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The crop that could... In a year that wouldn't

by Tim W. McAlavy

LUBBOCK -- South Plains research trials with Ultra-Narrow (UNR) cotton this year showed promising results for producers interested in alternative cotton production systems.

Plains growers struggled to produce a crop in this season's drought, but UNR yields were respectable despite a crippling lack of rainfall -- making it the crop that could in a year that wouldn't.

The theory behind this relatively new production system is to grow an earlier crop with more bolls per plant by seeding a lower planting rates in narrow (7-inch to 30-inch) rows. Narrow row production also reduced plant stress by encouraging the early formation of a thick, closed canopy -- the canopy shade deprives competing weeds of necessary sunlight and slows moisture evaporation from the soil.

Mark Brown, Texas Agricultural Extension Service agent in Lubbock, and Dr. Dan Krieg, a farmer and Texas Tech professor of plant-soil sciences, have conducted UNR cotton field trials on the South

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## Drum . . . Here We Come!

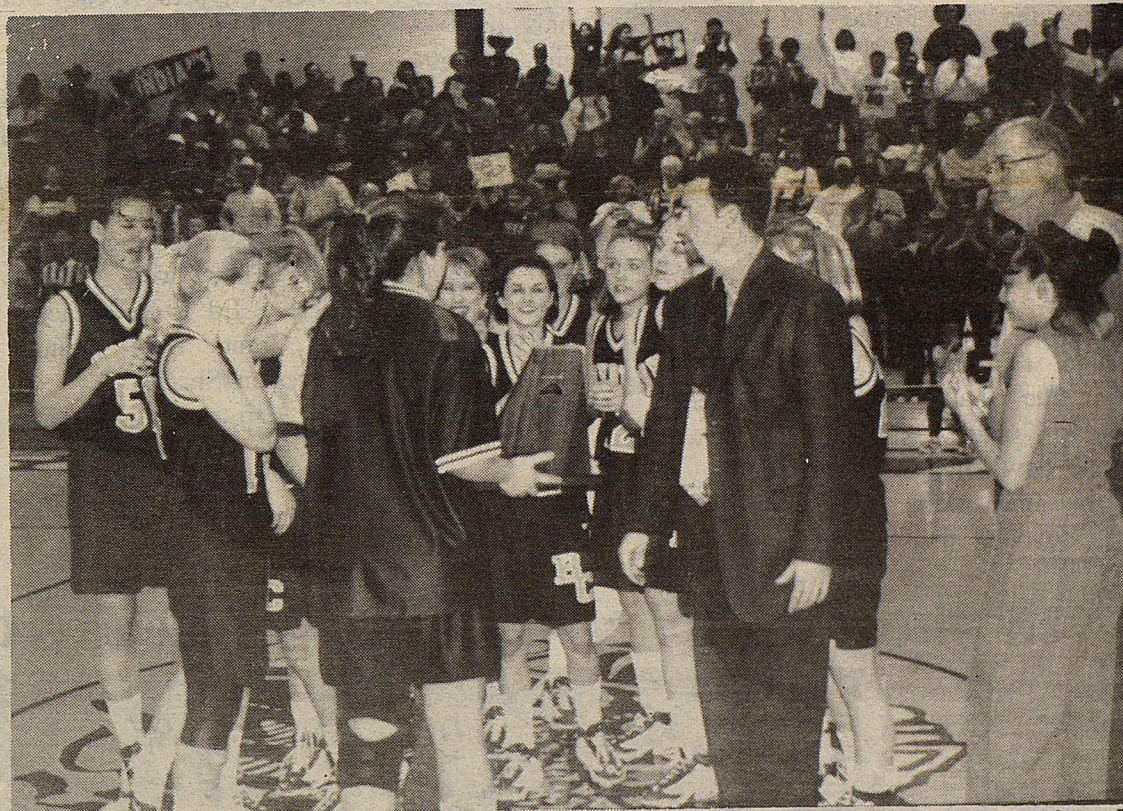
### Lady Coyotes Earn School's First Trip to Final Four

A season-opening 20-point loss to Shallowater followed a few days later with a disappointing effort against Colorado City. Not to mention losing Adrianna Baeza to a knee injury on December 8 and then having Julie Mayes miss three games with an ankle sprain. And, who has forgotten that 18-point defeat at the hands of rival Grady on February 26?

