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## USDA Announces First Private Sector Investments Through U.S. Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund

WASHINGTON, July 28, 2015 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the first round of investments in rural infrastructure projects through the U.S. Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund. Through the Fund and its expanded public-private partnerships, USDA has facilitated the investment of nearly \$161 million in private capital 22 critical water and community facilities projects in 14 states, maximizing the impact of USDA's own investments in job-creating rural infrastructure projects across the country.

"The Fund and USDA's other public-private partnership efforts help to facilitate private investment in rural businesses and infrastructure projects and maximize USDA's own record investments in rural America," said Tom Vilsack, U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary and Chair of the White House Rural Council. "USDA and other agencies invest in infrastructure through a variety of federal initiatives, but our resources are finite and there are backlogs of projects in many parts of the economy. Efforts

like the Fund help encourage substantial private investment in even more projects that help to grow the rural economy and support rural communities where people want to live, work and raise their families."

Strong, secure infrastructure-roads and bridges, but also internet access and community facilities like hospitals and schools-improves connectivity and access to information, moves products to market, and makes communities competitive and attractive to new businesses and investments.

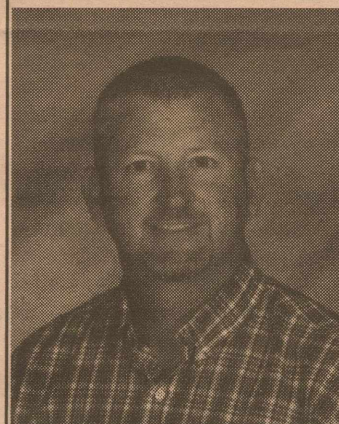
Investments include 11 community facilities projects in Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota and Wisconsin, including building new nursing homes, constructing new preschool and day care facilities, constructing a new facility for a rural ambulance service that covers a 685 square mile area in South Dakota, and building or upgrading two new critical access hospitals in rural Illinois and North Carolina. In addition, the Fund invested in 11 critical water projects in California, Kansas, Mississippi, North

Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota and Texas. Projects include upgrades to existing water systems and the construction of a new reservoir. At least 38 additional critical infrastructure projects are in the pipeline for investment.

The U.S. Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund is part of a broader effort across the Department to rethink how to best leverage private sector resources to revitalize and re-energize the rural economy. Last year, Secretary Vilsack announced the creation of a \$150 million privately-funded Rural Business Investment Company (RBIC), which has already made three investments in rural businesses with high-growth potential. Earlier this year, Secretary Vilsack announced the launch of two additional new privately-funded RBICs, which will be run by Innova Memphis and Meritus Kirchner Capital. Once the capital has been raised, these companies will make equity investments in rural businesses with high-growth potential. Efforts like

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## Athletic Physicals Scheduled For August 1st



Trey Richey  
Head Coach

We are scheduled to take athletic physicals Saturday, **August 1st at 10:00 AM** in Abilene, Texas.

We will depart from Gail at **8:00 AM**. You will need to have your physical form signed and filled out before we leave. The doctor will not sign it if your parent or guardian does not sign it. You will need to wear short and t-shirt for the physical.

We will be at the Action Sports and Physical Therapy clinic in Abilene. The telephone number there is (325)676-5633. The address there is 1717 Pine Street. Easy directions are, as you come in on Interstate 20 you will take the Hardin Simmons exit. Stay

on Pine Street and it will be on your left, just a few blocks past the hospital. If you would like to meet us there so you can stay and shop in Abilene that would be fine. You will need to bring some money to eat lunch. We will try to be back in Gail by **3:00 PM**.

If you plan to play a sport this year of any kind during the upcoming school year, you are required by our school district to take a physical. The school furnishes the physical at this time. If you cannot make this date then you will need to get a physical on your own and at your expense.

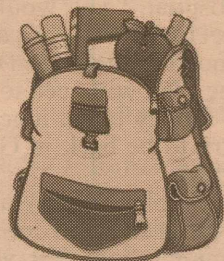
Also you will find in your letter an Acknowledgment of Rules form and a Steroid form. Read them, have your parent read them, sign both and bring all of the paperwork with you. The medical release will allow us to seek emergency treatment for you if there is a need during the school year.

We are truly excited about the upcoming year and we look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at home or on my cell. Trey Richey: (806)756-4417-home and (806)759-3335-cell. Take care and enjoy the remainder of your summer.

# Borden County Elementary School Supply List 2015-2016

**Kindergarten:** Elmer's school glue (not paste), 2-glue sticks, 2-boxes of 16 Crayons, Scissors (Fiskars for kids), 4-#2 pencils 2-folders w/pockets, Big eraser, Supply box (cigar box size), Towel for nap time, Baby wipes/wet wipes (2 box), 1 box-Kleenex, Gym Shoes.

