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BHS Track Team Sending Three to State Meet Pepper, Stipe Race To Gold Medals; Copeland to take a 'Shot' at Austin

Coach Bobby Avery took a long nap Sunday afternoon.

Fair enough—the man has not slept much the past few days.

What's been keeping him awake at night has not been his ten-month old son, but the anxiety of trying to get some talented athletes to the UIL State Track and Field Meet.

When expectations are high—and they are when one has two-time defending state champion Trent Pepper on the team—the pressure can keep a person up at night.

Add to that the high expectations of the potential in juniors T. C. Stipe and shot putter Rika Copeland.

After Saturday's Region II-A finals, Avery can rest easy.

Pepper, Stipe, and Copeland all did what their coach and many other Borden County residents knew could be done—advanced to the UIL State Track and Field Meet.

The meet is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12 in Austin on the University of Texas campus.

Pepper, representing Borden County for the third straight year, set new regional records in both the 3200m and the 1600m runs.

Accutrack caught him at 9:35.97 in the first race and 4:25.53 in the mile.

Both of these times are also personal bests for Pepper and new school records.

He will attempt to become the first Class A long distance runner to capture three consecutive gold medals in the 3200m race (according to UIL archives since 1990).

Junior T.C. Stipe will make his debut at the state track meet next week thanks to a win in the 800m run.

Stipe's 1:57.97 was his personal best and also a new school record.

The middle distance runner qualified for regional in 1999 and 2000 and no doubt benefited from those experiences to finally take the win in 2001.

Junior Rika Copeland came in second in the shot put with a toss of 36' 6 three-fourths inches, a new personal record.

Rika had qualified for

the finals of the shot put with a best toss of 35' 7 1/2", sitting in second place until Dixie Bearden of Menard ousted Rika from that spot with a throw of 35' 9".

Rika had one toss left, and she made the most of it, dramatically launching the 36' plus effort to gain the right to go to Austin (only the top two advance in track and field events).

Rika also competed in the discus but did not qualify for the finals in that event.

Other participants who competed in Abilene last weekend were Jacob Zant, Bekah Hensley, Holly Thomas, T.J. Sharp, Dalene Kempf, and Raul Rodriguez, Cody Nowlain, and Rowdy Dunlap.

Zant, fighting off an early-week illness that kept him from school two days, did have a personal best in the 300m hurdles but did not qualify for the finals.

He did, however, qualify for the finals in the 110m hurdles with a time of 15.74 and ran the finals Saturday in a time of 15.66 for a fifth place finish.

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Borden County U.I.L. Survivors Head to Austin

Preparation started State Meet. Our months ago it seems . . . competitors' stories are quite unique:

Months ago, students across the state started pouring over newspaper and magazine articles, in search of that "perfect" piece of information that could outwit future competitors.

Months ago, students across the state started attending practice meet after practice meet, honing their speaking, writing, and test-taking skills—all in an attempt to see who could outplay future competitors when it really counted.

Students across the state started long ago on a cut-throat journey through district and regional meets in order to see who would outlast the competition.

That all ends this weekend at the University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.) Academic State Meet.

It sounds quite a bit like this Thursday night's final episode of CBS's hit reality show *Survivor*, doesn't it?

Four Borden High School students have made the final cut and will join over 1,000 students in all five classifications who have qualified for this year's U.I.L. Academic

State Meet. Our competitors' stories are quite unique: Senior Ross Aten is making his third consecutive trip to Austin in Current Issues and Events. Two has been his magic number; he has placed second at the Region II-A meet all three years. This year, he hopes to bring home a medal from the State Meet as well. Good luck, Ross!

Senior Trent Pepper is making his second trip to the State Academic Meet. As a junior, he advanced to State in Calculator Applications and Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking; he came home from the State Meet with top four finishes in both. This year, however, he makes the trip to Austin as the Region II-A Champion in both events and hopes to better last year's State results. Good Luck, Trent!

Senior Krystle Lee is making her first trip to the U.I.L. State Academic Meet in Poetry Interpretation. Ironically, she finished third at the District 9-A Meet, and then ended up second at the Region II-A meet to a 3-time state qualifier. This

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Two strokes shy of state berth Griffin's Bid to Become First-Even BHS State Golfer Falls Just Short

He has played the hole over and over again in his head, but Tom Griffin cannot get the results to come out differently.

On the second day of regional golf action, Borden High School's A player was within ten yards of the pen on hole number four at the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course in Abilene.

The par four hole went from par opportunity to a double-bogey, however, as errant sand shots plagued the senior.

