

# The Borden Star

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## Ready for Battle Livestock, Crop Disaster

## Program 2007 Eligibility Date Extended

Three Cross-Examination (CX) Debate teams from Borden County High School are set to compete this coming Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, in the District 9-A CX Debate Meet. The top two teams from the contest will advance to the CX Debate State Meet set for March 10-11 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Leading the squad is the team of seniors Kate Wallace and Rachel Wilson. Wilson is a two-time state champion in CX Debate, while Wallace is doing policy debate for the first year. Experience is on Wallace's side, though, because she was the 2006 state champion and 2007 bronze medalist in Lincoln-Douglas (value) Debate. Together, Wallace and Wilson have won three tournaments this year (Borger H.S., Odessa H.S., & Andrews H.S.) and were runners-up at one meet (Midland: Lee). They have also already qualified for the Texas Forensics Association (TFA) State Meet in CX Debate and will compete at Coppell High School on March 6-8.

Joining Wallace and Wilson are fellow veterans Krystal Hobson and Carlos Hernandez, both juniors at BHS. This duo

narrowly missed breaking into the semi-finals at last year's district meet, so hopes are high for them next Monday.

The final BHS team is made up of freshmen Bailey Anderson and John Hensley. They have gained necessary experience during the year and with luck, can be a force to be reckoned with at the district meet.

The teams will be debating squads from both Highland and Water Valley concerning this year's resolution – *Resolved: the United States federal government should substantially increase its public health assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa.* Best of luck to all competitors.



**BHS CX Debaters:** Those set to compete in the District 9-A CX Debate meet February 4th are (front row left to right) Carlos Hernandez, Krystal Hobson, (back row left to right) Bailey Anderson, John Hensley, Rachel Wilson and Kate Wallace.

Change includes livestock losses prior to Dec. 31, losses on crops planted for entire 2007 crop year

The eligibility criteria for 2007 livestock and crop year losses has been expanded, for farmers and ranchers who suffered recent livestock and/or crop losses caused by natural disasters, announced Victor Ashley, Executive Director for the Garza-Borden County Farm Service Agency (FSA).

On Dec. 26, 2007, President George W. Bush signed the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (2008 Act). The 2008 Act amended the previous Feb. 28, 2007, date and now allows for crops planted for harvest prior to Dec. 31, 2007, to be included for loss purposes under the Crop Disaster Program (CDP). Similarly, under the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), the 2008 Act extends the date livestock and livestock feed losses could have occurred in a primary or contiguous county named in a Secretarial or Presidential disaster declaration to Dec. 31, 2007.

"This date change does not make 2008 crops planted in 2007 eligible for CDP, however it does benefit farmers in that it expands the eligibility criteria to include crops planted in 2007 that were intended for harvest in the same crop year, and it adds 10 months to the amount

of eligible time livestock losses can be considered for the new programs," said Ashley.

Producers should visit their local USDA Farm Service Agency office to apply for benefits under these new disaster assistance programs, added Ashley.

Sign-up for livestock disaster assistance under LCP and LIP began Sept. 10, 2007. Sign-up for crop disaster assistance under CDP began Oct. 15, 2007, and applies to farmers who suffered quantity losses to their crops. Ending dates for the sign-up period have not yet been determined.

For more information about LCP, LIP and CDP, contact the Garza-Borden County FSA at 806-495-2801 or online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; under "Disaster Assistance Programs."



# JV Girls Come Up Short Against Ira

By Coach Benavidez

The Borden County Junior Varsity girls played the Ira Lady Bulldogs on January 22. They had played the Ira Lady JV twice before and won both prior contests.

On this night, however, the Lady Bulldogs showed that they could learn from their mistakes and came out on top in the third meeting. The Lady Coyotes did sustain an injury to starting point guard, Lacey Roberts as she collided with another player. The absence of

Lacey took the wind out of our sails and we were just not able to get back on track all night long.

The girls' ability to keep on fighting despite being at a disadvantage continues to keep them in close games. The scoring for the night is as follows: Chellsie Pigford 5, Shylo Rinehart 4, Chasiti Rutherford 4, Brittany Day 4, Haylee McDaniel 4, and Phyneshia Rutherford 3.

## Player of the Week



Lady Coyote D'Nae Johnson receives Player of the Week. D'Nae is a sophomore at Borden County and is the daughter of Mike and Tammy Bland of Post.

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# Lady Coyotes Pluck the Cardinals

By Coach Turner

The Borden Lady Coyotes completed the season sweep of the Hermleigh Cardinals Friday night by the score of 70-41.

Borden County started the game off right with a big first quarter and a 22-7 lead. The Lady Coyotes used their defense and some hot shooting to take a 39-14 lead into the half.

Borden County outscored Hermleigh 31-27 in the second half to wrap up the win. Taylor Richey led the attack with 36 points and 19 rebounds. Olivia Key scored 17 and Rachel Wilson finished with 6. Krystal Hobson had 5 points and Baylee Benavidez had 3. D'Nae Johnson scored 2 points and Krista Tarleton wrapped up the scoring with a free throw.

