

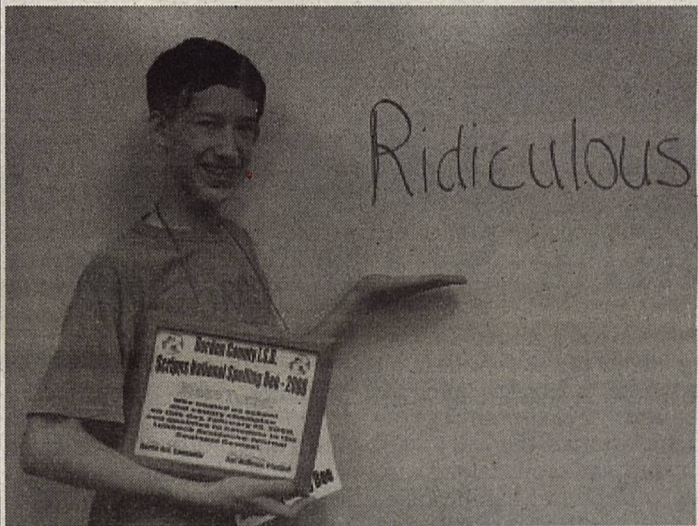
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That's Ridiculous!



Borden County student, Blake Turner (pictured) won the annual Spelling Bee competition held last Wednesday. He will compete in the Lubbock-Avalanche Journal Regional Spelling Bee on March 1.

Battle of the Buzz

Turner Named BC

Spelling Bee Champion

There was nothing *r-i-d-i-c-u-l-o-u-s* about Borden County eighth grader Blake Turner as he won the annual Borden County I.S.D. Spelling Bee last Wednesday. With that championship word in mind, he will represent the school and county at the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Regional Spelling Bee on March 1st.

Turner was one of twenty-one competitors in the local BC spelling bee, each of whom were in third through eighth grades. Only five rounds were

needed before the contest was whittled to three final contestants in Turner, seventh grader Kylie Voss, and sixth grader Taylor Gass.

Both Voss and Gass misspelled tough words in this round—*dissect* and *innate*, respectively—so Turner had to spell only one word correctly in the sixth round to win.

Turner, the son of Bric and Tanya Turner of Gail, easily spelled his word in front of the

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USDA Announces 2007 Partial Counter-Cyclical Payments for Cotton and Peanuts

By Shawn Wade
New USDA Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer has announced that partial 2007-crop-year Counter-cyclical (CC) payments would be issued to producers with upland cotton and/or peanut base acres enrolled in USDA's 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP).

Schafer's announcement came during the National Cotton Council's Annual Meeting February 9 in Memphis, TN. Since that time some \$315 million in partial 2007 CC payments have been delivered to cotton and peanut producers nationwide.

USDA says producers with enrolled upland cotton and peanut base acres received \$300 million and \$15 million, respectively, in partial CC payments. The 2007-crop year projected partial payment rates equal 40 percent of the projected final CC payment amount.

Payment rates for the partial payments are \$0.0309 per pound for upland cotton and \$7.60 per short ton for peanuts. USDA calculated the partial CC payment rates using the February World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, released on February 8, 2008.

The 2002 Farm Bill autho-

rized preliminary partial payments for the 2007 crop to be made six months after the start of the marketing year, which began on August 1, 2007, for these commodities.

Producers enrolled in DCP may receive CC payments when "effective" prices for eligible commodities are less than

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A mushroom cloud produced by an explosion at the Alon U.S.A. Refinery in Big Spring, Texas. Cause of the explosion is still unknown.

Another Successful Showing U.I.L. Academic Teams Perform Well in Post

The U.I.L. Academic Teams from Borden County High School had another spectacular day en route to a second place overall finish at the Post "Bold Gold" U.I.L. Invitational Practice Meet this past Saturday.

Leading off the squad were the Speech, Current Issues & Events, and Social Studies teams, who all finished first in their respective contests. The Science Team also finished in second place overall.

