

Nichols Worth



I can understand a bite...but half a bowl?

The life of a tour guide has it's moments, apparently. Sometimes it must be hard not to laugh. Here are a couple of prime examples we heard about from our guide on recent vacation, Phil.

Phil usually directs groups of from 12 to 20 people instead of only three, like we were.

On one tour he had to take a woman to the hospital...she was really, really sick. It turned out that she had checked in to her hotel room, noticed a little bowl of "nibbles" and proceeded to eat half a bowl full of them. She commented to her husband that they didn't taste very good, but kept right on eating. It was only after she began to have a serious stomach ache that the matter came under investigation. It was no wonder that the nibbles didn't taste very good. It was pot pourri, not food! The end result of eating scented wood shavings and flower blossoms was three or four days in a hospital instead of touring!

Now I can understand tasting the pot pourri (I suppose) but I can't understand continuing to choke down something that doesn't taste good! Sometimes problems or funny things happen simply because of a language gap. Even though Americans are supposed to speak English, it isn't always the same English that the Brits speak!

An example? There was a woman on tour with Phil's group once that had an infected finger. Phil told the rest of the group that she had been taken to surgery.

The group gasped in horror. Phil said he kept hearing them "She's gone into SURGERY", "We didn't know it was THAT BAD". Finally, he tried to assure that it wasn't serious, all was well. You see, in the United Kingdom you don't go to the doctor's office, you go to the doctor's surgery! It's what they call a doctor's office! There was great relief when they discovered the woman was being wheeled into the operating theater.

Then there was the poor woman who within three days couldn't find anyone on tour to sit and eat with her because she spent the whole meal detailing her surgeries and illnesses. People soon shunned her as if she had the plague.

Phil sat near her one night and was the victim of one of those English/American communication problems. The English don't know the word zucchini...they use a french word instead.

After the plates were placed in front of everyone the woman who yelled across the room to him. "Phil, my zucchini is RAW". The poor man said thoughts raced through his head at an alarming rate. What portion of the human anatomy was called the zucchini? Why was it raw? Did he really want to know? All he could think to do was mumble "I'm sorry" and tuck his head down.

"No, Phil, I mean my zucchini is completely raw!" she screamed back.

That's when he put his foot in his mouth and replied "Well, do you need a doctor?" You can imagine the hilarity as the Americans laughed at him. It took quite a bit of explaining and cross referencing before Phil discovered that a zucchini was a squash, not a portion of the human body!

Bereaved Parents picnic set for June 9

The annual Bereaved Parent picnic will be held Monday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. at 1210 Mockingbird Lane, Paris. Call 785-6613. Balloons will be at Pine Mill and Mockingbird and in front of the house.

Bring your childrne and invited guests. This is our annual get together for sharing food, fellowship and friendship. Bring a covered dish. Paper goods, silverware and drinks will be furnished.

Precinct One Commissioner's report for May

By County Commissioner, Ricky Daniels

The month of May has been a busy month for us. The ditches are starting to dry out and hopefully we can start doing some ditch work in June. Progress is slow but we're doing all we can as fast as we can. During the month of May we hauled 10 loads of white rock to different roads. We also hauled 53 loads of Red Rock to the Sherry Community. We hauled 2 loads of white rock to the yard and 3 loads of red rock to the yard. We installed 3 culverts, did some patching and a little tree trimming. We were also able to do quite a bit of blading of roadstoo. We also used 16

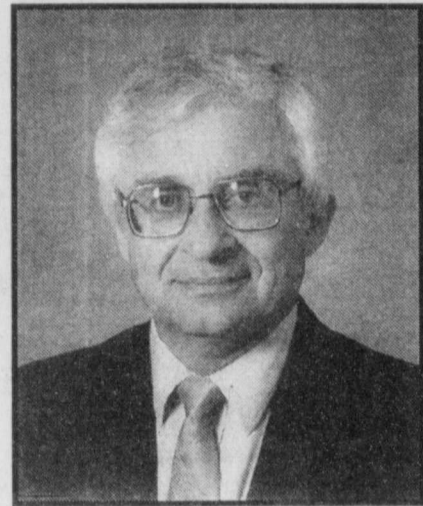
hours of community service work which helps a little.

In Commissioner's Court for May we accepted bids for bank depository, approved inter-local agreement with Avery ISD, renewed contract for Red River County Child Welfare Board, approved budget amendment for Veteran's Service Officer, approved resolution relating to sale of certain real property. We also declared the office of treasurer vacant and appointed Kathy Cheyne as County Treasurer effective October 1, 1997.

The Commissioner's Court also accepted a request of proposal for construction of a work program facil-

ity, approved agreement with Boxelder Fire Department.

We still have an awful lot of work left to be done. The East Johntown to Cuthand Road is still bad. Hopefully we can start it in June. There are a lot of other roads that are bad too. We will get to them as soon as possible. I have also heard the rumor that is going around that I'm going to resign. Well, I'm not. Never said I was, never even thought about it, not going to do it. I don't know how it got started but it's not going to happen. Be patient with us. We are doing all we can. If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas feel free to call me.



Bob Bush

Bob Bush makes retirement plans

By Jack Dodd

Robert I. Bush, pastor of the Bogata United Methodist Church, is to retire June 8, 1997. There will be a reception June 8 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the Bogata United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, so come by for a celebration for retirement. Thank you Bob and family for your time and efforts with all of us.

When asked about his retirement plans, he replied, "I plan to stay active in the areas of human concern that have always kept drawing me back to them; exposing people to the wonder of wilderness adventure - either canoeing or backpacking, the benefit of scouting for young men and women, the fascination of engagement with people whether it's in church or the general community, study for my own sake, listening to great classical music, enjoying TV, reading, traveling across America,

All Police Rodeo ready to go

Lamar County Crime Stoppers will hold their eighth annual All Police Rodeo Friday, June 6th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Paris Rodeo and Horse Club Arena at the Lamar County Fairgrounds.

Advance tickets are \$4 and at the gate \$5. Children under 12 get in free. Proceeds go to fund and benefit Lamar Co. Crime Stoppers.

This is a full twelve event rodeo and all contestants are full time peace officers. There will be Calf Scrambles, Mexican Poker, Bull Fighting, Clowns, the Blackland Band and more. Call Todd Varner at 737-4111 for more information.



JAMES CLYDE WATSON takes advantage of the blood pressure clinic sponsored by Care 1st Inc. at Guaranty Bank-Bogata. Employees taking the

vital statistics were Ann Randolph and Tina Ward. (Staff Photo)

Fulbright Church of Christ to hold VBS

The Fulbright Church of Christ invites everyone to Vacation Bible School June 9, 10 & 11 from 9:00 a.m. til 11:00 a.m.. Ages 2 years through high school.

Come out and enjoy the fun and learning.

Fulbright reunions scheduled

The annual Fulbright School Reunion will be held on June 7, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Rocking W Bar-B-Que in Paris. Lunch will be served from the menu. Any former student of the Fulbright School is invited to attend.

On June 8 the annual Fulbright Homecomin will be held at the Fulbright Community Center.

Bogata School library is open this summer

Bogata School Library will be open every Tuesday during the month of June from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. with story-time at 2:30. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come. Preschoolers should be accompanied by someone capable of handling them.

On June 10, the story will be pro-

vided by Mrs. Linda Gray, Librarian. On June 17, Miss Tabatha Hackler of Leesville will be showing her doll collection. June 24 will be the last day the library is open and there will be refreshments and a reading store for those who earn Accelerated Reader points.

Thunder Prairie Publishing has a separate FAX number now

Thunder Prairie Publishing, publishers of the Deport Times, Bogata News, Talco Times, Detroit Weekly and Blossom Times has a new FAX number. To send a fax from now on you need to call 652-6041.

Previously, the fax was tied in with the regular phone line. However, that line was too busy and the

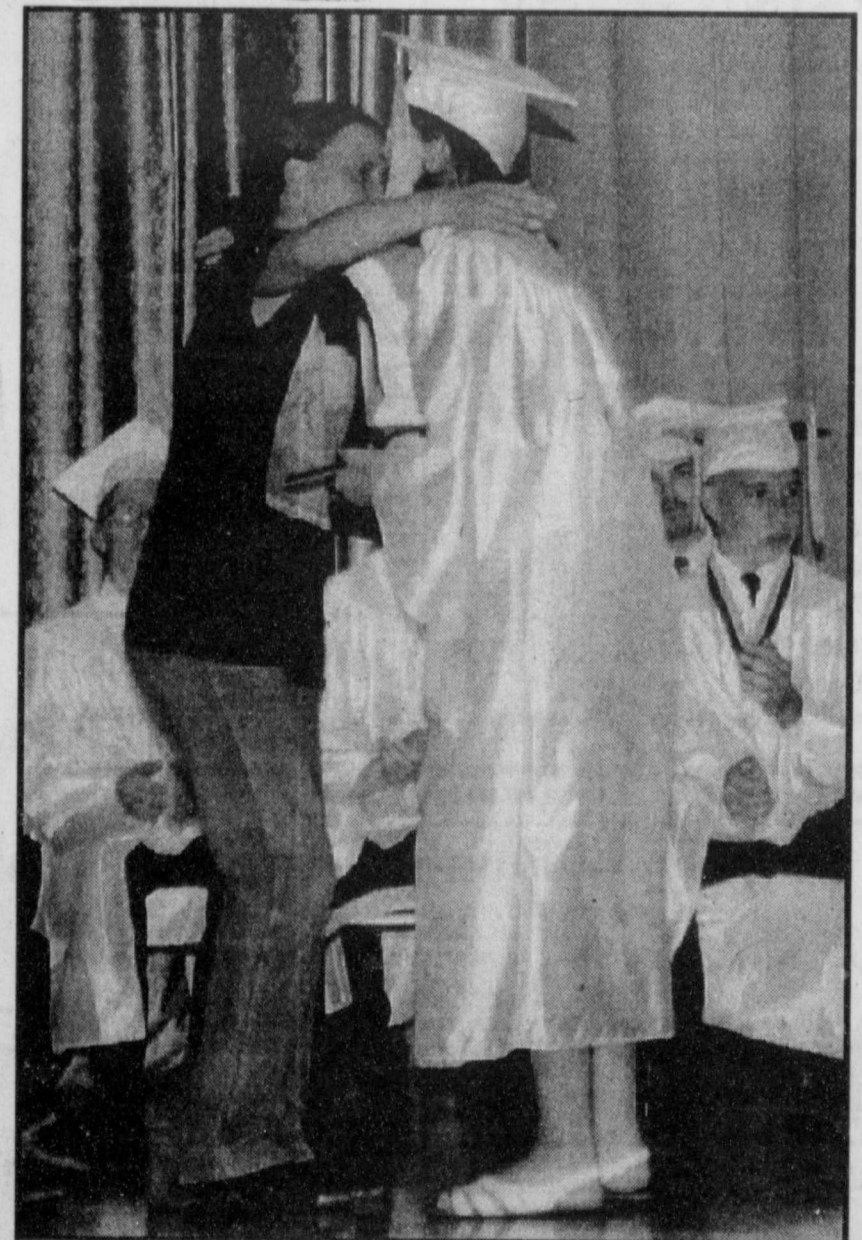
second line has been added.