**First Grade:** 2-Boxes of 16 Crayons, 12-#2 Pencils, Scissors, 2 bottles Elmer's Glue, 2-Glue sticks, 4-Boxes Kleenex, 2-Pink eraser, Gym shoes, 1 bottle of sanitizer. **NO FOLDERS AND NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS PLEASE!**

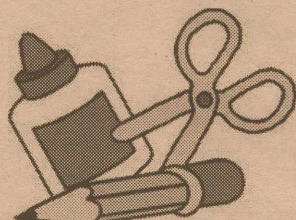


**Second Grade:** 24-#2 Pencils, 2 boxes of 16 ct. crayons or more, 2 Bottles Elmer's Glue, 2 Glue sticks, Flexible ruler, Scissors (Fiskars for Kids), Erasers, Colored pencils, 2 Boxes Kleenex, 1-Composition notebook, 1-Box Wipes, Gym shoes. **No folders or pencil sharpeners, please.**

**Third Grade:** 1-3-ring binder, 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 4-Red pens, 1 Bottle school glue, 2-Glue sticks, 2-Pocket folders (no brads), 10-

#2 Pencils, Crayons, Scissors, 1 Box Kleenex, 1 Box wet wipes, 8 dividers, 1 Pkg. notebook paper (wide ruled), 1 Pkg. 3X5 index cards, Composition book, Gym shoes.

**Fourth Grade:** 1-1" 3 ring binder, 1-Pkg. notebook paper, 1-Set of subject dividers, 1-pocket folder of choice, 1-Spiral notebook, Markers, 1 box 24 Crayons, 1 box #2 Pencils, 2-red grading pens, Colored pencils, 3-Composition book, 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 2-large Glue sticks, Scissors, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, Scotch tape, 1-Box Kleenex, Gym shoes.



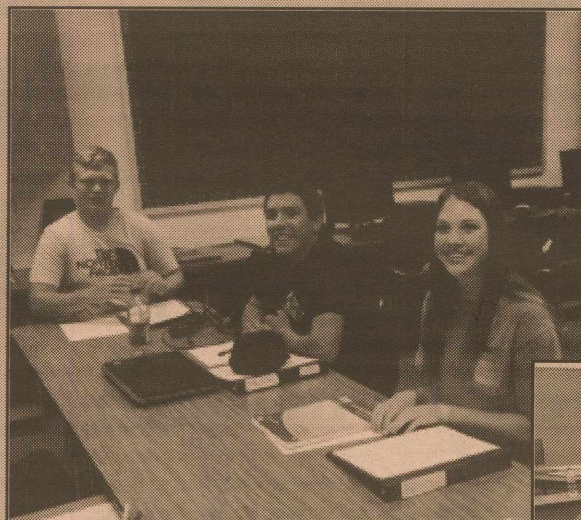
**Fifth Grade:** 1-1 inch 3 ring binder, 1-set of dividers w/tabs (5), 1-Pocket folder of choice, 3-Composition notebooks (not spiral notebooks), 1-Box #2 pencils (may be mechanical), 1-Pkg. wide ruled notebook paper, 1 package colored copy paper, 4-Red grading pens, 1-Black sharpie, 2-Large glue sticks, Tape dispenser and Scotch tape, Colored pencils, Crayola Washable Markers, Ruler w/ both inches and centimeters, Scissors, Highlighters, 1-Boxes of Kleenex, Gym shoes.

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in case of an Emergency!  
Just Call Us . . .**

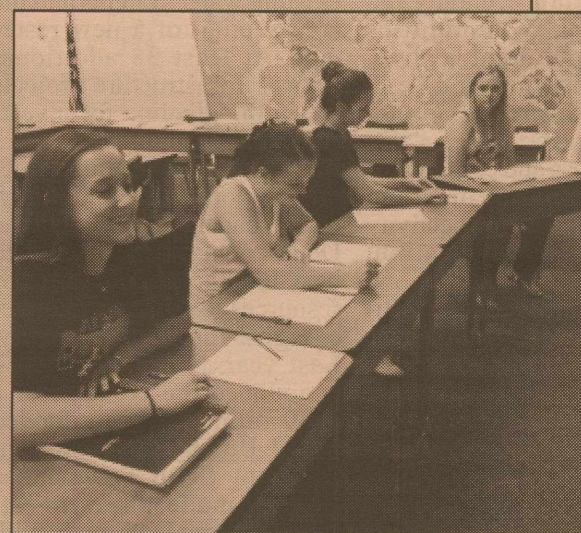
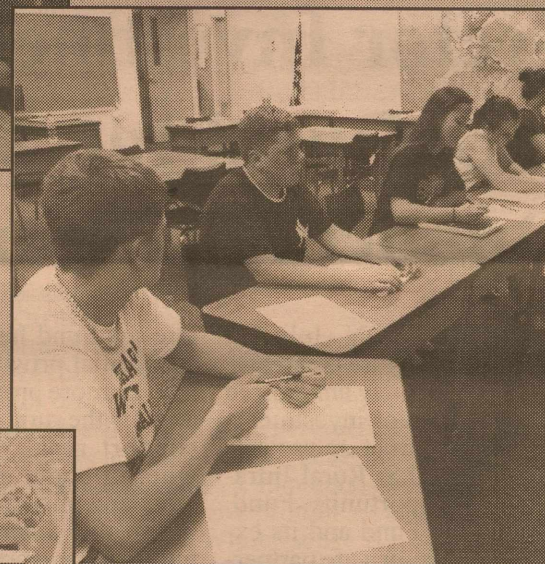
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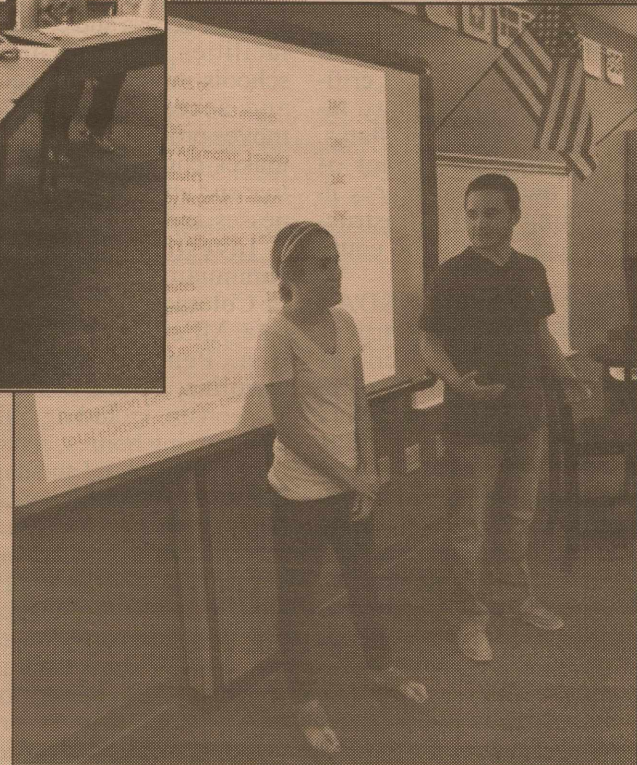
# Students Take Time Out of Summer Break for Debate Camp