After having shot an opening round of 78, Griffin had to settle for a second-round score of 81 which left him two strokes out of the top six places, the spots reserved for Austin.

Despite the heartbreak, Griffin remains in a category all his own for Borden High School golfers, finishing with the best score ever in a regional tournament for BHS golfers.

Along with the new school record is the intangible mark Griffin leaves, the one that counts the most: influence.

He has helped to rekindle an interest in the game for Borden High School students, and no doubt future golfers will approach the sport with some dedication and discipline required to do well.

Griffin was not alone at the regional tournament. His teammates finished 10th in a field of 16 teams with a two-day total of 755.

Sophomores Talin Pepper and Brionne Jackson, who lettered and will return for the 2002 spring season, both broke 100 in at least one round.



Pepper's two-day total was 101-95—196 while Jackson completed the 36 holes with a 99-99—198 effort.

Senior Jerry Hernandez also broke 100 his first day, shooting a 95, and followed that with a 111 to finish with a 206 total.

The final member of the regional golf team, freshman Dan Griffin, shot a 114-107—221.

The lone girls' representative, senior Abby Flanigan, posted scores of 119-116—235 in her two rounds of play.

Coach Mike Floyd returns several letterman for the boys' team with upcoming freshmen likely to make an immediate impact next year as well.

U.I.L Survivors Head to Austin

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weekend, she will read Alfred Lord Tennyson's "The Lady of Shallot" and Shelly Wagner's "Andrew Poems". Good luck, Krystle!

Sophomore **Micah Hensley** is the lone Borden County underclassman advancing to this year's U.I.L. State Meet. She will compete as the Region II-A Champion in Feature

Girls' doubles finish third, singles take fifth Jr. High Boys' Tennis Teams Ace District Opponents; Sweep Singles/Doubles Titles

The future looks very bright for Borden High School's tennis program.

Not only will Coach Gailan Winegarner have two new courts on which to practice and play in 2001-2002, but he will have a handful of 8th graders stepping in to hopefully pick up where they left off in Saturday's district jr. high tennis matches.

The boys' tennis team won the overall championship while the girls' team finished tied for second.

Not only did BJH take first and second places in the boys' singles action (Garrett Chapman defeating Ben Griffin, 8-6), but Winegarner saw his two doubles teams battle it out for the championship.

John Wilson and Casey Divin teamed up to win the gold medal over Coyote teammates Derek Rodriguez and Adam Carter, 8-5.

Wilson and Divin had advanced to the championship by drawing a bye in the first round and then defeating Meeks and Pechacek of Grady, 8-0.

Writing, one of the four journalism events in which she qualified for the Regional Meet. Good luck, Micah!

No one knows the results of the *Survivor* finale or the U.I.L. State Academic State meet just yet. When the dust clears, though, Borden County can definitely be proud of its four U.I.L. "survivors".

Rodriguez and Carter won two matches to gain a berth in the final. Earlier they defeated Fryar and Trent from Sands and Marroquin and Morin of Dawson, 8-6.

The singles' title came down to two Borden Jr. High teammates, Ben Griffin and Garrett Chapman.

Chapman had to defeat two opponents in early rounds (Esquivel of Loraine and Villa of Grady, 8-3) while Griffin beat Hernandez of Klondike, 8-1, in the second round after an opening-round bye.

After losing to Chapman, Griffin was forced to turn around and take on Villa in a playback and easily won the match, 8-1, for the silver medal.

Cassidy Rinehart and Emily Mayes represented the Missy Coyotes in doubles play Saturday at the meet held on the campus of Midland

College.

Rinehart and Mayes advanced from the opening round with an 8-1 win over Gaskins and Banuelos of Klondike.

They followed with a tough 7-9 loss to Montoya and Medina of Grady.

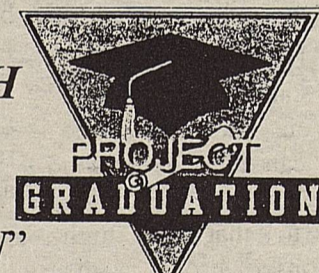
The loss put them in the bronze medal game which they easily won over Vogler and Ferguson, 8-1.

LaShae Johnson, forced to play singles when her partner did not show, took on Gregory of Klondike in the opening match, falling 2-8.

However, Johnson would win her next two matches, 8-1 and 8-4, to add a fifth place finish to the team standings.

The tennis meet concludes junior high athletic participation for this 8th grade class, who will graduate 17 students in to high school for the 2001-2002 school year.

BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL "PROJECT GRADUATION"



Parents and friends of the Borden County High School Class of 2001 are asking for donations for "Project Graduation". Project Graduation is a *Drug and Alcohol Free Celebration* for the graduates and their friends on graduation night.

This project helps make this very important event in the lives of our children SAFER and helps to make a very memorable evening for all. Your gifts and donations will be greatly appreciated and will help make this night even more exciting.

You may send your gift or donation to : "BHS Project Graduation" in care of Borden County ISD. P.O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738. Or contact any senior parent or the school

Sincerely,
Class of 2001 Senior Parents.

BHS Track Team Sending Three to State Meet

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Hensley ran the 100m dash on Friday in a time of 13.42, not good enough to qualify her for Saturday's finals.

She also competed in the long jump (16'1" for a seventh place finish) and the triple jump (30' 6 and three-fourths inches).

Another senior, Holly Thomas, concluded her excellent long distance career with a 7th place finish in the 3200m run with a time of 12:59.67.

This time breaks the school record, which had already been set by Holly in 2000.

Holly's time in the 1600m run was 6:09.67

Dalene Kempf also ran in the 3200m run, placing 13th in a time of 13:33.59

Sharp's preliminary discus throws did not qualify him for the finals. His longest throw was 114'6".

Two boys' relay teams made appearances in Abilene. The 400m relay (Raul Rodriguez, Nowlain, Dunlap, and Sharp) ran a personal record time of 45.98 but did not qualify for finals.

A disqualification for running out of their lane cost the 1600m relay team (Nowlain, Dunlap, Pepper, Stipe) their sixth place finish in the finals of that

event.

They had qualified in Friday's preliminaries with a time of 3:35.45.

The boys finished the regional meet with 32 points, good for fifth place in the team standings.



Trent Pepper

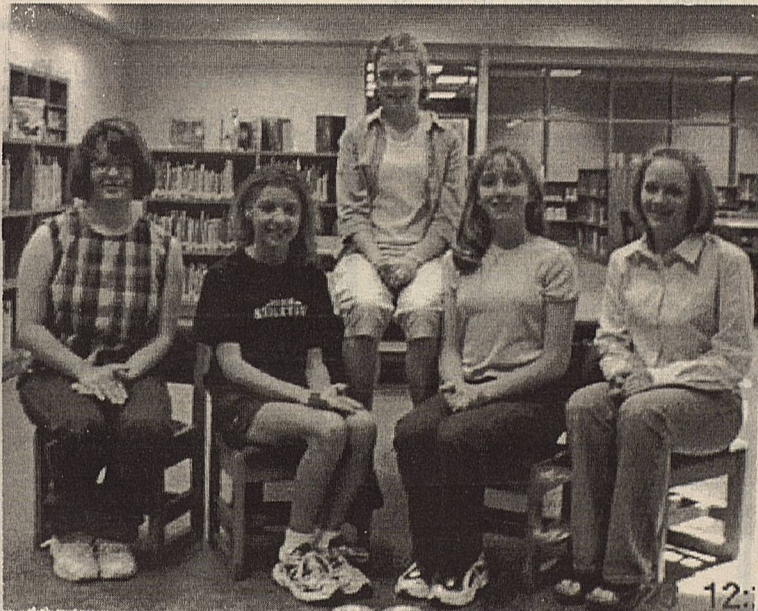


T.C. Stipe



Record Breaking Time!

Senior, Holly Thomas, concluded her excellent long distance career with a time of 12:59.67. This time breaks the school record, which had already been set by Holly in 2000.



Borden County Junior High School Cheerleaders: Front (L. to R.) Dannelle Copeland, 7th; Mika Peterson 8th; Lacey Newton 7th, and Kalli Poole, 7th. Back row: Lindsey Stamper, 7th Twirler. Sponsor: Mrs. Cindy Herridge

"Kids aren't Cargo"

The Texas House of Representatives passed a bill prohibiting children, under the age of 18, from riding in the bed of pick-up trucks or trailers. Senate Bill 399, authored and introduced by Senator Robert L. Duncan (R-Lubbock), is the final step in a long journey to ensure the safety of Texas children.

"It doesn't make sense for Texas to have strong seat belt laws, but still allow kids to ride unrestrained in the back

of pick-up trucks," said Senator Duncan who has worked to change the law for the past several sessions.

"This initiative became a reality because of the unwavering persistence of Karen Slay, a Lubbock mother, who single-handedly took on this issue after she learned of an automobile accident which resulted in the death of eight children near Snyder in 1994."



