04 for the Borden County I.S.D. Maintenance and Operations rate. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to set the meeting date and time for the Borden County I.S.D. budget hearing on August 26, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the school cafeteria and on August 26, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the board room for the regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the 2008-2009 teacher appraisal calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the 2008-2009 Student Code of Conduct as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to solicit bids for the sale and removal of a school house from the Borden County I.S.D. premises. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Mr. Thomas reported that Raylea Underwood, Brendan Tarleton, Jake Cooley, Michael Cooley, Kate Wallace and Shylo Rinehart served as student workers during the first portion of the summer and that Michael Froman and Garrett Thomas were scheduled to serve as student workers beginning on August 5, 2008. A construction report was given, and a tentative student enrollment report was given. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Dennis Poole to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## School Lunch Menu Aug. 25 - 29, 2008

**Monday** - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk.  
Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Pineapple and Milk.

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken, Green Peas, Potatoes, Roll, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish, Black-eyed Peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Rosie Applesauce and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Oatmeal, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Salad Cup, Chocolate Chip Cookie and Milk.

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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

Head Coach: Trey Richey

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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).

## Borden County Secondary Supply Lists 2008 - 2009

**Mr. Ard-English (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>), Speech (9<sup>th</sup>), 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 (8<sup>th</sup>), U.S. History (9<sup>th</sup>), World History (10<sup>th</sup>)**

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 (6<sup>th</sup>)**

**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 (6<sup>th</sup>):**

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

**Mrs. Key-Math(7<sup>th</sup>), Math (8<sup>th</sup>), Algebra I, Geometry, Technology Applications (7<sup>th</sup>)**

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

**Mr. Lewis-Science (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>), Biology, Chemistry, Physics**

Notebook or pocket folder, pens, CHEMISTRY: Inexpensive calculator

**Mr. Marshall-Band (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)**

Good attitude and a willingness to work

**Ms. Mayes-Language arts**

(6<sup>th</sup>), Reading (6<sup>th</sup>), Social Studies (6<sup>th</sup>), World Geography (11<sup>th</sup>)

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

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

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 (7<sup>th</sup>), Keyboarding/Recordingkeeping (9<sup>th</sup>), Word Processing Application, BCIS I, BCIS II**

Notebook paper, black/blue/red pens

**Mr. Richey-Math (8<sup>th</sup>), 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, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades: inexpensive calculator

**Mrs. Soto-Reading (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)**

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 (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade:  
3-ring notebook, 9 dividers with labels, pens, pencils, notebook paper

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades:  
9 dividers with labels, pens, pencils, notebook paper

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LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTY OF BORDEN )

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



## COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

starting **Sept. 1, 2008,**  
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by Julie Smith  
 Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences



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## Choosing the Correct Backpack for Your Child

It's that time of year again—back-to-school time! Many parents and children prepare for that first day of school by doing some back-to-school shopping, which often involves buying new clothing, pens, pencils, paper, markers, etc. However, backpacks are one of the biggest necessities for both college-aged and younger students, and it's important to choose wisely.

There are so many backpacks to choose from, and choosing the right one for your child is not always easy. Backpacks come in all sizes, colors, fabrics, and shapes—all of which help kids express their own sense of style. As practical as backpacks are for those who use them, backpacks can cause strained muscles and joints and back pain when worn incorrectly.



The human spine is made up of 33 bones called vertebrae, and between the vertebrae are discs that act as shock absorbers. When something heavy—such as a backpack filled with books—is incorrectly placed on your child's shoulders, the force of that extra weight can pull your child backwards. To compensate, your child may bend forward at the hips or arch his or her back, which can cause your child's spine to compress unnaturally. Because of the heavy weight he or she is carrying, your child might begin to develop shoulder, neck, and back pain. What can we do about this? The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that before you purchase a backpack, look for the following five criteria:

- Choose a **lightweight**

**backpack** that doesn't add a lot of weight to your child's load. For example, although leather backpacks look cool, they weigh more than traditional canvas backpacks.

- Choose a backpack with **two wide, padded shoulder straps**. Straps that are too narrow can dig into shoulders.

- Choose a backpack that has a **padded back**, which provides increased comfort and protects the wearer from being poked by sharp edges (such as pencils, rulers, notebooks, etc.) inside the backpack.