The win improves Borden County to 15-10 on the season and 6-1 in district 12 play.

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# Coyotes Outlast Bulldogs!

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote Varsity traveled to Loraine on Jan. 15 and outlasted the Bulldogs 55-45 in the final quarter.

The first half was an offensive shootout as they both teams traded baskets most of the half. Flynn Chapman led all Coyotes offensively as he put in eight points followed by Karl Lamming with six points in the first half. A couple of good defensive stands by the Coyotes allowed the Coyotes to take a 24-19 lead into the half.

The Coyotes began the second half a little sluggish as they allowed the Bulldogs to outscore them by three points. However a big fourth quarter by the Coyotes allowed them to finally pull away with a win of 55-45.

Scoring for the Coyotes: Flynn Chapman 21, Karl Lamming 15, Brendan Tarleton 10, Carlos Hernandez 5, Tyrell Massingill 2, Quentin Shafer 1, and Michael Cooley 1.

# Lady Coyotes Muzzle the Bulldogs

By Coach Turner

The Borden Lady Coyotes kicked off the second half of district play by defeating the Ira Bulldogs last Tuesday night by the score of 55-37.

The Coyotes used a full court press to dominate Ira in the first quarter and started the game with a 21-6 run. Taylor Richey led the attack with 23 points.

Olivia Key scored 14 while Krystal Hobson scored 9. Bailey Anderson had 4 and Baylee Benavidez finished with 3. Rachel Wilson wrapped up the scoring with 2 points.

The win improved Borden County to 14-10 on the season and 5-1 in district 12 play.

### 2007-2008 Borden County Basketball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site	Teams
Nov. 6	Tues.	Meadow	6:00	Gail	gG
Nov. 10	Sat.	Klondike	12:00	Klondike	gG
Nov. 13	Tues.	New Home	4:00	New Home	gGbb
Nov. 16	Fri.	Dawson	4:00	Gail	gGbb
Nov. 19	Mon.	Midland Trinity	6:00	Midland	GB
Nov. 20	Tues.	Grady	4:00	Grady	gGbb
Nov. 27	Tues.	Crosbyton	4:00	Gail	gGbb
Nov. 30	Fri.	Open	4:00		gGbb
Dec. 4	Tues.	Forsan	4:00	Gail	gGbb
Dec. 6-8		Borden County Tourn.		Gail	GB
Dec. 11	Tues.	Sands	4:00	Gail	gGbb
Dec. 13-15		Meadow Tourn.	TBA	Meadow	GB
Dec. 27-29		Caprock Tourn.	TBA	Lubbock	GB
Dec. 31	Mon.	Southland	1:00	Southland	gGbb
*Jan. 4	Fri.	Ira	4:00	Ira	gGbb
*Jan. 8	Tues.	Hermleigh	4:00	Gail	gGbb
Jan 10 & 12	Th, S	Forsan JV Tourn.	TBA	Forsan	gGbb
*Jan. 11	Fri.	Westbrook	4:00	Westbrook	gGbb
*Jan. 15	Tues.	Loraine	4:00	Loraine	gGbb
*Jan. 19	Sat.	Highland	6:00	Gail	GB
*Jan. 22	Tues.	Ira	4:00	Gail	gGbb
*Jan. 25	Fri.	Hermleigh	5:00	Hermleigh	gGbb
*Jan. 29	Tues.	Westbrook	4:00	Gail	gGbb
*Feb. 1	Fri.	Loraine	4:00	Gail	gGbb
*Feb. 5	Tues.	Highland	5:00	Highland	Gbb

\* Denotes District Games

Girls' Coaches: Bric Turner & Peter Benavidez  
Boys' Coaches: Fernando Baeza & Trey Richey

Borden County Tourney:

Post	Forsan	Borden County
Lubbock-Christian	New Home	O'Donnell
Guthrie (Girls only)	Crosbyton	Meadow
Anson	Klondike	

# Off and Running

## BHS UIL Academic Squads

### Gear Up for Contests

The Borden County High School UIL Academic Squad got their season off to a right start on January 12<sup>th</sup> as they participated in the Andrews High School "UIL Stampede" Practice Meet. A small group of students chose to go, but great results were seen.

