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USDA Seeks Proposals for Market-Based Wetland Protection Systems

*USDA to Provide \$9 Million, Leveraging
Further Public and Private Resources to
Create New Mitigation Opportunities for
Farmers and Ranchers*

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28, 2016 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the establishment of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Wetland Mitigation Banking Program, made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill. Through the program, NRCS will provide \$9 million to help states, local governments or other qualified partners develop wetland mitigation banks that restore, create, or enhance wetland ecosystems, broadening the conservation options available to farmers and ranchers so they can maintain eligibility for other USDA programs.

“Over the past seven years, USDA has worked with private landowners to enroll a record number of acres in conservation practices, and we are seeing significant reductions in nutrient runoff and greenhouse gas emissions. Wetland Mitigation

Banks will give farmers and ranchers more conservation options so they can find the best solution for their land and circumstances, and produce even more results,” Vilsack said.

Wetland mitigation banking is a market-based approach that involves restoring, creating, or enhancing wetlands in one place to compensate for unavoidable impacts to wetlands at another location. Wetland mitigation banking is commonly used to compensate for wetland impacts from development, but can also be used to offset impacts from agriculture. A small number of banks have been developed in the U.S. specifically to assist agriculture, and the mitigation banks established under this program will be used to help agricultural producers who need to mitigate wetland losses to maintain eligibility for

USDA programs.

NRCS is seeking applications from eligible third-parties to develop wetland mitigation banks, or modify existing banks to better serve agricultural producers. These third-parties include federally recognized Indian tribes; state and local units of government; for-profit entities; and nongovernmental organizations.

The maximum award provided through this announcement is up to \$1 million. This funding may be used to cover the administrative and technical costs associated with the development of a wetland mitigation bank or banking program. Funding may not be used to purchase an easement or any other interest in land.

Partners will develop, operate, and manage the wetlands mitigation banks with techni-

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The Bee Man of Hardin

A long time ago we had a swing set in our back yard. One afternoon our boys went out to play on it. They heard a buzzing and looked down to see a swarm of bees dangling from the seat of one of the swings. The huge swarm formed a triangle, with the short side extending down from the seat and the long sides reaching all the way to the end of the seat. The boys didn't swing. They came in the house and told us about the bees.

I went out and looked and sure enough there were the bees. Fascinating. But I didn't want them around our family. I called the radio station and told the announcer about our situation. “If anyone wants a swarm of bees, they can have it at no charge,” I told the DJ. It wasn't long before an experienced beekeeper came over and carefully and slowly put the bees into a box. It looked like he was scraping things off a table.

When I was in Liberty recently, I heard an ad for a beekeeper on the local radio station. It may have been the first time I had heard a radio spot for a beekeeper. I found out whose ad it was and called the guy. He said yes when I asked him for an interview. His name is Juvenal Torres and lives in Hardin. He calls himself “the bee man” and has a business

of removing swarms of bees from people's houses.

“The reason I advertise on the radio is because so many people need help. When they have bees in their houses, they can just call me and I'll get rid of them. I can do all types of carpenter work, so when I remove the bees I put everything back like I found it. You can never tell that I was there, even though sometimes I have to make a mess to get the bees.”

He enjoys getting rid of bees for people and does it as a hobby. He has a fulltime job with a construction company that builds highways. He was working as the foreman of a highway project when I visited with him. He works with bees in the evenings.

“Sometimes I have to work from six PM until midnight or one o'clock in the morning removing bees. I find them in the walls, between floors in a two-story house and last Sunday I found one on a flowerpot that had a plant in it. The lady told me she could not get close to it without being stung. When I got there I just put the bees in a box and took it to my house. I have several beehives at my place and sometimes I sell honey.”

Juvenal has been fooling with bees for a long time. He

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Borden County Students Celebrate *100 Days of School*

By Lisa Gray

The long awaited day arrived, and Kindergarten, First & Second Grades were ready. They decorated T-Shirts with a collection of 100 things, and were anticipating having a great day. IT WAS THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL!

The students showed off their 100 collections. There were quite a few different ones such as stickers, pasta, and googly eyes. Shawn Fields, Brogen Walker, Harbor Hill and Kembri Stipe wore smiley faces.

Stickers were worn by Bryson Law, Kason Law, Lindsey Walker, Emma Buchanan, Paydon Zant, Jaten Hataway, Paizlee Gass, and Tye Stipe.

Wearing pasta were Jackson Cooley and Andrea Dommar. Cooper Williams, Randen Williams, and Tatum Runge were splattered with dots.

