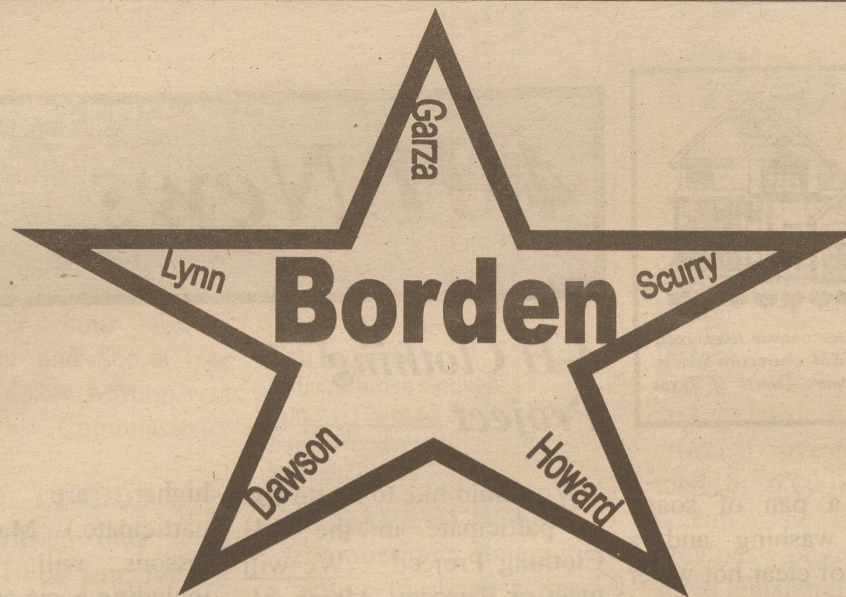


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Global Security Begins At Home

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

The idea "Think Globally, Act Locally" has influenced many decisions since its first use at an international conference in 1972. It conveys the idea that effective solutions to large problems often begin with steps taken in your backyard.

Today, keeping America safe requires the same concept. While our federal government protects us by meeting global threats abroad, we also need to act locally, addressing the potential security threats posed by illegal immigration.

We are all aware that important military missions are ongoing in dangerous parts of the world, and we are grateful for the courage of our military men and women. However, it would be a dishonor to their service if we did not protect our interests at home with the same dedication and vigor that they show overseas.

Domestic security requires our attention and cannot be overlooked. We must devote additional resources to securing our nation's borders.

Our southern border has become a sieve, and protecting Texas's border with Mexico is one way that we can fight the war on terror at home.

Monitoring Texas' border with Mexico is no easy task;

it spans 1,248 miles – about the distance from Houston to Washington, D.C. But just because something is difficult does not mean it cannot be done. We have to do whatever it takes to secure our borders because the alternative is simply not an option.

Securing the Texas-Mexico border is also critical to our economy, because illegal immigrants can become a serious expense to local communities in the form of overwhelmed emergency rooms and overburdened schools.

President Bush's recent budget request is a good first step toward dealing with some of the immigration problems facing our state. The president requested \$450 million to provide 1,500 new border patrol agents. While this increase is a step in the right direction, it is not enough.

Terrorists are counting on southern border policy to be weak, and we cannot allow that to happen. The 9-11 Commission recommended adding 2,000 new border patrol agents a year each year from 2006 to 2010 – at a minimum. This increase was also recommended in the National Intelligence Reform Act that became law in

December 2004. Leading the fight for new border patrol agents in the Senate, I introduced a budget amendment providing full funding for them.

Last year, we caught over 160,000 other than Mexicans (OTMs) crossing into our country illegally, and we do not know how many we failed to catch. The Census Bureau estimates that over 10 million people reside in our country illegally – that's more than twice the combined populations of Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and Austin. Immigrants from countries other than Mexico are coming into our country in large numbers, and we need to make sure they go through proper security channels.

Additional funding will help accomplish the Department of Homeland Security's goal of eliminating, by October, the catch and release program in place for OTMs. Of the 160,000 OTMs caught and released, only 30,000 (under 20%) showed for their court hearings. That is unacceptable. I have urged the Department to use temporary facilities to begin detaining non-Mexican illegal entrants immediately instead of releasing them until new facilities are prepared.

I have worked in Congress to increase immigration-related funding, and last fall

Water Conservation Starts with You!

