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By Nanalee Nichols

Something Different

We recently returned from vacation in California. We had never been in California before, but were invited by our dear friends, Tom and Midge Foley.

It is a beautiful state, and we saw many diverse things. I have never been in a place where the countryside could change so drastically in such a short distance.

But there was one thing that I did notice. Diversity in shopping seems to be becoming a thing of the past.

Where ever we went there were huge shopping malls. They are truly beautiful, but they are all the same. Not just the same stores in California, but the same store one sees in Dallas, in Chicago, in Washington D.C. and in New York City.

To me, this seems a shame. Part of an area's diversity and difference is the unusual and locally created goods or stores that feature things that are unique.

Yet for the most part it's difficult to find things that aren't mass produced. In other words, at a mall it's almost impossible to find something in California that can't be found in New York City, or Houston. Dillard's, Target, Wal-Mart, Macy's and more are to be found everywhere now.

Oh, there are souvenir stores that feature tee shirts and toothpick holders, caps and toys emblazoned with the name and location of the tourist area.

But the goods we use, the books we buy, the clothes we wear are standardized from coast to coast, border to border!

I don't guess that is the end of the world, but it sure seems to take some of the fun out of things when shopping!

I'm not one for cookie cutter sameness. It does make me appreciate all the more the individual, cozy shops that have searched high and low for the different, the unusual, the outstanding! They still exist, but with the trend towards national chains it's getting harder and harder to find them.

If they disappear, I for one will miss them a lot.

Bogata Council meeting moved to May 12th

The regular meeting of the Bogata City Council has been moved from May 8th to May 12. The time of the meeting has been moved from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is a date and time change for this meeting only due to canvassing the votes from the election and swearing in of new officers.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Health Alert is May 10

Wednesday, May 10, a Health Alert will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 2 until 5 p.m. at the Lennox Health Resource Center in Clarksville.

The clinic is free to all adult citizens of Red River County, regardless of age, sex or income.

Free cholesterol screening, free blood pressure check, free glucose testing, free diabetes risk test, free vision screening, free hearing test and free information will be available.

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Annual Pancake Day to be held May 6

The Bogata Lions Club will be holding its annual Pancake Day on May 6, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Bogata.

All you can eat pancakes, sausage and coffee will be served for \$4.00 per person. Proceeds from the event will be used to finance the annual Lions Club Scholarship and to purchase eyeglasses for needy students in the district.

Early tickets may be purchased from any Lions Club member or see Danny Efaw at the Bogata Post Office or Neil Rozell for more information.

The Lions welcome everyone to come out and enjoy a good meal and support this worthy cause.

RHS Athletic Booster Club to sponsor Athletic Banquet May 16

The Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club will sponsor this year's Athletic Banquet at the Rivercrest High School cafeteria on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

This year the meal will be catered by Carlisle Catering and will include fish and chicken with all the trimmings. Tickets for the meal will cost \$7.00 per person and advance tickets

must be purchased in order for the group to provide enough food.

Tickets can be purchased at the school or at Guaranty Bank Bogata or Guaranty Bank Talco. Everyone is invited to come out share a good meal and help the club honor the accomplishments of the Rivercrest athletes this school year.

Health Fair to be held in Bogata May 16

Red River Haven Healthcare and Lennox Health Resource Center will sponsor a Health Fair on May 16, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Red River Haven Healthcare in Bogata located at the junction of Hwy 271 and Hwy 37.

Free cholesterol screening, blood pressure checks, vision screening, hearing test, glucose testing will be

free to all adult citizens of Red River County regardless of age, sex or income. The Stewart Regional Blood Bank will be on hand to collect donations and special guest will be the Wound Care Center, Pfizer Labs and Hometown Health. Lots of door prizes will be given away and there will be free refreshments. All adults of Red River County are invited to attend.

Kindergarten Round-Up set for May 4

The Bogata School will hold Kindergarten Round-Up on May 4, 2000 beginning at 9:00 a.m. All children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2000 should attend.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate; social security number

and immunization records. All new students are encouraged to attend this special day in preparation for the first year of school. For more information contact Principal, Bill Mabry, at the Bogata School, 632-5214.

This Saturday is Trades Day in Deport

Don't miss this Saturday, May 6th in Deport! It's their Spring Trades Day and everyone is welcome to come set up their booth (free of charge), to shop for bargains, and to have breakfast or lunch!

The event will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Main Street in Deport. Booth holders may set up on a first come, first serve, space available basis. Garage sales, craft sales, vendors of all kinds are welcome.

Breakfast and lunch will be for

sale by the Deport Volunteer Fire Department with proceeds (money left over after expenses) going to the Deport Volunteer Fire Department. Since much of the food is donated, this is an excellent way to make money for the fire department. The Deport Fire Department and Bucket Brigade will also have a garage sale space, also, and proceeds from those items will also benefit the fire department.

It's a great day for fun and bargains and some good food, come on out and enjoy!



GROUNDBREAKING- Rivercrest School Board members, Superintendent, Gary Vandever, Principals, Keith Brown, Bill Mabry and Kelly Stansell and representatives of Harrison, Walker and Harper broke the ground on Monday, May 1, 2000 in honor of the new schools which will be constructed at Rivercrest. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Groundbreaking held at Rivercrest

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at Rivercrest High School on Monday, May 1, 2000 in celebration of the new Elementary and Junior High Schools to be constructed. Dr. Gary VanDeaver welcomed guest and introduced the Bogata Boy Scouts who presented the American and Texas flags. The National Anthem was played by the Rivercrest Band, the students of Talco and Bogata sang America and the Pledge of Allegiance was said followed by the band playing God Bless the USA.

Dr. VanDeaver introduced the member of the Rivercrest School Board, Principals, Keith Brown, Bill Mabry and Kelly Stansell and mem-

bers of Harrison, Walker and Harper, construction managers and architect, Robert Brown.

Following the traditional shoveling of earth, Bogata teacher, Dianne Ross performed a skit for the students and guest. Courtney Brown read a poem she composed about her feeling of the new school and the Talco and Bogata School elementary students who formed a rainbow or red, green, yellow, purple, orange and blue sang under the direction of music teacher, Neva Oats. Balloons of the rainbow colors were released by the students and the program ended with the singing of the Rivercrest Alma Mater.



SERVING AND VISITING-The members of the Cuthand Volunteer Fire Department report their Fish Fry and Auction held April 29 a huge success. The food line was busy and the food was delicious. Over \$10,000 was earned for the group. (Staff Photo)



PRINCIPALS FOR A DAY-Kacey Van Deaver and Kerri Simmons served as Principals for a Day at the Bogata School on Tuesday. The girls earned the positions through the Accelerated Reading Program. Kerri acquired 706 points and Kacey acquired 529.6 points this year. The girls were allowed to chose two teachers to share lunch with them at Applebee's in Paris. They chose Ms. Becky Alsop and Mr. Rains. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Election day May 6

May 6, 2000 is election day and there are several candidates vying for positions on the local school board, the Bogata City Council.

In Bogata Jack Crane is unopposed for the position of Mayor. The Bogata City Council has two positions open and candidates for those are; incumbents, Tracie Osborne and W.T. Harbison and challengers, Charles Don Lewis, Gina Allen, John Haynes and Roland Screws.

Voters may cast their ballots at the Bogata City Hall.

In the Rivercrest ISD School Board election incumbent, Ricky Franks, who holds Position 7 is seeking re-election. Also seeking election to Position 7 is Leslie Wright. Incumbent, Nicky Brown who hold Position 1 is seeking re-election. Also seeking election to Position 1 is Johnny Jones. Unopposed for Position 4 is Joe Rose.

Voters may cast their ballots for the school board at the Talco School and at the Bogata School. All voters in both towns have the right to vote for the candidates from both towns.

Vote as you please, but please vote!

Editors Quotes

He who can not forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself.



GENERAL ELECTION (ELECCION GENERAL) RIVERCREST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE RIVERCREST) MAY 6, 2000 (6 DE MAYO DE 2000)

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:

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(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcado con una X en el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

Board of Trustees, Position 1 (Junta de Regentes, Posicion 1)

- Nicky Brown
- Johnny Jones

Board of Trustees, Position 4 (Junta de Regentes, Posicion 4)

- Lesley Ross

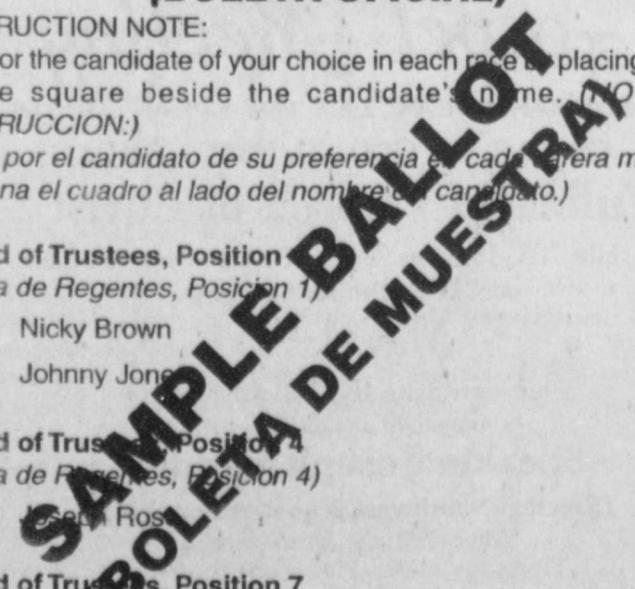
Board of Trustees, Position 7 (Junta de Regentes, Posicion 7)

- Leslie Johnson Wright
- Ricky Franks

Blood drive to be May 16

The Red River Health Fair Blood Drive sponsored by Red River have Healthcare and Lennox health Resource Center will be held at the corner of Hwy 271 and Hwy 37 in Bogata on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The mobile unit will be in the parking lot at Red River Haven.