Granger Smith's shirt was decorated in legos. Pompoms were the choice for Taytum White, Ella Robertson, and Hagen Smith. Kyra Curtis, Kaley Curtis, Kaiden Meegan, and Trinity Fleck. The choice for Tripp Roberts was a shirt full of bugs and Theodore

Skelton had a shirt covered with animals.

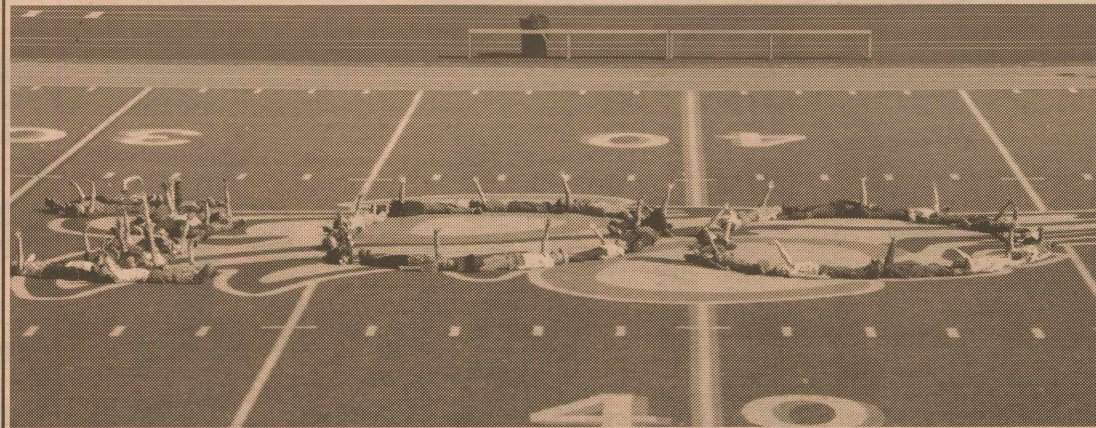
Looking shiny were Bella Baker, Reagan Beaver, and Jonathan Martinez in their rhinestone t-shirts. Luke Stansell and Evie Stansell were prepared with band-aids, while Issac Martinez was held together with safety pins.

Xoey McCann had 100 Paper clips and Landon Grigsby had buttons. Juan Andrade glided into the room with music notes on his shirt. Ethan Scott and Josiah Orosco were all taped up. Victoria Juarez had Fruit Loops attached to her shirt, while Layne Wetzel was covered in beans.

Finishing up our parade was Carlos Ruedas who galloped in with paw prints all over his t-shirt.

Later that afternoon, students made 100 day of school posters. The celebration continued on the football field where the students were strategically placed to form the number 100 and then we headed back inside for snacks and a movie (101 Dalmations). It was a fun day for all. The One Hundredth Day of School was a success.

100 Days of School



Borden County kindergarteners through 2nd grade enjoyed a day of fun celebrating 100 days of school including forming the number "100" on the football field.

Coyotes Pick Up Back-to-Back Victories Against Highland and Westbrook

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Coyotes basketball team finished the first half of district play undefeated with victories over the Highland Hornets and the Westbrook Wildcats.

Earlier in the week, the Coyotes defeated Highland 60-34. Borden jumped out to 27-14 halftime lead. The Coyotes came out strong in the third period outscoring Highland

16-6 to put the game out of reach.

Trace Richey led the team in scoring 16 points. Korbin Martinez added nine points and Braxton Barnes with seven points. Ben Justice, Hunter Jones, and Diego Bernal chipped in six points. Nick Proulx poured in four points. Corbin Summers, Morgan Wilson and Easton Edwards finished with two points.

The Coyotes had a little scare from Westbrook early in the game on Friday.

The Wildcats led 10-2 midway through threw the first quarter. The Coyotes scratched and clawed, but Westbrook held on to a 16-12 first quarter lead. Hunter Jones and Trace Richey heated up in the second frame scoring 14 of the teams 21 points (seven each). The defense also came alive allowing only four points.

