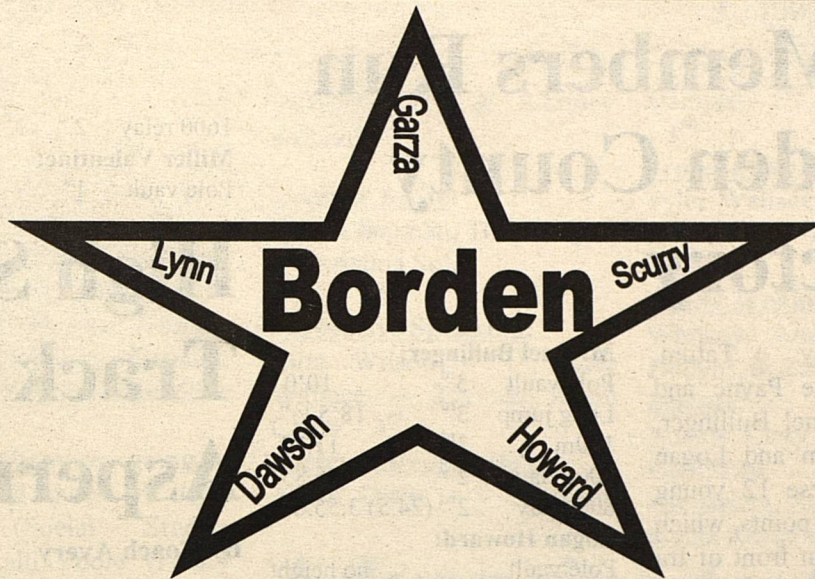


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Five in a Row

B.H.S. U.I.L. Academic Team Win District Meet . . . Again

A new district made them worry. Top foes with past successes made them cringe. A disappointing loss on the junior high level in the fall made them down-right sweat.

But, when the going got tough, the Borden County High School U.I.L. Academic Teams went to work. The result: an outstanding, come-from-behind victory at this year's District 9-A U.I.L. Academic Meet.

The victory marks the fifth consecutive year that Borden County has claimed the district academic championship crown.

Overall, Borden County came out on top with 515 points, outdistancing runner-up Garden City who finished with 356 points. Grady was third with 123 points, while Highland was fourth with 122 points.

In the process, nineteen B.H.S. students have advanced to the Region II-A Academic Meet to be held on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene on the weekend of April 22-23, 2005.

To advance to the regional meet, a student had to place in the top three individually or qualify as a member of a first place team in each event.

Points are accumulated throughout the meet by individually placing in the top six in each contest. The following system is used for each event: 1st - 15; 2nd - 12; 3rd - 10; 4th - 8; 5th - 6; & 6th - 4.

Winning teams in each event are also awarded ten additional points. Second place teams gain an extra five points.

After a slower first day of contests, Borden County found itself in over a one hundred point hole. After journalism and one-act play points were added on Thursday morning, however, the deficit had been erased. It was up to the speech and debate team to finish off the victory, which they quickly set out to do.

Overall, Borden County claimed team championships in current issues & events, journalism, speech & debate, spelling & vocabulary, and social studies.

They finished second as a team in literary criticism and mathematics.

The overall district championship effort was paced by senior John Wilson who advances to regionals in five events. He finished first in Extemporaneous

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Advancing to Area

B.H.S. One-Act Play Continues Success

The Borden County High School One-Act Play production of Don Nigro's *Paganini* has advanced to the Region II-A, Area I Contest. The contest is set for this Saturday, April 9th, 2005, at Jayton High School.

The Area Contest schedule includes three other

schools. Aspermont High School's production of *The Foreigner* kicks of the contest at 2:00 p.m.

Benjamin High School's *Blithe Spirit* begins immediately thereafter.

Borden County's show is third and will be followed by fellow District 9-A

competitor Highland High School with its production of *The Miser*.

The top two shows will advance to the Region II-A One-Act Play Contest set for April 23, 2005, at the Behrens Auditorium on the campus of Hardin-Simmons

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Kalli Poole receives honors during Awards Ceremony



Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo: Kalli Poole, Borden County 4-H member, is shown with her Reserve Champion Brahman steer at the 2005 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. At an awards dinner during the show, Kalli received a belt buckle for placing 1st in Region II Senior Division with her overall steer points. She also received a jacket for her individual points in the Santa Gertrudis division by placing 10th in the state. Shown with Kalli are Slate May, Ryan Mims, Carter Airhart, Dennis, Sheri, Tanner and Kaci Poole.

Coyote Track Members Run Away with Borden County Invitational Victory

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Track team enjoyed a very productive day on Good Friday, as they easily outdistanced the field for a 28 point victory in the Borden County Invitational. The Coyotes only won 3 events, but with a few silvers here and a bronze there, mixed with a few 4th, 5th and 6th place finishes, the Coyotes came away with the Victory in The Borden Invitational.

Juniors, J'Ryan Gicklhorn and Garrett Thomas provided the gold medals performances, as J'Ryan won his first ever gold medal in the discus with a personal best throw of 121'7", while Garrett continued his dominance in the hurdles races as he cruised to two easy victories in the 110 high hurdles in 15.41 and the 300 Intermediate hurdles at 40.89.

Aaron Pigford, Adam Carter and Michael Bullinger also turned in several fine performances to help the Coyotes to the land slide victory.

Aaron ran two super legs on 2nd place finishing relays, the 400 relay and the 800 relay. Aaron also high jumped a career best 6'1" for 3rd, and ran a solid 24.1 in the 200 for the silver.

Adam ran on the 400 relay along with a personal best 17.00 in the 110 to finish 3rd.

