

The Borden Star

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On To Austin

BHS Debate Duo

Advances to State Contest

Last Wednesday, the Borden County High School cross-examination (CX) debate team of junior Karl Lamming and sophomore John Hensley advanced to the U.I.L. CX Debate State Meet following a second place finish in the District 4-A contest held at BHS.

The pair was defeated in the district finals by the Grady High School brother duo of Benjamin and Maxwell Kennady. However, because the BHS pair had debated enough rounds during the season, they will also advance to the state tournament, which is set for March 16-17 on the campus of the University of

Texas in Austin.

At the state tournament, approximately 55 1A teams from across the state will compete for the illustrious state championship. BHS students have won that title 5 out of the past 6 years, so Lamming and Hensley already have a target on their backs, even though they are debating for the first time together this year.

Also competing for BHS at last week's district contest were juniors Eric Espinoza and Brendan Tarleton, who finished 3rd in the contest.

The teams debated this

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BC Debaters



Competing at last week's district CX Debate meet are (left to right) John Hensley, Karl Lamming, Brendan Tarleton and Eric Espinoza. Hensley and Lamming will advance on the state tournament March 16-17 to be held at the University of Texas in Austin.

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF BORDEN)

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

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

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

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

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

County Judge
Van L. York

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Upland Cotton Average Price Received by Growers Through December 2008

By Shawn Wade
Cumulative Upland cotton marketings for the first five months of the 2008-marketing year totaled 3.576 million bales according to information released January 30, 2009 by

the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

That figure is 2.5 million bales below the 6 million bales marketed through the same period for the 2007-crop. The low numbers reinforce the reality of

the lagging pace of cotton consumption worldwide. The figures are also expected to support forecasts for a further reduction in total cotton acres

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Coyotes Dominate the Dragons!

By Coach Baeza

The Borden Coyotes improved their district record to 5-1 on Jan. 27 as they took care of the Dawson Dragons 61-31.

The Coyotes started the game slowly as they were only able to score 4 points and ended up trailing the Dragons 4-6 at the end of first quarter. The Coyotes however had an offensive explosion in the second quarter outscoring the Dragons 20-6.

The scoring was led by Michael Cooley who had 9 and by Zach who had 5 and good defense allowed the Coyotes to take a 24-12 first half lead.

The third quarter saw the Coyotes jump out on the Dragons with another big quarter outscoring them 23-7.

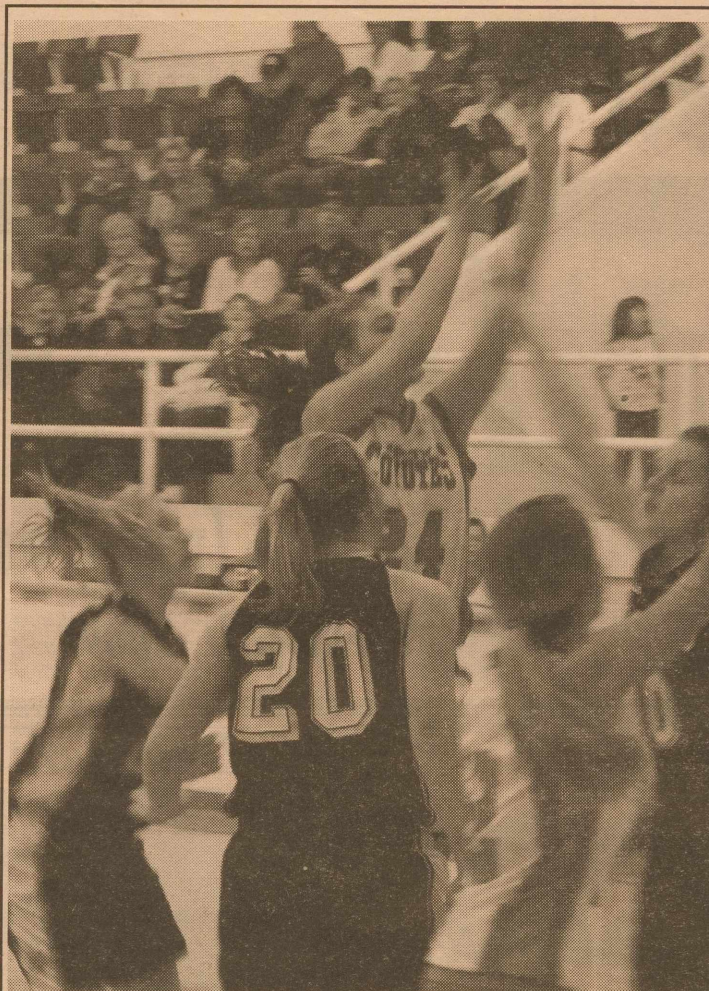
This has been the only game so far this year in which every player has been able to contribute offensively and with a good defensive effort the fourth the Coyotes closed out the Dragons 61-31. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes: Michael Cooley 19, Brendan Tarleton 12, Zach Telchik 11, Flynn Chapman 10, Carlos Hernandez 5, Tony Soto 2, and Karl Lamming 2.