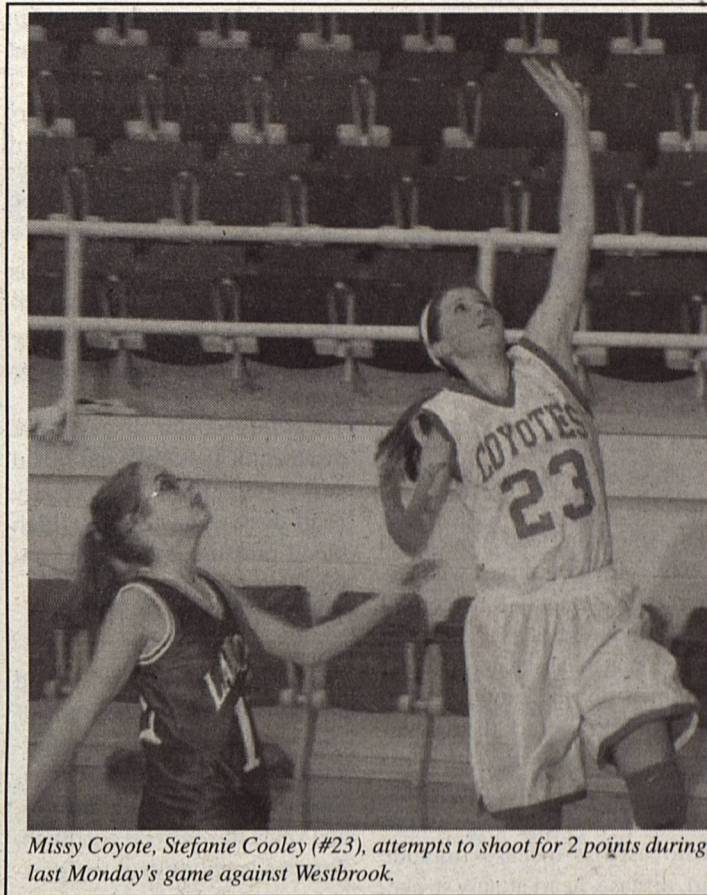
Senior CX Debaters Kate Wallace and Rachel Wilson went undefeated and claimed the championship in Cross-Examination (CX) Debate with perfect ballots from each judge in all five rounds of the event.

Sophomore D'Nae Johnson placed well in both of her events, finishing in third place in both

Literary Criticism and Prose Interpretation.

Fellow participants who gained valuable experience at the meet included junior Jake Cooley (Social Studies), sophomore Karl Lamming (Current Issues & Events and Social Studies), and sophomore Brendan Tarleton (Prose Interpretation and Spelling & Vocabulary).

The next UIL academic meet is this weekend (Feb. 2) at Idalou High School. A contingent of around twenty students are set to participate in seventeen different events. Good-luck, competitors!



Missy Coyote, Stefanie Cooley (#23), attempts to shoot for 2 points during last Monday's game against Westbrook.

# Coyote Pups Skin Wildcats!

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote Junior High played host to Westbrook on Jan. 21 and had an impressive offensive showing beating the Wildcats 58-7.

The Pups started the game with full court pressure which the Wildcats had trouble handling. Blake Turner had a solid start as had 14 first half points has a result of steals. Tanner Richey was the next Coyote to get involved as he put in six fast break points with Mathew Roberson, Austin Fields, Troy Copeland, and Austin Taylor also contributing offensively.

After the first quarter the Pups dropped out of their full court pressure and played half court man. The Wildcats however still had trouble getting any offense going allowing the Pups to take a 33-6 half time lead.

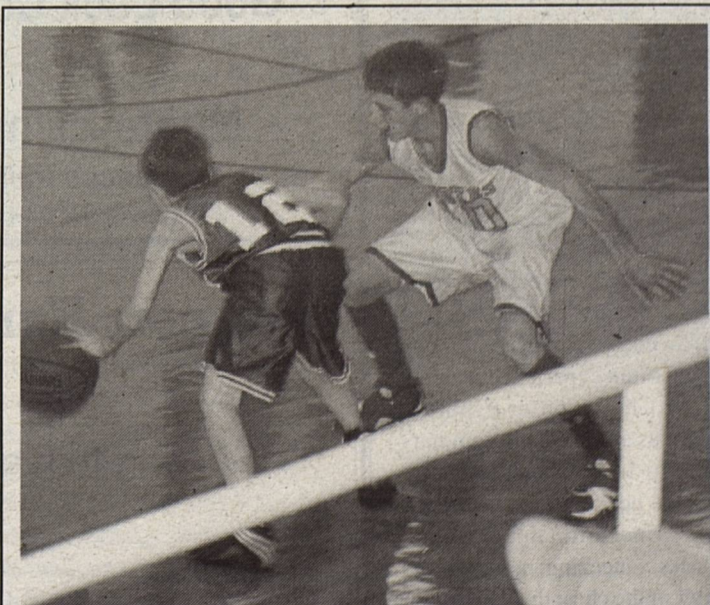
During the second half the Pups continued to play solid half court man while slowing down offensively and getting everyone involved. Matthew

Roberson had a big second half as he lead all Coyotes with 11 points from the paint. Riley Smith and Blake Turner found the range from outside as they both were able to hit a three.

Closing the scoring out during the second half was Steven Howard with an outside jumper while Austin Fields and Tanner

Richey both added two points on fast breaks bringing the final score to 58-7.