Michael Bullinger also had a busy day, as he finished 3rd in three events, the long jump (18'5 1/2") and pole vault (10'0") both personal bests and the 100 meter dash at 11.75. Michael also contributed to the two 2nd place 400 and 800 relays.

The Coyotes received their points from all twelve of its varsity track runners. Seniors Adam Carter and Derek Rodriguez, juniors Garrett Thomas, Aaron Pigford, J'Ryan Gicklhorn, Austin Tarleton, Andrew Lamming

and Bradley Tatum, sophomore Jake Payne and freshman Michael Bullinger, Chase Pinkerton and Logan Howard. These 12 young men tallied 155 points, which was 28 points in front of Ira with 127 and then O'Donnell with 120. The Coyote Junior Varsity also competed very well, with Trey Soto, Miller Valentine, Quentin Shafer, Pasqual Espinoza and Dore Rodriguez scoring 117 points to finish third in their division. Below are the results of all the Coyote runners.

Varsity

Adam Carter:

110 HH	3 rd	17.00
400 relay	2 nd	45.83
1600 relay	2 nd (57.1)	3:55.61
Discus	7 th	113'

Derek Rodriguez:

800 relay	2 nd (26.1)	1:38.38
1600 relay	2 nd (60.1)	3:55.61

J'Ryan Gicklhorn:

Shot	3 rd	42'4"
Discus	1 st	121'7"

Andrew Lamming:

Pole vault	6 th	7'6"
Triple jump		31'8"
3200 run	3 rd	12:21.56
1600 run	5 th	5:45.41

Aaron Pigford:

High jump	3 rd	61"
400 relay	2 nd	45.83
200 meters	2 nd	24.10
800 relay	2 nd (24.2)	1:38.38

Austin Tarleton:

Long jump		17'2"
High jump	6 th	5'6"
Triple jump	6 th	36'7 1/4"
800 m. run	4 th	2:22.00
1600 m. run	4 th	5:31.09

Bradley Tatum:

300 IH	5 th	44.63
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Garrett Thomas:

110 HH	1 st	15.41
400 relay	2 nd	45.83
300 IH	1 st	40.89
1600 relay	2 nd (59.10)	3:55.61

Jake Payne:

Triple jump		34'9"
110HH	5 th	17.37
300 IH	4 th	44.26
800 relay	2 nd (24.5)	1:38.38
1600 relay	2 nd (58.3)	3:55.61

Chase Pinkerton:

Shot	5 th	40'4"
Discus	5 th	115'11"
400		61.1

Michael Bullinger:

Pole vault	3 rd	10'0"
Long jump	3 rd	18'5 1/2"
100m	3 rd	11.75
400 relay	2 nd	45.83
800 relay	2 nd (24.5)	3:55.61

Logan Howard:

Pole vault		no height
3200 m	5 th	13:08.81
1600	7 th	5:59

Junior Varsity:

Trey Soto:

Shot put	2 nd	34'9"
Discus	3 rd	87'9"
100	3 rd	12.81
200	2 nd	26.29
1600 relay	2 nd	4:26.56

Pasqual Espinoza:

400m	4 th	65.86
200m	6 th	29.04
1600 relay	2 nd	4:26.56

Dore Rodriguez:

Shot	4 th	28'10"
Discus	2 nd	95'

Quentin Shafer:

800m	2 nd	2:32.93
400 m	2 nd	62.96

Coyote Pups Get Several Top Performances in 4th Place Finish in Borden County Relays

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups got several top performances Thursday in route to a 4th place finish in the Borden Relays. The combination of Jake and Michael Cooley helped pave the way for the Pups as they teamed up for 70 of the Pups 85 points this week. But the Pups also got some very solid performances from Tyrell Massingill as he placed in the 2400 (4th) and the 1600 (5th).

The Pups also received a personal best and a 5th place finish by Karl lamming in the triple jump and a 6th place finish by Karl in the 800.

1600 relay	2 nd	4:26.56	800 m	1 st	2:27.85
Miller Valentine:			400 m	1 st	62.08
Pole vault	1 st	8'0"	1600 relay	2 nd	4:26.56

High School Girls Track Results at Aspermont

By Coach Avery

Cassidy Rinehart had a good day at the Aspermont Track meet last Friday as she scored 22 points in the meet. Cassidy began the day testing her ankles in the triple jump. This is the first time she has attempted this event this year because of weak ankles. She took only two attempts and both of them went 32 feet. The first one was 32'1 1/2" and was good for first place. She then tried her luck in the long jump where she did not get quite as good of a jump on her first try that went 13'7". But we decided not to push our luck with district

just around the corner and decided that would be her only attempt. Later Cassidy ran the 100 m. dash in 13.96 and placed fourth and she ran the 200 m. dash in 28.62 and was fifth. I think this was a good day for Cassidy.

Christina Soto threw the discus 95'6 1/2" and place fifth in the meet. This was personal record for Christina throwing 5 feet farther than last weeks personal best of 90 feet. She threw the shot but did not mark.

Kate Wallace threw the disc 59 feet and she threw the shot but did not mark.

Sarah Harding ran the 800 meters in 3:12.44.

Eric Espinoza turned in personal record in the 400 to finish 4th and also teamed up with Karl, Tyrell and Flynn Chapman to finish 6th in the 400 relay. But, the bulk of the day came from the Cooley brothers as Michael had pr's in all 5 events that he participated in, the pole vault, high hump, long jump 110 IH and 300 LH. While Jake also pr'ed in the discus, high jump, 100 and again broke the minute barrier in the 400, and finished 5th in the 200. The rest of the Coyote Pups that contributed to the successful day were 8th graders, Carlos Hernandez, Clay Harding, Cory Teel, and 7th grader Brendan Tarleton.