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION-Rivercrest graduate Amber Spencer presented Mrs. Glenda Carder with a memorial plaque signed by the senior class in honor of her son and their class mate, Jackie Wayne Carder, who was killed in an accident last summer. Jackie will always be missed and remembered by his friends and family.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

Rivercrest Class of 1982 plans reunion

The Rivercrest High School Class of 1982 is planning their 15 year reunion for Saturday, June 7 at Buckeye's Jubilee in Rosalie.

A picnic lunch is planned for around noon with brisket being furnished. Please bring food to go with the brisket, your drinks, your lawn chairs and your family. That night a dance with a D.J. is

planned for adults only.

The class of 1982 cordially invites the members of RHS's 1981 and 1983 classes to join them.

The cost is \$7.00 per person.

For more information contact Marla Martin Carrell at (903) 860-3859; Sherrie Cheatwood at 632-4533 or Sandra Spencer Mauldin at 632-5732.

Methodist Youth plan garage sale

The Youth from Cuthand United Methodist Church will have a garage sale at the church Saturday, June 6. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the summer camp fund and the youth fund.

Methodist Youth plan bake sale

Cuthand United Methodist Youth will hold a bake sale in front of Guaranty Bank-Bogata Friday, June 6 at 8:00 a.m. Proceeds will go to the summer camp and youth funds.

United Methodist plan Vacation Bible School

Cuthand United Methodist Church will hold a Bible School June 10-11 and 12 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon daily. For a ride from Bogata call Jean Upchurch at 632-5223 and for more information call Donna Jessee at 632-5946.

Hagansport cemetery homecoming planned

The Hagansport Cemetery Homecoming will be held Sunday, June 8 at 12:00 noon.

Please bring lunch and lawn chairs. Lunch will be served under the pavilion at the cemetery.

Cunningham Homecoming scheduled

The annual Cunningham Homecoming will be held June 28, 1997. The meal will cost \$6.00 and the deadline for payment is June 15. Please mail checks to Jane O'Neal. No notices will be mailed.

Please notify everyone you know about the homecoming. For more information call Jane O'Neal at (903) 652-6062 or Geneva Norwood at (903) 652-3141.



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

FEATURED COOK of the WEEK is Virene Golden of Detroit. Virene is retired from Southwestern Bell after 38 years of service. She came back to her hometown of Detroit to enjoy her retirement

Country Cooking

Liz Irwin

If there is someone you'd like to see in the Country Cooking column, call 982-5829. Look for us on the internet!

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Our featured cook this week is from Detroit and has been a resident of this area for the past 8 years. She is Virene Golden and retired from 36 years with Southwestern Bell in Dallas. She now devotes her time to her yard, doing volunteer work and the First Baptist Church of Detroit.

While visting with Virene, I found that we had something in common. It seems that she is a twin also. Where I have a twin brother and do not look anything alike, she and her sister favor a lot. Her other sister, Betty Wright of Detroit, is the one who recommended Virene as the featured cook. Virene denies any culinary skills, but Betty says different. Virene and I also teamed up and decided that Betty needs to be featured in this column, as she is one of Detroit's finer cooks also.

Virene enjoys her volunteer work at the Clarksville Hospital on Thursdays and says that keeps her busy.

She has submitted several recipes for us to try and they really sound delicious. The **Lasagna** recipe will be a sure hit for anyone to sample.

Mexican Luncheon just needs a salad and it is a meal in it's self. It freezes well and makes a great make-ahead dish!

I can't wait to make the **Sausage Dressing**. She uses Jimmy Dean Hot Sausage to add that little extra zing!

The **Bueberry Pie** recipe will shurly be a favorite among you dessert lovers with the added nutty-flavored topping.

Sparkling Fruit Salad sounds like a great dish for holidays for the lazy summer days to cool off. Pull out your crystal dessert bowls for that added touch.

Lime Jello Salad can be used with other flavors of jello and is another great make-ahead recipe as well as the **Pistachio Salad**.

Obituaries

John Newton Keith dies May 27

John Newton Keith, age 77 of Bogata died Tuesday, May 27 in Red River Healthcare Center, Bogata.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 30 under the pavilion of Bogata Cemetery. Wood Funeral Home made burial in Bogata Cemetery.

Mr. Keith was born October 25, 1919 in the Glendale community of Red River County, the son of William Henry and Eleanor Rocanna Chesshir Keith. He married Hester Lee Kennedy August 9, 1945 in Texarkana. He was a retired millwright with Champion Paper Company of Houston.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Surviving are his wife, Hester Keith of Bogata; a daughter, Beverly Babb of Houston; a son, Brian Keith of Deer Park; two sisters, Billie Nolen of Clarksville and Lucille Williams of California; three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Virginia Whitten dies May 24

Virginia Whitten died on May 24, 1997 in Austin, Texas. She was born July 1, 1925 in High, Texas, the youngest of nine children of A.B. and Ruth Coleman White. She married Sam Whitten of Bogata on Memorial Day fifty years ago. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1986.

She was the Librarian at Eanes Elementary School for 20 years. She was a member of the Texas Library Association and was an active member of the T.L. A. Legislative Committee for a number of years.

Mrs. Whitten is survived by her children; Lynn and her husband, Jim Butler of Austin, Jeff of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, Jill and her husband, Robert Proctor of Takoma Park, Maryland and Holly and her husband, Michael Gibson, of Austin and by her eldest brother, Robert A. White of Houston. Carol Ward and Glenda Corbell of Bogata are nieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Corbell of Bogata attended the memorial service which was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28 at University Methodist Church in Austin.

Card of Thanks

The family of Virgil Tolbert wishes to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy during our loss.

The Tolbert Family

Health and intellect are the two blessings of life.

—Menander

Card of Thanks

Thanks to the personnel of Deport School, Miss Ina and Nina Sparks, Buddy Freeman, L.C. Stout, the sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes and many others for the cards, flowers, gifts, calls and best wishes for my retirement.

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Lasagna

1 pound sausage
2 cans tomato sauce
1/4 teaspoon garlic
1 teaspoon basil
1/2 teaspoon oregano
6 lasagna noodles
1 small carton cottage cheese
2 eggs
3/4 cup parmesan cheese
1/4 cup parsley

Brown sausage and add tomato sauce, garlic powder, basil and oregano and simmer 30 minutes. Cook noodles and layer noodles, sauce and parmesan mix. Cover with mozzarella cheese and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Mexican Luncheon

1 pound hot pork sausage
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped green pepper
2 cups uncooked macaroni
1/2 cup milk
1 cup sour cream
1 can whole tomatoes-drained/chopped
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon salt
1-3/4 cup shredded cheese

Saute sausage, onion and green pepper in heavy iron skillet until sausage is done; drain any excess grease off. Combine sausage mixture with ingredients; reserving 3/4 cup cheese. Spoon mixture into a lightly greased 2 quart casserole. Sprinkle with remaining cheese and bake 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until bubbly.

Sausage Dressing

1 pound sausage
1 cup celery
1 cup chopped onion
1 good size pan of cornbread
1/2 loaf bread-toasted/crumbed
2-3 eggs
1-1/2-2 tablespoon sage
black pepper to taste
broth to consistency

Cook sausage with onion and celery. Crumble breads and mix with sausage mixture. Combine other ingredients and enough broth for proper consistency. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown around edges.

Blueberry Pie

8 ounce package cream cheese
2 tablespoons milk
1 box powdered sugar
2 envelopes Dream Whip
fresh or canned blueberries
Pie shell:

2 sticks butter
2 cups flour
3 tablespoon sugar
1/2 cup nuts-chopped

Cream cheese with milk and add powdered sugar. Whip Dream Whip according to directions and add to cream cheese mixture. Pour into baked pie shell and refrigerate until set. Pour blueberries on top and crumble left over pie crust over berries. Melt butter and add flour, sugar and nuts. Press into 2 pie tins. Save 3 tablespoons for topping. Bake at 325 for 10-15 minutes or until slightly brown. Cool.

