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By Nanalee Nichols

For the second time in a week...WHAT did you say!

We've all heard techno-speak and buzz words and baffling 'em with BS. But I believe that modern business has taken this to new heights.

The following is a portion of a letter sent to me by a business that has done some work for us in the past. I have changed the company's name and what they do, but other than those two things it is EXACTLY as it was sent to me. Read it, then tell me if YOU can translate!

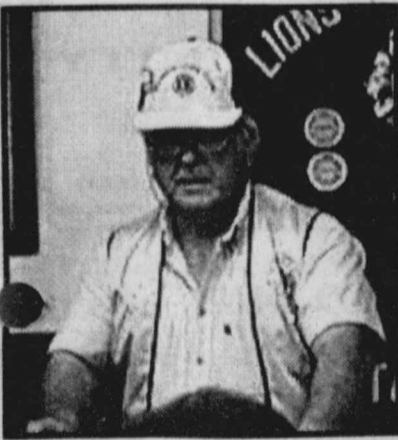
"In our last status letter I talked to you about some of the additional services and products that will enhance your ability to evaluate your client's position. One of these products is Technology Based Outsourcing. Our ability to provide exceptional results to thousands of clients worldwide, is directly attributable to our high level of sophistication in system related matters. We have the capability of fully integrating a wide variety of internal systems components, such as top of the line server products, systems software, predictive dialing technologies, IVR technology, and digital switching equipment. This allows us to ensure a seamless and fully secure connectivity between our systems and the host system of the client, which we serve. We deploy both human and financial resources to adapt our systems to preform critical functions.

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WHAT did they say again? As near as I can translate, all that they are saying is they have a great phone system and lots of employees to attend to our needs.

But could we just say that instead of couching it is terms to filled with gobbledey gook?

I see more and more of this going on all the time...and it isn't necessary. Just because you can string a lot of big words together doesn't mean you are smarter, do better work or get things done any faster! Let's speak English, folks.



**CAKES FOR SALE!** - Jack Dodd served as master of ceremonies for the pie and cake auction at the Bogata Lions Club Political forum last Saturday. The proceeds are used for scholarships and eyeglasses for needy children.

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# BOGATA NEWS

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## Hotly contested county attorney races result in incumbents being ousted

Lamar and Red River County Attorney incumbents were defeated in the most hotly contested races in local election action Tuesday, March 14.

Lamar County incumbent Kerye Ashmore received 2,829 to challenger Mark Burtner's 3,702 votes, Burtner winning with about a 57 percent of the vote.

Incumbent Jack Herrington in Red River County was defeated by challenger Val Varley losing 2,238 for Varley, 828 for Herrington.

Neither Burtner nor Varley have a Republican opponent this fall.

In Red River County the Sheriff's race had three contenders. Former Sheriff Bob Storey and current Sheriff Bob Edrington ran neck and neck with Storey coming out with 1506 votes, Edrington 1275 votes. Third runner George White captured 291 votes. This means that there will be a runoff election between Storey and Edrington.

In the Titus County Sheriff's race appointed Sheriff Arvel Shepard defeated his challenger, Jackie Stinson 2840 to 1207.

In the Titus County Tax Assessor-Collector race there will be a run off between Incumbent June Roach and challenger Judy Cook. Cook received 2,010 votes, Roach 1,302, and third runner Dianne Wilson Norris received 751.

In Lamar County Sheriff B.J. McCoy had no problems returning to office, receiving 4,890 votes to challenger Steve Davoust's 1,589, taking 75% of the vote.

Precinct One Constable Randy Boren won over Mark Keys 428 to 306.

McCoy and Boren have no opponent in the fall election.

Another interesting race in the primaries was the 62nd Judicial Judge Race. This will result in a run off between top democratic vote getters Scott McDowell and Jesse Nickerson.

The winner of that race will oppose Republican Jeff Starnes, who easily defeated his opponent, Mike Mosher,

1,149 to 471.

Democratic incumbent for State Representative Mark Homer had no trouble defeating his challenger, Patricia Blount, with 5,638 votes to her 733.

U.S. Representative Max Sandlin, again the Democratic incumbent, captured 5,073 votes to B.D. Blount's 1,105.

District 2 State Representative Democratic incumbent Tom Ramsey defeated his challenger, Sarah Bailey King 8,127 to 4,953.

He will face Noble Willingham as the Republican vying for Sandlin's place this fall. Willingham defeated his challenger easily.

On a national level there were very few surprises, with this area voting like the rest of the state, overwhelmingly for Al Gore for the Democratic presidential nomination and George W. Bush for the Republican presidential candidate.

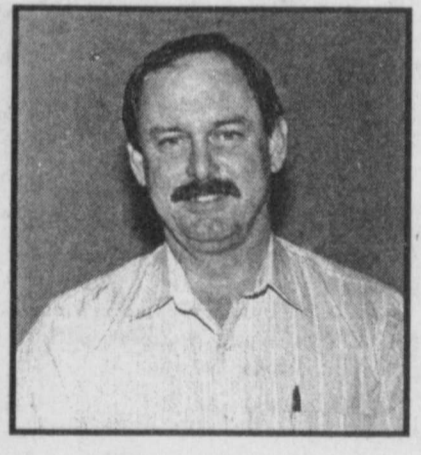
Run off elections will be held on April 11th, 2000.



Scott McDowell, left, and Jess Nickerson in runoff race for 62nd District Court Judge



Val Varley, elected to Red River County Attorney position



Bob Storey, left, and Bob Edrington, in runoff race for Red River County Sheriff



Titus County Sheriff Arvel Shepard



Judy Cook, left and incumbent June Roach, in runoff race for Titus County Tax Assessor, Collector

### People 'n Things

**Third Tuesday of each month**  
Bogata Lions Club sponsors Bingo at Red River Healthcare Center. Lions Club members should volunteer to help when they can.

**March 17**  
The Johntown Opry will be held on March 17 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the old Dodd Store located on Hwy. 271 in Johntown. No admission will be charged but donations will be accepted. All pickers and singers are invited to come out and perform gospel, blue grass and country music. Everyone is invited to come share the fun, fellowship and fine music performed by local talent.

**March 21**  
The Talco Homecoming Ex's planning meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21 at the Western Sizzlin Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant beginning at 7:00 p.m. Come early for visiting prior to the meeting and help the committee plan a special homecoming for this year on May 6.

**April 8**  
Make plans to attend the Chicken Spaghetti Supper and Talent Show hosted by the Talco and Bogata PTO's on April 8 at Rivercrest High School. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:00 p.m.

## Talco/Bogata PTO to host supper/talent show

The Talco and Bogata PTO's will host a chicken spaghetti supper and talent show at Rivercrest High School on April 8, 2000. The supper will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will include chicken spaghetti, salad, beans, dessert and tea for \$4.00 per place. As an option a child's plate including one slice of pizza and koolaide will be \$1.00 per plate.

The talent show will begin at 7:00

p.m. Adult tickets will be \$2.00 and student tickets will be \$1.00. Participants for the show will be by invitation only.

Advance tickets will be sold by Talco and Bogata PTO members. Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the meal and show and support the PTO's who use their earnings to purchase needed items for their schools.

## Arrests made in anhydrous theft cases

A Crime Stoppers tip Thursday, March 10, led to the arrest of a Lamar County man and two Red River County men for the possession of anhydrous ammonia.

Paris Department Narcotics Division officers arrested Larry Wayne Hicks, 32, at the residents after following up on information provided in the Crime Stoppers tip. Hicks was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of anhydrous ammonia and unlawful use of criminal instrument.

According to police reports, officers found the suspected anhydrous ammonia and also a handgun, glassware, tubing and other items consistent with the manufacture of methamphetamine.

While enroute to Lamar County Jail, Hicks reportedly said "the gun belongs to Frank Middleton, it's not mine."

Two suspects were arrested Saturday for attempting to steal anhydrous ammonia from a storage tank of Deport Farm Supply in Deport.

RCSAP Investigator Danny Powell and the National Guard detachment were watching the storage

tank after reports that individuals were stealing from the tank to produce methamphetamine.

Powell and Red River County Deputy Chris Phelps arrested Frank Middleton, 43, and Ronald Gene Mantooth, 38, at the scene. They were both charged with tampering with equipment designed to hold anhydrous ammonia, criminal trespass and unlawful use of a criminal instrument and were booked in Red River County Jail.

Due to the rise in "Nazi style" quick methamphetamine cooks, the Texas Legislature passed a law that went into effect September 1, 1999, making it illegal to possess, maintain or deliver anhydrous ammonia in a container not designed or manufactured to hold that chemical.

Anhydrous ammonia is a vital ingredient used in the cooking process of methamphetamine.

Surveillance of anhydrous ammonia tanks will continue and RCSAP officials expect more arrests.

RCSAP Commander Eddie Almond credits the success of the operation to the cooperation of all the agencies involved.

