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Coyotes Make All-State List

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

Borden County was one of the hottest six-man teams on the South Plains this fall. Borden County spent a majority of this 2014 high school football season ranked among the top three Division I six-man football teams in the state, while winning a seventh straight district championship at Gail.

Now players of this team

have been recognized among the best of the state. Borden County senior center Frank Banman tackled first-team all-state on the Division I all-state squad.

Banman, a six-foot, 205-pounder, was a force for the Coyotes before sustaining a knee injury that sidelined him after the ninth week of this season. That injury eventually re-

quired surgery back in the middle of November.

"He's played a bunch of football for us. He started out for us playing at cornerback his sophomore year before putting a lot of time in the weight room where, after becoming one of our biggest kids, he ended up on our line where

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All-State Football Honors



Coyotes recently named to the All-State football team are (left to right) Sean Tucker, Frank Banman, Hunter Jones, Corbin Summers, Trace Richey and Korbin Martinez.

Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Courtesy

The problem with common courtesy is that it is not nearly common enough. As people become busier, they tend to not only forgo acknowledging those they interact with, they are often ill mannered. It's really a shame. So little effort is required to smile and be nice. Actually, it takes less energy to be courteous than to be brusque.

No one enjoys dealing with a sourpuss. Even if you are having a bad day, there is no reason to take it out on others. It's actually very simple. Just be courteous to everyone you meet. The result? You and everyone you come into contact with will feel a little better.

Some will argue the reason they don't smile is because they are not happy. It's hard to be pleasant when you are frowning. Besides, when you are feeling down, you are susceptible to feeling worse. You have to act happy if you want to feel happy. Too much time will be wasted if you wait to feel better before your actions improve.

When you are feeling off, it's even more important to be courteous. How you treat others affects how you feel and how your day goes. Also, bringing a smile to someone

else will help you smile as well.

There are many small gestures that produce good feelings. Here are a few suggestions. Hold the door open for someone. Allow another car to pull in front of you. Let someone with only an item or two in front of you in a check out line. Say hello to everyone you interact with and wish them a good day as you leave. Use "please" and "thank you" abundantly.

Everyone wants to be acknowledged and appreciated. This is true regardless of a person's education or occupation. All of us value recognition from those we know as well as strangers. If you doubt this, think of how you feel when you hold the door open for someone and they walk past you without saying thank you.

Even in situations where you may have the authority to tell someone what to do, it's so much more pleasant to ask them instead. For example, a boss can either tell her secretary to "get this typed right away," or ask, "could you please get this typed as soon as possible, it is really urgent?" Both approaches will result in the task being completed. However, bosses who treat their subordi-

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Great Start, Disappointing Finish in Austin for Souder at State UIL Congress

With any new event, the learning curve has a way of throwing a few curves. BHS Junior Nathan Souder left Austin hoping for do-overs, but he'll have to wait a year for that chance.

Despite missing out on the medal stand, Nathan gained some valuable experience and knowledge that will set him up as a favorite next year.

After the first day of competition—which consisted of two sessions of legislation to pass bills—Nathan won his chamber (against 12 other representatives). He delivered at least three speeches and asked numerous questions in both sessions, and received consistent rankings from the six

judges: two first-place rankings and four second-place rankings. The other representatives' scores were all over the place. For example, the second-place representative in Nathan's round was ranked first by one judge and fifth and fourth by another. One representative scored a first-place ranking and a seventh place ranking.

Day Two Finals Sessions were held at the Texas State Capitol. This site was even more exciting because the Texas legislature was in full session. Many state senators and representatives popped in to watch some of their constituents' rounds.

Nathan's second day was

not as productive. Both Nathan and his sponsor, Sue Jane Sullivan—who watched the sessions to try and learn more about this new event—agree that the learning experience will serve the speech and debate program well in the future. While some speakers choose to speak "off the cuff" and almost be impromptu with their material, it is vital for most to have speeches in hand and be ready to take the podium at any time to either affirm a potential piece of legislation or negate it.

Congressional Debate is also an event at the TFA meets that students attend throughout the year as most UIL invitational meets do not host Student Congress.

Nathan will compete in this event again in February at the Tall Cotton National Forensics League National Qualifying Tournament to be held at Lubbock High School February 19.

The BHS junior also competes in Lincoln-Douglas debate and is the defending district champion. He will be in action this weekend in Morton in this event.

Just So You Know...by Sue Jane Sullivan

Just so you know, your taxpayer money when we take students to State events, or any UIL events for that matter, is an investment. These trips are also a reminder that, my goodness, we have some fine students representing our school.

Nathan Souder and Robert Jordan competed in some speech meets January 10-14. They were polite to everyone. They helped their competitors. They didn't eat much. They prayed before every meal. They didn't talk or gossip about other people. They stayed in their rooms and played some Japanese card game that involves strategy and wits and intellect. They were content to go and listen to live acoustic music one night for three hours—so impressed was the musician that he took time out to give them free CDs because Nathan and Robert weren't sitting there with their phones on—they were actually listening. (Their sponsor was on her phone).