Donors are encouraged to eat before giving blood and each donor should bring their driver's license. Each person donating will receive a T-shirt and cholesterol screening. There will be free refreshments and door prizes. All adults are encouraged to Give the Gift of Life.



Obituaries

Homer Austin dies May 1

Homer Austin, age 82 of Clarksville died Monday, May 1 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

A military memorial graveside service was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 at Warner Memorial Cemetery in Warner, OK with Rev. Jim Merritt officiating. The family received friends at Wood Funeral Home in Bogata from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday.

Mr. Austin was born May 27, 1917 in Annona, the son of Roy and Lida Evelyn Dunlap Austin. He married the former Lillie Faye Merritt on May 20, 1944 in Warner, OK. She preceded him in death in 1991. He was also preceded in death by a son, Douglas in 1998 and a granddaughter, Monica in 1983.

He was retired from the U.S. Army, retiring after 20 years in 1960 at the rank of Master Sergeant. He worked for Montgomery Ward from 1961 until 1964, later going to work for Bell Helicopter, where he retired in 1982.

He is survived by his two sons, Stan Austin of Watauga and Stephen Austin of Marietta, Georgia; three sisters, Opal Severt of High Point, North Carolina, Edwina Sparks of Clarksville and Jacqueline Jones of Ardmore, OK; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Lillian Delene Sparlin dies April 30

Mrs. Lillian Delene Sparlin, age 76 of Bogata died Sunday, April 30 in Christus St. Joseph Hospital in Paris.

At her request, no formal funeral services were held. Cremation was under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Bogata.

Mrs. Sparlin was born October 28, 1923 in Red River County, near Cuthand, the daughter of Jessie and Jeffie Barnett Mauldin.

She is survived by her daughter, Dorothy Burns of Carlsbad, NM; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Marie Roberts of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Ada Phiffer of Bryson and Mrs. Eula Martin of Bogata.

Lelan H. Stringer dies April 30

Lelan H. Stringer, age 78 of Tyler died April 30 in Tyler.

Services were held Wednesday May 3 at the Lloyd James Funeral Home Chapel in Tyler with Rev. Karen Morris officiating. Burial followed in Edom Cemetery in Edom TX.

Mr. Stringer was born in Pine Bluff on December 25, 1921, a son of Ebbi and Charlie Stringer. He had lived in Tyler since 1945. He worked Apache Phillips 66 after retiring from Hickson-Ellis and was a veteran of World War II serving as an Army Air Corps tailgunner. He was a member of the Cedar Street United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Opalen Stringer of Tyler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia Burkett o Mixon and Corene and John Roach of Deport; a sister, Lillian Lane o Brownsboro; three grandchildren Michael Roach, Jenney Asbery and Anita Burkett and one great-grandson, Josh Burkett.

Bearers were Kelly Easley, Matt Rowan, Bobby Stringer, Jack Stringer, Jerry Stringer and Glenn Taylor. Honorary bearers were Donald Stringer, Larry Patterson, Fred McPhail, O.J. Willis, Don Stringer, Eugene McCloskey and O.J. Willis.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 130577, Tyler, TX 75713.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Roy Stringer; and two grandsons, Marty Burkett and Casey Roach.

Volunteers needed

at Terrell State Hospital

Volunteers are needed to be part of a team to enhance the lobby areas and dorm rooms at Terrell State Hospital. No special skills required. From painting murals to hanging wallpaper boarder, there will be something for everyone to do regardless of artistic abilities. Please call 972-551-8446 and volunteer to brighten the lives of the residents at Terrell State Hospital.



Richard Neal Chapman

Richard Neal Chapman dies May 2

Richard Neal Chapman, age 59 of Deport, died at his residence on Tuesday, May 2.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 3 in Highland Cemetery in Deport at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. James Judd officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Chapman was born August 15, 1940 in Binghamton, NY, the son of Clyde and Anna Neal Chapman. On February 14, 1985 he married the former Ruth Stowe. He worked for Honeywell, Inc. for 18 years in Clearwater, Florida as a computer designer in the Aeronautics Division.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Chapman of Deport; three stepdaughters, Sherrie Judd, Karen Grossman and Kathy Simmons, all of Deport; four granddaughters and one great-grandson; a sister, Thelma Schneider of Nichols, NY; one brother, Kent Chapman of Andrews, NC; an aunt, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith of Port Charlotte, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Audrey Rodgers dies April 29

Audrey Rodgers, age 77 of Bogata died Saturday, April 29 at her residence.

Services were held Monday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m. in the Bogata United Methodist Church with Rev. Bob Posey officiating. Burial followed in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rodgers was born August 23, 1922 in Lockesburg, AR, the daughter of Robert Thomas and Mary Humes Saunders. She married Fred Rodgers on October 7, 1950 in Deport. He preceded her in death on December 27, 1974.

She is survived by a son, Alvin Rodgers of Bogata; three daughters, Rita Ginn of Clarksville, Elaine Morgan and Mary Joplin, both of Bogata; two brothers, Harold Saunders of Ft. Worth and Leonard Saunders of Okemah, OK; two sisters, Elizabeth Tye of Burleson and Dorothy Kennedy of Kennedale; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Justin Strawn, Robert Lewis, Berney Huddleston, Shane Joplin, Paul Kennedy and Rusty Lawings.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Ella McFadden Hospice of St. Joseph Hospital.

Jennifer Elaine Hampton dies April 17

Jennifer Elaine Hampton, 25, of Bogata died April 17, 2000 after a long battle with cancer. Services under the direction of Brownrigg Funeral Home were held at the Free Hope Baptist Church in Bogata Thursday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. George Rape officiating. Interment was in Turner Cemetery in Fulbright, Tx.

Jennifer was born March 15, 1975 in Paris, Texas to the late Otis Hampton and Nancy Hampton. She united with Free Hope Baptist Church at an early age. She attended Rivercrest High School where she graduated in 1993. She was preceded in death by her father, her brother, Terris Hampton and grandmother, Robbie Lockhart.

Survivors include her mother, Nancy Hampton of Talco, special friend, Billy Joe Stewart Jr. of Bogata, Grandfather, Elbert Lockhart of Bogata, Aunts, Shirley Nickerson of Bogata, Libby Redd of Honey Grove, Ruby James of Dallas and Martha Smith of Houston, Uncle, Porter Brooks of Bogata and a host of cousins and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Benny Wyatt, Quentin Emry, Craig Savage, Jonathan Savage, Lee Edwards and Daryl Bryers.

Special meeting of RRV softball held

On Sunday, April 30, 2000 a special meeting of the Red River Valley Dixie Girls Softball League's Board was called. Under discussion was a girl who had played illegally last year (outside her own town) with the knowledge of some of last year's officers. This year the young lady has played in her proper place in her home town and the decision had to be made whether by Dixie Rule she belonged to the other town in which she had played.

The board found with the help of Dixie Director, Louise Yates that the young lady will remain in her home town and all games that she has participated in are legal. However, she or no other girl may ever play in another town if there is a team in their age group at their home town, unless, they qualify for Dixie Softball Hardship Clause or unless they move.

The board also discussed the closing ceremony for this season. It will be held on June 13, 2000 in Avery beginning with a 7 & 8 year old All Star game. Following the game a 8:00 p.m. all awards will be given to the remaining teams; 9 & 10; 11 & 12; 13-14 & 15; 16-17 & 18.

Red River Valley Dixie Girls Softball Board members are; David Duley-Detroit, Chuck Williams-Clarksville, Connie Giles-Bogata, Nancy Brown-Talco, Curt Woodwall-Deport and Rebecca White-Avery.



ETMC installs MRI

East Texas Medical Center Clarksville has expanded its radiology services with a new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit.

The MRI will allow ETMC to improve the diagnostic capabilities for local physicians. It will also eliminate the inconvenience of driving long distances for patients needing this type of diagnostic testing.

The new imaging system is manufactured by Phillips, and has a high field strength super-conducting magnet, allowing for faster and more detailed imaging. It also has uniquely designed large, flared opening to reduce claustrophobia, often associated with MRI.

MRI exams must be ordered by a physician and are performed by appointment on Mondays only. For additional information, call 427-6464.

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—not absence of fear. —Mark Twain

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

This week's column is dedicated to the wonderful and delicious cheesecake! The lowly cheesecake is often mistaken as a time-consuming effort that needs many special ingredients. Not so with these recipes. Each one has a distinctive taste and there is one for everyone's liking.

We hope you enjoy these and we will see you in the kitchen!

