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Rika Copeland Medals in Girls' Shot Put Junior Distance Runner Defends Regional Title by Running Away with New Record in 3200m Run and Advances in 1600m Run

The Region II-A track meet held a few surprises April 28 and 29, but BHS's Trent Pepper's performances came as no shock to anyone.

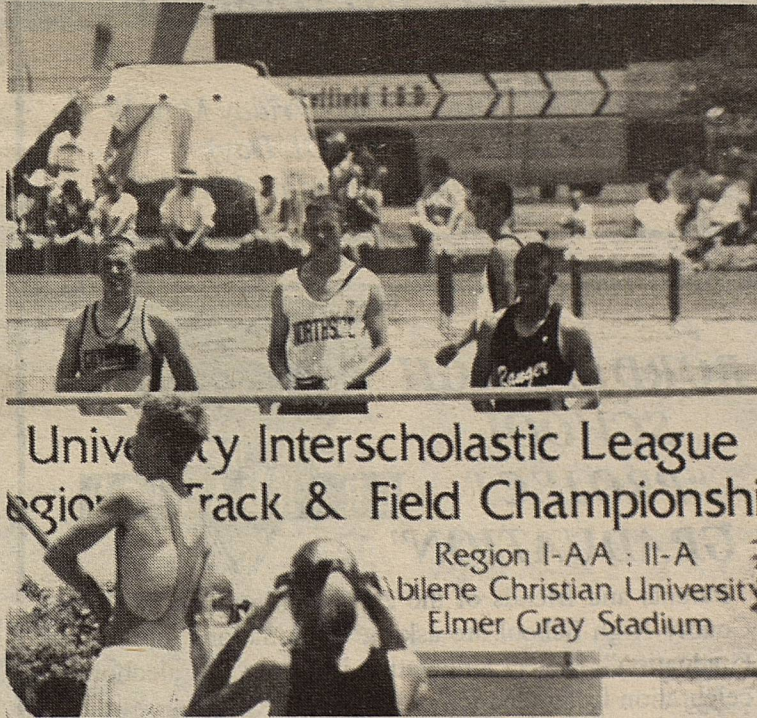
Not only did Trent claim his regional gold medal in the 3200m run, but he shattered the existing regional record by nine seconds set in 1993. His time in the event was 9:43.64.

To go with the gold, Trent added a silver medal in the mile run, a race run in the heat of the day Saturday.

Other BHS regional participants came close as Sophomore Rika Copeland tossed the shot put 35' 2" to earn a bronze medal and score six points for the Lady Coyotes.

Rika was in second until Trent's Kelly O'Kelly threw for 35' 10" to earn the second-place ticket to Austin.

Junior Holly Thomas, BHS Lady Coyote distance runner, scored a point by finishing sixth in a field of 16 in the 1600m run in a time of 6:00.01.



Trent Pepper receiving his silver medal for the 1600m Run during Saturday's Regional Track Meet Awards Ceremony. Trent also received Gold medal in the 3200m Run.

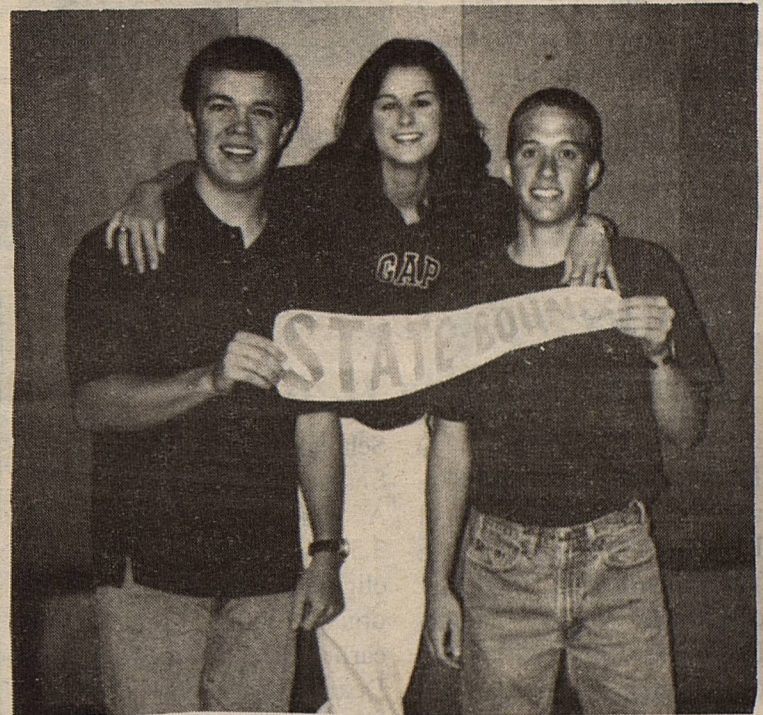
Sophomore T. C. Stipe completed his track season with a sixth place finish in the 800m run with a time of 2:05.17, also scoring a point for the boys' team.