Julie D. Smith

Borden Co. Extension Agent
Family and Consumer
Sciences

Little kids ask for a last drink of water before going to bed. Food is boiled or simmered or stewed. Clothes and dishes are washed several times a day. Sprinkler systems come on automatically.

Water is such a fact of life that it's easy to forget it's also an absolute necessity. That is why conserving water at home is so important.

Imagine what it would be like to turn on the tap and not get at least a drop of water. People in some parts of the country know this does happen. Water shortages are now a local or regional problem. Someday they may be a national problem. We even have many families right here in Borden County that know all too well about hauling water for daily living.

Conserving water does more than preserve a vital natural resource, she said. It also conserves energy and money. Energy is required to pump, move and purify water. Both energy and money are required to heat

water – whether it is the water we heat and use or the water we heat and waste through poor management practices.

Conservation begins with awareness. Studies show water use at home usually runs between 66 gallons and 118 gallons per person per day, with urban households more likely to use larger amounts.

Any way you pour it, that's an enormous amount of water. The best way to conserve it is to stop wasting it. Some suggestions are:

- Inspect the plumbing system to check for leaks. If any are found, fix them immediately.
- Install reduced-flow showerheads.
- If leaving for a vacation or trip, turn off all water. This will prevent anyone from turning on outside faucets while you are gone and will eliminate the worry of burst pipes.
- To check for a leak in the toilet, put a small amount of food coloring in the tank. If the color trickles into the bowl, repairs are needed.

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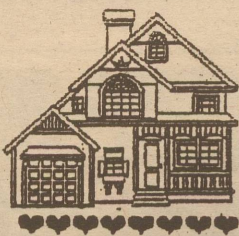
March 6th - 10th

Classes will resume on Monday, March 13th



Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences



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- Replace old toilets with 1.6-gallon flush toilets. Or reduce the amount of water used in older toilets by filling a one-quart plastic (not glass, which can break) bottle with water and putting it in the tank. This will save a quart of water per flush. (Don't use a brick for this purpose since particles from the brick can damage the valve.)
- Don't wash partial loads of clothes in high water levels. If smaller loads must be washed, change the setting of the water level to low or medium.
- Limit shower time to four minutes per shower. Even more water can be saved if some showers are replaced with sponge baths.
- Turn the water off while shaving, brushing teeth and doing other grooming tasks. Turn the water on only when it's needed.
- When peeling and/or cleaning produce, use a pan of water instead of letting the tap run.
- Limit the use of the garbage disposal. Save scraps and run the disposal unit once or save the scraps for a compost pile.
- Use a pressure cooker to save time, water and energy.
- Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator for instant cold drinking water.
- Save leftover vegetable juices to make stews, soups and gravy. Use syrups and juices from canned fruits for making gelatin salads and for drinking.
- Wash only full loads in the dishwasher. Most dishwashers use between 9 and 13 gallons per cycle.
- Scrape dishes if necessary before placing them in the dishwasher. Avoid unnecessary rinsing.
- When washing dishes by

- hand, use a pan of soapy water for washing and a second pan of clear hot water for rinsing.
 - Wipe up small spills when they happen so the entire floor won't have to be mopped.
 - Do household chores together to save water. Clean lightly-soiled surfaces first – such as mirrors, walls and woodwork – and floors last.
 - Water indoor plants only when needed.
 - Wash the car less often. Or better yet, take advantage of a soft summer rain – get out there with a soap and sponge and let the rain do the rinse job.
 - Minimize landscape water needs by planting native plants and those that require less water.
 - Use trickle or drip irrigation in outdoor gardens. These methods use 25 percent to 50 percent less water than a hose or sprinkler.
 - Water the garden thoroughly but not as often. And don't let water run down the driveway or into the street.
 - When choosing new appliances or plumbing fixtures, select models that are designed to help save water.
- For more information this and other housing issues, contact the Extension Office or visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>, and click on the link to housing and environment.

GOT NEWS?

Mail it to:
P.O. Box 137 Gail, TX.
Or call: 806/756-4220
e-mail
vadcock@bcisd.net

4-H News

4-H Clothing Project

We would like to invite you to participate in the 4-H Clothing Project! We will meet on Tuesday, March 14, Thursday, March 16 and Thursday, March 23 from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab at school. We will also have a 4-H Sew Day on Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (youth will need to bring a sack lunch, materials for the project will be provided).

