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A Life Well Lived Memorial Scheduled for Borden County's Lela Porter

Memorial services for Lela Patton Porter will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2002, at the Gail First Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy Hardman, pastor of Gail Baptist Church, officiating. Rev. Pat Ray, pastor of the Fairview Baptist Church, and Rev. Richard Laverty, pastor of Farwell Baptist Church, will be assisting.

Mrs. Porter passed away on Saturday, May 4, 2002, at Lamesa Health Care Center at 4:20 a.m.

Lela was born October 13, 1903, the youngest child of a family of three brothers and two sisters. Her parents S. and Nanny Patton were pioneers in the Rotan Area. Her dad was County Commissioner and County Judge for many years.

She married Clarence "Skeet" Porter, on May 14, 1935, and he preceded her in death on May 12, 1981. A son J. Pat Porter; also preceded her in death on June 18, 1992.

She was a 1924 honor graduate of Simmons College, as it was called then. After graduation, she began her teaching career. She taught most grades in elementary and high school in Millersview, Ackerly, Gail, and Big Spring. Lela said that one of her most rewarding experiences in the



**Lela Porter
1903-2002**

Ackerly school system was teaching the children of the Latin American families that were involved in the "Barcero" program in the early 50's. That class included boys and girls from ages 6 to 16 with very small amount of understanding of the English Language. They had no text or workbooks to study with, so she had to improvise the classes in reading, writing, spelling, math and art. Each day would be brand new; as new students would appear and others would leave to work in the fields. The class number would have as many as 30 children and then go down to as few as 10 depending on

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BHS Valedictorian and Salutatorian Announced for 2002

Mr. Chet Dye, principal of Borden County High School announced this week the valedictorian and salutatorian for the 2001-2002 graduating class.

Andrea Lozano, daughter of Andres & Dora Lozano was named Valedictorian. Andrea has maintained a weighted grade of 98.34 and a GPA of 4.0 for the four-year period in high school.

Andrea has been involved on the UIL Literary Criticism Team, been a member of the Beta Club, and is on the Year book staff. She has been a Teacher's Aide for Spanish I class, and is very involved in the Gail FFA and the Borden County Stock shows.

Andrea is undecided on which college she will attend this fall.

Jessica Ellison, daughter of Patty Ellison and Brian Ellison was named Salutatorian. Jessica has maintained a weighted grade of 91.88 and a GPA of 3.7 for the four-year period in high school.

Jessica's list of honors include One Act Play, member of the State Semi-Final basketball team, a member on the UIL Literary Criticism Team, a member of the Beta Club and the Yearbook Staff. She has been an Elementary Teacher's aide and is involved with the Gail FFA and the Borden County

Stock Shows.

Jessica plans to attend Midland Junior College this fall.

Baccalaureate service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on

Sunday, May 26th in the school auditorium.

Commencement exercise will be held Friday, May 31st. at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.