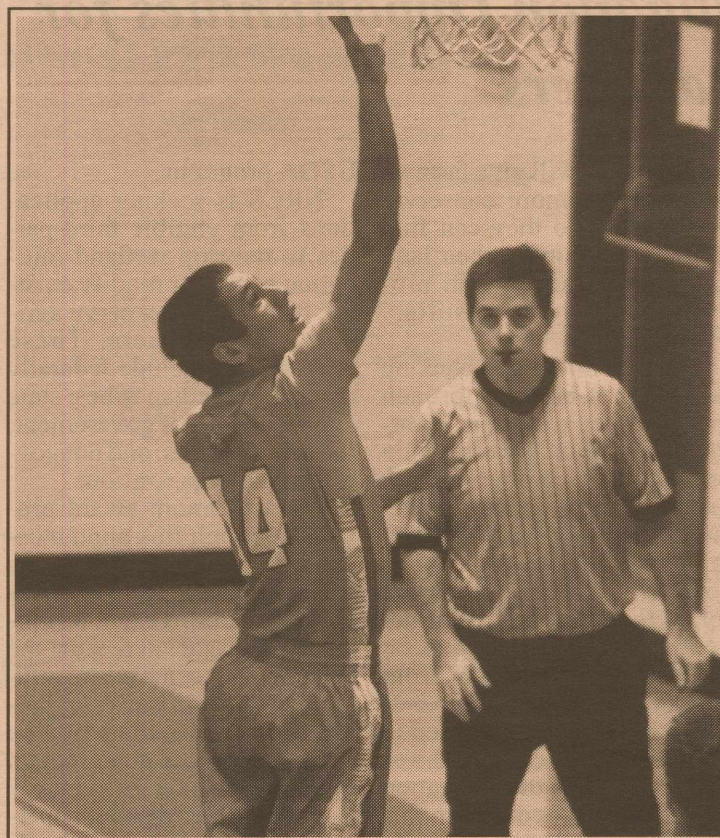
Borden outscored the Wildcats 34-20 in the second half to secure a 67-40 victory.

Richey led all scorers with 22 points followed by Jones with 14 points. Braxton Barnes scored 10 points followed by Nick Proulx with nine points. Ben Justice and Diego Bernal finished with six points each.

The Coyotes are 14-3 on the season and 5-0 in district play.



Coyote freshman, Ben Justice (#13) sets the ball sailing into the net in last Friday nights' home game against the Westbrook Wildcats.



Morgan Wilson out sprints a Highland Hornet to score for the Coyotes in last weeks 60-34 win over the Hornets.

Lady Coyotes Win Huge on the Road

By Coach Skelton

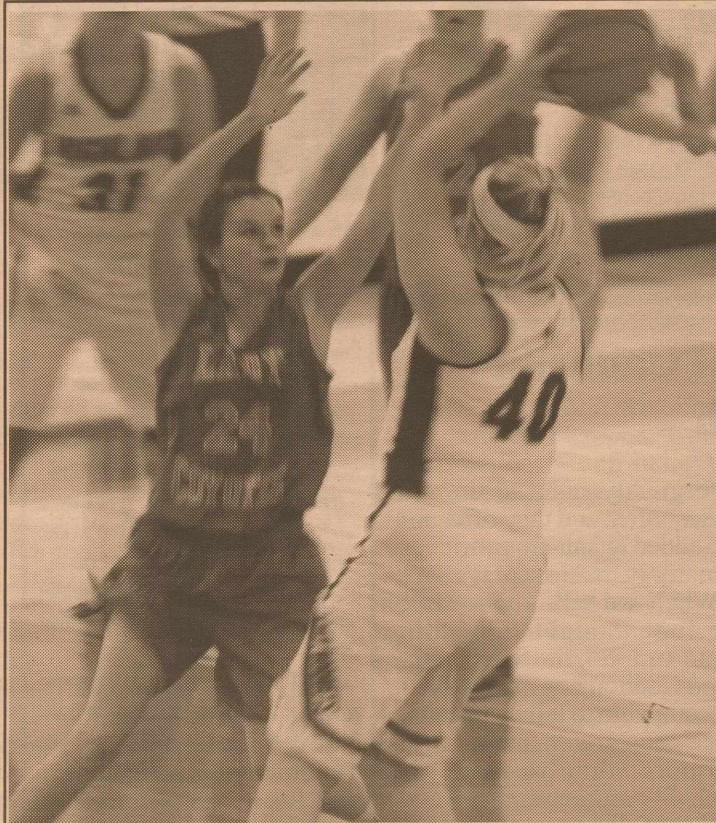
The Lady Coyotes traveled to Highland to take on the #23 team in the State. The game started out with the Lady Hornets jumping out to a 13-3 first quarter lead, but the Lady Coyotes rallied and took the second quarter 14-10.

The Lady Coyotes clamped down on defense as they outscored the #23 team in the state 19-10 in the second half only allowing 4 free throws in the final quarter of play. The Lady Coyotes clawed their way back the entire second half as Senior Zoie Key hit a big three point bucket to give the Lady Coyotes the go ahead lead 34-33 with 30 some odd seconds left. The Lady Coyotes managed to force a turnover and Sophomore Preslea

Hall hit the final two free throws to give the Lady Coyotes a three point lead.