Sparkling Fruit Salad

1-3 ounce package raspberry jello
1 cup boiling water
1/2 cup reserved juice from fruit
1-11 ounce can Mandarin oranges-drained
1-8 ounce can pineapple chunks-drained
1-16 ounce can whole cranberry sauce
1/2 cup pecans-chopped

Dissolve jello in boiling water and add juices. Chill until thickness of unbeaten egg. Add cranberry sauce, fruit and pecans. Pour into 2 quart serving bowl.

Lime Jello Salad

1 small can crushed pineapple
1 box lime jello
1 cup small marshmallows
1 cup cottage cheese
1 cup chopped nuts
1 small carton whipped cream

Combine pineapple and jello. Heat until dissolved; then cool. Add marshmallows, cottage cheese and nuts. Cool. Fold in the whipped cream. Any flavor jello may be used. Be sure cream is whipped before folding into mixture.

Cherry Delight Salad

1 can Eagle Brand milk
1 large Cool Whip
1 large can pineapple chunks-drained
1 can mandarin oranges-drained
1 can cherry pie filling
1 cup chopped nuts

Mix together and refrigerate. Add a few drops of red food coloring for more color.

Pistachio Nut Salad

1 box pistachio pudding mix
1 large can drained crushed pineapple
1 carton cottage cheese-small
1 carton Cool Whip
1 can mandarin oranges-drained
1 cup mini marshmallows
1 cup nuts-chopped

Combine pineapple and dry pudding mix. Stir until well blended; add remaining ingredients. Chill and serve.

Fulbright reunions scheduled

The annual Fulbright School Reunion will be held on June 7, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Rocking W Bar-B-Que in Paris. Lunch will be served from the menu. Any former student of the Fulbright School is invited to attend.

On June 8 the annual Fulbright Homecoming will be held at the Fulbright Community Center.

Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

The youth from Fulbright Baptist Church are at church camp this week. Those on the trip are Lacy Beaty, Deborah and Cy Guthrie, Devin Peek, Kristina Smith, Josephine Smith, Kyle Mauldin, Kayna Mauldin, Delores McCurry, Kay Peek and Bro. Larry Solice.

Happy Birthday to Jennifer and Rachel Phosay.

Those attending Corey Miller's graduation exercises were Donny and Randy Miller, Brandon and Torsta Miller, Beryl Jean Miller, Kerry, Carla and Jeremy King, Mark Howard, Mindy and Amanda Nichols, Marie Legate, Mary Fitzgerald and James and Johna Oldfield. Refreshments were served at the home of Randy and Donna Miller following graduation exercises.

Seventeen young people and adults from the Church of Christ attended Six Flags Monday.

Lana Harrison of Crockett and Linda Salter of Brady spent the weekend with their parents, Clovis and Katy VanDeaver. They all attended graduation exercises at Rivercrest

High School on Friday night. Their grandson and nephew, Dru Denison was Saltatorian of this year class. They also attended graduation exercises at North Lamar on Saturday night. Their granddaughter and niece was a member of the graduation there.

Betty Rodgers, Monte and Shelley Rodgers were in Orange on Memorial Day weekend visiting relatives.

This weekend they and Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga and Bernice Thomas attended the Rodgers reunion in Seymour.

The monthly community meeting was held at the center Monday evening. The building was cleaned and prepared for homecoming this coming Sunday.

Mrs. Ethel Epps was in McCuiston Medical Center in Paris for a few days having some tests.

MR. and Mrs. Gaylon Cremeen of Springtown are the parents of a baby girl, named Kaylon. Grandparents are Bobby and Helen Cremeen of Springtown.

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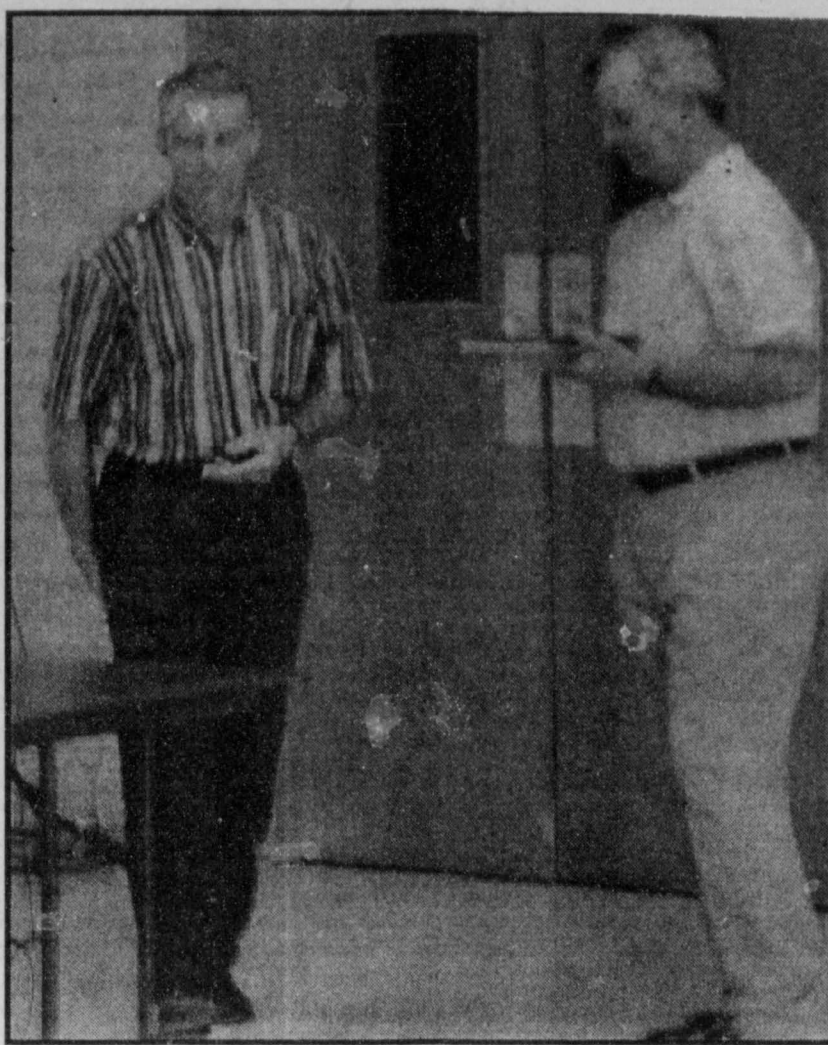
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20 YEARS SERVICE-Janice Franks and Carla Palmer were presented plaques of 20 years service at the annual Talco-Bogata staff breakfast held Friday, May 30, 1997. Janice is the Rivercrest School Secretary and Carla is the Bogata Kindergarten teacher.
Staff Photo Nancy Brown



10 YEARS SERVICE-Diane Ross, Pam Hays and not pictured, Gail Reeder were presented a plaque of 10 years service at the annual Talco-Bogata end of year breakfast held May 30. Mrs. Ross teaches elementary at Bogata as does Mrs. Reeder. Mrs. Hays is the Rivercrest Spanish teacher.
Staff Photo Nancy Brown



A PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION was presented to outgoing Rivercrest Superintendent, Freddy Wade by incoming Superintendent, Gary VanDeaver at the Talco-Bogata annual end of year breakfast held May 30, 1997 at Rivercrest. Mr. Wade leaves with the school staff's and communities best wishes for a wonderful retirement.
Staff Photo Nancy Brown

Garret family holds reunion

The family of Jim and Effie (Bailey) Garrett held a reunion at the Bogata Community Center May 31. Many memories were shared before the noon meal was served. Those attending were: Ruth Garrett Wilson of Dallas, Ron and Sylvia Garrett, Kellee and Lyndsey of DeSoto, Jerry and Ava Garrett and Justin of Red Oak, Netha Garrett of Paris, Ois and Edith (Garrett) Swaim of Talco, Dean and Carol Leake of Talco, Annette Swaim of Houston, Bill Dixon of Longview, Kenneth and Mandi Kelley, Blake and Kendall of Bogata, Jim G. and Margie Garrett of Bogata, Joslyn Vickers, Grant and Jessica of Wake Village and Julie Moreland and Owen IV of Texarkana, Arkansas.

Becky White honored with shower

Becky White, bride-elect of Brian Hurst, was honored with a kitchen and recipe shower Monday evening, June 2 at the home of Justin and Jane Strawn. The honoree received many recipes, ingredients and useful cooking items. Guests enjoyed vegetable and fruit trays, dips, finger sandwiches, chips and crackers, cookies and tea and coffee. A special guest for the occasion was the future bride's mother, Alice Ann White. Hostesses for the shower were Jane Glass, Dianne Williams, Sharon Greer, Carolyn Strawn, Deana Boyd, Jane Strawn and Melanie Thomas.

Red River Genealogy to meet at library

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society, Monday evening, June 9 at 7:30 in the Red River County Library. The speaker for this month will be Bertha Gable of Talco, whose subject will be "Planning a Research Trip and Understanding the Records That are Located". All persons interested in researching their family history are encouraged to come and enjoy the program.

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Correction

In the Card of Thanks from the family of William G. Smith in the May 29 paper the name of his daughter, Pam Smith, was omitted.

