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By Nanalee Nichols

It can't happen, but it did.

Well, I've had spring cleaning fever. I've cleaned clothing out of my closet that I haven't worn in three years, washed light fixtures, cleaned out the storage room at the house. Then my enthusiasm spilled over into the office and I set about cleaning (gasp) eight years of stuff from upstairs at the paper.

I took two strong young men and myself to get through the upstairs, but we finally did it.

It was hard to throw out the last piece of the old press (the counter with the press run figures from it's last clanking edition), but it's been up in a corner since 1973, and I just couldn't figure out a real reason to keep it.

I threw out old records, boxes of paper work, broken window panes, ratty Christmas decorations. We literally disposed of two full sized pickup loads of junk.

It looked so good up stairs, and the desire to clean downstairs took hold.

I cleaned up my desk and delved into the drawers of the credenza. I threw out catalogs that were four years old.

Then Mike and Cindy got busy last Thursday and began cleaning their niches.

Mike got really enthusiastic and mopped the bare concrete floor in the circulation department. This doesn't happen too often.

Friday morning I stepped into the office for a check on the way to Paris. I sniffed the air, it smelled so good, like pine sol. The place looked so clean. But there was the sound of water running.

I dashed to the back, assuming we had a major roof leak. Sure enough, torrents of water ran from the ceiling, and the place was awash with about two inches of water!

Hundreds of canvas mail sacks stored under the stair way were saturated. Water seeped under our wall and saturated our carpet.

The bathroom was flooded.

I ran outside and got Thomas, who leaped up the stairs to see where the water was coming from. He discovered the most bizarre thing.

Many, many years ago our bathroom was upstairs. It consisted of a tiny closet with a toilet, wall hung cast iron sink, and a water faucet underneath the sink.

The sink had (completely unassisted, I might add) fallen off of the wall.

It hit the water pipe to the faucet, but it didn't break the pipe...it turned the faucet ON!

It took about two days to get the mess cleaned up, the mail bags spread out and fans blowing on the them dry them.

Here's what I want to know...is there anyone out there who can calculate the odds on the wooden posts that hold an old sink turning loose after our business hours...and the edge of the sink twisting an old-fashioned faucet to the full open position? They don't call it Murphy's Law for nothing...anything that can happen certainly will!

Seniors luncheon still held three days a week

Lunch for Senior citizens is still being served at the Bogata Community Center every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The lunches are provided by Lamar County Human Resources and are available for \$1 donation.

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RHS girl lifters headed to State

Jill Foster and Misti Tucker will represent Region 3 class 2A at the State Powerlifting Championships in Killeen, Texas on Friday, March 24, 2000. The girls advanced to the State meet after great achievements in the Regional meet held at White Oak on March 9, 2000.

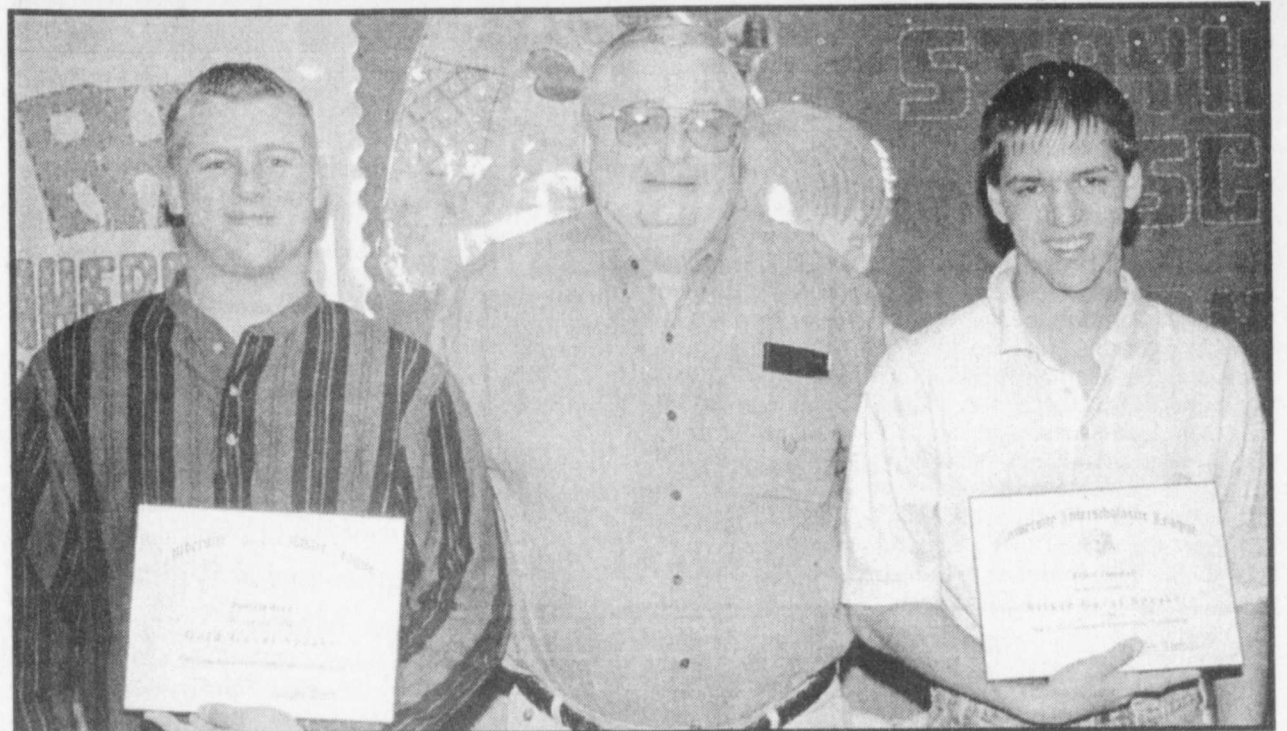
Misti Tucker was the Region 3 class 2A 148 pound weight division Champion and placed 7th in over all classifications in her weight class, lifting a total of 555 pounds.

Jill advances to State in 123 pound weight class as the Region 3 class 2A Champion and placed 5th in over all classifications in her weight class lifting a total of 515 pounds which she received a medal for.

Coach Gary Schultz said, "These girls have really come a long way working very hard and on their own time. They stepped up at the Re-

gional meet and added 30 to 40 pounds respectively to their totals which was a great improvement". Coach Schultz, who is a power lifter himself, is just a little more than proud of the first ever girls and boys powerlifting team and is especially pleased to have Jill and Misti headed to State from this first ever Rivercrest team.

The State meet will be held on the Fort Hood Army Base at the Abram's Fitness Center in Killeen. The two girls will be in a field of about 180 total girls from the whole state. The state holds six Regions and each Region is only allowed approximately 30 lifters for all classes total. Jill is the daughter of Morris and Ginger Foster of Bogata. Misti is the daughter of Cliff Tucker of Paris and Sabrina Tucker of Jothtown. Good Luck at State Jill and Misti!!!



STATE WINNERS-Congratulations to the Rebel Debate team of Jason Thomas and Phillip Rolan who participated in the State UIL Debate Meet in Austin during spring break. Rivercrest advanced into the quarter finals before falling to Spearman High School on a split ballot. Over All, the Rivercrest boys finished 4th in the State in Debate. The boys took both 1st and 2nd places in Speaking at State. Phillip received the Golden Gavel 1st place award and Jason received the Silver Gavel 2nd place award. Only one point separated the two in Speaker points. The boys are the first team to win for Rivercrest since the 1980's. They are pictured with their sponsor, Donald Stockton. (left to right) Phillip, Mr. Stockton and Jason. Phillip is the son William and Becky Rolan of Bogata. Jason is the son of Stuart and Sherry Williams of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Benefit to be held for Hawkins family

A benefit for Mark, Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins will be held April 2, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center. The family recently lost their home located in Jothtown to fire.