Highland still had time for one last shot as it missed it's mark the Lady Coyotes knocked off the Lady Hornets 36-33.

Stats for the game are as follows: Kylee Dean had 6 points and 3 rebounds; Tatum Richey had 5 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 assists; Zoie Key had 3 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 assists; Braylee Walker had 2 rebounds, Preslea Hall had 11 points, 10 rebounds and 5 steals; Harley Merrill had 3 points; Emma Key had 8 points, 3 steals and 1 assist and Rayme Jones had 2 rebounds and 1 steal



Lady Coyote, Harley Merrill (#24) guards against Highlands Holly Bradbury in last weeks nail biting win over the Lady Hornets.

JV Boys Undefeated in District Play

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Junior Varsity squad continued their hot streak winning four in a row and staying undefeated in district play.

The Coyotes first victory of the week was a 51-6 final over the Highland Hornets. Borden jumped out to a 26-6 halftime lead. The Coyotes defense was so good they held Highland scoreless in the second half and scoring 25 points of their own.

Payton Merket led all scorers with 18 points followed by Noah Morales with eight points. Trent Collins chipped in seven points. Riley Lewis, Ryan Willborn, and Kale Yarbro all scored six points.

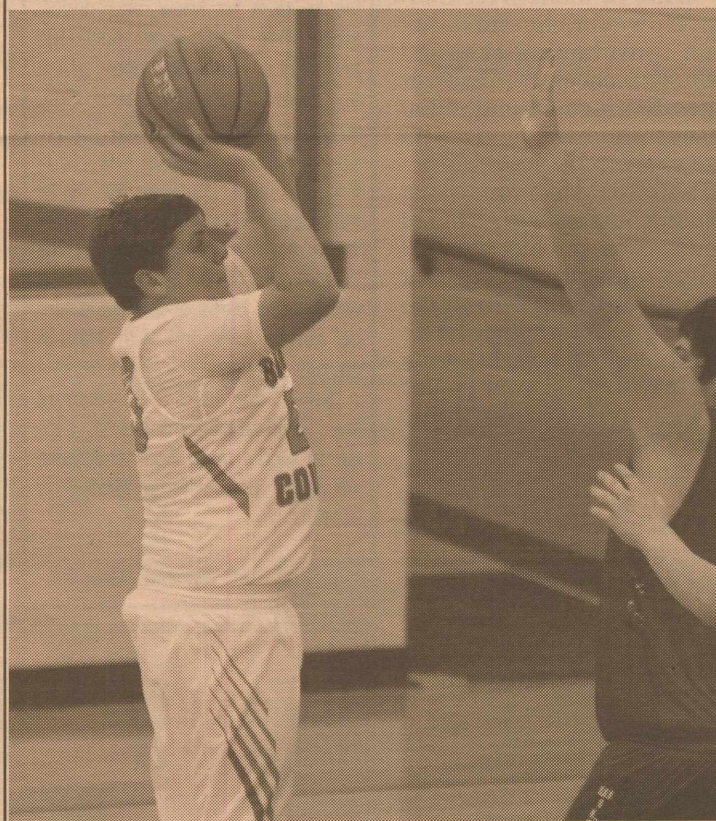
Later in the week, Borden had a tango with Westbrook.

The Coyotes jumped out to a 17-6 first quarter lead. Borden held the Wildcats scoreless in the second frame to go in at the half leading 25-

6. The Coyotes outscored Westbrook 17-6 in the second half winning the contest, 42-12.

Willborn led the team in scoring with 14 points followed by Lewis with 12 points. Merket and Yarbro added six points while Collins finished with four points.

Borden J.V. is 6-4 on the season and 4-0 in district play.



Trent Collins finds an open shot against the Westbrook Wildcats.

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School Lunch Menu

Feb. 8 - 12, 2016

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets w/ Mac & Cheese, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Apple Slices and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Min Waffle & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. Lunch: Chili Cheese Combo, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Chocolate Pudding and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Texas Basket, Charro Beans, Garden Salad, Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Stuffed Bagel, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Tomato Cup, Fruit Cup and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Breakfast Bread & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Corn Dog, Oven Fries, Baby Carrots w/ Ranch, Sliced Peaches, Crispy Cereal Treat and Milk.