- Choose a backpack that has a **waist belt**, which helps distribute the weight more evenly across the body.

- Choose a backpack that has **multiple compartments**, which also helps distribute weight more evenly.

Although most backpacks come with two shoulder straps, this doesn't mean that your kids will use both straps! Many kids wear their backpacks over just one shoulder, which is the wrong thing to do. This makes the person lean to one side to offset the extra weight, and they might develop lower and upper back pain and strain their shoulders and neck.

Wearing the backpack incorrectly can also lead to poor posture. So, make sure your children wear the backpack using **both** straps. It's also a good idea to tighten the straps enough for the backpack to fit close to the body, and it should sit 2 inches above the waist.

Girls and younger children may be especially at risk for backpack-related injuries because they're smaller and may carry loads that are heavier in proportion to their body weight. Doctors recommend that people—especially children—carry backpacks that are no more than 10–15 percent of their body weight. For example, if a child weighs 80 pounds, 15 percent of his or her body weight is 12 pounds. So, for an 80 pound child, the backpack and its contents should not weigh more than 12 pounds—but remember, lighter is always better.

### Lifting and Positioning Backpacks

Children also need to know how to lift and position their backpack. Improper lifting can cause damage. Teach your children these four simple steps to safely lift their backpacks:

1. Face the backpack before you lift it.
2. Bend at the knees.
3. Using both hands, check the weight of the backpack.
4. Lift with your legs, not your back.
5. Carefully put one shoulder strap on at a time; never sling the backpack onto one shoulder.

### Another Option

Another option to consider when purchasing backpacks is to look for a backpack on wheels. However, these types of backpacks may be less practical than traditional backpacks because they're difficult to pull up stairs. If you're thinking about purchasing a rolling backpack for your child, contact the child's school first to be sure that they are allowed. Many schools don't allow rolling backpacks because they pose a tripping hazard in the hallways.

By following these guidelines, your child will start off this school year with a healthy back!

For more information contact your local county Extension agent.

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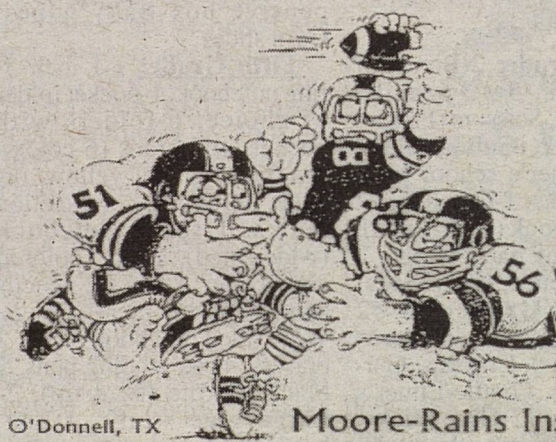


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## 4-H Booster Club

4-H is an exciting and fun family organization that helps and encourages youth to become involved in activities that build leadership skills. Borden County 4-H is starting a Booster Club to assist in planning, implementing and supporting all project areas in 4-H. There will be a 4-H Booster Club meeting held on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room, located behind the Courthouse in Gail. Anyone excited about helping youth are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the Borden County Extension Office at (806) 756-4336.

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## 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 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. \*\*





Agriculture News  
by Cody G. Hill  
Borden County Extension Agent -  
Agriculture

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## Cotton Market Comments

### World Production, Use and Stocks Estimated Lower for the Next Year

By Carl G. Anderson  
Professor Emeritus

World cotton forecasts for this season show lower supplies, use, and ending stocks than last season. World ending stocks have decreased to only 41% of use. This is down from 49% last year. Foreign stocks, Chinese stocks, export nations, and U.S. stocks have decreased substantially from a year ago.

The "A" Index has gradually increased for the last 12 months to almost 80 cents and is expected to average about 10 cents more than the 74 cents for the last season.

The U.S. crop was lowered slightly, exports were increased for this crop, and ending stocks were decreased, compared to the July report. At the beginning of the season, crop size and exports are subject to considerable adjustments as the crop season matures.