Scoring for the Pups: Blake Turner 19, Matthew Roberson 16, Tanner Richey 8, Austin Fields 6, Riley Smith 3, Troy Copeland 2, Steven Howard, and Austin Taylor 2.



Riley Smith (#10) plays hard defense against a Westbrook Wildcat defender. The Coyote Pups win strong with a final score of 58-7 over the Wildcats.

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## School Lunch Menu

February 4-8, 2008

**Monday** - Breakfast: Toaster Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Potato Wedges, Salad, Peaches and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Fruit and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fajitas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Jell-o w/pears and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Meat & Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Cobbler and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Biscuit w/ gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog w/chili, Chips, Salad, Fruit, Yellow Cake w/frosting and Milk.

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# Missy Coyotes Dominate Westbrook Wildcats

By Coach Turner

The Borden Missy Coyotes dominated Westbrook in the first quarter then cruised to a 46-20 victory in Gail Monday. Borden County used their defense to take a 15-4 lead after 1 period.

After only outscoring the Wildcats by 1 in the second quarter, the Missy Coyotes captured the second half 23-9 to take the victory.

Leading the way for Borden County was Mattie Turner and

Stefanie Cooley with 22 and 18 points respectively. Kylie Voss, Lexi Peterson, and Kaylyn Dean each scored to points for the Missy Coyotes.

The Loraine Bulldogs come to Gail next Monday and we need to pack the gym for this one. Loraine, Borden County, and Highland are all tied at 6-1 atop the district 12-A standings. Borden County improves to 7-4 overall.

# Heart & Home . . .

By **Jalie Smith**  
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## Women and Heart Disease

### February 1<sup>st</sup> is Wear Red Day

Go Red For Women is a nationwide movement to empower women to love—and save—their hearts through lifestyle choices and actions. By joining together with hundreds of other companies and organizations across America on National Wear Red Day, you'll help the American Heart Association support the ongoing research and education about women and heart disease.



**National Wear Red Day for Women, February 1, 2008, has its own dress code.** On this day, you're free to Go Red in your own fashion. Wear your favorite red clothes or accessory—a red blouse, a red dress pin, red lipstick—carry a fabulous red handbag or sport a red tie and red socks . . . and show some heart for heart disease prevention.

Too few people realize that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women—and of men—but the good news is that heart disease can largely be prevented. Spreading the Go Red For Women message—Love your heart—raises awareness of heart disease and empowers women to reduce their risk. And as you encourage everyone in your organization to wear red on Wear Red Day, you'll be sharing with them the tools and information they need to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Heart disease is an equal opportunity affliction. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex. Many women hold on to the myth that only men are at a high risk of dying from heart disease. Most women, in fact, believe they are more likely to die from breast cancer than heart disease. The reality

is that heart disease is the number one cause of death and illness for American women.

The American Heart Association recently released a survey with disturbing results: Only 8 percent of women know the facts about heart disease. That means that 92 percent of women do not know all they could to help protect themselves against the number one killer.

**Cardiovascular Disease:** A disease of the heart or blood vessels. Cardiovascular diseases include heart, disease, heart attack, stroke, and atherosclerosis.

### Getting the Facts

Though numbers aren't always the best way to get a person's attention, here are some astounding ones that may help you to dispel myths and get the word out about women and heart disease:

\* One in ten American women aged 45 to 64 years has some form of heart disease.

\* One in four women aged 65 and over has some form of heart disease.

\* In 1996, about 19,600 women under age 65 died of coronary heart disease; 35 percent of them were under age 55.

\* Each year about 250,000 American women die of coronary heart disease, the main form of heart disease.

\* Each year, approximately 90,000 women die of stroke.

\* In 1996, all cardiovascular diseases combined claimed the lives of more than 505,930 American women. In the same year, 453,297 men died of these diseases.

\* Statistics on cancer for 1996, by comparison, show 43,091 women died of breast cancer and 61,741 women died from lung cancer. All forms of cancer combined claimed the lives of 257,635 women.

\* Forty-two percent of women

who have heart attacks die within one year compared to 24 percent of men.

\* During the first six years after a heart attack, the rate of having a second attack is 33 percent for women compared with 21 percent for men.

\* Coronary heart disease is the single largest killer of American women.

### What are Cardiovascular Diseases?

Cardiovascular diseases are diseases of the heart and blood vessel system, such as coronary heart disease, heart attack, high blood pressure, stroke, and angina (chest pain).

### What is Coronary Heart Disease?

The heart pumps blood through a complex network of arteries and veins to all vital organs of the body. Thus, it is essential that your heart, arteries, and veins stay in good condition. Arteries supply blood to different parts of the body and are named accordingly; those supplying the heart are called coronary arteries. When the coronary arteries are negatively affected, the result is coronary heart disease.

Coronary heart disease results when the inside of the coronary artery walls become narrowed with fatty deposits. This narrowing reduces blood-flow to the heart and increases chances of a blood clot blocking the artery, preventing oxygen and nutrients from getting to the heart, resulting in a heart attack.



