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Statement From Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on Expanded Market Access for U.S. Poultry, Pork and Beef Exports to South Africa

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7, 2016 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today released the following statement:

On Jan. 7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), in collaboration with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), reached agreement with South African officials to allow most U.S. exports of poultry, pork and beef and their products to re-gain access to the South African market, pursuant to an out-of-cycle review of South Africa conducted under the African Growth and Opportunity Act. The agreement was reached following intense U.S. government engagement with South African officials over the last year. Only a limited number of U.S. poultry and meat products have been exported to South Africa in recent years, due to

unwarranted sanitary requirements by the South African authorities, with most poultry exports blocked for the last 15 years. With this renewed access for U.S. red meat and poultry products, U.S. exports to South Africa could generate \$75 million of shipments annually.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today made the following statement regarding this announcement:

"This is good news for American farmers, ranchers and poultry, pork and beef companies. We welcome this move by South Africa and will continue our efforts to break down barriers and expand access for high-quality, safe and wholesome U.S. food and agricultural products around the world. With this agreement, South Africa reaffirms the sci-

entific soundness and integrity of the U.S. system for ensuring animal health and food safety, and this will result in high-quality U.S. meat and poultry being available for South African consumers.

The regained access for American meat and poultry exports we're announcing today is the culmination of many months of hard work by USDA and USTR staff. The past seven years have been the strongest in history for agricultural trade, with U.S. agricultural product exports totaling \$911.4 billion since 2009. Strong agricultural exports contribute to a positive U.S. trade balance, create jobs and boost economic growth. Those exports supported approximately 1 million U.S. jobs last year. The economy is strengthened in rural communities and throughout the entire country from the additional economic activity that flows from the expanded farm and processing business."

Texas Stories

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Doug Smith Plays Again

I first interviewed Doug Smith and recorded his playing piano when he was fourteen. It was at his parents' home in Kermit. It has been amazing to watch his career blossom. He has played piano concerts in some of the major cities in America. He composed music for photographer Wyman Meinzer's video titled WEST TEXAS.

Doug is 52 now and living in Lubbock. "My music is very dynamic for piano music," he says. "It's loud and rambunctious, not your soothing type of piano. Some of my songs are soulful, though." Doug has played piano since he was two. His first concert was at age six. "I played for the whole elementary school there in Kermit and I knew right then what I was going to do the rest of my life."

PBS did a documentary of Doug and it played on television stations across the country. "I went from playing 20 dates a year to playing 80 to 90 dates a year. All of a sudden I was playing in St Louis, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. I'd walk out on stage wearing a cowboy hat looking like a hayseed and play concert piano. I never have a playlist; just play what I think the audience wants to hear. It's all my original music. Yamaha

picked up sponsorship and made sure I had a piano wherever I went."

In 2007, during his 25th year as a concert pianist, Doug was getting ready to perform on the Austin City Limits television program when he had a wreck in his pickup, resulting in a spinal cord injury. "When it happened I couldn't move from the neck down. Therapy has brought me to where I am today. That's a long way. Nobody ever thought I'd be up in a wheelchair playing piano and recording music again and doing what I do. It's just been a God-given determination not to stay in bed. I can't use the fingers on my left hand so I use the old karate chop method and I'll play with the side of my hand."

Doug is confined to his wheelchair and has to have help to get up and get around. He was in bed two years before he could get in a wheelchair. His wife left him a few years after he was injured. But his spirit is as bright and healthy as ever. He plays every day and has made one album since the accident. That brings his total albums to 14. "My daddy used to fuss at me for making so many albums, but I'm glad I did when I could because I make

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Coyotes Defeat the Coahoma Bulldogs After Rough Start

By Coach Edwards

You might have seen some flying Coyotes if you were in Coahoma last Friday night to see the #21 ranked basketball team.

Despite trailing to the Bulldogs 11-2 early in the first quarter, Borden County tightened their defense and ran the court better than they have all year. The Coyotes scored 14 unanswered points and won the quarter 22-14.

Borden's defense was even better in the second period allowing only 1 point. The Coyotes added another 16 points

to increase their lead at the half to 38-15.

Coahoma managed to cut the Coyote lead to 19 points in the third quarter, but it wasn't enough. Borden added another notch to the win column with a 79-52 victory over the Bulldogs.

Trace Richey led the team in scoring with 22 points followed by Easton Edards with 18 points. Korbin Martinez added 12 points and Diego Bernal with 10 points. Nick Proulx chipped in eight points and Braxton Barnes with five

points. Corbin Sumners and Morgan Wilson contributed with two points.