This project is open to junior and senior 4-H members. (Any youth that is enrolled in third grade and

higher are eligible to participate.) Many different lessons will be taught, including basic sewing skills, pattern and fabric selection and preparing a garment for construction, character and etiquette, fashion design and clothing care and mending.

Youth that participate in the clothing project will be eligible to participate in the County 4-H Fashion Show which will be held on Tuesday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Those youth that win first place in their division will have the opportunity to participate in the District 4-H

Fashion Show on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 in Lubbock. This will involve a judged competition, followed by a modeling activity and awards ceremony. Information about the county fashion show will be given at the project meetings.

We hope that you will be able to participate in this project. We would also greatly appreciate any parents that would like to volunteer to assist with the clothing project or any other 4-H project. If you have any questions, would like further information or wish to volunteer, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

School Lunch Menu

March 13th – 17th, MONDAY – Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ Sausage, Ranch style beans, potato salad, bread, apricots and milk.

TUESDAY – Breakfast: Ham & eggs, fruit juice and milk; **Lunch:** Pizza, corn, salad, pudding and milk.

WED. – Breakfast: Waffles, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Quesadillas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY – Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY – Breakfast: Omelet, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Steak sandwich, tater tots, salad cup, brownie and milk.

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2006 Track Schedule JH & HS

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|----|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| JH | March 2 nd | Thursday | O'Donnell |
| HS | March 4 th | Saturday | O'Donnell |
| JH | March 16 th | Thursday | Borden County |
| JS | March 17 th | Friday | Borden County |
| JH | March 21 st | Tuesday | Highland |
| JS | March 24 th | Friday | Highland |
| HS | March 31 st | Friday | Dawson |
| JH | April 1 st | Saturday | Grady (West Zone) |
| HS | March 31 st – April 1 st | Fri. & Sat. | San Angelo Relays |
| HS | April 6 th | Thursday | Borden Co. Dist. Meet |
| HS | April 13 th | Thursday | Roby – Area Meet |
| HS | April 28 th – 29 th | Fri. & Sat. | Abilene – Regional |
| Hs | May 12 th – 13 th | Fri. & Sat. | Austin – State Meet |

2006 Lady Coyotes Softball Schedule

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|---------------------------|-----------|--------|------|
| February 14 th | Post | There | 5:00 |
| February 21 st | Post | There | 5:00 |
| February 27 th | Lorraine | Snyder | 5:00 |
| March 14 th | OPEN | | |
| March 20 th | Forsan JV | There | 5:00 |
| April 4 th | Forsan | There | 5:00 |
| April 7 th | Anson | There | 5:00 |

2006 Coyote Baseball Schedule

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|--|----------------------|---------------|------|
| February 17 th | Lorraine | There | 4:00 |
| February 20 th | OPEN | | |
| February 24 th | Ira | Snyder (WTC) | 4:00 |
| March 3 rd | Anson JV | Anson | 5:00 |
| March 14 th | Midland Greenwood JV | | TBA |
| March 20 th | Anson JV | Anson | 5:00 |
| March 30 th | Forsan | Forsan | 4:30 |
| April 4 th | Forsan | Big Spring ?? | 5:00 |
| April 7 th | Midland Greenwood JV | | TBA |
| April 11 th | Lorraine | Snyder (WTC) | 5:00 |
| April 14 th or 15 th | Forsan | Forsan | 5:00 |

All games are tentative due to conflicts

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 13th day of February, 2006, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court

Constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of January, 2006, were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil conservation Construction of Fireguards was received from Larry Martin in Precinct 1.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motorgrader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes.

PICK-UP BIDS

As advertised, bids were opened at 10:00 a.m. for the purchase of new pick-up for Precinct No. 2 and a new pick-up for Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept the bid from Wilson Motors for both pick-ups. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTER ASSIST AGREEMENT

Agreements between Borden County and Borden County I.S.D. concerning the ESS AutoMark Voter Assist Terminals HAVA Compliant voting equipment is here by placed on record to wit:

Borden County will provide Borden County I.S.D. with eight (8) ESS AutoMark Voter Assist Terminals HAVA Compliant Voting Equipment and one (1) ESS Model 100 Counter, to be used as needed for Borden County I.S.D. elections.

Borden County I.S.D. will pay a one time charge of \$5,000.00 to Borden County for the use of these machines. This amount will be paid in February 2006.

Borden County ISD will pick up voting equipment at the Borden County Courthouse and return equipment to the Borden County Courthouse after each election. Election equipment will not be left in rural voting buildings unattended.