Andrea Lozano



Jessica Ellison

2001-2002 Awards Banquet

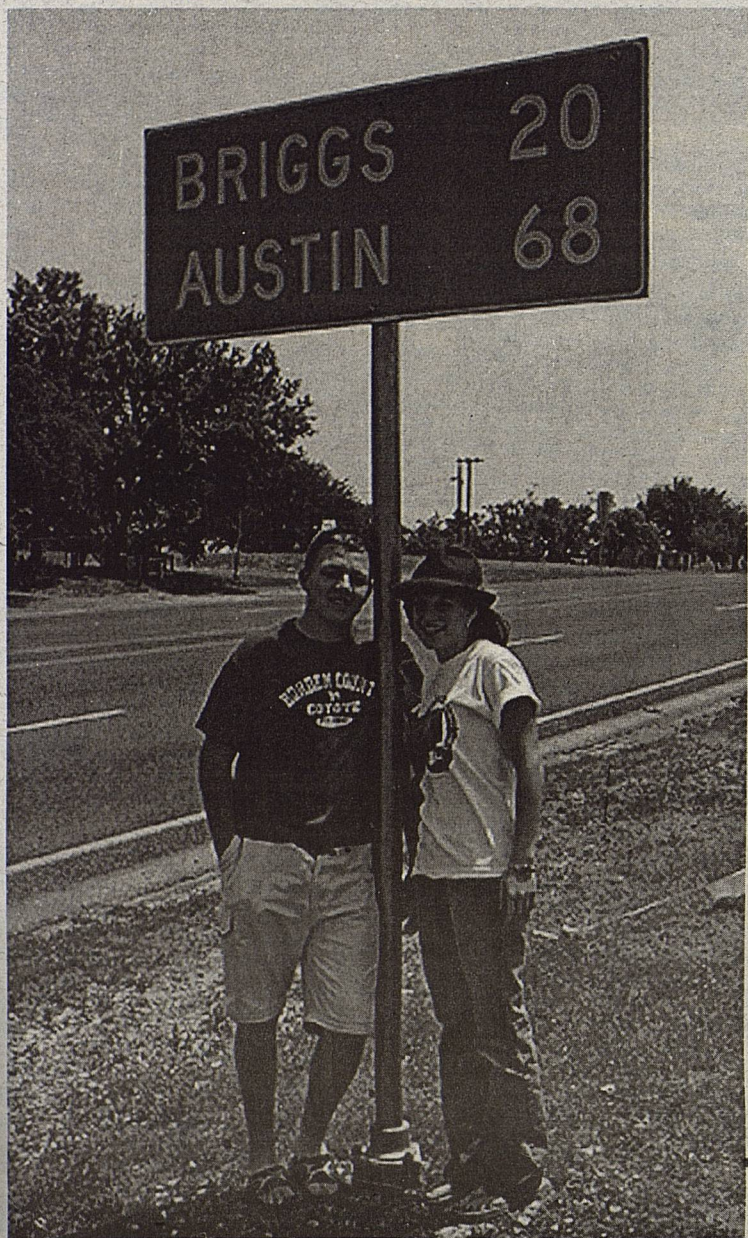
*Honoring the UIL Achievement of
Borden County High School Students*

**Tuesday, May 14th, - 7:30 p.m.
School Cafeteria
Ticket Price: \$6.00**

*Tickets may be purchased in
Advance in the Superintendent's
office. Please be sure to RSVP
No later than 5:00 p.m. Monday,
May 13th by calling 756-4313.*



A Trip To State - - -



The Long Road to Austin: Two Borden County students advanced to the U.I.L. Academic State Meet held on May 2-4 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Laura Stamper, a senior, advanced to state after being named the regional champion in Poetry Interpretation. Kyle Pinkerton, a sophomore and a first-time regional qualifier, advanced to the state meet after receiving second place honors in Persuasive Speaking. Both BHS students placed 4th in their respective preliminary rounds, but only the top 3 advanced to the finals. Although they did not get to advance to the finals, these BHS students are both considered to be among the top 8 in the state. Their sponsor, Mr. Darrin Ard is very proud of these two students and their accomplishments.

4-H News

4-H Meeting

There will be a 4-H Meeting on Monday, May 13th from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. in the Borden County Show Barn.

We will be re-enrolling for the 2002-2003 4-H year, as well as electing officers for the new year. The program will be on recreational

vehicle (three and four wheelers and go-carts) safety.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Extension office at 806/756-4336.

BHS Athletes Compete at UIL State Track Meet, May 11th.

With final warm-up performances last week in Abilene, three Borden high school track participants are now ready for the big show.

Seniors Rika Copeland, T.C. Stipe, and Jacob Zant competed in a state qualifiers' meet in Abilene May 1 to prepare for this weekend's main event.

Copeland's best throw of the day in the shot put was a 36' 3 and three-quarters inch toss.