(Left) BHS Lincoln Douglas debate students for 2015-2016 (from left) Braxton Barnes, Nathan Souder and Paige Holbrooks are attending a summer debate camp in Gail this week. Mr. Ron Hester, former Snyder High School speech teacher, is conducting the five-day camp. The students will study debate theory, write cases, and participate in a mock tournament at the conclusion of the weeklong camp.



(Right) Former BHS Cross-Ex debaters Mollie McMeans and Zach McMeans are teaching six current high school students in a weeklong debate camp. Sophmores Carley Bell and Harley Merrill along with freshmen Madi Cole, Trent Collins, Katie Gray and Ben Justice are beginning their research for this year's topic over domestic surveillance policies. The McMeans were the 1A State CX champions in 2014.



# Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

## 31 Panes of Glass

When David Scott of Dublin was working for a school he had an accident that caused a head injury. He became disabled and was spending time at home. He had trouble sleeping and would have bad dreams, visions and occasionally heard voices. "A doctor told me I was having post concussion syndrome," says David, "which means you will have weird dreams and you might hear voices." He didn't say anything to his wife because he was afraid she would think he was having mental problems. During one of his sleepless nights he got out of bed, went to his shop and put his head down on his table. His bible was nearby. He opened it to Genesis one, verse one and something in his head told him he needed to paint that verse.

A couple of months earlier he was looking around his shop and found 31 panes of glass in various sizes, most of them about 8 by 12 inches. "They were covered with dust and dirt and I spent some time cleaning them. Then I put them in a box. They were about one sixteenth of an inch thick, just some old glass that could have been 60 or 70 years old. During the time I was off work I had bought some different types and colors of paints and some brushes and so forth. I made me a rather crude easel, reached down, grabbed me a pane of glass, picked up a brush, got my paint ready and started painting. I would close my eyes when the picture in my mind would fade and after a little bit it would become clear and I would start painting again."

He says it took maybe three hours to paint the image that was in his mind. "I got through and looked at it and thought it didn't look too bad for a person who had never painted

anything before."

For the next year he would leave his bed during the night, go to his shop and consider what was happening. He decided to do a painting on a pane of glass for each verse of the first chapter of Genesis. "Things would happen to me that would stay in my mind and give me some thoughts for my paintings. After about a year I got to verse 30. I painted it and set it aside. A couple of days later I had another of my crazy spells, I guess. Another image. I went out to my shop, reached into the box holding the panes of glass and realized there was only one more pane of glass. I set it up on my easel and opened the bible and turned the page and there was verse 31, the last verse in the chapter. I said wow. Why did I only find 31 panes of glass and why were there just 31 verses of Genesis 1? I did that last painting and took a good look at it and liked it. I closed up my paints, went into the house, went to bed and never had another dream. I slept like a baby and didn't hear any more voices in my head."

David and I had agreed to meet at a drive in restaurant in Dublin. He had the paintings in his pickup and I became one of just a few people who have seen them. He calls the entire collection THE CREATION. I asked him what he had done with the paintings, which were done in 1995 and 1996. "They're stored in my house," he said. "There's got to be some reason why I did these because there are 3 or 4 paintings I don't remember painting." David's email is [gotimes39@yahoo.com](mailto:gotimes39@yahoo.com)

Tumbleweed Smith has a curiosity that takes him to some of the most interesting people and places in Texas. Contact him at [ts@tumbleweedsmith.com](mailto:ts@tumbleweedsmith.com)

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## Borden County Independent School District 2014-2015

### SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Please realize that teachers may add to their list on the first day of school...  
College classes will receive instructions that day as well.

#### Mr. Benavidez – Spanish I, Spanish II, & Spanish III

- 1½" Notebook
- Dividers
- Notebook Paper
- Red pens
- Plenty of 3"x 5" note cards

#### Elementary P.E.

- Gym Shoes (if your child cannot tie his/her shoes, please provide Velcro snaps)

#### Mr. Hill-Science (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, A & P

- Binder-To keep papers
- Composition notebook
- Set of 5-tab dividers for binder

#### Mr. Edwards – Social Studies (7<sup>th</sup>)

- Notebook paper
- Notebook
- Pens
- Red pens

#### Mrs. Herridge – English I, English II, English III, English IV, Science (6<sup>th</sup>), Speech

- English Classes
  - 1½" 3-Ring Notebook
  - Dividers (At least 5)
  - Composition book (not a spiral notebook)
  - Blue or Black Pens
  - RED pens
  - Loose-leaf notebook paper
  - 3X5 index Cards
- Science Class (6<sup>th</sup>)
  - Red Pens (10)
  - Pens-Black/Blue
  - Pencils
  - Homework Folder
  - 1 ½ inch 3 ring notebook
  - Dividers (At least 5)
  - 3 X 5 index cards
  - Map colors or colored pencils (at least 24)

#### Mrs. Key – Math (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>), Algebra I, Technology Applications (7<sup>th</sup>)

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 6-8 Math:                     | Algebra I                |
| • Composition Book-wide ruled | 1 or 3 subject spiral    |
| • Plenty of pencils           | 1 pkg. of notebook paper |
| • Red pens                    | Plenty of pencils        |
| • Highlighters                | Red pens                 |
| • Pkg. of notebook paper      |                          |

#### Ms. Mayes – Reading (6<sup>th</sup>), Social Studies (6<sup>th</sup>) English (6<sup>th</sup>) English (7<sup>th</sup>)

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|--|---|
| • Two inch 3-Ring Notebook (No zippers or flaps) | 1- Box Kleenex (sixth grade only)                             |
| • One Spiral Notebook                            | 2-Magazines that be cut (to be used during year for projects) |
| • Dividers                                       |   |
| • Map colors                                     |   |
| • Blue or black ink pens                         |   |
| • Pencils  |   |
| • Red pens                                       |   |
| • Scissors                                       |   |
| • Highlighter (any color)                        |   |

#### Ms. Ferquhar - Agriculture Science (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

- 3-Ring Notebook
- 9 Dividers with labels
- Pens
- Pencils
- Notebook Paper

#### Ms. Phillips – Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Math Models

- Notebook paper
- 3 Ring Binder
- Dividers
- Plenty of pencils
- Colored pens for grading

#### Mr. Richey – Math (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>), Geometry

- Notebook paper
- Spiral notebook
- Dividers (5 or 6)
- Pencils
- Red pens (No other colors needed)
- Highlighter
- Dry erase marker (2 or 3)
- Compass-optional
- Protractor-optional
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades: inexpensive calculator

#### Mr. Skelton - Social Studies (8<sup>th</sup>), World Geography (9<sup>th</sup>), World History (10<sup>th</sup>), U.S. History (11<sup>th</sup>)

- Notebook paper or spirals
- Pens-Blue or Black
- 4 pkgs. 3 X 5 index cards
- Red Pens

#### Mrs. Skelton – Reading (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) English (8<sup>th</sup>)

- 1.5 – 2 inch hard cover 3 ring notebook
- Blue or black pens
- 2 Pkgs. notebook paper (wide ruled, NO COLLEGE RULED)
- Red pens for grading
- 2 Pkgs. 3 X 5 notecards
- Composition book (like the black and white ones)
- \*\*8<sup>th</sup> graders will need two separate notebooks, one for Reading and one for ELA

#### Ms. Wagner – Band (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

- Good attitude and a willingness to work

\*\*\*\*Please do not purchase the stretchy book covers for your student's textbooks. They will be provided by the school. Stretchy book covers will not be allowed.



# BORDEN COUNTY 4-H



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*Borden County 4-H'ers participated in North Region 4-H Power Camp (formerly known as Electric Camp) in Aspendale, NM June 26-29. They learned leadership skills, electrical safety, teamwork and much more? Those representing Borden County were (front l to r) Katie Gray, Colbin Briley, Ashlyn Tucker, Hayley Gray, (back l to r) Cody Hill-County Extension Agent, Paige Holbrooks, Thomas Nix and Garrett Hill.*

### BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST


The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids and/or quotes for propane, diesel, and gasoline for the 2015-2016 school year.

Proposals shall be addressed to Billy Collins; Borden County Independent School District, Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked appropriately as "Propane Bid" and/or "Gasoline/Diesel Bid". Proposals may also be submitted by fax and/or by e-mail to the numbers or address listed below. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. on Friday, August 7, 2015. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.


The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Billy Collins by writing the above address; by e-mail to [bcollins@bcisd.net](mailto:bcollins@bcisd.net); or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

By Order of the Board of Trustees  
 Borden County Independent School District  
 Joel Dennis, Secretary



## Heart and Home...



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## 21 Days to a New Habit

Whether you're trying to eat better, be more active, or quit smoking, experts say that the first 21 days can be the toughest. Here's how to stick with your goal.

Sometimes, to improve your health, your doctor may recommend making changes to your diet, quitting smoking, becoming more active, or making other lifestyle changes. But breaking up is hard to do—especially when it comes to unhealthy habits. "The first few weeks of trying to break a bad habit or start a new, healthy one are the hardest," says G. Alan Marlatt, PhD, director of the Addictive Behaviors Research Center at the University of Washington. "You'll likely encounter temptations, but some strategies can help you cope with any such urges." The good news: If you get through those weeks, the new mind-set becomes easier to maintain. Here are seven ways to help you reach 21 days.

1. Jot in a journal. You can keep track of your progress, monitor any backsliding, and identify situations that may cause you to give in to temptation.

