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# Brownsboro FFA attends State Convention

Brownsboro FFA Chapter officers attended the 79th annual State FFA Convention in Corpus Christi, July 10-13, 2007. While in attendance the Brownsboro FFA chapter was very well represented. The FFA chapter received numerous awards along with some of its top students.

Five of the chapter's students applied for, and received, their Lone Star Farmers Degrees on Tuesday, which is the highest degree that a student can receive at the State Level. Those students receiving their Lone Stars were Rusty Lawrence, Emily Bynum, Chase Beam, Matt Smith, and Tonya Kiker.

Also during the week the Brownsboro FFA Chapter was recognized on several different levels. The chapter was recognized for being the 5th largest chapter in the state of Texas, with 331 members enrolled. The chapter received a silver star on the Golden Horizon Award in which the chapter was evaluated on its participation in various contests and competitions throughout the year. The chapter was also recognized with the Superior Chapter award in a multiple teacher department for being one of the best chapters in the state.

Finally Brownsboro received a gold star on the National Chapter Award and will advance to the National level. The national chapter award is based on the chapter involvement in stock shows, Leadership Development Events, Fundraisers, and community involvement throughout the year.



2007-2008 Brownsboro FFA Chapter Officers at the State FFA Convention in Corpus Christi (Left to right) Garrett Herrington- Chaplain: Andrew Dyer, Vice President: Peyton Williams, Secretary: Holly Hargrave, Parliamentarian: Brandon Irby, Treasurer: Haley Suggs, Sentinel: Glenn Devlin, Student Advisor: Emily Bynum, Reporter: Rusty Lawrence, President: Alexis Duran, Historian.



**RED STORM-** BMC Freshman division champs, the Chandler Red Storm finished the regular season undefeated. Members of the team from left, front, DeAndre Cook, Tanner Wilson (second row) Levi McDonald, Jacob Pollard, Raul Gutierrez (third row) Shelby Rogers, Austin Holt, Willie Miller, Swaide Houston (back) coaches Donny Wilson and Bill Pollard.



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and also everyone who bought a raffle ticket

### ★ Coach Chris Frederick

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me look bad, we got a problem." Not that he minded the help with his history facts, but at only 21 years-old, he knew that respect was going to be crucial to managing his classroom. With the lines drawn for proper interaction after their discussion, Frederick was in a position to enjoy all her academic successes from then on.

The same young lady was on his debate team. She graduated Valedictorian and went on to complete her premed degree at Baylor in only three years; all of which made Frederick feel better about her corrections on the first day of history class.

When a job came available at Brownsboro High School, Linda was enthusiastic about the idea of moving to East Texas because her mother and much of her family live in the area.

At that time Tom Talley was looking to hire someone with head-coaching experience to serve as his defensive football coordinator and to coach a variety of other sports. Because Frederick's titles included Athletic Director and Head Football Coach in Central Texas where he moved after his job at Robert Lee, he was ready to step into a new Brownsboro spot.

The decision to make Brownsboro home, paid off in many ways, including having the advantage of working with a fine team of fellow-coaches, including Fred Griffin, Kent Bradley, and Wayne Randolph, all of whom were there that first season.

Talley became the biggest influence on Frederick's coaching career because of his knowledge of football, the way he treated people and "because he just had a way of doing things," according to

Frederick.

Usually, schools the same size as Brownsboro had 25 to 40 varsity players, 20 to 30 on the JV, and another 30 to 50 kids coming in as freshmen, for minimum totals exceeding 100 players in a normal football program. Talley and his team of coaches started the season with only fifty or so kids in the football program in a community that hadn't seen a winning season in awhile.

Their team finished that first season with five wins and five losses. The coaches were disappointed, but the community was thrilled.

With so many seasons and so many semesters, it is hard to pick the most memorable moment. However, only one moment had an unusual effect on Frederick.

"I hyperventilated," laughs Frederick remembering when Megan played with the team of girls in the Regional Basketball Tournament her senior year.

They were playing a team that had "already drilled us" earlier in the season, he recalls, and the Brownsboro team had to beat that same team to go on to the finals in order to play for the state title.

Watching from the stands when the girls won the game, "I hyperventilated," Frederick says, meaning it literally, "I had to go sit in the stands and calm down. I was just so fired up for the girls. I was fired up for Fred (Griffin, the coach)."

To be in the stands for moments like that in the lives of his daughters was one of the reasons that Frederick switched to strictly classroom responsibilities in recent years. He loved being in the classroom, especially teaching speech, and decided early on that he would not be "the

typical stereotype of a coach in the classroom just reading the newspaper." Since being a coach means inspiring students to perform at their top level, Frederick was determined to translate that philosophy to the classroom. He always tried to establish "a laid back atmosphere with discipline mixed in."

"Say what you mean and mean what you say," Frederick says about following through on the parameters set in the classroom, "If it is important enough for you to say it, then do it." It is a philosophy that he thinks works well for teachers, coaches, administrators, and parents.

He became known among his students for his philosophy about background music, too. Every day of the week had a different sound in the background of his classroom. There were Motown Mondays, Twangy Tuesdays, and Gospel Wednesdays. On Thursdays, Elvis was King. On Fridays, Frederick told his students they "might even get to hear some modern music," meaning something from the 70's. The other thing his students are sure to remember is that "I didn't believe in homework," says Frederick.

Never afraid to say what he believes about homework or anything else, Frederick is looking forward to taking his own advice about family. "Better keep your family first in what you're doing," is the advice he would offer to young people going into the education. "Don't be afraid to say what you think," he adds.

The "Coach" is retiring, but since he and Linda are expecting their first grandbaby in September, it could be that a whole new field of education is opening up to him. That, and a whole lot of golf.

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