They never complained. Were always quick to say thank you. They laughed, teased, engaged in conversation with older adults, appreciated the scenery, and just made this yet another special memory for an aging teacher.

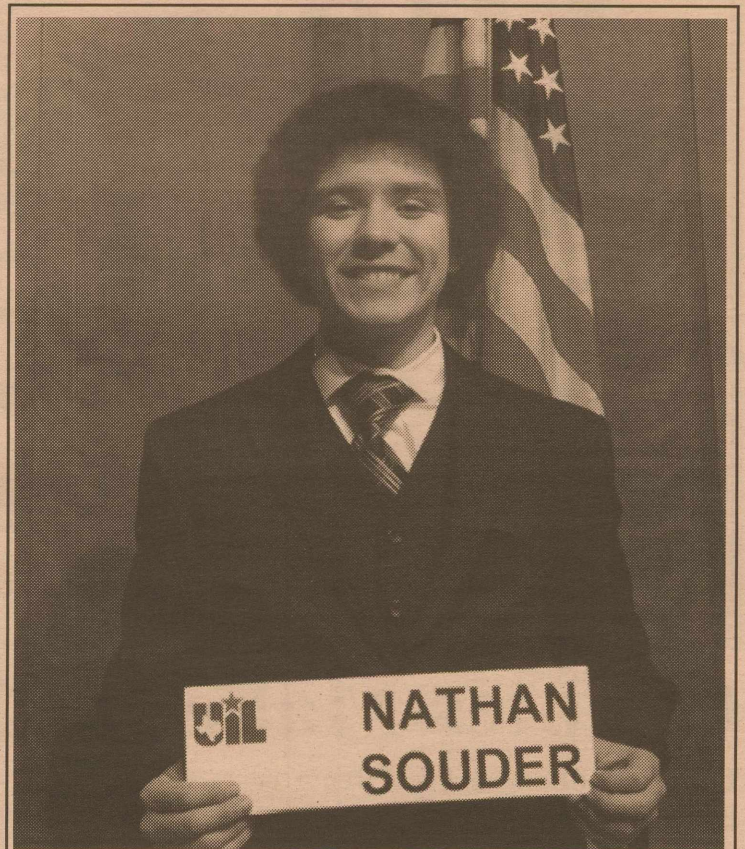
Thank you to the School Board who understands the important of academic UIL events and for allowing us to go on many speech and debate trips throughout the year. Thank you to Amy and Cindy and Phillip who help get things ready for us to be gone. I appreciate Mr. Martinez handling the computer assignments for my classes while I was away—life saver, he is. Thank you to Mr. McMeans, a principal who supports our literary programs 100%. And, a special thanks to Nathan and Robert's parents—your sons not only represented Borden County Schools admirably, but they shined a light on your parenting. Good job, all.

P.S. A small shout out to the 6th and 7th Graders who took care of business for Mrs. Michelle Phinizy while I was in Austin.

Thought for the Day

"But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

-Luke 6:35-36



Borden County junior, Nathan Souder traveled to Austin to compete in the State UIL Congress.

Coyote JV Defeat the Rankin Devils 45-22

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Junior Varsity Boys added another win to their season by defeating Rankin, 45-22.

The Coyotes were only up 8-7 at the end of the first quarter, but stiffened their defense in the second quarter to give them a bit of cushion. Borden allowed only three points in the quarter and scored nine points to give them a 17-10 halftime lead.

Borden opened the flood

gates in the third period outscoring the Red Devils 18-3. The Coyotes won the final quarter as well, 10-9.

Morgan Wilson led all scorers with 13 points followed by Easton Edwards with 12 points. Ryan Willborn added 10 points while Jayton Lewis and Kale Yarbrough scored four points. Clayton Addison chipped in two points.

The Borden J.V. Coyotes are 9-2 on the season.

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Sophomore Coyote, Corbin Sumners' shot is thwarted by a Hermleigh player during their district win over the Cardinals.

Lady Coyotes Complete Crucial Week With Win Over Lady Cardinals

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes put themselves in a great position Friday with a win over Hermleigh Lady Cardinals. The Lady Coyotes came out firing as they hit four of the teams eight 3 point shots in the first quarter, and their defense was dominate as they took an early 16-6 first quarter lead. They continued right where they left off and went into the half up 30-12.

The Lady Coyotes closed out the game outscoring the Lady Cards 29-21 in the second half for a final score of 59-33. "I was happy to see the outside shoot go down for us tonight," stated Coach

Skelton. "We hit eight 3's by four different kids." (Tatum Richey 3, Avery Wright 2, Zoie Key 2, Bailey Robinson 1.) "I thought we applied some great defensive pressure tonight that really got Hermleigh out of rhythm offensively." The win put the Lady Coyotes in a tie for the second place slot with the Lady Bulldogs of Ira. The game will decide who stands alone for that slot will be played this coming Friday in Ira at 6:30.

