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Coyotes Crush The Cowboys

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes made the long trip to Grandfalls to take on the Grandfalls-Royalty Cowboys in the 2nd district game of the season. The Coyote defense started a little sluggish, but it finally caught up with the Coyote Offense in the 2nd quarter as the Coyotes made short work of the hometown Cowboys.

The Borden defense bent a little on the first two defensive possessions, but did not allow the Cowboys to cross the goal line on either possession.

Meanwhile, when the Coyote offense took over the football it took 4 offensive plays on to produce two Coyote touchdowns. The first score came on a nice pass and catch play from Miles Valentine to Jake Cooley covering 30 yards for the initial score.

The 2nd touchdown came on a nice 61 yard scamper by Michael Cooley following the nice blocks of Jake Cooley, Derek Tatum, Flynn Chapman and John Hensley. Chapman added the extra point on each of the scores to give the Coyotes a 16 to 0 lead.

The Cowboys got their only touchdown of the contest on a 49 yard touchdown run by John Ramirez, as he broke several tackles in the process and with the extra point the home town Cowboys cut the Coyote lead in half at 16 to 8.

The Coyotes wasted very little time regaining control of the contest as Michael Cooley

followed dominating blocks by his front line to easily cover the 26 yards needed for a score and a 22 to 8 lead.

On the very first play of the 2nd quarter, the Coyote defense finally asserted themselves as linebacker Flynn Chapman intercepted a Cowboy pass and bulled his way in from 22 yards out for another Coyote touchdown. Chapman hit the extra point for a 30 to 8 Coyote lead. On the very next defensive play, Chapman hit the quarterback just as he was releasing the ball and Karl Lamming who had dropped 2 earlier interceptions did not drop this pass and he also knew what to do with it as he carried 9 yards into the endzone for a 2nd Coyote defensive touchdown on successive plays. With the extra point by Chapman, the Coyotes had complete control of this game with 9:33 left in the 2nd quarter at 38 to 8.

The Coyote defense forced yet another turnover, this time on downs to give the Coyotes the ball at mid-field. Flynn Chapman carried the ball on 3 consecutive downs, with the last touch covering 24 yards and yet another Coyote touchdown and a 44 to 8 lead.

On the next defensive play, John Hensley sacked the Cowboys quarterback, forced a fumble and recovered the ball on the same play to set the Coyotes up at the Cowboy 4 yard line. The Coyotes faced a little adversity as they had to

overcome a dropped touchdown and a big penalty, but back up quarter back hit Michael Cooley on a fourth and goal situation from the 24 yard line and with a missed tackle, Cooley strolled into the endzone and a back breaking touchdown to make the score 50 to 8. Brendan Tarleton connected on his first extra point kick of his career to boost the lead to 52 to 8.

The Coyote second team defense got another defensive opportunity and Zach Telchik recovered a fumble to give the Coyotes their 4th takeaway of the game. On the first play of this possession, back up tailback Tony Soto followed the blocks of Austin Fields, Clay Harding, Brendan Tarleton and Carlos Hernandez and sprinted 57 yards on his only carry of the game for another Coyote touchdown.

Tarleton hit his second extra point to give the Coyotes a 60 to 8 lead with 3:33 left in the 2nd quarter. The 2nd team defense behind a combined sack by Fields and Harding forced yet another turnover and Tatum jumped on the ball to set up the Coyotes on the Cowboy 10 yard line. The Coyotes elected to just kneel on the ball and not add to their point total which allowed the 1st half to end, but as a result of the 45 point mercy rule the game was over and the Coyotes had a 60 to 8 road vic-

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USDA Announces Final Counter-Cyclical Payments for 2007 Upland Cotton

By Shawn Wade

It's official. According to a release from the USDA Farm Service Agency issued late on October 10, the final 2007-crop Upland cotton Counter-cyclical program payment rate is 6.43 cents per pound, a full 2.2 cents below the previously estimated payment rate calculated before revisions to monthly marketing and price data were incorpo-

rated by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Conversations with officials at NASS have confirmed the accuracy of the revised calculation, but did not provide any additional insight about what changes precipitated the unexpectedly large difference.