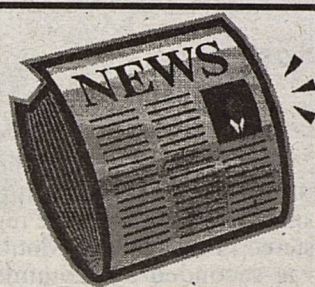
The Texas upland cotton crop was placed at 5.2 million bales, 3.0 million less than last year's 8.25 million. Harvested acres at 3.4 million is 1.3 million less than planted. That is, 28% of the Texas acreage is abandoned. Yield per harvested acre at 734 lbs. is more than 100 lbs. less than last year. Yields are below average for the Rio Grande Valley, Coastal Bend, and Blackland areas.

Cotton across the High Plains and Rolling Plains is still young and needs another two months of favorable growing weather. There are nearly 2 million acres of irrigated cotton in this region that has good potential. However, the Texas crop remains vulnerable to dry weather and lower temperatures in September and October.

Fewer acres and reduced yields are the main reasons for a 28% estimated drop in U.S. production from last season for the smallest crop since 12.2 million bales in 1989. The result is the expectation of dropping the surplus of over a 10 million bale carryover from last season to less than 5 million by the end of the 2009 crop year.

A smaller excess supply a year from now sets the stage for limited cotton stocks in 2009/10. December '09 futures price will have to rally well above 85 cents per pound to encourage more acreage, unless grain prices decrease substantially. However, the current glut in cotton stocks will hold December '08 futures to an estimated 65 to 75 cent range because of weak export demand.

The demand for textile goods has been reduced due to higher fuel, food cost, and gen-



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eral inflation in the U.S. Also, the generally weak economies in many foreign developed and developing countries contribute greatly to the decreased buying of cotton goods.

The price of cotton is gaining support from reduced world production that more than offsets a slow down in mill use. The world price has already increased. World ending stocks-to-use is now projected to decrease to 41% by end of the season. That would be the lowest stocks/use since 1994/95 when the "A" Index averaged 91 cents for the season.

The cotton futures market has returned to responding somewhat to the fundamentals of supply and demand. However, the price and basis (difference between futures and cash markets) remain very volatile and unpredictable. The cotton marketing system that worked reasonably well in the past does not exist at this time.

Price discovery and price risk management are not reliable enough to effectively plan ahead. Hedging cash price is not reasonably reliable. The net effect is lower prices for producers because of increased marketing costs.

The income and price "safety net" provided in the 2008 Food, Conservation and Energy act did not take into consideration that production costs have soared to new levels. Thus, with forward pricing also more expensive, preparing a net cash flow for 2009 will not be easy for agricultural lenders and producers.

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## Sniffing Out Danger in a War-Torn Land



Corporal Adam Carter (left), a 2005 BHS graduate, remains stationed in Iraq. But, he's not alone.

He eats, sleeps, and works with Rex, his canine companion in the War Against Terror.

Carter, a canine detective, and Rex the German Shepherd share duties in sniffing out roadside bombs and other explosive devices that have taken their toll on U.S. troops.

Carter, the son of Denise Carter and grandson of Bill and LaJean Shaw of Gail, can be written to at the following address using a regular first-class postage stamp.

Cpl. David Adam Carter

2nd MP BN K-9 DET

Unit 73795

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## LAMESA BOYS CLUB YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SIGN-UPS WILL BE AUG. 11<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup>  
& WILL RESTART AUG. 25<sup>TH</sup> - SEPT. 8<sup>TH</sup>  
LATE SIGN-UPS THRU SEPT. 10<sup>TH</sup>

TRY OUTS FOR FLAG FOOTBALL  
GRADES KINDER - 2<sup>ND</sup>

WILL BE SEPT. 11<sup>TH</sup>



TRY OUTS FOR TACKLE

GRADES 3<sup>RD</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup>

WILL BE SEPT 12<sup>TH</sup>



FIRST GAME TO BE HELD SEPT. 27<sup>TH</sup>

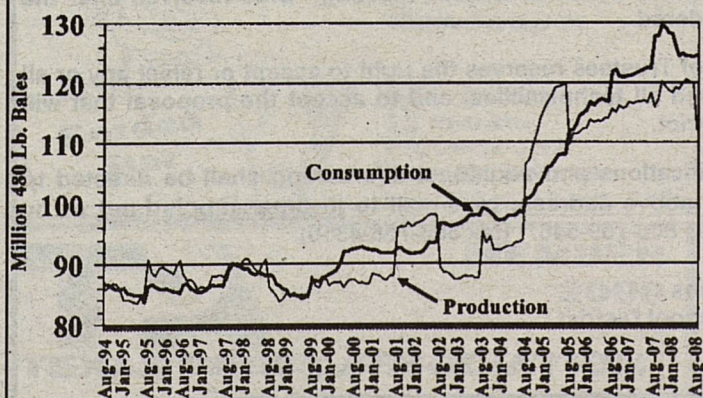
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## Commissioners Meeting