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February is National Canned Food Month

If you like the convenience of canned foods, thank Napoleon. In the early 1800s a Parisian confectioner named Nicolas Appert responded to Napoleon's request for ways to preserve food for his armed forces. Mr. Appert put food in glass jars and boiled the jars in water. Tin-coated steel containers, "tin cans," became widely available by the 1840s.

Over 2000 food items now come in cans, including everything from apple juice to zucchini. You may think that canned foods are not as nutritious as fresh and frozen foods. However, members of the National Food Processors Association would be quick to tell you that canned foods offer the same vitamin, mineral, caloric, protein, carbohydrate and fat content as fresh and frozen foods. They point out that many so-called "fresh" foods are picked before they are ripe, trucked many miles to market and stored until you buy them, causing them to lose some of their "freshness" and nutritional value. Processing plants are usually located near growing fields, enabling most fruits and vegetables to be canned within hours of harvest - at the peak of freshness.

Many people remember when canned foods were a no-no for anyone on a low-sodium diet. But some manufacturers

have greatly reduced the sodium content and they offer no-salt-added or salt-free varieties of many items these days.


When we talk about cans, our first thought is of "tin cans." In 1995, the Steel Packaging Council began a marketing campaign to tell people that those cans aren't made of tin anymore, they're made of steel.

Hopefully, you will continue using these wonderful convenience foods and enjoy the luxury of modern technology. However, be sure that when purchasing canned foods, you check for dents or bulges. It is recommended that you not purchase items with these characteristics.

If you would like some great tips for cooking with canned goods, check out <http://cansgetyoucooking.com/> for recipes and information. Canned goods (whether home canned or store bought) are a great way to keep your pantry stocked and always have healthy foods on hand to feed your family.

For more information on commercial canned foods, or preserving food at home, contact the Extension office.

Information obtained from the 24 Food Programs in Good Taste notebook by Bi-Folkal Productions, Inc.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
 Michael A. Guido, D.D.
 Metter, Georgia

It was the first day of geography class. The teacher was trying to get the class involved in a lively discussion. "What is the shape of the world?" she asked.

Immediately, James held up his hand and said, "My Dad says it's in terrible shape!" And most people would seem to agree with his dad.

Years ago a Psalmist gave us a reason for the condition of the world: "The kings and rulers of the earth," he said, "take their stand together against the Lord...and His Anointed One."

This Psalm points to the One who was to come - the Messiah. In it we find a description of Jesus - His life, death, resurrection and future reign. This Psalm also describes the rebellion of the nations of the world and their refusal to be obedient to the Word of God. The author wanted his readers to know and understand that God would fulfill His promises of peace and hope, grace and mercy, love and salvation. God, speaking to us through this Psalm, gave us His assurance that He is the One who is in control of all things - past, present and future. He wants us to know that through His Word we can become free from the worries and cares of this world and be certain of being with Him in eternity.

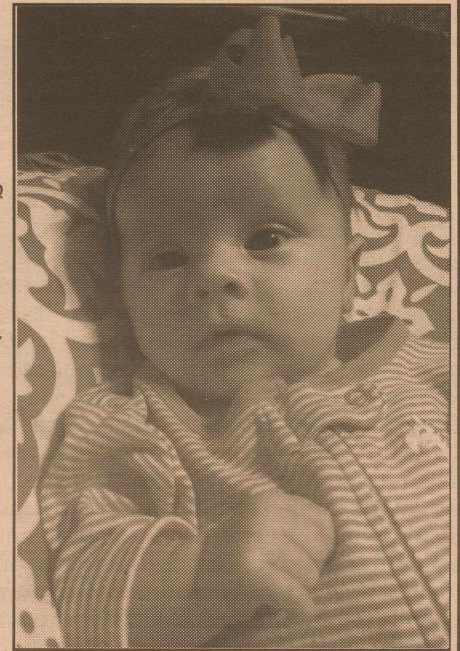
"Serve the Lord with reverent fear," said the Psalmist, and "submit to God's royal Son...and there will be joy for all who find protection in Him."

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Introducing Kreece Lainey May

Kaci and Slate May are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Kreece Lainey, born on December 2, 2015.

She weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and was 19 1/2 in. Also happy that Kreece is here are her sisters, Sawyer & Sutton, and cousins, Jaglee & Jozee Poole.



Grandparents are Dennis & Sheri Poole of Gail. Great-grandmother is Laurie Eubanks of Abilene, Tx.