For that growers and industry members were advised

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BC Pups Pummel the Grandfalls-Royalty Cowboys

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups hosted the Grandfalls-Royalty Cowboys on Thursday, and the home team wasted little time in seizing control of this district contest as the Pups used a 34 yard touchdown run by Steven Howard two plays into the ballgame to take a quick 6 to 0 lead. Howard followed the blocks of fellow running back TJ Basquez, quarterback Tanner Richey, Center Matthew Roberson and ends Luis Andrade and Helio Rosales for the score.

On the very first offensive play for the visiting Cowboys, Basquez intercepted a pass and returned it 40 yards for a Pup score and a 12 to 0 lead. The second offense of Tristen Benavidez, Matthew Proulx, Matthew Ham, Tyler Summerville, Brady Dowds, Michael McClain, Zach McMeans, Valerio Hernandez and Troy Copeland had no luck in adding to the lead on either point after attempt, which kept the Pups lead at

12 to 0.

On the Cowboys next possession, they were able to muster a couple of first downs before some hard hits by Richey and Basquez ended the threat.

On the Pups first play of their next possession, Richey hit Basquez on a 65 yard pass

play to push the lead to 18 to 0 still in the first quarter of action. On the next defensive possession, the Pups were able to extend their lead again as Basquez intercepted another Cowboy errant pass and again carried to the end zone following blocks on the by Summerville, Howard, Richey, Andrade and Rosales. The Pups second group again could not cross the goal line for the extra point and the home team finished the 1st quarter with a 24 to 0 lead.

The Pups defense continued to flex their muscles as Howard stepped in front of another Cowboy pass for another turnover. On the first play, the combination of Richey to Basquez worked again as they connected on a nicely executed screen pass that covered 55 yards to pay dirt and a comfortable 30 to 0 lead.

The Pups put their second team defense in the game on the next possession, and the Cowboys were able to find a little rhythm that resulted in their first score of the game to cut the pup lead to 30 to 6, but the Pups managed to finish the half by moving the ball down the field in a very short time to close the half with a 15 yard touchdown run by Steven

Howard. A big play earlier in the drive was a nice 14 yard completion from Richey to Proulx.

The Pups started their second team defense in the 2nd half, and they competed extremely well, but the visiting Cowboys were able to convert three 4th down plays to keep their drive alive with the last one resulting in their 2nd score of the night, but the 2nd group would not give up the extra point as Matt Proulx intercepted the point after pass to make the score 36 to 12.

On the ensuing kick-off, TJ Basquez added to his career evening as he returned the kick some 60 yards for yet another Pups score. The Pups tried an extra-point kick this time and 8th grader Helio Rosales split the uprights to give the Pups their first extra point kick of the season and a 44 to 12 lead. The young Pups continued to play and several players stepped up during this time as Tristen Benavidez made several nice tackles, as did classmate Matthew Ham along with Tyler Summerville, Zach McMeans and Matthew Proulx. This group along with Brady Dowds, Michael McClain, Troy Copeland and Valerio Hernandez managed to keep the Cowboys out of the end zone the remainder of the contest.

The Pup first team ran one more play in this game which resulted in a 38 yard touchdown run by Helio Rosales. Tyler Summerville and the rest of the 2nd team managed to score the extra point as Tyler took the hand-off and followed some nice blocks to give the Pups a 51 to 12 lead and eventual final score.

This victory improves the Pups to 6-0 on the season and 2-0 in district play. The Pups also improved to 24 straight wins, with 3 games left during the 2008 season. The Pups will travel to Sands on Thursday and then play host to Westbrook the following Thursday and then the last date will be a date with Garden City here in Gail, America. Good job guys, good luck this week.



Borden County Pup, Steven Howard (#6) sails over the goal line Thursday in a victory over Grandfalls-Royalty. The Pups beat the Cowboys 51-12 and still remain undefeated going into this weeks game against Sands.

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Players of The Week



Borden County Coyote Players of the Week for the week of October 17 are (left to right) Micheal Froman (End), Clay Harding (Center/End) and Derek Tatum (End/Linebacker).

Cross Country

Romp in the Park

Two Saturdays ago, the Coyote junior high and high school cross-country teams traveled to Lamesa for their last meet before district. In the junior high girls division, Taylor Gass finished 17th with a time of 14:52 and Shea Burkett finished 59th with a 16:15. Mollie McMeans ran a 17:01, Kylie Voss a 17:16, and Mallory McMeans a 17:26. Each of these times was a personal best. Sydnie Rebeles and Mindy Tyrrell also competed well.