Scorers: Bailey Robinson 13, Preslea Hall 13, Tatum Richey 11, Zoie Key 10, Avery Wright 6, Sydnee Jordan 4, Kylee Dean 2



Lady Coyotes play defense against the Lady Cardinals.

Successful Week for Coyotes as They Defeat Hermleigh and Rankin

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Coyotes started their district play with a bang defeating the Hermleigh Cardinals, 59-28.

Korbin Martinez scored 10 of his 17 points in the first quarter to help kick start the Coyote surge. Borden outscored the Cardinal 16-8 in the first period and 10-9 in the second quarter to take a 26-17 halftime lead.

The Coyotes defense became stingy in the second half giving up only three field goals. Borden outscored Hermleigh 33-11 in the second half to win the district opener.

Martinez led all scorers with 17 points followed by Sean Tucker with 12 points and 13 rebounds. Trace Richey added eight points and 9 assists. Braxton Barnes added seven points while Diego Bernal and Corbin Sumners finished with six points. Riley Herridge chipped in two points and Nick

Proulx with a point.

Earlier in the week, Borden defeated the Rankin Red Devils, 59-39.

The Coyotes trailed 24-23 at the half, but put together a strong third quarter to separate themselves from the Red Devils. Trace Richey scored 10 of the team's 23 points in the third frame and held Rankin to only eight points. The Coyotes won the fourth quarter, 13-7, to secure the victory.

Richey finished the evening with 14 points and five assists. Hunter Jones added 10 points followed by Korbin Martinez and Corbin Sumners with nine points. Diego Bernal chipped in seven points while Sean Tucker finished with five points and 12 rebounds. Nick Proulx scored three points and Braxton Barnes with two points.

The Coyotes are 13-5 on the season and 1-0 in district play.

All-State Honors...

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he's ended up doing just a great job," Borden County Coach Trey Richey said. "He's never been real vocal, but because of his good work ethics he's been a good leader for us."

In addition to providing some beef on the Coyotes' offensive line, Banman was also a threat in the Coyotes' passing game. He finished this season with 30 catches for around 900 yards and 11 touchdowns. "Knowing the kind of hard work he's put into this, it's just great seeing him rewarded in this way," Richey said.

Borden County sophomore running back Corbin Sumners

made second-team all-state.

Three Coyotes on the second-team all-state defense are freshman linebacker Trace Richey, junior cornerback Korbin Martinez and sophomore Hunter Jones as a utility player.

Senior Sean Tucker earned honorable mention all-state on the defensive line.

"It's amazing to us seeing the number of kids we had recognized on this team. Without having the injuries we still felt like we could have ended up as the second best team in the state," Richey said of the Coyotes' strong contingent on this all-state list

School Lunch Menu

Jan. 26-30, 2015

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Waffles & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Breaded Pork Chop, Garden Salad, Carrot Coins, Sliced Peaches, Breadsticks, Chocolate Pudding and Milk.


Tuesday - Breakfast: Cheese Omelet Wrap, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Enchiladas, Tortilla Chips & Salsa (9-12 grade only), Garden Salad, Charro Beans, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Sausage Roll, Fruit Juice, Fruit, and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes Green Beans, Strawberries & Bananas, Roll and Milk.



Thursday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Chips & Salsa, Boccili Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Sloppy Joe Sliders, Sweet Potato Fries, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

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Secrets to a Cleaner Kitchen

These simple tips are your key to a cleaner, tidier kitchen. Everyone has one of those friends, neighbors or relatives whose kitchen is always spotless, no matter what. How do they do it? We can't answer that, but we can share the some secrets for keeping a kitchen shipshape.

1. Accomplish a little each day.

Schedule a small amount of tidying each night as you're cleaning up the dinner dishes. For instance, on Wednesdays you could clean the stove, and on Sundays you could check the fridge for leftovers that should be thrown out. This kind of daily routine helps keep your kitchen in good shape, without having to spend hours at a time.

2. Use your dishwasher.

These days, it seems like everything is dishwasher safe. So take advantage of it! Stove drip pans and burner covers, small refrigerator shelves, plastic drawer organizers and other plastic or metal items can probably go in the dishwasher—just make sure to load plastic items onto the top rack.

Some experts believe that dishwashers use less water than hand washing, so as an added benefit, you could potentially conserve resources and save on your water bill while saving time and energy. If possible, run the dishwasher only when it is fully loaded. To see if something is dishwasher safe, check your product manual, the manufacturer's Web site or a customer service number.

3. Get a new perspective.

As you're cleaning your kitchen, stand on a step stool or a chair and take a look around. From the higher perspective, you'll be able to see spots you might have missed or areas that need attention, such as the tops of cabinets. Conversely, if you sit or kneel on the floor, you'll probably see lower cabinet doors that need washing or crumbs that should be vacuumed up.