Not exactly the introduction you were expecting? "Dream Seasons". The phrase is used a lot to describe those years that just seem to click. The 1998-99 Lady Coyotes have had a dream season of sorts, culminating in the school's first ever trip to Austin for the 1999 State Basketball tournament; but, they will be the first to tell you that what makes this all the more sweeter is the fact that along the way they have battled nightmares of doubt and injury and pressure to live up to the expectations that they and everyone else has had of them since they were in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

So, when the clock ticked down last Saturday in Abilene at the Regional Tournament, it was only fitting that the Lady Coyotes should take a moment to savor the win that would send them to state.

Friday and Saturday's games were both those of



Coach Winegarner and the Lady Coyotes receive the Regional Championship trophy after Saturday afternoon's 46-39 victory over Zephyr to earn a trip to the State Final Four Tournament in Austin.

turning points. In both contests, the score was ironically 23-19 at halftime with the Lady Coyotes ahead. Defense was keeping them in both games; after halftime, in both games, the offense found its marks and the defense continued to dominate, wearing down both Alvord and Zephyr. Held to only 3 points the first half against Alvord, Sophomore Valerie Wootan scored 14 in the second half to ignite the

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#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Thursday March 4th  
Friday, March 5th

SPRING BREAK  
March 8th through 12th

Have a Great  
Time Off!





# Coyotes Capture AREA Title

For the first time in the history of the Coyote the Borden County Boys basketball team has captured the Area round of the play-offs, and played in a sub-regional game in March. "It has always been our goal to make it this far and it seems we are peaking at the right time".

Last Thursday in Merkel Texas the Coyotes hit the court with more intensity than we have ever had. The Bulldogs did not know what hit them. The Coyotes went on an early run to give them a ten point lead. But the Bulldogs proved that they could also play as they evened the score at the end of the first period 17 all. Coyote defense prevailed though as they held their opponent to just six points in each of the second and third periods. The Coyotes took a ten point lead as they led at the half 33-23. The first half ended in great Coyote fashion as Colt McCook stole the ball from a Bulldog and hit Jeff Dennis down the Court for an awesome slam dunk. The Coyotes then bolted

off the court to the dressing room leaving the Bulldogs on the court.

A 22 point third quarter for the Coyotes put the game away as at times the Coyotes enjoyed a 30 point lead. In the fourth period every Coyote that suited up for the game was able to see some playing time. That is a luxury that you don't get to see much during the play-offs.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Colt McCook with 24 points. Colt hit 6 three point buckets, and 2 two point field goals, and he was 2 for 2 at the foul line.

Jeff Dennis had 14 points, all from 2 point field goals.

Justin Lawrence had 12 points, including 2 free throws.

Kevin Pinkerton hit 3 three pointers for 9 points.

Fernando Baeza had 6 points, including a 2 pointer, a three pointer, and was 1 of 2 from the charity stripe.

Our bench produced ten points for the Coyote



**Borden Coyotes Area Champions:** (Top row L. to R.) Coach Trey Richey, Preston, Sharp, Colt McCook, Ryan Grant, Jeff Dennis, Fernando Baeza and Assistant Coach Bobby Avery. (Kneeling L. to R.) Managers Colt Miller, J. Ryan Gicklhorn, Kevin Pinkerton, Ed Rodriguez, Justin Lawrence, Trent Pepper, Nick Flanigan and manager Cesar Mujica. Other team members not pictured: Robert Stamper, Tom Griffin, Cody Nowlain, and Dale Grant.  
**Photo by LaNita**

cause each scoring two points. They were Trent Pepper, Ed Rodriguez, Ryan Grant, Dale Grant, and Preston Sharp.

Also playing in the game was Nick Flanigan, Cody Nowlain, Robert Stamper, Tom Griffin.

This was a great

effort guys. It feels good to playing this far, but we are not satisfied yet. Munday will be our next opponent. They have agreed to play in Merkel on Tuesday night. In the last 5 quarters we played in the Merkel gym we have averaged over 20

points per quarter. We should be in a familiar environment so put a smile on your face and have a good game. Let's get to the Regional Tournament in Abilene and once again rewrite Borden County history.

## Even the little Coyote Fans get ready the big game **Band News**



Deidre Smith gets Tanner Richey ready for the game with a little war paint on his face.