Have A Nice Weekend

Basketball camp to be held June 9-13

The Lady Rebel Basketball Camp will be held June 9-13 at Rivercrest gym from 8:00 am. until 12:00 noon daily. All Lady Rebels entering 3rd grade through the eighth grade are eligible to attend. The camp activities include: combined teaching of ball handling skills, shooting techniques and defense. Passing, dribbling and situation drills will be taught daily. Each player will receive individual instruction. There will be daily shooting/ball handling competitions. Competition/Scrimmage day will be the last day of camp. Awards will be given to the winner of the contests. Players will receive a camp basketball. The camp director/staff will include Coach Debbie Williams assisted by Ben Connell, Tammie Case and Ex-High School players. Other coaches may assist. The fee for the camp will be \$40.00. This fee is for the whole week and is due the first day of camp. If more than 1 family member signs up, they each get a \$10.00 discount. For more information contact Coach Debbie Williams at Rivercrest High School 632-5204.

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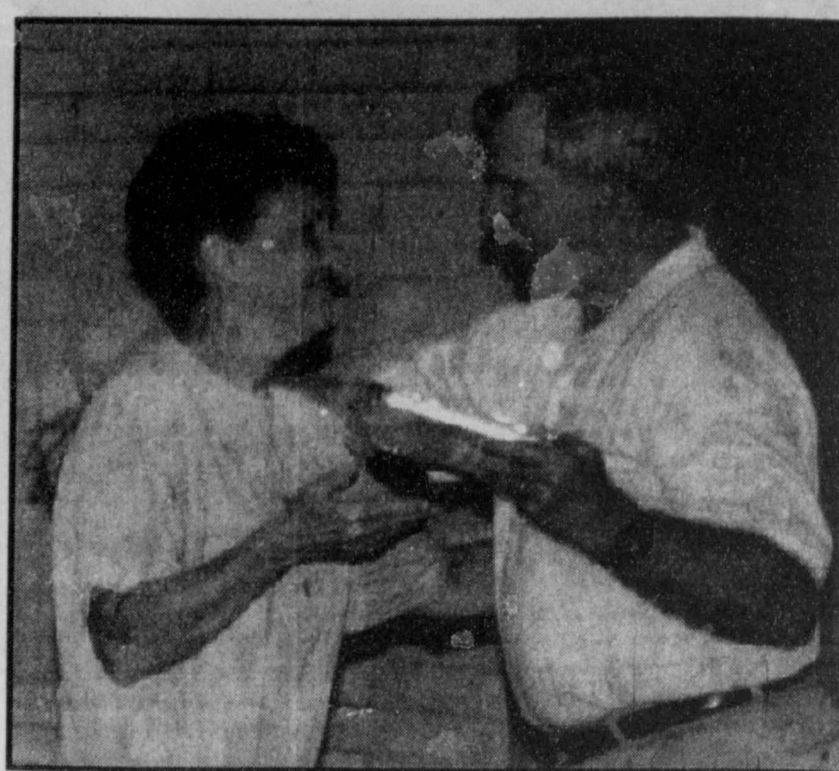
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CONGRATULATIONS-Beth Wood was presented a plaque in honor of her retirement from the Talco School teaching staff by Superintendent, Freddy Wade at Friday's annual end of year breakfast. Mrs. Wood also received her 20 year service plaque although she has been at the school for 22 years. Her 20th year was overlooked but was well made up for.
Staff Photo Nancy Brown



CONGRATULATIONS-Shirley Hervey was presented a plaque in honor of her retirement from the Rivercrest cafeteria staff by Superintendent, Freddy Wade at Friday's annual end of year breakfast. Mrs. Hervey has served the school's students and staff since 1986.
Staff Photo Nancy Brown

The way it was in Bogata

Seasons in my hometown

By Mary Jane Lowry

Summer was a time of dry, cracked earth, musty cotton sacks, field mice and spiders. There were sun-drenched days that stretched out into long, thought-provoking hours of day dreams and air castles. It was a time for lawn sprinklers making diamonds in the air, children screaming in and out of the sparkling spray like wood nymphs. It was a time of late afternoon and early evenings when chores were finished, stars appeared and quiet conversations were held on front porches all along the sandy road.

Autumn was a time of blazing, aching color that turned the woods into an artist's delight and made one's heart lift within like the wild geese that faced the sky going south. The air was filled with a blue haze of pungent wood smoke and burning leaves.

There was reaping-gathering emerald green beans, golden squash, blushing tomatoes and spicy peppers from home-grown gardens. These, and succulent peaches, mouth-watering blackberries and jewel-like plums were canned in sparkling glass jars to be stored in cellars, back rooms or pantries.

It was a time of picking up pecans or shaking the rich, moist earth from clusters of peanuts and hanging them to dry from the rafters of sweet, dusty, hay-filled barns. There were cooling winds, prayed-for rains, and a quickening in the veins as whispers of frost crept into the air. Suddenly, burnt-orange persimmons were tempting raccoons and opossums into the baring branches, and wolves were chattering to coax hounds to the chase on cool, velvety black nights.

Winter was brittle with crackling ice storms - or soft with blankets of snow. Then again it might be loud and boisterous with whistling blue

northern shrieking in during the night like banshees, clawing at the house corners and making gayly colored patchwork quilts feel cozy and warm. Fireplaces roared and sparked with dancing flames where peanuts were parched or corn popped in a wire popper, and one side of you roasted while the other side froze! It was a time of bringing in stove wood and being rewarded with hot, buttered biscuits and tongue-tickling sorghum syrup so thick you had to dig it out of the pitcher.

Spring was being reborn every year! Just as you decided your feet would never be warm again - there it was-alive in every fiber and waiting to be welcomed. A time of unbelievable red-gold sunrises, innumerable choirs of birds, and many-colored rainbows of flowers everywhere. There were fat, sleek robins who sewed up the lawn looking for worms, and butterflies of many hues caressed the bursting blossoms. Little girls jumped rope with glee and little boys crawfished in the murky waters of every available pond. There was the electrifying, skin-tingling sensation of March breezes and April raindrops. Senses were sharpened so that you could drink in the green of earth, the azure skies, the scent of locust trees, honey suckle and clover.

There was the damp, gritty feel of cool sand under bare feet, the satin softness of new puppies, and the sugary sweetness of strawberries of cold water drawn from a deep well. Remembering another resurrection, windows and hearts were opened to a world gone mad with color and sound. One tried to hold close to everything at once so that none of the wonder would be lost and nothing missed of all this glorious, singing, magnificent season!

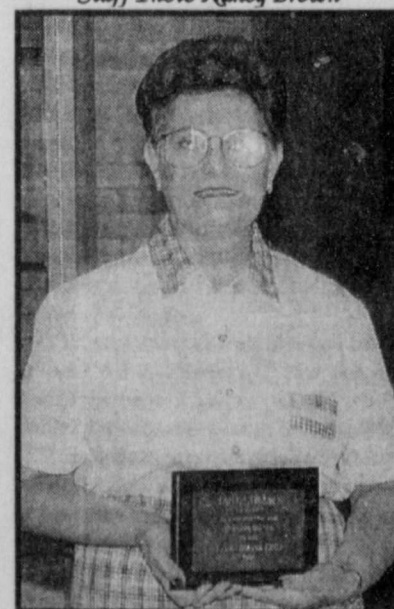
A fan club is a group of people who tell an actor he's not alone in the way he feels about himself.

—Jack Carson

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25 YEARS SERVICE-Donald Stockton was presented a plaque of 25 years service at the annual Talco-Bogata staff end of year breakfast held Friday, May 30. Mr. Stockton teaches History and Government at Rivercrest.
Staff Photo Nancy Brown



15 YEARS SERVICE-Jane Strawn was presented a plaque of 15 years service at the annual Talco-Bogata staff breakfast held Friday, May 30, 1997. Jane is a teacher at Bogata School.
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RHS host first games of NETSBL

Rivercrest High School was the host of the first week of the Northeast Texas Summer Basketball League play on Saturday, May 31, 1997.

In Varsity play the Rebels took on the Hughes Springs Mustangs and defeated them 50-37. Leading all scorers for Rivercrest was Bryan Giles with 13 points. Also scoring were: Ryan Giles-10, Cortney Huddleston-7, Jason Freelen and Broderick Fulbright had 5 points each, Michael Allen-4, Jody Gray, Jody Nolen and Josh Posey all had 2 points each. High point men for the Mustangs was Steffan Hatten and B.B. Royal.

In the second game of the day Chapel Hill defeated Mt. Pleasant 57-36. High scorers for Chapel Hill were Sean T. with 14 and Paul with 13. High point scorers for Mt. Pleasant were Joseph Justice with 11 and

Willie Johnson with 10.

Avinger defeated Paul Pewitt 74-65 in the third game of the day. Scoring for Avinger was Monray Hatten with 21 and Darly Jones with 12. Scoring for Paul Pewitt was Toby Byrd with 20 and Hercules Tarver with 19.

Harleton defeated Linden-Kildare 77 to 49. Leading all scores for Harleton was Keyuo Craver with 32 and Brian Willis with 12. Linden-Kildare was paced by Felix Cole and Dillon Waters who each added 12.

In the final game of the day Pittsburg defeated Daingerfield 53-42. Scoring for Pittsburg was Rico Willis with 12 and Matt Cassel with 8. Daingerfield was led by Cedric Mitchell with 13 and Nakia Williams with 8.

That which seems the height of absurdity in one generation often becomes the height of wisdom in another.

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Annual breakfast held at Rivercrest May 30

The annual Talco-Bogata staff end of year breakfast was held at the Rivercrest cafeteria on Friday, May 30 at 8:00 a.m.