**WHEREAS**, On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2007, 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 YORK**, County Judge, Presiding; **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 when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was second-ed by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC HEARING

At 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Belew made a motion for the Court to recess the Special Session of Commissioners Court and to call the Public Hearing on Traffic Regulations for County Roads to order as advertised. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to set the speed limit for Willow Valley Road as follows: from the 100 block

to 600 block set at 40 miles per hour; 600 block to 1000 block set speed limit to 50 miles per hour; set speed limit at 45 miles per hour on Precinct One CR 130. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### ANNUAL REPORT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the Annual Report of financial conditions of Borden County for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006 as submitted by county Treasurer Kenneth P. Bennett. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### DIVISION ORDER

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Division Order to Endeavor Energy Resources L.P. from Borden County for the Borden County Permanent School Fund with Judge Van L. York signing Order. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### TRUCK BIDS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to reject all truck bids for Precinct One and to resubmit truck bids on a Lease Purchase Agreement for a two year term-Paying \$40,000 down and the balance in 2009; also an alternate bid with trade-in of Belly Dump Truck and Tractor. Bids to be opened August 26, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY FEE ON VEHICLES

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to NOT COLLECT the optional

County Road and Bridge Fee for the year 2009 that can be collected on each vehicle registered in the County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

### COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to make no changes in the county Employees Health Insurance for the year 2009 with the Texas Association of Counties. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 2009 BUDGET

A Budget work session was held.

### ACCOUNTS

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

### DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Interlocal Agreement with Borden Co. I.S.D. NEMS discussed.

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to adjourn. Motion was second-ed by Commissioner Adcock and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

**PURE RESOURCES. LP #15 SMITH ROAD, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705** is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid including Gas, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, N<sub>2</sub> into the **Canyon Reef Formation, Reinecke Unit(60780)**, Lease, Well Numbers **66 and 267**. The proposed injection well is located **10 miles NW of Vincent, Texas** in the **Reinecke Field, in Borden County, Texas**. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from **6600 to 7000 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.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512)463-6792.

### 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](mailto: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.

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Borden County Independent School District  
Mike Valentine, Secretary

**Who exactly is a child with "special needs"? We know that all children have needs and that every child is special. However, the needs of some children are greater than or different from those of the "typical" child. The special need might be in the area of mental, social, emotional, or physical development. If you are the parent or a friend of a child that might qualify for individual services, call Becky Nix, Special Education Director of Borden County ISD, Dawson ISD, and Klondike ISD at 806/756-4313 ext. 269, or contact the Child Find Coordinator at the Education Service Center at 806/792-4000.**



## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Traveling With A Monkey

Tommy Lucia grew up in Minnesota during some rough times. When he was eleven years old he set pins in a bowling alley until 1 AM and had three paper routes. His mother worked day and night to feed the family. When he was fifteen he went to his first rodeo and his life was changed forever.

"I wanted to be a bull rider," says Tommy, who now lives in Weatherford. "So I started going to rodeos, competing in bull riding and bareback events. It was a challenge to see if I was tough enough." He became a rodeo clown at age 19 and for 20 years performed at rodeos all over the country, including the National Finals Rodeo. During that time he trained animals for various clown routines.

"I would train a goat, a dog or a horse. I had a lot of original acts and used all kinds of animals. It takes a long time to train one. You have to get to know the animal and he has to know you."

He quit clowning in about 1982 and started doing specialty acts. At rodeo arenas these days, he has a monkey named Whiplash who rides a border collie while the dog pens some sheep.