(Photo by LaNita)



John Hensley is ready for the battle as Reagan Smith helps with his face paint during the game.

(Photo by LaNita)

**Band News**  
by Mr. G  
The first two months of the new semester have been super for the Coyote Band! Here's a quick list of who's done what:  
On January 15th, a group of students traveled to the All-Region Band audition in Abilene. They all performed very well, and the following students earned seats in the All-Region band:  
Krystle Lee-10th Clarinet  
Eva Abalos-11th Clarinet  
Becky Copeland-9th Tuba

On January 19th, a group of students from 6th through 8th grade auditioned in Post for the



# School's First Trip to Final Four

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team. Crucial free throws and tight defense gave the semi-final victory to BHS, 59-46.

Against Zephyr and their pivotal post player Kimberly Moore, the Lady Coyotes grabbed 13 defensive rebounds, shot 50% from the field, and made the play when they most needed it. With only a four-point lead

at half-time, Juniors Lindsey Smith and Julie Mayes drained two consecutive three-pointers to challenge Zephyr's zone defense, and again excellent defensive play kept the girls in the lead where they never looked back. Junior Shaina Isaacs hit 4 out of six free throws in the closing minutes to insure a first ever Regional Championship win, 46-39.

## REGIONAL TOURNAMENT STATISTICS

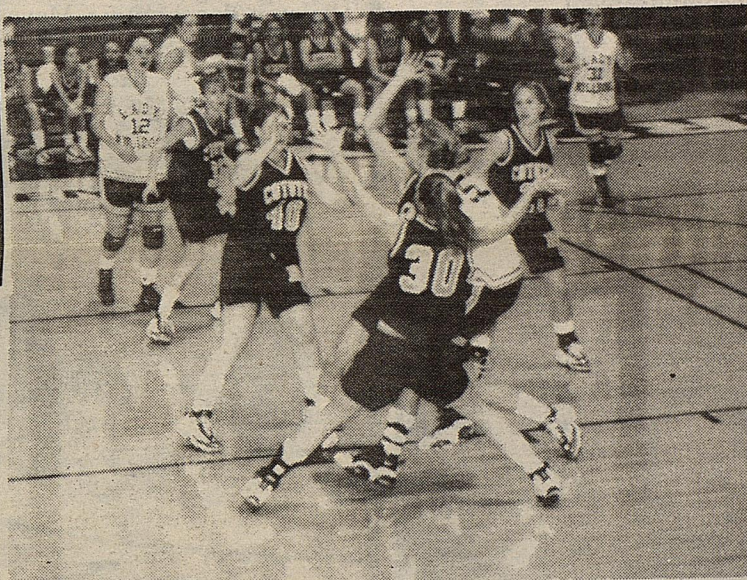
Borden High School State-Bound Lady Coyotes

### TEAM TOTALS:

Steals:	against Alvord	18
	against Zephyr	11
Rebounds:	against Alvord	23
	against Zephyr	21
Field Goal %	against Alvord	48%
	against Zephyr	52%
3-point %	against Alvord	20%
	against Zephyr	25%
Free Throw %	against Alvord	74%
	against Zephyr	64%