Following the meal made by the Rivercrest cooks, Superintendent Freddy Wade welcomed everyone and recognized special guest, board members Mollie Williams, Mark Hare, Kip Stansell and Eddie Brown and representing the Talco and Bogata newspapers, Nancy Brown.

Mr. Wade began saying it is a sad time and a happy time of year for himself. The end of the day would end his service at Rivercrest High School. He shared some of the fun things that have happened at the school and joked he had six hours to find the person who had perfected the copy of his signature, which made some faces turn very red.

Mr. Wade congratulated Dr. VanDeaver, Mr. Mabry and Mrs. Setliff and the teachers at RHS, Talco and Bogata on the great job they have done preparing students for the TAAS test. Although the results for this year are not complete. The outcome appears to be good since the students scored high and several students had 100% in various areas. This year's scores had improved up to 20%. Of

33 graduating seniors, 21 took the ACT test with 12 scoring above 20. The percentage of students taking the test is higher and the scores on the test are higher. Mr. Wade said "Over my seven years at Rivercrest we have seen some real changes for the better. More students plan to attend college or trade school. Some plan to make the military a career, but they all are making plans for their futures. I'm proud to say we have big school education in a small school setting".

Service awards were given out and receiving those were:

- 5 years-Teresa Taylor, Kristi Clemmons, Staci Hinton and Kelly Stansell all of the Talco campus and Coach Keith Brown and Coach Terry Hill of the Rivercrest campus.
- 10 years-Pam Hays of RHS, Diane Ross and Gail Reeder both of Bogata.
- 15 years-Jane Strawn of Bogata.
- 20 years-Carla Palmer of Bogata, Janice Franks of RHS and Beth Wood, who had been overlooked and actually has 22 years service. Mrs. Wood is also retiring this year and was acknowledged for her service to the Talco-Bogata CISD.
- 25 years-Donald Stockton of RHS, Shirley Hervey of the RHS cafeteria staff was recognized. She is also

retiring after serving from 1986 to 1997.

Mr. Wade turned the program over to Dr. VanDeaver, who will be the new Superintendent at RHS. Dr. VanDeaver presented Mr. Wade with a plaque of appreciation for his past seven years service and well wishes for his retirement. Mr. Wade thanked the group and told Dr. VanDeaver "You are taking over a well oiled machine, with a great staff and community support". Dr. VanDeaver expressed his appreciation to the Board and Mr. Wade for making him a part of the system three years ago and said "I have prepared for this position but I'm not sure I could ever be fully prepared. I will continue to work hard to uphold the past examples. He asked for the staff's understanding and patience and stated "I hope to be standing here 17 years from now receiving my retirement".

Mr. Wade announced the various meeting of the day and wished everyone a great summer. He also stated "Although my wife and I plan to build a cabin in Colorado, my home will still be in Pittsburg and I will be visiting the friends we have made here and encourage them to visit with us".

WHO'S NEW

James Allen and Christi Watts of Lewisville are the proud parents of a baby boy born Monday, June 2. He weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are James and Johnnie Mae Watts of Rockwall. Great Grandparents are Johnny and Willie Mae Topping of Bogata.

Reunion well attended

Ressie Crow and Juanita Curley hosted a reunion for the Crow, Curley and Mauldin families.

The event was held at Bogata Housing Community Room and 52 people attended.

Eva Weisinger does it again

In last week's paper we had a picture of Eva Weisinger and the 59 1/2 inch snake that she had killed at her home in Johtown. This last week Eva beat her own record and killed another snake which was 65 inches long.

Hang in there Eva, you are building up quite a record as an exterminator.

BOGATA VFW POST 8187

- * Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 time.
- * The VFW and its Auxiliary meet every second and fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- * VFW Post 8187 will no longer have Bingo Saturday P.M.
- * Larry Crow is providing and frying fish Saturday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. in memory of his dad, Chester Lee Crow. All members and friends are invited to come out and enjoy.
- * Broadway Junction band will play for a dance Saturday night, June 7, from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.



Have A Nice Weekend

Shower given for Carolyn Strawn

Carolyn Strawn, bride-elect of Jeff Gibson, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower on Sunday, June 1, at the Pattonville Community Center.

The registry, gift and refreshment tables were covered with white cloths and accented with lace overlays. Tulle bows, candles and an ivy basket with balloons decorated the tables. Guests were served assorted cookies, punch, coffee and mints.

The honoree enjoyed opening an array of lovely gifts. Special guests for the occasion were Jane Strawn and Brenda Gibson, mothers of the engaged couple. Hostesses for the shower were Dot Nichols, Tammy Nichols, Sharon Sullivan and Tracy Chipman.

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Graduation lock-in held at Rivercrest High

Following the 1997 graduation ceremony at Rivercrest High School, students enjoyed a lock-in from 11:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. at the school. Students enjoyed Bingo, basketball, races for goody bags which held tee shirts, caps and other handy items and other games and were served breakfast at 3:00 a.m.

Students winning items in the bingo games were: Lois Waldrum-gift certificate and bag filled with shampoo and gifts, Jason Sears-squeeze breeze and batteries, Andrea Palmer-gift certificate, Jason Dyess-gas certificate and tackle box, Tasha Brown-gift certificate, jewelry cleaner and earrings and mouse pad and note pad, Bonnie Phillips-Angel statue, Mary Kay products, Jeremy Price-gift certificate, water bottle and Radio Shack game, Brian Miller-movie tickets, Susan Singleton-movie tickets, Teresa Torres-gift certificate and stuffed animal, Dru Denison-gift certificate Joseph Lindsey-slinky and paddle ball, Katherine Graf-mirror, angel cup and potpourri, Amanda Franks-

two gift certificate, John White-Floaty tire, Blue Bag and accessories, Jill Foster-make-up bag, Sissy Meredith-jelly beans, Sara Stanley-bag of make-up and toiletries, Erric Martin-angel tray, Brea Sessums-cheese balls, Jennifer Roberts-perfume and jewelry cleaner, Clint Gage-burlap bag and Justin Smith-paddle ball.

At 3:30 a.m. drawings for senior prizes began. Winning items were: Kyle Hines-Video game, CD holder case and a \$50 savings bond, Clint Gage-tackle box, \$100 savings bond, tee shirt and knife, Jana Weatherall-Hastings gift certificate, jewelry box and necklace, Katie Connell-Rock Fest tickets and Magna Lite, Teresa Torres-jacket, perfume and \$25 from Daisy's Dress Shop, Justin Smith-compact disc player, tackle box, \$10 gas certificate, knife and \$20, Lindy Phillips-towel, Bible, radio and \$10, Katherine Graf-Lauren perfume, 8 x 19 frame, Joseph Lindsey-\$50 savings bond and a watch, Dru Denison-cassette-CD player, CD's cooler and camera, Clint Gage-pencil sharpener

and \$50 savings bond, Jeff Savage-television, walkman and \$50 savings bond, Shannon Gibbs-necklace, flash light and two \$50 savings bond, Donna Harrison-towel, camera, front end alignment and a VCR, Mitch Ellis-Dream Machine, \$25, bag, towel, clock and \$20, Jennifer Roberts-RCA stereo system, 3 CD's and an answering machine, Amber Spencer-sunglasses, \$50, towel, alarm clock, \$25 and \$15 gas certificate, Michael Deming-CB, Todd Barker-Michael Jordan watch and \$30, Marla Williams-phone, \$20 gift certificate to the Shoe Store and Bible, Alvin Savage-clock radio and \$50 savings bond, Sedrick Cuellar-Howard Miller clock and \$25, Erric Martin-bag, \$75 gift certificate to Cavender's, Polo after shave, beach towel and Jason Sears-weather alert system and 450 savings bond.

The seniors, their sponsors and guest will have a wonderful memory of their safe and happy graduation night.



STEPPING UP-The Talco-Bogata Eighth grade classes joined for their graduation from Junior High into High School on Thursday, May 29. Talco Salutatorian, Eric Posey had the class and audience's full attention as he expressed appreciation to his teachers, parents and friends.
 Staff Photo Nancy Brown




FULL UP-The Rivercrest High School seniors filled the stage at their graduation ceremony held on Friday, May 30, 1997. The class of 33 received nearly \$100,000 dollars in scholarships when added together. Good Luck Graduates!!!
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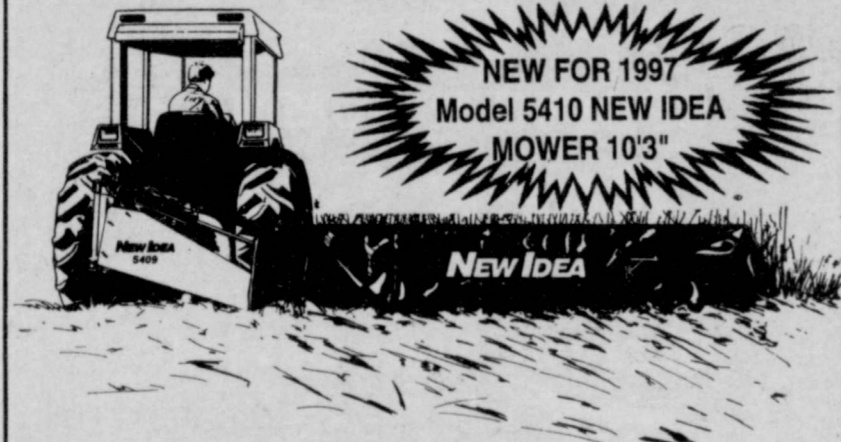
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H. E. Hooten
 County Judge of Red River County, Texas.

