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The Beat Goes On U.I.L. Academic Teams Continue Success

The U.I.L. Academic Teams from Borden County High School once again had strong individual showings at two recent invitational practice meets hosted by Idalou High School and Monterey High School.

At the Idalou H.S. Meet held on February 2nd, a group of seventeen BHS students took on schools from 1A to 3A classifications. Freshman Taylor Richey had a nice debut on the high school U.I.L. scene as she placed first in Poetry Interpre-

tation.

Senior Kate Wallace and junior Katherine Froman finished second in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking and Spelling & Vocabulary respectively. Froman's high score also led the Spelling Team (comprised of Froman and sophomores Michael Porter & Brendan Tarleton) to a second place finish overall.

Sophomore Karl Laming did well in Extemporane-

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Ready to Rumble!!!



The Borden High School Lady Coyotes took an overall 18-11 record and a second place 8-2 district finish into the 1A, Division II Girls' Basketball Play-offs with a bi-district play-off game vs. the Sterling City Lady Eagles this past Tuesday night. The game was held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College in Big Spring, but game results were not available at press time.

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 12th day of February, 2008 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Van L. York
County Judge

Early Season Planting Survey Results

By Shawn Wade

The most anticipated news from the opening day of the National Cotton Council's 2008 Annual Meeting were the results of the NCC's 2008 early Season Planting Intentions Survey. Cotton industry members already anticipating a significant change were not disappointed as the NCC sur-

vey projected an additional million acres. Upland cotton accounts for 11.6 percent decline in U.S. cotton acres from 2007.

The survey's results were announced during the American Cotton Producers meeting after the markets closed Friday afternoon.

Nationally, the NCC survey noted that total U.S. cotton acreage was forecast at 9.5

231,000 acres of Extra long staple (ELS) cotton bringing the total to 9.5 million acres.

According to the NCC survey, 4.788 million acres of Texas cotton will account for more than 50 percent of all U.S.

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Coyotes Outlast the Bulldogs!

By Coach Baeza

The Borden Coyotes hosted the Loraine Bulldogs on Feb. 1 in their second meeting of the year. The Coyotes were coming off a disappointing loss to the Cardinals the week before and were determined to get back in the win column.

The first half saw both teams trading baskets with the Bulldogs edging out the Coyotes 10-9 in the first quarter. The Coyotes however began the second quarter playing good defense and finding some offense of their own. Flynn Chapman led the Coyotes in the first half with six points followed by Quentin Shafer with a big three point basket to get the Coyote offense going in the first.

Good defense and an offensive surge in the second allowed the Coyotes to pull ahead before half taking a 21-

15 lead into the locker room.

The Bulldogs began the second half with a hot shooting streak which allowed them to pull within two going into the fourth. However this is when the Coyotes began to get hot from the field as Carlos Hernandez added a big three point basket followed by a big offensive surge by Quentin Shafer who added ten second half points for the Coyotes.

Good defense frustrated the Bulldogs who went cold from the field in the fourth and allowed the Coyotes to take a 49-42 victory in the end.

Scoring for the Coyotes: Flynn Chapman 13, Quentin Shafer 13, Brendan Tarleton 7, Carlos Hernandez 7, Karl Lamming 5, Michael Cooley 2, Tony Soto 2, and also contributing Tyrell Massingill.

Lady Hornets Beat Borden Coyotes

By Coach Turner

The Borden Lady Coyotes went to Highland last Tuesday looking for a share of the District 12 championship but came home empty handed as the #1 ranked Lady Hornets beat Borden County 61-34.

The Lady Coyotes had a hard time early as Highland took leads of 20-6 after one quarter and 35-11 at the half. The Lady Coyotes tried to get back into the game in the sec-

ond half but never really had the run they needed.

Taylor Richey led the offense with 14 points. Baylee Benavidez joined her in double figures with 11. Olivia Key scored 6 and Bailey Anderson rounded out the scoring with a three pointer.

The Lady Coyotes finish the regular season at 17-11 and 8-2 in district 12.