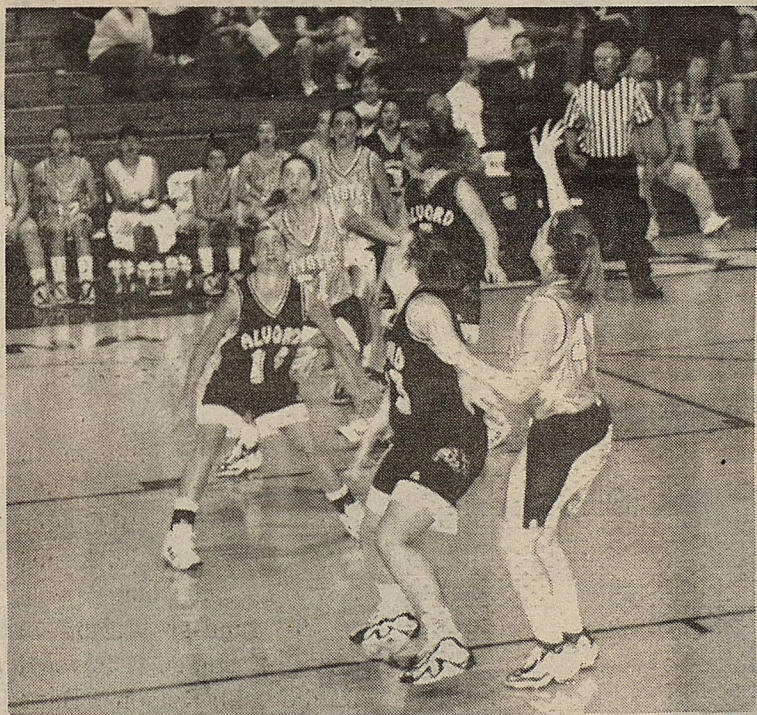


#51 Valerie Wootan goes up for a lay-up during a fast break in Friday evening's game against Alvord. The Lady Coyotes defeated Alvord 59-46.

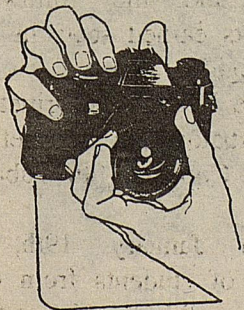


Tough defense on the press helped to keep the ball on the offensive end of the court during the final victory against Zephyr Saturday.

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COOL

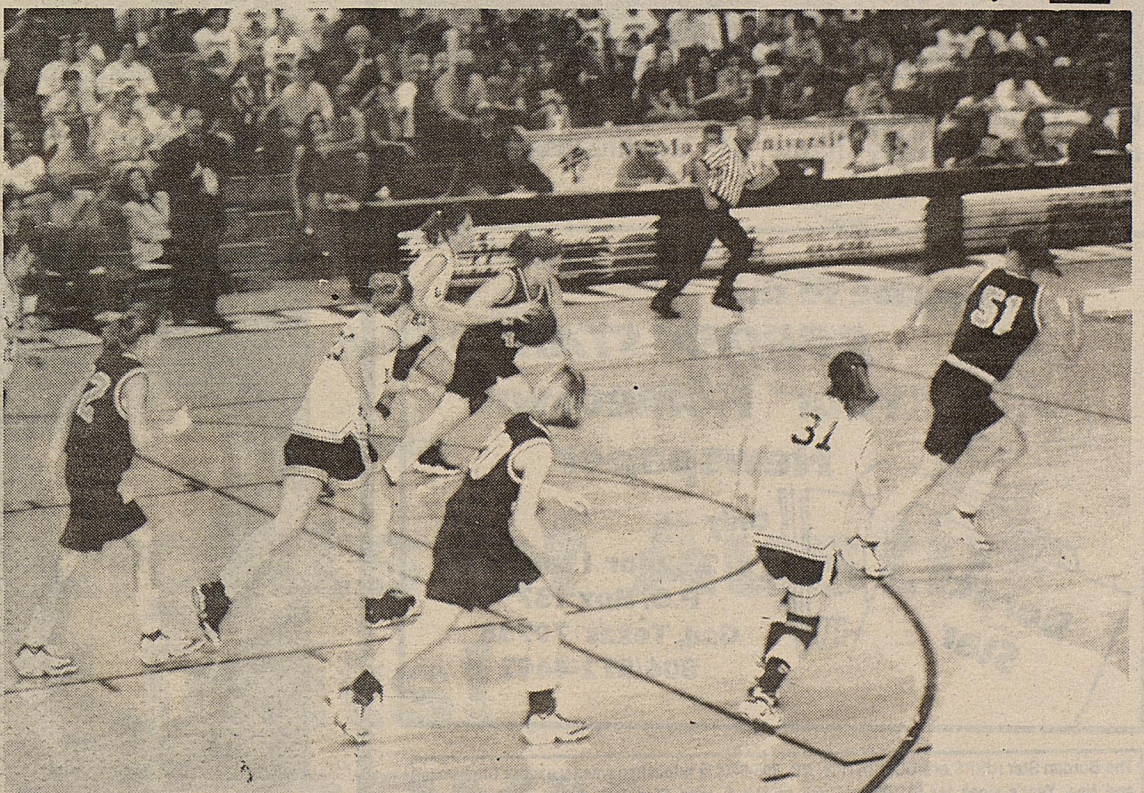


Amanda Watts takes the shot while team members wait for the rebound during the Alvord game.