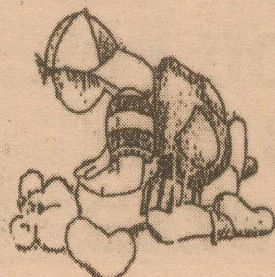


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First Baptist Church Breakfast

The First Baptist Church of Gail will host a breakfast on Sunday, February 7th from 9:00 am to 9:45 am

We will serve biscuits, gravy, sausagebacon and eggs. Everyone is welcome to come join us for food and fellowship before church service.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Your Mental Programming

A computer will only do exactly what it is programmed to do. Each new task required of a computer requires different programming. In order to change the performance of a computer the instructions directing it must be changed. A computer's effectiveness is entirely dependent on its programming.

A computer program is intentionally designed to produce the desired results. There is nothing haphazard about the creation of its instructions. A great deal of thought and planning go into the programming process.

Your mind is also a computer that follows the instructions you program into it. However, you can inadvertently program your mind to bring you undesirable results. Although you may consciously want a specific outcome, you could be subconsciously giving your brain instructions to do just the opposite.

Your mental programming is the result of your thoughts and beliefs. Your mind doesn't discriminate or evaluate what instructions you feed it. It will

work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, following your instructions, whatever they may be.

If you believe something is possible, your mind will find a way to make it happen. Correspondingly, if you believe something is impossible, your mind will find a way to prevent it from occurring.

Does it seem that some of the things you want to achieve are elusive? Are you frustrated because you are working hard but not making the progress you had hoped for? If so, you may be unintentionally sabotaging your results with bad mental programming.

It doesn't matter what you are trying to accomplish. Unless your programming corresponds with your goal, you won't achieve it. This is because conflicting mental instructions will prevent the attainment of what you want.

In order to make changes in your life, you must reassess the instructions you feed to your brain. Regardless of where you are now, you can adjust your mental programming to bring you what you desire.

Before you begin, you must

believe in several things. You must believe you deserve what you want. You must believe it is possible to attain what you desire. And you must believe you are capable of reaching your goals. Without these beliefs, your mind will not permit you to make any meaningful progress.

Your mind is designed for accomplishments. All of your mental instructions must be structured to attract what you want, not repel whatever you don't want. For example, if your goal is to lose weight your mental instruction could be "I'm going to lose 10 pounds within three months" rather than "I'm not going to be overweight."

You can not give your mind contradictory instructions. If you do, the negative instructions will overpower the positive ones. Therefore, if while trying to lose weight you are simultaneously telling yourself you have no willpower and probably won't be able to eat properly, your chances of success are greatly reduced.

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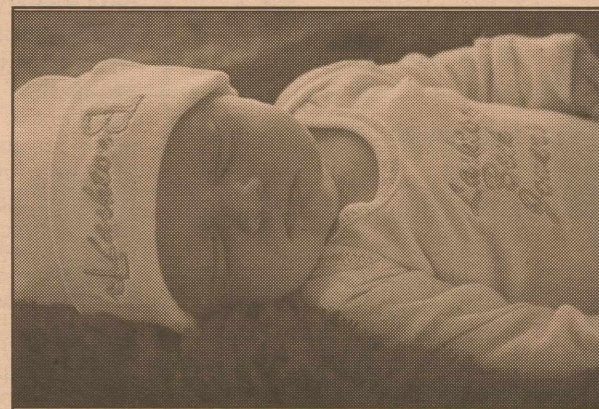
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Lance & Lacey Jowers would like to announce the birth of their son,
LASHTON BECK JOWERS



Lashton was born on December 29, 2015 at 8:26 pm. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 19.5 inches
Grandparents are Cody Newton & Denise Beck and David & Debbie Jowers
Great-Grandparents are Doyle & Shirly Newton

Public Notice

Notice of Availability of Electronic Communications

(Gail) — Chief appraisers of county appraisal districts and appraisal review boards (ARBs) may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.

How does it work? Certain guidelines must be followed

for this local option communication:

Written agreements with the county appraisal district must be entered first, ensuring what electronic means of delivery are acceptable. If you are interested in receiving communications in electronic format, you should contact your local appraisal district.

Public notice regarding the availability of agreement forms authorizing electronic communications may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the appraisal

district on or before Feb. 1 each year, or agreement forms may be delivered on or before Feb. 1 each year to property owners shown on the certified appraisal roll for the preceding tax year.

The chief appraiser may determine the medium, format, content and method to be used for electronic communications other than notices required by Tax Code Section 25.19 which are prescribed by rule.

A decision by the chief appraiser not to enter into agreements may not be the subject of an ARB protest, a lawsuit or a complaint to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

For more information, contact Borden County Appraisal District at:

PO BOX 298
GAIL, TEXAS 79738
806-756-4484

Voter Information for Primary Election

Early Voting

Early Voting starts February 16 and runs through February 26, 2016 located in the Borden County Clerk's office during the hours of 08:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday excluding Holidays.