In the junior high boys division, Tanner Richey ran a 14:28 to cross the finish line in 40th place, and Zach McMeans came in 46th with a time of 14:40. These too were personal bests. Karl Lamming ran his best time of the year to (21:51) finish fifth in the junior varsity division, as did Zach Telchik (23:52) to come in 13th. Collin Telchik and Skyler Dear also ran well.

On the varsity level, Olivia Key finished 32nd with her best time of the season (14:41). Stefanie Cooley (15:50), Krista Tarleton (16:10), and Lacey Roberts (16:22) also ran their best times this year. Bailey Anderson, D'Nae Johnson, Chellsie Pigford, and Taylor Richey also participated. And runners in the varsity boys division included Michael Froman (22:05), Jake Cooley (22:16), Austin Fields (22:29), and Brendan Tarleton (23:55).

District Cross-Country at Lamesa

The Borden County Junior High and High School cross-country teams ran in their final meet of the year this past Monday. The junior high boys finished second in their division, the junior high girls finished third in theirs, and the high school girls and boys finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Individual medal winners in the junior high boys division included Riley Smith (12th; 15:08), Tanner Richey (13th; 15:11), and Zach McMeans (14th; 15:13); in the junior high girls division: Taylor Gass (6th; 15:01) and Shea Burkett (11th; 15:43); in the junior varsity boys division: Derek Tatum (7th), Miles Valentine (9th), and Michael Cooley (10th); and in the junior varsity girls division: Bailey Anderson (5th).

Other Coyote runners included Mollie McMeans, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, Kylie Voss, Lexi Peterson, Teryn Soto, Matthew Ham, T.J. Basquez, Steven Howard, Chance Taylor, Flynn Chapman, Skyler Dear, Kolby Benham, Austin Tyler, Collin Telchik, Clay Harding, John Hensley, Carlos Hernandez, Olivia Key, Krista Tarleton, Stefanie Cooley, Lacey Roberts, Taylor Richey, D'Nae Johnson, Phyneshia Rutherford, Jake Cooley, Karl Lamming, Michael Froman, Austin Fields, Zach Telchik, and Brendan Tarleton.

Coyotes Win 2nd District Game...

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tory to improve to 2-0 in district and 7-0 on the season.

The Coyotes will host the Sands Mustangs in what looks to be a game for the district Championship Friday night at 7:30. Good luck Coyotes!!!!

Leading statistically for the Coyotes was Michael Cooley with 129 yards rushing on 5 carries and 2 touchdowns, also 1 reception for 23 yards and a touchdown and also 7 tackles.

Flynn Chapman had 51 yards one touchdown on 4 carries and was in on 7 tackles, a pressure, a pass broken up and a interception for a touchdown.

Tony Soto had 1 carry for 57 yards and a touchdown, 8 tackles a pressure and a sack.

Miles Valentine was 1 of 2 passing for 30 yards and a touchdown and was in on 2 tackles.

Jake Cooley had 1 reception for 30 yards and a score, had 6 tackles 3 pressures and a 1/2 sack.

Zach Telchik had 8 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Brendan Tarleton was 2 of 3 on extra points and a tackle.

John Hensley had 6 tackles a pressure, a sack, a caused fumble and a fumble recovery.

Austin Fields had 1 carry for 5 yards, 3 tackles, 2 1/2 sacks, 2 pressures and a caused fumble.

Clay Harding had 2 tackles and 2 1/2 sacks.

Karl Lamming was 1 of 1 passing for 23 yards and a touchdown, 2 tackles 2 passes broken up and a interception for a touchdown.

Derek Tatum had 5 tackles a pressure and a fumble recovery.



A pack of Borden County Coyotes take down a Loop opponent last Thursday. The game ended in a 48-13 loss for the Coyotes. The Coyote JV will travel to Sands this Thursday to take on the Mustangs.

I hear the 2010 Concession has the best grilled burgers!

Yeah! When this game is over, let's go get one! The Coyotes are about to 45 'em...