Below are the results of this meet. The Pups will finish their season Saturday at Grady.

Jake Cooley

Discus	4 th	87'4"
High jump	2 nd	5'4"
100	3 rd	13.03
400	1 st	59.55
200	5 th	27.19

Michael Cooley

Pole vault	2 nd	7'6"
High jump	1 st	5'4"
Long jump	3 rd	15'3-1/4"
110IH	2 nd	21.66
300 LH	2 nd	54.56

Tyrell Massingill

2400	4 th	10:04.25
1600	5 th	6:11.00
400 relay	6 th	59.18

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Persuasive Speaking, Current Issues & Events, and Editorial Writing (all events in which he qualified for state last year). He also finished second in Mathematics and Computer Applications.

Sophomore Becky Dobyns and freshman Rachel Wilson added to the totals by advancing to regionals in three events each. Dobyns won Spelling & Vocabulary and Editorial Writing while finishing third in Editorial Writing. The younger Wilson, on the other hand, placed second in both Spelling & Vocabulary and Editorial Writing and finished third in Current Issues & Events.

Junior Andrew Lamming added twenty-seven points to the score with a first-place finish in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking and a second-place finish in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Also advancing to regionals in multiple events are senior Adam Carter, sophomores Rowdy Clary Jake Payne, and Taylor Peterson, and freshman Kate Wallace.

Carter placed first in Poetry Interpretation and third in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking. Clary was first in Social Studies, second in Current Issues & Events, and sixth in Science.

Payne won the individual Literary Criticism Contest and qualified as a member of the Social Studies Team. Peterson finished second in Social Studies and was a part of the Current Issues & Events Team.

Wallace finished second in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking and third in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Ten other Borden County students advanced to the regional meet in a single event.

Advancing seniors are Emily Mayes (Spelling & Vocabulary Team), Billy Roper (Extemporaneous Informative Speaking), and

Tyler Wallace (Prose Interpretation).

Juniors advancing are Austin Tarleton (Spelling & Vocabulary Team), Whitney Anderson (Feature Writing), and Trey Soto (Headline Writing).

Sophomores going to the regional meet are John Cowart (Social Studies Team), Kalli Poole (Poetry Interpretation), Christina Soto (News Writing), and Lindsey Stamper (Poetry Interpretation).

Below are all of the Borden County students who competed in the district contest, along with their placings in each event:

Accounting:

Garrett Chapman, LaShae Johnson, & Cassidy Rinehart.

Calculator Applications:

Clint Chapman, Lacey Newton, Billy Roper, & Christina Soto.

Computer Applications:

John Wilson - 2nd, Trey Soto - 5th, & Austin Tarleton.

Current Issues & Events:

First Place Team -- John Wilson - 1st, Rowdy Clary - 2nd, Rachel Wilson - 3rd, & Taylor Peterson.

Editorial Writing:

John Wilson - 1st, Rachel Wilson - 2nd, & Becky Dobyns - 3rd.

Feature Writing:

Whitney Anderson - 2nd, Sharelle Gass, & Kalli Poole.

Headline Writing:

Becky Dobyns - 1st, Trey Soto - 2nd, & Whitney Anderson.

Informative Speaking:

Andrew Lamming - 1st, Billy Roper - 2nd, & Tyler Wallace - 4th.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

Andrew Lamming - 2nd, Kate Wallace - 3rd, & Shelby Roberts.

Literary Criticism:

Second Place Team - Jake Payne - 1st, Clint Chapman, John Cowart, & Trey Soto.

Mathematics:

Second Place Team - John Wilson - tied for 2nd, Billy Roper, Christina Soto, & Rachel Wilson.

News Writing:

Christina Soto - 2nd, Lindsey

Stamper - 4th, & Whitney Anderson.

Number Sense:

Clint Chapman, Billy Roper, & Christina Soto.

Persuasive Speaking:

John Wilson - 1st, Kate Wallace - 2nd, & Adam Carter - 3rd.

Poetry Interpretation:

Adam Carter - 1st, Lindsey

Stamper - 2nd, & Kalli Poole - 3rd.

Prose Interpretation:

Tyler Wallace - 1st, Cassidy Rinehart - 4th, & Garrett Thomas.

Ready Writing:

Whitney Anderson, Becky Dobyns, & Zack McConnell.

Science:

Rowdy Clary - 6th, J. Ryan Gicklhorn, Reynaldo Hernandez, Aaron Pigford, & Kylan Reynolds.

Social Studies:

First Place Team - Rowdy Clary 1st, Taylor Peterson - 2nd, John Cowart, & Jake Payne.

Spelling & Vocabulary:

First Place Team - Becky Dobyns - 1st, Rachel Wilson - 2nd, Emily Mayes, & Austin Tarleton.

Congratulations to all regional qualifiers and district participants. Great job to all!

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University in Abilene.

The Borden County High School cast and crew of *Paganini* was selected as one of the top two productions at last week's District 9-A Contest held at Grady High School.

At that contest, several individuals were recognized for their outstanding performances. Sophomore Lindsey Stamper, serving in the role of "Apple Wife/Mama" was selected as the contest's Best Actress.

Named to the All-Star Cast were seniors John Wilson ("Paganini") and Cassidy Rinehart ("Angelina").