Borden County Coyote, Brendan Tarleton (#5) goes up for 2 points against the Dragons. The Coyotes came away with yet another victory. The final score against the Dragons was 61-31.

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Lady Coyote, Taylor Richey, takes advantage of an open shot, scoring 2 points for the Coyotes. The Ladies defeated the Wildcats last Tuesday 25-19.

Lady Coyotes Seal Playoff Berth

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes earned a playoff berth with their win over Grady last Tuesday.

Grady handed the Coyotes their only district loss to date two weeks prior, but this time the Coyotes were able to make the necessary adjustments and clinch an opportunity to play for the district championship against Sands.

Keys to Coyotes' success included their ability to control the tempo of the game and hit key shots down the stretch. The contest was close throughout, but the Coyotes outscored the Wildcats 25-19 in the second half to come away with a

51-45 victory. The win improved the Lady Coyotes' season record to 23-7 and their record in district play to 7-1.

Taylor Richey led all scorers with 18 points, 11 rebounds, 6 assists, and 2 steals. Olivia Key had 17 points and 3 rebounds. Krystal Hobson had 9 points and 7 rebounds. D'Nae Johnson had 5 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals. Stefanie Cooley had 2 points and 5 rebounds. And before being injured, Krista Tarleton also made several significant contributions to the Lady Coyote team effort.

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BC Boys Secure Playoffs!

By Coach Baeza

The varsity boys traveled to Loop on Jan. 30 and took on the Longhorns.

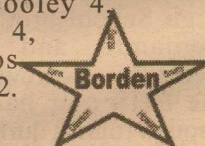
The Coyotes won a hard fought game 48-39 and secured a playoff spot for this years post season.

The Coyotes found themselves trailing at the end of the first quarter 15-9 due to some good shooting by the Longhorns.

The Coyotes battled hard in the second quarter and played better defense but was only able to cut the lead to 23-19 going into half.

The Coyotes started the third quarter determined to shut the Longhorns down offensively and they did a good job only allowing them four points in the third. Every Coyote was able to find the basket in the second half outscoring the Longhorns 29-16 during the second half and pulled away to take a 48-39 victory. Good job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes: Brendan Tarleton 21, Flynn Chapman 9, Zack Telchik 8, Michael Cooley 4, Tony Soto 4, and Carlos Hernandez 2.



District CX Debate Meet

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year's resolution concerning alternative energy incentives offered by the federal government. They have been researching various types of renewable energy for the past several months.

As a result of the contest, BHS took an early lead in the District 4-A Academic Sweepstakes race. The competition for that championship will continue two months from now on April 2nd in Loop as the 12 schools in the district convene for the rest of the literary contests.