Borden County ISD will be responsible for ballots and programming for elections conducted by Borden County ISD.

Van L. York,
Judge, Borden County
Jimmy Thomas,
Superintendent,
Borden County ISD

HAVE BUDGET

Commissioner Belew made a motion to create a Special Budget, as required by action 111.0108, Local Government Code, for funds received from the HAVA Grant or Voting Systems Accessible Equipment. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

Commissioner Adcock made a motion for Borden County Water System rates to increase 75% as price of raw water increases and due to arsenic removal system being installed. The 75% increase will be reflected in the April water and billed in May. The Base rate for first 3,000 gallons of water is \$33.25. Senior citizens and churches base rate will be \$17.50. The rate for each additional 1,000 gallons of water is \$5.50. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No items were presented.

ADJOURN

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

Global Security

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we passed over \$31 billion for the Department of Homeland Security, providing \$9 billion for Customs and Border Protection, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, and related activities, 250 criminal investigators (for a total of 6,000), and 20,000 detention beds. During the previous Congress, I cosponsored legislation in the Senate reimbursing Texas hospitals approximately \$47 million a year for the cost of treating illegal immigrants.

Yet immigration reform requires more than just funding. Last year a community in New Hampshire attempted to prosecute illegal immigrants, but it was thwarted when a judge ruled the federal government has exclusive jurisdiction on civil immigration issues. Other communities around the country have faced similar legal obstacles in their attempts to stem the flow of illegal immigrants.

In response, I proposed the Illegal Immigration Enforcement and Empowerment Act. This bill would allow state and local law enforcement to become more

involved in the process of catching illegal immigrants. State and local governments should be permitted to pass their own laws so they can prosecute all immigration violations, both civil and criminal.

The Illegal Immigration Enforcement and Empowerment Act would allow states to enforce federal immigration law and to create state immigration enforcement provisions in accordance with federal law. It would also authorize the Department of Homeland Security to create a Volunteer Border Marshall Program that would use trained, volunteer, state-licensed peace officers on temporary missions on the border to assist the Border Patrol.

This program would provide temporary help to identify and control illegal immigration. It would also supply extra support to stop human and drug trafficking. This is a sensible option for communities that are looking for broader capability.

Security at our borders is an investment in national security, and we must attack the problem at every level.

NOTICE

Borden County Commissioners' Court regret having to increase water rates, but increased cost of water from the property owner in Dawson County, operating costs, and State - Federal mandated expensive (arsenic removal) equipment.

Therefore, the Borden County Commissioners' Court on February 13th, 2006, set the schedule of rates for water users on the Borden County Water system as follow:

To be effective beginning April 1st, 2006

Senior Citizen

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Churches - \$17.50 minimum for the first 3000 gallons, Thereafter \$5.50 per each 1000 gallons

All other - \$33.25 minimum for the first 3000 gallons, Thereafter \$5.50 per each 1000 gallons

FOR THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
Van L. York, County Judge
Borden County

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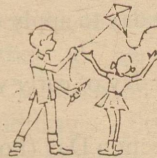
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DRIVE CAREFULLY - - -

Watch Out for the Children!

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Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



Anvil Music in the Woods

John Frederick has a blacksmith shop just outside his house between New Summerfield and Jacksonville.

"We're forty and plumb," says John, who wears a bowler hat and old western shirt and vest. "We're forth miles from nowhere, plumb in the middle of nothing and that's really good."

John and his wife Polly live on land that's been in Polly's family for generations. There used to be a community nearby called Lone Star.

"It was a town called Skintight and in the 1860's or 70's they applied for a federal post office. The post office department said they couldn't use Skintight, so they named it Lone Star."

John has made a living as a blacksmith for more than forty years, creating everything from ornate staircase railings to jewelry.

"The secret to this is don't tell anybody what you're making before you get done, because if you tell them it's a widget and it comes out a wadjet then you've got a problem."

John is now teaching others how to do blacksmith work. In his classes, he tells students if they don't see color in the steel, quit hitting on it. "It's too cold. It goes red, orange, yellow and white. It kinda gives you a range so you'll know how hot it is. Cherry red is 1450 degrees and white heat is 25 or 26 hundred."

Students pay \$350 for a two-day class on either Mondays and Tuesdays or Thursdays and Fridays. He shuts down his school after April because he says it's just

too hot to work in a blacksmith shop during warm months. "May thru August you don't want to be in a blacksmith shop." He starts his classes in September.