Coyote Stadium
Friday
October 24th
7:30

Coyotes vs. Sands

Class of 2010 Concession opens 6:30

Need Extra Christmas Cash? Then Join In On The Lyntegar Christmas Decorating Contest

Make your plans now to enter your home and/or yard in the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Co-op. Entries will be judged on originality, quality and visual impact by an impartial party from Lyntegar. Prizes provided by Lyntegar Electric Co-op will be awarded to the top three winners and will be announced at the Lighting of the Star. Lyntegar is awarding cash prizes this year: \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place!!!

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CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

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School Lunch Menu Oct. 27-31, 2008

Monday - Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Coyote Taco, Refried Beans, salad, Pineapple and Milk.


Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken, Potatoes, Corn Hot Roll, Jell-o w/fruit and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Ham & Egg Patty, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger Mac, Green Beans, Carrots, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Green Peas, Hot Roll, Fruit and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken on a Bun, French Fries, Salad Cup, Brownie and Milk.

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Heart and Home ...


 by Julie Smith

 Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

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Office Colds and Flu: How to Avoid Spreading Germs at Work and School

The cold and flu season has just begun. And if you haven't had your first "achoo!" attack, consider yourself lucky. Adults can expect to get anywhere from two to four colds before the season ends in April, while children may get as many as 10 colds each year. Incidents of flu are less frequent, striking only 5 to 20 percent of the population. Although your chances of contracting the flu are fewer, the complications that may ensue, such as pneumonia and dehydration, are more serious.

Germs in the Workplace and at School

The office is a hotbed of germs that cause colds and flu. Think about all the surfaces that everyone touches, such as doorknobs, microwave and refrigerator handles, elevator buttons, stair rails, the copy machine, and the coffee pot. Then there are the office mates who use your phone, borrow your pen, or sit down at your computer to check their e-mail or visit a website. And let's not forget the compulsory handshake that's part of daily business etiquette. With children, they touch everything and they pass germs much more quickly.

People with colds typically carry the virus on their hands. If those hands aren't washed properly, the viruses can stay alive for at least two hours, moving from hands to other surfaces, just waiting to attract another set of hands. Frequent handwashing is the number-one way to avoid spreading these viruses. This means washing your hands for at least 15-20 seconds, using soap and warm running water. For added protection, turn off the faucet with a paper towel. Dry your hands with an air dryer or clean paper towel. Use a paper towel to open the bath-

room door; dispose of it in a trash bin outside the door.

But when clean hands are your goal, it's not necessary to spend your workday making trips to the restroom. Nancy Bock, Vice President of Education at The Soap and Detergent Association, suggests keeping an alcohol-based hand sanitizer at your desk for convenient hand cleaning. A packet of disinfectant wipes will come in handy for removing germs from the telephone receiver, computer keyboard, and the like. A recent study by UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, showed that cleaning a surface with a disinfectant wipe for just five seconds was 95-100% effective in getting rid of germs.

If you are the person with the cold, be considerate of oth-

ers. Sneeze and cough into a tissue, throw the tissue away, and then wash your hands. If a sneeze or cough takes you by surprise, use your shoulder or your elbow as a shield, rather than your hand.

After-Five Strategies for Staying Healthy

- **Get plenty of rest.** Most people need seven to nine hours of sleep.

- **Eat a balanced diet, and exercise.** Along with getting enough sleep, these healthy habits can help the immune system fend off cold and flu viruses.


- **Get a flu shot.**


- **Avoid contact with known allergens.** Allergies affecting the nose or throat may increase the chances of getting a cold or flu.

- **Quit smoking; avoid secondhand smoke.** Because smoking interferes with the mechanisms that keep bacteria and debris out of the lungs, those who use tobacco or who are exposed to secondhand smoke are more prone to respiratory illnesses and more severe complications than non-smokers.

Finally, if you are sick, stay home. There's nothing heroic about coming into the office and sharing your germs with everyone else.

Source: Soap and Detergent Association *Cleaning Matters* Newsletter November/December 2007



Borden County 4-H News


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Consumer Education Project

The Consumer Education project meetings and Consumer Decision Making practices will be held on during October and November after school in the Extension Office meeting room. The first meeting will be held on Monday, October 27 - if you would like to participate in this project and contest, please make plans to attend this meeting. This project is for all you wishing to enhance their consumer and decision making skills. These skills are used in our daily lives. The District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest Saturday, December 6. For more information, contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

Lamb & Goat Validation

Lamb and goat validation will be held on Tuesday, October 28, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Borden County Show Barn located behind the school. If you plan on exhibiting a lamb or meat goat project through 4-H or FFA at the county and/or major livestock shows, you must have the animal on feed and validated by October 31, 2008. Please feel free to contact Buddy Wallace or Cody G. Hill if you have any questions.