About Maple Springs School
 (Later named Bogata)

By Frances Mayes Rozell.
 While visiting with Joe Ford the other day, he told me that he has located a certificate belonging to his grandfather; Mr. George W. Ford. The certificate was issued to him by the County Judge of Red River County in 1883 for serving as Trustee of the Maple Springs School. How is your math? Was this many years ago or not? Maple Springs was at that time located on what is now third street east-where the community center is located.

The certificate states that Maple Springs was school community number 45. Don't know if Mr. Ford was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board of if all members at that time were appointed.

The records in County Court House dated 1912 show Bogata School as Red River County Common School District Number 36. That year the following men in Bogata received votes for Trustee: C.P. Boyd, J.S. Wilkinson, J.L. Bryson, L.L. Howison, J.A. Underwood, N.M. Howison, E.G. Hutchins and John Howison. We assume when the name was changed from Maple Springs to Bogata, a new school district number was assigned to Bogata. In 1912 there were 85 common School Districts in Red River County.

Mr. George W. Ford was born in Tennessee. He was living in Mississippi when he married Martha Ramage who was born in South Carolina. They moved to Maple Springs in 1858. He had a farm on the prairie northwest of present Bogata. Mrs. Ford stayed in their home, a log cabin, with their three children while Mr. Ford was away in the Civil War.

Sometime after Mr. Ford's death, about 1890, Mrs. Ford and her children moved to Fulbright. Joe's father, Mr. John K. Ford was 16 at the time. He was born in 1874. He had two brothers and one sister at home at the

Ryan Case named All American Scholar

Ryan Heath Case of Talco has been named an All American Scholar.

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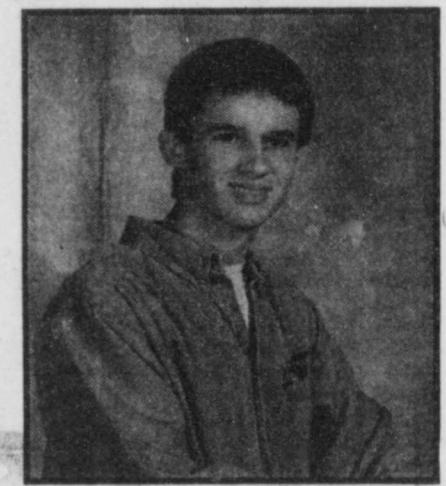
Ryan was nominated for this honor by Coach Steve Weddle of Rivercrest High School. He will also appear in the All American Scholar yearbook.

Ryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Case. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Hare of Sulphur Bluff and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Case of Talco. His great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Haley of Mt. Vernon and Mrs. Velma Case of Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Leota Cox of Mt. Vernon is his great great grandmother.

As a freshman at Rivercrest High, Ryan participated in five sports, cross country, football, basketball, golf and track. He was a regional qualifier in Cross Country and track. Ryan was also inducted in the Rivercrest Beta Club.

People 'n Things

- Thursday, June 5 (today)**
 Bogata Lions will meet at the community center at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 6**
 The Cuthand United Methodist Youth will hold a Bake Sale in front of Guaranty Bank-Bogata beginning at 8:00 a.m. Proceeds will go for summer camp and the youth fund.
- Saturday, June 7**
Sunday, June 8
 The annual Fulbright homecoming will be held at the Fulbright Community Center.
- Monday, June 9**
 Bogata City Council will meet at City Hall at 5:00 p.m. in a regular meeting.
- Tuesday, June 10**
 Rosalie Community Center, VFD group will meet at 7:00 p.m.
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Cunningham News

By Carol Jean Williams & Lou Hatfield
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Memorial day visitors of Johnnie and Nelta Musgroves home were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Marie Watson, Geneva Watson, Frankie, Julie Norwood and boys, Scottie and Amber Norwood, Pam and Larry O'Neal, Jarvis and Renea Watson, Bruce Watson, Tim Brasher, L'Wanda McKnight. That evening the same group of people had a cook out supper and ice cream. Marie Watson spent Sunday and Monday nights with Nelta.

Joe Merrill and family went to Dallas on memorial Day and visited Cov-

enant Church for a church picnic. They visited Joe's sister.

This Sunday, Life Tabernacle Church had a banana split party at the church for the graduates, kindergarten, eighth grade, twelfth grade and college. A large group was present and rewards for graduation and accomplishment were given to Layton Norwood and Jenna Patterson, kindergarten; Kara Palmer, David Lee and David Newman, eighth grade; Josie House, Ronda Merrill and Georjeana Oats, college.

Billy Ray and Neva Jean Oats went to Dallas to celebrate their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary.

Bush and JoDell Cooper went to Lindy Jo Phillips' graduation at Rivercrest Friday night. Bush and JoDell had supper with Ricky and Kay Cooper Monday.

Billie Pirtle of Bogata visited the Russell Whitneys Saturday.

Peggy Risinger, Jayci Whitley and Mary H. Whitney visited Mr. and Mrs. Ken Miller in Commerce Monday.

Rivercrest youth take third in tourney

The Rivercrest Rebel 14-15 year old basketball team took 3rd place in the Longview NAYB tournament this past weekend. Players participating from area schools were; Kyle Stansell, Coleman Brown, Keith Hines, Michael Galloway, Cody Wolfe, Myron Ellis and Clinton Cheatwood all of Rivercrest, Kade Millsap of Cooper, Kenneth Johnson of Omaha, Juan Soto and Adam Banda both of Chapel Hill.

The Rebels took the first game of the tourney in a barn burner. Coleman Brown stepped to the line to make 1 of 2 free throws to win the game with only 5 seconds left on the

clock against Longview's Titans. Leading all scores was Kenneth Johnson with 17 points. Also scoring were, Coleman Brown-12, Kade Millsap-9 and Kyle Stansell-7. Playing good defense for the team was Clinton Cheatwood.

In the second game which actually decided the tournament winner was close. The Rebels led most of the way but with about 8:00 minutes left in the game, the Rebels went cold and could not buy a bucket. The team from Austin had two 6'5" players and a 6'1" player who the Rebels handled well. At the end, though, the Rebels fell short by a score of 43-35.

The third place game against Marshall was no contest for the Rebel team. A huge full court pressure defense eventually put the game out of reach. The Rebels out scored Marshall 48-18. High point for the team was Juan Soto of Chapel Hill with 9 points. Every player for the Rebels scored; Kade Millsap-8, Coleman Brown-7, Kenneth Johnson-6, Kyle Stansell, Myron Ellis, Cody Wolfe and Clinton Cheatwood all added 4 and Michael Galloway had 2. Great job Rebel team!!!!

Dear Editor:

We hear a lot about child abuse, but seldom do we hear about parent abuse. Unfortunately, it is happening too.

Your parents are responsible for you being here. They raised you to be a better person than to abuse anyone, especially one of them. Parents deserve respect for the pain and suffering they encountered while trying to raise you to be responsible adults.

Sure, lots of parents have faults, but it is not your job to judge them, neglect them or abuse them for their faults. This is most definitely not the Christian way of living. The Christian way is to Love and Honor your Mother and Father, not neglect and abuse them. Neglect is a form of abuse.

Treat your parents as you would like to be treated if you were old and infirm.

Remember that if it was not for your parents you would not be alive. If you keep neglecting or abusing your parents, one day you will regret it.

Parents that are not in good health should not be expected to take care of healthy children and grandchildren.

Remember they won't always be around for you to neglect.

Try to treat them the way you would like to be treated.

Deborah S. Matthews.

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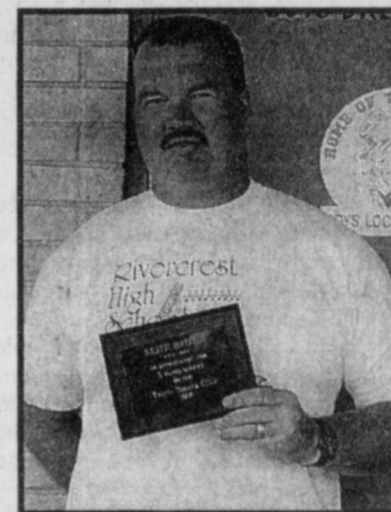


Courtney Lemme
Courtney Lemme wins contest

Courtney Lemme, a first grade student at Bogata Elementary School was recently selected as a winner in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Name the Big Bass Contest. The contest was held state wide to name the 20 plus pound largemouth bass. This is the biggest largemouth in captivity in the state of Texas. With over 10,000 entries in Texas, Courtney was named Best of Class for the first grade for her entry "Texas Charm".

Courtney won a Zebco deluxe fishing rod and reel, tickets to visit the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center and a gift certificate to the gift shop.

She is the daughter of Randy and Lorrie Lemme of Bogata, granddaughter of Dale and Sadie Halyard of Bogata and Melvin and Margie Lemme of Fort Worth and great granddaughter of Ruby Chumley of Detroit.



5 YEARS SERVICE-Coach Keith Brown was presented a plaque of 5 years service at the annual Talco-Bogata staff breakfast held Friday, May 30, 1997. Coach Brown is the Rivercrest Athletic Director as well as football and girls softball coach.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

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**Bogata
Locals**
By Judy Screws
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Mrs. Bill Reddell of Mineral Wells, the former Wanda Ridens of Fulbright, visited her aunt, Ruby Legate, Friday afternoon.

Visiting and having lunch with Mrs. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana on Sunday were Chris Anna, Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

Dixie Stringfellow has received word that her brother, Kenneth York, was injured in a one car accident Saturday in Clyde, Texas. He was enroute from Cisco to Odessa. The most serious injury is a broken arm. He is recuperating at the home of his son, Ray York, in Abilene.