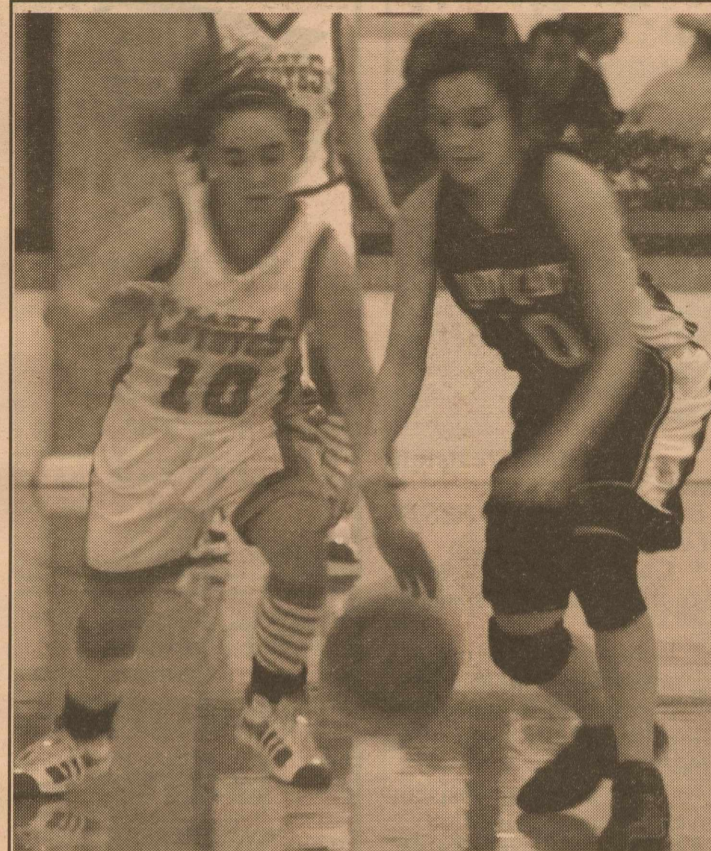
Lady Coyotes Fall to Klondike

By Coach McCook

In a game that had no bearing on the Lady Coyotes' district status, the girls struggled to get into a rhythm against Klondike. The Cougars, who could secure third place in the district and a playoff spot with a win, played with incredible energy and desire, and took control of the game from the tip. After falling behind the Cougars 20-11 at the end of the first quarter, the Coyotes never fully recovered. They remained nine to twelve points down for the rest of the game. In the end, the Cougars defeated the Coyotes 52-41.

With this loss, the Lady Coyotes fall to 23-8 on the season and 7-2 in district.

Olivia Key led the team with 15 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, and 6 steals. Taylor Richey had 14 points, 2 rebounds, and 4 steals. Krystal Hobson had 5 points, 3 rebounds, and 3 steals. Stefanie Cooley had 4 points and 2 rebounds. D'Nae Johnson had 2 points, 4 rebounds, and 4 steals. Bailey Anderson had 1 point and 3 rebounds. And Krista Tarleton contributed significant minutes as well.



With a quick steal of the ball from a Grady opponent, Lady Coyote, D'Nae Johnson (#10) makes her way down court to score 2 points for the Coyotes.

Borden County Pups Take District Title While Remaining Undefeated

By Coach Baeza

The Borden Junior High boys finished up another undefeated season Feb. 2 by defeating the Sands Mustangs 41-21.

This was a major accomplishment because this was the first undefeated junior high boy's team in at least 25 years or possibly in school history.

The Coyotes knew that they would have to come out strong against the Mustangs and avenge last years only loss at while playing at Sands and they did. T.J. Basquez and Tanner Richey got the offense going for the Coyotes in the first scoring 15 points combined while stingy defense by Kurt Shafer, Matthew Ham, and Matthew Proulx allowed the Mustangs only 7 points.

In the second quarter more Coyotes got involved in the offense as Zach McMeans was able to hit a jumper from the block and Austin Cope hit one of two free throws. Steven Howard, Tristin Benavidez, and Jared Smith did an excellent job during the first half of

handling the ball and getting the ball into scoring position for the Coyotes. This solid play allowed the Coyotes to take a 22-15 first half lead into the locker room.

The Coyotes began the third quarter a little slow offensively and only managed seven points with Riley Smith, Austin Cope, and Tanner Richey all finding the basket. However the Coyotes played excellent defense allowing the Mustangs only 6 points in the second half. This defensive effort was led by Troy Copeland, Luis Andrade, and Helio Rosales.

In the fourth quarter the Coyotes again found more offense with Matthew Roberson putting in 4 points followed by T.J. and Tanner adding 8 points combined.