KEEPIN' it  
COOL

Photos by LaNita

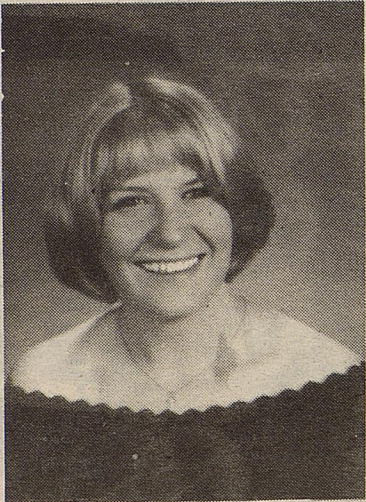


Amanda Watts drives the ball down the court as #51 Valerie Wootan runs to get ahead for another lay-up and big score against Zephyr, Saturday afternoon.



## Becky Copeland earns trip to State

On January 9th, Becky Copeland (Sr. Tuba player) participated in the ATSSB Area auditions for the All-State Band. Her performance was excellent, and her final placement as 2nd alternate to the ATSSB All-State band deserves recognition. Her performance at the Regional ATSSB All-State audition earlier also earned her the 2nd chair in the ATSSB Honor Band for this region.



Traveling with Becky was Band Director Nathan Gutschke and Jeanette Koehler as Becky's accompaniment.

Rebekah Copeland, Senior Coyote Band member will compete at State Contest in spring.

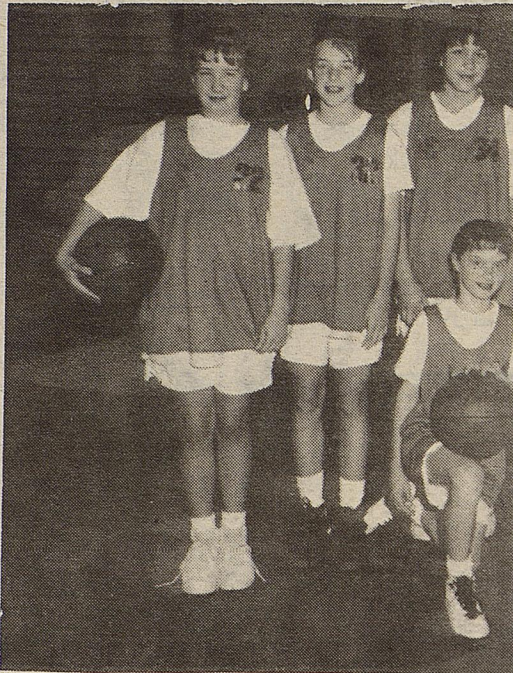
we are proud of your accomplishment.

Congratulations Becky,

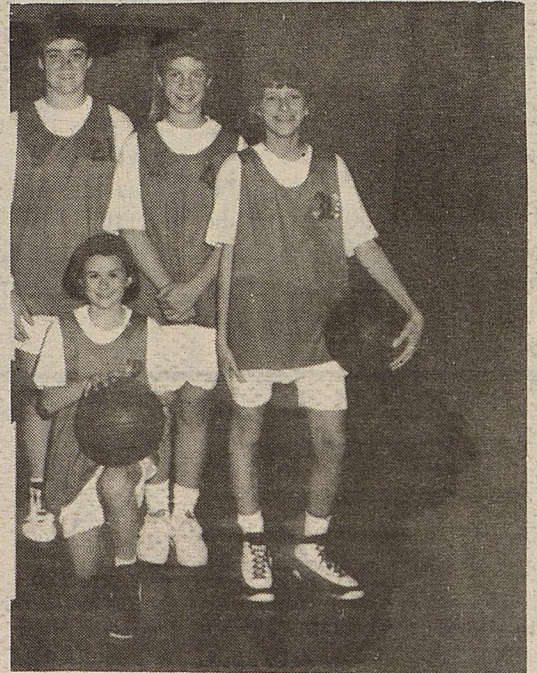


Fifth Grader, Shiloh Pool received a CD player for reaching 200 points in the AR Reading Program last week.