Drive Safely Watch Out for Our Playing Children

Late Comeback Puts Hornets Over the Coyotes!

By Coach Baeza

The Borden Coyotes wrapped up their season on Feb. 5 with a disappointing loss to the Highland Hornets. The Coyotes played well and

led most of the game but allowed the Hornets to pull away in the end with costly turnovers.

The Coyotes began the game shooting well as they took a first quarter lead of 15-8 with good shooting by Karl Lamming and Quentin Shafer. Flynn Chapman and Brendan Tarleton were consistent under the basket during the first half as they were able to control the boards and contribute offensively with fourteen combined points. The Coyotes played good pressure defense and did not allow many second opportunities for the Hornets which allowed them to take a 23-14 first half lead.

During the second half Michael Cooley began to heat up as he hit three jumpers from outside the paint as Flynn Chapman continued to score from inside the paint. However a bigger Highland team began to wear down the Coyotes inside the paint which allowed them to find some easy baskets with offensive rebounds.

In the fourth the Coyotes shooting began to get cold as they were getting frustrated with their shot selection and began to turn the ball over. This allowed the Hornets to catch up and take the lead in the end and hold on with a 45-42 victory. This was a hard fought game for a Coyote team that has shown a lot of class during this season. This Coyote team has shown much improvement during the season and they have been a joy to coach. There is defiantly a lot to look forward to next season. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes: Flynn Chapman 17, Brendan Tarleton 7, Quentin Shafer 6, Michael Cooley 6, Karl Lamming 6, and contributing Carlos Hernandez, Tyrell Massingill, Clay Harding, and Michael Fromann.

Player of the Week



Lady Coyote, Baylee Benavidez, receives Player of the Week. She scored 11 points against the Highland Lady Hornets. Baylee is a junior and is the daughter of Phillip and Holly Benavidez.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

THERE WILL BE A BOOSTER CLUB MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM. THOSE INTERESTED, PLEASE ATTEND.

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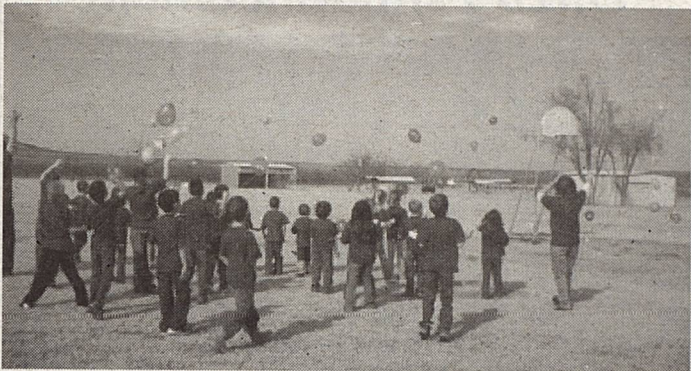
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Up, Up and Away!!!



On a very West Texas windy day, Borden County Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades release balloons into the air in celebration of the 100th Day of School.

Borden County Students Celebrate 100 Days Of School

The long awaited day arrived, and Kindergarten, First and Second Grades were ready. They brought a collection of 100 things, and expectation of having a great day. IT WAS THE 100th DAY OF SCHOOL!

The day began with something out of the ordinary—breakfast in the classroom! While eating breakfast, the students showed off their 100 collection. There were quite a few different ones such as pennies, candy, marbles, rocks, beans, noodles, and beads.

There were winners in many categories.

Most Useful-Rayme Jones and Kable Kleck-Pennies; Trace Richey-tooth picks. Russell Wilks and Will Yarbropaper clips.