Photography

Youth interested in the 4-H Photography project should plan to attend the first meeting on Tuesday, October 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Any 4-H'er interested in more information should contact the Extension Office or Tammy Simmons, project leader.

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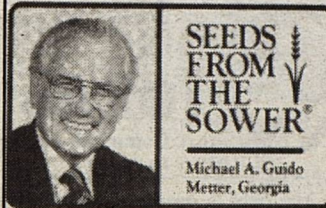
Contact the Extension Office by Monday, October 27th if you would like to receive the educational program packet by mail on Strengthening Your Family.

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Thank You

I would like to say "Thank You" again to all of you who have helped us out these past few months. Thanks for all the food, money donations and mostly the prayers. I would also like to thank my family for being by my side through all of this and for taking me back and forth to Lubbock everyday for the past six weeks. I appreciate all of you and keep you all in my prayers.

Sincerely,
Arica Proulx



Tommy asked his mother, "What was the name of the last station where the train stopped?" "Don't bother me," she cried. "Can't you see I'm playing cards?" "But," said Tommy, "that's where little brother got off."

There are some parents who don't care where their children go here or hereafter. That leads to shame and sorrow.

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Plains Community Annual Harvest Dinner

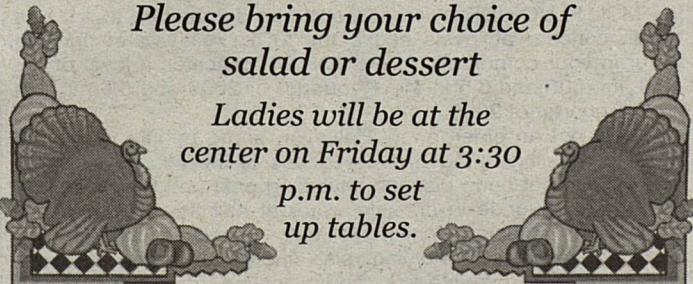
Sunday, November 2, 2008
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Thought for the Day

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Source: mypilotisgod.com

Post Dance Club

Post Dance Club is hosting a dance on
Saturday, November 1, 2008 at the
Post Community Center.

Dance to the music of Rex Thomas and crew from
8 p.m. until 12 a.m.

Admission is \$10.00/person at the door!

NOVEMBER 4, 2008

ELECTION CALENDAR

General Election and School Board Election

- September 5 First day to submit application for early voting by mail
- October 6 **Last day to register to vote**
- October 20 Early voting by personal appearance begins
Early voting located in Clerks Office in Courthouse
For both GENERAL and SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
- October 28 Last day to receive application by mail
- October 31 Last day to vote early by personal appearance
- November 4 **ELECTION DAY**

Contact Joyce Herridge, County Clerk if you have questions.

12th Annual Borden County Home for the Holidays "Homemade Christmas"

on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Community Room in Gail.

The favor of a reply is requested.

Please contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu to RSVP.

A nominal fee of \$5 per person will be charged at the door to cover the costs of food, program supplies, and the recipe book.

We hope that you will join us for a tasting of delicious recipes, entertaining tips, homemade gifts, food safety and storage, helpful holiday hints, and creative holiday decorations.

We will have fellowship and punch from 5:45 to 6:00 p.m. to allow an opportunity for everyone to visit. The program will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

For a community service project this year, we ask that you please bring pajamas for youth from newborn through 18 to be donated to Buckner's Children's Home of Lubbock.

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension program. We request that you contact your Texas AgriLife Extension Service office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.



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For Tax Years 2009 and 2010**

The Borden County Appraisal District Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing to consider and adopt the Borden County Appraisal District Biennial Reappraisal Plan at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2008. This meeting will be held in the Borden County ISD Cafeteria located at 240 West Kincaid, Gail, Texas.

A copy of the proposed plan is available at the Appraisal Office located at 140 East Wilbourn, Gail, Texas.