2. Set small steps. Instead of attempting a wholesale, huge life change, aim only for one behavior at a time. Break your goal down into smaller parts. "For example, if your goal is to lose weight and you didn't reach your goal of lost pounds in a few weeks, think about the health benefits of the weight you did lose."

3. Surf your urges. The compulsion to light up another cigarette or toss down a bag of chips has often been described as a wave. It builds and builds, potentially threatening to wash away your newfound resolve like a tsunami. Marlatt's solution: surfing. "Imagine the urge is a wave, and as you feel it build, close your eyes and pay attention to your breathing," he says. "Picture yourself on a surfboard riding the wave and

the desire will subside."

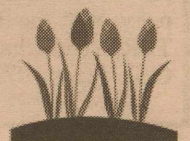
4. Don't trust willpower. Maybe you've had a couple of weeks with newfound willpower. "Even if you think you can slide back into a behavior and put the brakes on whenever you want, It doesn't work like that. Keep yourself out of situations that could make you more likely to backslide."

5. Defuse triggers. With help from your journal, you might be able to identify triggers that may lead to old behavior. Some triggers may include being around others who are engaging in the activity you wish to stop, or it could be stress or negative emotions that may lead you to smoke or overeat. "Try using calming efforts such as meditation or yoga to cope with triggers," Marlatt says.

6. Try, try, try...again. There's a difference between a "lapse" and a relapse. A lapse is a slight slip; a relapse is becoming entirely entrenched in your old behavior. "About 80% of people have lapses," he says. "You're up against formidable odds, but the good news is that if you keep trying and learn from mistakes, you'll get better as you go along."

7. Prepare for the next hurdle. While those first few weeks may be the toughest, Marlatt says the first three months are the trial period that'll test how well you avoid the urges. "Rely on your journal to show you what triggers the behavior you want to change," he says. "Changing a habit is like learning how to play piano or speak a foreign language. Learn from mistakes so that next time that situation occurs, you'll know how to deal with it."

Source: *General Mills Eat Better America* <http://www.eatbetteramerica.com>



*To the Borden County Community,  
There are no words to express my thankfulness  
to those of you who have sent cards, called,  
donated monetarily, but most importantly  
prayed and continue to pray for me after my  
accident and as I begin my recovery process. I'm  
so humbled and blessed to have  
been a part of this loving and caring*

*community. I pray that our  
Heavenly Father bless  
each and every one of  
you.*

*All my love,  
Kimberly  
Proulx*



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## Add an Important Item to Your Back-to-school List.

For parents, back-to-school season means it's time to stock up on school supplies. But it can also be a good time to think about how to save for your child's future education.

Developing a strategy for achieving your education savings goal – or other savings goals – can help you stay on track.

To learn more about your education savings options, call or visit today.



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## Commissioners' Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BORDEN  
WHEREAS, on this the 14th day of July, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS D. SHARP, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING; MONTE SMITH, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2; ERNEST REYES, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agendas. Other officers present: Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer.

Also present was Jerry Reddell

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the July 14, 2015, regular session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:35 A.M.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of June 23, 2015 were presented. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY OFFICER MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted reports in the County Clerk's office. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY EMPLOYEE CAFETERIA PLAN

Stephen "Rooster" Rainbolt, representative of National Family Care visited with the court concerning a cafeteria plan for county employees. Commissioner Belew made a motion to implement an employee cafeteria plan with National Family Care as the plan administrator. Commissioner

Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve new rate for employee health benefits as proposed by Texas Association of Counties. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

Jerry Reddell met with the court concerning purchasing county owned lots in town.

### COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to table this agenda item for further review. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the resignation of Van L. York as county representative to the Borden County Appraisal District board. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint Commissioner Randy Adcock as the county representative to the Borden County Appraisal District board. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

Voting for: Commissioners Smith, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Voting Against: None  
Commissioner Adcock ab-

stained  
Commissioner Smith left the meeting at 9:50 A.M.

### PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications.

### SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the following application:

Charles Campbell - Precinct 2

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith returned to meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the following application:

Scott Clayton - Precinct 1  
Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 2016 BUDGET

Discussion held on the 2016 budget.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

2016 Budget and Surplus Equipment

### CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 28TH DAY OF JULY, 2015.



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## *Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of Snyder*

### *Tindal Insurance Agency* **A Proud Past With a Solid Future**

The reputation of **Tindol Insurance Agency**, representative for Germania, Progressive, Dairyland, and other insurance companies, has been built upon its excellent service, the satisfaction and good will of many satisfied policy holders. One of the leaders of its kind in the area, this firm is under the management of a capable staff; who know that insurance business and the needs of their customers and furnish a quality insurance service at fair prices. If you will come by the office, Robbi Tindol will be glad to go over your coverage with you and advise you on any new or additional insurance you may require. Or you may phone 573-8649 and they will be glad to visit with you at your home or place of business about your insurance needs and furnish them to you at the most economical price. At the present time they are serving a great number of people throughout this area of West Texas in their insurance requirements, whether for auto, life or property. In this review of the business and professional concerns of Snyder, we highly recommend **Tindol Insurance Agency**, located at 1907 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Snyder. Phone 573-8649 for any information or for an appointment.