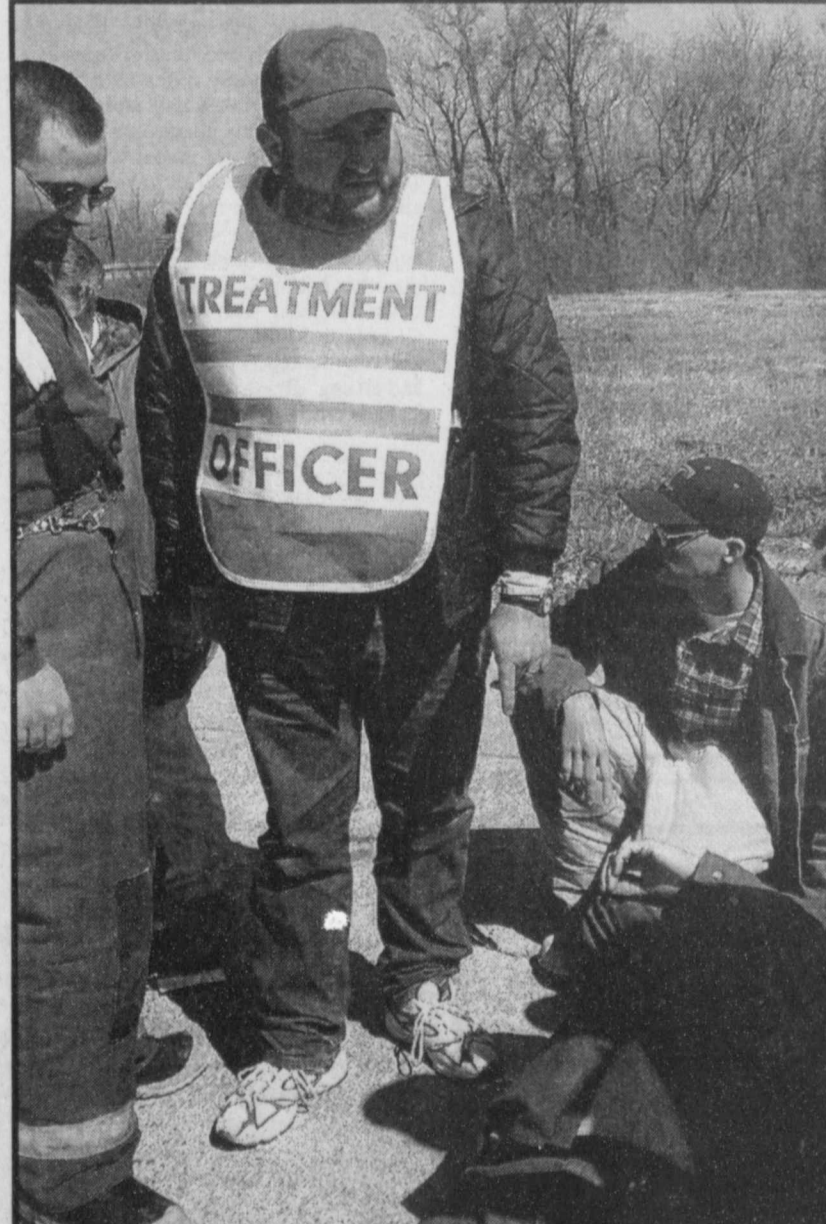
## 55 Alive Driving Program to be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Talco

The AARP's 55 Alive Driving Program will be held at the Talco Calvary Baptist Church on March 28 and 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.

55 Alive can sharpen driving skills, prevent accidents and injuries and keep drivers behind the wheel longer and more safely. The two day course is available to all licensed drivers age

50 and over. Those participating will be eligible to receive a 10% discount on auto insurance premiums for three years.

The program is being sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church located on FM. 71 east in Talco. Everyone 50 and over are invited to attend. To register or for more information call 903-379-5171 or 903-379-1152.



PREPARE for Transport-Treatment Officer Leslie Allen of the Bogata Volunteer Fire Department checked out the handling of patient Tim Shimpock by Jamie Brown and Devin McCuin of the Annona Volunteer Fire Department. The exercise was part of triage training directed by Blaine Jones of East Texas Community College last Saturday. Most Volunteer Fire Departments in Red River County participated in the exercise with LifeNet emergency services. (Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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## Bogata Lions political rally well attended

The Bogata Lions expressed appreciation to the candidates and public for attending the stew supper, political rally and pie and cake auction sponsored by the Lions on Saturday, March 11 at the Bogata Community Center. Nearly \$1,200 was collected from the supper and auction. The proceeds will go toward eye glasses and exams for those in need and toward the Lions Club Scholarships.

The candidates speeches were informative and each candidate stayed within their 5 minute time limit. Attending were candidate; for Sheriff Bob Edington, Bob Storey and George White; County Attorney-Jack Herrington and Val Varley; Tax Assessor-Leslie Nix, County Commissioner Precinct 1-Ricky Daniels, State Representatives District 2-Sarah Bailey King and Tom Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey was unable to speak at the event due to a previous engagement.

The Lions wish to thank you for your interest and cooperation and feel that everyone benefited from the rally.



Obituaries

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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**Faillte romhat!** This means welcome in Irish which is where our cook comes to us this week from. Since we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17, 2000. May you each have the luck of the Irish with you!

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th to honor Patrick, Ireland's patron saint.

Almost 1500 years ago the patron saint and national hero of Ireland was born to a Gaelic family who had migrated to Britain. The child was called Succat, which means "warlike". Since Britain was part of the Roman Empire and had become Christian, the child was baptized and called Patricius, meaning "noble". For 16 years, Patrick lived a normal life as the son of a prosperous landowner and magistrate.

Captured and forced into slavery, Patrick spent 6 years herding sheep. He made his escape and after a period of time, returned to Ireland to do missionary work.

On his return, Patrick worked 40 years in this field, preaching, baptizing and establishing churches, schools and colleges. History reports that he used shamrock leaves to explain the meaning of the Trinity. Although the date is not confirmed, it is reported that St. Patrick died on March 17, 493 after bringing the Christina faith to

Ireland.

The first Irish celebrations on the date of St. Patrick's death were noisy affairs. As the Irish emigrated around the world, they took the St. Pat's celebration with them and today parades are held in some very unlikely places as well.

The Irish heritage has had a profound influence on the nation. Nine of the people who signed the Declaration of Independence were of Irish origin. Nineteen of the presidents of the United States proudly claim Irish heritage and this included our first president, George Washington.

Hope you enjoy these Irish recipes and we will see you in the kitchen.

**Irish Lamb Stew**—they say that this is just right after a night at the pubs and gets better as it gets older!

**Irish Bangers**—these need to be left overnight in the fridge before freezing and need to be fried until golden brown.

**Strawberry Scones**—Bake golden brown and serve with whipped cream!

**Irish Rarebit**—a famous high tea dish!

**Crubeens**—this is a Dublin favorite. Although I am not sure what trotters are, the recipe is self-explanatory!

**Bacon and Egg Pie**—this is eaten warm or cold, at home or on a country outing and is a most popular dish!

Red River County Roots

This week's query is from Donna Hansen, 4609 Chattanooga Crossing, Marietta, CA 30067. She would like information about William Hayes Benton, born 1823 TV. According to a notice in the Northern Standard of Clarksville, dated 8 May 1844, W.H. Benton married Eleanor Jordan, daughter of Levi Jordan, on 14 April 1844 at Jordan's Mills. It is not known whether or not William H. Benton ever lived in Red River County or where Jordan's Mills was located. The family understands that he obtained land, possibly in Red River County, from a Jordan or Benton family. About a hundred years later, around 1945/50, there would have been a release signed by several members of William Benton's family. William supposedly left the property and paid no taxes on it. By the 1860's, William was living in the Gonzales/Guadalupe County area.

If you would like to write Ms. Hansen, please write him at the above address.

If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426



Travis Dean Hale

Travis Dean Hale dies March 9

Travis Dean Hale of Bogata, a civic leader and educator, died Thursday, March 9 after a long illness.

Services were held Saturday, March 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Bogata with the Reverends Kenny Dickson and Bob Bush officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Before his illness, Travis was a lay leader, Sunday School teacher and choir member of the First United Methodist Church. He was born March 30, 1912 in Red River County, the son of Right Fredrick and Maggie Wright Hale. An older brother, Robert Hale, died in infancy.

He was a graduate of Bogata High School, attended Paris Junior College and received both his Bachelor and Masters Degrees from East Texas Teachers College. During World War II he served in the United States Navy and was stationed at Camp Perry near Williamsburg, Virginia. He began his teaching career in the Pine Branch community. He was a former principal and superintendent of Bogata School and became Superintendent of Rivercrest Schools when Bogata and Talco consolidated. When he retired, he was principal of Clarksville Middle School. After retirement, he and his wife moved back to Bogata to enjoy his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Mable of Bogata; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Dr. E.E. Brooks of Bogata; four granddaughters and their husbands, Kim and Joe Travis Kelsey of Bogata, Dr. Kathy and Charlie Kimmey of Temple, Staci and Ronnie Chappell of Addielou and Becky and Kenny Paysse of Temple; nine great-grandchildren, Carter Kelsey, Brooks and Kelli Travis, Grant and Caroline Chappell, Jonathan, Andrew and William Paysse. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Lal Grant of Paris; two nephews, Ted Grant of Clarksville and Dickie Grant of Lewisville; niece Judy Grant of San Antonio; and a number of cousins.