Earlier in the week, Borden hosted the Lubbock Titans who came into the contest with an 18-2 record.

The Titans jumped out to a 29-23 halftime lead. They extended their lead to 38-37 after three quarters of play. Borden made push in the fourth period cutting the Titan lead to only seven, but a couple of late buckets from behind the arc secured a 65-51 victory for the Titans.

Richey finished with 16 points followed by Bernal with 10 points. Barnes finished with eight points and Edwards with seven points. Martinez added six points. Sumners and Wilson each chipped in two points.

The Coyotes are 8-3 on the season.

Coyote JV Improve Record With 30-22 Win Over Bulldogs

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Junior Varsity squad improved their record to 2-3 with a victory over the Coahoma Bulldogs, 30-22.

Ben Justice scored 9 of the teams 12 points in the first quarter to give them an early 12-5 lead. Both teams scored eight points in the second quarter giving the Coyotes a seven point halftime advantage.

Borden struggled to score in the third frame. A lone free throw by Ryan Willborn was the only point in the quarter, but the Coyotes held on to a 21-20 lead. Borden scored nine fourth quarter points and allowed only two points to win the contest.

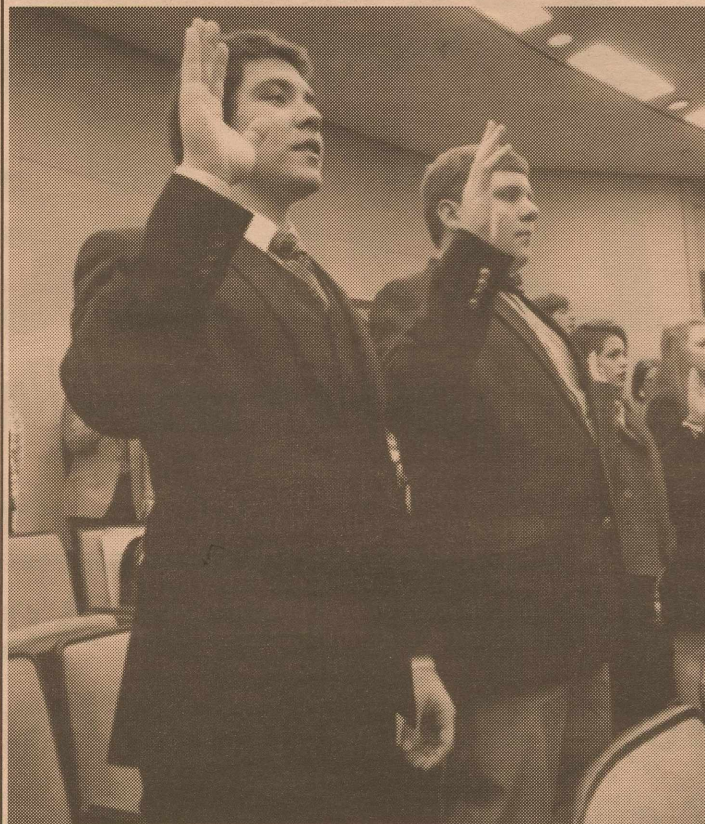
Justice led all scorers with 15 points followed by Noah Morales with seven points. Willborn and Jeremy Souder finished with four points.

Earlier in the week, the junior varsity squad had a battle with the Lubbock Titans.

The Coyotes trailed 20-13 at the half. The Titans outscored Borden 19-9 in the second half to win the game, 39-22.

Justice led the team in scoring with nine points followed by Morales with five points. Kale Yarbrow and Willborn chipped in three points while Payton Merket chipped in two points.

Sworn In!



BHS's two Congressional Debaters take the oath of office as the State UIL contest gets underway. Nathan Souder (left) and Trent Collins will be competing in Austin this week.

Coyote Pups Win Lorenzo Tournament in Overtime

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Jr. High hoopsters traveled through the snow last Saturday to play in the Lorenzo Tournament.

In the first game, Borden ran into the Petersburg Buffaloes. The Coyotes jumped out to a 20-0 lead after one quarter of play. The Coyotes kept a hot hand and played tough defense in the second period outscoring the Buffaloes 14-4 giving them a 34-4 halftime lead. Borden held Petersburg scoreless in the third quarter and gave up only three points in the final period to win the first round, 53-7.

Trey Edwards led all scorers with 18 points followed by Cam Edwards with 15 points. Will Yarbrow added eight points while Mason Cole finished with five points. Tommy Kingston chipped in three points. Anthony Lopez and Keigan Benavidez contributed two points.