Ross Sharp
Chief Appraiser

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The right to own and use private property is one of the most important human rights and the cornerstone for economic prosperity; that is why our founders guaranteed it in the Constitution and listed property in the same category and with the same prominence as life...and...liberty.

We must once again prioritize the protection of private property ownership. Nowhere has the need for this elevation been manifested more than in the transportation policies of our great state. The Texas population is growing. We picked up two seats in Congress after the last census, and experts believe Texas will pick up three or four more with the 2010 count. More people equal more cars, which equals either more congestion or more roads.

As we build new highways, it is vital the needs, rights and priorities of private property owners are at the front of the process, not at the end. We must reaffirm our commitment to life...and...liberty...and...property, and our policies must promote truths that stand to connect rural Texas and protect private property.

Texas farmers and ranchers recognize the importance of an efficient transportation system. They depend on it for their livelihood. But those who work the land know the right to own property is mandatory for the preservation of life and liberty.

After all, the grand patriots who signed the Constitution were farmers too.

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION)**

To the registered voters of the County of Borden, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Borden, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 4, 2008, for voting in a general election to elect Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers. (Notifiquese, por las present que las Noviembre de 2008 par votar el la eleccion General para elegir miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislature, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto y PARA.)

LOCATIONS(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

No. 1 (Plains) at Plains Community Center
No. 2A (South Gail) at Gail Community Room
No. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) Vealmoor Election Building
No. 3A (Murphy) at Murphy Election Building
No. 3B (Fairview) at Fairview Election Building
No. 4A (North Gail) at Borden County CourtHouse
No. 4B (Snellings) at Don Jones Residence
Absentee at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal office hours.

No. 1 (Plains) en Plains Community Center
No. 2A (South Gail) en community room de Gail
No. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) en la sitio de votacion Vealmoor
No. 3A (Murphy) en la sitio de votacion Murphy
No. 3B (Fairview) en la sitio de votacion Fairview
No. 4A (North Gail) en Courthouse de Gail
No. 4B (Snellings) en la residencia Don Jones
Para los que se encuentran ausente, para el dia propuest pueden votar en oficina del County Clerk en Gail, Texas durante las horas normales.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

County Clerk's Office (oficina del Secretario del Distrito y Condado)
between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 20, 2008 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el October 20, 2008) and ending on October 31, 2008 (y terminando el Noviembre 1, 2008)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Joyce Harridge
P.O. Box 124
Gail, Texas 79738

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
October 28, 2008.
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: Octubre 28, 2008)

Issued this the 3rd of October, 2008.
(Emitada este dia 3 de Octubre, 2008)

Van L. York, County Judge (Firma del Juez Condado)

**Mandatory Public Notification Language
Notice of Drinking Water ARSENIC Violation
August 2006**

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for ARSENIC. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL ARSENIC at .01 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for ARSENIC indicates a level of .026 mg/L in 2006

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing ARSENIC in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

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.

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.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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

Van L. York, County Judge
Public Water System ID#0170010
P.O. Box 156
Gail, Texas 79738

**Mandatory Public Notification Language
Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE
Violation
August 2006**

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a level of 5.3 mg/L in 2005 and 5.5 in the 1st quarter of 2006 and 5.6 mg/L in the 2nd quarter of 2006.

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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Van L. York, County Judge
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P.O. Box 156
Gail, Texas 79738

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

A Steam Engine Buried In Metroplex Quicksand

Griff Hubbard of Longview is the fifth generation of his family to work for the railroad. "When people in our family die, we just move archives and memorabilia from one attic to another," says Griff. "Right now it's all in my attic."

Griff says the railroad has been responsible for every meal he's ever eaten, every house he's ever lived in and every car he and his family have owned. He works for AMTRAK and is the person who sets the ticket prices on trains. If you have a complaint or compliment about the prices, he's the guy you want to talk to.

He is really excited about the increasing interest in trains. "Our ridership is way up. With these high gasoline prices, more and more people are finding out it's a lot cheaper to go by train. Besides, it's a great way to travel."

His great-great grandfather was on a train that ran into a storm at Arlington on March 16, 1886.