Cheesy Cheesecake—the old standby...but everyone loves them!

Cheesecake-lemon jello gives this

cheesecake a zing!

Banana Caramel Spice Pie—instant pudding with a bit of cinnamon topped with caramel desert topping. Yummy!

Candy Bar Pie—chop up candy bars and add to this pie and it is great!

Chocolate Triple Layer Pie—dark and light chocolate blended and topped with Cool Whip!

Memorial Day Cheesecake—top with blueberries and strawberries to give it that red, white and blue flair!

May 4, 2000 Cheesecake Recipes

Cherry Cheesecake

1 package graham crackers-crushed
2 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
1-3 ounce instant vanilla pudding
2 cups sour cream
1-8 ounce package cream cheese
1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons almond flavoring
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 can cherry pie filling

Combine graham crackers, sugar and butter. Press into 13 x 9 pan. Combine pudding mix, sour cream and softened cream cheese. Whip until smooth. Slowly stir in sugar and flavorings. Pour over crust and spread pie filling on top.

Cheesecake

1 tall can evaporated milk
1 package lemon Jello
1 cup boiling water
2-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 stick melted oleo
1-8 ounce cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla

Freeze milk and beaters until ice crystals form. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Cool to room temperature. Combine crumbs, 2 tablespoons sugar, cinnamon and oleo. Press 3/4 mixture into 13x9x2-inch pan. Beat milk until fluffy. Beat cream cheese and 1/2 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Blend cooled gelatin and vanilla. Add milk to cream cheese mixture. Beat at high speed for 2 minutes. Pour over crumbs. Sprinkle remaining crumbs over top. Chill until firm for approximately 3 hours.

Banana-Caramel Spice Cheesecake

1 large ripe banana
1 shortbread crust
2 cups cold milk
2 packages Jell-o white chocolate or vanilla instant pudding
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tub Cool Whip thawed
caramel dessert topping

Place banana in bottom of crust. Pour milk into large bowl. Add pudding mixes and cinnamon. Beat with wire whisk for 1 minute. Gently stir in whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate for 4 hours until set. Top with caramel topping.

Candy Bar Cheesecake

4 ounces cream cheese-softened
1 tablespoon milk
12 ounces Cool Whip
2 packages chocolate-covered peanut nougat bars-chopped
1-3/4 cups milk
2 packages Jello- instant chocolate pudding
1 prepared pie crust

Mix cream cheese and 1 tablespoon milk with wire whisk until smooth. Gently stir in 2 cups Cool Whip and chopped candy bars; set aside. Pour 1-3/4 cups milk into another bowl and add pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk for 1 minute. Gently stir in 1/2 cup whipped topping. Spread 1/2 pudding mixture on bottom of crust. Spread cream cheese over pudding mixture. Top with remaining pudding mixture. Refrigerate for 4 hours and garnish with remaining Cool Whip.

Chocolate Triple Layer Cheesecake

2 cups cold milk
2 packages Jell-o chocolate instant pudding
1 graham cracker crust
1 tub Cool Whip

Pour milk into large bowl; add pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk for 1 minute. Spoon 1-1/2 cups of the pudding into crust. Gently stir 1/2 of the whipped topping into remaining pudding. Spread over pudding in crust. Top with remaining whipped topping and refrigerate for 4 hours or until set.

Memorial Day Cheesecake

1-3 ounce package lemon Jell-o
18 ounce package cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar
1 large Cool Whip
1 graham cracker crust

Mix jello with 1 cup hot water and set aside to cool. Mix sugar, cream cheese and whipped topping. Add jello and fold in Cool Whip. Pour into graham cracker crust.



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Talco School Homecoming held April 29, 2000

A nice cool day arrived for the annual reunion on Saturday, April 29, 2000. The meeting was moved up from June in hopes of cooler weather, and it was a beautiful day. It was originally planned for May 6, but due to a conflict had to be changed. It is hoped the date can continue to be the last Saturday in April yearly. The crowd this year was smaller possibly because of the current year plans, however, 250 guests registered and as always, 250 failed to register.

Visiting started early, at 9:00 a.m. Registration, picking up lunch tickets and recognizing old friends took up the first two hours. Then the group assembled in the auditorium for the program. The school song, Talco High, was sung and America the Beautiful. Barbara Mankins Russell accompanied on the piano and Jeff Tidwell and Fred Foe on the cornet. Bob Parker led the singing.

Ralph Parson, President, presented a remembrance of the old town, including how many stores there were, the oil boom, the honky tonks and the World War II days and after. Classes 1939 through 1975 were recognized and the special year class of 1950 were given special recognition. Bobby Watts spoke for the class.

Homecoming business was presented by President Parsons and Secretary, Mary K. Cotten. Most of the information was about changing the meeting date and how important it is to let the association know when addresses change. Due to the 911 and other new addresses the group had a large amount of mail return. Virgil Jones, Chairman of the Scholarship committee, made a report on the status of the Scholarship and presented the current year recipient, Coleman Brown. Coleman was selected from the five applicants received. He is the son of Nicky and Linda Brown of Talco. Coleman made a very impressive response and made the Ex's proud of their selection. Ralph Parsons made a presentation to Mary Kathryn Cotten for her work in the Ex Student Organization. He also expressed appreciation to Nancy Brown, reporter for the Talco Times, for the coverage given the event. New officers for the next two years, 2001 and 2002 were presented. They are; President, Gerald Ben Morris, Secretary/Treasurer, Johnny Gable and Vice President, Bob Parker. After a memorial tribute to those deceased from the special classes, and whose names were added during the year was read, Silver Taps was played by Jeff Tidwell and Fred Foe. The invocation was given by Charles Russell and the group adjourned for a Bodacious of Mt. Pleasant catered bar-b-que meal and more visiting. The reunion is scheduled for April 28, 2001 and everyone who ever attended the Talco School are invited to make plans to attend.

Those who registered were; from the Special 50 Year class of 1950-Ft. Worth-Bobby and June Watts and Gene (Sheeny) Blalock; Mt. Pleasant-Claude and Norma Hanks Boyd, Arthur and Patsy Price Smith; Talco-Lavern Joice Tower; Minerva East-erling Gentry, Robert Frye, Flint and Bobbie Jones Hendricks; Marshall-Edward and Judy Frye; Pleasanton-Neal and Betty Belcher Hahn; Coppell-Gene and Norma Lightsey Hurrell; Houston-James and Bonnie Dunagan Burkett; Ennis-Bill and Mary Blackmon; Longview-Pierce

and Ann Hendrix; Weatherford-James and Clara Warren; Dallas-Donal and Geraldine Blalock Berry; Cottage Grove-Ron and Noasha Adcox Nelson; Seagoville-Everett Blalock; Denton-Betty York Puckett and Garland-Bill and Opal Smith Albright.

Others attending from Mt. Pleasant; Dorothy Young Agan, Wanda Chapman Greene, Mary Jerene Chapman Flanagan, Eddie Chapman McCarty, Gerald Ben Morris, James and Celia Clark, Darrell Morris, Sue Gaddis Shumate, Bill and Peggy Ramey, Robbie and Jan Hawkins McCuller, Stephen Buchanan, Bud and Doris Hanks, Jerry and Barbara Russell, Tommie Jean Calloway Sinclair, Janice Cunningham Scarborough, Nora Lee Biles Gray, Ray Buchanan, Christelle Cato, Ruth Walker Good, Glen and Martha Slaughter, Melba Hearron Rose and Dorothy Jones.

From Talco-Helen Hearron Darnell, Tommy and Judy Easley, Bobbie Edge, Gerald and Jane Kelly Holmes, Doug Parker, Sherry Sikes, Blanton and Bonny Gage, Donald Swope, Bill and Wanda Rogers Vickers, Tony and Jo Franks Anschutz, Virgil and Helen Jones, Bertha Frugia Gable, Shelby Barger, Lavon Harper VanBuskirk, Sonny and Verda Duncan, Jerry and Rhonda Brown, Mike Thompson, Patsy Kelley, James Hearron and Scholarship recipient: Coleman Brown and family, Nicky, Linda and Ty Brown.

From Houston-Roger E. (Gene) Dixon, Eunice Carter Smith, Wood Sandford, Julia Etta Biles Reddick.

From Arlington-Becky Foster Counts.

From Bogata-Sam and Ann Barnard and Dorris Parker.

From Johnstown-Dan and Mary Kathryn Davis Cotten, Dorothy Watts Dodd and Shirley Watts Allums.

From Mt. Vernon-Ernest Conarroe, Melba Spruell Reed and Lou Lee Hill Ledeen.

From Garland-Sally Worden Williams.

From Avinger-Bud and Olga Lindsey Barnett.

From Flint-buddy and Charlene Collier Hearron, Delmo and Berta Blalock, Kenneth and Sandra Bean Hicks, B.L. and Bonnie Ray Jones.

From Henderson-Faris and John Kelley, Dorothy Womck Box.

From Longview-Ralph and Sue Parsons, Tommy and Jean Blackburn Brock, Clara Ruth Loving, Gerald Foster, Charles Dryden, Pierce and Mary Ann Hendrix.

From Dallas-Roger Neugent, Jack Morris, Edwina Jones Baxley, Vernon Smichth.