In the championship game,

the Coyotes played 2A Ralls Jackrabbits. Ralls defeated Lorenzo in their first round, 41-17. Borden led the Jackrabbits at the half, 21-15. However, Ralls defense forced several Coyote turnovers and used their size inside the paint to tie the game 23-23 after three quarters of play. Ralls scored a bucket late in the final period to send the game to overtime. In the extra period, Cam Edwards hit a baseline jumper to give Borden the lead. Tommy Kingston made one of two free throws, and Cam Edwards went two for two from the charity stripe to win the championship. The Coyotes also held Ralls scoreless in overtime.

Cam Edwards led the team in scoring with nine points. Trey Edwards, Tommy Kingston, and Will Yarbrow all added five points. Mason Cole and Anthony Lopez finished

with four points.

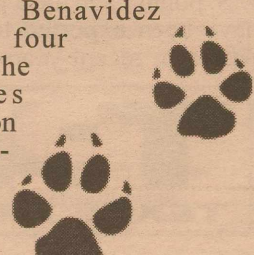
Earlier in the week, Borden hosted the Highland Hornets in district play.

The Coyotes scored 16 first quarter points and 17 second quarter points to go up 33-14 at the half. Borden outscored the Hornets 18-8 in the second half to win the district contest, 51-22.

Trey Edwards finished with 12 points followed by Mason Cole with 11 points. Will Yarbrow added nine points while Cam Edwards scored eight points. Tommy Kingston poured in seven points and Keigan Benavidez with four points. The Coyotes are 7-0 on the season.

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Ladies Lose Close One to Frenship

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes hosted the 6A Lady Tigers of Frenship JV last Tuesday night. The game was a pitched battle between the two schools. The first quarter of play saw the Lady Coyotes hit eight of twelve free throws to knot up the first quarter 12-12. The Lady Coyotes managed to sneak into the locker room holding onto a one point lead 20-19.

In the second half, the Lady Coyotes spurred by sophomore, Preslea Hall who scored 13 of her game high 21 points in the second half, fell short as the Lady Tigers outscored the

Lady Coyotes 21-17 to take the game by 3 points.

Statistics are as follows: Zoie Key had 1 rebound, 2 steals and 3 assists; Kylee Dean scored 3 points, had 5 rebounds and 2 steals; Tatum Richey scored 4 points, had 2 rebounds and 4 steals; Preslea Hall scored 21 points, had 13 rebounds and 3 steals; Braylee Walker had 1 rebound, 3 steals and 2 assists; Harley Merrill scored 3 points, had 3 rebounds and 1 steal; Emma Key scored 2 points, had 4 rebounds, 6 steals and 2 assists and Rayme Jones scored 4 points, had 5 rebounds and 3 steals.

Lady Coyotes Drop Home Opener

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes effort was on full display Saturday at Gail as they hosted the district favorite Lady Hornets of Highland.

The Lady Coyotes only managed a pair of three point shots one from Senior Tatum Richey and the other from sophomore Preslea Hall. At the end of the first quarter, the Lady Coyotes found themselves in a seven point deficit, but managed to claw back to within striking distances to finish the half only down two points 19-17.

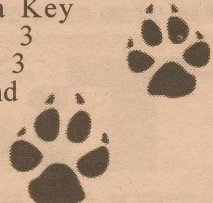
The third quarter was mostly Highland led by their two time All State senior guard, who scored seven of their teams fifteen points, while the Lady Coyotes struggled to find their target, but did managed

to hit four of six free throws to score 6 points in the quarter.

Starting the fourth quarter the Lady Coyotes were down eleven points, but sparked by Richey's and Hall's combined fifteen points, managed to cut the lead down to five points late into the quarter. In the end, time simply ran out for the Lady Coyotes as they dropped the game 47-41. Their effort throughout the game especially in the fourth quarter was amazing to see and be a part of.

Statistics for the game are as follows: Tatum Richey scored 14 points, had 2 rebounds, 5 steals and 1 assist; Kylee Dean scored 6 points, had 4 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 assist; Zoie Key scored 2 points, had 1 rebound, 7 steals and 2 assists; Preslea Hall scored 11 points; had 6 rebounds and 1 steal; Harley Merrill had 2 rebounds; Rayme Jones scored 5 points and had 2 rebounds and Emma Key scored 3 points, had 3 rebounds and 3 steals.