4. Work top to bottom.

When you're doing a deep cleaning of your kitchen, it makes sense to take it from the top: start by dusting cabinet tops; then wash cabinet doors (and wipe out cabinet interiors as needed); move on to wiping countertops, then under-counter cabinets and finally the floors. As dust and crumbs fall while you're working, they're not falling onto areas you've already cleaned—so you'll avoid having to clean an area twice!

5. Get creative with your cleaning tools.

When your sponges and cleaning brushes won't work for certain tasks, look around your house for an ad-hoc tool that can help. The tip of a chopstick or pencil wrapped in a piece of paper towel is just the right size to clean the crevices in an unplugged countertop grill or waffle maker, while a retired toothbrush with some All Purpose Cleaner can scrub away debris around handles and knobs and gunk from your sink drains. And a plastic knife can scrape baked-on spills from the stove or even chip away debris in the space between the stove and the countertop.

6. Take it outside.

If your kitchen is small, it can be hard to maneuver when you're cleaning it. Wash bulky items such as refrigerator shelves and oven racks in the bathtub or even outside, in a basin of water. You'll have more room, and you'll be less likely to splash water on the floor.

7. Wipe up spills right away.

Grab a paper towel or a Multi-Surface Wipes to wipe up spills and drips as soon as possible. It's much easier to get rid of them while they're fresh than after they dry and need scouring. What's more, even a splash of milk on the floor can turn the entire kitchen into a sticky mess once the kids or pets start tracking it around.

Taken from: Right at Home 8 Secrets to a Cleaner Kitchen

Dare to Live...

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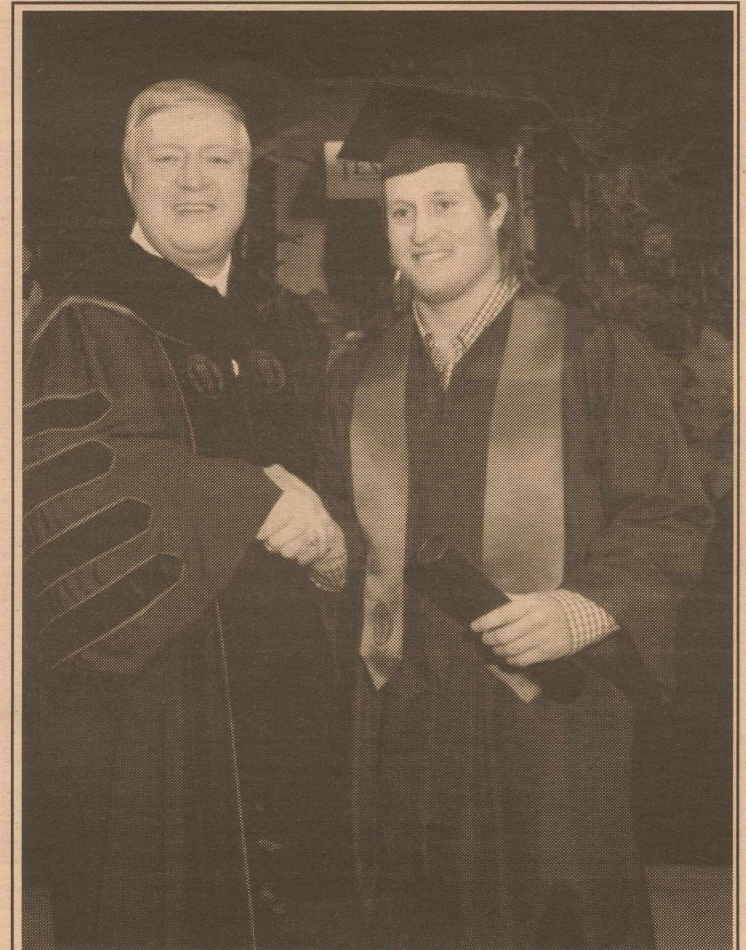
nates with courtesy invariably have a much more loyal and productive staff.

Courtesy is also effective with people who expect rudeness. Whenever you have a problem with a product or service, you will probably deal with a manager or customer service representative. People in these jobs are used to dealing with a lot of rude people. As such, they are always pleasantly surprised when someone is courteous.

You stand a much better chance of getting problems resolved when you are nice and treat people with respect. There are times when you may be treated rudely. Don't react in kind. Rude people expect a fight. Don't give them one. Being courteous gives you the best chance of accomplishing your objective of getting your problem solved.

There will be times when you are courteous and yet someone else reacts poorly. Don't allow mean spirited people to change how you act. You are not being singled out for their rude behavior. They probably treat everyone the same way.

Courteous people are happier and more content. They are more pleasant to be around. Those who are courteous attract more good things into their lives. There is every reason to be courteous and no justification for rudeness.