Borden County High School Cheerleaders 2001-2002: Front (L. to R) Cassidy Rinehart, Fr.; Alexis Brooks, Mascott, Soph.; Amanda Boucher, Soph.; and Emily Mayes, Fr. Back row: Head cheerleader, Rika Copeland, Sr.; Shayla Gass, Soph.; Micah Hensley, Jr. Sponsor: Mrs. Lori Stephens.

The bill provides exceptions for:

- Riding in a parade
- Transportation of farm workers on farm-to-market roads
- Operating a vehicle on a beach
- Operating a vehicle that is the only vehicle owned or operated by the members

of the household.

The House of Representatives attached an amendment that includes permitted hayrides on county or farm-to-market roads.

The bill now returns to the Texas Senate for approval of the House amendment and then to the Governor for signature into law.

School Menu

Week of:
May 7th - 11th

MONDAY: Steak fingers, potatoes, green peas, hot rolls, fruit & milk **Breakfast:** Hot Pocket, hash browns, fruit, juice & milk

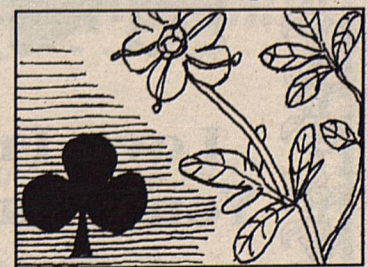
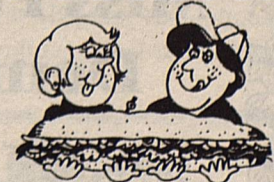
TUESDAY: Chicken, green beans, corn, hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Oatmeal, toast, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Burrito, potato wedges, salad, fruit & milk **Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Hot Dogs w/chili, onion rings, beans, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, ham, fruit juice & milk.

FRIDAY:

NO SCHOOL



Branches of the herb garden rue are said to have inspired the design of the suit of clubs in playing cards.

Borden County EMS News

Borden County EMS would like to inform the community on the EMS emergency telephone number and how it allows us to answer 24-hours a day.

First of all Borden County EMS owns an 100 watt radio, capable of communicating all over Borden County and surrounding areas. This radio is several hundred feet higher than Gail Mountain. Each member of the EMS system carries a hand held radio enabling every member to be able to communicate with each other at all times.

Second, on the radio atop of Gail Mountain, there is a telephone radio hookup (806)759-5111 which allows us to answer the emergency number with hand held radios 24-hours a day. The most important thing that the EMS wants the community to understand is that when YOU speak on the system, you have control of the system. You must remain silent for one second to allow us to answer. When the caller is silent for one second it allows

the radio telephone system to disengage allowing us to answer. We have found that infant crying, loud radios, or TV will not allow our radio to disengage which will not allow us to answer.

INSTRUCTION WHEN CALLING WITH AN EMERGENCY

1. Give your name and the exact location of the patient or patients.
2. Give call back telephone number.
3. Give us an idea how serious the problem is.
4. Be as calm as possible (Pause long enough for us to answer).
5. Tell us all the information before you hang up (even if we haven't answer) something may have prevented our radio from disengaging but we can hear you. Call the sheriff number 806/756-4311 to make sure we get the message. Borden County EMS realizes this system is not perfect but until

911 dispatching is county it is the best we operational in all of our can do.

Obituaries

Donna Hendricks 1923 - 2001

Graveside services for Donna L. Hendricks, 77 of Big Spring was held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Gail Cemetery with Bro. Randy Hardman officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction fo nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Mrs. Hendricks died Thursday, April 26, 2001.

She was born August 29, 1923, in Norbourn, Mo., and married Beno Hendricks, on December 1943, in Mauldin., Mo. He preceded her in death on August 27, 1986

A long time resident of Borden County, she moved to Big Spring in 1996 and resided at Canterbury South.

Survivors include oen son and daughter-in-law Bo and Jacque Hendricks of Gail; one sister, Dorothy Vandervort of Amarillo; one grandson, Brian Jones of Big Spring; and many nieces, nephews and close friends.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden county EMS Fund, P.O. Box 341, Gail, TX 79738.

Dorothy Kropp 1920-2001

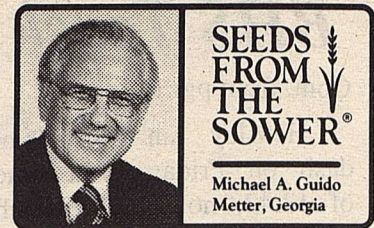
Services for Dorothy Jane Kropp, 80, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Post with the Revs. Robert Isaacs officiating and Charles Burdett assisting.