Pallbearers were Dr. Jack Troutt, Kenneth Jeffery, Frank Stubblefield, Bob Moody, Tommy Corbell, Sam Barnard, Howard Ed Bryson, Richard Ward, C.R. Williams, Carl Williams, Connie Mac Hobbs and Joe Ford.

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Bass Classic set in Cooper

The seventh annual Cooper Lake Bass Classic will be April 8. The event is sponsored by the Delta County Chamber of Commerce and first place prize is \$4,000. For information call the Chamber. Entry fee is \$80.00 per team if registered by March 28.

Love is Nature's second sun.

—George Chapman

PJC Drama student receives awards

The Paris Junior College Speech and Drama Department performed a dramatic sweep of awards recently at the annual Texas Junior College Speech and Theater Association's festival held at Weatherford College. Five PJC student actors were given

top awards, which included John White of Bogata who received Superior.

In the Technical Design Awards competition, White also received Superior in Makeup Design.

Free Indian language class to be offered

The Choctaw Nation, in cooperation with PJC will offer a free community class teaching people how to read, write and speak the Choctaw Native American Indian language.

Paul Samuels, a member of the Choctaw Nation, will teach the class at 6 p.m. on March 20 in the Continuing Education Department at PJC.

Classes will be held Monday and Wednesday from 6 until 8 p.m. through May 10. In addition to teaching the Choctaw language (Chahta Anumpa), Samuels said class members will learn about the history of the Choctaw and the Tribal culture.

For information, call 782-0445 to register or call the Choctaw Language Program at 1-800-522-6170.

Tommy Ray Owens II dies March 6

Tommy Ray Owens II died March 6.

Services were held Saturday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. in Oak Hill Baptist Church in Blossom with the Rev. H. Washington officiating. Burial followed in Egypt Cemetery in Blossom under the direction of Maxey Funeral Home of Paris.

He was born to Tommy and Earnestine Kendricks-Owens in Blossom on June 6, 1961. He united with Oak Hill Baptist Church at an early age and was a member until his death.

He graduated from Prairiland High School in 1978 and was an employee of Earthgrains in Paris for 19 years. He served as coach for the YMCA's Little Dribblers basketball team for three years and was a member of the Safety Team at Earthgrain for three years.

In 1983 he married Pamela Jenkins-Owens. They had two children, Ashley and Shatara of the home. He had one other child, Tommy Ray Owens Embry of Alabama.

He also leaves to cherish his memory his father and mother, Tommy and Earnestine Owens of Blossom; a father-in-law, Benny Jenkins, Sr., of Clarksville; a maternal grandmother, Margie Harrison of Detroit; a paternal grandmother, Emily Hopkins-Owens of Spencer, OK; maternal great-grandmother, Johnnie Walls of Clarksville; sisters Carolyn Owens-Hampton, Yvonne Owens-Harris and Evonne Owens-Moore; aunts, Diana Harrison, Scottie Greer, Thelma Kendricks, Betha Glen Smith and Connie Owens-Nickelberry; uncles, Kenneth Kendricks, Clifford Owens, Albert Harrison and Rev. Bobby Harrison; a very special friend, Willard Dickerson of Clarksville; brother-in-laws, Rodney Harris, Randle Moore, Darnell Hampton, Garland, Gordon, Billy, Patrick, Benny Jr. and Thomas Dale Jenkins; sisters-in-law, Rachel and Tabitha Jenkins and Beverly Jenkins-Jackson; and a host of other nieces, nephews and family and friends.

Bearers were Terry Kellum, Jo Jackson, Paul Butler, Jeff Savage, Todd Savage, Peter Smith, Carl Brown and Craig Dangerfield.

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FOOT NOTES



Dr. Austin Reeves

PREGNANCY & YOUR FEET

A woman's body goes through tremendous change during pregnancy, and the feet do not escape the transformation. The feet can grow by a half size or more during pregnancy. Hormones that are released to relax the pelvic area also loosen the foot ligaments. In addition, the extra weight a woman carries lowers her arches, adding further to foot length and width. Many women do not notice the gradual changes, while others resist them because they perceive that a smaller shoe size is better. But wearing too-tight shoes weakens the muscles in the ball of the foot and the ligaments that keep the toes straight. These conditions can lead to various foot problems, including corns, ingrown nails and bunions.

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Card of Thanks

We'd like to thank everyone who shared our anniversary celebration with us through cards, calls, visits and gifts.

God bless you all, Willie Mae & Johnnie Topping

Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say, perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you very much.

The Norman Family

Card of Thanks

The family of Travis Dean Hale would like to say thank you for the many acts of love and kindness shown us during our sorrow. May you also be so richly blessed in your time of need.



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March 16, 2000 St. Patrick's Day Recipes

**Irish Lamb Stew**  
1/2 pound thickly sliced bacon-diced  
6 pounds boneless Lamb-cut in 2-inch  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
2 cloves garlic peeled-finely chopped  
1 large yellow onion-peeled and chopped  
1/2 cup water  
4 cups beef stock  
2 teaspoons sugar  
4 cups carrots-1 inch pieces  
2 large yellow onions-1-inch pieces  
1 teaspoon dried thyme-whole  
1 bay leaf  
1 cup dry white wine  
garnish with parsley  
Saute bacon in large frying pan and reserve fat and bacon. Put lamb, salt, pepper, flour in a large mixing bowl and toss to coat meat evenly. Brown in frying pan with bacon fat. Put meat into 10 quart pan-leave 1/4 cup of fat in frying pan. Add garlic and onion and saute until onion begins to color. Deglaze frying pan with 1/2 cup water and add the onion-garlic mixture to casserole with bacon pieces, stock and sugar. Cover and simmer for 1-1/2 hours or till tender. Add remaining ingredients to pot and simmer covered for 20 minutes until vegetables are tender.

**Irish Bangers**  
2 teaspoons ground white pepper  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1 teaspoon sage  
1 teaspoon mace  
3 ounce s salt  
6 ounces bread crumbs  
10 pounds fat pork butt  
if lean add 1 pound fat back  
2 cups ice water  
Grind meat to half medium and half fine. Add spices and mix very well. Stuff into small casing links or make into patties. Leave overnight in fridge before serving. Fry until golden brown.

**Strawberry Scones**  
1 cup strawberries  
2-1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
3 tablespoons sugar  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
6 tablespoons butter or margarine  
2/3 cup milk  
Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Cut strawberries into 1/2-inch pieces and set aside. In large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add butter. With pastry blender cut butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Stir in reserved strawberries and toss to coat well. Add milk all at once. With fork lightly toss together until mixture holds together. With floured hands gently form into balls. On floured board with floured rolling pin, roll out dough to 1/4-inch thick. Cut dough into 2-1/2-inch circles. Place on greased cookie sheet and bake until golden brown about 12 minutes. Serve with whipped cream.

**Irish Rarebit**  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
1 teaspoon honey  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup Guinness Stout  
1 cup grated cheddar cheese  
salt and pepper  
Melt butter in heavy pan and stir in flour to make a roux. Cook on low heat for a further minute without allowing to brown. Remove pan and gradually beat milk into the roux. Return to heat and stir until the mixture thickens. Stir in mustard and honey and finally Guinness. Cook fairly rapidly for 2-3 minutes and add grated cheese and stir over very low heat until all cheese is melted. Spread thickly on four slices of toast and brown under grill.

**Crubeens**  
1 fresh pig's trotter-bone-in  
1 onion  
2 carrots-cut-up  
salt  
peppercorns  
bay leaf  
thyme  
parsley  
Place trotter in a pan with vegetables and spices. Cover with cold water and bring to boil and simmer for three hours. You may also de-bone and dip in seasoned egg and roll in bread crumbs and fry. Eat with brown soda bread and Guinness.

**Bacon and Egg Pie**  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 level teaspoon salt  
1/3 cup lard  
3-4 tablespoons cold water  
rashers of bacon thickly sliced  
6 eggs  
Sift flour and salt into bowl. Cut up fats and rub them into flour. Gradually add the water mixing it in with a knife until mixture forms a ball and leaves bowl clean. Lightly shape on a floured board and cut into two pieces. Grease a 10-inch pie pan and roll out half of pastry and line plate with this. Place rashers like the spokes of a wheel and break an egg into each of these spaces. Roll out the other half of the pastry and carefully cover the filling with this. Crimp edges all around. Lightly mark segments with knife so that each person gets a rasher and an egg. Brush top with milk. Place in preheated oven for 40-45 minutes.

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# Obituaries

## Michael Van Barnes dies March 12

Michael Van Barnes, age 43, formerly of Duncanville, died Sunday, March 12 in John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 16 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with Rev. Ernest Harris officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

He was born July 23, 1956 in Harris County, the son of Harold Eugene and Evelyn Raye Crader Barnes.