Valentine Receives Bachelor Degree From Texas Tech

Miles Valentine, a 2011 graduate of Borden County High School, received his Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Texas Tech University on December 13, 2014.

He will continue his education at Texas Tech and pursue a Master of Architecture beginning this month.

He is the son of Mike and Tammy Valentine of Fluvanna, Texas.

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Cattle Tuberculosis Confirmed in Texas Panhandle Dairies

AUSTIN - The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) has confirmed Cattle tuberculosis (TB) in two Texas Panhandle dairies located in Castro County. The infected herds are under quarantine and will remain so until the herds meet all requirements for quarantine release through testing and removal of infected animals. Dairy, calf-raising and dairy heifer raising operations in Texas and other states with epidemiological links to the infected herds will be tested to determine the possible origin or potential spread of the disease.

Cattle tuberculosis is a chronic debilitating respiratory disease whose symptoms can include progressive weight loss, chronic cough, and general loss of condition. Like many other diseases, TB transmission is facilitated when animals are concentrated or held in close confinement. Infected animals normally spread the TB bacteria to their herd mates by expelling infective droplets into the air which are inhaled, or contaminate feed.

A variety of other species are susceptible to TB, including elk, deer, bison, goats, swine, cats and humans. Sheep and horses are rarely affected. Although TB can affect humans, pasteurization of milk removes any risk of transmission, and meat from infected animals does not enter the food chain.

Tuberculosis has a long incubation period (months to years) and was once the most prevalent infectious disease of cattle and swine in the United States. Cattle TB caused more losses among U.S. farm animals in the early part of this century than all other infectious diseases combined. Through a cooperative state-federal program, bovine tuberculosis has been nearly eradicated from livestock in the US.

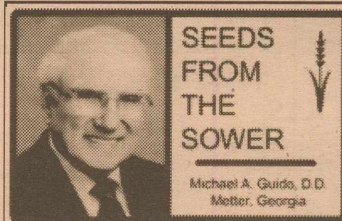
In 2000, Texas finally earned USDA TB accredited-

free status. In 2002 however, that status was temporarily revoked when two infected cattle herds were detected. After extensive testing, Texas regained its TB-free status from USDA in October 2006. This effort included testing over 2,000 purebred beef operations and all of the state's dairies. Slaughter surveillance and identification practices for dairy cattle necessary to aid in tracing of high risk cows was also greatly enhanced at that time.

Dr. Dee Ellis, Texas State Veterinarian said, "The detection of these new herds simply indicates our strong surveillance system is effective. The TAHC is working closely with the dairies involved and the Texas dairy industry to ensure the disease is quickly contained, and the affected dairies can return to normal business practices as soon as possible." Texas' current TB-free status is not expected to be affected by the new disclosures.

For information about TB in the Panhandle, contact the Region 1 office at 1-806-354-9335. For general information about TB, call 1-800-550-8242 or visit http://www.tahc.texas.gov/animalhealth/cattle_tb/cattle_tb.html

Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.



Prayer puts our faith at risk.

When we "pray to God in faith believing" and nothing happens or the results are different from what we expected or there is no answer at all, the tendency is to question the goodness and wisdom of God. Nor is it unusual for people to doubt the need for prayer when or if they don't get what they want.

As we begin to read Psalm 28 David seems to be having a problem in his prayer life. "I pray to You, O Lord, my Rock. Do not turn a deaf ear to me." Notice the way he begins: "I pray to You!" His prayer is direct and intense. But there is something very important to be noted here. In this moment of need David, in no uncertain terms, lets us into his heart. Prayer was not just part of his life. It was at the center of his life. He was completely dependent upon the Lord for help. "You, O Lord, are my Rock!" This prayer, though we do not know specifically what David was praying for, arose from a definite need at a specific time in his life. Perhaps years later, when he was writing of this experience, he could not remember specifically what his request was, but he could not forget that he had a need that only God could meet. And God met that need and granted his request.

In this prayer we hear his cry and see his hands raised to God demonstrating his dependence on Yahweh. And his prayer was answered. "Praise be to the Lord," he finally shouted, "for He has heard my cry for mercy."

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It was an honor to live and serve in such a wonderful community and school. Thank you for the many cards, calls, kind words, gifts and donations to the money tee at our retirement party.

We wish you the best, and will always consider ourselves to be filled with pride for the Borden County Coyotes. Our lives are forever enriched because of our Borden County Experience. ALWAYS!

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ATTENTION PROPERTY

OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2015, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2014, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below).

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE-EXEMPTIONS AND DEFERRAL

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2014. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their county. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from the appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

DISABLED VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes. In certain situations where the disabled vet is 100% disabled and unemployable, their homestead can be completely exempt.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from Borden County Appraisal District. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser.