Individual results are as follows:

John Hensley—1st—Current Issues & Events; 2nd—Persuasive

Katherine Froman—1st—Spelling

Taylor Richey—1st—Poetry; 6th—Spelling

D'Nae Johnson—1st—Literary Criticism; 2nd—Prose

Tony Soto—1st—Biology; 2nd—Science; 1st—9th Grade Science; X1st—9th Grade Number Sense

Rachel Wilson—2nd—Informative; 5th—12th Grade Mathematics

Carlos Hernandez—2nd—

Social Studies; 6th—Persuasive

Karl Lamming—3rd—Informative; 4th—Current Issues & Events; 6th—Social Studies

Logan Howard—3rd—Science; 2nd—12th Grade Science

Brendan Tarleton—3rd—Spelling; 6th—Prose

Pascual Espinoza—3rd—12th Grade Science

Krista Tarleton—4th—Feature Writing

Skyler Williamson-Dear—4th—Literary Criticism

Lacey Roberts—5th—Calculator Overall; 1st—10th Grade Calculator; 2nd—10th Grade Number Sense 3rd—10th Grade Mathematics

Eric Espinoza—6th—Poetry

Chellsie Pigford—6th—10th Grade Calculator

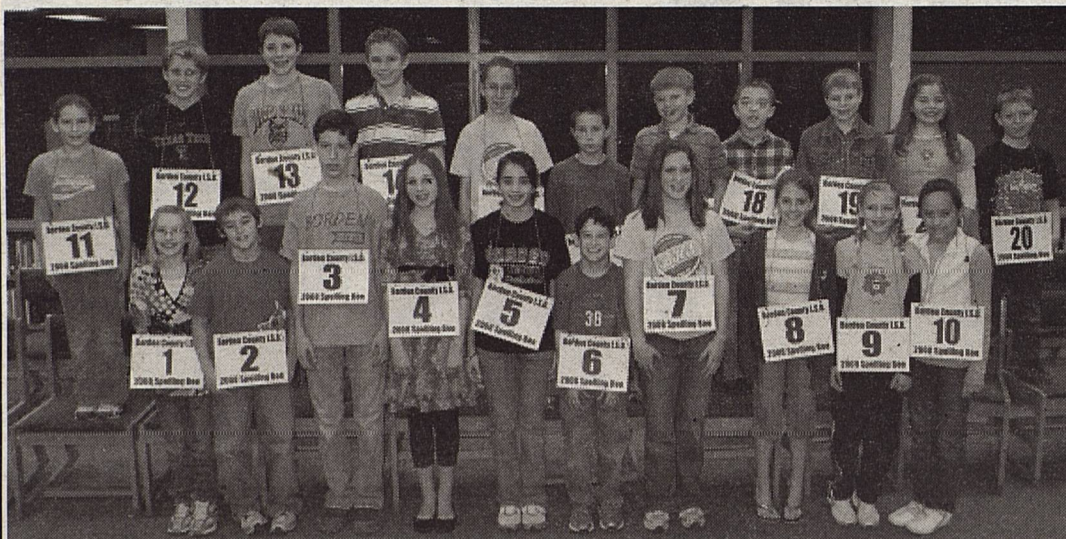
Chasiti Rutherford—Quarterfinalist—Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Jake Cooley—Social Studies

Raylea Underwood—Social Studies

Phyneshia Rutherford—Ready Writing, Feature Writing, & News Writing

Spelling Bee Contestants



Twenty-one Borden County students participated in the Annual Spelling Bee last Wednesday. Those who participated are (back row left to right) Marlana Seyler, Luke Burkett, Austin Tyler, Steven Howard, Mollie McMeans, Rhaeden Bland, Sean Tucker, Samuel Raborn, Matthew Ham, Channing Miller, Kale Yarbro, (front row left to right) Taylor Roberts, Cayden Vaughn, Blake Turner, Kylie Voss, Kalyn Massingill, Bryce Turner, Mattie Turner, Taylor Gass, Tatum Richey and Tye Basquez.

Softball Season Begins With Loraine Scrimmage

With two years behind them, the young Lady Coyote softball team is looking forward to its most productive year in the program's history.

Monday's scrimmage with Loraine showed signs that this is a real possibility.

Coach Peter Benavidez and the twelve Lady Coyotes took to the field in Snyder Monday at Cates Field where they lost an exciting 15-10 seven-inning scrimmage.

In the top half of the first inning, Loraine pushed across two runs, but the Lady Coyotes stopped the rally with a short toss from shortstop Sharelle Gass to second baseman Olivia Key.