Toni and Preston Combest, Lucille Childers and Vicki Tabb visited Wednesday with Dixie Stringfellow and Danny Tabb. Thursday visitors were Jimmy and Linda Stringfellow.

Dixie Stringfellow and Edna Earl Dodd attended funeral services Fri-

day for Mrs. G.S. (Lola) Greer, Sr. at Old Union Cemetery near Mount Pleasant. Mrs. Greer was the mother of their brother-in-law, the late G.S. Greer, Jr.

Billie and Mary Ann Welch of Blossom visited Chrystine Baker Monday. They had lunch at Rosalie Store and visited their mother and grandmother, Ruby Corbell at Regency Nursing Center in Clarksville.

The annual Huddleston family reunion was held this past week-end at Cedar Creek Lake near Kemp at the home of David and Eldeva Huddleston. Approximately 40 family members and friends attended. Attending from this area were Loyce and Ed Huddleston, Bonnie Huddleston, Debbie English, Gary Huddleston, Rex Huddleston and family, Bernie Huddleston and family, Randy Huddleston and family and Allen Dale and Stacy Huddleston.



ALL A HONOR ROLL-award was presented to Kasey Crawford at the Bogata Junior High assembly. (Staff Photo)



TOP TEN JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT AWARDS-were presented to Kim Shirley, Kasey Crawford, Kara Palmer, Brit-tany Barnett, Erica Williams, Kayla Belcher, Ashely Beers,

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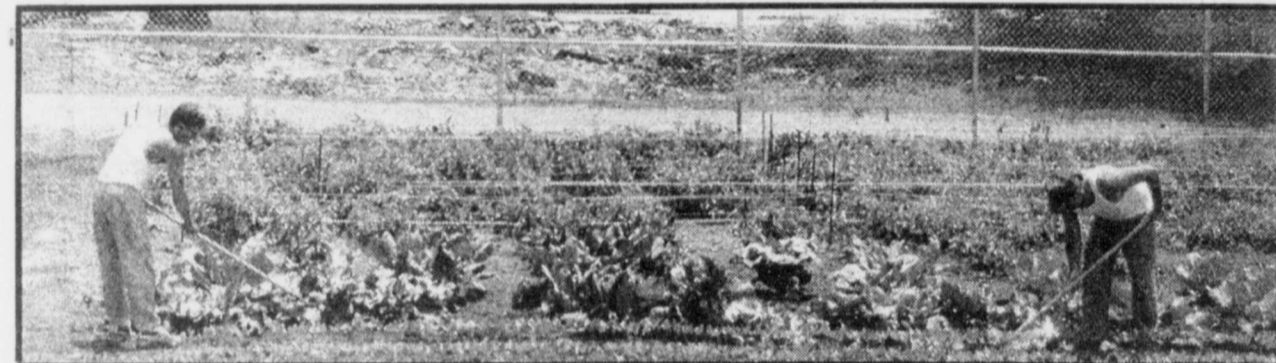
Erin Stieve, Jennifer Hays, and Ashley White and Roxanne El-rod was most improved student. (Staff Photo)



ALL A HONORROLL-awards were presented to the following at the awards assembly at Bogata Elementary School: Chrystal Anderson, Kristen Clark, Lauren Mauldin, Kaylee McIntire, Ethan Meredith, Jor-

dan Stafford, Coty Townes, Chelsea Alford, Taylor Ander-son, Lyzzette Gaytan, Ryan Lashuay, Katelyn VanDeave, Lauren Beers, Holli Bush, Cindy Livingston, Aaron Palmer, Keith Williams, Koren Hawk-

ins, Lindsey Robertson, Kacey VanDeaver, Holly Jean, Kerri Simmons, Lynann Sivard, Kellee Stieve, Kelsey Stringfellow and Kristin Simmons. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)



Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols

INMATES in the Red River County Jail are gardening to provide fresh vegetables for themselves and fellow inmates. The garden requires backbreaking work, but the gardeners stated that they enjoy the work and would rather be gardening than just sitting in a cell.

The poor Brits weren't sure what hit them!

By Kristi Cawley

We arrived in London on May 11. Since we couldn't check into our room, we decided to take a guided tour of the town. We ended up on a tour bus whose driver was Iranian and new on the job. The only intelligible English I heard was "Shut up you stupid idiot!" as the Londoners tried their best to point the poor boy in the right direction. We were able to see several sights that day, but due to our exhaustion, we were a bit more excited about checking into our hotel. Later that evening we met up with several ladies from Paris who were also taking a holiday in the UK. We dined at the Hard Rock Cafe and set our agenda for the week.

Our Monday adventure led us to Windsor to visit the castle. We were all amazed at the magnificence of it all. We were a bit upset that we weren't invited for tea since the queen was there that day. However, we soon got over it and decided to shop instead.

Since Eaton was just across the river from Windsor, Lana and I decided to take a walk over and meet some folks who work for the UK division of the company I work for. It was great meeting them and comparing their system of healthcare to ours here in the States.

The next day we were scheduled to go to Salisbury, Stonehenge and Bath. However, when we arrived at the bus station we completely changed plans and went to Leeds Castle, Canterbury and Dover. It was a great day! We also enjoyed the trip to Canterbury to see the Cathedral. Lana became a star on our tour bus when she recited the Prologue to the Canterbury Tales for the group. She was granted a round of applause and presented with a book from the tour guide. The stained glass windows of the Cathedral were absolutely breath-taking and we were also fortunate enough to be there at a time when one of the bishops led the Lord's Prayer. It was an unbelievable experience to stand in the midst of such a place and hear "Our Father who art in heaven..." echoing throughout the building.

After leaving the Cathedral, we took off for the white cliffs of Dover. The day was sunny and clear and we were able to look across the English Channel and see the shores of France. It seemed odd to stand in a location

which songs have been written about and looking at the shores of a country I've only dreamed of seeing.

Later in the evening we met up with friends from Paris and had dinner at the Swan. Afterwards, they went upstairs and listened to folk songs from countries around the world. Our "piano man" was quite the entertainer and was thrilled to have six ladies from Texas. We joined him in singing "The Yellow Rose of Texas" and any other Texas songs he knew.

On Wednesday, we took a trail to Edinburgh, Scotland to visit Edinburgh Castle. I felt like I was on the "Braveheart" set and ready to fight the battle. We enjoyed Scotland and the friendliness of the people. We stayed the night and went on a Witchery Tour at 10 p.m. The tour consisted of walking through the streets of Scotland and visiting landmarks where witches were tortured. We learned several interesting facts about the history of the country and about the poor souls who were condemned as witches.

The next day we returned to London to "do the town". We observed the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, attempted to see Princess Di at Kensington Palace and did a bit more shopping. We purchased five pairs of Dr. Marten shoes to bring back to the states. There's nothing like carrying five pairs of boots through the transport system of London!!

That evening Lana and I went to see Agatha Christi's "Mousetrap". And we ended up at the Winston Churchill Bar where I befriended the piano man and ended up playing and singing to the cigar smoking audience.

On Friday we attempted to tour the British Museum. Lana and I ended up seeing our favorite things and rushing across town to visit the Tower of London. The main attraction of course is the Crown Jewels. On Friday night we searched out a big beef steak and paid dearly for it. Nevertheless it was extremely good. Texas girls can only stand so much bread and chicken.

Saturday was our surprise day. Lana and I got a wild hair to go to Paris, France via the Channel Tunnel. Upon our arrivall, I truly felt like,

I was in a foreign country. For starters, in our urgency to get there, we had not checked out what our currency exchange rates were and had not gotten any francs. Secondly, we didn't speak French. What little French I had in high school was not exactly on the tip of my tongue.

I was pleasantly surprised that things were cheaper in Paris than in London. To celebrate the moment I purchased perfume.

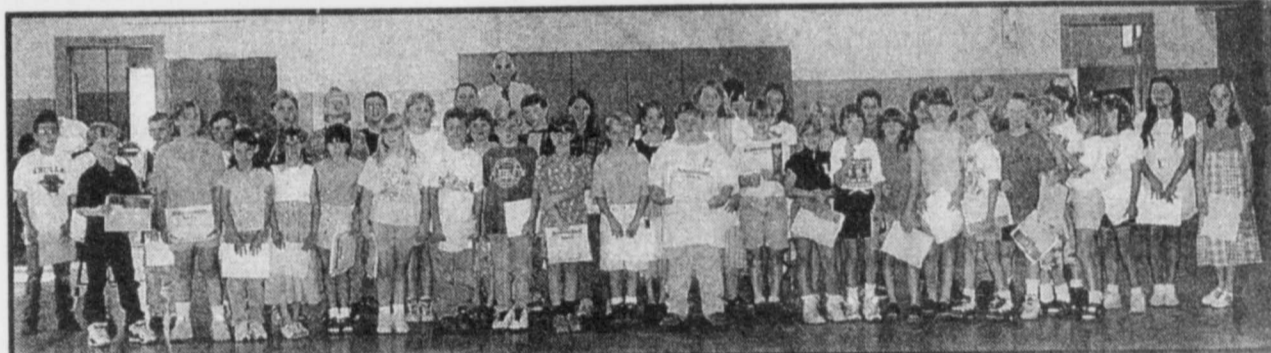
After a moment of shopping we set off on our trek across Paris, literally. WE wanted to see as much as possible in the six hours we had there so we walked and walked and walked. We made it to the Louvre and experienced seeing the Mona Lisa first-hand. We also saw Michealangelo's sculptures of the slaves as well as anybody who was somebody in art during the Renaissance.