Burial was held in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

Mrs. Kropp died Thursday, April 26, 2001.

She was born Sept. 22, 1920, in Borden County and married Roscoe Kropp on December 25, 1937, in Lamesa. She had lived in Post since 1993. She was a retired nurse and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Dorothy Jackson of Post; two brothers, G.W. Burdett of Lubbock and Roy Burdett of Tahoka; a sister, Leola "Sis" Dunn of Lubbock; two grand children; and five great-grandchildren.



About a hundred years ago there existed in Canada a society in which a man's standing was decided by how he could ruin himself.

One chief publicly burned blankets, canoes, food and ornaments to outdo his rivals. How strange!

But the strangest people in all the world are those who talk about prayer, but never pray.


Who believe in church, but never attend; who say the Bible is God's Word, but never read it; who follow the devil while they live on earth, but expect to go to heaven when they die.

No wonder the wise man, Solomon, wrote, "The way of man is strange."


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4-H News

District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest

On Saturday, April 28, five Borden County 4-H'ers participated in the District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest in Lubbock. Members of the Junior 1 team included: Raylea Underwood, Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts and Shelby Roberts. Their team received first place, with Raylea receiving high point individual, Lacey receiving third high individual, Shelby receiving ninth high individual and Shylo receiving eleventh high individual. Kalli Poole competed as an individual in the Junior 2 division and received third high individual. We are very proud of these 4-H'ers and we congratulate them on their outstanding accomplishments. Congratulations to them!

County 4-H Record Book Training

We will have a County 4-H Record Book training on Thursday, May 3 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Building. 4-H'ers and their parents that are interested in completing a 4-H record book are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

Weight Management Group Meeting
Program on Fitness
Monday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m.
Community Building
 For more information contact the Extension office at 756-4336

Walk Across Texas Mileage

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1st Summer Term
 Classes begin June 4th and end July 5th

HIST 1301
 History of the US to 1876
 M-R 7:30 am -9:25 am
 Bogener

HIST 1301
 History of the US to 1876
 M-R 9:30 am -11:25 am
 Bogener

SPCH 1321-002
 Business and Prof. Speech
 M-R 11:30 am -1:25 pm
 Holt-Day

HIST 1301
 History of the US to 1876
 M-R 9:30 am -11:25 am
 Graves

2nd Summer Term
 Classes begins July 10th and end August 9th

HIST 1302
 History of US Since 1876
 M-R 11:30 am - 1:25 pm
 Graves

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted

Applications are currently being accepted for the *Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship*. Applications wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 16th, 2001. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Brandon Adcock
Memorial Scholarship Committee
 P.O. Box 95
 Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate from Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The selection committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the selection committee.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the selection committee by the Brandon Adcock Family, and the committee has the authority to waiver all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.



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Slappin' and Clappin' Around the World

I sat there amazed. This guy was on stage alone. No instruments. Just a microphone. He slapped his legs, his chest, his arms, his face and did one of the most fascinating rhythm performances I've ever seen.

Then he got out his jaw harp and made it sound like a cross between an outback didgeridoo and an electronic synthesizer.

Then he played bones.

The highlight of the performance to me was his lightning-fast tapping on the washboard. It had a flat piece of wood and a tin cup built into the bottom of it. He wore thimbles on his fingers to amplify the sound. Wow!

He also played banjo, harmonica and steel guitar. He sang songs and told jokes and stories.

His name is David Holt. He was born in Gatesville, Texas and now lives in North Carolina. For thirty years, he has interviewed folk musicians in the Appalachian Mountains and recorded their music and their techniques. In doing so, he has become a one of a kind entertainer.

He performs somewhere in the world 220 times a year. When I saw in Salado, where his parents live, he had just returned from the southern tip of South America where he was doing a tour for the state department. The week before that, he was in Alaska.

He has done some 95 shows for Public television and has been the host of the Riverwalk Jazz show on Public Radio for thirteen years. He has won two Grammy Awards and been nominated for others. He has

recorded numerous cassettes and CD's of his music and storytelling. His documentary interviews with mountain people are in the Library of Congress.

When the family moved to California while David was growing up, he and his brother formed a dance band. David was hooked on music, but majored in biology in college because most of the men in his family were professional people. But David's pull toward music would not let him go and we're all better off for that. His type of entertaining is

refreshing. He's fun to watch. I had no idea 40 minutes had gone by during the first half of his performance.