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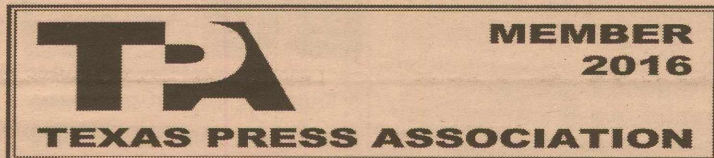
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Freshman, Rayme Jones waits for a pass Highland player during last Saturday's game against the Lady Wildcats.

School Lunch Menu

Jan. 18 - 22, 2016

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Wrap & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Salsa, Salad, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Chicken & Biscuit, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. **Lunch:** Asain Bowl w/ Rice & Egg Roll, Baby Carrots w/ Ranch, Steamed Broccoli, Pinapple, Sugar Cookie and Milk.


Wednesday - Breakfast: French Toast & Sausage, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Tex-Mex Stack w/ Salsa, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Tomato Cup, Hot Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pocket, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger, Oven Fries, Western Beans, Diced Pears and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Dutch Waffle & Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Parmesan, Breadstick, Green Beans, Salad, Apple Slices and Milk.

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Family Meal Time: Make Meals and Memories Together

With today's busy schedules, many families do not have time to sit down and enjoy a meal together. But having family meal time has many benefits.

In fact, research shows that compared to children who seldom participate in family meals, children who sit down to regular family meals consume more fruits, vegetables and fiber, consume less soda and fried foods, and eat less heart damaging saturated and trans fat. Families that eat together also have more time and opportunities to communicate and build relationships and these children tend to perform better academically.

For some, there can be many barriers to family meals. Between work, school-related, and other activities, families may find they lack time for family meals and do not have the time to cook. In some cases, the parent may not know how to cook. The prevalence of fast food and other convenience food items makes cooking practically a nonessential skill. Still, that families can experience the positive benefits of family meals by eating together at least four to five times per week and offers these tips:

- If possible, start eating meals together as a family when your kids are young. This way, it becomes a habit.
- Plan when you will eat together as a family. Write it on

your calendar!

- During the meal, focus on each other. Turn off the television. Take phone calls later.

- Talk about fun and happy things and make meal time stress-free.

- Encourage your child to try foods, but do not lecture or force your child to eat.

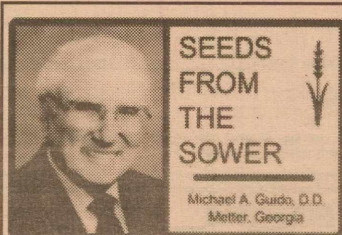
You do not have to cook an elaborate meal to enjoy the benefits of family time together. Instead of cooking a time-intensive meal, spend your time and energy with your family. Try quick cooking stir-fry, soups, or no cook sandwiches and salads. You can also do some tasks for meal preparation before-hand. For example, wash and cut vegetables or make a fruit salad the night before. Cook lean beef or turkey for spaghetti, tacos, or chili and store in the refrigerator or freezer until ready to use. You might also consider batch cooking which can provide leftovers for lunch the next day or supper for two nights in a row.

To learn more about family meals, recipe ideas, nutrition, or physical activity contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Borden County office at 806-756-4336.

Written by: Amanda Scott, Program Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

Booster Club Plans Jan. 21st Meeting

The Borden County Booster Club will have a meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 5:00pm in the Coyote Room. This will be a very important meeting, some of the items that will be discussed are the outcome of the Fall Festival, Teacher Appreciation, Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fun Night. Mark your calendars and let's make 2016 a great year. Go Coyotes!



Four boys skipped school one morning. After lunch they reported to the teacher that their car had a flat tire.

Smiling, the teacher said, "You missed a test this morning. So take seats apart from one another and get out your notebooks."

Still smiling the teacher said, "Here's the first question: Which tire was flat?"

If you tell the truth, you have infinite power on your side. If you tell a lie, you have infinite power against you. For the Bible says, "He that speaks lies shall not escape."

So let's stop lying, for when we lie, we only hurt ourselves.

Texas Stories

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my living with them now." He has composed 200 songs not yet released. Occasionally he makes a motivational speech.

He had his therapy at Craig Hospital in Denver. "That's where Superman went for his therapy," says Doug. "I figured if it was good enough for Superman it was good enough for me." When hospital personnel learned about Doug's speaking, they invited him to come up there and make a speech. "After I spoke I wheeled up to the grand piano and played Amazing Grace.

When I finished, the two thousand people who were there stood straight up and it was the most fulfilling ovation that I've ever had in my life."