Senior Tyler Wallace ("Violin Merchant/Soldier/Angel") and sophomore Kalli Poole ("Bear/Antonia") were both named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

Rounding out the cast are senior Adam Carter ("DeFlores/Dr. Moribundi"), and juniors Andrew Lamming ("Man in the Iron Mask/Ugo/Dr. Polemus") and Garrett Thomas ("Clockmaker/Rappaccini").

Sophomores in the cast are Clint Chapman ("Clockworks Violinist/Pantaleone/Dr. Pestilenza"), Rowdy Clary ("Gorilla/Murderer/Bosco/Dr. Hungersnot"), Becky Dobyns

("Clockworks Girl/Marina"), and Christina Soto ("Viola/Mrs. Testa").

Freshmen in the cast are Kate Wallace ("Birdy/Serving Girl") and Rachel Wilson ("Jack-in-the-Box/Isabella").

Crew members include seniors Emily Mayes (Stage Manager) and Thelma Balague (Props & Costumes). Junior Trey Soto serves as Light Technician, and sophomore Sarah Harding is the Sound Technician.

The production is directed by Darrin Ard, Borden J.H. & H.S. theatre director.

Gail FFA to Host Clothing/Shoe Drive

The Gail FFA Chapter is currently collecting clothes and footwear for the needy. The Gail Chapter is partnering with 10 other Chapters in the Lone Wolf District in the effort to supply a charitable organization with Jr. High and High school age clothing and footwear.

Anyone wishing to donate items of this nature is encouraged to bring them to the Borden County Ag. Department at the Borden Campus.

The following collection criteria will need to be followed to insure an organized effort:

1. All clothing items need to be clean, folded and placed in a

garbage bag or box prior to delivery.

2. Footwear should be separate from clothing.

School Menu

Week Of: April 11th - 15th, 2005

MONDAY: Pigs in a Blanket, Pinto Beans, Pineapple Orange Salad, Chips, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Pancake Pups, Fruit Juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: Meat & Bean Chalupas, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Rosie Applesauce, Spanish Rice, Flour Tortilla & Milk. **Breakfast:** Eggs & Ham, Biscuit, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken Friend Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Strawberry Shortcake & Milk. **Breakfast:** Cinnamon toast, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Chicken & Rice Wrap, Refried Beans, Mexican corn, Fruit Cup, Picante Sauce, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Sausage Biscuit/Gravy, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY: Submarine Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickles, French Fries, Baby Carrots, Brownies, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice & Milk.

3. Items should be for Jr. High and High school ages.

4. Items donated should be delivered by Friday, April 8th at 4:30

The Gail FFA Chapter and the Lone Wolf District wish to thank all who will be supporting this worthwhile cause. Please "Give the shirt off your back" for the needy.

Junior High Girls Zone Track Results

By Coach Avery

The Junior High West Zone track meet was held in Grady last Saturday and the Junior High Girls placed fourth in among a very tough crowd scoring 86 points.

The 400 m. relay placed third with a time of 58.72. Running on this relay was Dnae Johnson, Olivia Key, Krystal Hobson and Rachael Payne.

The 800 m. relay placed fourth with a time of 2:08.08. Running on this relay was Dnae Johnson, Marla Crenshaw, Shylo Rinehart and Olivia Key.

The 1600 m. relay placed fourth with a time of 5:09.53. Running on this relay was Lacey Roberts, Chellsie Pigford, Marla Crenshaw and Krystal Hobson.

Baylee Benevides was fifth in the 2400 m. run with a time of 12:18.50. She ran the 1600 meters in 7:51.38.

Marla Crenshaw was second in the 800 m. run with a time of 2:52.43. She also threw the shot but did not get a mark.

Lacey Roberts finished fourth in the 800 m. run with a time of 2:56.27. She also ran the 400 m. dash in 79.69.

Chellsie Pigford ran the 800 m. dash in 3:02.43 and finished seventh. She also ran the 400 m. dash in 78.60.

Rachael Payne won the 100 m. dash with a time of 14.11. She was third in the 200 m. dash with a time of 30.65. Rachael was second in the long jump with a 14'1/4" leap, and she was second in the triple jump with a distance of 27'8 1/4".

D'Nae Johnson was fifth in the 100 m. dash with a time of 14.81. She was fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 24'7 3/4".

Krystal Hobson was sixth in the 200 m. dash with a time of 31.81. She also threw the disc 55'6 1/4", and she put the shot 20'.

Shylo Rinehart ran the 200 m. dash in 33.70 and she threw the disc but did not get a mark.

Raylea Underwood threw the discus 56'1 1/2" and she put the shot almost 20 feet.

Olivia Key ran the 1600 meters in 6:57.66 and finished third, she had a leap of 11 feet in the long jump and she went 23'11" in the triple jump.

These girls did a great job this track season. We had good participation all season and these girls worked really hard. Most of these girls are seventh graders so we expect a big year in Junior High again next year.

Coyote Pups Borden Relays

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Clay Harding		Karl Lamming	
Shot	No Mark	Long jump	13'9"
Discus	No Mark	400 relay 6 th	59.18
100	18.00	800 6 th	3:04.75
Cory Teel		400	81.3
Shot	No Mark	Eric Espinoza	
Discus	No Mark	400 relay 6 th	59.18
Carlos Hernandez		400 4 th	69.06
Shot	No Mark	200	33.11
Discus	No Mark	Brendan Tarleton	
Flynn Chapman		High jump	4'4"
Shot	No Mark	Triple jump	25'4"
400 relay 6 th	59.18	2400	10:39.00
100	14.44	300LH	67.2
200	31.00	1600	6:51.1

BC Golf Team Finishes 3rd in Forsan Tournament

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Golf team contributed its successful string of golf Tuesday, as they traveled to Big Spring to compete in the Forsan Invitational Golf Tournament. The Coyotes shot what is believed to be a school record of 334 to finish one stroke out of 2nd place behind Sterling City, and seven strokes behind tourney champ and consistent golf power Robert Lee. Below are the results for the Coyote golfers.

Senior: Ben Griffin

39 - 40 = 80
2nd place tie, lost play off.

Junior: Austin Tarleton

43 - 39 = 82

Sophomore: Jacob Froman

46 - 38 = 84

Junior: J'Ryan Gicklhorn

40 - 48 = 88

Junior: Aaron Pigford

57 - 78 = 115

334 - 3rd place finish

Borden County girls Golf Team and a few individual boys travel to Seminole for the Loop Invitational

The Lady Coyote golf team narrowly missed a medal Wednesday, as they finished 4th place in a large field of women golfers. Also, Junior Trey Soto and Caden Nowlain, along with freshman Quentin Shafer competed in the tourney. The Lady Coyote golf team of Senior Emily Mayes 124, Senior Cassidy Rinehart 122, Sophomore Christina Soto 113,

Sophomore Sarah Harding 127, Kate Wallace 126 and Sophomore Lindsey Stamper 148 finished the tournament with a team total of 485, just 7 strokes behind 3rd place Grady and 10 strokes behind 2nd place Loop. The Lady Coyotes will next be in action April 4th at big Spring Comanche Trail golf course for their district competition.

Boys golfers Trey Soto (113), Caden Nowlain (124) and Quentin Shafer (111) will also be in action on that day.

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Extra FFA Meat and Cookie Dough Items Available

The Gail FFA Chapter has several meat and cookie dough items left over from their fall sales.

Anyone wishing to purchase items can by contacting Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 ext 7, or 756-4478 (home).

The Gail FFA Chapter again thanks all who have supported their fund raisers this year.

Items Available:

Cookie Dough - All \$12.00

Peanut Butter
Oatmeal Raisin

Snickerdoodle
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Peach Cobbler
Blackberry Cobbler

Meat:

Smoked Bacon	\$12.00
Peppered Bacon	\$12.00
Sausage Patties	\$11.00
Chicken Fajitas	\$12.00
Beef Fajitas	\$12.00
Smoked Peppered	
Turkey Breast	\$15.00
Pork Tamales	\$14.00
Chicken Tenders	\$17.00
Smoked Turkey	\$19.00
Sportsman Pack	\$19.00

FFA Greenhouse Plants for SALE

The Gail FFA Chapter now has plants available for spring planting. These plants are available in the green house, which is located north of the Ag., Building on the Borden County Campus. Anyone

wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806.756-4313 (school) or 756-4478 (home). All plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA Chapter welcomes

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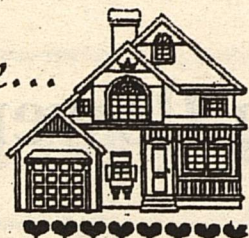
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Borden County Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences



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2005 Walk Across Texas Teams

This year we have six different teams and there are 48 participants. We are very excited about having so many new teams and participants! Each member received a free pedometer funded by a Texas Cancer Council Grant. We look forward to many miles logged! The first mileage report will be in next week's Borden Star.

Foot Patrols

Captain - Jill Freeman
Connie Stipe
Tammy Simmons
Ray Simmons
Benny Allison
Billy Gannaway
Philip Bird
Amanda Bird
Jane Jones

County Cruisers

Captain - Julie Smith
Sharlot Stone
Jacquie Whalen
Sarah Sharp
Jana Underwood
Gerry Smith

Lady Lap Loggers

Captain - Cindy Herridge
Terri Buchanan
Tracy Cooley
Kerri Dean
Sherry Gass
Shawna Gass
Darby Key
Amy Rinehart
Charla Soto
Lanita Avery

Tough Treaders

Captain - Beth Stamper
Lisa Gray
Vivian McMeans

Paula Miller
Pat Murphy
Sheri Poole
Hayley Richey
Sheryl Tarleton
Kim Thomas

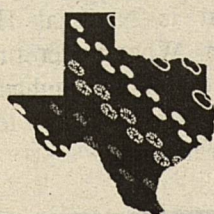
Basketball Trotters

Captain - Bethany Stamper
Stefanie Cooley
Taylor Richey
Mattie Turner
Krista Tarleton

Mesquite Roadrunners

Captain - Judy Kingston
Kay Doyle
Frances Burkett
Carolyn Stephens
Stephanie Stephens
Kimberly Doyle
Debbie Pepper
Kayla Pepper
Kara Pepper
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Walk Across Texas!



A Fun and Fitness Program

To find out how you can
Walk Across Texas!,
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Camps, Camps, Camps!

Information about summer camping opportunities is coming in weekly at the Extension Office. *If you are interested in any camp, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible, as many spaces are limited!* If you

would like to learn more about some of the camps, visit our web site at

<http://borden-tx.tamu.edu> and look under the Links tab or contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.



Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

Private Pesticide Applicator License Testing & Worker Protection Standard

There will be two meetings/trainings held on Tuesday, April 12th at the Center for Housing and Community Development (1400 Ave. K) in Tahoka.

A **Worker Protection Standard (WPS)** training will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a Spanish version; the English training will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. The Worker Protection Standard went into effect in 1995 and all persons must comply with WPS if they employ any person to produce a plant or plant product for sale and use any type of pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, etc.).

Employers must comply with WPS by providing training to employees, post information at a central location, provide decontamination sites, provide emergency assistance, notify employees of re-entry intervals, provide protective equipment along with other

requirements. Texas Department of Agriculture staff will conduct the WPS training.

Private Pesticide Applicator License testing will also be held this day. Training for the license will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by a noon lunch break. Testing will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Texas Cooperative Extension staff will conduct this training. Texas Department of Agriculture staff will administer the tests.

Any person who purchases and utilizes pesticides (including herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and rodenticides, etc.) must have a valid license.

All persons attending either training must register by Monday, April 11 by calling the Extension office at (806) 756-4336. Please do not hesitate to call the office if you have any questions.

Star of Texas Fair

Three 4-H'ers and their families recently traveled to Austin to exhibit their lamb projects in the Star of Texas Fair. LaShae Johnson placed 2nd with her heavy weight

medium wool lamb. Miles and Miller Valentine also exhibited their lamb projects.

Congratulations to these exhibitors!

Shooting Sports News High School 4-H Club Meeting Junior 4-H Club Meeting

On Monday, April 11 at 5:00 p.m., there will be an organizational meeting for all youth (3rd Grade through Seniors) that are interested in the Shooting Sports program.

The meeting will be held at the Borden County Extension Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at (806) 756-4336.

4-H News

High School 4-H to Meet

The next meeting of the High School 4-H Club will be held on Wednesday, April 13 from 12:36 to 1:05 p.m. in the Conference Room. Any high school student interested is welcome to attend and be a member of 4-H! Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring a new or slightly worn pair of socks to be donated to an area shelter. Bring your lunch to the conference room next Wednesday. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

Junior 4-H Club to Meet

The Borden County Junior 4-H Club will meet on Monday, April 11 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. The program will be on "Outdoor Safety." Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring a new or slightly worn pair of socks to be donated to an area shelter. Any youth ages 9 (or currently enrolled in 3rd grade) through 8th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office.

GOT NEWS?

Mail it to:
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OBITUARY

Roy E. 'Rube' Smith

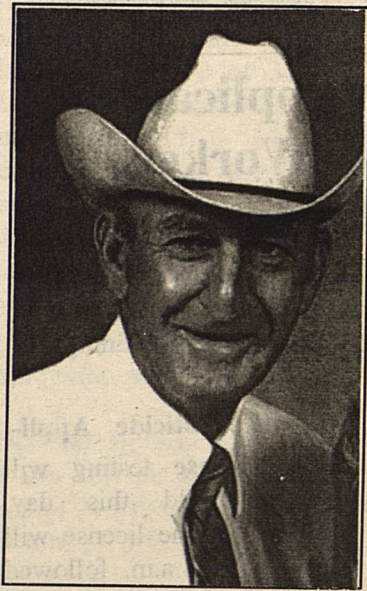
Services for Roy E. "Rube" Smith, 73 of Borden County, were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 2nd at the Borden County High School Auditorium in Gail, Texas with the Rev. Randy Hardman and Rev. Pat Ray officiating.

Burial was in the Gail Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

Rube died Wednesday, March 30th, 2005 at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock.

He was born April 15, 1932 in Borden County. He married Sue Stephens on July 7, 1956, in the First Baptist Church in Gail.

Rube served four years in the US Air Force during the Korean War as a jet aircraft mechanic. During his working career he was happiest working with horses and cattle, less so in farming. When ill health limited outside work he enjoyed building horse gear and rawhide and leather jewelry. The highest compliment he felt he ever received was when someone said "If you had a Rube Smith halter you knew it was going to fit."



**Rube Smith
1932-2005**

Survivors include his wife, Sue Smith of Borden County; one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Milenda "Motts" Smith of Las Vegas, Nevada; and a sister Sadie Smith Ludecke of Borden County.

Rube was preceded in death by his parents Ned and Lucille Smith, one sister, Ruth Branch; and two brothers, Jim and Rex Smith.

Memorials are suggested to the Borden County EMS.

The Healing Power of Laughter

By Patti Patterson, M.D.
Texas Tech University
Health Sciences Center

"He who laughs, last."
--Mary Pettibone Poole

It has been an ongoing question in the medical community for years: What effect does humor have on healing? Some researchers focus on the strictly scientific aspects of the debate, noting that there is no direct evidence indicating that humor heals illness. Yet other medical experts have demonstrated how laughter can bring specific health benefits. For instance:

- Laughter boosts the immune system, increasing natural disease-fighting cells.
- Laughter lowers blood pressure
- Laughter increases tolerance to pain, as reported in the 1989 Journal of the American Medical Association
- Laughter increases heart rate and pulse rate.

And probably most importantly, laughter helps to reduce stress. A wealth of research has shown that distressing emotions, such as

depression, anger and anxiety, are all related to heart disease. Humor directly changes distressing emotions; therefore, humor may help reduce the risk of heart disease.

"If you can laugh at it, you can survive it."
--Bill Cosby

Illness can be very stressful to patients and their caregivers. Hospitalization, separation from family, invasive procedures, complex technology or an unfamiliar environment can all create feelings of anxiety, loneliness, anger or fear. These emotions are known to produce physiological changes that are harmful to the body.

Laughter can be therapeutic to both patient and caregiver when dealing with illness. Laughter is pleasurable; it momentarily banishes feelings of anger or fear and gives a feeling of power and control. And shared laughter is a uniquely human bond that helps us connect with one another.

April is National Humor Month. What better time to focus on taking a lighter look at life? Some ways to add humor include:

- Keeping an emergency humor tape in the car.
- Observing children and animals.
- Being surrounded by funny and playful people. Find a humor buddy.
- Clipping cartoons and posting them in a visible location.

Humor and laughter can foster a positive and hopeful attitude. Laughter provides an opportunity to release those uncomfortable emotions which, if held inside, may create biochemical changes that are harmful to the body.

Researchers say that children laugh about 400 times a day, while adults laugh about 15 times a day. Increasing our daily dose of laughter may help us recapture our youthful spirit – and perhaps become healthier in the process.

Patti J. Patterson, M.D., is vice president of rural and community health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

A friend asked, "Why be good?" "Try these three reasons," came the answer.

First, because you must look in. You must have self-respect. It comes to you when you're alone, when you realize that, knowing the Savior, you've received Him; knowing the truth, you've spoken it; knowing what's right, you've done it.

Second, because others are looking on. For good or for bad, your influence has its effect on others.

Third, because the Lord's looking down. He demands an account of the past and an improvement of the present. Be good, and you'll be glad!

Your Local Pastor
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Bro. Randy Hardman
Gail Baptist Church
Call: 806/756-4363
Mobile No: 759-9472

From the Counselor:

By Mary Airhart

**Reminder:
TAKS, SDAA, and
ITBS testing coming
April 18th - 22nd**

The time is approaching for the major state-mandated testing of all Texas school children. Please make sure that medical and/or dental appointments have not been scheduled for the week of April 18th - 22nd and that your child is physically and mentally rested and prepared to achieve. Most testing will be completed during the

morning hours, but some students may require additional time.

The Borden County staff and students have worked to insure student success, but your added support and encouragement are vital. As always, we appreciate your dedication and concern for Borden County students.

The Iowa Test Basic Skills (ITBS) will be administered to grades K, 1st and 2nd in short increments all week until completed.

TAKS/SDAA Schedule:

Monday, April 18th
8th grade Science

Tuesday, April 19th

3rd grade Math
4th grade Math
3rd grade Spanish math
6th grade Math
7th grade Math
8th grade Math
10th grade Math

Wednesday, April 20th

4th grade Reading
5th grade Reading Spanish
Retest

6th grade Reading
7th grade Reading
8th grade Reading
Exit Level Math

Thursday, April 21st

5th grade Science
5th grade Spanish Science
8th grade Social Studies
9th grade Math
10th grade Social Studies
Exit Level Social Studies

Friday, April 22nd

10th grade Science
Exit Level Science
Necessary Makeups



FFA News

Shelby Roberts receive Individual Judging Award

The Gail FFA Horse team recently participated in the Tarleton State University Invitational Judging event. Shelby Roberts who is a member of the Gail FFA Horse judging team participated with 786 other students from the state in the Horse event. Contestants must evaluate 6 classes of horses based on their halter appearance and their

performance quality. Each contest recognizes the top 20 individuals for excelling in their competition. Shelby had an outstanding day as her score placed her 14th from the 786 member Horse judging field and received a top 20 award.

We are extremely proud of Shelby and her efforts as she represented the Gail FFA Chapter in this event.

Gail FFA Judging Teams Compete at Tarleton

Several members from the Gail FFA Chapter have been very busy for the past two weeks. The Horse, Livestock and Wool teams have been gearing up for their upcoming District, Area, and State contests.

The Horse and Livestock team traveled to Tarleton State University on March 24th and competed in the Tarleton Invitational Contest. The Livestock Team placed 75th out of 296 teams and the Horse Team placed 20th out of 288 teams. The Wool team was inactive on this day.

The Tarleton Invitational is the largest single youth competitive event in Texas as

there were over 3000 students involved in this activity. The Gail FFA students represented their chapter well which is reflected in their rankings.

Tarleton participants were as follows:


Livestock:

Caden Nowlain, J'Ryan Gickhorn, Quentin Shafer, Brandi Hudson and Symeron Rinehart.

Horse:

Lacey Newton, Shelby Roberts, Chelsea Minnick, Kylan Reynolds, and Sharelle Gass

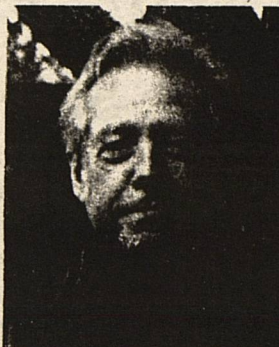
Be sure and check next weeks paper for further Judging results.



Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



Spring Break in Philadelphia

When we were planning our trip to Philadelphia, we put eating soft pretzels and cheese steak sandwiches on our list of things to do. Those two food items are famous in Philadelphia. Our grandson Jackson thought his sandwich was great. Mine was ok after we put lots of mustard, salt and pepper on it. My wife said it didn't live up to her expectations. We had 3 pretzels: plain, salty and sugared. They were fabulous.

We arrived in Philadelphia during the biggest flower show in the world, held in the Convention Center adjacent to the hotel where we stayed. It did live up to its expectations. They transformed that place into a forest of trees, statuary, fountains and flower gardens. There must have been a million people there. Jackson, the only fourteen year old on the premises, thought there surely were more exciting things to do in Philadelphia than look at flowers.

We found the city easy to get around. We rode a train from the airport that took us within two blocks of our

hotel. Purple buses take tourists to museums and historic sites for a dollar a ride. We walked to most places. Wandering around the historic neighborhoods is an event in itself. The city has lots of flavor and excitement.

Philadelphia has a store filled with items from the ROCKY movies. All three of us ran up the steps of the Philadelphia Museum or Art and raised our hands in triumph. I ran up those steps in my cowboy boots. Not a big deal.