The girls' 1600m relay team, consisting of Bekah Hensley, Micah Hensley, Valerie Wootan, and Julie Mayes, ended up 6th in a photo finish for 4th, 5th, and 6th in the finals of the event. However, the girls ran their best time of the

year in 4:19.24.

Completing BHS's participation in the track meet was the 8th place performance of Freshman Bobbie Kempf in the 3200m run and the 8th place finish in the 1600m relay for the boys' team, made up of Robert Stamper, Joseph Hardman, Trent Pepper, and T. C. Stipe.

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Set for State . . .

Borden County High School juniors (L. to R.) Ross Aten, Rebekah Hensley, and Trent Pepper are finalizing their preparations for the U.I.L. State Academic Meet to be held this weekend in Austin.

Aten will compete in Current Issues & Event, while Hensley will participate in Prose Interpretation. Pepper will compete in both Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking and Calculator Applications.

White River Watershed Brush Control Project To Enhance Water Quality and Quantity

The high plains region of Texas is abundant in many things - open skies, oil, gas, wind, agriculture and friendly people. One thing the high plains region does not have in

abundance is water. White River Lake, approximately 40-miles southeast of Lubbock, is no exception. The lake has been at low levels for

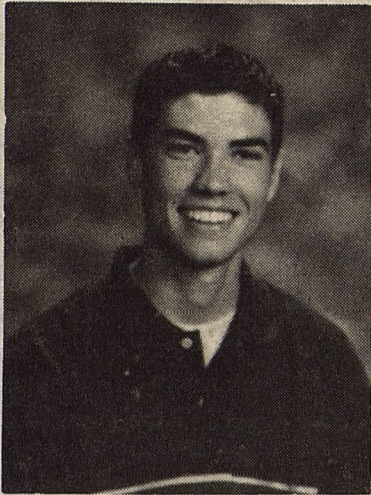
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BHS Golfer Improves Score at Two-day Regional Meet; Returns next year for another shot

Junior Tom Griffin, Borden High School's lone participant in the regional golf meet, shot scores of 89 and 86 in last week's competition held in Abilene at the Maxwell Municipal Course.

Griffin's efforts were individual as Borden County did not field a team in this year's tournament.

Golfers from Throckmorton and Menard advanced to the state tournament to be held in Austin during the week of May 8-12.



**Tom Griffin
BHS Junior**



2000-2001 COYOTE CHEERLEADERS:

Coyote Mascot, Alexis Brooks; Mika Hensley; Shayla Gass; Rika Copeland; Michele Bond; Holly Thomas and Krystle Lee.

Dennis inducted into TCU Alpha Lambda Delta

Jeff Dennis, a 1999 Borden County graduate and the son of Joel and Betty was inducted into the Texas Christian University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta on April 12th. This organization is the National Scholastic Honor for freshman college students. A first semester GPA of 3.5 is required to be eligible for this organization. Jeff had earlier been named to the Dean's List.

Pre-school Day

Pre-School day has been set for Friday, May 19th. If your child will be five (5) years old on or before September 1st, 2000, he/she may attend school in the fall of 2000.

The day will begin at 7:55 a.m. and dismiss at 12:30 p.m. This will be an early dismissal day for the entire school.

Your child will be able to meet their class-room teacher, Mrs. Smith, their principal, their P.E. Coach, music teacher and everyone that will be involved with them in their school day.

A social security card, immunization records, and a birth certificate are needed for pre-registration.

Please notify the bus driver in your area, if your child plans to ride the bus. Lunch will be provided by the school for all pre-school children.

We are looking forward to visiting with you and your child. If you have any questions, please call the school at 806/756-4313.



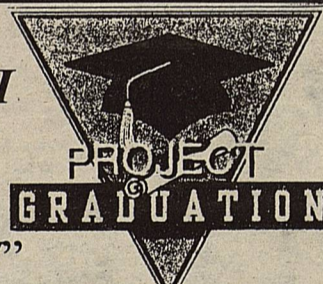
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NO SCHOOL: Friday, May 12th.