Stipe ran a 2:03.2 in his 800m run, while Zant finished 2nd with a 14.87 in

the 110m high hurdles.

Also competing in the qualifiers' meet was state alternate T.J. Sharp.

Sharp threw 139' in the finals of the discus throw, leading the young man from Robert Lee (who did advance to state just ahead of T.J.) until the last throw.

Copeland, Stipe, and Zant will be in action Saturday at Mike Myers Stadium in Austin at the UIL State Track and Field Meet.

The Class A girls' shot put begins at 10 a.m. while the boys' 800m race has a 12:40 p.m. start.

Zant will run his hurdle race at 1:10 p.m.

All events are finals, and medals will be awarded in the stadium following each event.

This will be Zant's first trip to the state meet, but Copeland and Stipe are old-timers, having competed in 2001.

Stipe is the defending silver-medalist in the 800m run.

Coach Bobby Avery and Coach Trey Richey will accompany the athletes to Austin.

School Menu Week Of:

May 13th - 17th,

MONDAY: Frito Pie, salad, pinto beans, fruit & milk

Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: BBQ Sausage, coleslaw, potato salad, bread, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Eggs & ham, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken Stir-Fry, carrots, cackers, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes, fruit juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Meat & Gravy, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Hot pocket, fruit, & milk.

FRIDAY: Steak sandwich, salad cup, tater tots, cake & milk. **Breakfast:** Sausage w/gravy, biscuit, fruit juice & milk

(Meals may be vary, due to type of food on hand).



**BAD WEATHER DAY
MAY 13th. CANCELLED!**

Regular school day scheduled.

Invitation to Band Concert

Everyone in the community is invited to share an evening of music with the Borden County ISD Music Department in their annual spring concert.

New students, new band director, new sound.

Please come and support Mr. Hector Aguero, Jr., and his students as they display their musical talents

Thursday, May 16th, - 7:00 p.m.

School Auditorium

Hope to see you there

Pre-School Day

Pre-school day has been set for Friday, May 24th. If your child will be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2002, and will attend school in the fall of 2002, at Borden County Elementary, they are invited to come join us.

The day will begin at 8:00 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 classroom teacher, Mrs. Smith, their principal, P.E. teacher, 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 for each child by the school.

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

Application's for Memorial Scholarships now being accepted

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship.** Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 24th, 2002. 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 as 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 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 Select Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's

eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

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

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, by the Brandon Adcock Family, 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 deserving.

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

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 24th, 2002. 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 evidence 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 Select Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial needed will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Select 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 Com-

mittee feels is a dignification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.



Project Graduation Donations Needed

Parents and friends of the 2002 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.

Your gift would be greatly appreciated by our students and parents. Thank you for your help with this very worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,
Class of 2002 Senior Parents

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**Donations may be sent to
Borden County High School
"Project Graduation"
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**



Borden Cubs Little League Schedule

Thurs. May 9th	6:00 p.m.	Cubs - Red Sox
Mon. May 13th	6:00 p.m.	Rockies - Cubs
Thurs. May 16th	8:00 p.m.	Cubs - Pirates
Mon. May 20th	8:00 p.m.	Red Sox - Cubs
Thurs. May 23rd	8:00 p.m.	Cubs - Rockies
Mon. May 27th	6:00 p.m.	Pirates - Cubs
Thurs. May 30th	6:00 p.m.	Cubs - Red Sox
Mon. June 3rd	6:00 p.m.	Rockies - Cubs
Thurs. June 6th	8:00 p.m.	Cubs - Pirates