A lunch of ham, beans, potato salad and dessert will be served from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Hawkins family. The price

will be Adult plates-\$5 and children's plates-\$3.00. For more information or to make a donation of any type contact Robbi Marshall at 632-4968 or Linda Eilers at 632-4530.

Please come out and enjoy a good meal and help the Hawkins family to recover.

Volunteers meeting held at Bogata Library/Museum

The following volunteers attended a meeting of the Bogata Library/Museum on Monday, March 20, 2000: Ronnie Barnard, Glenda Corbell, Russ-e Franklin, Dovie Garretson, Dorothy Gill, Neoma Goodman, Gail Hervey, John Howison, Eleanor McCluer, Margie Myers, Jimmie Lou Pope, Frances M. Rozell, Frances R. Rozell, A.D. Stephenson, Miriam Stephenson and Mary Margaret Vaughan.

A discussion was held on how to catalog books and location of bookshelves that are currently being built. Every effort will be made to have a room dedicated to Bogata School albums, graduation pictures, sports

uniforms etc. John Howison also explained to the group how the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) works.

Eleanor McCluer will make suggestions on the purchase of a new book as well as books given in memory or honor of individuals. Frances M. Rozell will be in charge of schedules and volunteers.

Much work will be required in the weeks ahead in order to catalog all donations of books and items for the museum. The next scheduled meeting for volunteers was set for March 30, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. at the Library/Museum.



JOHN HOWISON explained the workings of the RSVP program to the Bogata Public Library/Museum officers and board in a meeting on Monday at the Library. The group reports great progress toward the Library/Museum and the reality is getting closer each day with everyone's help. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata Missionary Baptist to hold revival services March 26-29

The Bogata Missionary Baptist Mission will begin a series of revival services on Sunday night, March 26, 2000 and continue through Wednesday night, March 29.

Bro. Larry Neeley will be the speaker each evening. Bro. Neeley has recently retired from active pastoral work, after having served as pastor of the Missionary Baptist

Church of Hughes Springs for 27 years. He is well loved among the churches and highly respected in the city of Hughes Springs.

Services will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday night and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided for children three and under.

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.

Cut off date for reservations is April 10. Call 427-2645 for information on booth space rental.

Community help for Hawkins family needed

On Sunday night-early Monday morning March 13-14 the home of Mark and Jana Hawkins in Jothtown 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.

Clean up to begin at Cuthand Cemetary

It is almost mowing season (April thru October). A request is being made that all families remove flowers and ornaments from the grave sites in Cuthand Cemetary to make mowing easier.

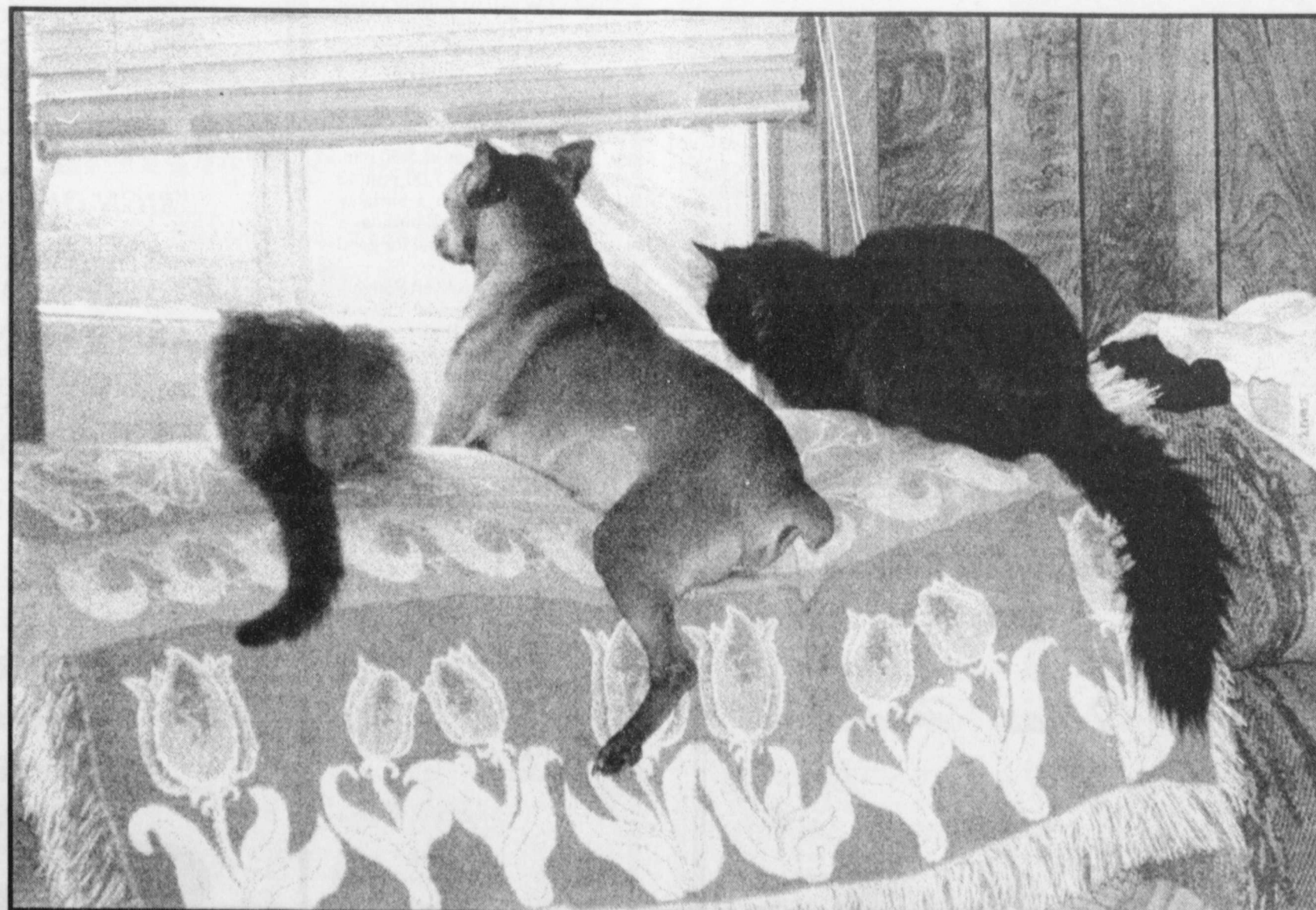
Appreciation is expressed to those who have made donations for the cemetary up keep.

Account opened in honor of Jeff Moles

A special account has been set up in honor of Jeff Moles and family of Sugar Hill to help defray his medical expenses.

Jeff is currently undergoing cancer treatments in Tyler. He is the son Nona and the late R.P. Moles of Sugar Hill. He and his wife Patsy Williams Moles, who is a first grade teacher at Talco School, have 4 daughters, Penny, Susie, Ashlei and Molly. Penny is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School. Susie is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and Ashlei is presently a senior at Rivercrest and Molly is a Sophomore at Rivercrest.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so at the Guaranty Bank in Talco or at any Guaranty location. All donations are greatly appreciated.



RAINY DAY BLUES-not only human children and adults get the blues on rainy, dreary days...so do animals. This trio surely were wishing for sunshine as they gazed out of the window and watched the rain pouring down. The animals, cat Hanah, dog Taco and cat Pudge, belong to Nancy and Eddie Brown. They gave their humans quite a laugh as they disgustedly stared out at the inclement weather! (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Our cook this week is Tina Wages Gentry from Talco. She is married to Donnie Gentry, Sr. and they have 2 sons. D.J. is 10 and Dustin age 8. They also have a 19 year old stepson, Joshua Gentry.