**Women & Heart Disease**

### Common Symptoms

As coronary arteries become narrowed, common symptoms people often experience include:

\* Chest pain or tightness, known as angina. This pain may spread to the left shoulder or arm, or to the neck and jaw.

\* Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing, or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back.

\* Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea, or shortness of breath.

Unfortunately, until recently, women have been excluded from research studies on heart disease. Thus, doctors and researchers are not certain whether heart disease develops the same way, has the same symptoms, or responds to treatment the same way as in men.

Some symptoms found to be common among women thus far include the following:

\* Strange pain in the chest, shoulder, shoulder blade, abdomen, or jaw.

\* Nausea or dizziness.

\* Shortness of breath and difficulty breathing.

\* Unexplained anxiety, weakness, or fatigue.

\* Palpitations, cold sweat, or paleness.

Women's symptoms may be different because:

\* Women's hearts are smaller.

\* Women's blood vessels are smaller.

\* Women's nervous systems and pain awareness are different.

A woman's best strategy is to:

\* take heart disease seriously

\* don't underestimate the importance of preventing risk factors within your control

\* insist your doctor look for signs of heart disease should recurrent chest pain occur.

Who Gets Cardiovascular Disease? (Risk Factors)

Some women have more risk factors for cardiovascular diseases than others. Risk factors are traits or habits that make a person more likely to develop a disease. Although some risk factors for cardiovascular disease cannot be changed, many risk factors are wholly changeable or controllable.

### Unchangeable Risk Factors

- \* Increasing age
- \* Family history
- \* Race

### Changeable Risk Factors

- \* Cigarette smoking
- \* High blood pressure
- \* High blood cholesterol
- \* Overweight
- \* Physical inactivity
- \* Diabetes

### Other Factors

In addition to personal risk factors, other factors may also play a role in a woman's risk for developing heart disease.

- \* Stress
- \* Birth control pills
- \* Homocysteine
- \* Alcohol
- \* Hormones and menopause
- \* Aspirin
- \* High triglyceride levels

Hopefully these highlights of women and heart disease will help inform you about a very serious issue that no one should ignore. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Extension Office or visit the American Heart Association web site at <http://www.americanheart.org>.

**Good Luck Coyotes**



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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.

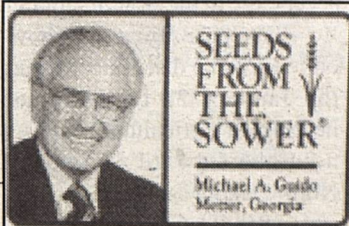
### County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-fun and Public Speaking Project

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



A little girl was asked to memorize a Bible verse for a play, and her mother faithfully coached her with the verse, "I am the light of the world."

When she came to the platform, she became frightened, and she blurted out, "My mother is the light of the world."

How wonderful when a child thinks of her mother as a "light." For our Lord said, "You are the light of the world."

A light is something that's meant to be seen. And your Christianity is meant to be seen.

A light is meant to show the way, and a Christian must be an example. Parents who want their children to end up right must walk upright themselves.

You're the world's light, therefore, shine!

## Obituary

### Guy Zant 1951 - 2008

Funeral services for Guy Zant, 56, of Big Spring were held Monday, January 28, 2008 at 4 p.m., at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Gaylon Lamb, minister of Ackerly Church of Christ, officiating. Interment followed at the Vealmoor Cemetery.

He died on Saturday, January 26, 2008 in a local hospital.

He was born on July 24, 1951, in Howard County and married Patricia Underwood on August 19, 1971, in Vealmoor.

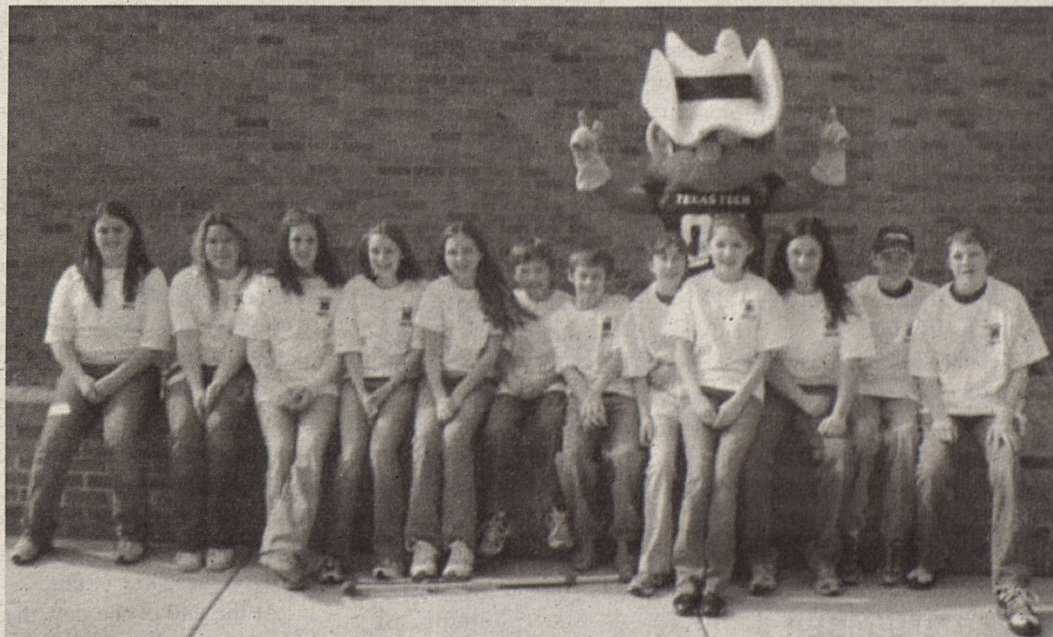
A lifetime resident of Howard County, Guy loved farming, hunting, fishing, skeet shooting, attending stock shows and working cattle. He enjoyed baseball, football, cooking, music, welding and especially the time he spent with his family. He always had a big smile and a firm handshake for everyone. Guy had been a member of Vealmoor Church of Christ until it closed and was currently attending Ackerly Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Zant of Big Spring; on son and daughter-in-law, Guy Will and Amy Zant of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Zadie Kate Zant of Big Spring; his parents, Joe Don and Dena Zant of Vealmoor; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Diane Zant of Big Spring and Sheila and David Armstrong of Vealmoor; two brothers and sister-in-law, Joe Don Jr. and Kelly Zant and Ty and Mindy Zant, all of Vealmoor; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Borden County EMT's or the West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo 76904-9989.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

### 4-H Game Day



Borden County 4-H'ers, friends and volunteers attended the Game Day with the Lady Raiders sponsored by Collegiate 4-H on Saturday, January 26. Youth enjoyed learning about Collegiate 4-H, college life, potential majors and careers in Agriculture, got to interact through games and enjoyed a great campus tour! They also had a FABULOUS time at the game! The youth tried very hard to get on TV and to show their Tech and 4-H spirit with the signs they made, but I don't think we made it. The highlight of the afternoon was the opportunity that the girls got to meet Marsha Sharp! Youth pictured are (left to right): Kaylyn Dean, Alvina Seyler, Mattie Turner, Lexi Peterson, Kylie Voss, Blaise Freeman, Cayden Vaughn, Shea Burkett, Teryn Soto, Selestie Herridge, Luke Burkett and Austin Tyler. Parent volunteers Tammy Simmons and Phil and Metta Tyler, as well as County Extension Agent Julie Smith also participated.



## What A Difference A Year Makes; Efforts To Craft New 2007 Farm Bill Entering Final Stage

By Shawn Wade

Now that Congress has returned to Washington, the next stage of the farm bill development process is also on the verge of getting started as the House and Senate Agriculture Committees begin the process of "conferencing" the two different versions of the 2007 farm bill passed by those bodies.

Looking back at how we arrived at the last leg of the 2007 Farm Bill's marathon development process shows that at this time last year the Bush Administration was just about to unveil its vision of future farm policy.

A year later the finish line is finally in sight as House and Senate Agriculture Committee leaders press forward to complete the legislation and send it to President Bush's desk before a current funding extension expires in mid-March.

Despite not having many of their specific ideas incorporated into the bills that were passed in House of Representatives and United States Senate, the Administration has continued to voice its concern and work to make changes in certain areas of the developing legislation.

As Congress moves forward with the process of working out differences between the House and Senate bills, the Bush Administration is still pushing for significantly stricter program payment eligibility provisions.

Also high on the Administration's list of things it wants to see changed are the "pay-for" provisions that will provide additional money to fund important new programs benefiting specialty crops, conservation and nutrition programs.

The Administration's position on these issues has been voiced repeatedly since Congress adjourned just before Christmas and includes an ongoing threat of a Presidential veto if these items are not fully addressed in the conference report.

Outside of Washington the message emanating from agriculture organizations is that the Administration needs to think carefully before vetoing the reconciled version of the 2007 Farm Bill. When complete, the final bill will have passed both Houses of Congress and include many significant reforms in program eligibility and payment limitations as well as making historic new investments in other areas.

On the Senate side of the equation Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA), and Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad (D-ND) have both noted the importance of continuing to have a dialogue with the Administration on these issues in hopes of developing a bill that everyone can support.

Conrad, who was in Lubbock, Texas, January 25 participating in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwest Council of Agribusiness, said earlier this week that Administration officials are "very inflexible" in their demands when compromise is needed. He added that the Senate Finance Committee was looking at alternative revenue proposals that he hoped would ultimately prove

acceptable to the Administration.

The farm Bill was an obvious source of discussion during the January 24 confirmation hearing for Agriculture Secretary nominee Edward Schafer of North Dakota as well.

Schafer is a former two-term governor of North Dakota and could be confirmed as secretary as early as next week.