EARLY DISMISSAL: 12:30 - Friday May 19th
(Also PRE-SCHOOL Day)

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: Friday, May 26th

BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL "PROJECT GRADUATION"



Parents and friends of the 2000 Senior Class of Borden County High School are asking for donations for "Project Graduation". Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol free celebration for 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 donations to: "BHS Project Graduation" in care of Borden County I.S.D. P.O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738 or contact any senior parent or the school.

Sincerely, Class of 2000 Senior Parents

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Menu

Lunch: \$1.00 K-6th.
\$1.25 7th-12th.
Breakfast: .50c

May 8th - 11th, 2000

MONDAY: Chicken Fry, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Rolls, Fruit, & Milk

Breakfast: Hot Pockets, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk

TUESDAY: Corn Dogs, Salad, Cheese Potatoes, Fruit Crisp & Milk

Breakfast: Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Cheese-burger Mac, Spinach, Beans, Corn Bread, Fruit & Milk

Breakfast: Sausage Gravy, Biscuit, Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Chicken on a Bun, Tater Tots, Salad Cup, Cookies, & Milk

Breakfast: Egg & Cheese English Muffin, Juice, & Milk

FRIDAY:

NO SCHOOL

NOTICE: This will be the last published Menu. Beginning Monday, May 15th thru Friday, May 26th the menu will be **Cook's Choice** as food will be used to clear out supply for end of school.

LUNCH CHARGES: If you have lunch and breakfast charges, please contact the school and find out how much you owe. Beginning Monday, May 22nd **NO ONE** will be allowed to charge their lunch or breakfast. Please have you money daily or pay for the entire time. Refunds will be given at the end of school if you have paid too much. Your charges need to be taken care of as soon as possible.

Thank You!

Have a great Summer!



Regional Track Meet

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Freshman Micah Hensley was also a qualifier in the 300m hurdles but jumped the gun in her preliminary race.

This was the last track meet and official athletic event for senior Coyotes Hardman and Stamper and Lady Coyote Julie Mayes.

It also was a sentimental farewell run for Junior Valerie Wootan, who will be moving at the end of the school year to Midland.

In the past decade, Coaches Bobby Avery and Trey Richey have fashioned a track program that has been the envy of the district.

Thanks to the school's new track facility and the efforts of these two coaches, Borden High School has etched itself into the record books and will continue to make and take its mark in track meets in the years to come.



BHS Regional Qualifiers: (L to R) Rika Copeland, Tom Griffin, Valerie Wootan, Bobbie Kempf, Micah Hensley, Robert Stamper, Trent Pepper, T.J. Sharp, Crystal Dye, Rowdy Dunlap and Holly Thomas. (Front row) Joseph Hardman, Bekah Hensley, and Julie Mayes.



Rika Copeland receives Bronze medal during Awards Ceremony.



Joseph Hardman brings the baton to the finish in the 1600m relay. Other team members were: Trent Pepper, T.C. Stipe and Robert Stamper



BHS Girls 1600m Relay Team: Bekah Hensley, Micah Hensley, Valerie Wootan and Julie Mayes.

Junior Lady Coyote Runner, Holly Thomas finishes strong in the 1600m run.



Sr. 1600m relay team member Robert Stamper, makes good time in his leg of the relay.



Trent Pepper pushes himself to take the lead during the 1600m run Saturday in the heat of the day.



Sophomore runner, T.C. Stipe gives it all in the 800m run during coming in with a 6th place finish.

Census 2000 Jobs Peak in April/May/June Census Work Far From Over – It's Just Beginning

Millions of census forms have been delivered nationwide. A multitude of media messages have been urging people to mail in their census forms by April 11th. So now that the third week of April is here, people seem to think Census 2000 operations are over and done with. But nothing could be further from the truth.

"Census 2000 isn't over!" emphasizes Alfonso Mirabel, Dallas Regional director. "In fact, the biggest, toughest part of census operations is just beginning. In one week tens of thousands of Census-takers will be hitting the streets to conduct census interviews at people's front door steps. It's a massive undertaking!"

In Texas alone, an estimated 31,000 Census-takers will need to be hired and trained in the next few weeks. The target date for them hitting the streets and knocking on people's doors is April 27th, and they will continue

until July. They will work days, evenings and weekends – especially times when people are most likely to be home.