He is survived by his son, Jason Barnes of Arlington; his wife, Jeri Barnes of Arlington; and two stepchildren, Buddy and Kelly Bolin of Arlington; his mother, Evelyn Barnes of Duncanville and an aunt, Lois McRae of Bogata.

His father, Harold Eugene Barnes, preceded him in death in May, 1991.

## Community help for Hawkins family needed

On Sunday night-early Monday morning March 13-14 the home of Mark and Jana Hawkins in Johntown was destroyed by fire. The couple have three daughters, Haley, Heather and Hana.

Pictures are one of the items a family loses in a fire that can not be replaced. Everyone in the community who has pictures of the Hawkins children are encouraged to return them to Jana and Mark to help rebuild their memories and home. The family also would like to thank everyone for their kindness and gifts of every kind.



*Jackie and Anita Dodd Couch  
Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Couch  
to celebrate 40th anniversary*

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Couch will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 18.

Jackie Couch, son of Jack and Ruth Couch of Bogata and Anita Dodd, daughter of M.J. and Edna Earl Dodd, also of Bogata, were married at the bride's family home in

Johntown on March 18, 1960.

The couple will be honored with a private family luncheon at the home of their son, Tommy Couch in Waxahachie. The event will be hosted by the couple's children, Tresa Couch of Johntown, Tommy Couch and Trenton Couch of Paris.



TYLER CLAYTON celebrated his first birthday on February 22 at the home of his parents, Clay and Edie Tidwell of Direct. Attending were his sister, Stephanie, grandparents, Feliz and Sandra Moreno, great-grandparents, Leon and Claudine Gable, Eric, Erica and Alec Moreno, Ricky, Caryn and Caleb Daniels, Jamie, Kelly and Raney Cortez, Nelda Screws, Dolvin, Sandra and Montana Parson and Lynn and Hailee Earnest. Tyler received many nice gifts.

## Jaggers graduates basic

Army Pvt. Brandy C. Jaggers has graduated from basic military training at Ft. Jackson, Columbia, SC.

Jaggers is the daughter of Tammy A. Dodd of Bogata and Garry L. Jaggers of Mt. Pleasant.

She is a 1998 graduate of Rivercrest High School.

**Hunter Shawn Roberts** was born February 10 in Titus County Regional Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20" long. Parents are Shawn and Nicki Roberts of Talco. Grandparents are Russell and Betty Foxworthy of Talco and Leon and Marcella Roberts of Mt. Pleasant. Great-grandparents are Sue Roberts Steed and Ola Faulkner of Mt. Pleasant and Eleanor Foxworthy of Simla, CO. "Bubba" joins sister Shelbi Lauren Roberts.

## Spring Festival is April 15

The Red River County Chamber of Commerce will present their annual Spring Festival on Saturday, April 15.

Included in the day's activities, there will be entertainment, an antique car show, animal rides for children, craft booths, a flea market area.

The booths will be set up around the square in downtown Clarksville.

Food vendors with large trailers will be limited on a first come basis and will be charged \$15 per space.

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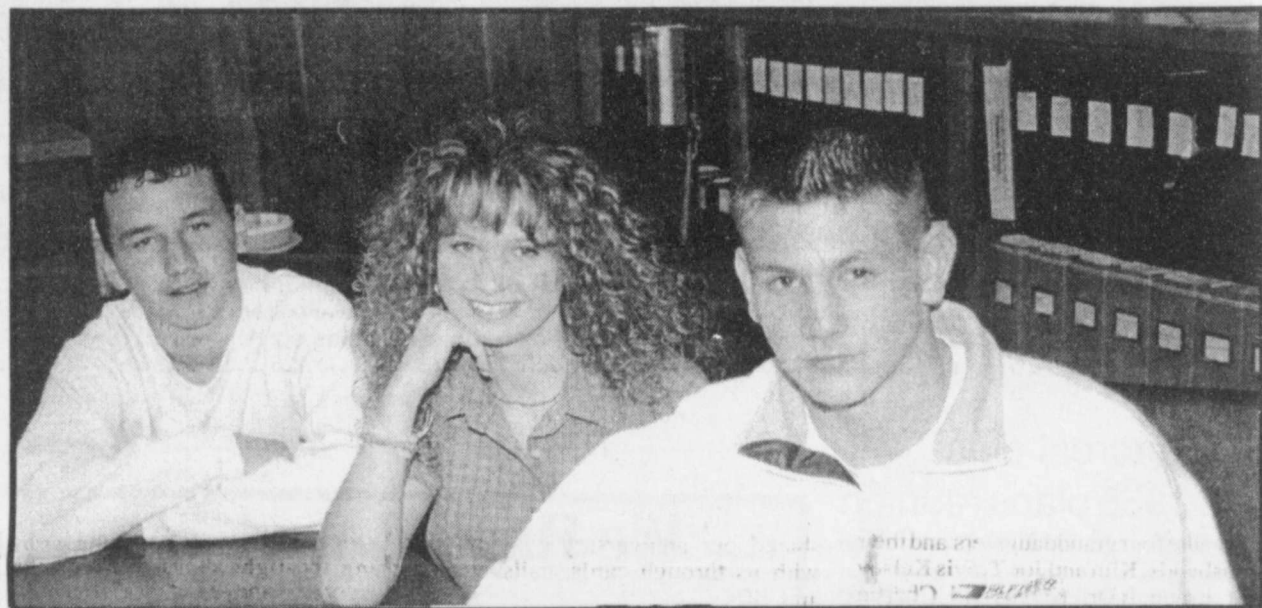


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**MOST POPULAR**-Chosen as Most Popular boy s and girl from the Rivercrest Freshman class this year were Shari Wisinger, Kasey Easley and Joshua Cabell. Shari is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wisinger of Sugar Hill. Kasey is the son of Renee Wisinger of Sugar Hill and Kent Easley of Mt. Pleasant and Josh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cabell of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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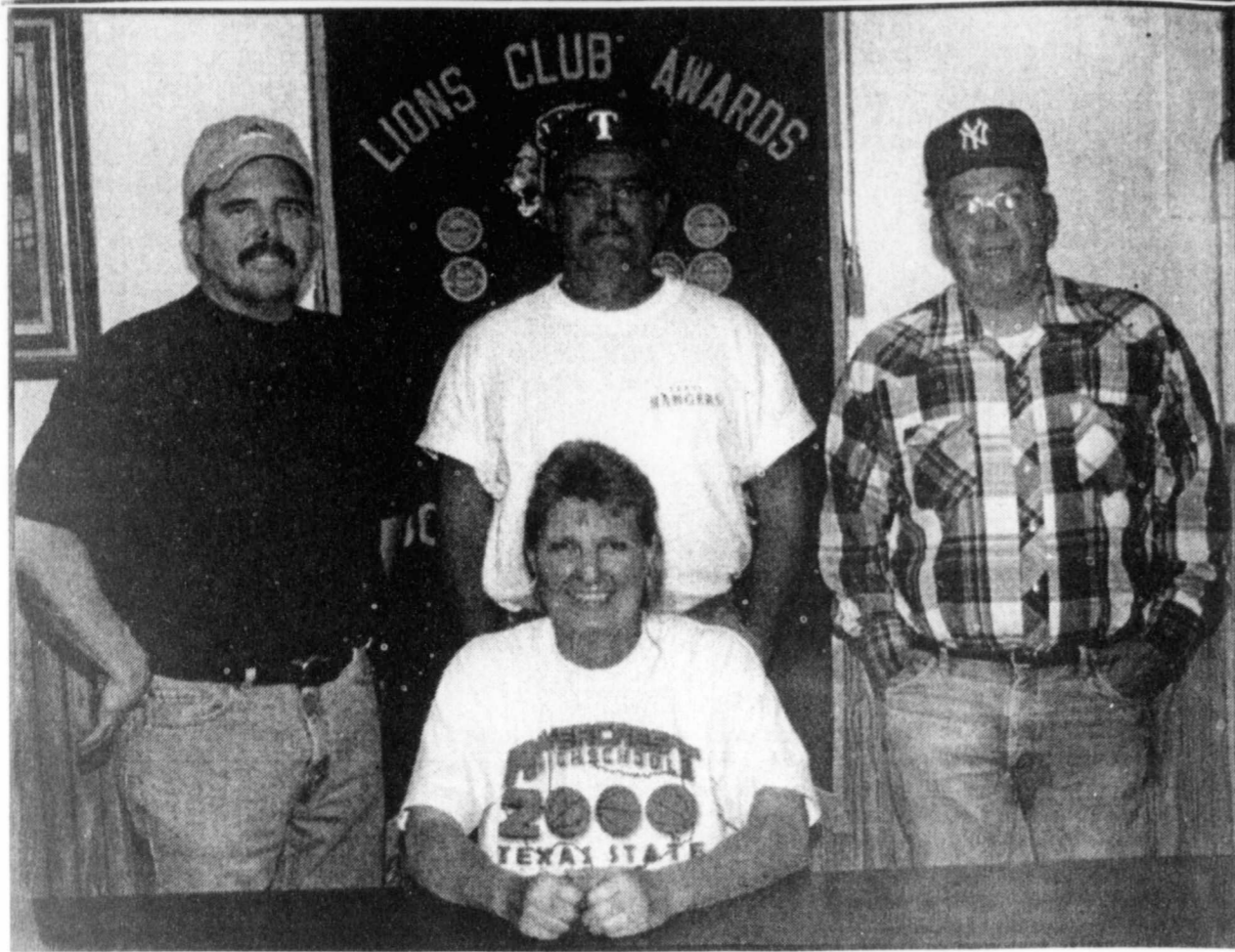
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**RED RIVER VALLEY DIXIE GIRLS SOFTBALL OFFICERS**-for the coming season were elected at a meeting held at the Bogata Community Center this past week. Pictured (from the left) are: Deport representative-Kirk Woodall, President-David Duley of Detroit, Vice President-Chuck Williams of Clarksville and (front) Treasurer-Connie Giles of Bogata. Not pictured is Secretary-Nancy Brown of Talco.