We went to Philadelphia to see the liberty bell, Independence Hall, the Franklin Institute, Betsy Ross's house and other patriotic places. During Jackson's spring break last year, we took him to Washington, DC and he was

very moved. This year we wanted to take him to the place where our country started.

We stood in the room where the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4th, 1776. We got a review of American History. The Constitution was written and signed in September of 1787. The Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments to the constitution) was ratified by the states in 1791. Philadelphia was the nation's first capital. The government moved to Washington in 1800.

The National Constitution Center has a room full of life size bronze statues of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Jackson stood by the side of Washington and I took his picture.

We had time to do fun things like spend time in the hotel pool and hot tub, rake a ride in a flight simulator in the Franklin Institute, ride the Sky Bike, which takes the rider over a high wire, watch an Imax movie about Lewis and Clark and see the first class multi media presentation on the founding of our country. And we did see Ben Franklin go into a bank. We had fun in Philly.

Thank You,

To our friends in Borden County, we want to say "Thank You" for all your prayers, visits, and cards while I was in the hospital and since I have returned home. I have several more weeks of recovery, so please keep me in your prayers.

A very Special Thank you to our children, Cindy and Jana and their families for all you have done to help me and your dad. We love you.





Thanks again to everyone and God Bless
Jane & Mack Terry

PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners Court of Borden County will hold a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. on April 11, 2005. Purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment on the application for a Tax Abatement for Orion Energy, LLC. The Tax Abatement is sought for a 42 to 54 Megawatts wind powered electrical generating project.

DRIVE CAREFULLY - - -
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State focusing on Work Zone Safety during Work Zone Safety Week

ABILENE, TX — Texas Department of Transportation officials are calling on Texas motorists to help reduce the number of highway work zone fatalities. Texas reported 161 highway work zone-related fatalities in 2003, the most recent figures available.

In addition to fatalities, approximately 14,700 work zone-related injuries are sustained each year in Texas.

TxDOT, the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the American Traffic Safety Services Association, and other roadway safety and construction organizations will participate in the 2005 National Work Zone Awareness Week observance April 3 - 9, 2005 to raise awareness and educate motorists about taking precautions in highway work zones.

"From day to day, road conditions can change in work zones and it is our job to make sure motorists

receive proper warning," Roy Wright, TxDOT's Abilene District Transportation operations director, said. "Motorists must pay attention to the posted warnings to increase safety in the work zone."

There are a number of safety tips to help make a motorist drive through a work zone safer, Wright said. Some of them being, he continued, to never change lanes in work zones, never tailgate or speed, always slow to the posted limits even if workers are not visible, be patient, be calm and watch for special instructions and advisories as you approach work zones.

TxDOT is also taking steps to increase driver compliance with warning signs through a policy which uses prismatic fluorescent orange clothing on all work zone signs and safety devices. The signs are overlaid with prismatic retro-reflective sheeting to increase brightness.

"In recent years, highway work zones have been improved through the use of

plastic construction barrels. Signs and barricades, which are designed to reduce both vehicle damage and potential driver injury when hit by a vehicle," Wright said. "The use of portable concrete barriers and crash cushions also protect drivers from

dangers such as steep drop-offs and construction equipment, as well as protect workers from traffic."

TxDOT workers are wearing new safety vests with fluorescent reflective material all the way around, rather than just the front and back. The vests increase the visibility of the flaggers and crews.

The observance, scheduled the second week of April every year, is a national effort designed to increase public awareness of work zone safety. It also brings public attention to the fact that nearly 900 men, women and children are needlessly killed in work zone crashes across the nation each year.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the H L BROWN OPERATING L L C, P O BOX 2237, MIDLAND TX 79702 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 TX. Admin. Code Section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception to lease lines and distance between wells requirements for the permit to drill Well No. 5, Carmack A Lease, 642 Acres, Sec. 48, Bld. 32, T-6-N, EL & RR R.R. co./J.R. Roper Survey, A-1398, Borden (Carmack) Fields (s), Borden County, being 9 miles in a northwest direction of Gail, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

576' from the north line and 467' from the west line of the lease.
567' from the north line and 467' from the west line of the survey.
Field rules for the Borden (Carmack) field are 660/1320, 80 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7400 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Robert McNaughton, at 432-688-3726. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY **April 13, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF Trustee ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION Regentes)

To the Registered Voters of Borden County, Gail, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Borden County, Gail, Texas;))

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 7

20 05, for voting in a Trustee election, to elect two school trustees for regular three-year terms and one school trustee for a one-year unexpired term.

(Notifíquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7th de Mayo

de 20 05 para votar en la Elección para elegir dos miembros del consejo de administración para mandatos regulares de tres años y un miembro del consejo de administración para un mandato de un año que no termine.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Plains Community Center Community Of Plains (#1)	Gail Community Room South Gail (#2A)	Precint 2 House Vealmoor (#2B)	Murphy Election House Murphy (#3A)
Fairview Election House Fairview (#3B)	Borden County Courthouse North Gail (#4A)	H. B. Lemons Jr. House Snelling (#4B)	

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)
The office of the Superintendent - Borden County I.S.D.
La oficina del director de Borden County I.S.D.

(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 20, 2005

(date)

(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 20 de Abril, 2005)

(fecha)

and ending on May 3, 2005

(date)

(y terminando el 3 de Mayo, 2005)

(fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:*

(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)

Hours (Horas)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Joan Marshall

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)

(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

P. O. Box 95

(Address) (Dirección)

Gail, Texas

(City) (Ciudad)

79738

(Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 29, 2005

(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 21st day of February, 2005

(Emitada este día 21st de Febrero, 2005)

Jimmy Thomas
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.