Tiniest-Morgan Wilson-BB's

Heaviest (and Hardest)-Brad Thomas-Rocks

Prettiest-Kaitlyn Hamm-Hair Bows and Clips

Most Unusual - Michael Brady-Things you can grow; Brian Torres-Nails

Tastiest - Maegen Bland-Lemon Heads; Kenley Dean-M&M's; Katie Gray-Assorted Candy; Anthony Lopez-Gummie Bears; J.W. Nix-Sour Skittles; Macie Turner-Skittles

Most Fun - Veronica Hernandez-Marbles; Alex Humphreys-cars; Thomas Nix-Leggos; Luke Slover-Paper Airplanes; Brooke Swaffer-100 Piece Puzzle; Macie Turner-Colorful Beads

Healthiest-Thadd Basquez-Fruit Loops; Nick Proulx-Noodles; Bryce Redman-Beans

Healthy Hygiene-Kelby Kleck-Q-tips

It was a sea of blue in the cafeteria when the three classes arrived wearing their blue t-shirts announcing the 100th day of school.

Later that afternoon, students participated at three different stations, where they made 100's link chains, 100 bead necklaces, 100 sticker's posters, and worked in their 100 day book. The celebration continued outdoors where they released helium balloons with messages attached. The balloons quickly floated toward Post. Afterward, the group headed to the football field where they dodged deer droppings and were strategically placed to form the number 100.

It was a fun day for all. The One Hundredth Day of School was a success.

Wilson Wins Again BHS Senior Named Top Speaker at Debate Meet

Last week, Borden County High School senior Rachel Wilson added yet another laurel to an already lengthy list of high school accomplishments. At last Monday's District 9-A Cross-Examination (CX) Debate Meet hosted by the B.C.I.S.D., the judges selected Wilson as the contest's "Golden Gavel" award winner.

Throughout the rounds of debate, each judge not only selects which team wins the debate, but they also rank the four speaker's involved 1-4 and award "speaker points" from 1-5 in the areas of organization, evidence, analysis, refutation, oral style, and speed of delivery.

Wilson was given the maxi-

mum 30 points in each of her two preliminary rounds to give her an unprecedented total of 60. Her final preliminary round was a bye, so an average of her other two rounds was added; therefore, she finished the contest with a perfect 90 in speaker points and was awarded a gavel to mark the occasion.

Wilson, along with her CX partner Kate Wallace, are now set to compete in three weeks at both the Texas Forensics Association (T.F.A.) and U.I.L. CX Debate State Meets. Wilson hopes to score big at the U.I.L. meet, where she has finished in the top three in speaker points the last two years.

And The Beat Goes On.....

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ous Informative Speaking, placing third in the contest. Krista Tarleton, a freshman who also had a good first meet of her high school U.I.L. career, finished fourth in News Writing.

Finishing up the individual honors at Idalou were sophomores D'Nae Johnson, who was a finalist in Prose Interpretation, and Chasiti Rutherford, who was a quarterfinalist in Lincoln-Douglas (LD) Debate.

Also participating in the Idalou Meet were seniors Pascual Espinoza & Logan Howard; junior Jake Cooley;

sophomores Eric Espinoza, Chellsie Pigford, & Raylea Underwood; and freshmen John Hensley, Phyneshia Rutherford, & Tony Soto.

This past weekend, thirteen BHS students took on competition from 1A-5A schools at

the annual Monterey High School "Hub of the Plains" U.I.L. Meet in Lubbock.

Leading off this meet was senior Rachel Wilson, who finished first in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking and third in Current Issues & Events.

Froman improved her Spelling & Vocabulary score from the Idalou Meet and placed first overall. The team once again finished in second place, but with Froman, Tarleton, and Richey as the team members at this meet.

Eric Espinoza broke into the medalist round in two events, finishing second in Poetry Interpretation and sixth in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking.

Though no team members placed in the top six individually, high scores from all four team members in Literary

School Lunch Menu February 18-22, 2008

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

Tuesday - Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Popcorn 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: Polish Sausage, Baked Potato w/Ham & Cheese, Steamed Broccoli, Crackers, Ice Cream and Milk.

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

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Criticism allowed the team to place third overall. Sophomores Johnson, Rutherford, Skyler Williamson-Dear, and freshman Kerianne Howard comprised the team.

Richey once again had a good day in Poetry Interpretation, finishing fourth at this meet. Finishing out the medalists was Hensley, who placed 6th in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking. He was also just out of the medals in Current Issues & Events.

Also competing at Monterey were Chellsie Pigford, Tony Soto, and Krista Tarleton.

This weekend, a large contingent of around twenty BHS students is set to compete at the Post High School U.I.L. Meet. Good luck to all competitors!

Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



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See RED on Valentine's Day

See "Red" on Valentine's Day and throughout the year. Red fruits and vegetables contain many health-promoting phytochemicals including lycopene and anthocyanins. This color group may help promote:

- * A lower risk of some cancers
- * A healthy heart
- * Memory health
- * Urinary tract health

Red fruits and vegetables include: Tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, pizza sauce, tomato juice, red peppers, red onions, beets, red cabbage, kidney beans, apples, pink grapefruit, red grapes, strawberries, cherries, watermelon, raspberries, cranberries and pomegranates. Some "red" ideas for Valentine's Day (or any day!) include:

* Heart-shaped pizza. Shape pizza dough into a heart. Or, use a heart-shaped cookie cutter to make individual hearts from pizza dough. Spread with your favorite tomato pizza sauce. Add your choice of toppings.

* Pasta with tomato sauce. For added fun, serve heart-shaped pasta — check with stores offering specialty pasta shapes or order some online. Check delivery time if you order online.

* Add a few of those tiny red hot cinnamon heart candies to a popcorn snack.

* Tossed salad with such red additions as red bell peppers, cherry or grape tomatoes

* Make a polka-dotted open-faced peanut butter sandwich. Cut bread into a heart shape, spread with peanut butter and dot with dried cranberries. Or, make a smiley face

with the dried cranberries. Another idea would be to purchase some heart-shaped crackers, if available at your local store; substitute for the bread.

* Cole slaw made with red cabbage

* Cole slaw made with such red foods as red peppers, red onions and apples

* Cranberry sauce — use that bag of cranberries in your freezer that you bought when they were on sale

* Oatmeal topped with a heart shape, made with dried cranberries or dried cherries



* Raspberry smoothie — Put 3/4 to 1 cup vanilla-flavored yogurt in a blender. Add a few tablespoons of frozen raspberries at a time; blend until desired consistency. After mixing — if desired — blend in 1 or more teaspoons of sugar or no calorie sweetener to taste.

* Pink/red grapefruit half topped with a sprinkle of brown sugar

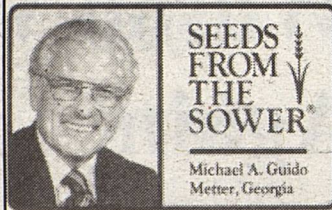
* Red grapes as a side dish to your sandwich for noontime nibbling

For additional red fruits and vegetables recipe ideas, visit these Web sites:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov

Produce for Better Health at www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org

Source: Alice Henneman, MS, RD, University of Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County



Two girls were picking apples. One stayed on the ground. The other started climbing.

"Don't step on that branch," cried one.

"Why not?"

"It's weak," she answered. "If it breaks, it won't bear any fruit."

How much that branch is like boys and girls. They're not grown up, but they're bearing fruit.

Build them up, don't break them down. Eliminate stumbling blocks, don't erect them. Teach them to do good, don't twist them to do evil.

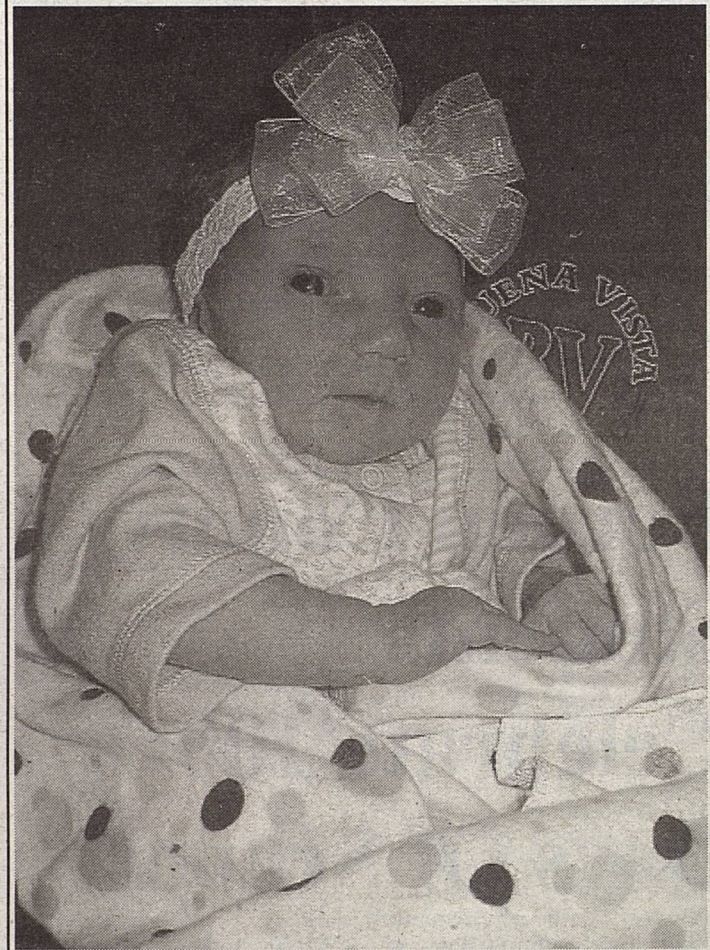
Our Lord said, "If anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

Thank You

We would like to say thank to all the people who came out and fought the grass fire. We appreciate your kindness, time and hard work.

Sincerely,
Max & Jane Jones
Don & Nelva Jones

Birth Announcement



Grace McKay Cooley

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooley, of Gail, would like to announce the arrival of their new granddaughter, Grace McKay.

Grace was born January 15, 2008 at 10:57 p.m. She weighed 7lbs. 2oz. and was 21" long.

Proud parents are James and Tiffany Cooley of Kansas City, Missouri.

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Living Well Educational Program

Join us for educational programming that will help improve your lifestyle and overall well-being to begin "Living Well in 2008."

Promoting a Healthy Weight

Monday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room

Information will be provided for including fruits and vegetables, as well as fitness into the daily routine to help improve overall health and a healthy weight. We will also review MyPyramid and how you can fit it into your daily diet.



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4-H News

4-H Clothing Project

Youth interested in learning about fashion design, clothing selection, care, and basic construction techniques are invited to participate in the Clothing Project and sew day. We will be meeting Monday, February 11, Tuesday, February 12, Monday, February 25, and Tuesday, February 26 from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab. You must attend 3 of the 4 project meetings to be eligible to compete in the County Fashion Show which will be on Tuesday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room (information about the show will be given during project meetings). The 4-H "Sew Fun" Day will be held on Saturday, March 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab (call to register and for information on project materials; please bring a sack lunch)

Fashion Design Project

The Fashion Design Project provides 4-H'ers an opportunity to test their creativity. Categories include: garment design, accessory design and textile design. For the competition, 4-H'ers submit a "portfolio" of their design. Information and forms which are required for the "portfolio" may be picked up from the Extension Office. **Entry materials and the "portfolio's" are due on April 1 to the County Extension office.** All entries at the county level will be able to advance to the District 4-H Fashion Design Contest. Please let us know if you are interested in this project. We will have a session on Fashion Design during the Clothing Project.

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 3rd at Levelland Middle School in Levelland.

The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 2.

Shooting Sports to Begin Soon

The shooting sports project is family oriented and allows the entire family to work together for a common goal. Youth learn about handling the guns, ammunition, proper shooting techniques, identifying targets, as well as leadership, character, and dedication. Shooting sport events that are focused on in Borden County include trap and skeet and other shotgun events. Practices will begin around the first of April. Youth interested in learning about shooting safety and the sport of shooting should contact volunteer leaders Dean Roberson at (432)399-4485 or RayDon and Jana Underwood at (806)756-4412.