If confirmed, Schafer will become head of the Agriculture Department in the midst of contentious negotiations on the \$286 billion bill passed by both the House and Senate last year. Schafer also said that he hoped he could help "narrow the differences" on the Farm Bill.

"I know the President wants to sign a new farm bill this year," said Schafer, who offered to work with Congress to resolve the impasse over tax increases and tighter subsidy rules for the farm bill.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN), who has met on several occasions with Administration representatives to discuss their concerns, says that an Administration veto would do nothing but set the stage for U.S. farm policy to revert back to the underlying permanent law embodied in the Agriculture Act of 1949.

During a January 22 conference call with reporters, Peterson said, "If the House-Senate conference committee reconciles the House and Senate bills by March 15, we would send the farm bill to the White House and the president would sign it or we would go to permanent law. It would be as simple as that."

Peterson also noted that, "All three of us — the House, the Senate and the Administration want to get this done." He summed up the situation by saying, "The White House says it wants a bill 'sooner rather than later. But it has not been willing to move on these key issues.'"

At the end of the day, the final product of the conference committee will in large part determine whether or not the Administration will soften its position and sign this very important legislation.

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# Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

## A Camp In The Mountains

The Paisano Baptist Encampment in the Davis Mountains has two services a day for five days in late July. Leander Millikin started the camp in 1915 for area ranchers and their families. He is buried on the camp grounds.

"He was the old circuit-riding preacher out in this area," says Lloyd Conner, who managed the camp for several years and has recently retired. "He must have been some kind of man. The story is told that one time some robbers stopped him and they wanted his money. He told them, 'now, boys, I have to warn you. This is not my money, it's God's, and I won't be responsible for what happens to you if you take it.' So they gave him an offering and left."

Mr. Conner has been going to the camp for 45 years. "If you haven't been there, I want to warn you. Don't go. Cause it'll get a hold of you and you'll want to come back." The camp has met consecutively from 1921 to the present time.

"It has grown to be one of the really last great family old-time cowboy camp meetings. We don't eat any more like the old cowboys, but we do have beans every day. It's built around preaching and Bible study and music and fellowship. Individuals own cabins and many churches have dormitories. The camp does not have motel-type

rooms. Folks who do not have cabins stay in Alpine or Marfa." The camp has a strong tradition. Families all over West Texas and beyond make annual pilgrimages to the camp. Several people who went there as children now are bringing their children and grandchildren. The camp is funded almost entirely from an offering taken at the last meeting of the camp each year. A foundation has now been established which is able to help with capital expenses outside the budget.

The camp is primarily for Baptists, but other denominations use it as well.

"The last I heard they preach the Bible, too."

In the spring of 1995, Mr. Conner was delivering a devotional when something dramatic happened.

"I heard it start like a deep thunder. Then it became like a jet engine passing over. And the floors began to shake. Three or four of the men jumped up and ran to look outside. The chairs were dancing around on the floor, the doors jarred open and everyone was looking at each other." He told the congregation they were experiencing an earthquake.

Mr. Conner said, "I can truthfully say for one time when I was preaching, everyone in the room was moved."

Mr. Conner has been a minister nearly fifty years.

# Commissioners Meeting

## THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

WHEREAS, On this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular 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 HERIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### 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.

### COUNTY REPORTS

After examination of the County reports, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### INVESTMENT POLICY

Commissioner Smith made a motion to make no changes in the current Investment Policy of County Funds. Com-

missioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SALARY AND WAGES FOR 2008

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve salaries and wages for Borden County as budgeted in the 2008 Budget and as previously advertised. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### PRIMARY ELECTION CONTRACT

After consideration of the 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICER STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF BORDEN and the LEASE AGREEMENT OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT with the Democratic Party Chair, Sue Jane Mayes. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Contract and the Agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS

Julie Mumme Smith, CEA-Family 7 Consumer Sciences Agent and Cody G. Hill, CEA-Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, met with the Court and presented the Borden County Programming Highlights for 2007. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the reports and Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

### INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

The Interlocal Agreement with Borden Co. ISD was reviewed and will be sent to County Attorney. No action was taken.

### ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

Orlando Puig, Mathew Baird, Jos Nicholas representatives of Eurus Energy met with the Court and discussed the Abatement Agreement. No action taken.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Applications for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards were received from Jess Stone in Precinct No.4, and from Joyce Herridge I Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the applications at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

### COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

The water project is complete. The arsenic system is in place and is scheduled for start up the last of the month.

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2008.

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Deemed In Pink And Oh So Dear,  
We Welcome Home With Love  
Our Little Ladybug!

*Jordan Crosby Brooks Miller*

Joined her PRECINCT Big Sisters  
Chanting & Cantree  
on October 29, 2007  
at promptly 1:15PM.