### *Big Country Autoland*

**The Largest Full Line General Motors Dealer in  
West Texas**



**Big Country Autoland** is your authorized dealer for Chevrolet Buick, Cadillac, Oldsmobile, Pontiac and GMC trucks. They are located at the Intersection of Hwys. 208 & 180 in Snyder. Phone 573-5456 or toll free 1-800-573-5459. These General Motor products will give you the advantage of driving comfort, safety, efficiency of operation and easy handling. So treat yourself to a ride in one of these General Motor products and you will agree that they have beauty, roominess and plenty of power. At this time, Big Country Autoland invites you to come by and see the all-new CHEVROLET SILVERADO AND GMC SIERRA pickups. This firm is also completely equipped to service any and all makes of automobiles. The mechanics at this firm are certified and will give your auto the best of care. In this Good Neighbor Review we are happy to recommend **Big Country Autoland** to all our many readers throughout Borden County. You can be assured of professional care and service when you buy or have your car or truck serviced at **Big Country Autoland**.

### *A-I Air Conditioning*

This firm located at 2312 Ave. R in Snyder, phone 325/573-7635, installs air conditioning and heating units and are licensed, bonded and insured. Superior to the vast majority air conditioning and heating shops and surpassed by none either in general excellence of work or superiority of materials used. This popular firm has continued its successful career for many years because the management and assistants are among the most efficient air conditioning heating craftsmen anywhere. If you are figuring on any work, let them help make up your plans. You will find that consulting them will save you money. **A-I Air Conditioning** has gained an excellent reputation for giving prompt and courteous attention to every job. In this review we are glad to compliment them and refer them to all our readers when desiring work or information in this line.

### *Texas Savings Bank*

**Texas Savings Bank** is located at 4500 College Ave. in Snyder. This institution is one of the corner stone's of the financial structures of Snyder. If you have money that you wish to save or invest you should investigate the advantages this saving bank can offer you. Along with their many other services such as checking accounts, IRA's, CD Investments, their Automated Clearing House Transactions (for direct depositing into your account of social security, pension, oil royalty or any other payments) and their ATM service, it is well known in this territory for their reliability and many have found their desired method of serving through them. They offer a way for reliable parties to secure loans in a businesslike manner without being imposed upon in any way. You will be more than pleased with this efficient and modern establishment through this widely known institution many people of Scurry and Borden County have progress of this section. If you plan to build, purchase or repair in the near future, be sure to see **Texas Savings Bank**. Phone 573-9305. They are a member of FDIC, whereby your deposits are insured. They are also an Equal Housing Lender.

### *Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home*

Time and service have honored the name of **Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home** located at 3101 College Ave. in Snyder, phone 573-5454. For years this reputable funeral home has served the people of this section of West Texas. They relieve you of all worry and responsibility and by sympathetic cooperation bring comfort in the hour of distress. Their service supplies the consoling through that the final tribute to your loved one has been beautiful and fitting. They have in their employ only those who have a natural fitness for this profession. When a funeral director must be called, may we suggest that you place this firm in charge. They will relieve you of all the many details that must be taken care of and at the same time see that everything is done according to your desires. In this Good Neighbor Review we, without hesitance, refer our readers to this reliable firm and suggest that you call them when in need of a funeral director.

### *McDonald Welding*

**McDonald Welding Supply** is located at 1110 College Ave. in Snyder. They are distributors for all the well-known name brands of welding equipment along with a large line of hardware items and steel products for farm and ranch use. **McDonald Welding Supply** has a complete line of supplies for both light and heavy welders. Following is a partial list of supplies they offer you; complete line of industrial gases, gas welding torches, hoses, gauges, complete electric welding equipment, electrodes of any type, as well as all those other necessary supplies such as gloves, goggles, helmets, wire brushes, etc. If you are in the welding business, it is to your advantage to get acquainted with the reliable firm in Snyder. Here you will find a large line of hardware items for the farm, ranch and general public. Also they carry a complete assortment of steel for all purpose. Drop in at 1110 College Ave. and they will be happy to discuss your welding hardware and steel needs with you, or phone 573-5329. Also, remember that for all your hardware needs or for all farm and ranch steel products, **McDonald Welding Supply** is the place to go.

### *Southern Electric*

**Southern Electric** is conveniently located at 900 College Avenue, in Snyder, phone 573-4903. Here they feature building materials of every description of the highest quality at the lowest possible prices, including everything to go with it, hardware, tools, plumbing supplies, paint, kitchen cabinets, doors, windows, light fixtures, a complete line of guns and ammunition and a complete line of electrical supplies, as well as commercial cleaning supplies. The people of this section of West Texas including contractors, builders and farmers have come to know that they can depend upon **Southern Electric** for everything in building materials. It may be said that this firm is a valued asset to this community. One of the essential features of any house, store or any other structure is that it will stand the wear of the years. The same is true of the reputation of any business firm and that is why **Southern Electric** enjoys an ever-increasing volume of business and popularity. We in the Good Neighbor Review suggest you see them for all your building materials, hardware, cleaning and paper products and electrical supply needs.

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*Edward Jones*

**Tim Riggan-Russel Riggan AAMS,  
Financial Advisors**

Edward Jones Investments, located at 4204 College Ave. and 4202 College Ave. in Snyder has brought its unique brand of service to communities across the country for many years. The first office was opened in Snyder in 1981 by Tim Riggan. Russell Riggan opened an office next door to Tim in 2003.

The firm is built upon the philosophy of serving the needs of serious, long-term individual investors from one-financial advisor offices. At Edward Jones, they look at your individual needs before anything else. They offer, IRAs for retirement saving plans for individuals and businesses, education savings options, basic investments of stocks, mutual funds and annuities. Edward Jones offers debit cards and credit cards. They will be glad to help you with all of your retirement and rollover needs.