Census recruiting, hiring, and training will not cease once the first wave of Census-takers begin working on April 27th. A long history of conducting censuses has taught the Bureau that there is always turn-over, so the census recruiters must continue finding, testing, hiring, and training new Census-takers right up into July.

"What we want people to understand," explains Mr. Mirabel, "is that door-to-door census taking is the largest manpower operation that the U.S. government undertakes, short of military warfare. It's a demanding, costly, labor intensive period of the Census Bureau – and it will keep on going until we've done all we can to count every man, woman, and child living in the U.S."

The Census Bureau

welcomes all persons interested in employment as a Census-taker. The hours are flexible and the pay is usually two to three times the minimum wage. Applicants must take a simple work-skills test. They must be 18 years-old or over, must present two forms of ID when they apply, and must be legally authorized to work in the U.S. There are numerous times, dates and locations for test sites. All interested applicants need to do is call to get the most convenient testing time and place for them.

Call toll free:
1-888-325-7733.

Applicants will be connected to the nearest census office.

Need An Odd Job Done?

- Plowing small areas
- Mowing & lawn care
- Washing vehicles, Ect.

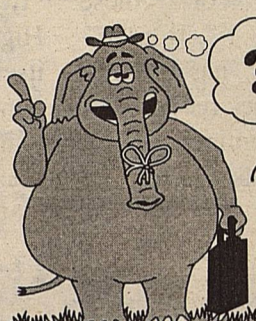
Call Cody:
756-4460

TPA MEMBER 2000
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REWARD

A REWARD is being offered for information leading to the conviction of the person/s that stole and vandalized a white Melex golf-cart on Friday, April 27th or Saturday, April 28th.

Please call Jimmy Thomas at 756-4316



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The Medical Arts Board of Directors, Administration and Staff wishes to thank the Borden County EMS for their great cooperation in responding to Tuesday disturbance at the Smith Unit.

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To Our Dear Friends of Borden County,

We would like to express our genuine gratitude to all of you who were there for Mom throughout her illness and now at this most difficult time of her passing. The many cards, gift, visits, food, words of encouragement, and especially prayers over the past two years have been so graciously given; and Mom appreciated them so very much. She had such a love for her home, family, and you, her precious friends. Mom's wish was that we would all go on and be strong Christians as she was such an example of.

Thank you all for being her friend.

Love,
Ralynn, Brice, And Grant

Philippians 4:13



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Texas Stories

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Handkerchiefs for Sale

Harold Berman is a Dallas attorney who grew up in Colorado City. Some time ago he returned to his hometown to give a speech on the impact of early Jewish merchants there. The city had several. He talked about some of his family members.

"My Uncle Max back in the 30's decided to go into the manufacturing business. He had owned a department store for years and decided the retail business was not the way to make money, that manufacturing was the only way.

He decided to manufacture handkerchiefs and bought a machine to make them. He had big plans. He bought enough material to supply everyone in the world with a dozen handkerchiefs.

He bought so much cloth he had to shore up the second story of his building to hold the raw product. He hired someone who knew how to sew and they started making handkerchiefs. He found out rather quickly that retailing was probably his field.

After bout two or three months he shut down his handkerchief business. That was in the late 30's.

The war began in 1941. Then, the scarcest product in the whole United States was handkerchief. And guess who had all the material to make them.

Uncle Max re-opened his handkerchief business and started shipping handkerchiefs from Colorado City all over the world.

When he ran out of cloth he closed down the

business and sold the machine for five times what he paid for it.

Harold says all the Jewish storekeepers were hard working, energetic and shrewd businessmen. They were all dedicated to their families and never hesitated to sacrifice for them. They were civic minded and served on school boards, city commissions and the chamber of commerce.

"I've often been asked, what was it like growing up Jewish in a small west Texas City? Well, it was wonderful. I played Joseph in the town's nativity scene every year. I played saxophone in the high school band. We had teachers who cared about us. We all took great pride in being Jewish. We practiced our religion to the extent we could without a synagogue available to us. On the high holy days the Jews in Snyder, Sweetwater, Roscoe, Lorraine and Colorado City met at the Bluebonnet Hotel in Sweetwater for services. They were conducted by a member of our community who was learned in our religion or by a Rabbi or military chaplain who may have been available at the time."