David stays home the first part of the week, travels to entertainment venues Thursday through Sunday. His son is a computer whiz. Sometimes his father, a retired engineer, joins David on stage and plays bones with him. His wife Ginny helps him. She has managed to get his books, tapes and CD's published and into the pipeline toward major awards. She sells his tapes and writings at his performances.

Did I say that David wears tapes on his shoes and taps out rhythm with his feet while he's slapping himself, clapping his hands, playing the harmonica and singing? He's a percussionist of the first order.

I'm seriously considering taking up the washboard and jaw harp.

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

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Potential recipients must be a member in good standing of the current Borden County High School graduating class or must be a previous graduate of Borden County High School.

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Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.


Members of the Porter family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the Committee feels is most appropriate. The selection process is a subjective task that will be left to the discretion of the J. Pat Porter Scholarship Selection Committee in order to select a person that the Committee feels is a dignification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

Legal Notice

Notice is given herewith that proposals will be considered from Banks and Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Monday, May 14, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may, at its discretion, reject any and all bids or proposals submitted. Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 116.021, Local Government Code, Vernon's Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate percent interest to be paid on time deposits and rate of interest Borden County would pay on borrowed funds for ordinary operating expenses and borrowed funds for equipment purchases. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

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Gail	Coyote Country Store	756-4330	12:00--1:00 PM
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Texas Department of Health reminds consumers to STOP using recalled items

The bread slides out of the under-the-counter toaster at just the right shade and texture. But along with turning the wheat slices a golden brown, this particular brand of toaster is scorching cabinets and – all too often – causing fires.

Black & Decker Toaster Model T1000 TY1 was recalled in 1997 because of potential fire hazard. Although approximately 234,000 were sold, only 19,000 consumers responded in the first six months after the recall, a fact that illustrates the problem of getting consumer attention.

"Removing recalled products from major retail outlets before they are sold usually is not difficult," said Annabelle Dillard of the Products Safety Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "But getting consumers to give them up later can be a challenge."

Despite recall notices and public warnings, many old hazardous products are still found in homes, flea markets, resale shops and garage sales. Even years later, recalled items such as toys, household appliances, heaters, lamps or children's furnishings can be dangerous if they are still in circulation.

"People, especially children, have been injured or killed by unknowingly using items that have been recalled. These products just keep resurfacing," Dillard said. "There is no such thing as an old recall. If it is still being used, it's still dangerous."

One week each spring, TDH product safety inspectors visit resale shops to remind owners and managers about potential hazards associated with recalled products. Many small resale shops do not get information on recalled products directly from the manufacturer, so TDH product safety inspectors work year around with shop owners and man-

agers to keep them up to date.

This year's Recall Round-Up, was set for April 17th – 20th, and put an emphasis on items that pose a fire threat.

"Our visits also helped remind consumers that recalled items could still be in circulation and still be dangerous to use," Dillard said. "Recalled items are hard to track once they are in use because they may be resold or given away by unsuspecting consumers," she said.

TDH works with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to handle about 300 recalls of defective or dangerous products annually.

When a recall is first issued, retail outlets are notified to remove the item from store shelves. Consumers are asked to stop using the product immediately and return it to the store where it was purchased for repair or replacement.

Consumers can learn about a recall from the retailer who originally sold the item, notices in the media or directly from the manufacturer by mail.

"It's important for consumers to fill out and return the registration card that comes with a new product," Dillard said. "These cards help manufacturers keep track of buyers and let them know about any recall."

Both TDH and CPSC have complete information on recalled items including specific problems and suggested remedies. For help identifying recalled products or to report an unsafe consumer product or product-related injury, contact the TDH Product Safety Division at 512-834-6773 or check the TDH Website at:

www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/ps/index.htm

Information also is available from CPSC's toll free hotline at 1-800-638-2772, on the CPSC Web site

at: www.cpsc.gov or by fax 24 hours a day by subscription. Fax-on-Demand Service may be ordered by calling 301-504-0051.

But even without specific recall information, Dillard urges consumers to check toys, furniture, appliances and equipment for safety hazards. "You may just suspect that an item is not working correctly or may be causing problems: she said. "At that point, just stop using the item."