Call for Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with any of our 4-H projects! If you or someone you know, has a special interest in one of the project areas or would even like to learn more about one of the projects, we invite you to become involved as a volunteer. We also need judges for various competitive events, such as Fashion Show, Food Show, or Public Speaking at Roundup. We would greatly appreciate anyone that would like to volunteer! Volunteers are the back-bone of our 4-H program! If you have any questions, would like further information or wish to volunteer, please contact the Extension office.

Obituaries

Juanita Zant

1930 - 2008

Juanita Zant, beloved wife and mother of Lubbock and formerly New Home, departed this life February 7, 2008 at the age of 77. She was born on April 1, 1930 to William and Nancy Reed in Ackerly, Texas. Juanita graduated from Ackerly High School in 1948. She married Oral Cates Zant shortly thereafter. In 1960, they moved to New Home from Ackerly. Juanita was a Christian, mother, housewife, and cotton farmer. Juanita moved to Lubbock in 1998, and resided at Quail Ridge & Wedgwood South. She was a long time member of the New Home Church of Christ.

Juanita was preceded in death by her husband, Cates, in 1985, one son, Randy Zant, in 1976 and one sister, Ruby Ingram, in 2002. Those left to cherish her memory are one daughter, Vicki Lynn Zant of Lubbock; one son, Gaylon Zant of Dallas; and one brother, A.D. Reed of Ackerly.

Celebration of Life Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 9, 2008 at the New Home Church of Christ, with Billy Reed, Brice Cotton, and Leonard Nettles officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Lubbock at 1102 Slide Road, Suite 3, Lubbock, TX 79416.

The family wishes to express its deep appreciation to the staff of Quail Ridge Alzheimer's Care Facility and of Wedgwood South, A.L. and to the Covenant 6th floor staff for their exceptional care and concern during Juanita's last days.

Arrangements were under the personal care of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Omega Smith

1913 - 2008

Omega Smith, 94, of San Angelo, formerly of Lamesa and Borden County, went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 1, 2008. A memorial service was held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at Myers & Smith Chapel in Big Spring with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

Omega was born July 13,

1913, in Mable Dean Texas, to Mack and Florence Thompson. She married M.C. (Jack) Smith in 1931 in Stamford. They raised their children in Jones and Borden Counties. After retirement in 1981, they moved to Big Spring. Although she left Big Spring 1998, she always said it was her favorite place to live. She spent many days up on the mountain. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend that will be truly missed by all. She was a nurse and even after her retirement always found a way to take care of others. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by sons, Mike Smith and wife Judy of Tucson, Ariz., and Paul Smith of Austin; daughter, Arba Pennington and husband, Michael of Maringouin, La.; grandchildren, Courtney and Jason Smith of San Angelo, Brenda Henson of Lubbock, Heather Meek of Lubbock, Jeff, Kevin, Patrick and Michelle Pennington Maringouin, La.; great-grandchildren: Chad and Aaron Dillard of Lubbock, Blake Henson of Houston, Cheyenne Jordan of Lubbock, Emma Horner San Angelo, Chase Pennington of Maringouin, La., Margaret Meek of Lubbock, Austin Smith of Lubbock, Brooke and Storm Dillard of Lubbock; and one great-great-granddaughter, Elise Dillard of Lubbock; several nieces and nephews; and very special friend and caretaker, Brenda Gill.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband M.C. (Jack) Smith, daughter Patsy Applegate, grandchildren Dusty Smith and Linda Jordan, twin sister Alpha, sisters Lois, Eunice (Pete), and

Oma, brothers Burton, Clyde, and Claude (Coon).

The family wishes to thank the staff at Regency House for the wonderful, loving care they provided Omega. She loved you all.

Memorials may be made on Omega's name to The Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock 79408 or to your favorite charity. Arrangements were by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Lady Coyotes Whirl Past Graford in Trent

By Coach Turner

The Borden Lady Coyotes started their post season off in style with a 57-41 whipping of Graford in a practice game Friday night in Trent.