### Red River Valley Dixie girls softball meeting held

The Red River Valley Girls Dixie Softball Association met at the Bogata Community Center this past week to elect officers for the coming year and set up the coming season. President, Mike Screws called the meeting to order and reported the league did not get moved into District 5, they will remain in District 4 with Mt. Pleasant, Sulphur Springs, Winnsboro and Mt. Vernon. He also told the group of the upcoming district meeting which was to be held Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m. in Mt. Vernon, and handed out the new Dixie rule books. Mr. Screws stated he would not have a child playing this season and would not serve as an officer this season but would help the new president learn the ropes of running the league. The floor was opened for nominations and elected this year were; President-David Duley from Detroit, Vice President-Chuck Williams from Clarksville, Secretary-Nancy Brown from Talco, Treasurer-Connie Giles from Bogata, Deport Representative-Kirk Woodall and Avery Representative-Patty White. Entry fees were discussed. Treasurer, Connie Giles reported a carry over of \$254.30. This year the Dixie

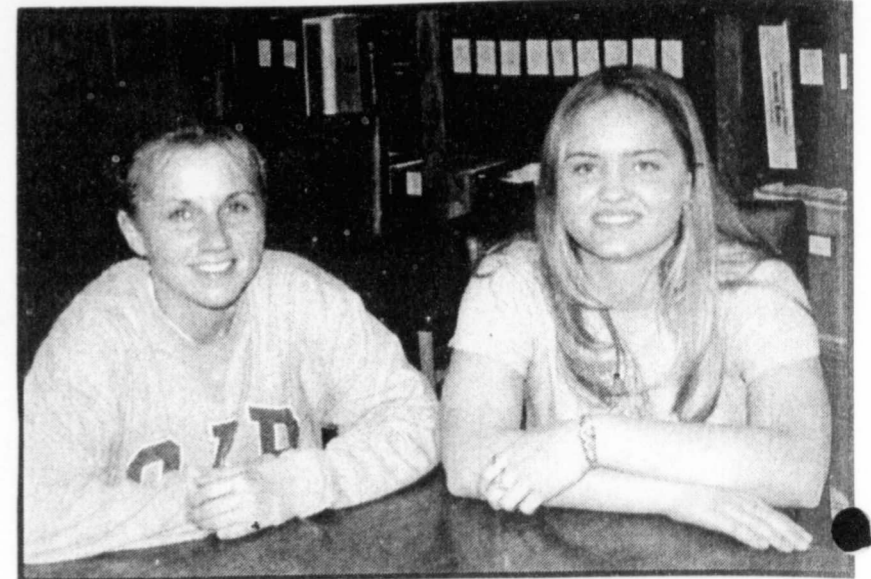
fees have gone up. To off-set the rise in cost this year's fee will be \$8.00 per girl. This will pay the Dixie fees and provide trophies for each girl at the end of the season plus provide \$50 per all star team. Official Dixie rosters were passed out to all the towns. Members were reminded that the official rosters must list the physical address along with the mailing address and the child's name as on his/her birth certificate. The group discussed the Dixie rule about girls crossing league lines and will abide by Dixie rule in any and all cases. Girls wishing to play in another league cannot do so unless there is no team in her age group in any of the towns in her league. She may not leave her home town to change within the league if her home town has a team in her age group. League insurance was discussed. Sadler Company is used by Dixie but is not required by Dixie. At the next meeting set for March 22 at the Bogata Community Center at 8:00 p.m. the group will turn in rosters and pay league fees. A date to schedule games will be set at this meeting also. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

### Notice to RHS class of 1985

Plans have been in the works for a Rivercrest High School Class of 1985 Reunion during this past year. Class members have searched high and low for classmates to make the reunion set for May 20, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center a success. A questionnaire was mailed to all class members who have been found and a request for a return of the questionnaire by February 12, 2000 was made. The group have received few responses although they hear of many who plan to attend. In order to have enough food for those planning to attend the questionnaires are very important and even if plans to attend are not made the questionnaires will let classmates know what has happened in each classmates life. All classmates a urged to please return these forms as soon as possible to Jennifer Reeder, whose address is on the form. Lets celebrate our 15th year away from Rivercrest High School back together again.!

### New Arrivals

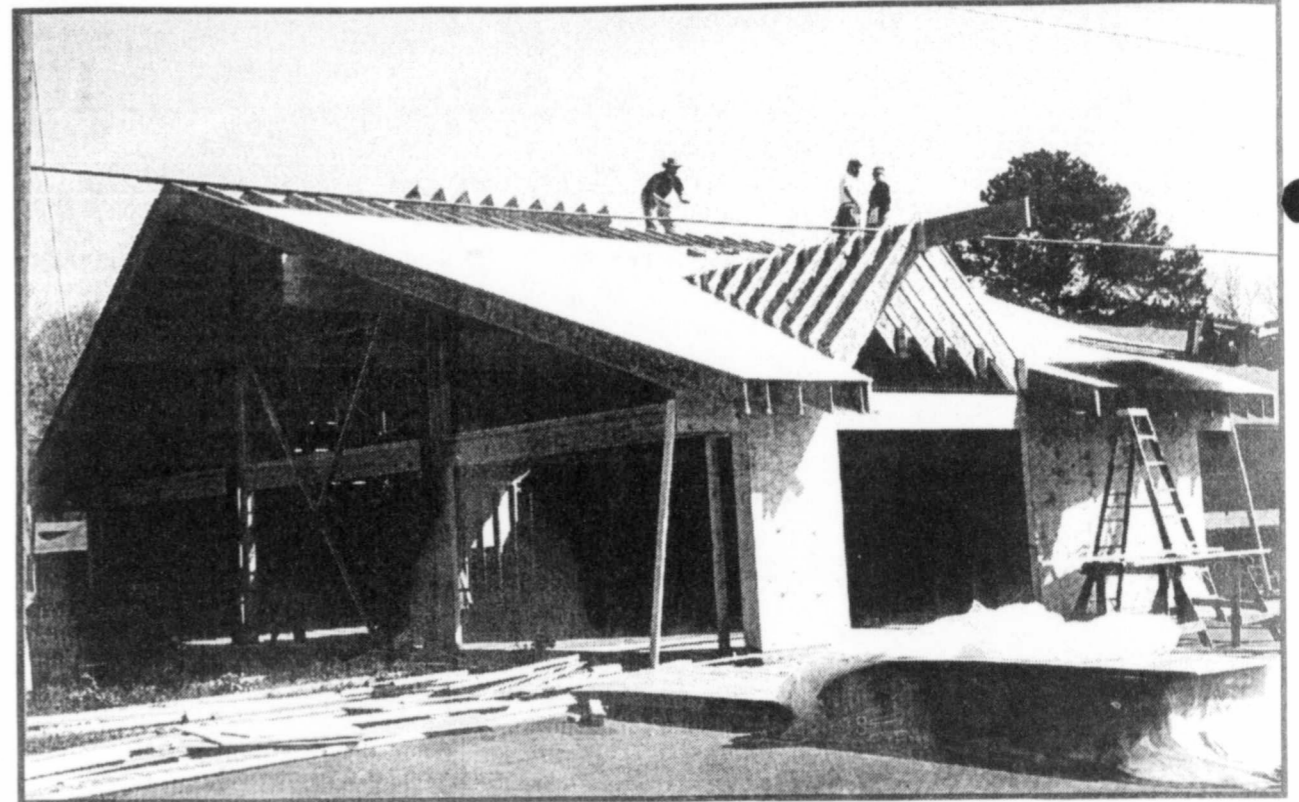
Mark, RaNell and Alli Isaacs proudly announce the birth of their daughter and sister, Averi Elizabeth born March 3, 2000 at Medical Center in Plano weighing 7 lbs. 10 ozs. and was 20 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Neval Dell Harville of Bogata, Gerald Burns of Mt. Pleasant and Trudy Cash of Brownwood. Great-grandparents are Marie Cummins of Windom and Wootie Harville of Bogata.



### Class of 1960 to meet

The graduating class of 1960 from Bogata High School will have a reunion on Saturday, April 8, 2000 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Neva Dell Harville, 407 South Bryson in Bogata. All class members, friends and former faculty are cordially invited to attend.