From Grand Prairie-Marguerite Cato Dismuke, John H. Lovell, Sue Rosson Lewis, Tommie Clark Burleson, Mollie Van Winkle Thomas.

From New Caney-Legrand Denton.

From Hurst-Andrew Jones.

From Daingerfield-Ann Hall Clevenger, Gloria Jean Adcox Johnston.

From Lubbock-Harry Dixon.

From Austin-Fred Rodgers.

From McKinney-Jimmy and Mary Jo Flanagan Williams.

From Tyler-Arnold D. and Sue Phillips, Jo Ann Moore Jones, Tom Adcox.

From Winnsboro-Martha Fuller Gibson.

From Kilgore-Lois Shaw Jordan.

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From Pearland-Wayne Blackburn.

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From Rowlette-Glen and Judy Mangrum.

From Cookeville-Bob Sikes.

From St. Francisville, LA.-Victor and Mary C. Hahn Price and granddaughter, Theresa.

From Franklin, LA.-Clyde Hahn and grandson, Calep.

From Paris-Sue Smith Hays.

From Linden-Charles Russell.

From Greenville-Mike and Sue Elliott Hendricks.

From Ft. Towson, OK.-Rosemary Neugent Boggs and husband.

From Big Sandy-Davis and Meurleen Bean Teague.

From Hawkins-Fred, Jr. and Ellanora Farris Foe, Norman McAfee.

From Duncan, OK.-Jeff and Julia Tidwell.

From Denton-Micky and Martha Lewis Via.

From Haines City, FL.-C.E. Bornheim.

From Silsbee-Truett and Kay Bennett.

From Gilmer-Lowell and Marie Denton.

From Mesquite-Ottis and Janie Caudle Harris.

From Kinder, LA.-Joe and Jane Rosson.

From Seagoville-Zack Henley.

From Damon-Joseph and Anna Jackson.

From Nacogdoches-Gayle Whitmire Sones.

From Neches-Richard and Barbara Mitchell Cooke.

From Plano-Mark and Janice Seay McLemore.

From Deer Park-Edward Dixon.

From Palm Desert, CA.-Fredda Swope Lance.

From Brainerd, MN.-Noasha Adcox Nelson.

From Hobbs, NM-Billy Hunter.

From Ardmore, OK.-Linda and Jack Blackwood.

From Tulsa, OK.-Patricia Hankins Gilmore.

From Redondo Beach, CA.-Daniel and Bobbie Blackburn Kelly.

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From Albuquerque, NM.-James Stockton.

From Las Vegas, NV.-Gail Swope Cook.

From Conyers, GA.-Les and Joan Smith Conway.

From Jefferson-Reggie Thompson.

From Kingwood-Judy Cain Taylor.

From Mesquite-Don Freeman.

From Wake Village-Virginia Johnson Onyett.

From San Antonio-Bud and Blanca Welborn.

From Orange-Danny Buchanan.

From Hughes Springs-Rex Sikes.

From Detroit-Johnny Lilley.

From Seguin-Glen Haren.

From Edgewood-Frealon Jenkins.

From Frankston-Judy Jagers Taylor.

From Flower Mound-Larry and Suzanne Horton.

Letter to the Editor:

Graduation is a special time in every teenager's life. This memorable time is often destroyed by teens drinking alcohol and other drugs. Teen drinking and drug use is associated with the leading causes of death and injury among teenagers and young adults.

Our local counties are fortunate in having several school systems and parents that are concerned for the welfare of our youth. North Lamar, Paris, Chisum, Prairiland, Rivercrest and Cooper School and parents are cooperating Projects Graduation celebrations for the teens that will keep students from drinking and driving on graduation night.

Project Graduation is a simple idea. Parents, teachers and community leaders meet, plan and carry out graduation celebrations that are free of alcohol and other drugs. These celebrations are all-night lock-ins which include many great prizes. Students are not allowed to leave unless their parents are called. Once they leave, they are not allowed to re-enter the festivities.

It is our responsibility as parents and concerned citizens to give our teens a safe alternative way to celebrate graduating from high school. Please do not undermine all the hard work of parents and schools that provide Project Graduation by condoning or providing graduation parties for your teens that include alcohol. Help make all of our counties' Project Graduation a success by providing your monetary support, volunteer time and parental backing. Sincerely Leigh Puckett Kids Safety Society Coalition Coordinator

Annual FFA Banquet to be held May 11, 2000

The Rivercrest High School annual FFA Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2000 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a bar-b-que meal in the school cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend and tickets for the meal will be \$5.00 per person.

Following the meal the program will be held in the school auditorium. Special honors will be awarded.

To purchase a ticket contact any FFA member or stop by the Rivercrest Ag. Department or call 632-5989 for more information.

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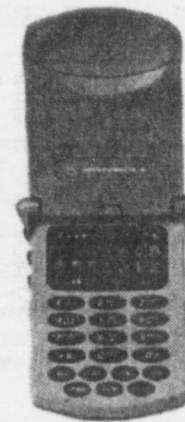
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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

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- *the market or special appraised value placed on your property.
- *the unequal appraisal of your property.
- *the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- *any exemptions that may apply to you
- *the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- *the taxable status of your property
- *the local governments which should be taxing your property
- *the ownership of property
- *the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- *any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review: 903-427-4181
Red River Appraisal District
101 West Broadway
Clarksville, Texas

Review by the Appraisal Review Board
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district, (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board. (ARB). The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the

evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest from the appraisal district office at 101 West Broadway, Clarksville, Texas. Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment
If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at 101 West Broadway, Clarksville, 903-427-4181. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later) Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency, the ARB decides whether you have a good cause. Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you

changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you. For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you. If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

Think Before You Vote

It is important that all the Voters know the voting records of two of our current council people, candidates for re-Election to the Bogata City Council.

The following are some examples of how Mr. W.T. Harbison & Mrs. Tracy Osburn voted on issues concerning the safety and welfare of citizens in our town.

Mrs. Tracy Osburn Voted:

AGAINST: 1/2 cent sales tax revenue going for Crime Control & Prevention & to the Police Department 8-16-1999.

AGAINST: Benefits & Salaries for Police Officers, 11-8-1999

AGAINST: Buying a Much Needed Police Car for patrolling our City Streets, even though money was available, 3-13-2000

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AGAINST: Community Development Grant Money, State Funded, for Water & Sewer Improvements, 3-115-1999

AGAINST: Animal Control 8-27-1998

AGAINST: Keeping the City Office open during the Noon Hour for the convenience of the Public, 1-11-1998

Mr. W.T. Harbison signed a circulated petition to try to keep Bogata from receiving Federal Grant Money necessary for the Police Department, 4-12-1999

You can verify these voting records by reading the City Council Minutes or by listening to the tape recordings of these meetings.

Saturday, May 6, 2000

Vote FOR Two Candidates Of Your Choice who will Vote FOR

Issues that will make our Town a Clean & Safe Place to Live!

Pol. Adv. Paid For By Kathy Williams, P.O. Box 23, Bogata, TX 75417

Prairiland High School
Week of May 8

8 NHS Induction Ceremony, 8:30
9 Band Spring Concert, 6:30
10 Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m. Cafeteria
11 Ag Banquet
12 State Track Tournament
..... Sports Banquet



Births

Doris and Andy cooper of Bogata and Alice Emeyabbi of Paris would like to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Bettye Sue Nycole Emeyabbi who arrived April 24, 2000 weighing 8 lbs., 4 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Lucinda Godfrey of Bogata and Jimmy Emeyabbi of Paris. Bettye joins sister, Tyler Michael Godfrey who will be 2 years old in August.

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4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM-The 4-H Livestock Judging team traveled to Stephenville recently to compete. Members of the team are; (front from the left) Jesse Hanna, Payden Franks, Johna Ingram, Lisa Somerville and Lillian Baird; (2nd row from the left) Chris Cannon, Micah Upchurch, Mandy Mabry and Robie Somerville; (3rd row from the left) Jennifer Nolen, Wendy Stewart, Brandie Holt, Benji Holt and Matthew Ross and (top row from the left) Amy Holt, Toni Phillips and Zack Ludkett.

New Arrivals

Kaleigh Rae Duffie arrived April 14, 2000 weighing 8 lbs. 12 ozs. at Trinity Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. Parents are Gary and Heather Duffie of Addison, Texas. Grandparents are Joe and Lorretta Hammond of Longview, Texas and Gene and Dianne Duffie of Colorado.



JAROD DAVIDSON-proudly shows his award for 1st place received as 4-H Class C Shooter. Jarod and his teammates competed in Brownwood.

RHS class of 1985 to hold 15 year reunion

The class of 1985 will have its 15 year reunion on Saturday, May 20, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center. Classmates, their families and teachers of the class are invited to arrive around 11:00 a.m. and to bring their picnic lunch for the noon meal. The evening event for those who have reserved a meal will start at 7:00 p.m. A program will begin around 8:30 p.m. and for this the class of 85' invites upper and lower classmates to join in celebrating the memories and good times. Donations will be accepted to help defray expenses. Remember to bring your favorite music and a humorous high school story. A \$25.00 gift certificate will be awarded for the best tale.