Borden County jumped to an early lead with their press and took the first quarter by the score of 26-12. The early advantage held up as Graford never got closer than 6 the rest of the way. Olivia Key had the hot hand for the Lady Coyotes

as she scored 20 points including three 3 pointers. Taylor Richey followed with 16 points. Rachel Wilson scored 7 and both D'Nae Johnson and Baylee Benavidez finished with 5 each. Bailey Anderson hit a three pointer and Krystal Hobson wrapped up the scoring with a free throw.

The Lady Coyotes improve to 18-11 on the season.

Jr. High Boys District Champs!

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote Junior High finished their season on Feb. 4 with an impressive win over Highland and a 12-1 record.

The Coyotes started the game well as they left no doubt who was the better team on the court. The Coyotes pressed early as they were able to frustrate the Hornets and convert many fast break points. Riley Smith and Tanner Richey had they range early in the first as they both hit a three point basket. Blake Turner and Austin Fields both converted on fast breaks for six points with Matthew Roberson adding four of his own inside the paint. The Coyotes also played excellent defense only allowing one point during the first half making the first half score 32-1.

The Coyotes began the second half playing zone and trying to slow the pace of the game. Austin Tyler got involved in the scoring as he put in two points from the paint while Turner, Fields, and Roberson continued to do well offensively putting in 15 second half points making the final score 47-3.

Scoring for the Coyotes: Blake Turner 10, Matthew Roberson 9, Tanner Richey 9, Austin Fields 8, Riley Smith

7, Austin Tyler 3, and Steven Howard 1. Also contributing were Troy Copeland, Chance

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Missy Coyotes Defeat Highland

By Coach Turner

The Borden Missy Coyotes went to Highland Monday night and came home with a big 44-21 victory.

The loss knocked Highland out of the top spot in district 12 and it was also the third straight win for Borden County against Highland at the junior high level. The Missy Coyotes needed some help from Hermleigh Monday night to claim a share of the district championship, but did not get

it. Loraine is the 2008 champion with Borden County in the runner-up spot.

Stefanie Cooley and Kayla Pepper lead the Missy Coyote attack with 12 points each. Mattie Turner scored 10 and Kylie Voss scored 4. Lexi Peterson and Teryn Soto wrapped up the scoring with 3 points each.

The Missy Coyotes finish the season with an 8-5 record.

100 Days of School



Borden County elementary students recently celebrated 100 days of school. Pictured forming the number 100 are kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students.

Calendar For Democratic Primary Election MARCH 4, 2008

Now accepting application for early voting by mail

- February 4 Last day to register to vote
- February 19 First day to vote early in person
- February 26 Last day for early voting clerk to receive application by mail
- February 29 Last day to vote early by personal Appearance
- March 4 ELECTION DAY

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When: February 25 5:30 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.
March 4 5:30 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.
March 17 5:30 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.

Where: Borden County School Computer Lab
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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Welcoming in The New Year in Style

We love New Year's Eve in our house. It means a lot. The first time I kissed my wife was on New Year's Eve in 1960. I was working at a radio station and she brought me some fudge. As midnight approached, I looked into her eyes and said, "It's not New Year's until you've been kissed" and planted one on her. As corny as it is, we repeat that scenario every December 31st at midnight. She still makes fudge with the same recipe she used 48 years ago. We've celebrated New Year's Eve in various places around the country, including New York City. Our celebrations are not elaborate events, usually with just a few close friends or family. The last couple of years we've welcomed the new year at our son Kevin's house in Dallas. His wife Jill and my wife Susan lay out a sumptuous feast and we toast with champagne. Our two grandsons join in the festivities. When I was in Spain during my Army years I picked up the tradition of eating a dozen grapes at midnight on December 31st. We do that. Each grape represents a month of good luck in the new year. We also eat black-eyed peas, that great Texas tradition. I spent some time in East Texas early this year and discovered the folks there feast on black-eyed peas and cabbage; the peas for luck, the cabbage for money. Our resourceful daughter-in-law Jill managed to get two tickets to the Cotton Bowl Game for Kevin and me. We got to see Missouri beat Arkan-