I heard a recent recording of Doug playing Amazing Grace. There are significant pauses between musical phrases but the recording is dramatic and makes the listener feel and understand what it took to play that song.

Tumbleweed Smith loves to hear stories. Contact: ts@tumbleweedsmith.com



The First Baptist Church Gail

Will be showing "The War Room" Sunday, Jan. 17th

at 6:00 p.m.

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Opinions

“What will the neighbors think?” “What will our friends think?” “What will the relatives think?” “What will my coworkers think?” We all are conditioned to be concerned about the opinions of others. As a result, before we make a decision we are affected by the reaction of others.

Everyone has opinions and will give them when asked. Additionally, many people will give you their thoughts without being invited to do so. Even strangers may share their ideas if they have a chance.

There is a tendency to avoid making decisions you feel will be met with disapproval. Without realizing it, you subconsciously suppress goals you believe will be ridiculed. This results in striving for approval rather than happiness. Even if you feel relieved when people agree with what you are doing, there will often be an underlying dissatisfaction if you have repressed your own aspirations.

Although it's normal to desire approval, it causes us to be concerned about what other people think about us. No one enjoys being criticized. However, looking for acceptance comes with a price. You will adjust your life to conform to the expectations of others, rather than following your own path.

There is an important exception where the opinion of someone else actually matters. When you are speaking with a person who is where you want to be, their suggestions can contain valuable information that will help you avoid mistakes.

Conversely, advice from those without legitimate expertise is usually wrong. If you listen to erroneous opinions, it is virtually guaranteed you will have problems. You will then become disheartened by the results.

How many people ask your opinion before they make a decision? Probably very few. Since other people are not concerned about your opinions, why should you be concerned about theirs?

One opinion that does matter is yours. It's not important that other people agree with what you

tell them, what's important is that you don't believe what they tell you. People have many different motives for giving you their opinions.

The opinions offered by others often tend to be negative. It may even seem as if those closest to you; family, spouse, significant other, or children, can be the most critical. When you have dreams, people tend to get jealous. If you succeed then they fear being left behind. This is a major reason why they try to discourage you.

They could be well meaning but just don't understand your motivation. They may feel your goals are too risky. Perhaps they just want you to stay with something that is familiar rather than venturing into the unknown.

The important point to remember is that other people's opinions are based on their perspective, not yours. It really doesn't matter why their opinion is what it is. Sometimes the most opinionated people are those who are the least qualified

to offer them.

You don't have to change someone else's opinion. It is not essential for them to agree with you. Besides, you probably won't be able to change their mind anyway. What's important is for you to believe in your own ideas.

You don't have to share your ideas with those who are not supportive. You are not obligated to justify your decisions. You do have to understand and be comfortable with your objectives and reasoning.

So it really is irrelevant what your neighbors, friends, relatives, coworkers, or even strangers think. It doesn't matter if you are criticized or ridiculed. You are responsible for your life. In order to obtain what you want, follow your thoughts. By listening to others, you will get what they want.

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Poka Lambro Accepting Applications for Scholarships

Poka Lambro is now accepting applications for \$2500 scholarships. Area high school students whose parents are customers of Poka Lambro may apply. Recipients are selected based on: Academic achievement, Involvement in extra-curricular activities and Educator Recommendations. To be eligible: students must be graduating from an area high school and the parent or legal guardian

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Scholarship Applications have been mailed to area schools. Applications may also be picked up from any Poka Lambro store or printed from the Poka Lambro website - www.poka.com. Entry deadline is March 7, 2016.

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Show Me The Money!

Borden County High School will be hosting a

Financial Aid Seminar and Workshop

Thursday, January 21, 2016

At 6:30pm in the school computer lab!

Presented by Western Texas College

Parents of Seniors and Seniors are encouraged to come.

- This session will address the financial aid options and the process, filling out the FAFSA and what types of information or documents are needed to fill out the FAFSA.
- It will also be a time to go ahead and set up your FAFSA PIN number. The actual FAFSA opened January 1.
- Mrs. Tara Wilkinson from Western Texas College will be presenting.

If you have any questions about this presentation

please contact Tracye Spencer at 806-756-4313

or email tspencer@brisd.net

Commissioners Court

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN**
WHEREAS, on this the 22nd day of December, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioner's Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: **ROSS D. SHARP,**

PRESIDING JUDGE; MONTE SMITH, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1; RANDY ADCOCK, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2; ERNEST REYES, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT, constituting a quorum, when the following business and other proceedings were had in accordance with the posted agenda:

Other Officers present – Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Collector and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the special session of the Commissioners' Court to order at 8:40 A.M.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**REPUBLICAN
PRIMARY ELECTION**
Commissioners met with Shirley Bennett, Republican Chair for the Borden County Republican Party, concerning consolidation of the voting precincts for the primary election to be held on March 1, 2016.