# Dreams Can Come True!



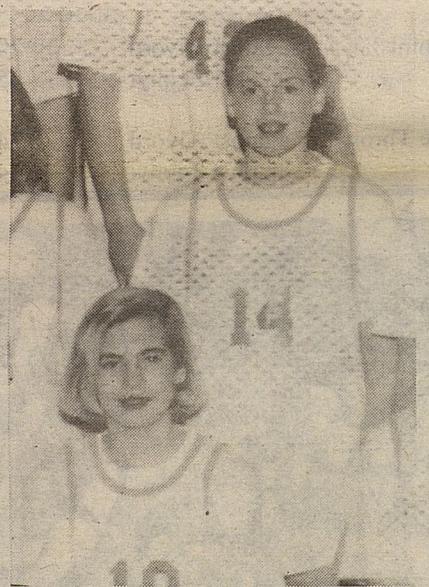
Hailey Adcock, Julie Mayes, Adrianna Baeza, and Holly Thomas (kneeling).



Ky Merritt, Kaci Poole, Lindsey Smith and Bekah Hensley (kneeling)



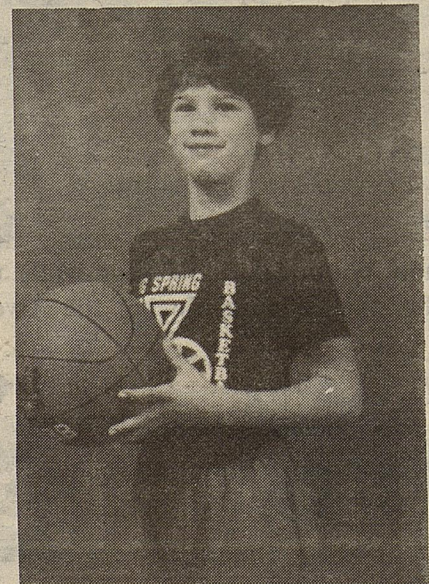
Katie Kemp, Lindsey Smith, Brenda Griffin, and Shaina Isaacs



Amanda Watts and Staci O'Brien

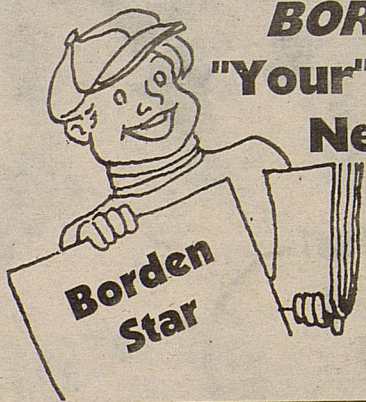


Crystal Dye



Valerie Wootan

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# Congratulations Lady Coyotes



Lindsey Smith #32

Katie Kemp #24

Julie Mayes #30

Amanda Watts #40

Staci O'Brien #14

Shaina Isaacs #20

Ky Merritt #54

Hailey Adcock #43

Adrianna Baeza #34

Kaci Poole #42

Brenda Griffin  
Manager

Holly Thomas #10

Valerie Wootan #51

Bekah Hensley #22

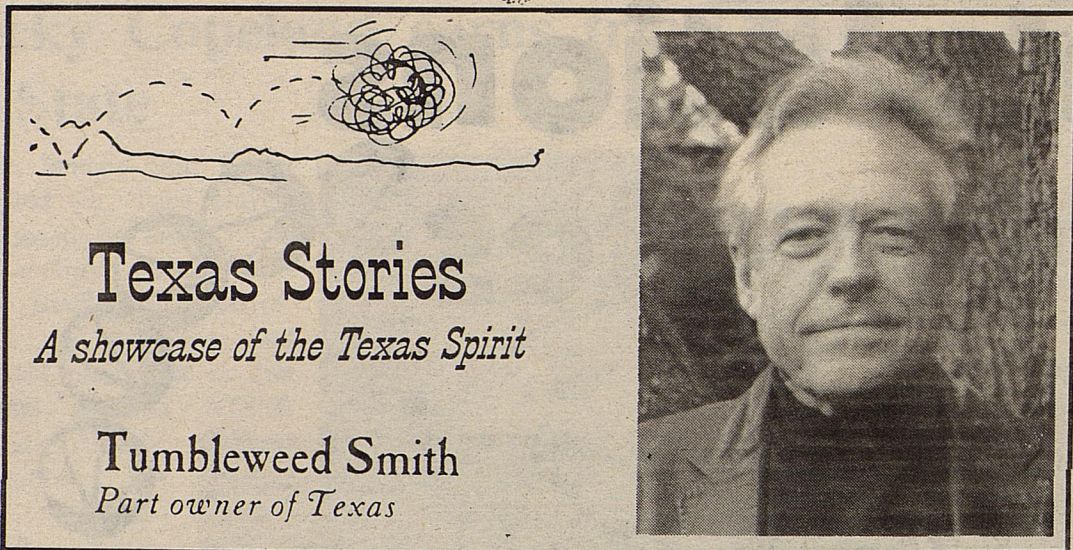
Crystal Dye #12

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## The Biggest Pancakes in Texas