May 2002

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3 Progress Reports State Academic Meet	4
5	6 Cheerleaders & Mascot Meet After School	7 Lone Wolf Dist. FFA Spring Meet-4:00 P.M.	8	9	10 Holiday State Track Meet	11 Area II FFA Degree Check TASP WTC-12:30 Mr. 'A' Graduates
12	13 Regular School Day Lone Wolf Dist. Banquet-8:00 Colorado City	14 AWARDS BANQUET	15 End Of Course Biology Test	16 End Of Course Algebra I Test Spring Concert	17 Band Trip - Depart at Noon	18 Area II FFA Convention in San Angelo
19	20 End Of Course English II Test	21 End Of Course US History Test FFA Banquet	22 Library Will Close and AR Points Talled	23 ASSET Test For Any Who Have Not Taken TASP	24 Jr./Sr. Banquet Pre-K Day and 12:30 Dismissal	25
26 Baccalaureate 11:00 A.M.	27 John Wilson To State Solo Contest Final Period 2	28 Final Period 3 Final Period 8	29 Final Period 5 Final Period 7 Awards Program-2:50	30 J.H. Graduation 8:00 P.M. Final Period 4&9	31 H.S. Graduation 8:00 P.M. Final Period 1 Short-Schedule Turn In Books 1:00 Elem. Track Meet	





Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit



Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas

Lincoln in Seminole, Washington in Muleshoe

"I get all the double-takes and smiles. Sometimes I have to show my American Express card to verify my name."

That's what Charles Lincoln, a distant relative of the President, told me a few years ago when I interviewed him in Seminole. Charles took on a new name when he was in the fifth grade. "There were five of us in the class named Charles. The teacher pointed to me and said from now on he would call me Abe. That's been my name since then. Even my parents call me that. I sign papers Abe Lincoln."

He used to read about the famous president and quote him in sermons. Charles was a preacher at the time. "He was a great man of integrity and statue. He's one of my heroes. More material has been written about President Lincoln than any other person except Jesus."

A lot of times when he introduced himself to people, "they introduce themselves as George Washington."

Prank calls were numerous. "When my wife answers the phone, the caller warns he not to go to the theater."

He is not the only man I've met with a president's name. George Washington lives in Muleshoe.

"Seems like nearly everywhere I go there'll be some kind of a joke or story. People think I'm pulling their leg when I tell them my name. Sometimes I have to show my drivers' license to prove that I'm who I am."

He taught American history and coached.

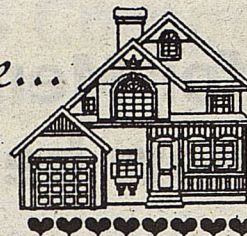
"When I was coaching, I had to call to confirm a ballgame with John Paul Jones in Morton, Texas. When the operator came on the line, I told her I was George Washington in Muleshoe, Texas and I wanted to talk to John Paul Jones in Morton, Texas."

"There was kind of a pause there and finally she asked me if I knew what the penalty was for tying up long distance lines with such nonsense. I told her I did, but I needed to make this call. I heard her tell her co-workers about some nut on the line claiming to be George Washington wanting to speak to John Paul Jones. She told her buddies she was going to put the call through just to show me up."

"When Morton school answered, the operator said she had a call from George Washington for John Paul Jones. The person answering the phone told the operator to wait just a moment, that he was in the gym and they'd go get him. I talked to John Paul

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
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.

Think twice before buying "fat free" foods for kids



Parents should study the label carefully before buying "fat-free" snacks for growing children. "Fat-free snacks rarely offer much of a calorie savings because the fat is generally replaced by extra carbohydrates," says Dr. Janice Stuff, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Low-fiber, low-fat snacks also don't trigger a feeling of fullness very

quickly, which can cause children to overindulge in these tasty treats.

Stuff reminds parents that both traditional full-fat and

fat-free snacks are in the "use sparingly" tip of the Food Guide Pyramid because they offer little nutritional value beyond calories. On the other hand, fat-free snacks like fruits and vegetables are loaded with vitamins, minerals and fiber, and are an important part of a child's daily diet. Carrots, apples, celery, and bananas all make good healthy snacks. Low-fat foods like reduced-fat yogurts, cheeses and milk also provide plenty of nutrition, while helping to keep a child's fat intake under control.