Selected Items for 2001 Recall Round-Up

- Wellmax extension cords with SPT-2 18AWGX2C 60C imprinted in black on the cord. Cords having undersized wires and reverse polarity receptacles that allow plugs to be incorrectly inserted, presenting fire, shock and electrocution hazards. Sold from March 1997 to November 1998.
- Tools Exchange Inc. blue outdoor extension cords. 10 and 50 feet long, with 3/C 300V. OUTDOOR (6) imprinted on the cord. Cords have undersized wires, lack overcurrent protection and have reverse polarity receptacles that allow plugs to be incorrectly inserted, presenting fire, shock and electrocution hazards. Sold from August 1998 to January 1999.
- Empire Industries children's battery-powered riding vehicles, marketed as "Power Drivers" or Buddy L. "Battery chargers can overheat, presenting fire and injury hazards to children. Sold from July 1995 to December 1997.
- Tek Nek Toys children's battery-powered riding vehicle with model names "Prowler," "Dodge Ram," "corvette," "PSC Motorcycle" and "Honda." Battery charger or wires can overheat, presenting fire and injury hazards to children. Sold from July 1998 to April 2000.
- Fisher Price children's battery-powered Power Wheels ride-on card and trucks. Electrical components can overheat and cause fires. Also wiring problems can prevent the vehicles from stopping. Sold before October 1998.
- Gerry Baby Products Clear Choice rechargeable baby monitor Model 618. When an electrical short occurs, the rechargeable battery can cause the monitor's unit to smoke and flame.
- Gerry Baby Products Deluxe Baby Monitor Model 602. Wires inside the monitor may be improperly connected, resulting in the product overheating and possibly causing fire.
- All halogen torchiere floor lamps for in-home consumer repair manufactured before Feb. 1997. Halogen bulbs in these lamps can cause fires.
- Welbilt Toaster Oven

With rotisserie and Griddle, Model TR660. The ovens' heating elements can break, causing the glass door to shatter. Toasters could short circuit, causing electrical shocks and fires.

▪ Black and Decker Spacemaker Optima horizontal toaster, Model T1000, Type 1. The toasters allow food to catch on fire, and when the toaster door automatically opens and the food rack extends beyond the door, flames from the food can escape and expose kitchen cabinets to fire.

▪ Holmes Products Corp. wide-angle portable heaters, manufactured in 1998, Model HFH-297. Thermostats in some of these heaters are improperly positioned, which can cause them to overheat, posing a fire hazard.

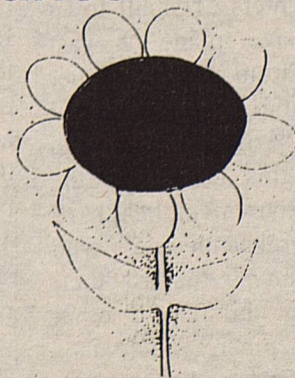
▪ Older model hand-held dryers that do not protect against electrocution if they fall into water with the switch in either the "on" or the "off" position. When buying a hair dryer, look for a larger rectangular-shaped plug at the end of the cord and a certification maker of a recognized testing laboratory.

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"Saving the Family Farm and Ranch"

By Glen Webb

PART I

As I drive to work every day from my home in the suburbs to my big city office I am constantly amazed at the vast amount of people with whom I share my daily commute. Thousands of vehicles line up every morning to join me in our pursuit of the American dream we believe will be found in our state's large urban areas. I wonder when my fellow commuters came to Texas, or when their families came to Texas. I wonder if their grandparents were farmers and ranchers like mine, who lived in communities with names like Muleshoe, El Campo, or Sunset. My conservative instincts quickly argue that what I am seeing is progress, whereby urban society has created more jobs and more home for more people. However, I know that this progress has come at a cost. The cost? The small family farm and ranch.

From Rural to Urban

Today, 82% of Texas' population, resides in the urban areas such as Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Austin. This, however, is not the Texas tradition. Texas is a state whose heritage was built on farming and ranching communities. Years ago my grandparents and great-grandparents, as well as those of many of my fellow commuters, firmly planted their roots in the small towns throughout this great state. These men and women built strong families, strong ranches, and strong communities. However, the sons and daughters of small town Texas have made a vast exodus from their former homes into the cities. In 1999, 35% of all rural land sold in this state was the result of retirement, health, or age of rural landowners who did not intend to pass their land onto children or other family members. There is a direct correlation between the loss of a family farm or ranch

and the loss of our state's small towns. When we lose a family farm or ranch, we lose a family. The loss of these families has led to a vacuum of leadership with in small communities, which of course has meant fewer leaders on the school boards, the city councils, in the churches, and on the chambers of commerce. Each time a small town dies, Texas loses a piece of its heritage. Why is this happening?