"He was hauling a group of Thespians from the Fort Worth Opera House to the Texarkana Opera House when the storm became violent and the train plunged off the trestle at Village Creek in Arlington. The fireman on the train was my great-great grandfather's brother-in-law and he was killed. He was the only fatality, although a few people were hurt."

There was a railroad strike going on in 1886 and there wasn't enough manpower for the railroad company to remove the engine, which was stuck in quicksand. But they rebuilt the bridge over that site.

"To this day, Wood-Burning T & P Steam Locomotive 642 is still buried underneath the Union Pacific Main Line Village Creek Bridge in Arlington. I have a great uncle who is an electrical contractor on a rather large scale in Shreveport, Louisiana. In the 50's, when I was a little boy, he approached the T & P railway and said he wanted to bring over some of his heavy equipment and raise the locomotive. He wanted to put it on his farm. The railroad was willing to make a deal and told Griff's uncle he could have the locomotive if he built a new railroad

bridge. Consequently, it never came to fruition. So that locomotive is still buried thirteen feet deep in the sand under the Village Creek Bridge. The guess is because it's been in airtight quicksand it's probably still in remarkably good shape."

Griff says the location of the buried locomotive is near the site of the new football stadium where the Dallas Cowboys will play. Archeology students from UT Arlington have been in contact with Griff and told him they have used sophisticated equipment to determine just where the engine is, what position it's facing and other information about it.

Griff has his great-great grandfather's railroad pocket watch.



"Mail Bag"

We've Got Shipping Services To Meet Your Schedule

Regardless of where your package must go, or when it must get there (Aunt Sally's birthday isn't today, is it?), the Postal Service can deliver for you.

Need to get Aunt Sally's gift delivered in one day, two at the most? Express Mail offers next-day service by noon to most U.S. locations or your money back. Where delivery service is available, Express Mail is delivered every day of the year.

Is her birthday still a week off? Priority Mail delivers in two to three days at a great price, with no extra charge for Saturday delivery. Delivery Confirmation is free when you use Click-n-Ship at usps.com to print your shipping label.

Are family members still planning the party? Parcel Post can save you money and get your package delivered in two

to nine days based on the distance traveled. You also can insure your package for up to \$5,000 and find out when it is delivered and who accepted it.

Is Aunt Sally celebrating overseas? Don't fret. The

Postal Service also has a wide range of international services that can deliver for you.

For more information on domestic or international shipping services, go to usps.com and click on "Shipping Tools." Or come see us at the

Post Office. We are here to deliver for you!



Write-In Candidate

**Borden County
I.S.D. School
Board Trustee**



Vote for GERRY SMITH

**Your vote is
greatly appreciated!**

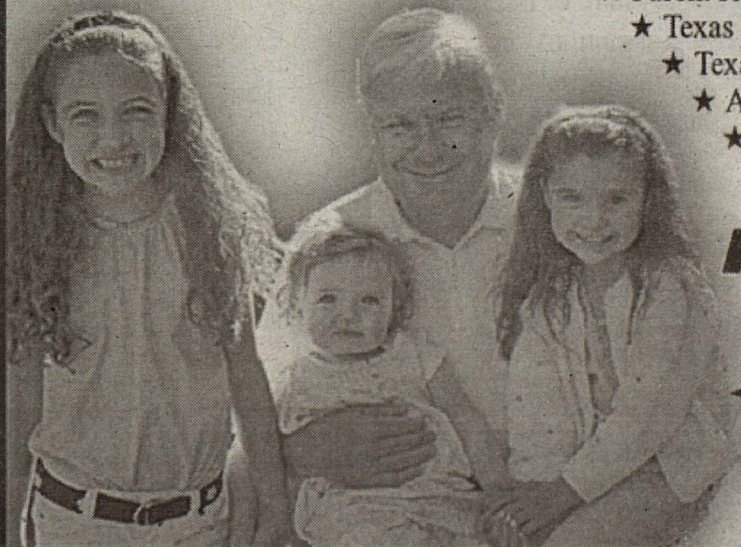
A STRONG, INDEPENDENT VOICE FOR EDUCATION:

- Named Honorary Legislative Star by Texas Classroom Teachers Association
- Helped obtain a "13th Check" for retired school teachers and favors adequate funding of teacher retirement system
- Won critical vote to prevent public school funds from being diverted to big city private schools
- Favors vocational education, affordable higher education, and less reliance on standardized testing

Endorsed or Supported By:

- ★ Parent PAC
- ★ Texas State Teachers Association
- ★ Texas Classroom Teachers Association
- ★ Association of Texas Professional Educators
- ★ Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas

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RE-ELECT

Joe Heflin
State Representative
District 85

PD, POL, ADV. BY JOE HEFLIN CAMPAIGN • GARY HARDIN, TREASURER

USDA...