She loves to cook and loves making people happy. Her hobbies are hunting, fishing and cooking and doing kindness for others. She is always sharing whatever she can with people whenever she can and often shares her cooking with others.

She learned to cook first in her "Easy Bake" oven and her Dad "always" ate whatever she cooked and always made her think he liked it. So that is where she got her confidence to cook when she was 5 or 6 years old.

Her lifelong dream has been to be a teacher. She would love to be able to go to school full time and get her teaching diploma. But with today's demands on the family and farm, she may have to postpone that for a long time. Life is not always fair and that is why she always tells any person to continue their education on past high school because they may never get the chance to go back to school. She tells everyone not to let

anyone steal their dreams. They belong to them.

Baked Beans—this recipe came from her mom and she taught her how to make them and Tina relates that she is pretty famous for them.

Nanny's Egg Custard—This recipe belonged to Donnie's grandmother Nina Gentry. Tina has tried several others, but this is the best in her book. It is especially good with fresh chicken eggs.

Sausage and Biscuit Tidbits—these can be made into biscuit or small snacks.

Calf Frys—everyone knows what these are and they say they are delicious. I never had the nerve to try them!

Farmer's Seafood Boil—this recipe was given to Tina by their Cajun friends that visited them about 2 years ago. They were in the process of building the water tower and Tina and her family had the privilege of them coming into their home and cooking for them.

Summer Sausage—this recipe was given to her by Nancy Rains of Clarksville and is a must for any one who raised their own beef.

Thursday, March 23, 2000
Tina Wages Gentry - Talco

Baked Beans

5-6 cans Can Camp Pork-Beans-drained bell pepper onion BBQ sauce brown sugar
Combine all ingredients and bake at 350 degree.

Nanny's Egg Custard

6 eggs
2-1/2 cups sugar
3/4 cup flour
1/2 cup butter-melted
3 cups milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
Beat eggs, butter, sugar, flour together. Add milk and vanilla. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown.

Sausage and Biscuit Tidbits

2 cups Bisquick
1 pound sausage
1/2 cup grated cheese
Combine all ingredients and mix well. Form into balls or roll out and cut into biscuits and bake.

Calf Frys

2-3 pounds mountain oysters-cut into quarters-maybe 1/2 inch thick salt and pepper crushed red pepper flour to coat
Place all ingredients into a gallon bag and placed drained calf frys and coat well. Drop in hot grease and cook until golden brown. Eat immediately.

Farmer's Sea Food Boil

2 pounds shell-on, headless shrimp 4 onions-quartered 2 packages(3 ounces) crab/shrimp boil 1/4 cup salt 3 russet potatoes-unpared & quartered or 12 whole new potatoes link pork or Italian sausage-1-1/2 inch pieces 3 ears corn-cut in thirds

In large boiling pot, bring a gallon of water, crab boil and salt to boil. Add potatoes and boil for 10 minutes. Add onions and sausage and boil for 5 minutes. Add shrimp and corn. Boil for 6 minutes more. Drain and serve with crusty bread and a cold beverage. Serves 6.

Summer Sausage

4 pounds ground lean beef 1-1/2 teaspoon black pepper 1-1/2 teaspoon garlic powder 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard 1/2 teaspoon onion salt 2 teaspoons liquid smoke 1/2 cup Morton Tender Quick
Mix well. Cover and chill 24 hours. Divide into 4 rolls. Bake at 225 degrees for 4 hours on a rack in flat pans. Dry with paper towels. Store, wrapped in foil. Can be frozen.

Lawrence Dempsey dies March 12

Services for Lawrence "Larry" Edward Dempsey, 68, of Wolforth were held at 2:00 p.m. March 14 at Word Aflame Pentecostal Church with the Rev. Scott Carley officiating. Burial was in Wolforth Cemetery under the direction of Wilson's Funeral Directors & Cemetery.

Mr. Dempsey died Sunday, March 12, 2000 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He was born April 22, 1931, in Bogata, Texas and moved to Spade at 18. He later lived in Littlefield where he was supervisor at Bell Dairy for 32 years before retiring in 1993. He also owned a service station from 1975 to 1980. He was an Army veteran and a member of Word Aflame Pentecostal Church. He married Trish Shambeck on September 9, 1989, in Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Larry Dale of Groesbeck and Greg of Littlefield; two daughters, Charlotte Ribeiro of Chicopee, Mass., and Tamie Dempsey of Lubbock; a stepson, Brian Pike of Carrollton; a stepdaughter, Crystal Andrews of Lubbock; three brothers, Tommy of Odessa, Roy of Sealy and James of Seminole; three sisters, Flora Alsobrook of Crockett, Doris Cox of Littlefield and Helen Mitchell of Grand Prairie and 13 grandchildren.

James Lewis Williams dies March 19

James Lewis (Colonel) Williams, age 80, died Sunday, March 19 at East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Services were held Wednesday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bogata Assembly of God Church. Burial followed in Cuthand Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

He was born in Cuthand on April 23, 1919, the son of Ernest Hershell and Iva McConnell Williams. He worked as an oil field pumper and auctioneer. On August 20, 1938 he married Lorene Elizabeth Mayes. In 1956, he married Lottie Kennedy Mayes. Both preceded him in death.

His survivors include two sons, Bobby Williams of Bogata and Mack Williams of Venus; four daughters, Carol English and Annette Skaggs, both of Bogata, Joyce Tolison of Clarksville and Coletta McMichael of Plano; two sisters, Bernice Hartman of Inchelium, WA and Willie Clark of Bogata; 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were three brothers, Douglas Leon Williams, Son Williams and Mickey Williams; one sister, Nola Blount and one great-grandson.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, calls and flowers during my illness. Thanks for everything!

Larry Garretson & Family

Card of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the Bogata First Responders for your assistance on Monday, March 13. My call was answered in a very short time and I felt that you had real concern for me. Please know that you are appreciated, and that Bogata people are proud of you.

Mrs. Weldon D. (Joyce) Smith

Card of Thanks

The family of Raymond Crawford would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for your calls, visits, cards, food, flowers, prayers and kindness shown during the hospital stay and loss of our Dad. Thanks to the doctors and staff at McCuiston Hospital and the staff at Deport Nursing Home.

A special thanks to Jim and Tim Wood, Bro. Freddy Burden for all the prayers and visits to the hospital, Marsha Burden, Lisa Wright and Geneva Norwood for the music. The Deacons at First Baptist Church for pallbearers, all the people who prepared and served the meal for the family at church.

May God bless you all.
The Raymond Crawford Family



James Raymond Crawford dies March 15

James Raymond Crawford, age 90 of Deport, died in McCuiston Regional Medical Center in Paris on Wednesday, March 15.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 in the First Baptist Church of Deport with the Rev. Freddy Burden officiating. Pallbearers were Deacons of the First Baptist Church. Burial was made in Highland Cemetery in Deport under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the First Baptist Church Family Life Center or the Highland Cemetery Association.

He was born in Red Oak, TX on April 5, 1909, the son of Jackson Franklin and Lily Mae Slaton. On December 24, 1926 he married the former Edith Smith in Detroit. She preceded him in death on November 5, 1999. Mr. Crawford was a long-time Deacon and member of the First Baptist Church of Deport and was farmer and rancher.

He is survived by seven children, Prentice Crawford and his wife Mary Jo of Ft. Worth, Russell Crawford, Virginia Rhodes and her husband Dewayne, Barbara Crawford, Larry Crawford, Shirley Gifford and her husband John and Donald Crawford, all of Deport; six brothers, Marvin Crawford of Athens, Clarence Crawford of Ft. Smith, AR, Murl Crawford of Paris, Arthur B. Crawford of Hooks, John Crawford of North Richland Hills and Lee Mahan of Canton; three sisters, Ethel Jackson of Blossom, Winnie Steele of Trenton and Iris Crawford of Paris; 12 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Crawford was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Stacy Gifford; great-grandson, Jacob Gifford; a daughter-in-law, Pat Crawford; and five brothers, Frank, Earl, Reginal, Sam and Joe Crawford.



*Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

*Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight, and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.

*Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

*The VFW will be starting a pool tournament on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come out for competition and fellowship.

*On April 19 a bar-b-que meal will be served at the post with all proceeds going to the Ladies Auxiliary. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. Following the meal at 7:00 p.m. 42 will begin. This is also a birthday party for those with April birthdays. Please make plans to attend for good food and fellowship.

*Happy Birthday to Avert Vaughn, Georgia Hautson, Brenda Vickers, Linda Crow and Ray Butler.

*Get Well Wishes to Jim Smyth, Jean Smith, Mildred Eudy and Betty Spencer.

*Sympathy is extended to John and Carol English and family in the loss of Carol's father and to the Holt and Gray families in the loss of their child.

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.

Obituaries

Arvil P. Ashford dies March 17

Arvil P. Ashford, age 89 of Paris, died Friday, March 17 in Christus St. Joseph's Hospital.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 19 in Wood Funeral Homes Chapel in Deport with the Rev. Paul Dearing officiating. Burial was made in Milton Cemetery.

Mr. Ashford was born July 30, 1910 in Cunningham, the son of Daniel W. and Mary Ann Visor Ashford. He was a crane operator, retiring in 1975 from Babcock & Wilcox. In 1935 he married the former Lois Roddy in Lamar County and she preceded him in death February 8, 1977. He was a member of the New Wine Church in Paris.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Burrell Ashford and wife Mary Jo and Dennis Ashford and wife Pam, all of Paris; five daughters, Cora Mae Garrison and husband Jerry of Paris, Gail Reed and husband Leroy of Paris, Karen Smith and husband James of Paris, Rhonda Peters of Paris and Judy Padilla of Alamogordo, New Mexico; one brother, Robert (Bob) Ashford of Cunningham; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Five brothers and sisters and his parents preceded him in death.

Services held for John Sebron Smith

Services for John Sebron Smith of Liberty City were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 18, 2000 at the First Christian Church of Gladewater with the Rev. Ken Crawford of Gladewater and the Rev. Mark Towns of Tyler officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Longview.

John was born in DeKalb, Tx. on August 25, 1916, to Bob Carter and Fannie Phillips. His foster parents were James F. Smith and Ludie Phillips all were of DeKalb.

John served in World War II in the Battle of the Bulge under Gen. George Patton. He was a resident for 53 years of Gregg County, having retired from the U.S. Government in Civil Service at R.G. Le Tourneau in Longview. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Gladewater, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the American Legion Post 280 in Kilgore.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Martha Elizabeth (Tuck) Smith of Liberty City, a half brother, Vernon Carter of Olivehurst, California; two sisters-in-law, Gerldine (Tuck) Blasigame of Duncanville and Naine Bell (Tuck) Ham of Deport; a brother-in-law, Leon Tuck of Bogata and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were James Alvin Freelen, Donald Blasigame, Wesley Roberts, DeWayn Ham, Wade Ham and Fred Boeber. Honorary Pallbearers were J.C. Fort, Charley Davis, James Collins, Art Morchat, Bobby Player and Lloyd Chamberlain.

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Hayden William Holt dies March 19

Hayden William Holt, age 2 of Cuthand, died in Children's Medical Center of Dallas on Sunday, March 19.

Services were held Tuesday, March 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with Rev. Kenny Dickson officiating, assisted by the Rev. Park Robertson, Rev. Don Shovan and Rev. Bob Posey. Burial followed in Cuthand Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of arrangements.

Hayden was born in Mt. Pleasant on April 15, 1997, the son of Harold and Judy Gray Holt of Cuthand, and the brother of Heather and Heath Holt. He is also survived by his grandparents, Nina and Robert Holt of Cuthand and Gerlyn and Jerry Gray of Bogata; his great-grandparents, Mrs. Susie Bivins of Cuthand and Willie Mae and Jessie Gray of Bogata; three aunts, Anita Fox and her husband, Jessie of Clarksville, Jennifer Reeder of Dallas and Jessica Hines and her husband Danny of Fulbright; two cousins, Riley Reeder of Dallas and Marli Hines of Fulbright; several great-uncles and aunts and cousins.

Pallbearers were Melinda Holman, Shelly Bowden, Michelle Wilson, JoAnn Ingram and Jennifer Taylor, Olsten Home Health Caregivers.

Mrs. Geraldine Ward dies March 21

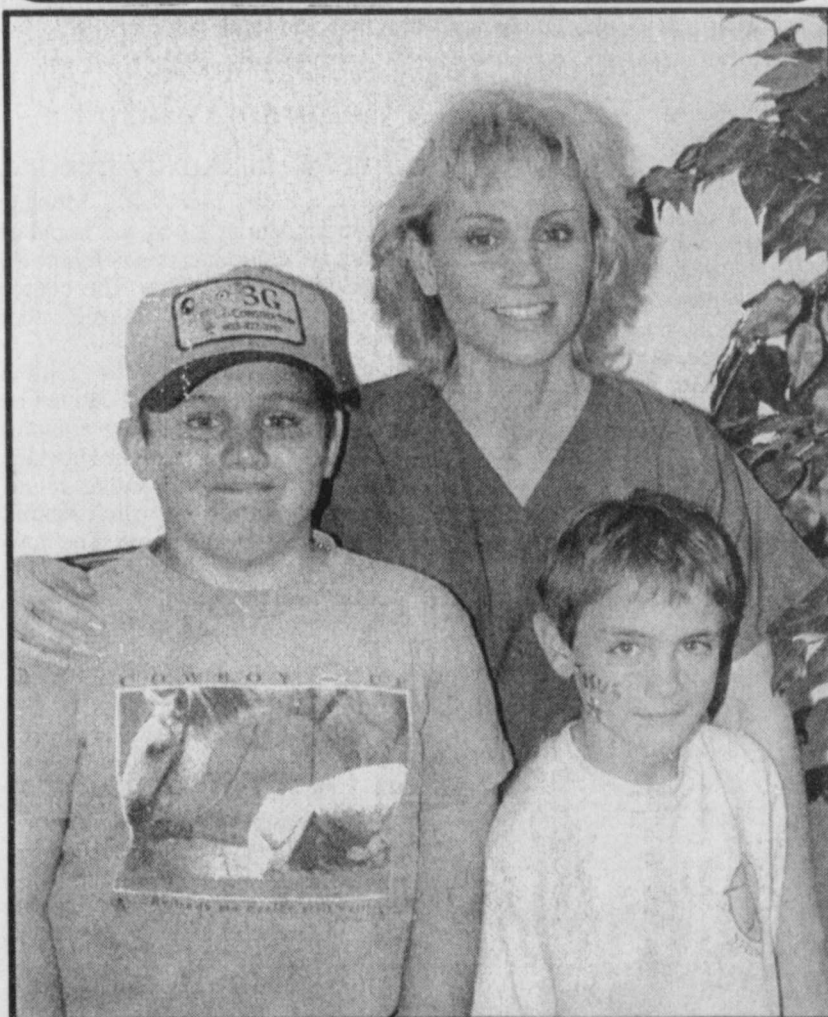
Mrs. Geraldine Ward, age 87, formerly of Bogata died Tuesday, March 21 in Hopkins County Memorial Hospital in Sulphur Springs.

Graveside services were held at Smith Cemetery in Rosalie on Friday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. Wood Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements.