**REGIONAL BOUND**-Jill Foster and Misti Tucker have qualified for the Regional Power Lifting competition. The girls placed in the top 10 of their weight classes at Collinsville to make the regionals. Misti is the daughter of Sabrina Tucker of Jowntown and Cliff Tucker of Paris. Jill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Foster of Bogata. Congratulations to both girls. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



**NEW ADDITION**-Jowntown Missionary Baptist Church is receiving a new addition in the form of a vestibule. The addition is being made by the church members with a little help from contractors and will hopefully be finished in early June. The congregation has been meeting every weekend to work on the project. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

### Rivercrest class of 1985 plans reunion

The Rivercrest High School class of 1985 is planning their 15th year reunion. It will be held May 20, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center. It will be a two event reunion with families meeting around noon and bringing a picnic lunch. Later in the evening, the adults will meet for a meal, a program and their favorite music from the early 80's. The class does need help finding some of their classmates. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following people, please contact Greg Russell at 903-463-3532; Susan Baker, Christy Brown, Becky Burkley, Kyle Roland, Penny Hanes, Nancy Smith, John Jones, Leon Kaelke, Melissa Varner, Hayden Martin, Donna Unruh, Cindy Woods



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**DESTROYED**-The home of Mark and Jana Hawkins and children in Johntown was destroyed by fire late Sunday night and early Monday morning. Jana and youngest daughter, Hana, were the only ones at home when the blaze broke out. The two escaped with their lives but nothing was saved from the burning home. The cause of the fire was unsure at press time. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**MEMBERS OF THE GATEWAY CHURCH IN HOUSTON** are visiting this week in Talco and Bogata to hold a "Jesus impact" Youth Rally. The activities were held at Rivercrest High School Monday through Wednesday and at Calvary Baptist Church in Talco and the Frist Baptist Church in Bogata. Pictured are visiting members Larry Petersen and Jeff Zimmerman who are displaying the theme tee shirts that were available for sale at Rivercrest. Funds from the shirt sales go toward necessary items for the group. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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**LADY REBEL**-short stop, Kim Ross, fires the ball to first as the Lady Rebels met Prairiland last week at Johntown. The Lady Rebels took the win after a tough first 4 innings. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**Class of '65 to hold reunion**

The Bogata High School graduating class of 1965 will have its 35th reunion on Saturday, April 8 in the library on the Bogata campus, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, contact

Janette Cody Brooks at 972-4968 or Pat Cavnar Ledford at 972-938-1446. Sara Ward Ragsdill at 903-885-2424 or Mollie Roach Williams at 903-632-5405.

**Bogata class of 1943 to meet**

The graduating class of 1943 of the Bogata High School will meet for their annual reunion at the Lonesome Dove Restaurant in Deport Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m.

No formal program is planned except to reminisce and renew acquaintances. Anyone wishing to address the group will have the opportunity and those who have expired since last year will be remembered. Letters will be read from those who cannot attend and wish to send a letter. All class members and teachers have been notified by letter.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact L.M. Vaughan at 903-834-6999 by March 15. Correspondence should be sent to him at 105 N. Pope Drive, Overton, Texas 75684. Spouses and friends are welcome to attend.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and dismissal will be shortly after 1:00 p.m. in time to attend the overall Bogata School reunion and business meeting at the Bogata gymnasium at 1:30 p.m.

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**Have A Nice Weekend**



Gene and Lydia Hawkins' daughter, Kay Hawkins McGee of Texas City visited over the weekend.

The home of Mark and Jana Hawkins and children was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family.

**Red River Healthcare News**

Visiting residents at Red River Healthcare this past week were;

Resident, Gladys Sykes-Pat and Billie Lindsey.

Resident, Pauline Alsobrook-Sue Martin.

Resident, Billie Hancock-Shirley Smith.

Resident, Dorothy Posey-Margaret Smith.

Resident, Percy Topping-Carrine Alford, John Topping and Lucille Pettit.

Resident, Jimmy Guess-John Topping and Carrine Alford.

Resident, Irene House-Bernice Beers and Reabeth Abbott.

Resident, Vivian Fail-Marilyn Presley, Jimmie and Aline Fail and Yvonne Harris.

Resident, Vernona Young-Carol Young.

Resident, Nina Hudson-Vashti Hood.

Resident, Dorothy Green-Frances Thomas, D.C. Thomas, Miranda Thomas and Taylor Guillians.

Resident, Leonard Fuller-Irene Fuller, Dale and Lillian Wells.

Resident, Norman Sain-Frances Thomas, D.C. Thomas, Miranda Thomas and Taylor Guillians.

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Resident, Pauline Hutson-Ina Ward, Thelma Anderson.

Resident, Hugh Forester-Thelma Anderson.

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Resident, Ann Cody-Thelma Anderson.

Resident, Eula Cawley-Thelma Anderson, Jerri Jeffries and Nell Barkley of Ponca City, OK.

Resident, Jimmie Duffie-Gwendolyn Bowen.

Resident, Eula Martin-Gwendolyn Bowen.

Resident, Ada Holmes-Maudie Lee and Ruth Lee.

Resident, Mary Brown-Eva and Tony Watkins.

Resident, Inez Henson-Richard Swarts and Wanda Morgan.

Resident, Dorothy Green-Charlene Knowles.

Resident, Roberta Watts-Carrine Alford, Dorothy Tackett, Tresa Allums, Cathy Allums, Ben Allums.

Resident, Lewis Williams-Jesse, Joyce and Kayla Tolison.

Resident, Melvin Pointer-Daphne Pointer.

Resident, Oma McKinney-Connie Luelke and grandchildren.

Your visits are looked forward to and appreciated by the residents at Red River Healthcare. Please stop by and visit family and friends today.

**Verdict delivered in drug case**

Red River County Attorney Jack Herrington reported that a jury in the Arnold Joe Barton case reached a verdict on March 7. Barton was charged with the delivery of methamphetamine, a second degree felony. The verdict was seven years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

Herrington praised the good work

of the Drug Task Force and Bill Harris, Assistant County Attorney, who is the task force attorney.

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Christopher and Jerred Guerrero of Paris are spending a few days during their school spring break with their grandparents, Donald and Judy Screws.

Judy Holt will undergo surgery at Titus County Regional Hospital on Thursday.

Happy March Birthday to Johnnie Warren, Judy Holt, Jennifer Reeder, Christi Selman Hill and Misti Selman Martin.

Visiting with Johnnie and Willie Mae Topping and enjoying lunch at the First Baptist Church in Bogata on Sunday were the Skidmore children, Mary and Patsy of San Antonio and Jimmy, Nancy Jo and Kenneth all of Sherman.

Joe Stringfellow, Josh, Jacob, Misty, Darren and Brent of Paris visited Saturday with Dixie Stringfel-

low. In the afternoon Dixie visited with Lucille Childers of Jolintown and Jan McCuller of Mt. Pleasant in the Childers home. Sunday visitors of Mrs. Stringfellow were Billy and Kellen Stringfellow and Edna Earl Dodd and on Monday Vicki Tabb and Dee and Maggie Richardson visited.

Enjoying spring break camping at Lake Pat Mayes were Jerry and Gerlyn Gray, Margaret Davis and Danny, Jessica and Marli Hines. On Sunday Harold, Judy, Heather and Heath Holt joined them and they all celebrated Judy's birthday.

Regan and Rue Anna Bell traveled to Odessa over the weekend to attend funeral services for her grandfather.

Brenn Screws of Deport visited Donald, Judy and Tana Screws Saturday.

**Bogata council hears reports**

Marie Barnes of Red River County Chamber of Commerce, introduced Miss Kasey Crawford, Ambassador of Red River County to the Bogata City Council Monday night when they met in regular session.

Ms. Barnes left some applications for Chamber membership and invited everyone to join. The RRC Chamber meets every second Wednesday at noon.

The council heard from Water Superintendent Wendel Davis, who reported that the overflow and flap valve has been repaired on the south water tower, and that it has been cleaned.

Police Chief Charles Clegg gave his report, which included 44 traffic stops, 3 accidents, 2 warrants served, 7 arrests. Policeman John Davidson will be leaving Thursday, March 16 for another job and Chief Clegg publicly thanked him for a job well done. Chief Clegg reported that the junk car ordinance will need to be amended soon. He also has received a check in the amount of \$2,000 from the Red River County Attorney's Office to be used for a booster and radio.

The council clarified how overtime is calculated and paid. They voted unanimously to pay any hourly employee (Excluding the Police Department) time and a half for all hours worked over 40 hours a week.

Council voted not to purchase a new patrol car. Voting for the patrol car was Jack Crane and Randy Kennedy. Against it were W.T.

Harbison, Tracie Osborne and Edward Spencer.

They voted unanimously to appoint the following election judges: Jimmie Lou Pope, Election Judge and alternate Frances R. Rozell and workers Margie Myers and Nelda Webster Talley.