The magnitude of the entire gallery was overwhelming.

After our spring through the Louvre, we were off to the Eiffel Tower. It looks a lot closer than it really is when you're on foot. It was a piece of work. Hundreds of tourists were there for the same reason we were, to buy a T-shirt! We took photos, searched diligently for a drink of water to quench our thirst, admired the structure and agreed that a cab was necessary to get us back to the station.

Before boarding the train, we visited the closest pastry shop and loaded up on chocolate and whatever else looked good. We headed back to London to pack up for our return trip home. Becky was happy to see us since she was not entirely sure about this European experience from the start. She had informed us before leaving that should we not return home, she would be headed back to her kingdom in Cuthand, with or without us!

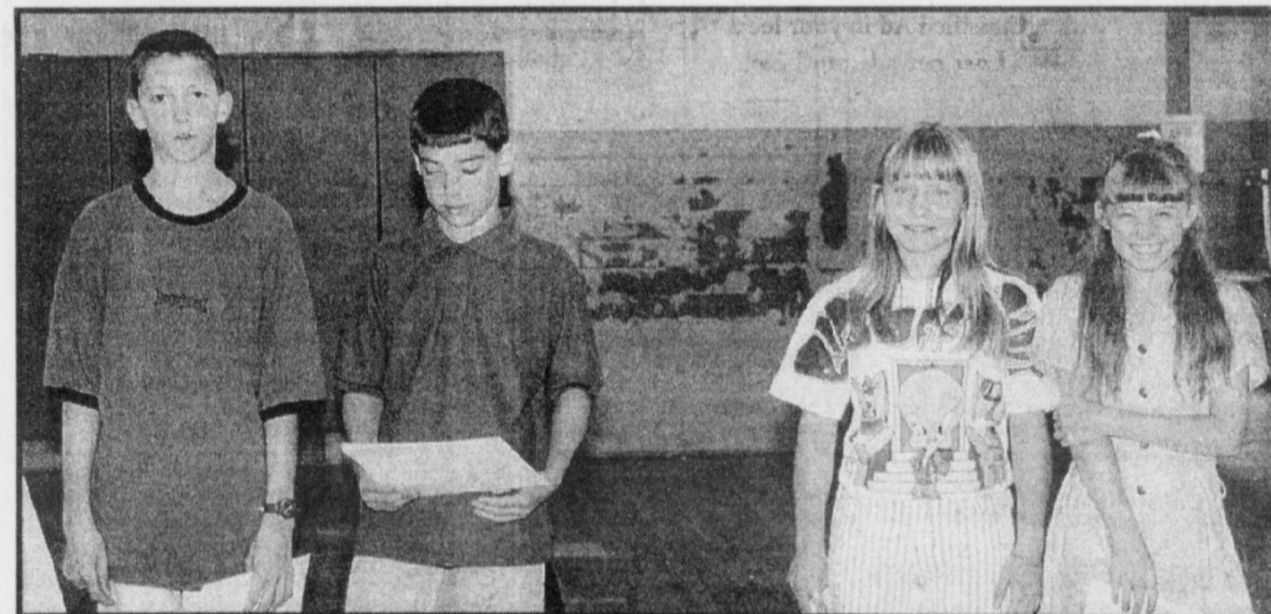
As you can see, the Rednecks went to town. However, we are much more cultured than we were before we left and we now know how the international travel thing works. Lana and I are planning next year's vacation, while Becky has sworn never to leave the US of A again. Who knows, next year we might actually cross paths on some great adventure. Just think, whatever country we ended up in would probably never be the same!



UIL PARTICIPANTS-receiving awards at the Bogata Elementary assembly Thursday were: Ashley Shew, Lauren Beers, Courtney Merchant, Brian Hays, Krystal Smith, Adam Horn, Holli Bush, Aaron Palmer, Jason Davis, Mandy Crawford, Bailie Spencer, Sarah Hare, Callie Stafford, Ko-

ren Hawkins, Jill Shirley, Payden Franks, Haley Hawkins, Casey Hammonds, Kerri Simmons, Clint Glasener, Kellee Stieve, Saleena Whitaker, Lindsey Robertson, Kacey VanDeaver, Kerri Simmons, Katie Mankins, Jeffery Abernathy, Lance Bush, Cody Cheatwood, Jason Jones, Brent

Middleton, Kaleb Baker, Micah Chaloner, Danielle Varner, Angela Lester, Chance Belcher, Crystal Burruss, Courtney Boyd, Kyla Harville, Keith Perry, Mindy Riffle, Brittany Brown, Justin Tucker, Kristen Simmons, Alex Davidson and Stephanie Williams (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)



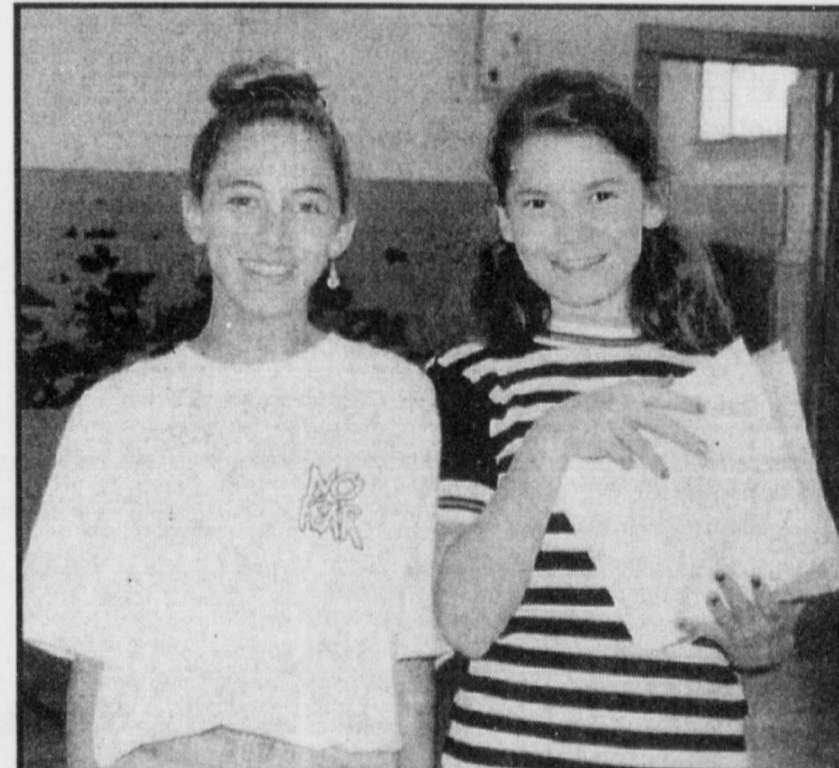
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ALL A HONOR ROLL-award was presented to sixth grader, Erica Williams, at the Bogata Junior High awards assembly. (Staff Photo)



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eighth graders at the Bogata Awards assembly. (Staff Photo)

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JOHNTOWN LOCALS
By *Jana Hawkins*
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Lana Pirtle of Longview and Clay Pirtle and John Northcutt of Arlington spent the week-end with Drue and Billie Pirtle.

The Johntown Missionary Baptist Church Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a hot dog and swimming party for the youth of the church and their guests Saturday at the Pirtle home. Twenty six young people and 20 adults attended.

Vance and Micki Pirtle, Lindsey and Stephanie Fischer, Celeste Hall, Brian, Robin, Kyla, Jesse, Jeff, Kelley, Jacob, and Kristen Harville, Brother Bobby Clark, Ryan and Allix Brunson, Holly Jean, Lana and Clay Pirtle, Jerry Francis and John Northcutt were guests for Sunday lunch with Drue and Billie Pirtle. Later in the day Chad and Eric Martin, Donna Strain and Ruth Colquhoun visited.

Robbie Hawkins, Brother Bobby and Chessie Clark were supper guests of Drue and Billie Pirtle Monday night. Kelley, Jacob and Kristen Harville visited, too.

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Mitchell Jean was dismissed from the hospital on Monday. He and his family need the prayers of the community. Get Well soon Mitchell.

52 attended worship services at the Johntown Church on Sunday.

Johntown Church has end of school party

The Friendship Circle Auxiliary of the Johntown Church hosted an End of School Party for the kids in the home of Drue and Billie Pirtle on Saturday, May 31. The young people enjoyed swimming while the adults played dominoes and visited. Everyone had hot dogs with all the trimmings.

Attending were Jerry Ann and Blake Richardson, Payden Franks, Kelley, Jacob and Kristen Harville, Robbie Hawkins, Vance and Mikki Pirtle, Stephanie and Lindsey Fischer, Brother Bobby and Chessie Clark, Ryan, Darla and Allix Brunson, Holly Jean, Adam, Tracey and Aaron Eudy, Shane Dodd, Robin, Kyla and Jesse Harville, Mark, Jana, Heather and

Haley Hawkins, Kathy, Koren, Ryan, Seth and Seton Hawkins, Celeste Hall, Hannah White, Chance Belcher, Keith Mauldin, Jake Needham, Matthew Ross, Jared Huddleston, Misty Simmons, Lynann Sivard and Jean and Micah Upchurch.

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JAYCI LEIGH WHITLEY graduated from Kiddie College in Paris at the Lamar Avenue Church of Christ. The class of 29 four year olds entertained with a program before receiving their diplomas. Several of her family members attended, including her great-great-aunt, Billie Pirtle, Jayci was honored with a pizza following graduation at the Pizza Hut. She received many nice gifts.

Man comes as a novice to each age in his life.
—Nicholas Chamfort



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