"All stores owned by Jews closed for both Jewish and Christian holidays. My father would leave his number with the operator on Christmas Day

so if anyone got the wrong size, or broke a toy, or forgot to buy butter, they could call and he would go to the store. He made numerous trips to the store every Christmas Day. I have no recollection of ever experiencing any anti-Semitism while I lived there. The respect we all had for each other left no room for any hate or disrespect."

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May is Stroke Awareness Month;

Do you know the signs?

Imagine one minute you're fine, and in the next moment, your vision is blurred and one side of your body goes numb. You're disoriented and dizzy. You are having a stroke. The people around you don't understand what's happening and don't know what to do. You're scared but think that maybe these symptoms will stop soon. Meanwhile your chances of severe stroke and your risk of death are increasing with each minute that passes.

This is a scene that is played out several hundred times a day in America. Stroke is the No. 3 cause of death and the No. 1 cause of serious long-term disability. The sobering fact is that **more than 70 percent of adults in the U.S. don't know the symptoms of a stroke.** As a result, people wait too long before seeking medical attention and either die or suffer severe disability.

Many don't realize that there is a lot you can do to help someone suffering from a stroke. If you get to the emergency room

within three hours of the onset of symptoms, doctors can provide medical treatments that can help reverse the effects of a stroke. The sooner appropriate treatment is begun, the better the chances for recovery. This is why it is so important to know the warning signs for stroke. These symptoms constitute a medical emergency and help should be called immediately:

1. Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
2. Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
3. Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
4. Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
5. Sudden severe headaches with no know cause.

For more information call the local American Heart Association office or toll free **1-888-4-STROKE** or visit the Web site at www.StrokeAssociation.org.

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- Deworm - \$3.00 (per dog/cat)**

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1:30 - 3:00 pm

Borden Co. Showbarn
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NEWS:

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation

Planting has begun in the Western High Plains boll weevil eradication zone, and Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials want to remind cotton producers that access to all sides of their fields is vital to the success of the eradication.

Traps are being placed as fields are planted and will be checked on a weekly basis during the growing season. Trapping all sides of the field and having access to those traps is especially important at the beginning of the season, said Zone Manager Darrell Dusek.

Trapping of fields during the season long phase of eradication differs from the diapause phase the zone experienced last year. During diapause fields are trapped at a rate

of one trap per 40 acres. The information gathered is used to establish a baseline that data gathered in subsequent years can be compared with. The comparison aids in monitoring the progress of eradication in the zone.

During the season long phase all treatment decisions are based on trap captures, so the information must be gathered in a timely fashion and must be accurate. The trapping rate increases to one trap each one-tenth mile, and if boll weevil habitat, such as CRP land, is nearby, the rate increases to one trap each one-twentieth mile.

The information from these traps provides a picture of weevil activity in the fields, so if fields are not trapped on all sides, the picture is incomplete and treatment decisions are affected, Dusek said.

"It's extremely important that we have access to all sides of the field," he said. "We have to form a sort of barrier to detect weevils as they move into the fields."

Weevils entering through an untrapped side of a field will not be detected, and the field may not be treated until the weevil population has increased to a level detectable by the other traps, he said. Trapping and checking all sides of the field enables program personnel to target portions of the field, helping to

preserve beneficial insects and lowering the cost of the program to producers.

Catching the weevils early reduces both damage in the field and the need to spray later in the season, which also helps preserve beneficials and keeps program costs down, Dusek said.

Foundation personnel will work with growers within established guidelines, to place traps where they will be effective and cause the least amount of disruption to operations, according to a newsletter recently sent top growers.

Producers who have questions about trapping should contact their district supervisor. District offices for the Western High Plains zone are located in Plains, 1179 CR 305, (806)456-4121; in Seagraves, 510 Railroad Ave., (806)546-8858; in Brownfield, at the old Union School on Highway 1076, (806)755-2616; and in Seminole, 1104 Hobbs Hwy., (915)758-1261.

More information on the eradication program may be found on the foundation's Web site, <http://www.txbollweevil.org>.

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted

Applications are currently being accepted for the *J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship*. Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 15th 2000. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

J. Pat Porter 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 as evidenced by his/her high moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and determination to succeed along with maintaining passing grades.

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.

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.

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.

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

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Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship Committee
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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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To learn more about CPR, call the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit us online at www.americanheart.org/tx



Rolling across the USA

Ohio woman on trek to boost awareness of rare disease

You may have noticed a camper in town last week and wondered who it was and where they were going. Below is an article from the Lamesa Press-Reporter telling the story of the visitor that spent the night in Gail last week.