His students come from as far away as California and from all walks of life.

"We've had college professors, doctors, lawyers, police officers and a dentist. They

build a fireplace poke, a heart trivet, a single tine barbeque fork with a twisted handle, a double tine fork, a railroad spike knife and a pair of blacksmith tongs. You're gonna work these two days. You're not going to lollygag around. The class is limited to four people. You take the projects home with you. Everybody gets a 32-ounce cross peen hammer that I set up for you in the shop. You take that home with you, too. It's a pretty good deal. If you don't like blacksmithing, that's OK because you're gonna get two good home-cooked meals by my wife Polly."

John and Polly recently moved to the country from Hico, where they had a store and blacksmith shop. You can contact Fredrick's Blacksmith School at 903/721-7962. The mailing address is RR5 Box 2088, Jacksonville, TX 75766

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-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Report From Farm Bill Field Hearings

Over the weekend, I had the opportunity to attend two Farm Bill field hearings held by the House Agriculture Committee. My first stop was in Stockton, California and I then headed to Nebraska City, Nebraska for the second hearing.

One of the benefits of holding these field hearings is that I get to see first-hand the true diversity of American agriculture. On Friday in California, we were talking primarily with the fruit and vegetable growers. Then on Saturday in Nebraska, the grain and sorghum producers

took center stage. As you would expect, the needs of California and Nebraska agriculture differ from the needs of Texas agriculture. I am currently working with the Committee to set up a hearing in Texas so that 19th District producers will have the same opportunity as their counterparts across the country.

Despite the wide diversity of American agriculture, however, there is a common thread that runs through the entire industry. Whether it is orange growers in California or cotton farmers in West Texas, American producers want a level and fair playing field when it comes to trade. Reaching and properly enforcing sound trade agreements that level the playing field for our producers has been a priority for me and will remain so in the future.

Academy Forums Slated for March 25

I will be hosting two forums on March 25 to pro-

vide information for students interested in learning more about the four U.S. military academies. I encourage all who can take advantage of this opportunity to do so. Military Academies can provide excellent educations and open the door to promising career opportunities.

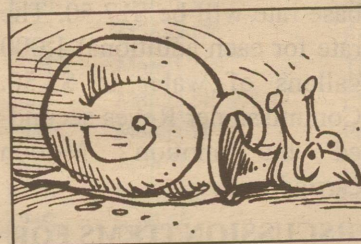
All students, including those currently in middle school, can attend these forums to obtain information on the application process and the educational opportunities at our nation's military academies. Parents, counselors, and teachers are also invited.

The day's first forum will take place in Abilene at Cisco Junior College (Room 152) located at 717 E. Industrial Blvd. Registration for this forum will begin at 8:30 a.m. The Lubbock forum will be held in the Science Education Center at the Science Spectrum located at 2579 South Loop 289. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m.

--Randy

Tart words make no friends; a spoonful of honey will catch more flies than a gallon of vinegar.

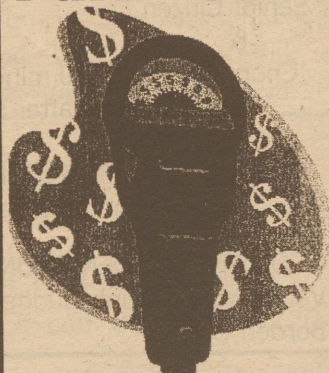
—Benjamin Franklin



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BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D. SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION INFORMATION

The trustee election for the Borden County Independent School District will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2006. Two positions will be filled in this election for three-year terms. Interested candidates may obtain an application for a place on the ballot in the central office of the Borden County ISD. Other important school board election information is as follows:

- ^ 3/13/06 – Last day to file for place on ballot
- ^ 3/14/06 – First day to apply for ballot by mail
- ^ 3/20/06 – 5:00 p.m. deadline for filing a write-in declaration
- ^ 4/13/06 – Last day to register to vote for trustee election
- ^ 5/1/06 – First day of early voting by personal appearance
- ^ 5/5/06 – Last day to apply for ballot by mail
- ^ 5/9/06 – Last day of early voting by personal appearance
- ^ 5/13/06 – Election Day (Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT ELECTION LAWS REQUIRE VOTERS TO HAVE A CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE OR AVOTER REGISTRATION CARD TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. CURRENT LAW ALLOWS NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT.