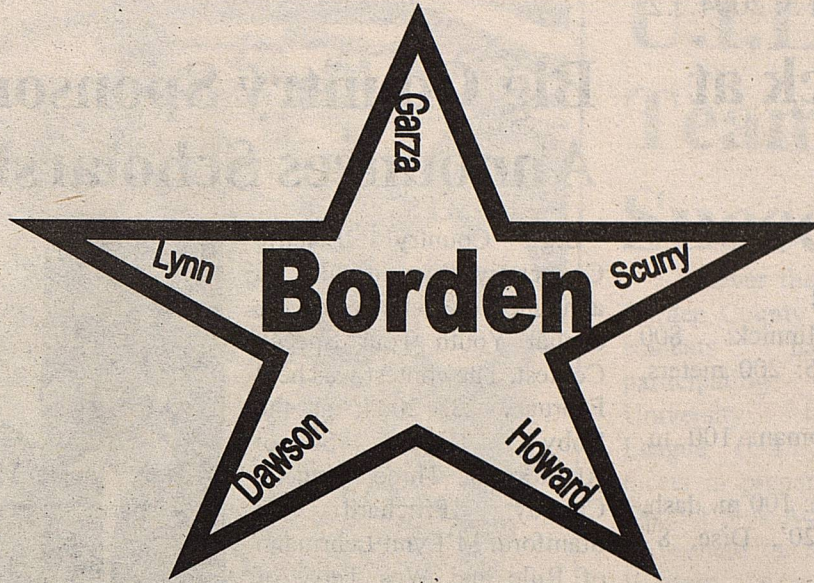


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Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

Lone Star Shining

This weeks, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson's column highlights our state's heritage and the unique holidays from Texas independence Day to San Jacinto Day that help us celebrate that rich history.

Walk down the streets of any foreign city with an outline of North Dakota on your shirt and you'll undoubtedly draw blank stares from passersby. But with the state of Texas on your chest, you'll get a slap on the back, a "howdy pander," and the inevitable inquiries about horses, South Fork and J.R. Ewing. Although we're known for our can-do attitude and adventurous spirit, it is our state's heritage that truly sets us apart.

Very few states enjoy such a rich history. We are the only state to enter the United States as a sovereign nation. Each year, starting on March 2, when Texas declared its independence from Mexico, through April 21, San Jacinto Day, when we defeated the Mexican army, captured Santa Anna and won our freedom, people around the state find ways – small and grand – to celebrate being a Texan.

I have always loved Texas history in large part because of my family heritage. My great-great-grandfather, Charles S. Taylor, was an "Alcalde" or chief magistrate under the Mexican government. He was later elected as

a delegate from Nacogdoches to the Convention, where he signed the Texas Declaration of Independence in 1836. He, along with 58 other delegates, declared our independence from Mexico, setting Texas on course to be an independent republic for 10 years before joining the United States Senate – the same seat I hold today.

Each year, on or about March 2, I take to the floor of the United States Senate to read Colonel William Barret Travis' letter calling for reinforcements at the Alamo. That letter reads in part:

"I shall never surrender or retreat. . . I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and of everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country – Victory or death."

The bravery and solidarity of Col. Travis and the men he led at the Alamo are unmatched. Their refusal to yield in San Antonio enabled General Sam Houston to

build up his troops. Preparing for ultimate victory at the Battle of San Jacinto.

It is important for Texans to revel in our history and celebrate the strength and valor of our forefathers. Our independence was born out of a great battle and must never be taken for granted.

In the nearly two centuries since the Battle of the Alamo, Texas has forged a distinct path, growing into a prosperous and vital state. We are the second most populous state, contributing nearly \$700 billion dollars to our nation's gross domestic product, and we have nurtured some of this country's greatest leaders.

Our geographic diversity, from the flatlands of the panhandle, to the lushness of the Hill Country, sets the perfect backdrop for the varied industries, cultures and people that call Texas home. It is a unique blend that creates a rich state of contrast, color and flavor.

It is my hope that all Texans learn the wonderful and rich history of our state, and continue to pass on the tales of our past through the generations. I'm proud to represent Texas in Washington and will continue to make sure the lessons learned from the challenges of our past pave the way for continued growth and prosperity.

Know Your EMS

Borden County EMT-Intermediate, Bob Kempf, works for the Texas Department of Transportation in Gail and has been there since he and his family moved to Gail from Colorado in 1995. Bob and his wife Mary have three daughters, Shawna and twins Bobbie and Dalene. They are all graduates of BHS and were very active in all school activities. Shawna attends Tarleton and Bobbie and Dalene are enrolled at Western Texas College in Snyder. Mary works at Lamesa Butane.

Bob certified in January of 2000 as a Basic EMT. He attended classes in Gail, to obtain his Basic EMT and also his EMT-Intermediate, both sponsored by the Borden County EMS and taught through Howard College.

Bob has been an active member of the Borden County EMS and is willing to serve the community at any time. We appreciate all the many hours of continuing service he has put in to help in his education and to help the community as an EMT.

Borden County EMS will sponsor and teach a Basic



EMT Class in Gail, starting March 2, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For anyone serving Borden County EMS, the class will be taught free. The Borden County EMS NEED'S YOUR HELP to maintain the level of care that they have been providing. At present time, they are providing hospital to home and hospital to hospital transfers as well as primarily job of Pre-Hospital EMERGENCY CARE. If they have the personnel they will be able to continue all of these services. If not, they may at sometime only be able to provide EMERGENCY CARE to this community.

Vote Tuesday, November 9th.

Spring Break

March 8th - 12th

Early Dismissal

Friday, March 5th - 12:30

Classes will resume on Monday, March 15th.



Jr. High Girls Track at Dawson

Feb. 26, 2004
By Coach Avery

The Junior High girls track team opened the track season last Thursday in Welch. There were 11 girls representing Borden County Junior High. Here is how they did.

400 m. relay: Krystal Hobson, Sharelle Gass, Rachel Wilson, & Heather Brooks, finished 5th with a time of 61.89.

800 m. relay: Sydney Shipp, Bailee Benevides, Shelby Roberts, Kathrine Froman, finished 7th with a time of 2:28.45.

1600 m. relay: Bailee Benevides, Laura Griffin, Kate Wallace, Shelby Roberts, finished 8th with a

time of 6:19.64.

Chelsea Minnick: 800 meters, 3:29.55; 200 meters, 38.08

Kathrine Froman: 100 m. dash, 16.11;

Kate Wallace: 100 m. dash, 16.23; Shot, 20', Disc, 8th 50'6"

Laura Griffin: 100 m. dash, 19.29;

Rachel Wilson: 400 m. dash, 78.94

Sharelle Gass: 400 m. dash, 81.38

Heather Brooks: 400 m. dash, 83.11

Krystal Hobson: 200 m. dash, 32.01

Sydney Shipp: 200 m. dash, 38.49

Making the Grade!

Fourth Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Senior: Clay John Anderson, Menda James and Kyle Pinkerton; **Junior:** John Wilson;

Sophomore: Whitney Anderson; **Freshman:** Rebecca Dobyns, Jake Payne and Christina Soto;

Eighth Grade: Rachel Wilson; **Seventh Grade:** Katherine Froman; **Sixth Grade:** Chelsea Stephens and Raylea Underwood.

Honor Roll

Senior: Jami Gass and Shane Tarleton; **Junior:** Garrett Chapman, and Billy Roper;

Sophomore: Trey Soto;

Freshman: Rowdy Clary, John Cowart, and Taylor Peterson; **Eighth Grade:** Shelby Roberts;

Seventh Grade: Carlos Hernandez; **Sixth Grade:** D'Nae Johnson, Chellsie Pigford and Lacey Roberts;

Fifth Grade: Bailey Anderson, Taylor Richey, and Krista Tarleton; **Fourth Grade:** Austin Fields, Bethany Stamper, and Austin Tyler;

Third Grade: Kayla Darbyshire, Celina Guerrero, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Riley Smith, and Teryn Soto;

Second Grade: Taylor Gass, Maeghan Herridge, Kalyn Massingill, and Branson Smith.

School Menu

Week Of:

March 15th - 19th, '04

MONDAY: Beef & Bean Burrito, Potato Wedges, Salad, Fruit & Milk.

Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk.

Breakfast: Sausage/Biscuit, Fruit Juice & Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Fajitas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Jello w/Fruit and Milk.

Breakfast: Waffles, Sausage Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Meat & Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Cobbler, & Milk.

Breakfast: Egg Sandwich, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY: Hot dog w/Chili, Onion Rings, Salad, Fruit, Cake & Milk.

Breakfast: Biscuit w/Gravy, Fruit Juice & Milk.

Big Country Sponsors Three to D.C., Announces Scholarship Winners

Big Country Electric Cooperative would like to announce the winners of the annual Youth Tour Speech Contest. The contest was held February 23, 2004, at the Roby High School Auditorium. Three winners, Cassidy Pritchard of Stamford, M'Lynn Lehrmann of Rule and Wes Terry of Roby will join approximately 1500 other teens across the country for a 9-day all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June.

Along with the trip to D.C., the students will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. John Wilson of Borden County receives a \$1,000 scholarship and will serve as alternate in the event one of the students is unable to go on the trip.

The purpose of this tour is to provide an opportunity for youth to visit monuments, government buildings and cooperative related organizations in order to become familiar with the historical and political environment of our nations' capital. They will enjoy the best of Washington, D.C. tour the Smithsonian Institute, Ford's Theatre, the FBI Building,



Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Mount Vernon and countless other points of interest. The students will experience the sight of Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial, and the changing of the guard at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They will visit their Congressman's office and find out face to face what's going on in national government. Their Congressman will meet with the students and answer questions about current governmental issues.

Big Country Electric Cooperative wants to offer

area youth a chance for such an experience. Other contestants were Abby Dudensing, Bonnie Emert, Carolyn Marshall, Courtney Buerger, Deborah Long, Erica Peters, Fran Leighton, Jimmy Rincker, Joshua Kemp, Priyanka Patel, Stephanie McLemore and Eli Oldham.

Big Country Electric Cooperative is extremely please with the participation in the contest, the quality of students and the presentations given. We are proud to have Pritchard, Lehrmann and Terry Representing our area on this year's youth Tour to Washing, D.C.



BORDEN COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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 Courts of Texas Cooperating

San Angelo Stock Show Results

Borden 4-H and Gail FFA had several exhibitors showing animals at San Angelo. Results are as follows:

Steers:

Kalli Poole - 1st Place HW American

Also exhibiting steers was Sydney Shipp.

Other 4-H and FFA members who traveled to San Angelo to exhibit their animals were:

Brandi Hudson, Mandi Hudson, Caden Nowlain, and Quentin Shafer - Goats; Riley

Smith - Swine; and Miller & Miles Valentine - Lambs.

Congratulations to these exhibitors! Good luck to those exhibitors preparing their animals for show at Brenham, Rosenberg, and Houston.

FROM THE COUNTY CLERKS' OFFICE

MARCH 1st 2004 LAST DAY to receive applications for ballots by Mail for the Primary Election.

MARCH 5th 2004 LAST DAY to vote early in person.

MARCH 9th 2004 ELECTION DAY

Voters must present registration card or form of identification at time of voting.

LOST AND FOUND

If your child is missing his/her jacket, please check with Amy at the school and see if it has been found.

Several coats and jackets have been found and are being kept waiting to be returned to their owners.

DON'T DRINK and DRIVE!



ANOTHER BANNER SEASON:

Members of the Borden County Lady Coyote basketball team are pictured with one of their gold basketballs that they won in still another strong season in that area high school girls hoop program. Borden County's girls finished at 26-7 after losing to No. 1 Happy.

Lady Coyotes Finished Lose to No. 1 ranked Happy Tuesday night

Lamesa, Press-Reporter

The general consensus entering the 2003-2004 high school hoop season was that it was going to be a major rebuilding project for Borden County's girls after graduating all five of last year's starters off of their 27-7 club, which went three rounds deep into the post-season.

It did not take Coach Kevin James' troops long to find the pieces in another championship season.

Borden County's girls saw still another outstanding year on the high school hardwoods come to an end last Tuesday night at Levelland, where the Lady Coyotes fell 60-50 to top-ranked Happy in a Class 1A Division II regional semi-final playoff game.

Borden County finished at 26-7. The Lady Coyotes have now finished each of their past two seasons by losing to Happy in the third round of the post-season.

"At the beginning of this season, not many people gave these kids a chance to accomplish what they ended up doing," James said.

Borden County's girls are

ranked 15th in the state in this week by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

"It's been a real fun group to work with," James said. "There's been a real positive attitude in this bunch all year. The way that these girls pulled together ended up being a big key to our success. It's a hard-working group of kids, which always believed in themselves."

A slow start cost the Lady Coyotes in their upset bid against the No. 1 ranked Cowgirls on Tuesday night.

Borden County trailed 15-8 at the end of the first quarter and then 34-17 at the half. The Lady Coyotes were down 49-25 at the end of the third quarter.

The Lady Coyotes finished their season with a really strong fourth quarter that saw them outscore Happy, 25-11.

"We finally went to hitting our shots there toward the end of this game," James said. "I guess we just waited too long to get started."

"We knew going into this game that their size would be tough on us. We had a hard time matching up with the.

We finally started hitting the shots there toward the end, which we needed to hit throughout this game.

"We're just proud to see these girls finish their game by playing as hard as they did. Our girls finished by playing with a lot of heart,"

Jami Gass's 14 points led Borden County's scorers. Menda James had 13 points, Ashley James had 10, Cassidy Rinehart had 8, Shayla Gass had 4 and Emily Mayes had one for the Lady Coyotes.

Graduating three starters from this year's squad James realizes the Lady Coyotes will face some re-loading

U.I.L. Academic Teams Find Success

Over the past month, Borden County High School students have been participating in several University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.) Academic meets in preparation for the District 9-A Academic Meet to be held on March 27th at Western Texas College in Snyder.

If results from the various meets are any indication, B.H.S. is in line to claim its fourth consecutive academic district championship.

On February 7th, the students attended the Wylie High School U.I.L. Meet in Abilene. Many of region two's finest schools were in attendance, but B.H.S. had several students place in the top six.

Participants in this meet and their results are as follows:

Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking: Kyle Pinkerton - 1st, John Wilson - 5th, & Adam Carter - Semi-finalist. *Current Issues & Events:* 5th Place Team; John Wilson - 5th, Kyle Pinkerton, & Trey Soto.

Social Studies: 4th Place team; Taylor Peterson - 7th,

again next year, but with seven returning letterman - including two starters - the cupboard in that program is still a long way from being bare.

John Cowart, Becky Dobyns, & Clint Chapman.

Literary Criticism: 7th Place Team; John Cowart - 6th, Trey Soto, & Clint Chapman.

Newswriting: Lindsey Stamper - 5th.

Computer Applications: Shane Tarleton - 7th.

Also competing at Wylie were Andrew Lamming, Emily Mayes, Billy Roper, Christina Soto, & Austin Tarleton.

February 14th, both B.H.S. Cross-Examination debate teams competed in the Midland Lee High School TFA Debate Tournament. Defending state champions Billy Roper and John Wilson placed third at the meet after losing in the semifinal round to the eventual tournament champion from Plano: East High School. The other B.H.S. team, comprised of Tyler Wallace and Kyle Pinkerton, finished ninth.

Idalou High School hosted their meet on Saturday, February 21st. From this meet, B.H.S. brought home second place sweepstakes honors.

Students brought home five first place individualist medals from the meet. Results and participants are as follows:

Social Studies: 1st Place team; Rowdy Clary - 1st, Jake Payne - 4th, Taylor Peterson, & John Cowart.

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Moore-Rains Insurance

Have a Safe and Happy Spring Break!

Frances Rains Stephens

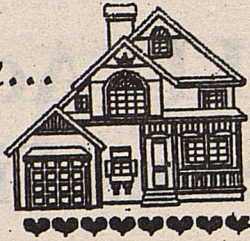


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Heart and home...



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

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 Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Prepare Now for Unpredictable Weather

With the weather in West Texas being very unpredictable, we need to concern ourselves with safety and protection. One way to find out if you are in harm's way is by listening to a weather radio. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio system broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts, and other hazardous information (including natural and man-made disasters).

Since so many of us do not receive local news and weather, a weather radio is a good investment. They usually run around \$40. They can provide up-to-date weather information, and can be set to sound off when a warning is issued. We all know how quickly a severe storm can develop and the damage it can do.

Whether you have a weather radio or not, you should be prepared and have a plan. Keep your plan up-to-date and practice frequently so that everyone in your family/household knows and understands the plan. You should have a designated place to go when a tornado or other severe storm is approaching. Each person should be responsible for bringing certain things such as pets, blankets, flashlights, etc. You should even prepare a bucket or container with emergency equipment (flashlight, batteries, blanket, weather radio, bottled water, non-perishable food, etc.). If you are all headed to the same place, and know that you should be there in an emergency, time and lives can be saved. If for some reason you cannot make it to

the designated area, have a place designated to meet after the disaster is over.

Other types of preparation are to have emergency phone numbers posted by the telephone for easy access. It is difficult to remember the phone number when you are panicked. Borden County Emergency numbers are listed below. Another safety step is to install safety features in your home such as a smoke detector, a carbon monoxide detector, and fire extinguishers. It is important to check such safety equipment often. It is even important to have a safety plan when you are driving or traveling. Know your surroundings. Listen to the weather, know where to go or who to call in an emergency.

No matter what the weather situation is, be prepared, it could save your life!

Borden County Emergency Numbers
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EMS (806) 759-5111

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Borden County Senior Citizen Center

After several suggestions and requests to have a Senior Citizens Center, we have organized a "first" meeting on Wednesday, March 17 in the Community Room in Gail. This will be a pot luck luncheon (bring your favorite dish to share) that will begin at 11:30. We will enjoy our meal and fellowship first, then have a meeting at 12:30 to discuss how often, when, where, and what types of activities the majority would

like to have for the Senior Citizen Center. Feel free to bring games to play after the luncheon and meeting.

There are many possible opportunities this center can provide, including wonderful fellowship, fun games and activities, great learning experiences, a chance to have your blood pressure and blood glucose checked, and even a possibility of group outings. We invite you to participate in the first Borden

County Senior Citizen Center Day. Julie Smith will serve as the contact person until the group can meet to organize themselves. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact her at (806)756-4336. Also, if you need transportation to and from the Community Building, please contact us to make arrangements. We look forward to a great new opportunity for our friends in Borden County! Hope to see you on Saint Patrick's Day!

Precinct 2A & 2B - 4A & 4B

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION
(ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO)
BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS
(Condado de Borden, Texas)
MARCH 9, 2004
(9 de marzo de 2004)
OFFICIAL BALLOT
(BOLETA OFICIAL)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:
(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION)

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. You may vote for one presidential candidate whose name appears on the ballot by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. You may vote for a write-in by writing in the name on the line provided and darkening in the box provided to the left of the line. I am a Democrat and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year.

(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. Usted puede votar por un candidato para presidente cuyo nombre aparece en la boleta marcando con una "X" en el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. Usted podrá votar por inscripción escrita escribiendo el nombre del candidato en la línea provista y llenando completamente el espacio cuadrado a la izquierda de la línea. Yo soy Demócrata y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral.)

Preference for Presidential Nominee
(Preferencia para un Candidato Nominado para Presidente)

- Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.
- Dick Gephardt
- Joe Lieberman
- Howard Dean
- Al Sharpton
- John Edwards
- Dennis J. Kucinich
- John F. Kerry
- Wesley K. Clark
- Randy Crow

United States Representative, District 19
(Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 19)

- Charles W. Stenholm

Railroad Commissioner
(Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)

- Bob Scarborough

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9
(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 9)

- David Van Os

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 6)

- J.R. Molina

State Representative, District 85
(Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 85)

- James E. "Pete" Laney

Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector
(Sheriff y Asesor-Collector de Impuestos)

- Billy J. Gannaway
- Jon. C. Herring

County Chairman
(Presidente del Condado)

- _____ Write-In (Vote Escrito)

Party Referendum
(Referéndum del Partido)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.
(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: Ponga una "X" en el cuadro al lado de la frase que indica la manera en la cual usted quiere votar.)

Referendum No. 1
(Referéndum Núm. 1)

- For (A Favor De)
- Against (En Contra De)

For or against any efforts to end or privatize Social Security and Medicare programs.
(A favor o en contra de cualquier esfuerzo para terminar o privatizar los programas de el Seguro Social (Social Security) y de Seguro de enfermedad (Medicare).)

Referendum No. 2
(Referéndum Núm. 2)

- For (A Favor De)
- Against (En Contra De)

For or against a constitutional amendment protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases.
(A favor o en contra de una enmienda constitucional protegiendo a los contribuyentes al prohibir los mandatos del estado que requieren aumentos de impuestos locales de la contribución territorial.)

SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

OBITUARY

**Clifford Joe
Durham
1930-2004**

Clifford Joe Durham, 74, of Gail, entered eternal life on February 28, 2004, in Lubbock. He was born on February 12, 1930, in O'Donnell, Texas.

Those left to mourn his passing include his wife June, children, grandchildren, brothers and a sister.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at the Gail Cemetery in Gail with Bob Bohannon officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home of

Lubbock.
Family suggests memorials to Borden County Ambulance, P.O. Box 342, Gail, TX 79738

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**Borden County
Republican Chairman
March 9, 2004**

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED
TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6109-62-001 for INSTALLATION OF ILLUMINATION in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on MARCH 30, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$225,397.73

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 12427

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div. Office (s)

Abilene Engineer
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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Remember to VOTE!

March 9th

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**Voters MUST Present Voter's
Registration Card or form of
Identification at time of Voting**

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION)**

To the registered voters of the County of Borden, Texas;
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Borden, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. March 9, 2004, for voting in a general election to elect Presidential Nominee, Members of Congress, members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers. (Notifiquese, por las present que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hast alas 7:00 p.m. el 9, March de 2004 para votar el la eleccion, para elegir presidential election, miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislature, y officials del estado, distriot, condado y del precincto.)

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

- No. 1 (Plains) at the Plains Community Center
- No. 2A (South Gail) at Gail Community Room
- No. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) Vealmoor Election Building
- No. 3A (Murphy) at Murphy Election Building
- No. 3B (Fairview) at Fairview Election Building
- No. 4A (North Gail) at the Borden County Courthouse
- No. 4B (Snellings) at Don and Jacquelyn Wills Residence
- Absentee at County Clerk's office, Gail Courthouse during normal office hours.

- No. 1 (Plains) en Plains Community Center
- No. 2A (South Gail) en community room de Gail
- No. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) en las sitio de votacion Vealmoor
- No. 3A (Murphy) en la sitio de votacion Murphy
- No. 3B (Fairview) en la sitio de votacion Fairview
- No. 4A (North Gail) en la Courthosue de Gail
- No. 4B (Snelling) en la residencia Don and Jacquelyn Wills
- Para los que se encuentran ausente, para el dia propuest pueden votar en oricina del County Clerk en Gail, texas durante las horas normales.

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U.I.L. Academic

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Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking: Kyle Pinkerton - 1st.

Poetry Interpretation: Lindsey Stamper - 1st.

Ready Writing: Becky Dobyns - 1st.

Headline Writing: Trey Soto - 1st.

Extemporaneous Informative Speaking: Tyler Wallace - 2nd & Andrew Lamming - 5th.

Mathematics (12th Grade): Shane Tarleton - 3rd.

Science (9th Grade): Rowdy Clary - 3rd.

Spelling & Vocabulary: Becky Dobyns - 4th.

Literary Criticism: Jake Payne - 4th.

Calculator Applications (9th Grade): Christina Soto - 6th.

Current Issues & Events: Kyle Pinkerton - 7th.

Computer Applications: Shane Tarleton - 9th.

Also competing at the Idalou meet were Adam Carter, Clint Chapman, Dannelle Copeland, J. Ryan Gicklhorn, Aaron Pigford, & Austin Tarleton.

The final U.I.L. meet of February found the journalism teams in Midland facing competition against many AAAA & AAAAA schools. Both sophomore Whitney Anderson and freshman Becky Dobyns held their own, though, and had strong showings at the meet. Anderson placed 4th in Editorial Writing and 7th in Feature Writing. Dobyns was 5th in both Editorial and Feature Writing.

Also competing in Midland were Trey Soto, Christina Soto, Lindsey Stamper, Kalli Poole, and Dannelle Copeland.

Good luck B.H.S. academic teams as you make final preparations for your district meet.

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 15, 2004. Three positions will be filled in this election. As of the present time, incumbents Mr. John Anderson, Mr. Randy Hensley, and Mr. Dennis Poole have filed applications for a place on the ballot. Interested candidates may obtain an application for a place on the ballot in the central office of the Borden County I.S.D. Other important school board election information is as follows:

- 3/14/04 - Last day to file for place on ballot
- 3/16/04 - First day to apply for ballot by mail
- 3/22/04 - 5:00 p.m. deadline for filing a write-in declaration
- 4/15/04 - Last day to register to vote for Saturday, May 15, 2004 elections
- 4/28/04 - First day of early voting by personal appearance
- 5/7/04 - Last day to apply for ballot by mail
- 5/11/04 - Last day of early voting by personal appearance
- 5/15/04 - Election Day (polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT ELECTION LAWS HAVE CHANGED FOR THIS YEAR'S ELECTION REQUIRING VOTERS TO HAVE A CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE OR A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. CURRENT LAW ALLOWS NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

Co. Commissioner: Precinct #1

Scott Brooks
Pd. Political Ad by Scott Brooks

Benny Taylor
Pd. Political Ad by Benny Taylor

Monte Smith
Pd. Political Ad by Monte Smith

John Stephens, III
Pd. Political Ad by John Stephens, III

Precinct #3
Ernest Reyes
Pd. Political Ad by Ernest Reyes

Sheriff:
Billy Gannaway
Pd. Political Ad by Billy Gannaway

Jon Herring
Pd. Political Ad by Jon Herring

March 9th Primary Election

ELECT

Monte Smith

Candidate for Commissioner - Precinct 1

I would like the opportunity to serve the residents of Precinct 1 and would appreciate your Vote and Support in the **March 9th Democratic Primary**

Monte and his family have live in the Plains community since 1993. He and his wife Deidre, both graduates of Borden County High School, have three children, Reagan, Lindsey, both BHS graduates and Riley a third grader at BCISD.

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Precinct 1

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION
(ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO)

BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS
(Condado de Borden, Texas)

MARCH 9, 2004
(9 de marzo de 2004)

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(BOLETA OFICIAL)

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County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 (Comisionado del Condado, Precincto Núm. 1)

- Benny Taylor
- Scott Brooks
- John Stephens, III
- Monte Smith

County Chairman (Presidente del Condado)

- [Name]

Party Referendum (Referendum del Partido)

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SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 9th day of February, 2004, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Precinct 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct 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 meeting of January 26, 2004 were read.

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

GAIL CEMETERY

Sadie Ludecke and Judy Kingston visited with the Court concerning the Gail Cemetery.

EMT

Kent Holmes visited with the Court presenting EMT plans.

MUTUAL AID CONTRACT

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Contract with the City of Snyder, Texas. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of

fireguards was received from John T. Wilson for Munger Ranch in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Adcock 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. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION-TIEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Revised County Employee Manual for review. Meeting with citizens for discussion of Gail Cemetery.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs to adjourn.

VOTE

Benny Taylor
Commissioner Precinct 1
Borden County Texas

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Precinct 3A & 3B

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Borden County Sheriff,
Tax Assessor-Collector

Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector
(Sherife y Asesor-Collector de Impuestos)

- Billy J. Gannaway
- Jon. C. Herring

- Experience
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Borden County Native
- Filing Fee Paid

I would appreciate your continued support in the upcoming Democratic Primary.

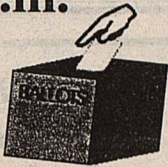
Thank You,

Pd. Pol. Adv. By Jon Herring, 501 Landrum Rd. Fluvanna, TX 79517

SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

VOTE

**Republican Party
Primary Election
Tuesday, MARCH 9, 2004
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Borden County
Courthouse**



**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED
TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6108-82-001 for REHAB PICNIC AREAS in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on MARCH 18, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$206,928.50

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 12345

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| State Office Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 | Dist/Div. Office (s) Abilene Engineer District Engineer 4250 N. Clack Abilene, TX 79604-0150 Phone: 325-676-6800 |
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**BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS
(CONDADO DE BORDEN, TEXAS)**

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 SCOTT BRISTER

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 LAWRENCE "LARRY" MEYERS
 GUY JAMES GRAY

**Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 5)**
 CHERYL JOHNSON
 PATRICIA NOBLE

**Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6
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 STEVEN M. PORTER
 MICHAEL E. KEASLER

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 ROBERT DUNCAN

**State Representative, District 85
(Representante Estatal, Núm. 85)**
 KENT SHARP

**District Judge, 132nd Judicial District
(Juez del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 132)**
 ERNIE B. ARMSTRONG

**District Attorney, 132nd Judicial District
(Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 132)**
 DANA W. COOLEY

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