She was born July 17, 1912 in Rosalie, the daughter of Dess and Bessie Jordan Wicks. On October 15, 1921, she married Wesley Ward in Red River County.

Survivors include her husband, Wesley Ward of Sulphur Springs; two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Ragsdill of Sulphur Springs and Mrs. Glenda Holder and her husband Dr. Sam Holder of Linden; one sister, Ruby Pearson of Lawrence; five grandchildren, Rapheal Holder of Rowlett, Dr. Sherrie Holder Gitomer of Pearland, Melissa Thornton of Lone Oak, Monica Littlefield and Chris Ragsdill, both of Sulphur Springs and seven great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Richard Ward, Jerry Ward, Sammy Joe Ward, Jimmy Pearson, Steve Littlefield, Gary Wicks, Richard Sistrunk, Charles Sistrunk and Robert Kennedy.



COOK OF THE WEEK this week is Tina Wages Gentry of Talco. She enjoys hunting, fishing, cooking and sharing with others. She is pictured here with her two sons D.J. and Dustin. (Staff Photo)

My family and I would like to thank the Voters of District 3 for their trust in me. I look forward to serving you once again in the Texas House of Representatives.

Sincerely,
Representative Mark Homer

Political Ad paid for by the Mark Homer Campaign, 1849 Lamar, Mary Clark, Treasurer.

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.

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.

Class of '54 to meet following reunion

The Bogata High School class of 1954 will have a class reunion immediately following homecoming activities on Saturday, April 8 at the home of Boyce and Eva Flenniken in Deport.

A barbeque supper will be served at 4:00 p.m. for class members, their families and other friends who are interested in attending.

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 are 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!

Bogata Homecoming to be held Saturday, April 8, 2000

The Bogata Homecoming will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2000 and is planned around lunch. Lunch will be served from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

The gym will be open at 10:00 a.m. for those who wish to meet before lunch. Following lunch there will be a program, business meeting and visiting in the school gym. Hosts for this

year are classes of 1952 and 1953. For more information you may call: Mary Ann Alsbrook Williams at 632-4013, Frances Mayes, Rozell at 632-5752 or Mary Margaret Barnard Vaughan at 632-5221.

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend for a fun day of seeing old friends, making new friends and sharing a good meal.

Harris Chapel to hold Revival

The Harris Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Sugarhill will hold a three day revival April 17-18 and 19th. Services will begin each night at 7:00 p.m.

On Monday Bro. Glenn Griffith of Nevils Chapel will bring the mes-

sage. On Tuesday Bro. Bob Griffith will bring the message and on Wednesday Bro. Mike Amerson will bring the message.

Everyone is invited to attend and share the blessings.

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, 2000 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, 2000. 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.

Talco-Bogata-RHS school menu March 27-31

Monday

Breakfast
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Lunch
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juice & milk
Lunch
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pinto beans
peach cobbler
crackers
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Wednesday

Breakfast
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Lunch
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Lunch
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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;

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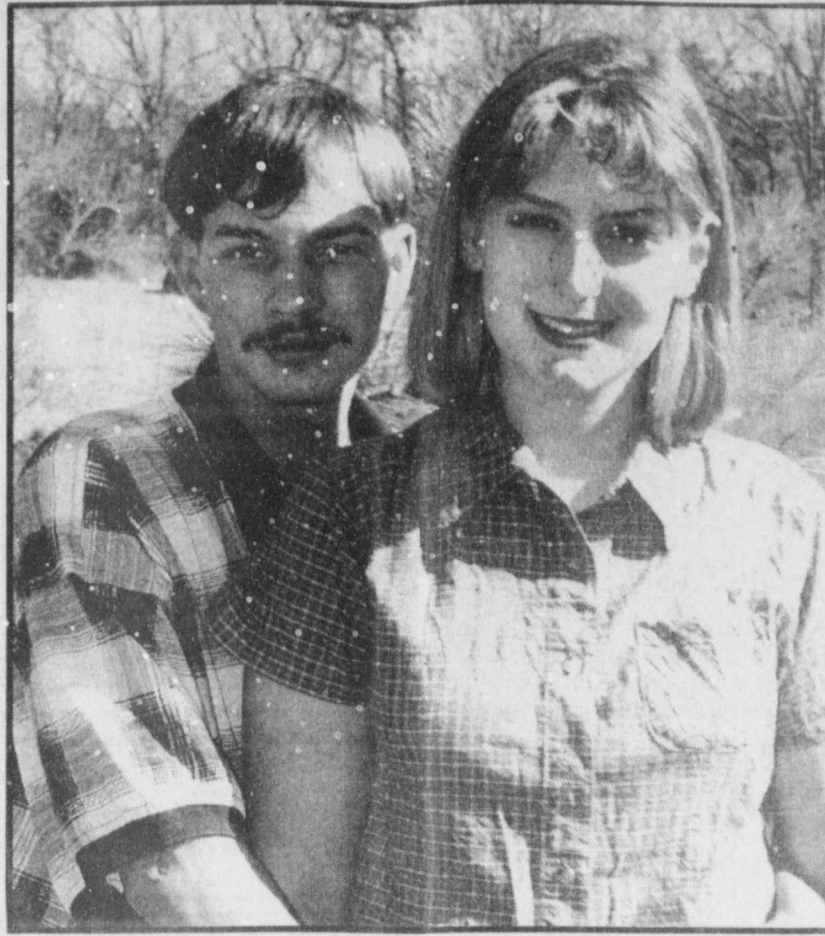
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Deborah Jeanne Person and Johnny Franklin Goforth

Person-Goforth to wed April 8, 2000

Jeanne Person and Johnny Goforth are proud to announce their engagement and approaching marriage on April 8, 2000.

The bride-elect, Deborah Jeanne Person is the daughter of Debbie Schneider of Clarksville and Bill and Debbie Person of Wichita Falls, Tx. and is the granddaughter of Les and Jeanne Schneider of Clarksville. She is a 1999 graduate of Clarksville High School.

lin Goforth is the son of Gale and Donald Kilgore of Bogata and Dale Goforth of Greenville. He is the grandson of Luther and Evelyn Lawson of Bogata and Faye Goforth of Greenville.

The wedding ceremony will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Bogata Community Center on April 8, 2000. A reception will follow. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.

The future groom, Johnny Frank-

Spaghetti Supper/Talent Show to be held

The Talco and Bogata PTO's will host Chicken Spaghetti Supper and Talent Show at Rivercrest High School on April 8, 2000. The supper will begin at 5:00 p.m. and prices will be \$4.00 per plate for adults and \$2.00 per plate for children 12 and under. The meal will include Chicken Spaghetti, salad, beans, dessert and tea. There will also be a child's plate including one slice of pizza and drink for \$1.00 per plate. A silent cake and pie auction will also be held.

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 or can be purchased at any of the three schools. Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the meal and show and support both the Talco and Bogata PTO's who use their earnings to purchase needed items for their schools.

Editor's Quotes

He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home

Geary reunion to be held

The first annual reunion of descendants of George Washington Geary and Charity Elizabeth Wolf Bryant Geary will be held April 8 at the fellowship hall of the Annona Methodist Church in Annona.

Family and friends will gather at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a covered dish and pictures to share.

For information, contact Ginger at 972-422-0444 or Kathy at 903-427-5394.