The City Café in Sterling City has a sign painted on the window that reads THE BIGGEST PANCAKES IN TEXAS. I went in and visited with the owner, Wesley Turner.

"They've been called wagon wheels, barrel lids and saddle blankets. They're exceptionally large. They are at least an inch thick. Sometimes I make 'em two inches thick."

The pancakes are approximately fifteen inches across, about the size of a large pizza.

"We encourage our customers to share," says Wesley. "We ready do. For a buck fifty you can feed three or four people. The other day a family of four came in, husband, wife and two children. The kids are more than the parents, but I fed them all with one pancake."

The City Café in Sterling City has been serving the giant pancakes about six years.

"One morning it was exceptionally busy," says Wesley. "My kitchen is real small and a lot of times I'll be doing two or three things at once. You have to when you're the only cook and you've got a house full of people. I keep my batter in a big yellow bowl with a handle on it. I went to pour the batter onto the grill and I swung around to get some bacon or something. When I turned back around I had

poured about half that bowl of batter onto the grill. I thought there was no sense in wasting it, I'll go ahead and send it out and people might get a kick out of it."

The people who got the pancake had entered the café with a frown on their faces. When they left, they were smiling. Wesley thought to himself, "Hey, this might be a cool thing to do."

If you eat three, you get 'em free.

I went back to the kitchen and watched Wesley prepare one of the huge pancakes. He poured enough batter to nearly cover the entire grill. He uses a regular spatula to turn the pancakes, putting it gently underneath the edges, then at the proper time, when the batter has reached the right consistency, he flips it over.

He invited me to try one of the pancakes. It tasted delicious, but I

couldn't finish even a fourth of it. A pancake fifteen inches across and at least an inch thick is BIG, man. Takes lots of syrup.

He sells very few stacks of the giant pancakes.

"I've got a spatula back there that has about seven or eight notches carved in it from people who tried to eat three. If they can't finish them, I mark a notch in my spatula. I've had only two people finish a stack. One was a 90-year-old lady. She was here practically all day, but she at them all."

Two teenage boys came into the café one day and tried to eat a stack. Wesley told them if they at everything on the plate, he would buy them some new fishing gear. They tried their best, but couldn't finish the stack. Wesley bought them new rods and reels anyway.

## Band News

by Mr. G  
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Middle School All-Region Band. The competition was very stiff, and while none of the students secured a position in the band, I am very proud of the time and effort they spent in preparing for the audition.

The concerts for the All-Region Band and the ATSSB Honor Band were held on January 30th at Monterey High School in Lubbock. The performances were very enjoyable, and I know that the students enjoyed themselves.

Competition was held at Coronado High School in Lubbock on February 27th. Becky Copeland solidly performed a solo early that morning and earned a division I. As a result of her success, she will advance to the UIL State Solo & Ensemble competition in San Marcos on May 29th - 31st. Also attending that trip will be twirler Staci O'Brien, who also received a division I on her twirling solo last October and earned the right to advance to state. congratulations to both of you!

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## Wedding Plans Announced



*Bobbie Womack and Timothy Burkhalter*

*Bobbie Michele Womack and Timothy Joseph Burkhalter, both of Canyon, plan to be married May 28, 1999 at the Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.*

*The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Sheila Armstrong of Vealmoor and Ricky and Paula Womack of Austin. Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Johnie and Barbara Burkhalter of Hereford.*

*Miss Womack is a 1995 graduate of Borden County High School. She is a candidate for graduation from West Texas A&M University in December 1999 with a major in Kinesiology/Biology Education.*

*Burkhalter graduated from Hereford High School in 1993 and from WTAMU in December 1997 with a degree in Biology/Wild Life Management. He is a graduate student in Biology. He is currently employed by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc.*

## Thank You!

Thank you to all of our friends for the prayers, visits, cards, calls, flowers and food sent our way during Edward's hospital stay.