Scoring for the Coyotes: T.J. Basquez 17, Tanner Richey 13, Matthew Roberson 4, Austin Cope 3, Riley Smith 2, and Zach McMeans 2. Good job Coyotes and Congratulations on an Excellent Season!

Missy Coyotes Win Last Game of Season

By Coach McCook

The Missy Coyotes ended their season on a high note with their 33-14 win over the Sands Mustangs.

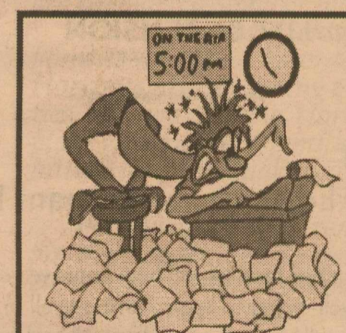
From the opening tip on-lookers could tell it was going to be arguably the team's best effort all season. The Coyotes played with an energy not yet witnessed. But in the third quarter, when the Coyotes outscored the Mustangs 20-1, all arguments to the contrary were silenced.

The Coyotes coasted to a landslide victory and secured a tie with Klondike for third place in the district. Their official record for the 2008-2009 season is 6-6, and their district record is 5-5.

Kalyn Massingill led the Coyotes with 8 points. Teryn Soto had 7 points. Kayla Pepper had 6 points. Kylie Voss and Kaylyn Dean added 4 points each. And Taylor Gass and Lexi Peterson each scored 2 points. Shea Burkett, Mollie McMeans, Mallory McMeans, Sydnie Day, Sage Wheatley, Maeghan Herridge, Mindy Tyrrell, and Kassie Gaines also made significant contributions

to the team effort.

Congratulations girls on a great season! You represented your school, your parents, and yourselves well. We are all very proud of you.



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Thought for the Day

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the fulfillment of what
you want, but the
realization of how
much you already
have.*

Source: St. Louis Inspirational
Christian Connection.

School Lunch Menu

Feb. 16 - 23, 2009

Monday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Ham, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Frito Pie, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Pears and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Hot Roll and Milk.

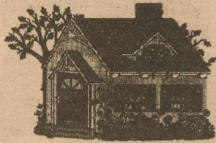
Wednesday - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Biscuit, Pudding and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Broccoli w/ranch, Jell-O and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Salad, French Fries, Surprise Cookie and Milk.

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Heart and Home ... 

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

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When You Work With Pesticides...

With spring on its way, that means that everyone is getting the ground ready to plant, and that generally means the use of pesticides, herbicides, and other chemicals. It is vital that you follow the proper methods when using pesticides, and especially when laundering clothes worn when using the chemicals. Here are a few tips to remember when working with these chemicals:

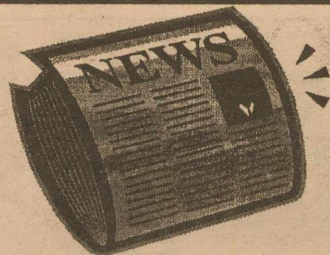
WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING!

- * Long sleeves and pants, or coveralls, made of:
 - cotton plain weave
 - poly-cotton blend, plain weave
 - cotton or poly-cotton twill
 - non-wrinkle cotton twill weave
- * Shoes or boots with socks; head covering.
- * Add extra protection as required by chemical label:
 - goggles
 - respirator

• chemical-resistant gloves

DON'T SPREAD PESTICIDE RESIDUES!

- * Change clothes at work; place in a sealable disposable bag.
 - * Transport in trunk or truck bed, not inside vehicle.
 - * Store and wash work clothes separately from other laundry.
 - * Wear chemical-resistant gloves to handle work clothes.
- ### FOLLOW THESE CLEANING STEPS!
- * Hang work clothes in the sun to help break down chemicals.
 - * Launder small loads only.
 - * Use washing machine set on longest wash cycle and highest water level.
 - * Wash with hot water and extra, heavy-duty detergent.
 - * Line dry. In bad weather, use dryer on high heat.
 - * Clean washer by running an empty cycle with hot water and detergent.