Callie Easley celebrates 3 years

Callie Easley celebrated her 3rd birthday on Sunday, April 9, 2000 at the Talco Park. Attending were her parents, Craig and Tiffany Easley, grandparents, Tommie and Judy Easley and Linda Parish, aunts, uncles and cousins, John, Regina, Tyler and Austin Easley, Phillip, Staci, heath and Lacie Hinton, Chad, Krista and Sarah Parish, Tim Easley, Tommie D. Williams of DeSoto and great grandfather, T.J. Williams of Kilgore. Friends attending were; Shawn, Nicki, Shelby and Hunter Roberts, Nichole, Mason and Ashley Blalock, Jose, Shelia, Claire and Jacob Johnson, Darla and Faith Easley. Callie had a wonderful time and received many nice gifts.

Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187
News

*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 20 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.
*April is election of officers for the next year. All members are urged to attend the April meetings. Every member will be needed to have a strong VFW and Auxiliary. Please contribute your support and help keep Bogata's VFW strong.

Commissioners report for April

by Ricky Daniels

April has been another good month. We were able to get several small jobs done. 3 culverts were installed, 1 load of white rock was hauled to the yard and 3 loads of railroad rock and 1 load of oil sand were also hauled to the yard. 30 loads of state material and 14 load of railroad rock were hauled to different locations for repairs. 9 small loads of white rock were hauled off the yard to different yards for repairs. In Commissioners Court this month bids were approved for road materials, fuel and hauling of road materials; approved bid for police package car for the Sheriff's Office, approved purchase of bush hog for Prec. 3 and approved continuing hours of education for County Auditor, District Clerk, County Clerk and County Judge; approved sale of struck-off property; approved County Auditors Second Quarter Investment Report; approved deputation of Rodney Phelps for Sheriff's Office. If you have any questions or comments, please call or come by. I also have some information on the Independent Living Center called Orchid Gardens at the office for anyone who might be interested.

RRGS to host Larry Banks of Detroit

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society on Monday evening, May 6 at 7:30 in th Red River County Library. The speaker for this month will be Larry Banks of Detroit. He is a well-known archeologist and a Red River County resident. His subject will be Caddo Indians and will be based on evidence found at sites excavated in and around the Red River County. All interested persons are encouraged to come and enjoy the program.

Liberty Huddleston is honored

A birthday party was given for Liberty Huddleston at the home of Yuba Sparks on Friday, April 28. After dinner, Happy Birthday was sung to Liberty and a "money tree" was given to her with little green bags of money tied to the tree with gold ribbons. Other gifts were also given. Attending were her mother, Mary Ericsson; her sister, Crystal Baker and son, Dexter; aunts, uncles and cousins, Alta Fangio, Ernie and Rita Sparks, Lisa and Philip Hutto, Tiffany Hughes, Duane and Kathy Fangio, Tamara and Brittany Bean, Chris, Teena and Courtney Sparks, Wade, Karen, Savana and Cade Sparks, Camille, Justin and Shelby Click; her husband Randy and daughter Charity Huddleston; her sister-in-law, Amy Osborne and her three sons, Drew, Colin and Trent. A good time was had playing cards and fellowshiping together.

Wanted, Cooks!
Liz Irwin, our cooking columnist, needs cooks to interview anywhere in this area. Please call her at 903-982-5829, or the Bogata News at 632-5322 or Dept Times at 652-4205 or Talco Times at 379-4445 and tell us about a good or unusual cook of any age that you would like to see featured.

FOOT NOTES

Dr. Austin Reeves

FOOT FRACTURES
Several foot bones are vulnerable to fractures. Fractures in and around the ankle often occur when the ankle rolls in or out. These can be serious if not treated quickly; almost all fractured ankles need to be casted. Metatarsal fractures, involving the middle of the foot, often result from excessive walking, overuse, or sudden, severe impact. The two sesamoid bones, located under the big toe's metatarsal bone, may fracture with running, long walks and sports like basketball and tennis, where a person may land too hard on the ball of the foot. Toe fractures are common, especially when walking barefoot. Big toe fractures seem to be the most serious, causing more pain, swelling and bleeding than other toe fractures. You may know your body and how it reacts better than anyone, but we've been specially trained to diagnose the fractures, strains, sprains and other problems that can happen to your feet. Don't rely on home diagnosis to determine what's wrong. Turn instead to those who have had years of education and experience treating injuries, conditions, diseases and deformities. That's what we do best. Call **DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC** today at 784-5585. OFFICE LOCATED AT 3605 N.E. LOOP 286 STE 1800 PARIS, TEXAS P.S. Serious foot fractures sometimes require surgery to prevent permanent disability.

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Rivercrest Rebels compete well in district track and field

The Rivercrest Rebels participated in the district track and field meet at Paul Pewitt recently. Placing for the team were:

High Jump-3rd place, Michael Galloway with a jump of 6' 4".

Long Jump-3rd place, Keith Hines with a jump of 20' 8 1/2 inches.

Pole Vault-3rd place, Scotty Goodwin with a jump of 10' 6" and Kris Hall-4th place with a jump of 10' 6".

400 meter run-3rd place, Scotty Goodwin with a time of 54.78 and Chance Wolfe, 6th place with a time of 58.0.

400 meter relay-5th place, C.A. Middleton, Keith Hines, Myron Ellis and Brandin Jones with a time of 49.17.

110 hurdles-4th place, Cody Wolfe with a time of 18.31 and 5th place, Heath Hinton with a time of 18.53.

Shot Put-4th place, Zach Ward with a throw of 43' 8 1/2 inches.

Michael Galloway, Keith Hines and Scotty Goodwin were Regional Alternates in these events.

Regional Qualifiers were:

Triple Jump-2nd place and breaking the Rivercrest High School record, Keith Hines with a jump of 41' 9 1/2 inches. The old record in this event was previously held by Eddie Williams Jr. and was set in 1993.

400 meter run-1st place, Hollis Grimes with a time of 53.46.

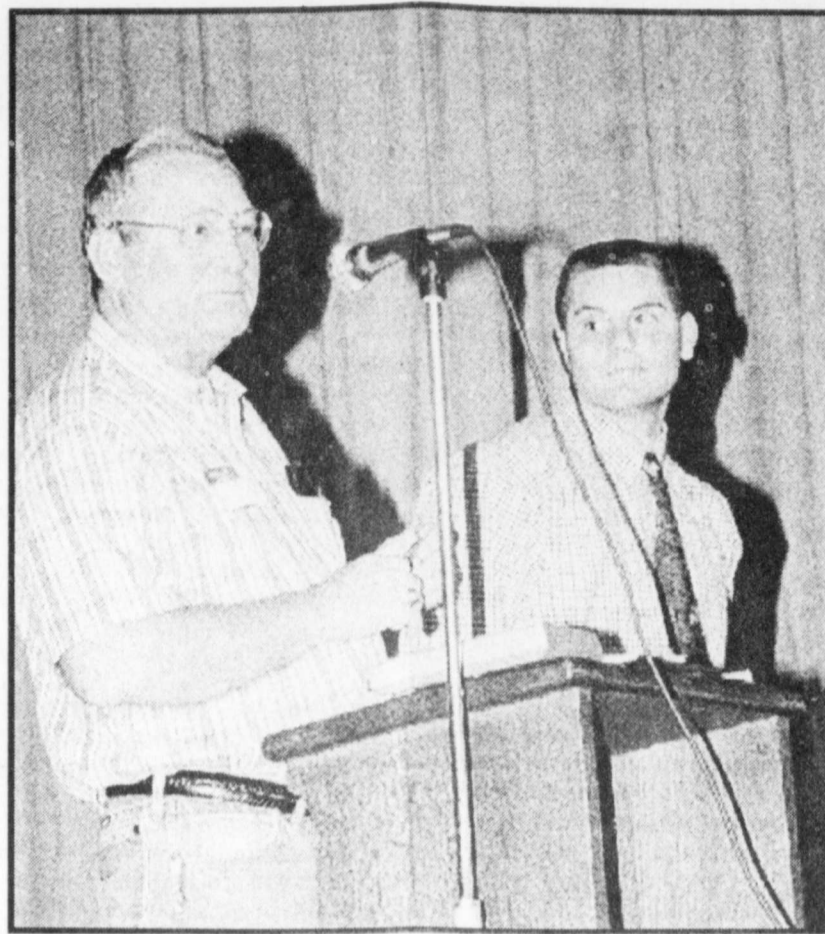
800 meter run-1st place, Hollis Grimes with a time of 2.06.

300 meter hurdles-2nd place, Cody Wolfe with a time of 43.2.

1600 meter relay-2nd place, Keith Hines, Cody Wolfe, Hollis Grimes and Scotty Goodwin with a time of 3:40.6.

District teams results were; Cooper-170 points; Paul Pewitt-126 points; Rivercrest-92 points; Chapel Hill-73 points; Honey Grove-49 points; Prairiland-34 points and Chisum-12 points.

Coach Terry Hill said, "We competed well and we got 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in 9 of the 16 events".