Gospel singing slated at Lake Chapel

The Lake Chapel House of Prayer invites everyone to attend a gospel singing with the Overcomers, a travel choir ministry from Ozark Bible Institute and College in Neosho, MO. The singing will be held Friday,

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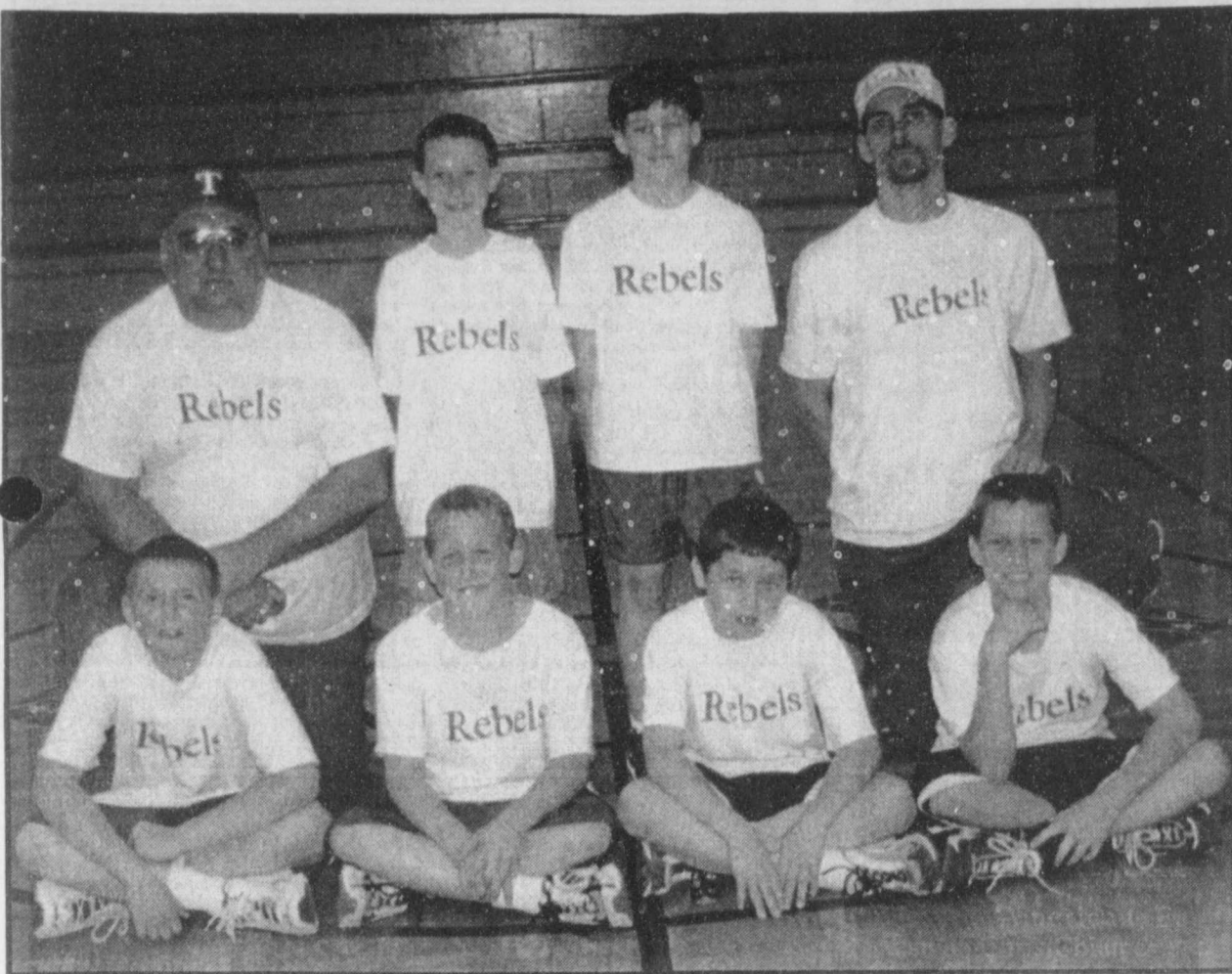
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THE REBELS-5th and 6th grade Bogata boys Little Dribble team members and coaches this year are; (from the left back) Coach Donnie Hays, Micah Haynes, Callen Morgan and Coach Chris Dickey and (front from the left) Jesse Harville, Matthew Ward, Brad Haley and Brian Hays. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



MEMBERS-of the Lady Rebel and Rebel Tennis teams this year are; (back row from the left) Jeremy Jones, Brandon Davis, Molly Moles, Lacye Edge, Alysa Hildebrand, Ashlei Moles, Misti Simmons and Coach Tiffany Easley; (middle row from the left) Bubba Abernathy, Colby Guest, Duree Williams, Brittany Bull, Shari Wisinger and Joy Madden and (front left to right) Megan Horn and Charla Hines. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Local reenactors to recreate Civil War training camp

In late December 1861 the 9th Texas Infantry, organized under Colonel Sam Bell Maxey, left Paris, Texas and marched toward Memphis, Tennessee to join the fight for southern independence. Second Lieutenant James Burnet, of Company E marched with them. By June, Maxey wanted a special unit of sharpshooters from his home area and dispatched James Burnet, by this time a Major, back to northeast Texas to organize a battalion of good marksmen.

On June 23, 1862, 376 men were enlisted from Fannin, Hunt, Grayson and Lamar counties to form 5 companies of the 1st battalion Texas Sharpshooters, Confederate States Army (also known as Burnett's Battalion).

The battalion set up headquarters in Paris, Lamar Co. and called it Camp Jackson. Between June and Dec. 29, 1862 the men trained while awaiting marching orders. The unit was officially organized and accepted into the Confederate States Army on Aug. 1, 1862 and assigned to Sam Bell Maxey's Brigade. It is not known exactly where their camp was located but it is believed to have been located somewhere northwest of the town's square. A recent discovery was made which revealed the encampment was also known by another name. Paris Doctor A.J. Redding dispatched medicines to the camp and on his receipt and bill of sale he noted the destination to be "Camp Maxey", the first known mention of a camp by that name before World War II.

On Dec. 29, 1862 the battalion left Paris and reached Camp Johnson, Titus Co., Tx. on Jan. 2, 1863, a distance of 65 miles. From there the battalion traveled to the following points throughout the western theater of the southern Confederacy: Jefferson, TX., Alexandria, Fort DeRussy on the Red River and Port Hudson all in LA., Jackson, Canton, Benton, Livingston, Big Black River, Morton and Enterprise all in MS. and Mobile, Halls Mills and Camp Cummings, Mobile all in AL.

The 1st Texas Sharpshooter Bat-

alion being ordered east of the Mississippi River was assigned to the Dept. of the Mississippi and East Louisiana. The Battalion was cut off from the garrison of Vicksburg when that city was invaded by Federal forces and subsequently avoided capture there. Later its service was in the Dept. of the Gulf and finally in Texas and Indian Territory.

In March and April 1863 a great many left sick because measles had broken out in the encampment before leaving Texas. In only 16 months, between June 1862 and October 1863, the Battalion decreased in number from 376 down to 121 fighting men, due to sickness and casualties of battle. This was as much of a decrease as all other fighting organizations experienced in the beleaguered southern armies.

On Dec. 17, 1863, the Battalion transferred to the Trans-Mississippi Department and was transported back across the Mississippi River, the command being ferried across by small boats and skiffs between Federal naval patrols. The unit then served in Texas, Arkansas and the Indian Territory. Some time in 1864, the Battalion was mounted. Locations of the unit west of the Mississippi were: Provost duty at Marshall, Tx.; Fair's Mills, AR., Bayou des Arc, AR., Wallace's Ferry, Big Creek, AR. (north of Ft. Smith); Massard's Prairie near Ft. Smith; Fort Smith, AR.; Prior Creek, Fort Gibson, Cabin Creek, Doaksville and Ft. Towson, I.T.

A little over a month after Robert E. Lee surrendered to Grant in Virginia, the 1st Texas Sharpshooters Battalion was surrendered on May 26, 1865 by Gen. E.K. Smith.