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 Borden County 4-H News 

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Cool Clover's Meeting

Cool Clovers 4-H Club Meeting - Tuesday, February 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at school
Junior High 4-H Club Meeting - Tuesday, February 10 from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at school
High School 4-H Club Meeting - Wednesday, February 11 from 12:35 to 1:05 p.m. in the Conference Room at school

4-H Photography Project

Youth interested in participating in the 4-H Photography project should plan to attend the project meeting on Monday, February 16th from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room in Gail.

County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-fun and Public Speaking Project

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: drama, Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, comedian, vocal and musical. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 2nd at Levelland Middle School in Levelland.

The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 1.

If you have any questions, would like further information on any of the above projects, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at borden-tx@tamu.edu.

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Living Well programs by mail will help improve your lifestyle and overall well-being to begin "Living Well in 2009."

[A packet relating to the program topic will be sent to you and you will need to complete an evaluation by mail. This will take the place of a face-to-face program, and will allow you to receive the program information.]

Pampering Your Mind, Body and Spirit: Women's Health Issues

Participants will be provided information about the various issues that face women (osteoporosis, menopause, heart disease and breast health). Learn how you can pamper your mind, body and spirit by utilizing basic steps to keep yourself healthy.

Contact the Extension Office by Tuesday, February 17th if you would like to receive the educational program packet by mail on Pampering Your Mind, Body and Spirit..

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Agriculture News
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AgriLife Extension Crop Workshops

Producers wondering what the profit and financing options are for certain 2009 crops can find out by attending either of two Texas AgriLife Extension Service crop profitability workshops set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 17 and March 5 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

"Our objective is to provide producers the tools, data and skills to evaluate the potential profitability of alternative crops that are grown in the area or have the potential to be grown here", said Dr. Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist at Lubbock. "Each participant will get a printed copy of our presentations and selected crop budgets. They will also receive a CD with Excel crop budgets and break-even tables, reference files and a set of Internet links," Smith said. "This will help them use the Excel spreadsheet on their own computer."

Individual registration is \$20 (by check) and includes lunch and refreshments. The workshops are funded by a grant from the Texas State Cotton Support Committee. "The grant enables us to develop a crop budget projection tool, conduct training workshops, keep the data updated, and then make the tool and information available to producers," Smith said.

The producers will go home with a spreadsheet that they can fine-tune using their own cost figures to make accurate comparisons of the profitability of cotton and sorghum, for example. Smith said the comparison spreadsheet includes four cotton budgets and 17 other crop budgets that can be quickly evaluated with expected input costs and crop prices. He said the Excel spreadsheet allows users to examine the impact of different crop-share rental arrangements on landlord and renter's net income. Smith, along with AgriLife Extension risk management specialists Jay Yates and Jeff Pate at Lubbock, and marketing specialists Dr. John Robinson and Dr. Mark Welch, both from College Station, will conduct the workshops.

Other agenda topics will include: input price trends and projections for 2009; a farm bill update; and basis cash contracts and forward pricing tools using futures and options.

To register, contact Wendy Durrett at 806-746-6101. For more information, contact Smith or Yates at 806-746-6101.

Borden County 4-H'ers Show in Fort Worth

Borden County 4-H was well represented at the 2009 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show held in Fort Worth, Texas, February 2 - 7, 2009. 4-H'ers exhibiting were Flint Roberts - 8th Place Class 3 Shorthorn, Lacey Roberts - 11th Place Class 3 Angus, and Thomas Nix exhibiting his Class 2 American steer. Again, congratulations to all 4-H'ers and their families.

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

	Marketings (000's of Running bales)		Prices (cents/Lb.)	
	Monthly	Cum.	Monthly	Weighted
August	1,144	1,144	56.50	56.50
September	95	1,239	61.10	56.85
October	578	1,817	55.50	56.42
November	978	2,795	53.10	55.26
December	781	3,576	51.90	54.53
January	na	na	47.40*	na

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; * = preliminary

Cotton Price...

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planted in the U.S. and around the world during the 2009 growing season.

According to the USDA report, estimated December 2008 marketings totaled only 781,000 bales. The average selling price reported for the month was 51.9 cents per pound.