VIRGIL JONES-introduced this year's recipient of the Talco School Homecoming Scholarship, Coleman Brown, at the Homecoming meeting held Saturday, April 29, 2000. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rebels compete in Regional finals

The Rivercrest Rebel track and field Regional qualifiers traveled to Stephenville last week to compete. The Rebels placed well against stiff competition. Placing were:

Triple Jump-9th place, Keith Hines who broke his own Rivercrest High School record of over 41 feet with a jump of 42 feet 2 inches.

400 meter run-11th place, Hollis Grimes with a time of 52.9.

300 meter hurdles-16th place, Cody Wolfe with a time of 47.4.

800 meter run-12th place, Hollis Grimes with a time of 2:11.0.

1600 meter relay-11th place, Scotty Goodwin, Keith Hines, Cody Wolfe

and Hollis Grimes with a time of 3:35.8.

Heath Hinton and Chance Wolfe traveled with the team as alternates. Coach Terry Hill said, "We competed well and for the most part improved from district. The mile relay ran a respectable 3:35 and beat cooper who had beaten them at district. Keith Hines had a 42 foot 2 inch Triple Jump and if his hand had not gone back, he may have been going to Austin. He broke his own school record of 41 foot 9 1/2 inches set at the district meet. I am very proud of this year's team's accomplishments".

Clarksville highway department receives award

The Texas Highway Department in Clarksville received a 25-year institutional award for dedicated service as a National Weather Service Volunteer Observer at Clarksville.

A citation for service and a letter of appreciation from the National Weather Service and U.S. Department of Commerce was presented by Marin Kuykendall, Data Acquisition Program Manager, from the Shreveport NWFO.

The department has an official national weather service station consisting of a Fisher Porter raingage and an automated tipping raingage for collecting and recording data. Reports of precipitation are telephoned into a touch tone computer system at the Shreveport office whenever warranted while a summary of daily ob-

servations are sent to the Shreveport office each month. The data is then processed and sent on to the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, NC where it is computer processed, archived and published in the Texas Climatic Data Publication for Clarksville.

The work done by Texas Highway Department and other volunteers across the nation make it possible for government agencies and private enterprise to make in-depth studies of weather trends and to forecast flooding during violent storm periods.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Weather Service congratulates them on a job well done.



KAREN JONES-is pictured with some of her first customers, Mr. and Mrs. Flint Hendricks, at the J & K Cafe which opened on Friday of last week and is located downtown Talco. Plans were for the Jones' to serve smoked brisket, ribs, chicken etc. on Friday's only. But, the couple have decided to open from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m 6 days a week. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Orders can be called in at 379-6091. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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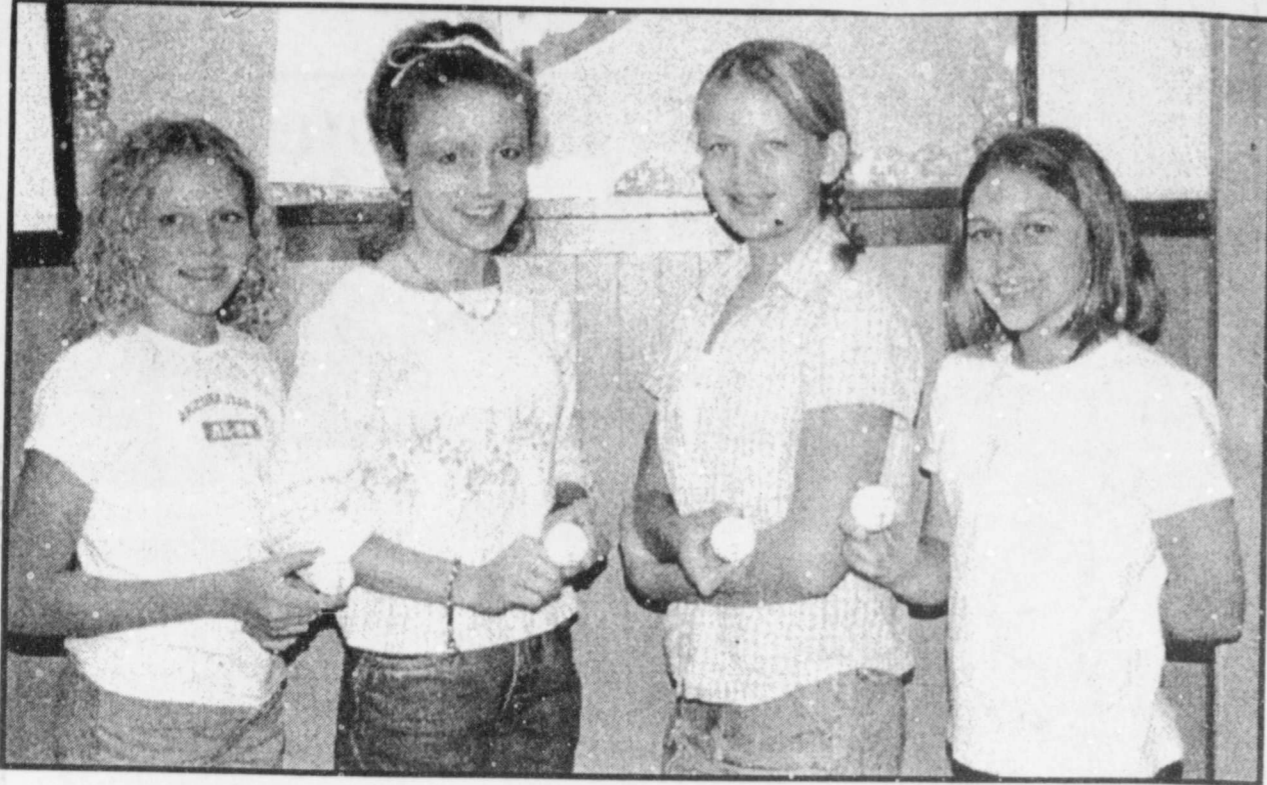
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BOGATA CHEERLEADERS-Jill Shirley, Casey Hammonds, Mandy Crawford and Baile Spencer are busy earning funds for next year's activities. The girls are selling antenna balls with the Rivercrest logo on them for \$1.00 each. To purchase one see any of the girls or stop by the Bogata School office. Proceeds will help the girls purchase necessary supplies for next year. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata Locals
call 632-5322



Attending funeral services for Curtis M. Kidd in Dallas Monday were Gaston and Roberta Puckett, Johnny Puckett of Paris and Debbie Dunham of Commerce.

Donald and Judy Screws visited with their daughter and family, Chris Anna, Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra in Paris Sunday.

Betty Joy Puckett of Denton spent several days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Dodd and Mr. and Mrs. Mac McCuller in Mt. Pleasant returning home on Tuesday. While here she attended the Talco School Homecoming on Saturday and on Monday, she and sisters, Lucille Childer, Dixie Stringfellow and Edna Earl Dodd enjoyed an outing and lunch.

Mildred Eudy received word of her step-mother's, Ida Stevens of Norman, OK, death last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Eudy and Shelia Howison attended funeral services for Ida Stevens in Norman, OK, last week.

Visiting with Bill and Mildred Eudy was John David Hudgeons.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws enjoyed a Chinese food lunch and shopping in Paris on Friday.

Visiting during the week with Dixie Stringfellow were Vicki Tabb, Dee and Maggie Richardson, Michael Tabb, Suzann Holland, Danny Tabb, Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, William and Annette Cooper, Edna Earl Dodd, Betty Joy Puckett. Dixie visited Thursday with Lorene Bogie.

Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson of Talco visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Anderson and Anthony overnight Friday.

Talco-Bogata-RHS
school menu
May 8-12

Monday

Breakfast
Cereal
cinnamon toast
juice & milk
Lunch
Corn dogs
macaroni & cheese
peas
applesauce
crackers
milk

Tuesday

Breakfast
Pancakes w/syrup
cereal
juice & milk
Lunch
Chicken & spaghetti
salad
corn
cake
crackers
milk

Wednesday

Breakfast
Sausage & biscuit w/jelly
juice & milk
Lunch
Pinot beans & ham
fried okra
diced potatoes
cornbread
ice cream
milk

Thursday

Breakfast
Cinnamon rolls
peanut butter/ graham crackers
juice & milk
Lunch
Steak fingers w/gravy
green beans
cream potatoes
rolls
milk

Friday

Breakfast
Cereal
toast
juice & milk
Lunch
Hamburgers
seasoned beans
salad
chips
ice cream
milk



HONOR CLASS-The Talco Trojan class of 1950 was the special honored class this year at the Talco School Homecoming held April 29, 2000. Those attending report having a wonderful time. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



Charles Nichols, who lives near Cunningham, stands in a "light" snowfall in front of the University Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska. He has been donating his time and labor to build the addition directly behind him onto the existing church.



Charles Nichols answers call by using building skills

By Nanalee Nichols

Charles Nichols "retired" from farming some years ago. His retirement has taken a shape that few people would think of as restful.

Charles helps to build Baptist Churches.

He does not do this in conjunction with any organized group, although he has occasionally worked with the Baptist Men's Builders.

But, mostly, Charles hears of a need and goes to help meet that need, bearing all expenses himself.

He has recently returned from working on an expansion project at the University Baptist Church in Anchorage Alaska.

He worked on the church last September and again this past March.

"I didn't like Anchorage as much as I have some other places," Charles smiles. "It was really cold and snowy, with a hard freeze every night, but just enough of a warm up during the day to melt the snow into miserable slush."