After a walk in the bottom half of the inning, returning letterman D'Nae Johnson used her speed on the base paths to steal, making it home on a passed ball to make it a 2-1 game. Three strikeouts in the inning, however, put the Lady Coyotes back in the field.

Loraine struck for seven runs in the next two innings, giving the Lady Bulldogs a commanding 14-1 lead. They added one more run in the top of the fifth to make it a 15-1 lead before things got interesting.

In the bottom of the fifth, the

Lady Coyotes rallied by taking advantage of five base on balls after a Loraine pitching change. Freshman Taylor Richey started the rally with her walk and scored along with Lacey Roberts, Sharelle Gass, Pheneshia Rutherford, and Krystal Hobson.

The Lady Coyotes's defense went into gear the next two innings as the girls turned a double play in the brief top half of the sixth inning when Marla Crenshaw caught a short fly to center, tossed the ball to Pheneshia at second who then threw back to Key at first to double up the runner. Strong pitching by Richey who came in as relief shut Loraine down.

Solid defense in the top of the seventh kept Loraine in check as infielders Hobson, Gass, and Rutherford all made plays to get runners out. Trailing 15-7, BHS had one more opportunity to make things happen.

And that they did, even after Loraine returned its top pitcher back into the game to preserve the lead.

Leadoff batter Johnson reached base with some hustle on a swinging third strike when the catcher let the ball get away from her. Johnson stole second and then scored

when Olivia Key reached base by beating out an infield grounder.

On a perfectly executed hit and run (really, it was even though the coaches didn't exactly know it at the time), freshman Bailey Anderson's bat woke up as the centerfielder crushed the ball to the outfield where it was misplayed. Both Key and Anderson took advantage of the error to come around and score. Anderson's inside-the-park homerun made it a 15-10 game with no one out.

The Loraine pitcher settled down to pick up a ground ball out and then struck out three of the next four batters to give the Lady Bulldogs the win.

The Lady Coyotes collected six hits in the game with junior Hobson picking up the first one of the young season for BHS. Johnson and Richey scored twice, with Key, Anderson, Roberts, Gass, Rutherford, and Hobson finishing out the run production.

Freshman Krista Tarleton also advanced on the bases as did sophomore outfielder Chasiti Rutherford.

The Lady Coyotes travel to Slaton Friday for a game with the junior varsity.

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

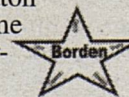
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

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

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Gail FFA Celebrates National FFA Week

By Buddy Wallace

February 16 - 23rd is the week chosen to celebrate 2008 National FFA Week by thousands of FFA members across the country. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through Agricultural Education - this is the main goal of the organization. For more than 72 years, the FFA has continued to be an integral part of agricultural instruction by making classroom lessons come to life through realistic applications. From its beginning, in 1928, with 33 delegates at the first national convention, it has grown to encompass 451,997 members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and

Rota.

The Gail FFA Chapter is made up of 38 members in grades 9-12. The chapter is very active in leadership training, career development events, mechanical applications, supervised agricultural experience programs, and many other activities. The chapter officers will be doing their part to promote National FFA Week by wearing FFA attire on Wednesday as they visit with prospective junior high students on the benefits of being in the FFA and Ag. Science Programs.

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to thank the community for all of its strong support this year and the members are proud to represent Borden County in its FFA activities.

Lady Coyotes Lose in 1st Round of State Play-offs

By Coach Turner

The Borden Lady Coyotes lost to Sterling City Tuesday night in Big Spring in the first round of the 1A state playoffs by the score of 52-50.

The first quarter started great as Olivia Key hit a three pointer to open the scoring. Taylor Richey scored 15 of her game high 23 in the first half as the Lady Coyotes raced to a 34-28 lead at the half.

The Lady Coyotes left their offensive magic in the dressing room however as Sterling City went on a 12-2 run in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter saw Sterling City increase their lead to 10, 52-42 with less than two

minutes to go. The Lady Coyotes mounted a furious rally in the last minute and powered by two Olivia Key three pointers and their press cut the lead to 2 with 19 seconds to go. Unfortunately Borden County never got the ball back and the season ended in the bi-district round.

Key followed Richey with 18 points. Krystal Hobson had 6 points and Rachel Wilson closed out the scoring with 3 points.