On March 25 and 26, 2000, the Maxey Color Guard, 1st Texas Sharpshooters, will recreate Camp Jackson in Paris. The reenactment and living history demonstration is free and open to the public and will be held in Dragon Park, located on Collegiate and Jefferson Streets in Paris, Tx.

Local reenactors will set up a full

Civil War military style camp site and demonstrate camp life during this time period. The Maxey Color Guard reenactors group was started last year in Paris and participates in parades, tombstone dedication and living history demonstrations. The group welcomes all person, male and female, who like to join as military or civilian. There is room for women and children who would like to learn to dress in period style clothing. The group is also interested in drummers, buglers and fifers to start a drum and bugle corps.

Sam Bell Maxey, who live in Paris before and after the war, was headquartered in the Indian Territory during the conflict. He commanded several Indian regiments as well as the 1st Texas Sharpshooters. The group would also like to enlist native American Indians who would like to reenact their Confederate heritage during the War Between the States.

The group is very interested in enlisting persons who would like to become Union soldiers also. Many black men joined the Union Army, the group would like to enlist both black and white persons interested in this time period to relive their heritage.

To round out the atmosphere the group would like to recreate, there is a special need for period style horse drawn wagons and carriages, either for loan or sale to complete its entourage. Horseback riders are also welcome to help recreate the Cavalry.

Reenactors in the surrounding areas who are interested in attending should contact the persons below and set up on Friday after 4:00 p.m.

The weekend affair promises to be both educational and entertaining and should be fun for all age groups. The camp demonstration is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call (evenings) Ron Brothers 903-737-8693 or Marty Sustaie 903-784-3827 or email rbrother @1 starnet .com.

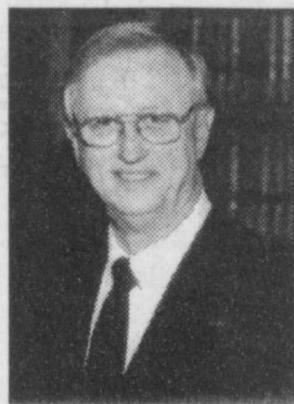
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Please remember to vote in the upcoming runoff as I again ask for your vote and support for the judgeship of the 62nd Judicial District.

Scott McDowell

Pd. pol. adv. by Scott McDowell, who has rejected the voluntary limits of the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act. P.O. Box 1093, Paris, TX 75461

Bertha McCall host 84 Club Thursday

Members of the 84 Club met Thursday afternoon, March 16, 2000 in the home of Bertha McCall for their monthly meeting.

Two tables were arranged for 84 and 42 and buffet refreshments were enjoyed during the afternoon of play. Members attending were: Willie Mae Gray, Willie Clark, Donnie Smith, Jemmie King, Jettie Bond, Woodie Harville, Ethel Epps, Maggie Lee, Ruby Sistrunk, Maurine Mankins and the hostess.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Helen Williams.

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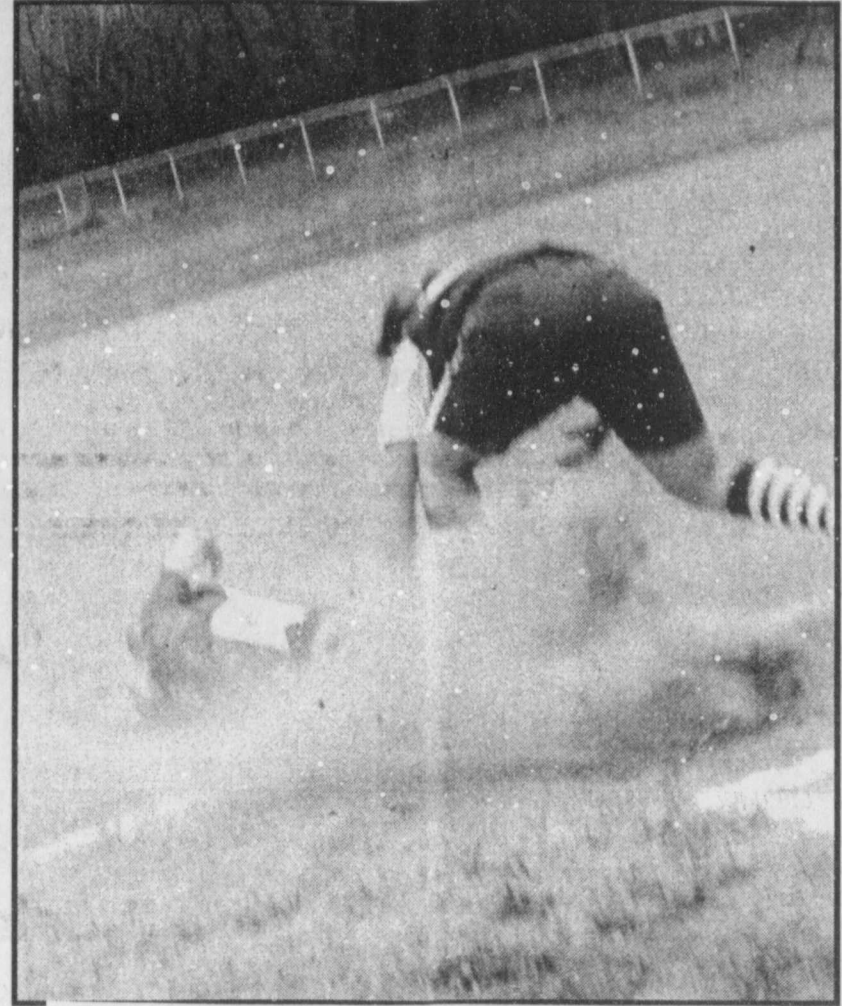
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MAKING THE TAG-Lady Rebel Laci Taylor makes the tag on Lady Pat, Megan Graham as the two teams met at Jowntown last week. The Lady Rebels trailed early in the game but made the come back to win the game and give them 2 district wins. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Red River Valley Baseball meeting held March 19, 2000

The Red River Valley Dixie Boys Baseball Association met on Sunday, March 19, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center.

In the absence of last year's President, Vice President, Victor Wells called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. The floor was opened for nominations for this year's officers. Elected were Victor Wells-President; Donnie Hays-Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer-Pam Hays and Tee Ball Directors-Melinda Hodge and Donnette Parrot.

Under new business it was reported that Deport and Blossom have been moved into the Paris league. The teams in Red River will include; Avery, Bogata, Detroit, Talco and Clarksville who will play with Red River although they are in a league of their own. Pam Hays will check on the groups left over funds and will give a report at the next meeting.

The group went over the one page by-laws that had been set in the 1980's. These will be revised and updated. A 4 member Board will be elected at the next meeting including one representative from each town. They will vote on all issues for their towns, work together on the new by-laws and will serve as the protest committee for all towns. Victor Wells will be responsible for setting up this year's schedule as soon as possible.