NOTICE

While the First Baptist Church of Gail and its pastor, Bro. Randy Hardman, recognize the importance of youth activities, the **SPIRIT WALK 2002** is **NOT** under the direction or sanction of the church or its pastor as stated in pamphlets being distributed throughout the community

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 10:00 a.m., May 13, 2002.

1. Fuel for 2002
 - a. unleaded
 - b. diesel

2. Propane for Courthouse, and Precinct #1 and #2 Barns

For specifications and information on the above, contact the office of the County Judge, Borden County Courthouse, 806/756-4391

Bids should be submitted to the Office of the County Judge, P.O. Box 156, Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas 79738.

The right is reserved by the Borden County Commissioners' Court to accept or reject any and all bids.

For the Borden County Commissioners' Court
Van L. York,
County Judge
Borden County

Submit bids to: County Judge's Office
P.O. Box 156
Gail, Texas 79738

A Mom is a person who makes things okay, who fixes things, locates things, puts things away...

"Mom will take care if it."

"Mom will stay calm."

What would we do if we didn't have Mom?"

Happy Mother's Day



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OBITUARY

Lela Porter

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the work and travel schedule of the parents.

Lela retired from the public school system in 1969, but she never retired from teaching, whether it was teaching her children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, or teaching correct pronunciation and spelling from the Bible. She was an adult Sunday-school teacher until the age of 92. Although Lela studied her Bible everyday and read it through many times, she said she always learned something new from it.

Lela was also involved with the labeling and mailing of the "Borden Star" newspaper in its early years. She and Zona Zant faithfully traveled the 40-miles round-trip to the Gail Courthouse every Wednesday morning for 15 years to count, label, stack, bundle, and deliver the papers to the post office. The secretaries at the courthouse helped, but those two ladies were the main workers.

Lela was a member of the Retired Teachers Organization in Big Spring. She attended the monthly luncheons regularly and had a voice in the decision-making.

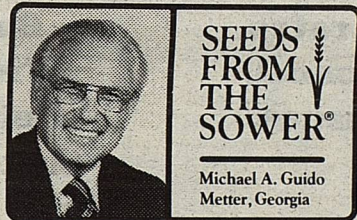
She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Clarajane and Bob Dyess of Vealmoor; daughter-in-law, Pat Porter of Vealmoor; grandchildren, Mark and Stacy Walker of San Antonio; Suzanne and Edward Kitten of Lubbock; Samantha Porter of Pasadena; Kate Porter of Austin; Blane

and Carl Dyess of Levelland; and Monica and James White of Big Spring. Great-grandchildren Erin and Spencer Kitten of Lubbock; Alexandra and Reed Walker of San Antonio; Hilari White of Big Spring; Morgan and Brittney Dyess of Schertz, Texas; and Landon Ellis of Levelland.

Honorary pallbearers are Bill Phinzy, Mike Stephens, Jack Capps, Larry Smith, Sam Adams, and Mickey McMeans.

Lela made the decision many years ago to donate her body to the Texas Tech University Health Science Center. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring.

The family suggests memorials to any of the scholarship funds at Borden County I.S.D. or to the Borden County EMS.



**SEEDS
FROM
THE
SOWER**

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

"Go away, Mom," said a boy who had been bad. "I want to pray."
"Can't you tell me?" she asked.
"Nope," he said. "You'll scold me, but God will forgive me and forget it."

Some parents bring up their children on thunder and lightning. But they don't make anything grow. Rain and sunshine cause growth. Let them experience the sunshine of your love and the rain of your tears.

Your children are contagious to your character, conversation and conduct. Let them see the Lord and His love in your life.

Public invited to planning meeting to develop Texas Plains Trail as Heritage Tourism attraction

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) will host an organizational meeting to assist the Texas Plains Trail Region prepare its application for designation as a Texas Heritage Trail.