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from the Borden County Appraisal District or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121 or at their website at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/02-forms.html>

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

State law now **requires** the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. Deadline - April 15. A 30 day filing extension is available by written request.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of any of the exemption, special appraisal, rendition, or tax deferral forms, please contact:

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Commissioners' Court

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WHEREAS, on this the 23rd day of December, 2014, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present to-wit: MONTE SMITH, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 2; ERNEST REYES, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 4 and JOYCE HERRIDGE, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONER COURT with Judge Ross D. Sharp, absent constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda. Commissioner Ernest Reyes presiding.

Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Reyes called the December 23, 2014 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court to order at 8:30 A.M.

COMMUNITY INPUT

No Community Input.

MINUTES APPROVED

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of December 9, 2014 as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew,

Voting Against: None.

PROFESSIONAL PROSECUTORS ACT RESOLUTION

Ben Smith, District Attorney, met with the Court concerning his office position. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Resolution requesting the 84th Texas Legislature pass a bill adding the 132nd District Attorney to the Professional Prosecutors Act as provided by Chapter 46, Texas Government Code. Commissioner Adcock sec-

onded the motion
Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew,

UTILITY/PIPELINE CROSSING

There were no applications.

2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew

Voting Against: None.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications were received.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No applications were received.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS



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

Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew
Voting Against: None.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 13th day of January, 2015.

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Jr. High Lady Coyotes Continue Winning Ways

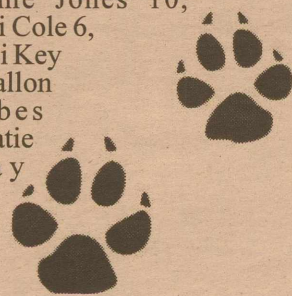
By Coach Skelton

The Junior High Girls got off to a slow start against Westbrook in fact they found themselves down one at the end of the first quarter. However, they found their stride in the second quarter outscoring their opponent 14-2 to take a 20-9 halftime lead.

They came out in the second half with even better focus and outscored Westbrook 22-8 to win 42-17. This moves

the girls to 7-0 on the season.

Scorers: Emma Key 18, Rayme Jones 10, Madi Cole 6, Kami Key 3, Fallon Forbes 3, Katie Gray 2.



Emily Todd sets her eyes on the goal as she shoots the round ball during last weeks' game against Hermleigh.



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Pups Unbeaten With Win Over Westbrook Cats

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Junior High Hoopsters remained unbeaten as they defeated the Westbrook Wildcats in district play, 27-20.

Borden used their defense to separate the Wildcats outscoring them 7-0 in the first quarter. The Coyotes outscored Westbrook 6-4 in the second frame to take a 13-4 lead at the half.

Borden continued to struggle offensively only scor-

ing 14 second half points, but it was enough to hold off the pesky Wildcats.

Ben Justice led the Coyotes in scoring with 12 points followed by Payton Merket with eight points. Will Yarbrough knocked in three points while J.W. Nix and Jason Robinson finished with two points.

The Borden Jr. High team is 7-0 on the season.

Making the Grade!

1st Semester Beta Achievement

Seniors: McKenna Campbell; **Juniors:** Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; **Sophomore:** Hayley Gray and Savannah Herridge; **Freshmen:** Easton Edwards, Preslea Hall, Harley Merrill, Ashlyn Tucker and M.J. van der Bank; **Eighth Grade:** Madison Cole, Katie Gray, and Paige Holbrooks; **Seventh Grade:** Kaitlyn Cribbs, and Kaylee Walker; **Sixth Grade:** Mason Cole, Connor Etheredge, Haddie Flanigan and Erin Nix

1st Semester Honor Roll

Sophomore: Madison Benavidez, Braxton Coor, and Corbin Sumners;

Sixth Grade: Kaci Hudson; **Fifth Grade:** Paige Parker, Ryann Philips, Macee Rathbun and Ethan Stephens; **Fourth Grade:** Haley Carpenter, Callie Edwards, Dallie Miller, Isaiah Mitton, Michael Morris, Hayden Neill, J. Oliver Skelton, Tres Spencer, Shane Todd and George Wagner;

Third Grade: Aubree Blissard, Luke Carpenter, Jenna Holbrooks, Kadence Lowery, Ben Nix, Bailey Pennell, Jorden Ramos, Rexie Sanders, Laney Stansell, Kendall Swaffar, and Kenzie White; **Second Grade:** Tyler

Cole, Hannah Criswell, Kenlei Estes, Datch Flanigan Tia Frankl, Haven Hill, Tynslee Horton, Maddox Merket, Pace Parker and Tagan Treadwell.

3rd Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Seniors: McKenna Campbell; **Juniors:** Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; **Sophomore:** Hayley Gray and Savannah Herridge; **Freshmen:** Carley Bell, Easton Edwards, Preslea Hall, Harley Merrill, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker and M.J. van der Bank; **Eighth Grade:** Myka Blissard, Madison Cole, Katie Gray, Paige Holbrooks, Brooke Swaffar and Emily Todd; **Seventh Grade:** Lindsay Brantley, Kaitlyn Cribbs, Hanna Meeks and Kaylee Walker; **Sixth Grade:** Mason Cole, Connor Etheredge, Haddie Flanigan, Erin Nix and Kennedy Tucker.