Acceptable Forms of ID for Voting

1. Texas Driver License
2. Texas Election Identification Certificate
3. Personal Identification Card
4. Texas License to Carry a Handgun
5. United States Military Identification Card
6. United States Citizenship Certificate/Certificate of Naturalization
7. United States Passport

Republican

The following precincts will be consolidated for the Republican Primary:

2A and 2B voting will take place at county courthouse in District Courtroom

3A and 3B voting will take place at precinct 3B Fairview voting building

All others are at their regular voting precinct

Democratic

Precinct Consolidation for Election Day (Democratic Party) is as Follows:

All Precincts will be consolidated in one (in Borden County Clerk's Office)

Please see the county web site www.co.borden.tx.us for sample Ballots and more information or call the Clerk's office at 806-756-4312

USDA Seeks Proposals...

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cal oversight from NRCS, and will market mitigation credits to farmers and ranchers. Credits must be made available to producers within two years after the agreement is signed.

NRCS is prioritizing funding to locations that have a significant known wetland compliance workload. These locations include the Prairie Pothole Region, California Vernal Pool Region, Nebraska Rainwater Basin Region, and other areas that have significant numbers of wetlands compliance requests. Priority will also be given to applications based on the speed with which mitigation credits can be made available to agriculture producers.

USDA is now accepting project proposals for this program. Proposals are due to NRCS before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on March 28, 2016. The announcement and associated forms for this funding opportunity can be found at www.grants.gov.

Learn more about NRCS conservation programs online or visit your local USDA service center.

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* *First business day after Presidents' Day
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, February 19, 2016 (NEW LAW: 11th day before election day; ABBM and FPCA)
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

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By Bryan Golden

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Your mental instructions should not contain any negative terms such as can't, won't, fail, don't know how, or it's too hard. Every instruction must be worded to give your mind positive direction.

Proper mental programming is also essential for solving problems. When facing adversity, immediately review your mental instructions. Purge any instructions not designed to overcome your obstacles.

We all find ourselves off track at times. There's no need to panic. All that is needed is some mental reprogramming. Maintain a constant awareness of your progress and any needed adjustments will usually be minor. However, major reprogramming will be required whenever you ignore the direction you are headed.

Your mind, the most powerful tool on earth, will always perform exactly as programmed. You are the programmer. You can get what you want by giving your mind the appropriate instructions.

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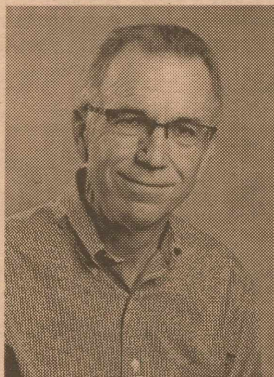
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Public Notice

Borden County Appraisal District Reminds Businesses to Render their

Taxable Property by April 15

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Borden County Appraisal District by April 15.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

"The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values," said Judy Harris.

You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of your property. "For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The appraisal district will look at your property before assigning a value," said Harris.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15. A 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed if a rendition is filed late, incomplete or not at all. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Borden County Appraisal District at P.O. Box 298, Gail, TX 79738 or call 806-756-4484. Information is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/.



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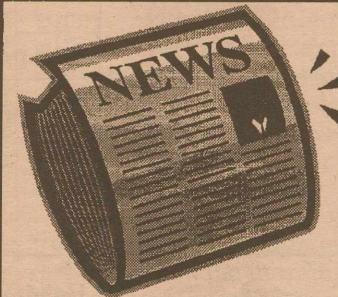
A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

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grew up around them.

"When I was little, my family always had some bees. My mama took care of about two hundred beehives. When I started my bee business seven years ago I had no idea I would have so many customers. Every week I have at least two bee jobs. I go to Katy, Galveston, Jasper, Baytown, Conroe, Houston, wherever the customer needs me. I take the wax, the comb, honey, everything away so the bees will not come back. I want the customer to be happy with my work. I've made lot of friends."

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Lady Coyotes Making it Rain

By Coach Skelton

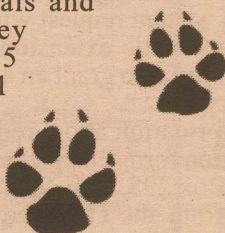
The Lady Coyotes have had this game on their minds ever since they dropped a heart breaker to a much improved Westbrook team earlier in district play.