Also a special Thank You to Borden County EMT's, Kent Holmes, Carrie Hart and Danita Roe for all their help, and Bro. Randy Hardman for the care and concern shown to us..

We appreciate all of you so much.

Edward, Terry,  
Gerry & James Smith

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## Reese Tate Puckett

Born: February 9, 1999 - 10:36 a.m.

Weight: 7-lbs. 7 oz. Length 21 1/2"

Parents: Chancey & Lisa Puckett,  
Vernon, TX

Grandparents: Dot Smith, Vernon, TX  
formerly of Borden County  
and the late Jerry Ross Smith  
Chancey & Dorothy Puckett, Jr.  
Vernon, TX.

He joins a 3-year-old brother,  
**ROSS**



## Announcing Grandchild #8

Her name is NATALIE KATE

Big sister is AUDREY TATE

Now, We Think they are just Great!!!

## Natalie Kate Burkett

Born: February 12, 1999

Weight: 9-lbs. Length 19 3/4"

Parents: Mickey & Shelly Burkett  
Mansfield, TX

Grandparents:

Ed & Linda Stokum, Brownfield, TX.  
Jim & Frances Burkett, Borden Co.

# It's Spring Break!

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# The Crop That Could,

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Plains for several years. "UNR production could help producers maintain yields while spending less on crop inputs, or by increasing their yields with normal input costs," Brown said. "In our 1998 field trials, conventional irrigated cotton planted in 40-inch rows yielded about 1,050 pounds per acre. Our average UNR yield came in at 1,200 to 1,500 pounds per acre."

"Planting at lower rates on narrower rows gives each plant a little more space in the row. That encourages the plant to produce more fruiting sites (Squares and bolls) and retain more of its fruit through the growing season," Krieg noted. "By planting for 3 to 4 good plants per foot of row, we're growing a crop that closes its canopy quickly, shades the ground and reduces the amount of rainfall and irrigation water lost to evaporation."

Other UNR benefits include:

- \* less tillage is required (lower operating cost)
- \* plants use irrigation water and rainfall more efficiently

\*the crop matures in 130 days instead of 144-150 days (shorter growing season)

- \* higher yield potential
- \* potentially lower crop input costs.

But there are drawbacks to UNR cotton, too, Brown and Krieg noted.

"UNR cotton must be planted flat, not in beds, because it must be harvested with a stripper equipped with a broadcast header. Flat ground will blow in West Texas, so a cover crop from October through April is also necessary," Krieg said. "The cover crop has to have water, too, whether it be irrigation water or rainfall."

Narrow-row planters or drills capable of seeding no deeper than 1 1/2 inches are necessary to obtain a good stand. New or modified equipment could pose an extra expense. Farmers also may have to give up some conventional weed control options such as tillage and some cotton herbicides that may not be compatible with a small grain winter cover crop.

"Most of the season's

fertilizer has to be applied pre-plant unless a drip irrigation system is used. UNR cotton performs best under center-pivot sprinklers, which can apply nitrogen but not other nutrients such as phosphorus, sulphur or potash," Brown said. "With narrow rows and a thick crop, Low-Energy-Precision-Application (LEPA) sprinklers with drops may have trouble rotating through the crop."

Even with these limitations, some farmers find UNR cotton feasible and profitable.

"There are about 15,000 to 20,000 acres of UNR cotton on the South Plains today. Farmers who have tried it say there are more advantages than disadvantages in raising an earlier crop with higher yield potential and lower input costs," Krieg said.

"But this is not a crop

you can plant and walk away from for several weeks at a time. Narrow-row, early cotton is more management intensive than conventional cotton," Brown said. "Field trial experience has taught us that you have to be ready to respond when it needs water, fertilizer, herbicides or an insecticide, and you have to be waiting with the harvester when the crop is ready to come out of the field."

## END OF GAME NOTICE



Two of the Texas Lottery's instant games will close on April 2, 1999: A Gift For You and First Down. You have until September 29, 1999, to redeem any winning tickets. You can win up to \$500 playing A Gift For You and up to \$1,000 playing First Down.

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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 "Interior Decoration's". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. February 18, 1999. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

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

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

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