He slept in the church basement most of the time, or occasionally with a couple who lived nearby.

The days were long and hard, averaging ten to twelve hours daily spent, but still, Charles feels like it was a great experience.

Food in the grocery store he found to be very expensive, but eating out wasn't too much higher than it is here.

Charles started his own, personal program to help churches that were poor and/or had small congregations a number of years ago when he was working for a man in Elkpoint, South Dakota. The man's family was working on the restoration of a church the congregation had just purchased, and Charles began helping. In fact, his friend's son in law and daughter are members of the Anchorage church Charles has been working on lately, which is how he found out

that the facility needed an expansion project.

He says that the worst job he ever took on was at Elkpoint, when they had a wall removed and it came a huge rain.

"The basement was filled with mud. It took us three days of hauling it out of there in five gallon buckets to get it cleaned out again."

He has helped with a number of churches in the South Dakota area.

Charles' wife, Cindy, goes with him sometimes. She went to Alaska with him in September. Sometimes she helps the women of the church cook, or paints.

The church members furnish most of the tools for these projects, and of course the building materials.

"I've learned a lot about carpentry since I began doing this," he says, "I do finish work, frame in windows and doors, pretty much whatever needs doing."

One of the first things that happened when he flew into Anchorage this last month was an earthquake.

"I was really tired. I slept right through it, even though it was a 4.7."

He enjoyed casseroles made from moose meat.

"Up in Alaska they go on moose hunts like we go deer hunting here" he reports.

When asked why he spends his hard earned money on working churches all over the nation he replies

"This is something I just felt called to do. I think it is something the Lord wanted me to do."

He also says these churches are always in need of physical or financial help. "Anyone who feels called to do this can", he says, "It's just something you make up your mind to do".

Charles Nichols felt called, made his mind up, and has certainly followed through, devoting countless hours of work to his chosen ministry.

Talco Locals

By Nancy Brown
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Nancy Brown and Patsy Smith enjoyed shopping in Paris Friday.

Jonathan Grissom and Haley Shumate are reported home and doing well following their stay in Trinity Mother Francis Hospital in Talco. The children along with their sister, April and babysitter, Michelle were injured in a one car accident week before last. Jonathan and Haley were air lifted to Tyler as was Michelle. Jonathan suffered road rash after being thrown clear of the vehicle and a broken collar bone. Haley suffered several cracked bones, the worst being her pelvic bone, cuts and bruises and Michelle suffered a broken back and underwent surgery. April, who was also in the vehicle suffered the least damage with only cuts and bruises. The children and their mother, Rhonda Shumate and father, Scott Shumate appreciate all the calls, visits and gifts they have received.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown were in Tyler Wednesday where he had a doctor's appointment.

Jack and Jennifer Brown of Paris visited over night at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown, Saturday night. Jack participated in the Talco Baseball/Softball adult co-ed softball tournament held at the Talco ballfield on Saturday and Jennifer helped the group out working in the concession stand. On Sunday, they visited with Jerry, Trisha and Mike Pittman before returning home.

The Talco Church of Christ enjoyed a covered dish lunch following morning services Sunday. In the afternoon the group shared a 5th Sunday singing.

Kim and Quinton Anderson visited over night with parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith enjoyed the Canton Trade Days on Friday.

Jim Cupler was uninjured in a two vehicle accident in Mt. Pleasant on Monday.

L.D. Richeson underwent surgery in Tyler on Monday. There was no report on his condition at press time.

Happy May birthday to: Misty Deming, Melanie Smith, Miranda Mauldin, Pete Swarts, Joanie Swarts and Carla Minor.

Troy Morris underwent surgery in Dallas on Friday. Troy, the son of Tina and Harold Jackson of Talco and Troy Morris Sr. was injured in a 3 wheeler accident in the fall and is undergoing repairs to the injured leg. He is reported doing well.

Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul, Logan Wright, J.D. Wright and Donnette Parrot enjoyed the Canton Trade Days Sunday afternoon.

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I want to thank all of you who have supported me so faithfully during my tenure on the Rivercrest ISD school board. Your words of encouragement and support have meant so very much to me. Serving on the school board for the last nine years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I appreciate the opportunity I've had to serve with my fellow board members and the school administration. Although I will no longer serve as a board member, I will continue to support the school, the board and faculty. Our district has some of the greatest teachers, the finest students, and the most loyal supporters and I'm very proud to be a part of Rivercrest ISD.

Mollie Williams

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Lions host candidate forum

The Bogata Lion's Club hosted a political forum on Saturday, April 29 at the Bogata Community Center for the six candidates running for Council positions and the one Mayoral candidate.

Moderated by Lion's Club member, Danny Efav, the forum consisted of the candidates answering eight prepared questions that were submitted by Lion's Club members and sent to all candidates. The questions were:

1. Do you support a 24-hour Police Department and our current Chief?
2. Have you supported the Police Department in the past and in what way?
3. How do you feel about the vacant lots that have been cleaned up and should this program continue?
4. Do you support the Junk Car ordinance and should it continue?
5. Would you support a sales tax increase proposal?
 - (a) Is our current tax rate justified?
 - (b) Is our current water rate justified?
6. Should the Water Superintendent report to the Mayor or to the full council?
7. Is the Fire Department and the First Responders a financial drain on the City?
8. How should we fund road/street improvements?

Before the forum began, the candidates drew for speaking order with the exception of current councilman, W.T. Harbison, who declined to attend the event.

Speaking first was current Bogata City Councilman, Tracie Osborne. Ms. Osborne spoke that she was and had always been supportive of the Police Department, providing that the department did not put a financial drain on the city.

She also spoke in support of both the cleaning up of vacant lots and the junk car ordinance, mentioning that the Police Chief had originally reported to the Council that the Police Department did not have the time to enforce the ordinances and the council had appointed the Water Superintendent for this function. But, noting at the March Council meeting the Chief had agreed to enforce these ordinances.

In relation to the sales tax increase that has been placed on the ballot for the May 6 election, Ms. Osborne stated that she had voted on presenting this ordinance to the electorate not for the assistance in funding the Police Department and Crime Prevention programs, but for the general economic development of the city. She stated that based on the original grant proposal that was approved and voted by the council, the City of Bogata would have a 5-year plan that would raise taxes in order to pay for the Police Department after the five year grant subsidy was completed. She noted that there was one more budget cycle before the grant funds ended and the city would have to generate \$37,500.00 more revenue to fund the department as it currently stands. In reference to the water and tax rates, Ms. Osborne stated that the council had raised the rates because it had been the consensus of the current council that the reason why the city did not receive the 1999 grant for city water maintenance was due to the fact that the city was not trying to improve on their own merits.

In response to the Water Superintendent reporting to the Mayor or to the council, Ms. Osborne remarked: "It is my understanding from what I've read that our local government has offered the same type of government for many years. The present Mayor (Mike Garretson) brought it before the council last year that he should tell the Water Superintendent what to do. The City Council voted unanimously that the city could not operate under a Mayoral operated type of government when the Mayor is required to be in City Hall on a daily basis, and only makes \$287.87 month. We felt that each department head was responsible for their department and have the full confidence in their abilities."

In response to the question regarding the Fire Department and the First Responders being a financial drain on the city Ms. Osborne stated that the city currently spends only \$20.00 month on salaries with the rest of the labor being a volunteer effort and that last year the city had purchased a new fire truck that has an annual payment of \$15,000 and the department only had a \$6,300 increase in their budget with the majority of the funds coming from the \$2.00 donation attached to the water bills. Ms. Osborne re-

marked "The Fire Department and the First Responders is Bogata's greatest asset" Councilman Osborne finished her speech by stating that the water and tax rates are justified and that it was the hope of the current council that they would be able to apply for grant funds for road repair and that they had already approved \$56,000 for street repairs to begin immediately. When asked if she was in support of a 24-hour Police Department, Councilman Osborne stated that she did not believe the city could fund one at this time, noting it would require up to six officers. Speaking next was candidate Charles Lewis, who is also the current Fire Chief. Mr. Lewis was in agreement with all of the issues posed by the forum, noting that the junk car ordinance should be enforced only on those vehicles that are no longer able to run, giving the owner an opportunity to fix a vehicle if it could be repaired.

He also remarked that he would like to see the Fire Department be able to use some of the vacated houses as drills before they were demolished, noting that it might alleviate some of the property owner's expenses. On the issue of whether or not the Water Superintendent should report to the Mayor or the Council, Mr. Lewis suggested the Mayor be the individual in charge of the day to day activities of the city saying, "If I'm on the City Council, I don't have time day to day to check on what's going on. I have a family and a job." Mr. Lewis suggested that a tax increase or a grant would assist in road repairs, and that he was in favor of the sales tax increase to fund the Police Department. When asked if the fire department received any assistance from the county to assist when they received calls outside the city limits, Mr. Lewis stated that currently the county funds \$1,000 to the Fire Department and \$500 to the First Responders annually, but he would be happy to meet with the County Commissioners to request more funds in the future.

Roland Screws addressed the crowd by saying that he was in favor of all of the issues presented to the forum.