The Lady Coyotes came out on all cylinders firing as the defense held the Lady Wildcats scoreless in the first quarter as the Lady Coyotes scored nineteen points. The Lady Coyotes put on a shooting exhibition as five different Lady Coyotes hit long ball shooting 11/21 from behind the arc.

The night also saw Four Lady Coyotes score in double digits. I couldn't have been prouder of the girls as they got after it tonight. It was nice to finally see the rim be kind to us for a change. The halftime score was 37-21 and the Lady Coyotes won the second half

32-16 as the final horn sounded the Lady Coyotes won 69-37.

Stats for the game are as follows: Zoie Key had 11 points, 1 rebound and 2 assists; Tatum Richey had 14 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 assists; Kylee Dean had 4 points, 6 rebounds and 1 steal; Lexi Cheatham had 2 rebounds; Harley Merrill had 3 points and 2 rebounds; Preslea Hall had 15 points, 9 rebounds, 1 steal and 2 assists; Braylee Walker had 4 rebounds; Rayme Jones had 7 points; 5 rebounds and 3 steals and Emma Key had 15 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals and 3 assists.



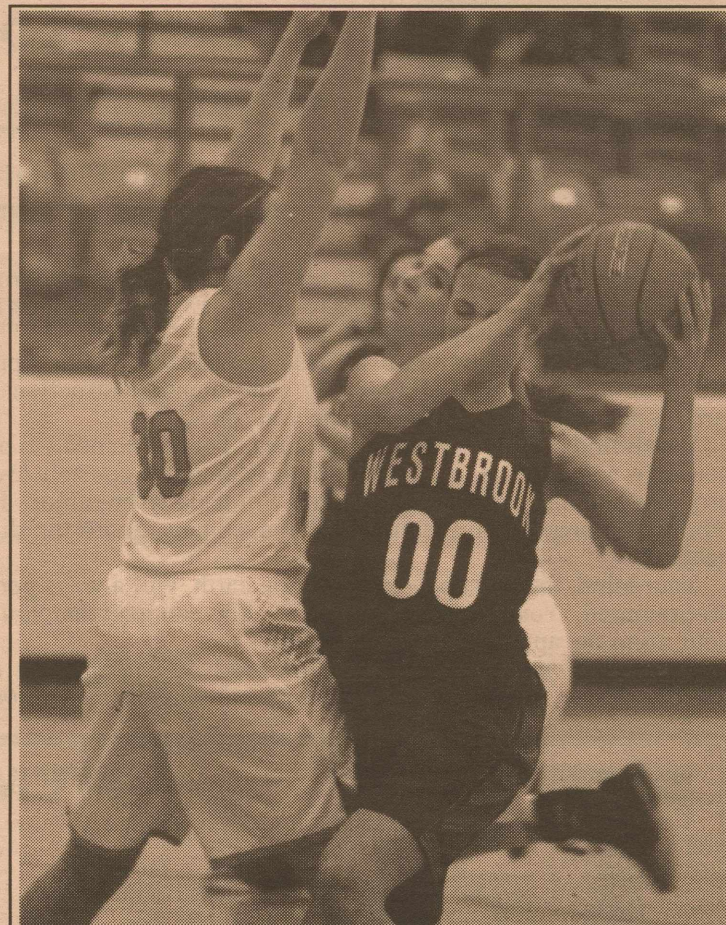
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Senior Lady Coyote, Kylee Dean (left) takes a charge in last weeks game against the Westbrook Lady Wildcats. The Ladies sent the Wildcats home with a 69-37 loss.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 JH BB @ Ira-4:00 OAP Practice-6:30	2 BB vs. Hermleigh-5:00	3	4 Borden County JV BB Tournament OAP Practice-6:30	5 Boys BB vs. Loraine-5:00	6 Borden County JV BB Tournament
7	8 OAP Practice-6:30	9 BB @ Ira-5:00	10	11 JV Boys BB @ Midessa-6:00 OAP Practice-6:30	12 Boys BB vs. Highland-5:00	13 UIL Practice Meet @ Idalou
14 	15 Holiday OAP Practice-6:30	16 Boys BB @ Westbrook-5:00	17	18 District Speech Tournament @ TTU Computer Science Contest @ Wink OAP Practice-6:30	19 End of 4 th Six Weeks District Speech Tournament @ TTU	20 District Speech Tournament @ TTU Freshman UIL Practice Meet @ Wink
21	22 Beginning of 5 th Six Weeks OAP Practice-6:30	23	24	25 OAP Practice-6:30	26	27 UIL Speech Tournament @ Lubbock Cooper
28	29 OAP Festival @ WTC					