**PETITION TO
CONSOLIDATE
VOTING PRECINCTS**

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to consolidate Precincts 2A and 2B into Precinct 2 to be located in the District Courtroom in Gail, Precincts 3A and 3B into Precinct 3 to be located at the voting house in Precinct 3B, and Precinct 1A and 1B will not be consolidated for this election. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**LINE-ITEM
TRANSFERS 2015
BUDGET**

Commissioner Smith made a motion approve the following Line-Item Transfers: Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RENEWING SERVICE
AGREEMENT
ALLIED
COMPLIANCE
SERVICES, INC.**

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to renew the service agreement with Allied Compliance Services, Inc. for drug testing and mandatory pre-employment drug testing. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**UTILITY CABLE
CROSSINGS**

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the following application from Robyn Nelson, Outrigger Delaware Operating – Precinct 2. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PRIVATE ROAD
CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE**

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the following application from Terry Shafer– Precinct 3. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SOIL CONSERVATION
WORK**

No Applications
COMMUNITY INPUT
None

**FUTURAGENDA
ITEMS**

Concealed handgun policy
CURRENT ACCOUNTS
Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the current accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

All agreed unanimously

MARCH 1, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR

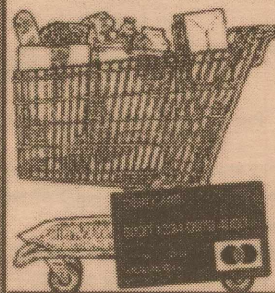
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (NEW LAW: first day of calendar year for ABBM* and FPCA**)	Friday, January 1, 2016*
*ABBM – ANNUAL BALLOT BY MAIL **FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION	
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, February 1, 2016
First Day of Early Voting	Tuesday, February 16, 2016* <i>*First business day after Presidents' Day</i>
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, February 19, 2016 <i>(NEW LAW: 11th day before election day; ABBM and FPCA)</i>
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, February 26, 2016
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, March 1, 2016 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless overseas deadline applies)

For more information check our website at www.co.borden.tx.us, click on County Offices, select County Clerk, select Elections Notices, then select the appropriate election
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*God doesn't want
to keep changing
your
circumstances; he
wants to change
you.*

-J.Sidlow Baxter

Making the Grade!

1st Semester Beta Achievement

Seniors: Tatum Richey;
Juniors: Savannah Herridge;
Sophomore: Carley Bell, Harley, Merrill, Ashlyn Tucker and M.J. Van der Bank; **Freshmen:** Madison Cole, Katie Gray and Paige Holbrooks;
Eighth Grade: Kaitlyn Cribbs, Camden Edwards, Callie Hargrove, Tatum Treadwell and Kaylee Walker;
Seventh Grade: Mason Cole, Haddie Flanigan, Maggie Miller, Erin Nix, Gunner Shofner and Leandre Van der Bank; **Sixth Grade:** Ethan Stephens.

1st Semester Honor Roll

Sophomore: Braxton Coor and Victoria Huckaby; **Freshman:** Rayme Jones and Kami Key.

Fifth Grade: Haley Carpenter, Kassi Collins, Callie Edwards, Dallie Miller, Allie Murphy, J. Tom Price and Tres Spencer; **Fourth Grade:** Savannah Barnes, Aubree Blissard, Hannah Brady, Luke Carpenter, Vincent Frankl, Jenna Holbrooks, Rhett Kingston, Kadence Lowery, Ben Nix, Bailey Pennell, Jordan Ramos, Ishmael Rodriguez, Rexie Sanders, Agatha Skelton, Laney Stansell, Kendall Swaffar, Bella Taylor and Kenzie White; **Third Grade:** Tyler Cole, Hannah Criswell, Kenlei Estes, Datch Flanigan, Haven Hill, Tynslee Horton, Zak Lewis, Maddox Merket and Pace Parker; **Second Grade:** Grace Cooley, Cason Cribbs, Kellar Estes, Shawn Fields, Jesse Hernandez, Kason Law, Tatum Runge, Ethan Scott, Keller Silver, Hagen Smith, Evie Stansell, Brogen Walker and Randen Williams.