Also Welcomed Home By  
Her Parents  
Clay and Violette Miller

Weight: 6 lbs 15 oz  
Length: 19 1/2 inches

# Health Awareness

**Protect Your Adolescents Against More Than Just A Cold This Winter**  
*Late-Winter, Early-Spring Is Meningitis Peak Season*

(NAPS)—As a parent, you often take extra health precautions to protect your child from "winter illnesses" such as colds and the flu, but one preventative health measure you may not know about is vaccination against meningococcal disease.

Meningococcal disease, commonly called meningitis, is a potentially deadly bacterial infection that can strike adolescents and young adults. The disease moves quickly and can lead to death or permanent disability, such as brain damage, organ failure or limb amputations, within hours of first symptoms. While meningococcal disease can occur at any point throughout the year, cases peak in the late-winter and early-spring months reinforcing the importance of seeking vaccination this time of year rather than waiting for back-to-school physicals.

To help prevent infection, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends meningococcal vaccination for all adolescents 11 through 18 years of age and college students living in dormitories. Yet, according to a recent national consumer awareness survey conducted by the National Meningitis Association (NMA), nearly half of parents polled were not aware that their adolescent children were recommended for vaccination.

"It's unfortunate how many



**A simple vaccination can help protect adolescents and teens against a deadly disease.**

parents don't know about meningococcal disease or that there is a vaccine available that can help protect their children," said Tama Lee, Director of the National Meningitis Association. "I lost my son, Casey, to meningococcal disease when he was in high school, and it wasn't until after he died that I learned his death may have been prevented with a simple vaccination."

Meningococcal disease is spread through air droplets and direct contact with those who are infected, such as through coughing or kissing. The disease strikes nearly 3,000 Americans each year and can be easily misdiagnosed since symptoms often mimic those of the flu. Early symptoms may include high fever, headache, stiff

neck, confusion, nausea, vomiting and exhaustion. In later stages, a rash may appear.

Adolescents and young adults are at increased risk for the disease and account for nearly 30 percent of all U.S. cases. Certain lifestyle factors, such as dormitory-style living, prolonged close contact with large groups of other adolescents, irregular sleep patterns and active or passive smoking, are thought to put adolescents at increased risk for the infection. However, the majority of cases among adolescents and young adults are potentially vaccine-preventable.

While there are steps your children can take to help protect themselves, such as getting enough rest and maintaining a healthy lifestyle, vaccination is the best way to prevent meningococcal disease. The meningococcal vaccine protects against four of the five major strains of the disease.

"With meningitis peak season upon us, I encourage all parents of adolescents and young adults to learn about the disease and to talk to their child's health care provider about meningococcal vaccination," said Tama Lee. "Don't wait. Any time your child visits the doctor is a good opportunity to have this discussion."

For more information about NMA or meningococcal disease, please visit [www.nmaus.org](http://www.nmaus.org).

## 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**

Incumbent, Monte Smith, is seeking a second term as Precinct 1 Commissioner. I appreciate your support in the Democratic Primary. I look forward to serving the constituents of Borden County for another four years.

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# FEBRUARY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Loraine Here GBB 5:00  HOLIDAY	2 Idalou UIL Invitational meet  Little Dribblers-BC vs. Dawson Here beginning at 9:30
<b>San Antonio Stock Show February 7-16, 2008</b> <b>San Angelo Stock Show February 21-March 1, 2008</b>						
3	4 Highland JH There 6:00  District 9-A CX Debate Tournament @ Borden County  100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School Celebration-K, 1 <sup>st</sup> , & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 Highland There GB 6:30  Youth Board Meeting during Lunch in Conference Room	6 WTC presentation for seniors at lunch	7	8	9 Abilene Wylie Valentine Classic UIL Meet  ACT Test (must have pre-registered)
10	11 4-H Clothing Project 3:45-5:30 @ Home Economics Room	12 4-H Clothing Project 3:45-5:30 @ Home Economics Room	13 Local Spelling Bee 1:30 p.m. (Grades 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> )	14 	15	16 Post HS UIL Invitational Meet  Little Dribblers-BC vs. Klondike Here beginning at 9:30
17	18	19 JH/HS 4-H Meeting during Lunch in Conference Room  Cool Clovers 3:45- 4:45 @ Show Barn	20	21 Klondike JH Track  SPECHEA Tennis HS Meet, Levelland	22 End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Six Weeks	23 Odessa Permian UIL Meet  Little Dribblers-BC vs. Dawson There beginning at 9:30
Snyder JV Baseball Tournament						
24	25 Beginning of 5 <sup>th</sup> Six Weeks  OAP Festival @ WTC, Snyder 6:00 p.m.  4-H Clothing Project 3:45- 5:30 @ Home Economics Room	26 4-H Clothing Project 3:45-5:30 @ Home Economics Room  Meet the Press-All UIL journalism fun/work night, conference room, 5:30-7:30	27	28	29	1 Plains HS UIL Meet (no speech/debate) SAT Test (must have pre- registered) CDE San Angelo 4-H "Sew Day" 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. (bring lunch) @ Home Economics Room
Hamlin Baseball Tournament						