Federal Estate Tax

Today, the federal tax rate is 37% to 55% for all estates with assets over \$675,000, the unified credit. For those of us who are fortunate to have studied tax law we know that the unified credit represents the amount of assets excluded from federal estate tax. This credit is expected to rise to \$1,000,000 by 2006. However, it takes very little land and very few minerals to reach a fair market value of \$675,000 or \$1,000,000 for that matter. Furthermore, for ranches with an estimated value over \$10,000,000 there is no unified credit, which means these larger ranches and farms are taxed at an effective rate of 60% upon the death of a patriarch or matriarch. The consequence is that families are forced to sell large tracts of their land in order to satisfy their federal estate tax burden. Proud men and women work their whole lives to build their farms and ranches only to find their life's work diminished at their death. Large and vibrant family farms and ranches become smaller and smaller as each new generation faces the federal estate tax hurdle. As the size of these farms and ranches diminish so does the amount of revenue that can be earned through farming, ranching, and hunting. Therefore, the incentive to stay on the family farm or ranch becomes less attractive with each passing generation.

The most punitive aspect of the estate tax is that it

discourages family farmers and ranchers from acquiring more land. What is the point of growing your family farm or ranch if it is just going to be sold upon your death in order to pay your taxes? For example, a young Texan who inherits a 2,500-acre ranch in the year 2001 with a fair market value of \$500 per acre must pay a federal estate tax of \$227,800. What is most striking about this example is that there are no other assets in the estate: no cash, no certificates of deposit, no securities, no other assets at all. Therefore, the amount of tax owed to the United States' government in the above example would be substantially higher in a real life situation. Regardless, the only choice for the young Texan in our example is to sell part of his land to pay the federal estate tax.

Many farmers and ranchers may be under a false impression that a \$1,300,000 exclusion from the estate tax exists for family-owned businesses (including farms and ranches). But, in reality, the exclusion is much smaller if it exists at all. The *Taxpayers Relief Act of 1997* created the exclusion for qualified family owned business. Today, the exclusion is \$625,000 - not \$1.3 million. Furthermore, this amount will decrease to \$300,000 by 2006. Moreover, many family farms and ranches do not even qualify for the exclusion because of its unusually complex requirements. Tax experts overwhelmingly agree that the legislation creating the exclusion is so badly flawed it will need to be amended before it becomes effective for all family farms and ranches. Another area of concern for rural landowners is that the exclusion does not apply to assets that produce rents and royalties. The potential danger for ranchers and farmers is the IRS may consider revenue from hunting rents and/or royalties and disqualify any land used

for that purpose. Therefore, the only certain relief from the estate tax for family farms and ranches is the unified credit.

The good news for Texas' farmers and ranchers is that the present occupant of the White House vows to get rid of the so-called "death" tax, which is the combined federal estate and gift tax payable at death. Furthermore, legislation repealing the estate tax has passed the House of Representatives. This legislation would phase out the estate tax over the next ten years. The bad news for farmers and ranchers is that this legislation has a difficult path to travel before becoming law. On the Senate side, any repeal of the estate tax must originate in the Finance Committee. The repeal of the estate tax is very likely to overcome the obstacle, but it will face its largest challenge on the floor of the evenly divided United States Senate. If the federal estate tax repeal makes its way out of the Senate it must be reconciled with its counterpart in the House of Representatives. At that point, a Conference of selected Senators and Congressmen have to work compromises from their competing bills. If the bill makes it way out of Conference, it must go back to the House and Senate for their respected approval and only then will it make it to President Bush's desk for his signature. Furthermore, future administrations may

reintroduce the estate tax in future tax bills. Therefore, even if the estate tax is abolished this year future presidents and congresses could bring it back to life!

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, one likely compromise on estate tax relief is to raise the unified credit over a period of years from \$675,000 to \$2,000,000, which would help but not cure the problem for small family farms and ranches due to appreciation of real property. With the spread of hunting in the State of Texas, land values are appreciating faster than ever. For example, land in Shackelford County that was valued at \$400 an acre a few years ago is now worth close to \$700 an acre depending on the amount of wildlife and the location. The same is true in counties all over the state, which are witnessing a new revenue source through hunting. So, in effect tomorrow's heirs may be in the same situation as the young Texan in the above example. If not worse off, due to rapid appreciation in land value. The bottom line? The fact that the current President of the United States supports a repeal of the estate tax does not necessarily mean that tomorrow's Texas family farmers and ranchers will ever see complete relief from the tax.

This has been Part I of a III Part editorial series written by Glen Webb. Part II will continue in the next edition of the Borden Star.

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