"The sheep are Barbado. I use those because they stay so wild and it makes the dog really have to work. I've been using Whiplash for more than 35 years. He rides in a special saddle made by Cactus Saddlery in Greenville that makes

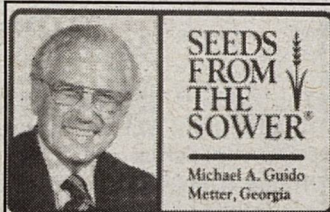
saddles for the National Finals rodeo. It's a very light; custom fit saddle for the dog's back. It's not like a saddle for a horse where you cinch it up. We don't draw it tight because we want the dog to be able to breathe good and have freedom of movement. It takes a long time to get that just right so Whiplash can ride and balance himself. Of course his tail is wrapped around the dog. His front feet have hold of the hair on the dog's front shoulders and he's got the saddle horn or bars to hang onto. So he sits up there and rides."

The monkey and dog make a good team. No matter how many quick stops and turns the dog makes, the monkey stays on. During the act he wears a shirt, bandana and hat and makes all sorts of movements when the dog is crouched on the arena floor. He'll look at people in the stands or reach down and pick up some dirt.

"I don't think the word teach is in the monkey's realm of understanding. I call it negotiate. You have to make it interesting for the animal, something they're going to like to do."

This Whiplash is 21 years old and has a special room in Tommy's house. "He has his own radio, TV and DVD player. He watches DVD's all day.

We have a lot of Walt Disney and Sponge Bob Squarepants stuff. When he gets hungry, he throws a fit."



A wife said to her husband, "You've never done anything right in your life! Why, you were even late for your wedding."

"Yes," he said, "but not late enough."

Happiness in marriage is more than finding the right companion. It's being the right companion.

While it has its burdens, marriage also has its benefits and blessings.

But the partners must bear and forbear, care and share, give and forgive, refrain and restrain.

Marriage needs trust to give it durability, courtesy to give it delight, love to give it depth, and hope to give it determination.

### Thought for the Day

People will accept your ideas much more readily if you tell them that Benjamin Franklin said it first

Source: St. Louis Inspirational Christian Connection.

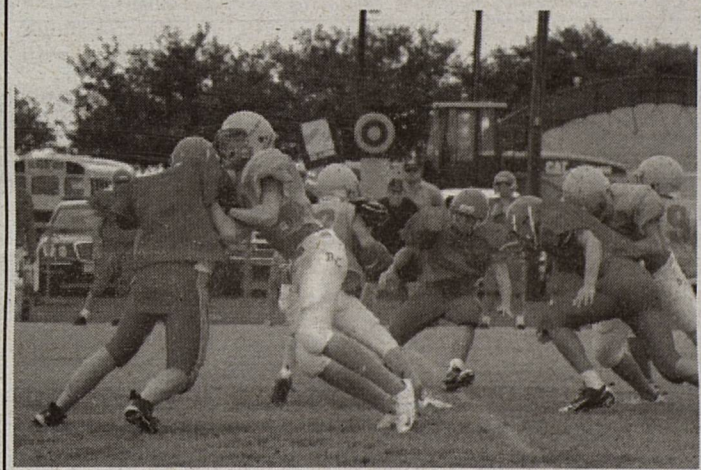
## Meet the Coyotes



Coyotes fans came out this past Saturday to "Meet the Coyotes". Coyotes and fans enjoyed homemade ice cream and brownies provided by the Booster Club.

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## Coyote Scrimmage



Borden County Coyote, Tony Soto, sneaks through an opening of the Longhorn defense in Saturday's scrimmage against Loop.

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### 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

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$83,968. (5.1%), and is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

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



**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
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**BORDEN COUNTY ISD  
HOUSE BID REQUEST**

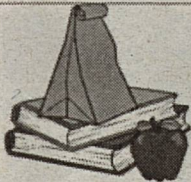
The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids to sell a school house and have it removed from the school campus. The party receiving the bid will be required to remove the house from school property no later than 60 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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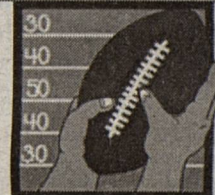
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# AUGUST 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 District 4-H Officer Training, 9:30 - 12:30 at TTU	2 Physicals (7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> ) - 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 <b>Registration:</b> A.M. 9-12 Seniors P.M. 1-5 Juniors  FFA Lone Wolf District Officer Meeting @ Snyder	13 <b>Registration:</b> A.M. 9-12 Sophomores P.M. 1-5 Freshmen	14 <b>Registration:</b> A.M. 9-12 - 8 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> 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	22 Work Day	23
				HS Football Scrimmage @ Klondike 6 p.m.		
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
31						