"The purpose of the meeting is to help those interested in developing the region as a heritage tourism attraction prepare their application for official designation," said Janie Headrick, director of the Texas Heritage Trails Program.

The meeting will be held May 14, 2002 at the Tulia Chamber of Commerce in the Swisher Memorial Building located at 127 SW Second Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is requested and lunch will be provided.

The meeting is for anyone interested in promoting their historic and cultural resources to tourists, particularly museum directors, heritage society members, Main Street managers, chamber of commerce directors, convention & visitor bureau directors, city managers, economic development directors, historic site operators, county judges, county historical commission members and county extension agents in the region.

The Texas Plains Trail Region covers the following counties in North Central Texas: Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collinworth, Cottle, Crosby,

Dallas, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gains, Graza, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lupton, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program is a regional tourism initiative of the THC. The program helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leader-

ship through historic preservation.

For more information on the meetings or the Texas Heritage Trails Program contact Janie Headrick, program director at 512/463-5754. To register for the meeting, contact Lana Barnett at the Tulia Chamber of Commerce at 806/995-2296.

Your Local Pastor
Is as near as your PHONE...

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



LEGAL NOTICE

The Borden County Independent School District, Gail, Texas is accepting bids for the following:

**Year 2002 Improvements
(Energy Management System)
for Borden County ISD.**

All bids must be submitted by **3:00 PM**, local time, **May 23, 2002** at the Superintendent's Office, or sealed bids may be mailed directly to:

**Jimmy Thomas, Superintendent
Borden County ISD
PO Box 95
Gail, TX 79738**

Plans and Specifications are available and may be acquired from:

**Grimes and Associates,
Consulting Engineers
PO Box 65
Wolfforth, TX 79382
806/863-2462**

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at **3:00 PM**, local time, **May 16, 2002**. All interested parties should meet at the Superintendent's Office, Gail, Texas.

The Borden County Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities.

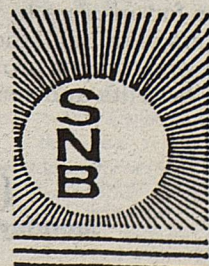
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Financing Your Child's College Education

'Tis the season of high school proms and graduation ceremonies. In a few short weeks, parents across the country will deliver their sons and daughters to college campuses. Amid the tearful good-bys, the bouts of homesickness and coping with the empty nest syndrome, the last thing you want to worry about is how you're going to pay for your child's next four years of education.

You can eliminate much of the stress of skyrocketing college costs by planning ahead, saving money in advance and learning about the myriad of available financial aid resources to help pay college expenses.

There are four forms of financial aid:

- ❖ Grants-based on financial need. Requires no repayment.
- ❖ Scholarships-based on academic achievement and in some cases financial need. Requires no repayment.
- ❖ Loans-offered at low interest rates. Repayment is required, but generally not until after the student graduates from college or leaves school.
- ❖ Student Employment-

sometimes referred to as work-study. Based on need and offers a student the opportunity for employment during the academic year.

By far, saving money in advance is the best way to prepare. Start saving early by setting aside a certain amount of money each month. You may want to consider investing an amount of money over a certain period of time so that your investment will earn interest. But in choosing an investment plan, consider risk, the amount of interest you will earn and how quickly you can gain access to your money.

Many Texas families have enrolled in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, a prepaid college tuition program that allows you to pay tomorrow's college costs at today's prices. This innovative program makes saving for college easy, economical and safe, since it is fully backed by the faith and credit of the State of Texas. To learn more about this program, log on to www.texastomorrowfund.org.

There are many available scholarships and financial aid programs, but beware of

unscrupulous companies—those that require an up front fee or request authorization to debit your or your child's checking account or credit card for an unspecified period of time.

Be wary of programs that advertise:

- ❖ "I just need your bank account or credit card number to hold the scholarship for you."
- ❖ "You've been selected by a "national foundation" to receive a scholarship."
- ❖ "We'll do all the work."