Based on these figures, the 2008 Upland Cotton Weighted Average Price calculated through December 2008 stands at 54.53 cents per pound. With the first five months of the marketing year now past, the calculated 2008 Weighted Average Price continues to fall closer to the 52-cent Upland cotton Base Loan rate.

Price forecasts for the remainder of the 2008 marketing year are following the same downward trend as well. The preliminary mid-month price reported for January 2009 was 47.40 cents per pound.

Lower price expectations were also echoed in the recent announcement of an advance 2008-crop Counter-cyclical payment rate of 5.03 cents, which is 40 percent of the maximum possible Upland cotton CC rate of 12.58 cents per pound.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on prices and cumulative marketings from August 1 through December 31, 2008.

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

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New Horizons



Thank You

New Horizons would like to thank Borden County for a second year of support with providing Christmas presents for over 60 foster children! The families who received these generous gifts were delighted on Christmas morning to see their foster child filled with joy as they unwrapped their presents. Some parents were even moved to tears by their child's face lighting up as they discovered that Santa had filled their list for the first time in their life. It took the efforts of the entire Borden community to help these children have one of the best Christmas mornings ever.

The gracious giving of this community more than fulfilled the children's expectations. Foster children from Lamesa to Brownwood were helped by your donations. The generosity of gifts received from the community took New Horizons' a week to distribute across the state. The donation of toys, clothes and electronics helped create a magical Christmas for very worthy children.

New Horizons ministers to emotionally and behaviorally challenged children. The steady increase of children accomplishing their therapeutic and behavioral goals makes New Horizons' success rate for children placed in residential care among the highest in the state. This fact is significant, considering that New Horizons often admits children who have not been successful in other programs and are considered some of the most difficult.

New Horizons currently serves over 1,200 children and families annually. In order to accomplish this task, New Horizons utilizes caring and loving support by communities like yours. New Horizons believes in order to truly place children and families first, everyone must be committed to individualizing each and every child and must continually strive to do what is in the child's best interest.

New Horizons is extremely grateful to this community for their continued support and love for children. Your elementary children saving nickels, dimes and quarters to provide gifts for other children is just one amazing example of how a small group can provide for a larger community. Thank you again for a second year of support and we are grateful to be considered a part of your community. Please continue to support the children with your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Tim Hart
Systems Administrator
New Horizons

Drive Safely - Watch for Children

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 27th day of January, 2009, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, 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 Commissioners Court Meeting of January 13, 2009 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE PROTECTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to enter into a Fire Contract with the City of O'Donnell for 2009 Fire Fighting service in Borden County in the amount of \$1,875, one-half to be paid from the General Fund and one-half to be paid from Precinct No. 1 Fund of Borden County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

RECESS COMMISSIONERS COURT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to recess the Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:00 a.m. and to open Public Hearing on Traffic Regulations on certain county roads. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

ried.

No interested person was present for the Hearing.

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Belew made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Traffic Regulations and to reopen the Commissioners Court Meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the placement of Stop Signs on Maple Street and Stadium Drive at the intersections of Kincaid Avenue. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

TAX COLLECTION SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE

After a discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the contract with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. Valuation Consultants for lease of Tax Collection Software and Hardware and give Billy Gannaway, Tax Assessor Collector, authority to sign contract.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Water System tank, lines and control system. Seal Coat Program.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 10th day of February, 2009.

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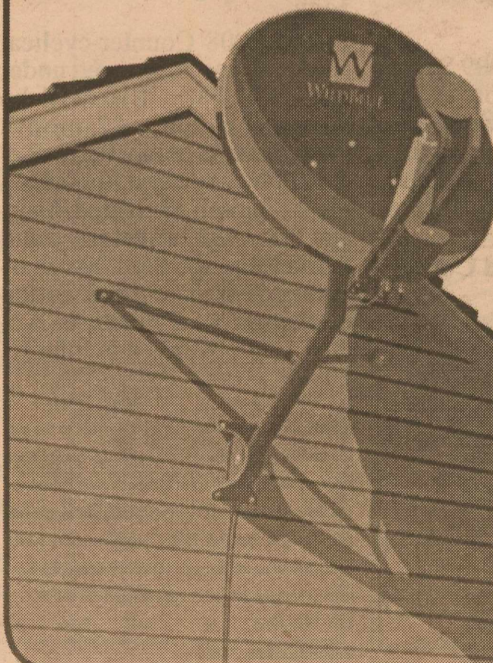
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Tumbleweed Smith

Some of Abe's Kinfolks Live in Alto

Bob Pearman of Alto got a special present from his oldest daughter, Ellen, this past Christmas. It was his family tree. She did a lot of research on both his mother's and father's sides of the family. Bob found out he had a famous relative.