The next meeting was set for March 30, 2000 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Bogata Community Center. At this meeting each town must pay their annual fees, turn in rosters, birth certificate copies and proof of insurance. The opening day of play will be announced at this time.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Public Notices

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 Shirley Anderson,
 County Auditor
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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.
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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.
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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) for a corner;
 THENCE 00 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. E, a distance of 250.000 feet to a 5/8 inch diameter R.S. Rod (set) for a corner, in the North line of said Block No. Four (4), in the South line of an Alley;
 THENCE 90 deg. 00 in. 00 sec. E, along the South line of said Alley, a distance of 168.400 feet to a 5/8 inch 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. 0 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 earlier 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 a 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
 Naomi Lawler, Treasurer
 3-23

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The City of Blossom seeks applications for the position of City Secretary. Must have minimum of three (3) years positive experience in finance, accounting or administration with a municipal corporation and a minimum of ten (10) years total positive experience in finance, accounting or administration. Must have minimum three (3) years experience in payroll and tax reporting, accounts receivable/payable, and preparation of corporate financial statements. Must be able to demonstrate proficiency in computer operations and Peachtree Accounting software.
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LEGAL NOTICE
 The City of Bogata, Red River County, Texas, is currently in the planning stages of creating a Drought Contingency Plan for our customers in compliance with Senate Bill One passed by the Texas Legislature. Following guidelines provided by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, these plans will include triggering conditions during a drought based on the average amount of water normally provided by the City of Bogata. For each drought trigger condition there are specific goals outlined in the Plan for water conservation and guidelines for achieving those goals. In addition there may be penalties, in the form of surcharges and convictions, for abuses of the plan.
 The City of Bogata interested in receiving comments from the public on the proposed Drought Contingency Plan. Public comment will be received in two ways, (1) by letter addressed to the Public Works Director, City of Bogata, P.O. Box 400, Bogata, Texas 75417, which must be received on or before April 10, 2000, or (2) during a Public Meeting held prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on April 10, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. at Bogata City Hall at 128 North Main.
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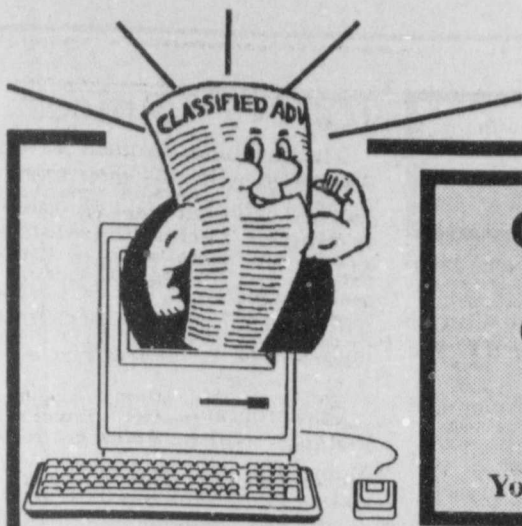
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FOURTH SATURDAY Trade Days in Bogata. All day Friday, Saturday, intersection Hwy. 37/271. Spaces available, for information, call Red River Rust Antique Mall, 632-5940 or 632-5684 nights. Free spaces available. 3-23
TWO FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Friday, March 24, 8 a.m. until ?? Furniture, lots of miscellaneous. 1 mile out on FM909 in Bogata toward Rosalie. Cancel if raining. 3-23

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FOOT NOTES



Dr. Austin Reeves

HEEL PAIN

The most common cause of heel pain is plantar fasciitis. This condition is caused by an inflammation of the plantar fascia, the strip of strong body tissue extending from the bottom of the heel bone to the ball of the foot. Its job is to hold the foot bones and joints in place. When it becomes stressed, the heels hurt during your first few steps in the morning, after any period of rest, or after long intervals of standing. Plantar fasciitis, often results in heel spurs, which are sharp spikes of bone that grow and protrude on the bottom of the heel bone. Plantar fasciitis can be caused by obesity or by a change or increase in activities.

It's hard to ignore the pain of plantar fasciitis and other foot conditions or injuries, especially when every step places weight and pressure on the affected area. Don't wait for the pain and the problem to disappear. Most likely they won't and you'll be left with a worse condition than when the problem was still new and relatively minor. Call us instead at 784-5585. The foot care you need can be found at DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC. New patients are always welcome.

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P.S. Causes of heel pain other than plantar fasciitis include stress fractures and stress fracture syndrome, entrapped nerves, bruises, bursitis, arthritis, deterioration of the heel's fat pad, improper shoes and obesity.

June Roach drops out of race for Titus County Tax A/C

June Roach dropped out of next month's run-off election for her Titus County Tax Assessor-Collector's seat.

"I have asked that my name not be listed on the run-off ballot," Roach said Monday, just minutes after candidates in the race assembled to pick for positions on the April 11 run-off ballot.

This means that her Democratic challenger in the run-off, Judy Cook, will become the new tax assessor-collector on January 1, 2001.

The run-off was forced in the race after none of the three candidates vying for the position received more than 50% of the vote in last Tuesday's Democratic Primary.

Cook finished with the most votes,

2,010, which was 49.47% of the vote. Roach was 708 votes behind Cook with 1,302. Dianne Wilson Norris finished with 751 votes.

"I have served you well in taking care of your multi-million dollar business for 16 years plus nine years service prior to election," Roach said.

Cook had worked in the tax assessor-collector's office until last year, when she decided to run for office.

Roach declined to give a reason as to why she decided to drop out of the race.

"I really would like to leave it as is," Roach concluded.

Her decision caught Cook off guard. "I'm surprised," she said, "but I'm happy."

Red River Healthcare News

Visiting residents at Red River Healthcare this past week were;

Resident, Pauline Alsbrook-Mary Ann Williams, Kenneth, Sue, T.J and Nessa Martin.

Resident, Pauline Hutson-Jerry Hutson.

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

Resident, Ann Cody-Willie M. Topping and Jerry and Janette Brooks.

Resident, Stasha Hume-Weldon Hume.

Resident, Vivian Fail-Yvonne Harris, Martha Pirtle, Lynn and Ann Fail, Ronnie and Marilyn Presley.

Resident, Ben Morris-Levada Parker.

Resident, Irene House-Reabeth Abbott.

Resident, Vernona Young-Carol

Young, Erica McDonald and Jalen Foster.

Resident, Roberta Watts-Carrine Alford, Mildred Allums and Gertie Choate.

Resident, Mary Duke-Bryan and John Duke.

Resident, Nettie Moore-Gristen Warren.

Resident, Mamie Kennedy-Maxine and Gaylon McGill.

Resident, Nina Hudson-Vashtie Hood of Orange, Texas, David and Sidney W. Hudson.

Resident, Inez Henson-Richard Swarts and Wanda Morgan.

Resident, Billie Hancock-Dan and Sharon Guess.

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

RWNT to meet

The Republican Women of Northeast Texas will hold their monthly meeting at the Community Building in Hughes Springs on Monday, March 27. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. A business meeting will follow the program.

The program, "How to Grow a Precinct" will be given by Jackie Moore. She will show how to find and use easily available tools to build an effective, dynamic political base in your neighborhood.

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I would like to thank the citizens of Red River County who have shown their support by voting for me, and would appreciate your continued vote of confidence.



I believe the citizens are ready for a positive change in the Sheriff's office. I have the qualifications and experience needed to make those changes. EVERY vote is needed to make a positive change.

Please take the time to vote.

DON'T BELIEVE ALL THE RUMORS
VOTE FOR BOB STOREY ON APRIL 11

(Pol. Adv. Pd. By Bob Storey, Rt. 1, Box 133, Clarksville, TX 75426)

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 903-572-1152.

Video-conference session is March 27

Region VIII Education Service Center will host a video-conference session on March 27 from 1 until 4 p.m. at the ESC VIII TETN room in Mt. Pleasant.

People wishing to speak must be present at 12:30 to register. Phone registrations will not be accepted.

Individuals will be allowed three minutes to offer their comments, suggestions or concerns regarding the MOU, Memorandum of Understanding on transition planning for students receiving special education services.

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EGGS Grade A Large! 69¢ Doz.	KRAFT MILD SHREDDED CHEDER CHEESE OR MOZZARELLA 8 Oz. PP \$1 ⁶⁹	SWANSON POT PIES Beef, Chicken or Turkey 7 Oz. 2/\$1	ORE IDA GOLDEN CRINKLES 32 Oz. \$1 ⁴⁹	PARKAY MARGARINE 4 Stick Or 16 Oz. Squeeze Btl. 79¢	DUTCH MAID VANILLA WAFERS 1 Lb. 79¢	PARADE FLOUR 5 Lb. 59¢	
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