By Jeffrey Patterson
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Susan Hobbs is on a mission buoyed by wheels and butterfly wings.

Hobbs, 45, of Daytona, Ohio, is in the midst of roller blading 3,750 miles across the United States with the intention of boosting awareness of a rare disease - Raynaud's - which took the life of her mother in 1994 and also afflicts her.

Hobbs, along with Dave Large who drives a support van that pulls a camper and carries necessary equipment, passed through Lamesa Thursday morning en route to Seminole and eventually California.

Large quipped that it is Hobbs who does all the work while he pilots the van at a leisurely 10-15 miles per hour.

"Stay in the van. I've got the big wheel," he said.

Hobbs' effort, which she has dubbed "Walk-n-Roll '99," began on Memorial Day 1999 at the Statue of Liberty in New York. From New York city, her skates have carried her down the East Coast and across the deep south into Texas.

Large said Hobbs averages skating some 25-30 miles per day, depending on the weather and road conditions. Her high for a single day of roller-blading is 80 miles.

It depends on the wind, hills, and whether the road is paved or gravel," Hobbs said.

The road surface condi-



tions - sometimes good and sometimes atrocious - have worn away the wheels of Hobbs' skates.

"This is my third pair of skates. These roads are eating me alive," she said.

There have been some trying times along the way that have included costly mechanical problems with the van - which continues to overheat if driven too long, the theft of some \$2,500 worth of tools during a burglary, and one fall that cracked Hobbs' helmet and tail-bone, and caused a serious injury to her thumb.

"If it weren't for that safety equipment and helmet I wouldn't be here today," Hobbs said.

For two months of her odyssey, Hobbs was without the company of Large, who had to return to his home in Canada for a time.

"For two months I

pulled a Radio Flyer wagon with a tent, sleeping bag, and all my equipment behind me," Hobbs said.

With all of the equipment the wagon burdened Hobbs with 60-70 additional pounds.

"She wound up sending stuff back to me in Canada three times" Large said.

Hobbs said, as with any rip, she had packed too many of items that are normally viewed as daily "necessities."

"The make-up was some of the first stuff to go," she said with a grin.

Through it all, though, Hobbs says, she has been able to keep her eyes on her goal of skating across the United State because of the butterflies that seem to follow her wherever she goes.

"I need to know I'm on the right pat," she said, adding that when her journey first began she asked God to always show her she should continue on.

"After that, everywhere I stop there have been butterflies," Hobbs said. "Somebody is putting them there."

Hobbs said that on several mornings she has awakened to rainy weather that would make it difficult to skate it. More times than not, though a simple prayer has brought clear skies and cool temperatures.

"If I get cold, the sun comes out and warms me. I'll always get a tail wind," she said. "One time while camping it was pouring rain and we couldn't even have a fire. The minute I asked for the rain to stop, it did. The minute the last logs burned down it started again. God's with us."

Hobbs said she has seen some beautiful country during her skate across America, but said the

memories she has made take a backseat to her efforts to educate those she encounters about the effects of Raynaud's Disease.

Raynaud's Disease is a circulatory disorder that affects the blood vessels in the fingers, toes, nose, lips or ear lobes. It strikes an estimated five to 120 percent of the general population in the U.S. primarily women. Attacks can be triggered by exposure to cold temperatures or emotional stress. Affected areas first turn white from a temporary lack of circulation, and sometimes blue from oxygen deprivation. Eventually the area changes to red as blood flow resumes. The areas also may go numb, throb, tingle or swell.

Although most victims suffer from a milder version of Raynaud's, some also experience a secondary form that causes painful skin ulcers, gangrene, and difficulty in swallowing because of weakness in the esophagus.

In the final years of her mother's life, Hobbs said, she was stricken with numerous conditions - some life threatening - that were linked to Raynaud's Disease. It's something she said no one should have to face.

"Based on what I learned, I think there's a very real chance it's connected in some way to other diseases like lupus and glaucoma," Hobbs said.

"People think Raynaud's is so minuscule by comparison, but if I'm right and it is connected to other diseases, then finding a solution here could have a very large domino effect."

For now, though, Hobbs will continue her skate across the United States. She also plans a future

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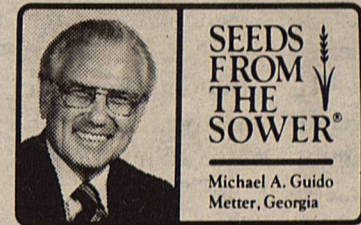
- Susan Hobbs
roller-blader

skate across Canada from the West Coast to the East Coast in an effort to increase awareness of Raynaud's disease there.