3rd Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Seniors: Sean Tucker; **Sophomore:** Madison Benavidez, Braxton Coor, Jamyaleigh Gray, Hunter Jones, Noah Morales, Avery Price and Corbin Sumners; **Freshman:** Kable Kleck, Caytlynn Summers and Braylee Walker; **Eighth Grade:** Kaile Hernandez, Reina Hernandez, Rayme

Jones and J.W. Nix;

Seventh Grade: Colbin Briley, Dymon Gomez, Hailey Lowery, Tatum Treadwell, Brittney Walker; **Sixth Grade:** Kaci Hudson, Tommy Kingston, Maggie Miller, Leandre van der Bank and Justin Willborn; **Fifth Grade:** Brooklyn Gray, Shelby Milhauser, Paige Parker, Ryann Philips, Macee Rathbun and Ethan Stephens; **Fourth Grade:** Haley Carpenter, Callie Edwards, Dallie Miller, Isaiah Mitton, Michael Morris, Allie Murphy, Hayden Neill, J. Oliver Skelton, Tres Spencer, Shane Todd and George Wagner; **Third Grade:** Savannah Barnes, Aubree Blissard, Luke Carpenter, Jenna Holbrooks, Rhett Kingston, Kadence Lowery, Ben Nix, Bailey Pennell, Jorden Ramos, Rexie Sanders, Agatha Skelton, Laney Stansell, Kendall Swaffar, and Kenzie White; **Second Grade:** Carolyn Andrade, Marlynn Bermea, Tyler Cole, Hannah Criswell, Kenlei Estes, Kenlei Curtis, Datch Flanigan Tia Frankl, Braden Hardman, Haven Hill, Tynslee Horton, Zak Lewis, Maddox Merket, Pace Parker Evalynn Rodriguez and Tagan Treadwell.

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With the graduation of several seniors in 2014 who contributed much to the literary point totals at district meets the past few years, Borden High School is hoping to recharge with new talent and use some solid returners to once again claim a literary championship that has eluded them the past two years.

Junior Robert Jordan started off the New Year with a gold medal in Poetry Interpretation at the Blanco High School Invitational. Robert was able to attend the meet as he was accompanying classmate Nathan Souder who participated at the State UIL Congress Meet in Austin.

Robert finished with straight ones on all four ballots that he received, easily giving him first place in the event.

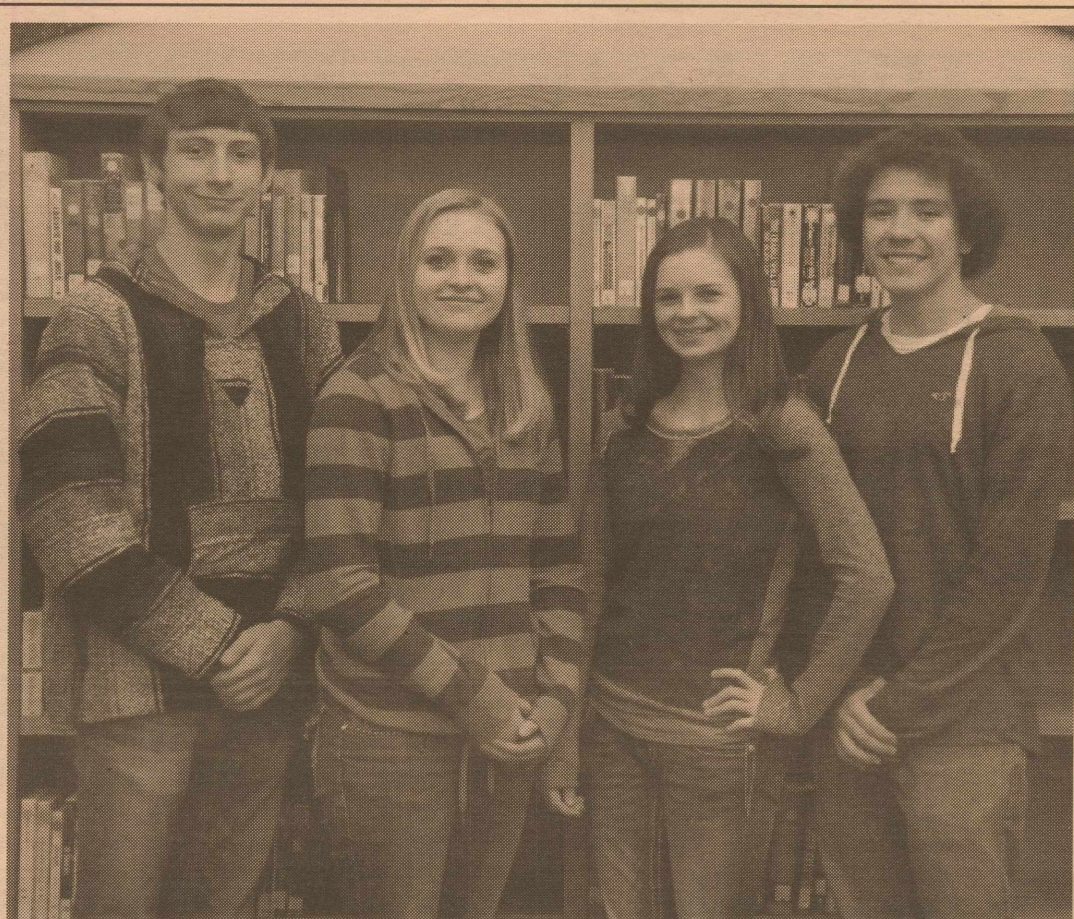
This past weekend, freshmen CX debaters Carley Bell and Harley Merrill attended only their second speech tour-