Don't be rushed into a quick decision by representatives of a company. Take your time. Investigate. Ask for "local" success stories and visit with those families about their experiences with the company. Check with your school guidance counselor concerning a company's reputation.

Avoid companies that promise you access to a list of scholarships in exchange for a fee. More than likely,

this same list is available on the Internet and will cost you nothing.

For information on federal financial aid resources, the Independent Bankers Association of Texas suggests you log on to www.ed.gov and click on Financial Aid. For help in calculating college costs, how much you need to save and how much you'll need, log on to www.fianid.org.

Provided as a public service by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas.

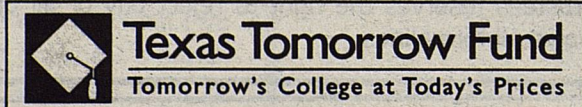
Keeping an Eye on Texas

May 24 deadline is looming

Time is running out to sign up children for the Texas Tomorrow Fund during the 2001-2002 enrollment period.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund is a pre-paid college tuition program that allows parents and grandparents to 'lock-in' today's college tuition and required fees for their children and grandchildren.

To lock in this year's prices, applications must be postmarked or an online application submitted by May 24, 2002. To sign up, go to <http://www.texastomorrowfund.org> and download an application.

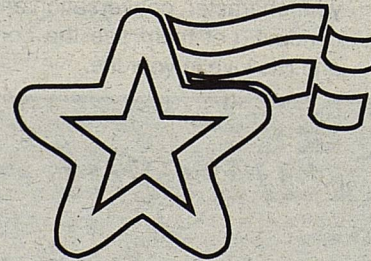


SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us).

Drive Safely!
Watch out for our children!

- Find your birth certificate.**
- Buy surplus government property.**
- Send a Presidential birthday greeting.**
- Contact your representative in Congress.**
- Get a flag from the Capitol. Protect your privacy.**
- Buy a Treasury note. See about an FHA mortgage.**
- Enlist in the military. Check on safe travel abroad.**
- Start a small business. Get info on immigration laws.**
- File for Social Security.**
- Check postage rates.**
- Find military personnel.**
- Get help on tax issues.**
- Reserve a campsite.**
- Buy Savings Bonds.**
- Find a Federal job.**
- Get your passport.**
- Visit a national park.**
- Apply for a gov't grant.**
- Report unsafe products.**
- Trace your family tree.**
- Register a trademark.**
- Get Medicare benefits.**
- Write the President.**
- Plan for college.**
- Buy a HUD home.**
- File your taxes.**
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Something is happening everyday this summer in Texas

Summer is always a good time to get out and enjoy Texas, and with new events starting almost every day, finding something to do is easy. A thorough list of June, July August events is available in the Summer 2002 *Texas Events Calendar*, including numerous Independence Day events occurring between June 28 and July 7 throughout the state.

The season brings food festivals, rodeos, fireworks, hot air balloons, parades, barbecue and chili cook-offs, concerts, car shows, exhibits, plays, sporting events and many more fun opportunities.

Summer is also a time to celebrate Texas' cultures. Experience the music, food and dances of Germany at a Night in Old Fredricksburg July 19-20 or of Czechoslovakia at WestFest August 31 - Sept. 2. Travelers also can immerse themselves in 40 different cultures at the Texas Folklife Festival June 6-9 in San Antonio. Those with more modern appetites can sample the food and entertainment offerings of two metropolitan areas at A Taste of Dallas July 12-13 or A Taste of El Paso Aug. 11.

It is also a chance to

recognize some stars. "Little Gracelane" honors "The King" with music, impersonators and memorabilia at the Elvis Festival Aug. 17 in Los Fresnos. Wink remembers a native with music, a Pretty Woman pageant and more at the Roy Orbison festival June 7-8. Farmersville salutes a hometown hero and all veterans with a parade and more on Audie Murphy Day June 20.