Congrats to the Lady Coyotes on a terrific season. The 2007-08 season ends with an 18-12 record.

2008 Borden County Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
2-15-08 Friday	Loraine	4:30	SNYDER (Cates)
2-18-08 Monday	Aspermont	4:30	SNYDER (Cates)
2-22-08 Friday	Slaton JV1	5:00	Slaton
2-26-08 Tuesday	Trent	4:30	Trent
2-29-08 Friday	Westbrook	4:30	SNYDER (WTC) -
3-3-08 Monday	Aspermont	4:30	Aspermont
3-7-08 Friday	Forsan JV	4:30	Forsan
3-17-08 Monday	Abernathy JV	5:00	Abernathy
3-21-08 Friday	Post JV	4:30	Post
3-24-08 Monday	**New Deal	4:30	SNYDER (Cates)
3-29-08 Saturday	**Seagraves	1:00 (Double Header)	SNYDER (Cates)
4-1-08 Tuesday	Lockney	5:00	SNYDER (WTC)
4-5-08 Saturday	**Ralls	1:00 (Double Header)	Ralls
4-7-08 Monday	Miles	4:30	SNYDER (Cates)
4-8-08 Tuesday	Slaton JV2	4:00	Slaton
4-12-08 Saturday	Slaton JV1	5:00	Slaton
4-15-08 Tuesday	**New Deal	4:30	New Deal

BOLD are home games

** Denotes District Game

All home games will be played in Snyder at either WTC or Cates fields.

Head Coach: Peter Benavidez

Assistant Coaches: Fernando Baeza and Sue Jane Mayes

Player of the Week



Lady Coyote, Taylor Richey, receives Player of the Week. Richey scored 23 points against Sterling City. She is a Freshman and is the daughter of Trey and Hayley Richey.

School Lunch Menu February 25-29, 2008

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Pineapple and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Green Peas, Potatoes, Roll, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish, Blackeye Peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Rosie Applesauce and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Oatmeal, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Salad Cup, Chocolate Chip Cookie and Milk.

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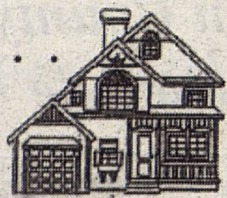
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Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



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Save Some Green by Going Green with Your Grocery Shopping

Perhaps you haven't yet started recycling the many containers that package food purchases. And, maybe you have limited access to some of the "greener" food products on the market. Yet there are things you can do if you're interested in a "greener," more environmentally friendly household. Read on for some easy steps you can take right now. They also will save you money, adding a little extra green to your wallet!

1. Size matters. When choosing between a large container and several small containers that add up to the same volume: Consider whether buying the large container would serve the same purpose and save you money? For example, do you really need to buy individual boxes (and more packaging) of juice if they all are drunk in the same week and at your kitchen table?

2. It's in the bag. While we could all carry our own reusable shopping bags when we go shopping, if we don't we can reuse any plastic grocery bags we might accumulate to line small wastebaskets. Put a few bags in the bottom of the waste basket BEFORE you line it, so there's another one ready to use after one is filled.

3. Gotta have a plan! Plan ahead and shop less often for groceries or shop in conjunction with other errands taking

you near a grocery store. The result is a reduction in the use and cost of fuel needed to transport food.

4. Practice the 3 Rs. Produce less waste AND save money by practicing the 3 Rs of reduce, reuse and recycle. Here are three examples in relation to throwing away leftover food. Not only does tossing leftovers waste money, it also wastes the energy resources and packaging materials associated with the tossed food.

* **Reduce** the amount of leftover food tossed by serving smaller portions of foods that frequently produce leftovers OR ...

* **Reuse** leftovers by serving them again in a day or two or freezing them for future use, OR ...

* **Recycle** leftovers into a different type of meal; for example - add that extra rice to a soup the next night.

5. Don't be a "spoil"-sport. Throwing away spoiled food is related to tossing leftovers. Reduce the amount of spoiled food that gets tossed through such practices as:

* Read labels for "use by," "expiration," or "best if used by" dates.

* Refrigerate and freeze foods at recommended temperatures - 0 degrees F or lower for freezers and 40 degrees F or lower for the refrigerator section. An appliance

thermometer assures your refrigerator/freezer is maintaining these temperatures.