3rd Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Seniors: Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; **Juniors:** Savannah Herridge; **Sophomore:** Carley Bell, Easton Edwards, Harley Merrill, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker and M.J. Van der Bank; **Freshmen:** Madison Cole, Trent Collins, Katie Gray, Reina Hernandez and Paige Holbrooks; **Eighth Grade:** Lindsay Brantley, Kaitlyn Cribbs, Camden Edwards, Callie Hargrove, Hailey Lowery, Tatum Treadwell and

Kaylee Walker; **Seventh Grade:** Mason Cole, Haddie Flanigan, Kaci Hudson, Maggie Miller, Erin Nix, Gunner Shofner and Leandre Van der Bank; **Sixth Grade:** Paige Parker and Ethan Stephens.

3rd Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Juniors: Madson Benavidez and Hayley Gray; **Sophomore:** Braxton Barnes, Preslea Hall, Victoria Huckaby, Thomas Nix and Morgan Wilson; **Freshman:** Myka Blissard, Rayme Jones, Emma Key and Kami Key; **Eighth Grade:** Taylor Horton, Anthony Lopez and O'Livia Reyes;

Seventh Grade: Trey Edwards, Tommy Mack Kingston and Kennedy Tucker; **Sixth Grade:** Ryann Phillips; **Fifth Grade:** Kirsten Bermea, Haley Carpenter, Kassi Collins, Callie Edwards, Dallie Miller, Allie Murphy, Hayden Neill, J. Tom Price and Tres Spencer; **Fourth Grade:** Savannah Barnes, Aubree Blissard, Hannah Brady, Luke Carpenter, Vincent Frankl, Dulce Guerrero, Gabriel Guerrero, Jenna Holbrooks, Rhett Kingston, Kadence Lowery, Jordan Ramos, Ben Nix, Kasen Oaks, Bailey Pennell, Jordan Ramos, Ishmael Rodriguez, Rexie Sanders, Agatha Skelton, Laney Stansell, Kendall Swaffar, Bella Taylor and Kenzie White; **Third Grade:** Carolina Andrade, Tyler Cole, Hannah Criswell, Kenlei Estes, Datch Flanigan, Tatiana Frankl, Haven Hill, Tynslee Horton, Zak Lewis, Maddox Merket, Pace Parker, Evalynn Rodriguez and Tagan Treadwell; **Second Grade:** Reagan Beaver, Grace Cooley, Cason Cribbs, Kellar Estes, Shawn Fields, Trinity Fleck, Jesse Hernandez, Kason Law, Tatum Runge, Ethan Scott, Keller Silver, Hagen Smith, Evie Stansell, Brogen Walker, Cooper Williams and Randen Williams.



JH Lady Coyotes Sweeps Highland

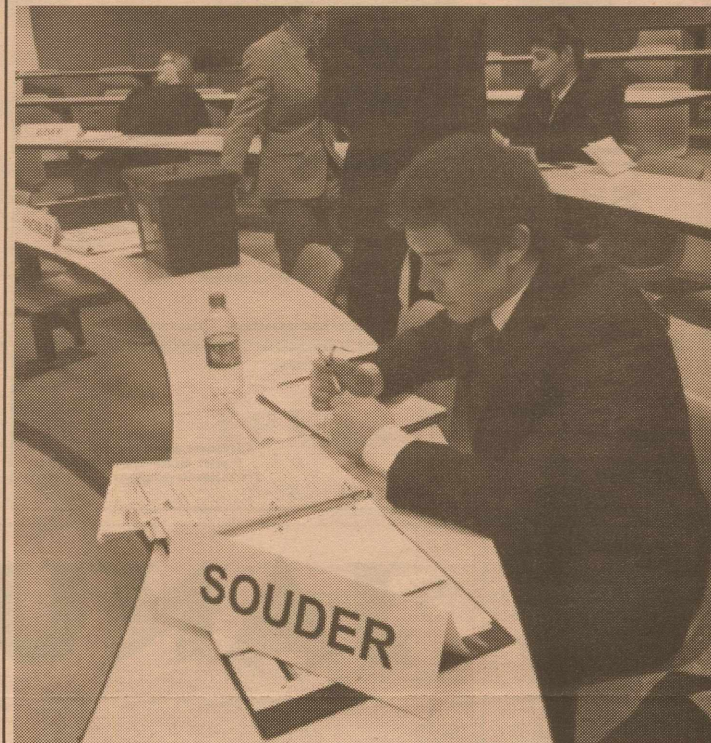
By Coach Skelton

The JH Lady Coyotes took a big step in winning their district title last Monday as they defeated the Lady Hornets of Highland. The Ladies struggled in the first quarter, but managed to knot things up 4-4 at the end of the quarter led by 7th grader Kaci Hudson 4 points.