"On my dad's side, my fourth great-grandfather turned out that he was a first cousin to Abraham Lincoln. I thought that was kind of cool. That's definitely a present I will always cherish."

Here's the way it shapes up: His 4th great grandfather, William Pearman, was married to Mary Elizabeth Hanks, whose sister Nancy Hanks married Thomas Lincoln. Abraham was born on February 12, 1809 to Nancy and Thomas Lincoln. William and Mary had a son named Weldon Pearman. That would make Weldon and Abe first cousins.

Christmas morning, with the family gathered around the Christmas tree, Ellen asked that her father open his present last.

"When it came my turn, I opened the book containing the family tree. My daughter told me to start from the front and go through it to the end. I got to my grandfather and my great-grandfather and she took it from there. She told me the Pearmans were originally from England and settled in Virginia and South Carolina. On the very back sheet she revealed the kinship to the former president."

The family tree was presented in a beautifully bound 60-page book with gold lettering on the front of it. Bob keeps it handy in the office of his car dealership in Alto. The book has several photos, newspaper articles and family documents, including his dad's high school diploma and his grandfather's World War One draft registration card. One article from the Alto Herald reports on the opening of his grandfather's service station. The book contains census records showing when and where various family members were born. Bob's brother JD was surprised to learn he was kin to Abraham Lincoln.

"I was pretty shocked, you know, being a southern boy. You never really know about family members from a long time ago. I thought more than likely we'd be kin to John Wilkes Booth. But as it turns out, our four-back great-grandfather being first cousin to Abraham Lincoln is pretty interesting. It's not something that turns up all the time. Bob's father had a friend who called him George.

"I asked Daddy one time, 'what does your friend mean when he calls you George? He said o, that comes from George Washington Never Tell A Lie Pearman.' Maybe that falls in there somewhere, too. We might be kin to Washington as well."

Abraham Lincoln would have been two hundred years old this year.

Borden County ISD Board Meeting

January 19, 2009

Regular Board Meeting January 19, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:30 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present.

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

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2008 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the January 2009 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to set a special meeting for 7:00 P.M. on January 29, 2009 for a public hearing to review the 2007-2008 Academic Excellence Indicator System and 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan, a special meeting at 7:30 P.M. on January 29, and a regular meeting for 7:00 P.M. on February 16, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to extend the contract of Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas through June 30, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

7. The 2009-2010 school calendar was discussed. No action was taken.

8. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report, gave a personnel report, reported that 194 students were enrolled as of January 13, 2009, gave a construction report on the three school houses that are being built, and gave a third six-week and semester failure and honor roll report. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the

superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Special Board Meeting January 29, 2009

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 Borden County I.S.D. School Cafeteria to conduct a Public Hearing pertaining to the 2007-2008 Academic Excellence Indicator System and 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, and Mike Valentine. Carol Lewis and Dennis Poole were absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

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

2. Mr. McMeans gave an overview of the 2007-2008 Academic Excellence Indicator System and 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan.

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

Special Board Meeting January 29, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in special session at 7:30 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, and Mike Valentine. Carol Lewis and Dennis Poole were absent. Superintendent Jimmy Thomas, principal Bart McMeans, Ross Sharp, Dale Newberry, John Abbott, Richard Constancio, and James Hicks were also present.

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

2. There was no community input.

3. Dale Newberry reviewed the 2007-2008 Borden County I.S.D. audit and annual financial report. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the audit as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Representatives John Abbott and Richard Constancio from Shiver Megert & Associates and James Hicks from Wiley Hicks Inc. discussed the current state of the Borden County I.S.D. school plant and discussed potential items for consideration for a potential building project. Ross Sharp also presented information pertaining to the current state of the plumbing and electrical systems located within the Borden County I.S.D. school plant.

5. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the 2007-2008 Academic Excellence Indicator System and 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Special Board Meeting February 5, 2009

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

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

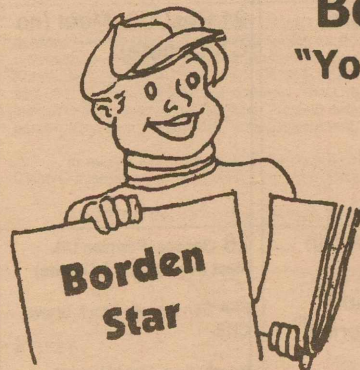
2. George Williford of First Southwest Company reviewed the process pertaining to conducting a bond election and bond program for a potential capital outlay project.

3. There was no community input.

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

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A Chocolate Affair to Remember

The Scurry County Museum's Fourth Annual Wine and Chocolate Pairing Event is scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Following the event will be an added attraction: The Ritz Theatre will be presenting the movie "Chocolat," starring Johnny Depp at 9:00 p.m. the same evening and will be showing the movie again the following day (Sunday, February 15) at 2:00 p.m. Ticket price for both showings is \$7.

Additionally, we are excited to include a new venue for this wonderful event. The Big Apple Deli will be joining the Manhattan Coffee House and the Ritz Theatre. All three lo-

cations are located on the south side of our historic downtown Square. At these three locations, guests will be invited to pair an excellent variety of chocolates with wines that are perfectly paired for each chocolate flavor. In addition to the pairing, information on the wines, as well as the chocolates, will be provided. We believe this event will be a lovely and memorable way to spend what is globally known as the most romantic holiday of the year.

The Scurry County Museum first began this event in 2006 with the Ritz Theatre hosting a fresh and exciting twist on wine ... pairing it with decadent chocolate. Since its

inception, the chocolate and wine pairing has drawn return participants, as well as new faces with each year's event!

The cost for this evening of fun, romance and chocolate and wine education is only \$20, payable in advance at several locations or at the door the evening of the event. The proceeds from both events will go to benefit the Scurry County Museum.

We hope you will join us for "A Chocolate Affair to Remember" and we hope this event truly is an experience you will remember and carry with you for many years to come ... at least until next year's event!

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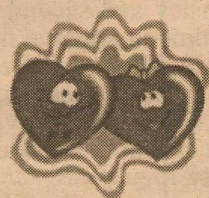


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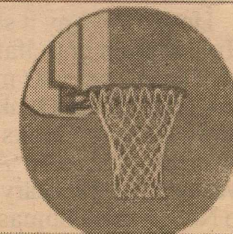
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February 2009



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January 25th - February 2nd - Fort Worth Stock Show
February 9th - February 21st - San Antonio Livestock Show
February 19th - February 28th - San Angelo Livestock Show

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 JH BB @ Sands 6:00	3 * BB vs. Grady Here 5:00 GbB	4 District CX Debate Meet @ Borden County	5	6 * BB @ Klondike 5:00 gGB	7 Idalou UIL Meet (no CX Debate) ACT Test (must have pre-registered)
8	9 HOLIDAY	10 Cool Clovers Meeting in Conference Room 11:30-12 JH (6 th -8 th) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:30-1 * BB vs. Sands Here 4:00 gGB SAT Registration Deadline for March 14 th Test	11 Local Spelling Bee 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3 rd - 8 th) HS (9 th -12 th) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:35-1:05	12	13	14 Abilene: Wylie UIL Meet (all events)
15	16	17	18	19 TAKS Training	20 End of 4 th Six Weeks	21 Post UIL Meet (no CX Debate)
22	23 Beginning of 5 th Six Weeks OAP Festival - WTC, Snyder @ 6:00 p.m.	24	25	26	27 Track @ Hamlin ACT Registration Deadline for April 4 th Test	28 Odessa: Permian UIL Meet (No Speech & Debate) FFA San Angelo Stock Show CDE Baseball vs. Hermligh @ Moffett Field, Snyder 4:00