* Follow recommended storage times for foods. For example, some containers may specify a recommended time frame in which to eat a food after it is opened.

* Avoid buying so much food in bulk that it spoils before you can use it.

6. Drink to this. Buy a reusable water bottle and fill it with tap water. Your investment soon will pay for itself.

7. Bulk it up. Some products purchased at the grocery store, such as hand soap, can be purchased in big bottles that are used to refill a smaller bottle size. Reduce the cost and the packaging by refilling the smaller bottle.

The next step: For more things you can do to live a greener lifestyle and reduce energy expenditures, visit the Environmental Protection Agency's Website and calculate your "carbon footprint" at www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html

Source: Alice Henneman, MS, RD and Lorene Bartos, MS, Extension Educators

Thought for the Day

Obstacles are what you see, when you take your eyes off the goal.

Source: St. Louis Inspirational Christian Connection.

Basquez Captures Award



Tye Basquez, a Borden County 5th grader, was recently awarded Best Cameo Actress for her role in the production of "Charlotte's Web" at the Garza Theatre's Willy Award Gala in Post on February 9, 2008. Tye was nominated for two categories including Best Upcoming actress in "Little Women" and Best Cameo Actress in "Little Women" and "Charlotte's Web". She is the daughter of Tommy and Trudy Basquez of Post.

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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.

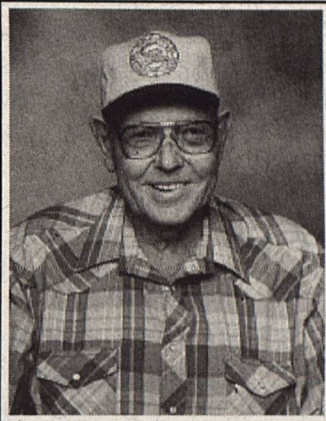
Shooting Sports to Begin Soon

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.

Obituary



**Sammie J.
Froman
1936 - 2008**

Sammie J. Froman, 72, of Big Spring, died on Monday, February 18, 2008, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church officiating. The family received friends from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Tuesday at the funeral home.

He was born on February 8, 1936, in Martin County, Texas and married Shirley Harper on December 18, 1954 in Big Spring, Texas.

Mr. Froman was raised in Martin County and attended school at Flowergrove and the Brown Community. He moved to Big Spring in 1951 and worked for W.D. Caldwell

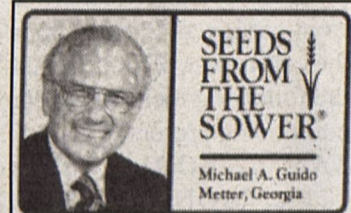
Corporation as a young man. He owned and operated Sam Froman Dirt Contracting, Inc. for twenty years retiring in 2000. Sammie was an avid fisherman and enjoyed restoring antique tractors. Sam was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Froman of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Layne Froman of Gail, and Gene and Robbie Froman of Big Spring; nine grandchildren, Elizabeth Row and husband, Brad of Grand Junction, Colorado, Michelle Froman and Randi Froman both of Midland, Ty Froman and wife, Kendra, and Jacob Froman all of Big Spring, Katherine Froman, and Michael Froman both of Gail, Collin Froman and Walker Forman both of Big Spring; four great grandchildren, Hailey Row and Jackson Row both of Grand Junction, Colorado, Kyron Brownfield and Key Don Brownfield both of Big Spring; two brothers, Finous Froman of Levelland and Larry Froman of Modesta, California; two sisters, Billie Patterson of Modesta, California and Ernie Oaks of Monroe City, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by

one daughter, Tanya Sue Froman, and his parents, James Claude and Maire Estep Froman.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.



An old lady attended an exhibition of modern art. She gazed upon an abstract painting that puzzled her.

Finally, she stopped an artist and asked, "What's that supposed to represent?"

"That's supposed to be a mother and child," he answered.

"Well," snapped the old lady, "why isn't it?"

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 22nd day of January, 2008, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court with Judge Van L. York absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of January 8, 2008 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

BURN BAN

County Burn Ban discussed and Commissioners reviewed information concerning criteria of Burn Ban.