The Texas Events Calendar is free and can be received by calling 800/452-9292 or by writing to *Texas Events Calendar* at P.O. Box 141009, Austin, TX 78714-

1009. It can also be picked up at any one of the 12 Texas Travel Information Centers. Events also are listed on the World Wide Web at:

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Teens Be Warned: Sunburns Aren't Cool

Every high school student knows that on any given day, they could get burned for something. If they don't study hard enough, they might not pass an exam. If they don't show up for practice before a big game, they might not be in the starting line-up. And now, new research suggests that high school students might get burned another way - from the sun.

"What we found in our study is that the sun exposure that high school students receive on a daily basis could cause sunburn in some students," said dermatologist Darrell S. Rigel, MD, Clinical Professor, New York University Medical Center, New York. "But even darker-skinned students who are not as high risk for sunburn need to be concerned because chronic sun exposure still can cause damage to the skin over time and possibly lead to skin cancer developing later in life."

Sunlight consists of two types of harmful rays - UVA rays and UVB rays. The UVB rays are the sun's burning rays (which are blocked by window glass) and are the primary cause of sunburn and skin cancer. UVA rays (which pass through win-

dow glass) penetrate deeper into the dermis, or base layer of the skin. They also contribute to sunburns and skin cancer. Both UVA and UVB rays can cause suppression of the immune system, which helps to protect against the development and spread of skin cancer.

"It's important to note that the UV exposure levels experienced by the students occurred primarily during the change of classes and outdoor social activities and did not include playing outdoor sports," said Dr. Rigel. "We would expect that students engaged in organized outdoor sports would be exposed to even higher UV levels."

It is estimated that almost 80 percent of a person's lifetime sun exposure occurs before age 18. While teenagers seem to know that sun exposure can lead to skin cancer, this knowledge appears to have little relationship with teens protecting themselves from the sun.

"Part of the problem in getting teens to change their behavior is that oftentimes they think they are invincible," explained Dr. Rigel. "By practicing simple sun-protective behaviors



during their regular school routine - such as wearing sun protective clothing or sunscreen - they could easily protect themselves from harmful UV radiation that we now know is taking place."

The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) recommends that teens, and people of all ages, learn these simple tips to avoid getting burned:

- Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher.
- Avoid the mid-day sun when the sun's rays are the strongest - between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours when outdoors, even on cloudy days.
- Wear protective, tightly woven clothing, such as a long-sleeved shirt and pants.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses when outdoor.

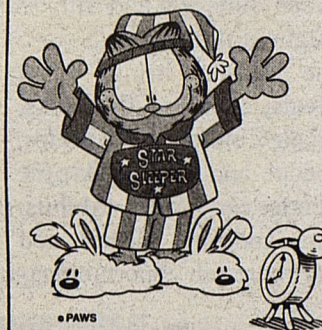
• Stay in the shade whenever possible.

• Avoid tanning beds.
 Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States with more than 1 million new cases diagnosed in the United States each year. It is estimated that 87,900 people in the United States will be diagnosed with melanoma - the deadliest form of skin cancer - in 2002 and approximately 7,400 deaths will be attributed to melanoma this year. At this rate, one person dies of melanoma every hour.

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PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2002-2003 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2002. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

1. Be economically disadvantaged
2. Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)
3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Chet Dye, Principal, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806)756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2002.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2002. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2002. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2002-2003. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Chet Dye, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806)756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2002.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten or more students qualify.

LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2002-2003

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2002-2003. El programa estará para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2002. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

1. Sea económicamente perjudicado
2. Este limitado experto ingles (LEP)
3. Sea destituido

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Chet Dye, Principal, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806)756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo 2002.

LA DENEGACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2002. El programa estara programado por un minimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2002. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2002-2003. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Chet Dye, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806)756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2002.

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