At Edward Jones it is never too late to think about your future, they offer long-term care insurance and long-term disability insurance. They offer quick and convenient online account access, e-delivery, bill payment, downloads to personal financial management software, and more.

Give Tim or Russell a call at 1-800-441-3096 and let them help you with any need you might have. In this Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of Snyder, Edward Jones has our highest regards for all their many services to the people of this area.

*Wilson Motors*

**“Customer Satisfaction Since 1955”**

Your authorized Ford, Mercury & Lincoln dealer is **Wilson Motors**, located at 1101 Coliseum Drive in Snyder, phone 573-6351 or 1-800-545-5019. These automobiles and trucks have been in the past and still are recognized as one of the great motor values of this century. This is not only the opinion of their many satisfied customers but of the expert as well. For service, economy and reasonable prices the *Ford, Mercury & Lincoln* continue to reign supreme. Here you will find that the management and employees are courteous and accommodating and will be pleased to show you the advantage of owning one of these fine automobiles or trucks. **Wilson Motors** also have a maintenance shop for the servicing and repair of any and all cars or trucks. You will find that they carry a complete line of parts and are able to render complete service to their many patrons. Here you will find skillful and experienced workmen in charge who will do everything to guarantee satisfaction. We are pleased to compliment **Wilson Motors** on the efficiency of their service and products to the people of this section. Stop in anytime for a demonstration ride.

*West Texas State Bank*

West Texas State Bank, located at 1901 26<sup>th</sup> Street in Snyder is a strong bank that instills confidence within the community and surrounding area. This bank is not only able but will care for every reasonable want of its customers. Our readers will find this bank a friendly bank, providing all of the facilities and services of a city bank together with personal interest in every customer. Be prepared to take advantage of opportunity by depositing a reserve in this bank. When you are contemplating making an investment of any kind, it is a safe plan to consult with the officers of this bank before making any investment, rather than to complain about it later. A great deal of credit is due the officers and directors of the West Texas State Bank, who have done their best toward the developing of the agricultural, ranching, oil and other interests of the community. The officers and directors of this bank are fine public spirited men who believe in Scurry County and this area of West Texas and feel that there are better days ahead for the energetic person who works with a plan backed by sound judgment and reasoning. We, the compilers of This Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review are pleased to recommend this member FDIC bank to all our readers.

*Dennis Quick Auto & Tire Service*

This auto repair service is located at 811 25<sup>th</sup> St. in Snyder has been serving the people of this area for over 40 years in quality service and fair prices. Having equipped their garage with the latest tools and equipment enables this establishment to accurately and economically service your motor vehicle. Their repair service on all makes of cars or trucks will assure you of quality workmanship and at a reasonable price. Before you take your vehicles anywhere be sure to drive in and visit with Bubba Dennis or his team of service professionals and get their estimate on that repair or overhaul work. The mechanics here know their business and with their modern equipment can put your car or truck in first class condition and at a low cost. You will also find that they are the dealer for Goodyear, Hankook, Bridgestone, Michelin, B.F. Goodrich and Kelly tires along with a complete tire service department. For all your tire service needs, on the farm or on the road be sure to phone 573-2624 as they have three (3) tire repair service trucks on call 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. If you want to work done correctly and at a fair price, take all your automotive repair problems to **Dennis Quick Auto & Tire Service** and receive complete satisfaction in professional and courteous service.

*Capital Farm Credit*

**Capital Farm Credit** is located at 5111 College Ave. in Snyder. Phone 325/573-3222. They loan money to farmers and ranchers for agricultural purposes including operating, equipment and real estate loans at reasonable rates of interest. As it is our purpose in this Good Neighbor Review to give our readers throughout this district a list of prominent firms in our trade territory, we wish to bring to your attention this leading firm, **Capital Farm Credit**. The management has a reputation far and wide for honest business dealings and is anxious to please every customer alike. Their position among the people of this district is evidence of well placed confidence and in this review we take pleasure in recommending **Capital Farm Credit** to the farmers and ranchers of this and surrounding counties. During their years of operation they have done everything in their power for the improvement of the community and this district as a whole. You too, will find this firm to be a most valued asset to our section of West Texas and most desirable institution with which to do business.

*Hargrove Crop Insurance*

For all you farmers throughout our area, you will find that **Hargrove Crop Insurance** located at 2701 College Ave. in Snyder is the firm to see for all your crop insurance needs. This firm is your representative for all types of crop insurance and is ready to serve you for all your needs. For many years they have served many farmers throughout this section of West Texas and are looking forward to serving this area for many more with a quality crop insurance service. There are so many things over which we have no control, weather wise, that you owe yourself and your family to insure against these things which can and do happen. When thinking of crop insurance, think of **Hargrove Crop Insurance**. Go over your needs with them and they will be able to assist you in selecting the right crop insurance to protect you adequately. Drop by the office or phone 573-8975 for an appointment. Once they have made a study of your needs, they will advise you on how you can meet that need at a minimum cost. In this Good Neighbor Review, no firm can receive a higher recommendation than **Hargrove Crop Insurance**.