COUNTY BROOM BIDS

As advertised, bids were opened at 9:00 a.m. Mike Kuehn, from Bee Equipment, Sales, LTD, was present. Bids were received from Bee Equipment Sales, LTD. and Yellowhouse Machinery Co. After reviewing the bids and making comparisons, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the bid from Be Equipment Sales, LTD. for a used Broom. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

2007 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve 2007 Budget Amendments. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

The Commissioners reviewed the Interlocal Agreement with Borden County ISD. No action was taken.

CAREMARK

Caremark, the NACO (National Association of Counties) Prescription Drug Discount Program was reviewed. No action taken.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An Application for Soil Conservation Constriction of fireguards was received from Bill Phinizy in Precinct No. 2, and Mrs. Bill Sealy in Precinct No. 3. Commissioner Adcock 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 Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 12th day of February, 2008.

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for Our
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Important Notice

There are approximately 16 counties in the state that do not have a Republican or Democratic chair. Borden County does not have a Republican chair, therefore will not have a Republican Primary ballot for the March 4th primary election.

Borden County Booster Club

Meeting
Tuesday, February 26
5:30 P.M.
Community Center

- **Results of Fall Festival fund raiser
- **Plan for Teacher Appreciation event
- **Plan for Pre School Easter Egg hunt
- **Begin Scholarship Application process

The purpose of the Booster Club is to support, promote, and encourage the students of Borden County School in all school-related endeavors.

Membership is open to any parent/guardian or community member interested in the promotion and support of the Booster Club and BCS students.

Snyder JV Tournament

Feb. 21 - 23

Pool A

Snyder
Sweetwater
Abilene High
Borden County

Pool B

Wylie
Big Spring
Estacado
Loraine

Thur:

10:00-Borden County/Sweetwater
12:30-Estacado/Wylie
3:00-Big Spring/Loraine
6:00-Snyder/Abilene High

Fri:

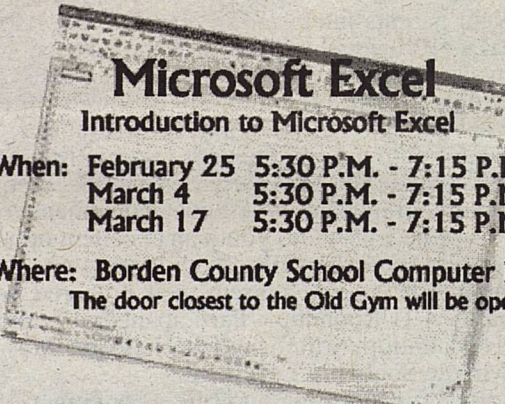
10:00-Estacado/Loraine
12:30-Abilene High/Borden County
3:00-Wylie/Big Spring
6:00-Snyder/Sweetwater

Sat:

9:00-Wylie/Big Spring
11:15-Snyder/Borden County
2:00-Abilene High/Sweetwater
4:30-Loraine/Estacado

7:00-CHAMPIONSHIP GAME POOL A VS. POOL B

ALL GAMES WILL BE AT MOFFETT FIELD - 2 HR TIME LIMIT
1ST TEAM LISTED WILL BE THE HOME TEAM



Microsoft Excel
Introduction to Microsoft Excel

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
The door closest to the Old Gym will be open.



Free Puppies

Mama is a sweet, gentle German Shorthair Pointer. Papa is suspected to be a Golden Retriever mix and is also a wonderful dog.

These puppies are already trained to wiggle all over, wag their tails, and lick your face, all at the same time. They are multi-lingual and understand commands equally well in English, Spanish, French, German or probably any other language you can come up with. The list price is \$10,370, so they are an unbelievable bargain for free...I say again-

FREE!

They will be 6 weeks old on February 23rd so reserve your puppy now by calling Bob or Terri Buchanan at (432)965-3486.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The Paynes Spend Time Having Fun

I arrived at Gerald and Joyce Payne's house near Gilmer just after sundown. When I called for directions, Joyce said, "Be sure and close the gate after you drive in because we have cows in the pasture." So I followed her excellent directions, drove right to their gate, opened, entered and closed, then drove to their home.

They both look like models: slim, trim and healthy. They laugh a lot. Joyce offered me coffee, then asked if I had eaten supper. I said no, then asked if they had eaten. Joyce said, "Sit down. You're gonna have a country meal." We dined on purple hull peas, turnip greens and cornbread, then topped off the meal with pumpkin pie.