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that they would have to wait until the final revised monthly marketing are released on October 31.

FSA had delayed announcing the final Upland cotton CC payment rate in order to allow USDA NASS the opportunity to incorporate their revisions to previously announced monthly price or marketing totals. The results of those changes were then used to calculate the final MYA price for Upland cotton for the 2007-2008 Upland cotton marketing year that ended July 31, 2008.

Earlier this year cotton producers had the opportunity to request and receive an advance on their 2007-crop Upland cotton CC payment. The advance 2007 CC payment was issued in February of this year and totaled 3.09-cents per pound, 40 percent of the estimated final payment rate calculated by USDA at that time.

Only producers who DID NOT receive the 40 percent advance CC payment paid in February 2008 will receive a final payment based on 100 percent of the 6.43 cent final CC payment rate announced October 10.

Producers who elected to receive the advance 2007 CC payment in February will receive payments based on the final CC payment rate less the 3.09-cent advance payment rate, and comes to 3.34 cents per pound.

**THANK
YOU
FOR
READING
THE
BORDEN
STAR**

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 **6032-13-001** for **CRACK SEALING** in **SCURRY** County, etc. will be opened on **NOVEMBER 19, 2008** at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$249,949.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified 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.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO:27925

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, TX 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.

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On the 15th of October, 2008, I impounded the following estray;

Kind of animal: **Cattle**

Number of head: **1**

Breed: **Brangus**

Color: **Black**

Sex: **Bull**

Age: **2 years old**

Brands, ear marks: **- on hip; also has chicken foot brand on unknown location.**

And, on the 15th day of October, 2008, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Borden County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of the recorded brands in Borden County, Texas, for the owner of said estray but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 4th day of November, 2008, said estray will be sold at public auction at Abilene, Texas.

Witness my hand this 15th day of October, 2008

Billy J. Gannaway
Sheriff of Borden County, Texas

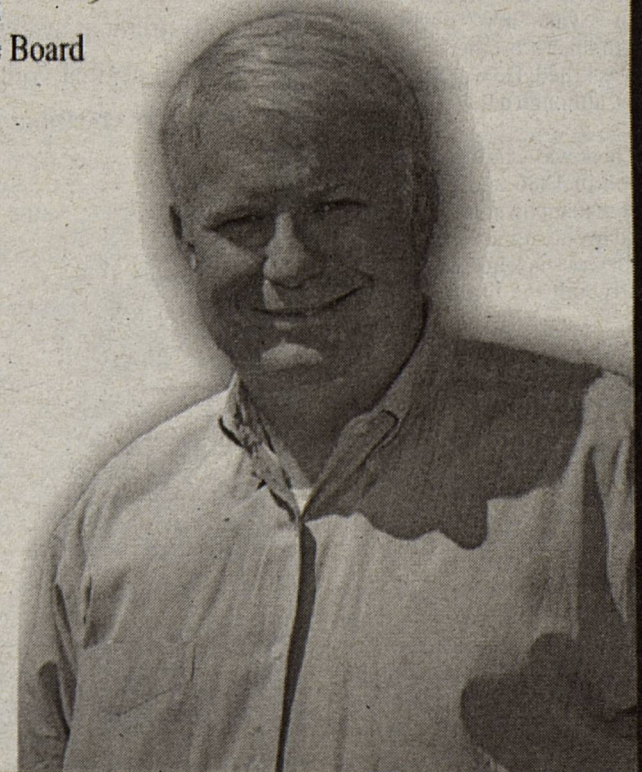
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- Former Crosby County Judge
- Member of Caprock Peace Officers Association
- Served as Chairman of Crosby County Juvenile Board
- Endorsed or Supported By:
 - ★ Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas
 - ★ Texas Department of Public Safety Officers Association
 - ★ National Rifle Association (A-Rated)
 - ★ Texas State Rifle Association

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