*E.D. Walton Construction Co.*

This well-known firm is located on the old Lubbock Hwy, phone 573-0146. In this particular field of endeavor there is no company more worthy of extended mention in this review than this well known institution. Under the direction of men and women thoroughly conversant with every feature of this industry, it has become a very important asset to this area. By reason of the fact that the management has had wide experience in every area of this business and because of their comprehensive knowledge of every branch of the trade, this firm has continued to witness an increase in the number of their patrons. We in this Good Neighbors Review issue highly recommend **E.D. Walton Construction** as being an asset to this community. For over 50 years, they have added to the progress and prosperity of this entire section. The management and assistants are men and women of practical experience in this type of business.

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### *Community Bank of Snyder*

This prominent bank is located at 1715 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Snyder and is a member FDIC, phone 325/573-2681. **Community Bank of Snyder** is an institution of financial strength and safety and may well be termed "The Friendly Bank". It was founded by men of character and integrity who were very prominent in business and commercial activities and have progressed as this district itself has grown and progressed. Under the management of efficient and capable men they invite accounts of businessmen, women, farmers, labors or all people who desire profitable connection with a modern banking institution. At this bank you will find strength, seasoned judgment, dependability, accuracy in handling details and breadth of vision—all to be applied to the management of your personal or commercial affairs. In making this review we wish to make the statement that at the **Community Bank of Snyder** you may at all times save with safety.

### *Coventry Plumbing*

Superior to this vast majority of plumbing shops, and surpassed by none, either in general excellence of work or superiority of materials used. **Coventry Plumbing** located in Snyder at 1311 College Ave. phone 573-3085, has continued their successful career for many years because the management and assistants are among the most efficient plumbing, craftsmen in this part of the state. If you are figuring on any work, let them help make up your plans. You will find that your consultation there will save you money. **Coventry Plumbing** has gained an excellent reputation for giving prompt and courteous attention to every job. So for all your plumbing installation and repair be sure to call on this firm and we are sure that you will be glad that you did. In this review, we are glad to compliment them and to refer them to all your readers when desiring work or information in this line.

### *Snyder Lumber Company*

**Snyder Lumber Company** is conveniently located in Snyder at 2109 25<sup>th</sup> Street, phone 573-3579. Here they feature building materials of every description and the highest quality at the lowest possible prices. This popular lumber concern carries a complete line of grade "A" building materials and through their fair dealings of doing business and the high quality and fair prices constantly offered they have won an enviable reputation throughout this section. The people of this territory, including contractors, building and farmers have come to know that they can depend upon **Snyder Lumber Company** for everything in building materials. It may be said that this firm is a valued asset to this community. One of the essential features of any house, store or any other structure is that it will stand the wear of the years. The same is true of the reputation of any business firm and that is why **Snyder Lumber Company** enjoys an ever increasing volume of business and popularity.

### *West Texas Animal Clinic*

#### **Charles Church-DVM**

Foremost among the professional men is this popular veterinarian, located on the 84 Bypass. Phone 325/573-8586. In every community there are individuals who, because of specialized services are an indispensable factor in the community. Foremost among these, especially in a rural community, is a good veterinarian, who saves thousands of dollars for the farmers or rancher. He has proven capable and is ready to serve those who call upon him. He has fitted himself with years of study and experience, and you may call upon him at any time and be assured of quality and dependable veterinary service. He will do everything that can be done for the pet or any other animal. So, in this review of reliable business and professional people of Snyder, we wish to compliment **West Texas Animal Clinic** and suggest that if you are in need of service of this kind that you get in touch with him. In this our Business and Professional Review of Snyder this veterinarian has our highest regards. You can tell he has to confidence of the rancher and farmer, in fact, all people in this are by the amount of business **West Texas Animal Clinic** is doing.

## *U.S. Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund...*

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the Fund and the RBICs help to maximize USDA's own portfolio of investments in rural development.

**CoBank**, as anchor investor, agreed to commit up to \$10 billion of its balance sheet capacity to lend in conjunction with the Fund, consistent with CoBank's existing authority. **AgStar Financial Services**, another Farm Credit institution, also made investments in the first year. **Capitol Peak Asset Management** manages the Fund, has developed a strong pipeline of infrastructure related projects and investments, is working to recruit additional investors, and is providing capital advisory services to companies in rural America. The USDA and other federal agencies are helping to identify rural projects that could be potential beneficiaries of financing through this new Fund and other private sources.

This announcement comes in conjunction with the second White House Rural Opportunity Investment Conference in Washington, DC, focused on building equity capital in rural America. The conference will connect senior leaders from financial institutions, fixed income funds, and other investors with rural business leaders, senior-level Government officials, economic development experts, and program sponsors to discuss the unmet need for investments in rural America—matching investments with opportunities. This year's conference builds on the work of the first-ever conference, held last year at the White House and focused on debt investments. The U.S. Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund was announced at last year's conference.

Over the past six years, USDA has made historic investments in every state to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for American families. To see how USDA has invested in your state, visit [www.usda.gov/results](http://www.usda.gov/results).

#### **About the White House Rural Council**

To address challenges in Rural America, build on the Administration's rural economic strategy, and improve the implementation of that strategy, the President signed an Executive Order establishing the White House Rural Council. The Council coordinates the Administration's efforts in rural America by streamlining and improving the effectiveness of federal programs serving rural America; engage stakeholders, including farmers, ranchers, and local citizens, on issues and solutions in rural communities; and promoting and coordinating private-sector partnerships. The work of the White House Rural Council and USDA to bring investment to rural America is an example of how the Administration is creating smart partnerships with the private sector to better support Americans in all parts of the country.

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