I hardly know how to tell you about these two individuals. I will say they have a happy and fun-filled life. They have no computer, no answering machine, no satellite or cable but get great TV reception after Gerald rigged up an enhanced rabbit ears antenna. They have no credit cards and operate on a cash only basis. Their country home is warm and comfortable and is heated with a wood-burning stove. Gerald cuts the wood. They are vegetarians and grow most of what they eat. They walk five miles a day. They lived in Dallas 33 years where Gerald worked for GE and Joyce was vice president of a bank. In 1972 they bought Gerald's uncle's place (with cash) where they now live. Gerald says the place had run down and trees had taken over. He cut down thousands of trees, repaired fences and made the place presentable. To get rid of stumps he invented a stump burner. He later planted 22,000 Loblolly pines by hand. They both are artists. Joyce paints on cards and writes verse. "I feel like I'm giving a part of my heart to the people who receive them." She designed a line of ultra-suede clothing. Gerald paints cow skulls and decorates Indian war shields.

They bought property in Colorado and established a home there. When they were in their 60's they learned downhill skiing. They skied 7 days a week. They were the first ones on the slopes and the last ones to leave. People called them "the wolf creek legends." They hunted birds that can be found only above 12,000 feet. They walked 18 miles round trip to hunt them. At 30 degrees below zero, they'd climb on snowmobiles at midnight and go to a mountaintop just to see the stars and bask in the majesty of the mountains. They took month-long backpacking trips, hiking out daily from a base camp.

In 1993 they started a hobby they dearly love and spend a lot of time pursuing: western swing dancing. They learned to dance after getting the basic steps from a friend. "We practiced four hours every day for three solid weeks," says Joyce, "and learned some fancy steps. It's the love of our life now." They go out dancing at least once a week and dance almost daily in their living room.

Gerald and Joyce have been married 55 years. He is 81. She is 77.

USDA 2007 Partial Payments...

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their respective "target" prices specified in the 2002 Farm Bill. USDA calculates CC payments based on the calculated rate and on historical base acreage and payment yields, not current production. The 2002 Farm Bill requires that any overpayments to producers must be repaid. More information on DCP is available at local FSA offices and on FSA's Web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Battle of the Buzz

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rest of his competitors to claim the school prize and the opportunity to compete in Lubbock in two weeks with hopes of advancing to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

Turner's list of words to the championship included *opera*, *angelic*, *apathy*, *farthing*, and the winning word - *ridiculous*.

Gass, the daughter of Butch and Shawna Gass of Gail, was named the runner-up and will take Turner's place should he be unable to compete at the regional contest.

Joining the top three contestants were the following Borden County Elementary students: third graders—Brice Turner & Kale Yarbrough; fourth graders—Rhaedan Bland, Channing Miller, Samuel Raborn, Tatum Richey, & Taylor Roberts; and fifth graders—Tye Basquez, Marlana Seyler, Sean Tucker, & Cayden Vaughn.

Borden County Junior High students involved were sixth graders—Matthew Ham, Kalyn Massingill, & Mollie McMeans; seventh graders—Steven Howard & Mattie Turner; and eighth graders—Luke Burkett & Austin Tyler.

Congratulations, Blake, and best of luck to you at the regional bee!



Vote for Scott Brooks, County Commissioner, Precinct 1. Your support and your vote will be greatly appreciated, in the Democratic Primary. I will do my best to serve the residents of Borden County.

Political Ad paid for by Scott Brooks, 800 CR 144, O'Donnell, Tx 79351

Player of the Week



Lady Coyote, Olivia Key, receives Player of the Week. Key scored 18 points against Sterling City. She is a Sophomore and is the daughter of Brice and Darby Key.

WELDING? CUTTING? WATCH YOUR SPARKS!

- * Remove dry vegetation from work area.
- * Wet down entire work area.
- * Keep water and a fire extinguisher handy.
- * Post a fire watch. Assign someone to watch for sparks that may ignite dry vegetation.
- * Avoid parking vehicles in tall, dry grass.
- * Check weather conditions before starting; please refrain from welding/cutting on days with higher wind and lower humidity.

EXAMPLE A

AMENDED 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 138 and 2.5 miles west of the intersection of FM 1054 and County Road 138, 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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