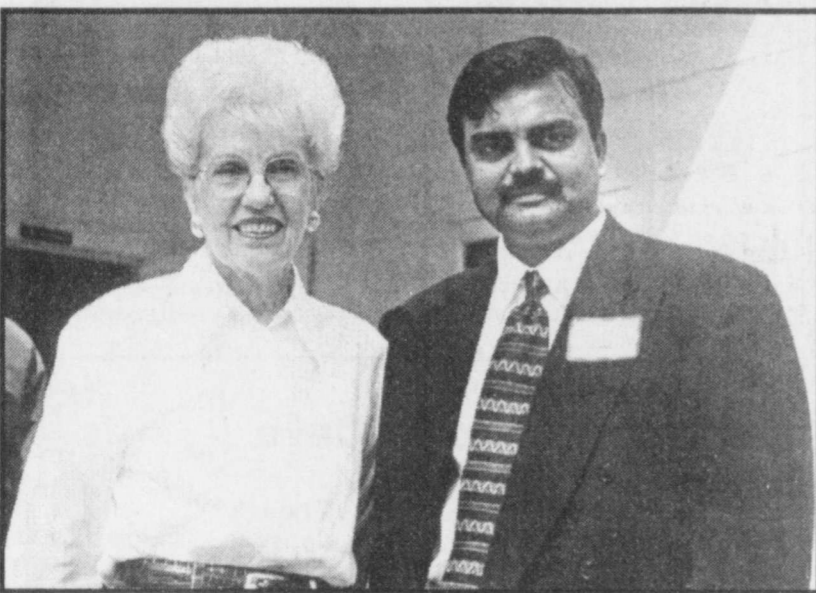
A request for a street light at 717 North Main was tabled until the next meeting. Voting for was Edward Spencer, W.T. Harbison, Tracie Osborne. Against was Randy Kennedy and Jack Crane.

Council heard from Lanny Buck of KSA Engineers, Inc. concerning bids which were opened on Feb. 15, 2000 for street repair. The lowest bid was from Welch Construction in the amount of \$127,500.50. After some discussion the council voted unanimously to have repairs done by Russell & Sons Construction to South Howison St., Hudson St., Bryson St. and a drainage swale on Theford St. at a cost not to exceed \$53,000.

Council voted to purchase a wet suit for the water department at an approximate cost of \$500. Voting for was Jack Crane, Edward Spencer, W.T. Harbison against, Rand Kennedy, Tracie Osborne abstained.

Council voted unanimously to raise the annual salary of Anita Couch, city secretary to \$25,000.

No action was taken concerning a request to require anyone who wants to speak at council meeting to get on the agenda at the same time council members do.



**BIG SMILES FOR A BIG THANK YOU**-for the generous donation from ETMC. Pictured with Miriam Stephenson, Bogata Public Library/Museum President is Dr. Devabrata Ganguly of the ETMC Bogata Clinic who presented Mrs. Stephenson with the gift. The Library/Museum board reports slow but sure progress being made toward the realization of the Library/Museum and each gift made is greatly appreciated.

**Bogata Methodist Women meet**

The Bogata Methodist Women met Wednesday, Feb. 8 in the fellowship hall of the church for their regular scheduled meeting. Naoma Goodman gave the opening prayer.

The second part of the video, American's Lost Dream, Our True History and Godly Heritage, was shown. The words of our American founding fathers told of our spiritual heritage and how the meaning of "the separation of church and state" has been misinterpreted.

Judy Marshall presided at the business session. Our meeting closed with our dismissal prayer. Our next meeting will be in April with Mary Kathryn Cotten as our program leader.

The following members were in attendance: Mary Kathryn Cotten, Anita Stubblefield, Anna Belle Patton, Edith Swaim, Judy Marshall, Naoma Goodman, Betty Puckett, Dorothy Gill, Eleanor McCluer and Gale Hervey.



**A CANDIDATES' FORUM**-Red River County Attorney Jack Herrington candidate for Sheriff George White, Bob Storey, Red River County Sheriff Bob Edrington, Red River County Commissioner Pct. 1 Rickey Daniels Red River County Tax Assessor Collector Leslie Nix, and Val Varley candidate for Red River County Attorney. Not pictured, but did attend were Sarah Bailey King, and Tom Ramsey. The candidates were featured at the Bogata Lions' Club stew supper last Saturday. Each candidate spoke to the public about his or her qualifications for their respective office. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

**Clean-up date for Bogata ball park set**

The Bogata Baseball/Softball Association will be having a clean-up day on Saturday, March 18, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until all the work is done.

All parents are urged to come out and help the organization prepare the field and surrounding area for summer league play. For more information contact President, Mark Hare at 632-5150.

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**Public Notices**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
The Commissioners Court of Red River County is accepting bids for the following:  
One (1) 2000 4-door, full-size police package car for the Sheriff's Department. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Auditor's Office during regular working hours. Bids must be submitted in individually sealed envelopes. Bids must be delivered to the office of the County Auditor by 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 7, 2000. At that time the bids will be opened and read publicly. Action on the bids is then at the discretion of the Commissioners Court. The Court reserves the right to refuse all bids and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the County.  
Shirley Anderson, County Auditor  
3-23

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

City of Talco  
P.O. Box 385  
Talco, Texas 75487  
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:  
Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the City of Talco intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to release Federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for its 2000 Texas Community Development Project Number 719461.

Exempt Activities: Administration, Engineering  
Environmental Assessment Activities: The project consists of three activities--Upgrade of the 100,000 gallon storage tank, upgrade the city's major sewer trunk line and providing first-time sewer to three families. Upgrade 100,000 gallon storage tank; Upgrade the city's only elevated storage tank (100,000 gallon) by installing an interior epoxy coating system, repairing degraded exterior surface and installing screen vent, overflow pipe, cat walk, pigeon walk and safety climb ladder. The tank is located off Sixth Street. Sewer Collection System Expansion: Increase load capacity of sanitary sewer collection system by installing 3,720 linear feet of 10-inch (10") SDR-26 PVC sewer line, 530 linear feet of six-inch (6") SDR-26 PVC sewer line, 9 four-foot (4') diameter manholes with ring and cover, 30 linear feet of aerial crossing for six-inch (6") sewer line, and demolish 9 existing manholes and plug 2 existing sewer line. The new sewer line will be constructed within existing easements cross-country from Hind Street at the city limit east to the wastewater treatment plant. These activities provide a city-wide benefit. The improvements will benefit 589 individuals of whom 412 or 70 percent are of low to moderate income. First-time Sewer Service to 3 Households: Eliminate failing septic tanks by installing 1,800 linear feet of six-inch (6") SDR 26 PVC sewer line, 3 four-foot (4') diameter manholes with ring and cover, and construct three (3) new residential services including up and line. Construction of the 6" sewer line will take place on Geiger Street from First Street to Fourth Street. The improvements will directly benefit six individuals in three households on Geiger Street, all of whom are of low to moderate income.

**Ending of No Significant Impact.**  
It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the City of Talco has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated. An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of Talco which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the City Hall and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Public Comments on Finding.**  
All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Talco to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Talco will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

**Release of Funds.**  
The City of Talco will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 from its Program Year 2000 under the above referenced grant from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Talco is certifying to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) that K.M. Sloan, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that, upon its approval, the City of Talco may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDHCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas 78711-3941.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by TDHCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by TDHCA.  
K.M. Sloan, Mayor, City of Talco  
P.O. Box 385  
Talco, TX 75487  
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**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that Red River Hospital Authority, hereinafter called The Authority, intends to sell for cash by sealed bids the following described property located at 1504 W. Main Street, Clarksville, Texas 75426, together with the dwelling house situated thereon, and being more particularly described as follows:

**TRACT I**  
All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Red River County, Texas, a part of the WADE H. VINING SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 878, and a part of what is known as the DINWIDDIE ADDITION to the City of Clarksville, Texas, and described as follows and commonly known as 1504 West Main Street, Clarksville, Red River County, Texas:

**BEGINNING** at a stake in the South Boundary Line of the Dinwiddie tract, being the SW corner of Rufus Doak, and which is now owned by A.N. Quarles, and formerly by Eugene Black and his homestead;

**THENCE N** with the West Boundary Line of said A.N. Quarles tract 237.5 feet to the NW corner of same on the South side of a 60 foot street;

**THENCE West** the South line of said street, 168.4 feet to a stake on the East line of a 30 foot street or alley;

**THENCE South** with the East line of said alley 237.5 feet to a stake on the East line of a 30 foot street or alley;

**THENCE South** with the East line of said alley 237.5 feet to a stake in the South Boundary Line of the original tract;

**THENCE East** 168.4 feet to the place of beginning.

**BEING Lot No. Eight (8) of the DINWIDDIE ADDITION.**

**LESS, SAVE AND EXCEPT** from the above described tract of land 0.039 acre, more or less, described in Deed from Paris Building & Loan Association, Paris, Texas, to the State of Texas, dated February 6, 1934, and recorded in Volume 134, Page 609 of the Deed Records of Red River County, Texas.

**TRACT II**  
All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Red River County, Texas, a part of the WADE H. VINING SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 878, and a part of what is known as the DINWIDDIE ADDITION to the City of Clarksville, Texas.