Hobbs has no plans to stop until she has conquered both the United States and Canada.

"Many times I've told people I had the right to bring this together, but I don't have the right to dismantle it," she said.

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White River Watershed Brush Control Project

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years. Besides having recreational value, White River Lake is a drinking water source for the nearby towns of Crosbyton, Ralls, Spur and Post.

In an effort to increase the water quality and quantity in the lake, a partnership of local, state and federal agencies has come together to provide a voluntary, incentive - based brush control program for local landowners.

Partners in the four-year project include the Rio Blanco and Duck Creek Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCDs), Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), and USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Funding for the project is provided by the TSSWCB through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 319 (h) section of the Clean Water Act.

"The Bottom line, or overall objective, is brush control on the White River watershed to increase the water quality and the water yield to White River Lake," Silas Flournoy, Rio Blanco SWCD conservationist, said.

Data from NRCS studies show that completion of brush-control in the watershed could increase water yield to White River Lake up to 29 percent, according to Charles Morris, Resource Team Leader for the NRCS field office in Spur.

To accomplish this, the Rio Blanco and Duck Creek SWCDs are offering financial assistance to landowners for up to 75 percent of the cost of implementing SWCS-approved methods of brush control. Financial assistance is limited to a maximum of \$50,000 per landowner.

"Another thing is that

this project will extend the life of the lake because of the reduced silt entering it. When it get silt, or sediment, in the lake, you lose storage capacity," Flournoy said.

Based on computer modeling results by the Blackland Research Center in Temple, brush control could reduce sediment runoff by approximately 22-percent in the White River watershed and by approximately 12 percent in the South Wichita River watershed. Such reductions would increase the life span of White River Lake by approximately 240 years.

"By taking out the brush we will have more water available for grass growth and then the grass will provide more ground cover. Once we have cover, the water running off the land will be of a lot better quality; it won't have silt in it," Flournoy said.

"If this works the way it is projected, the citizens of the lake, and they could expect that the lake's water level will remain at a more constant level," Charley Rodgers, manager of the TSSWCB Hale Center regional office, said.

Most of the landowners in the project's area operate large ranches and many have already done some brush control on their property, Flournoy noted. Mesquite is the primary brush in the region, and will be targeted mostly by aerial spraying of herbicides. Some areas close to residential populations will have mechanical methods prescribed.

"The ranchers involved will benefit from the project by getting better grass production, and more grazing area on their land, once we get the brush knocked out," Flournoy said.

Acting as a liaison between landowners and

the Rio Blanco SWCD, Flournoy has enrolled 11 landowners in the brush control project since its inception in the Fall of 1998. He notes that most of the highest priority areas within the more than 86,000-acre watershed are now enrolled in the project and he estimates the 20,000 acres will receive brush-control treatment by the project's end.

Modeling and data generated by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and NRCS has been used to target priority areas within White River Lake watershed. Highest priority for brush control treatment has been given to those areas contributing the largest amounts of nonpoint source pollution, in this case, sediment. Nonpoint source pollution is a type of pollution whose origin is difficult to identify and which occurs from broad area, rather than a specific point.

As the lead agency for the state of Texas in abating nonpoint source pollution, the TSSWCB works closely with local SWCDs to reduce this form of pollution by implementing various best management practices

include in the water quality management plan (WQMP) process.

A WQMP is a site-specific plan which includes appropriate land treatment practices, production practices, technologies and an implementation schedule.

Agricultural producers have the opportunity to develop WQMPs in cooperation with local SWCDs. Certified WQMPs ensure that farming or ranching operations carried out in a manner consistent with state water quality goals.

Producers may request planning assistance from the soil and water conser-

vation district in the county where their farm or ranch is located.

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319(h) program is to provide funds to states for implementing best management practices that abate or reduce nonpoint source pollution. The use of 319(h) funds greatly enhances the ability of local SWCDs in providing technical and financial assistance to landowners.



Silas Flournoy, Rio Blanco SWCD conservationist, examines a mesquite tree cut down during brush control work near White River Lake

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 10:00 a.m., May 22, 2000.

1. Asphalt for the 2000 paving program
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5. Propane for Courthouse, and Precinct #1 and #2 Barns

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