namment. In Hereford, the new team won one debate on the negative and lost their two affirmative rounds. They will compete again this Saturday in Morton, their last chance to prep before the District CX Meet January 29. Highland, the only other school entered in the district contest, has entered three teams.

BHS students will be going to Morton January 24, O'Donnell January 31, Idalou February 14, and finish out with Plains March 7.

Students have also been participating again this year in the *Virtual Challenge Meets* which are conducted online. The BHS Science team has won the 1-A competition in two of the three meets thus far. Science team members vying for the four spots are Sam Raborn, Jamayleigh Gray, Nathan Souder, Hayley Gray, Kable Kleck, and Carley Bell.

The District 12-A meet will be held on the Borden County campus March 24, the first time BCISD has hosted a district meet in the new school.



Borden County UIL members competing recently are (left to right) Robert Jordan, Carley Bell, Harley Merrill and Nathan Souder.

Ladies Take First Step in Big Week

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes are in a must win part of their district schedule this week as they face Westbrook and Hermleigh. The Lady Coyotes took a step in the right direction on Tuesday night to keep their playoff dreams on the right track. The Lady Coyotes had their second best opening quarter of the season offensively, but Westbrook answered with a good quarter of their own. The Lady Coyotes were up two 17-15 after the first, but found a little extra in the second quarter to go into the half up 28-19.

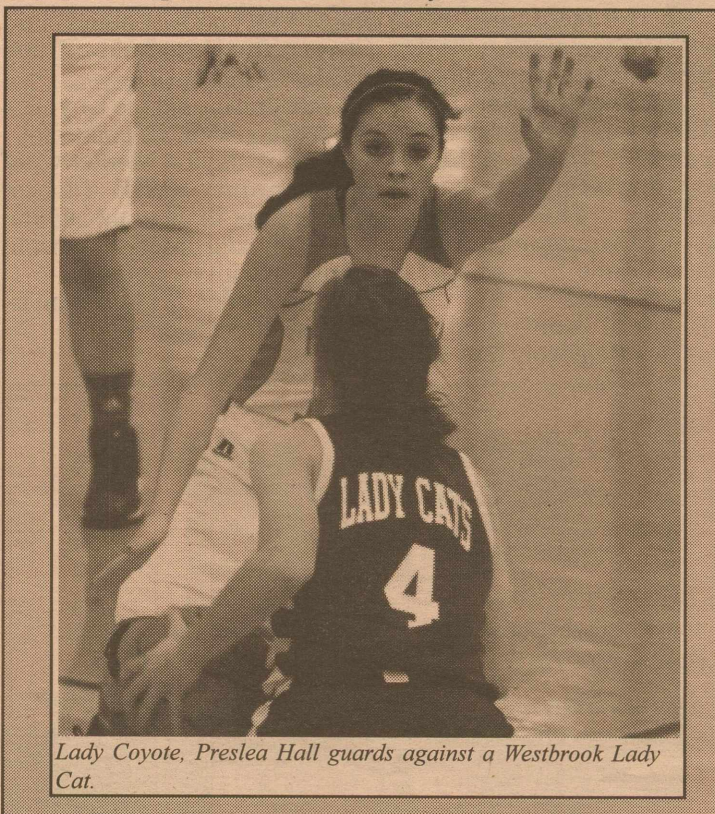
The second half was just as close as the first, but the Lady Coyotes managed to not lose ground and keep their first half lead intact.

The final Lady Coyotes 45 Westbrook 39. The Lady

Coyotes have given themselves a chance of making the playoffs with this win, but still need to win on Friday to really put the pressure on the

other teams in the district.

Scorers: Sydnee Jordan 12, Preslea Hall 10, Tatum Richey 9, Bailey Robinson 8, Zoie Key 7, Kylee Dean 2



Lady Coyote, Preslea Hall guards against a Westbrook Lady Cat.

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