**BEGINNING** at the SW corner of a tract now belonging to Melvin Marx, Jr., same being in the East line of a thirty (30) foot street, shown on the plat of said Dinwiddie Addition as Summer Street, and being 237.5 feet South of the South Boundary Line of West Main Street (Highway 82);

**THENCE South** 250 feet, to a stake for a corner;

**THENCE East** 336.8 feet, to a stake on the West side of a thirty-six (36) foot street, shown on said plat of Dinwiddie Addition as High Street;

**THENCE North**, with West line of said High Street, 260 feet to the SE corner of a tract owned by A.N. (Nat) Quarles;

**THENCE West**, with the South line of said Quarles' property 168.4 feet to the Southwest corner of the tract owned by A.N. (Nat) Quarles; same being in the East line of said Melvin Marx, Jr. tract;

**THENCE South**, 10 feet to the SE corner of said Marx tract;

**THENCE West**, with the Melvin Marx, Jr. line, 168.4 feet to the place of beginning.

The above described Tract I, Less, Save and Except Tract and Tract II being the same land described in Deed from Stephen A. Marx et al to Red River General Hospital Authority dated May 15, 1995, and recorded in Volume 438, page 111 of the Deed Records of Red River County, Texas.

**LESS, SAVE AND EXCEPT** from the above described Tract II the following described tract of land:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Red River County, Texas, in the West part of the town of Clarksville, part of the WADE H. VINING SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 878, and being the East one-half of Block No. Four (4) in the Washington Addition of the City of Clarksville, Texas. (Deed calls Dinwiddie Addition) as shown on the Map of said City, and being East one-half of the same tract of land described in Deed from Stephen A. Marx and Melvin Marx 111, Co-Independent Executors Estate of Frances Marx, deceased to Stephen A. Marx and Melvin Marx 111 jointly, dated the 31st day of January, 1995, recorded in Volume 435, Pages 758-760, Deed Records of Red River County, Texas; and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

**BEGINNING** at a 5/8 inch diameter R.S. Rod (set) at the Southeast corner of said Block No. Four (4), in the North line of Washington Street, and West line of High Street;

**THENCE** 90 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. W, along the North line of said Washington Street, a distance of 168.400 feet to a 5/8 diameter R.S. Rod (set) at the Northeast corner of said Block No. Four (4), in the West line of High Street;

**THENCE** 00 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. E, along the West line of said High Street, a distance of 250.000 feet to the place of beginning and containing 0.966 acre of land, more or less.

The above described Less, Save and Except Tract being the same land described in Deed from Red River General Hospital Authority, a political subdivision of the State of Texas and as the governing authority of Red River General Hospital, Clarksville, Texas, and East Texas Medical Center Regional Health Care System, a Texas non-profit corporation, to Clarksville Independent School District, dated July 29, 1997, and recorded in Volume 457, page 563 of the Official Public Records of Red River County, Texas.

The property shall be sold in its present "as is" condition. Sealed bids to purchase such property must be submitted by mailing the same to Red River Hospital Authority, c/o Naomi Lawler, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1270, Clarksville, Texas 75426, no later than March 16, 2000, and no later than 5 p.m. April 5, 2000. All bids are to be marked "SEALED BIDS". The property will not be sold for less than its fair market value which has been determined by an appraisal obtained by the Authority to be \$68,500.00. The Board of Directors of the Authority is not required to accept any bid or offer. Red River Hospital Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids to purchase the property.

Red River Hospital Authority  
William Bryson, President  
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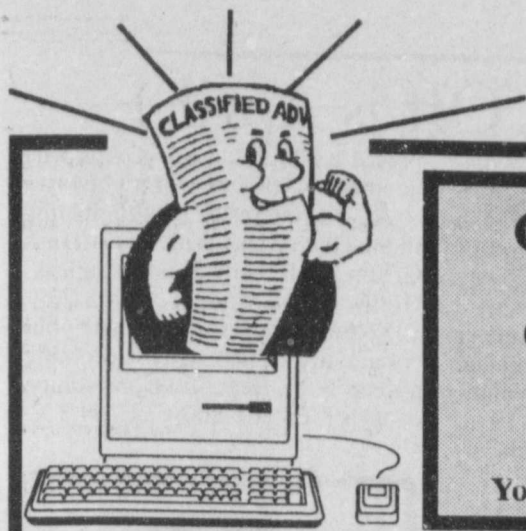
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**NURSE AIDES NEEDED**: All shifts. Contact Shirley Vickers, 319 Paris Road in Bogata. 903-632-5293. MA 3-30

**PART TIME SECRETARY** needed: Bogata First Baptist Church. Monday-Friday, 8:00-12:00. Please call 903-632-5218 for more information. MA 3-30

**LOST & FOUND**  
**REMEMBER**, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

**Garage Sales**  
**CAKLEBERRY'S**: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-7158 or 572-3825. MA t/c

**GARAGE SALE**: Saturday, March 18, 8 a.m. to ?? Many new items added this week. Drue & Billie Pirtle home in Johnstown. 632-4201. 3-16

**THREE FAMILY YARD SALE**: Friday & Saturday, March 17-18, Cunningham, across from gin, some of everything. Furniture, appliances, quilt tops, teaching materials, household items, books, clothing, bears. Cancel if raining. 3-16



**NOTICE OF MEETING**

On Tuesday, 7 March 2000, Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FEC) submitted a proposal to the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Lamar County Electric Cooperative (LEC), offering to combine Farmer's Electric Cooperative with Lamar County Cooperative Association. We believe the benefits of acceptance of our proposal would be one of great value for the membership of Lamar County and urge you to request your Board Representatives to disclose the complete details of each proposal.

Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. of Greenville would like to invite each and every member to a Town Forum to be held Thursday, 16 March 2000, 7:30 p.m. at the Love Civic Center. We will share with you, in complete detail, our proposal and answer any questions you may have.

**Points of interest:**

- ◆ Proposal to significantly lower Lamar's rates for electrical service
- ◆ Return of lamar patronage capital credits for the past 11 years
- ◆ Employee wage and salary plan implementation with projected wage increases for Lamar employee's
- ◆ Representation of the FEC Board through the creation of three (3) new director districts from the Lamar service area
- ◆ Local Office will remain in place with added support services
- ◆ School programs and Community involvement
- ◆ Continued Cooperative status vs becoming a Stock Owned company

Here at Farmer's Electric, our philosophy is that it's members and employees are our number one asset, so please join us on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and help us, help you, keep our Cooperatives where they belong, "In the hands of its members!"



Stolen Tractor subject of Red River County Crime Stoppers

**Red River County Crime Stoppers**  
903-427-TIPS

Sometime between February 18 and 19, a theft occurred on the Woolly Ranch near the intersection of FM114 and FM1158. The following items were taken, 1990 5610 diesel tractor, New Holland front-end loader, a set of shop made hayforks and back hayforks.

Saturday, March 4, an attempt was made to abduct a small child on CR4426 south of Avery. The child was playing in the front yard when a white car pulled into the yard. One of the occupants got out and grabbed the child and the other children began to yell. Two white males with blond

hair and one female with dark hair occupied the vehicle, which may have been a Grand Am with possibly Oklahoma license plates.

Crime Stoppers needs your information to solve these or any felony crimes. You could earn up to \$1,000 should your information lead to the arrest and indictment of the parties responsible for these crimes. Remember, you do not have to be identified and you do not have to testify. Call 427-TIPS or 427-8477. Additional crime listings can be viewed at <http://www.crimestop.com/>, search Red River County, Texas.



Attend The Church of Your Choice

**Texas Trash Off is April 1**

Adopt-a-Highway volunteers district-wide are preparing for the April 1 "Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off". Nearly 234 volunteer groups have adopted 468 miles of highway in the Paris District.

In Texas there are 4,100 volunteer groups who keep 8,200 miles clean. Texas ranked number one in volunteer for highway cleanup until 1999, when the state of Pennsylvania re-

ported 8,000 volunteer groups who adopted 18,505 miles of highway.

Anyone interested in participating in the Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off may call Stacy Short, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator at 903-737-7352 for more information. If your community is interested in becoming a Keep Texas Beautiful Community, contact KTB at 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

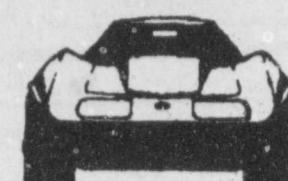
**Bogata Book Club hears program on Texas History**

The Bogata Book Club met at the home of Nanalee Nichols Thursday, March 9th. They heard an excellent program on Texas History presented by Juanita Davis, who taught Texas History for 23 years.

Mrs. Davis pointed out that if one is in El Paso they are closer to Los Angeles, California than Texarkana, Texas, and from Texarkana it is closer to Chicago, Illinois than it is to El Paso. She proceeded with a short history of the development of the state from there.

Sixteen members and one guest were present. A St. Patrick's Day theme was carried out with shamrocks, shamrock napkins and fresh flowers.

A sandwich and dessert plate prepared by Dawne Darden was served.



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