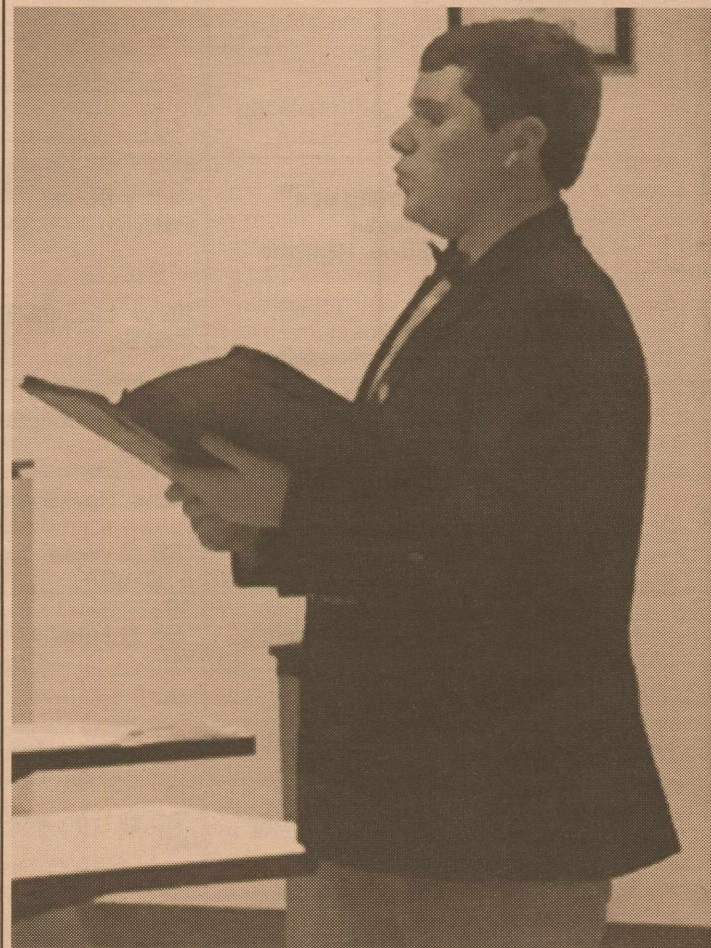
The second quarter the press finally started to force the action a bit as Lady Coyotes took an 11-6 halftime led into the locker room. 8th grader Brittaney Walker and 7th Grader Mayde Summers led the scoring in the third quarter combining for 10 of the 11 points in that quarter. The Ladies closed out the win with the final being 28-15.

Scorers: Kaci Hudson 9, Brittany Walker 7, Maddye Summers 5, Haddie Flanigan 2, Fallon Forbes 3 and Gabriella Skelton 2

Souder/Collins Compete at State UIL Contest



Senior, Nathan Souder preps for a speech during an afternoon recess in the legislative chamber.



Freshman, Trent Collins delivers his affirmative speech in legislative session Tuesday afternoon at the UIL State Congress Meet.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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Christmas Holidays							
3	4 Beginning of 4 th Six Weeks JH BB vs. Highland 4:00 OAP Practice-6:30	5 Girls V BB vs. Frenship JV-6:30 BB vs. Lubbock Titans- 4:00 Bb	6	7 Early Release-12:30	8 HOLIDAY BB @ Coahoma-5:00 bB *BB vs. Highland-5:00 gG	9 Speech/Debate Tournament	
Borden County Jr. Livestock Show							
10	11 JH BB vs. Westbrook 5:00 OAP Practice-6:30	12 State UIL Congress- Austin BB vs. Rankin-4:00 bB *BB @ Westbrook- 5:00, gG	13 State UIL Congress-Austin	14 State UIL Congress- Austin	15 Speech/Debate- Pampa	16 Speech/Debate- Pampa *BB @ Hermleigh- 4:00, All	
17	18 JH BB @ Hermleigh, 5:00 OAP Practice 6:30	19 *BB @ Loraine-5:00 bB	20	21	22 PROGRESS REPORTS *BB vs. Ira 4:00, All	23 Speech/Debate Tournament JH Sands Tournament	
24	25 JH BB vs. Knox City @ Roby-6:00	26 *BB @ Highland-4:00 All	27	28 District CX Debate- Highland	29 *BB vs. Westbrook- 4:00, All	30 BC JH BB Tournament	
31	OAP Practice-6:30				Speech/Debate- Odessa High	Speech/Debate- Odessa High	