sas. I did my graduate work at the University of Missouri. Before the game, I told Kevin that last time he went to a University of Missouri football game he was in a stroller. The weather was just right for football: clear, sunny skies and chilly weather. We bundled up good. We sat on the Arkansas side where a few Missouri fans were sprinkled among the crowd. At the beginning of the game there was a lot of pig calling. People yelled SOOOO-EEE at the top of their voices. As the game progressed, the Arkansas fans got quieter because their team was getting shellacked. Every time Missouri scored, we stood up, yelled and applauded. Missouri fans have a crowd yell. Fans at one end of the stands will yell M-I-Z. Fans at the other end will yell Z-O-U. It is a haunting sound that would send any Arkansas football player running for the exit. It's easy to tell folks from Missouri. They call their state "MISSOURAH." I must say the DART people did an excellent job of getting people to and from the Cotton Bowl. We boarded a DART train at Mockingbird station, got off at Pearl, climbed on a bus and went right to Fair Park. The bus driver took a route that had practically no traffic. Kevin and I had been to Cotton Bowl games before when my alma mater Baylor played. We always had fun. I'm sorry to see the Cotton Bowl moving to Jerry Jones's stadium in Arlington. It won't be the same.

Early Season Planting Survey Says 9.32 Million Upland Cotton Acres

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cotton plantings in 2008. Texas producers planted 4.9 million acres in 2007.

Based on survey results, the Southeast, Mid-South, Southwest and Far West show intended upland cotton planting decreases of 12 percent, 26 percent, 2 percent and 39 percent, respectively.

The Southwest region, though, showed the strongest affinity for cotton heading into 2008. Texas cotton acres are projected to decrease only 2.3 percent, the lowest of any state indicating a decline. In 2008 Oklahoma and Kansas cotton acreage was projected to increase by 2.6 and 15.6 percent, respectively.

Carrying the NCC survey numbers out to expected production in 2008, and assuming an average abandonment rate, indicates total upland and ELS harvested area would be about 8.76 million acres.

Applying state-level yield assumptions to projected harvested acres generates a potential crop of about 15.38

million bales. This compares to 2007's total production of 19.03 million bales. Assuming average seed-to-lint ratios, 2008 cottonseed production is projected at 5.28 million tons, down from 6.60 million last year.

Survey results for all Southeastern states indicate declining cotton acreage, shifting to a double-crop of winter wheat and soybeans.

The Carolinas reported the largest percentage declines, between 20 percent and 22 percent. Respondents in Alabama indicated an 11 percent reduction in cotton acreage while Florida growers are planning a 17 percent cutback. Georgia and Virginia respondents indicated the smallest declines of 5 percent and 6 percent, re-

spectively.

All Mid-South states indicate a shift from cotton to wheat and soybeans with major percentage decreases in Mississippi (-31), Arkansas (-30) and Tennessee (-29). Smaller declines are expected in Louisiana (-18) and Missouri (-8).

For additional details, see the table at <http://www.cotton.org/econ/reports/intentions.cfm>

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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN
AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION**

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NOS. 77081L011 and 82058L003

APPLICATION Brandon Reid Construction in Texas, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration Nos. 77081L011 and 82058L003, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant. The applicant has provided the following driving directions to the site: located 3.0 miles northeast of County Road 134 and 2.5 miles west of the intersection of FM 1054 and County Road 134, said intersection is located 10.5 miles north of the intersection of Highway 180 and FM 1054 which is 7.6 miles west of Gail, Borden County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust and particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 25, 2008. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Abilene regional office, and the Borden County Clerks Office, 117 East Wasson, Gail, Borden County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Abilene regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Brandon Reid Construction in Texas, LLC, 3620 North Prince Street Suite D, Clovis, New Mexico 88101-9786 or by calling Mr. Shane Self, Enviro-Ag Engineering, Inc. at (806) 353-6123.

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