Noting that he agreed with Mr. Lewis in the enforcement of the junk car ordinance. In reference to the vacant lot clean-ups, Mr. Screws stated "I have never seen Bogata look worse than it does since I moved back here in 1995". He also noted that the Fire Department, First Responders, and Police Departments were indeed an asset to the city, and would support the sales tax rate to help fund the Police Department and Crime Prevention Programs stating that "we will have to pick up the tab for the Police Department at the end of the grant period." Mr. Screws is in support of the Water Superintendent reporting to the Mayor as opposed to the council.

Mr. Screws also suggested that both the sales tax and a property tax could be increased to fund street repair noting "we could all sacrifice a little to improve the city which has gone down over the last several years." Mr. Screws also remarked that the current tax and water rates are much cheaper than others around the area."

John Haynes also remarked that he was in agreement with all of the eight issues raised in the forum, noting that he had been raised in Houston and knew first hand the importance of a 24-hour Police Department. He also remarked that the vacant lot clean-up was important not only to the current residents, but also to prospective businesses wanting to locate to this area. Mr. Haynes cited that a company that manufactured flags had declined to move their operation to Bogata because of the way the town was visibly maintained. Mr. Haynes stated that the company had chosen Honey Grove for their factory location and presently employed over 100 people.

Speaking in support of the Junk Car ordinance, Mr. Haynes added that he was in agreement with other candidates that if a car was repairable the owner should have ample time to make those repairs providing the car in question was maintained and did not create an eye-sore on the property.

Mr. Haynes is also in support of the sales tax increase that will be used to fund the Police Department and other crime prevention programs. Mr. Haynes also remarked that our current water and tax rates are justified, but that to keep increasing them might put a strain on the citizens. In

reference to whether or not the Water Superintendent should report to the Mayor or the Council, Mr. Haynes stated: "We should have a structured chain of command." In regards to street repairs Haynes suggested that the city should explore grants first rather than raising taxes saying, "If Federal Grants are hard to get maybe we should hire someone to help us get them."

Gina Allen was the last Council candidate to speak. Reading from a prepared statement, Ms. Allen stated she was "running for City Council in hopes of improving the way the city operates from day to day." Speaking in support of the Police Department and the current Chief, Ms. Allen noted that she had supported the department in the past by volunteering as Block Chairman of the neighborhood watch. She also noted that she "appreciates and approves" the cleaning up of the lots and the junk car ordinance stating that she was in agreement with several of the other candidates that a junk car needs to be defined as one that is not repairable.

She remarked that the lot cleanup should be done completely and not left partially undone. "I feel that this promotes appearance and atmosphere of this town."

She is in favor of the sales tax increase noting that it was not just to fund the Police Department, but would also sponsor Crime Prevention and Drug Education Programs. Ms. Allen stated that the current water and tax rates are justified and are in line with other surrounding areas. She also noted that the Water Superintendent should report directly to the Mayor unless "there is a serious conflict" then the council should be involved. "The current council has eliminated the authority of the Mayor in this manner. It seems this has effected the jobs by some city employees."

Speaking in support of both the Fire Department and the First Responders, Ms. Allen noted that the presence of these organizations would lower homeowner's insurance rates. Ms. Allen stated that roads should not be allowed to get in such shape before maintenance is done suggesting that there should be certain days scheduled for street maintenance each month. She recommended applying for grants and subsidies to fund the repairs.

Jack Crane, current council member and only Mayoral Candidate stated that he wanted to run for Mayor because "I feel everyone should take his turn." Mr. Crane stated that in order for many of the programs that people want to be implemented to be in effect that a tax raise would be necessary.

Mr. Crane noted that although he was in favor of a 24/hr Police Department, the city currently could not fund it. He stated that the Police Chief was attempting to apply for another grant to extend the one that is partially funding the department now. Councilman Crane told the crowd that he had recently voted to purchase another police vehicle, but the budget had already been approved and therefore it was not feasible at the present time.

He also noted that although it was a good idea to clean up the vacant lots it was a costly effort that a recently acquired lot on Bryson Street had cost \$1,500 to clean up and was sold by the city for only \$750.00.

Speaking in favor of the junk car ordinance Councilman Crane also remarked that the ordinance should apply to a car that is no longer operable.

In reference to the water and tax rates, Crane stated that he thought the current rates were justified, but would have to be increased if the city was to add additional programs and due to the fact of federal and state regulations on the water, those rates would probably have to increase as well.

Mr. Crane also told the crowd that he felt the Water Superintendent should report to the Mayor, but the Mayor was in charge of carrying out the instructions of the council, and without grants or a tax increase that streets would not be able to be repaired. When asked how much time he would spend at City Hall if elected, Crane remarked "as much time as it takes to do the job well."

At the end of the forum, Danny Efav thanked the candidates, the 35 voters in attendance, and the Lion's Club. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.



LISTENING WITH INTEREST-Bogata residents listened intently as local candidates shared their views at the Bogata Lions Club sponsored Political Rally held April 29, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center. (Staff Photo)

Letters To Editor

Dear Editor,

On May 6, 2000, the citizens of Bogata are being asked to vote for and pass a sales tax increase of 1/2 of 1%. The monies generated from this tax increase will be used fund our police department and its community programs and to purchase a much needed patrol car, which the current City Council refused to pay for with the excess funds at the last City Council meeting.

The tax increase will also help us to achieve 24 hour police protection for our community and its citizens. I may have missed it, but the last time I checked the bulletin boards around town, I failed to find a list of crimes and the time and date that they were to be committed. Neither do law breakers work on an 8 to 5 schedule.

Statements have been made to me that we can not afford this tax, but many people don't seem to know that when they shop in surrounding communities they pay this same tax, which is used to better the communities in the same ways that it will be used for Bogata.

Since the majority of this tax money will be collected from people who live outside the city limits and since the people in the surrounding communities have passed this same tax and ask us to pay it to them, why then can't we ask them to pay it here to help us achieve our goals in Bogata.

We have made progress, but a lot more needs to be done to assure the safety of our citizens and to protect our homes and possessions. Crimes against people have no time limit or boundaries.

The future of our city and police department is in our hands and as a member of the temporary Crime Control and Prevention Board and a member of this community with grandchildren living in our home, we the Screws family urge you to vote YES/ FOR this sales tax increase.

Thank you,
Roland, Betty and Rhonda Screws

Dear Editor,

Several weeks ago, I was at the car wash when our fire department was dispatched. When the new pumper went by I realized that it must be a major fire and decided to assist if possible. The pumper turned into the Boyd's residence on Hwy. 271 and I parked next door. It was obvious that the structure was fully involved. Having been on the fire department in the mid to late 80's gave me insight as to what each fireman's role was.

There was 100% communication between each person at the scene. The Rosalie Fire Department responded and worked hand in hand with Bogata to minimize the loss. The technology has improved greatly in the last 15 years, as I found myself totally lost and decided to stay out of the way.

Most residents do not get the chance to see these professionals at work. It takes a lot to get up in the middle of the night and go out to an unknown situation and face the hazards that these men and women do. They receive no benefits, or pay for their work. The next time you see a member of the department, shake their hand or smile and tell them that their endeavors are appreciated. Sometimes, a Thank You is the greatest reward of all.

I frequently introduce myself and with pride tell a new acquaintance I am from Bogata, Texas. More often than not they respond by saying they know or have known someone from Bogata and follow that up with positive comments. These volunteers and others like them send a positive image to more people than we can ever imagine. To the Bogata Fire Department and First Responders: Thank You for your time and devotion to our town and communities.

Sincerely,
WM. David Rozell

approximately \$20,000.00 per year using current retail sales figures. This tax would apply to persons from out of town making purchases in Bogata as well as local people. Therefore, all of the estimated income would not be paid by the citizens of Bogata. The tax would not apply to basic food items and items purchased for farm use. Most of the surrounding towns that we shop in already have this tax in place, so the money we spend there goes to benefit their cities. As an example of the individual costs, if you spend \$5000.00 on taxable items per year, it would cost you an additional \$25.00.

On Saturday, May 6, this issue will be decided by a small percentage of the registered voters of Bogata. Who do you want to decide for you? Go Vote FOR.

Neil Rozell

VOTE

ROLAND SCREWS

FOR BOGATA CITY COUNCIL

1. Continued Support for 24 hr. Police Dept. & Chief.
2. Continued Support for City Wide Clean-up of lots, houses and junk cars.
3. Continued Support for our Fire Dept. and First Responders.
4. Continued Review of our Tax and Water Rates and to their justification.
5. Continued Support of Street, Water and Sewer improvements

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YOUR VOTE FOR

JOHN HAYNES

FOR BOGATA CITY COUNCIL

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I believe it's a privilege to live in Bogata and I want to do my part to keep our community clean and safe for our families while to progress. We have some really great assets such as the volunteer fire department, the first responders and the police department. If elected city councilman, I will support these organizations and others that benefit the citizens of Bogata. As a taxpayer, I understand peoples concerns about law enforcement and police protection. I'm concerned about needed street repairs and maintenance. The following are a few facts about me:

I'm married to the former Mikel Williams. I have been employed with the Kimberly Clark for 16 years. I have 3 children - Micah - 11, Matthew - 9, and Mason - 4

Please Come Out to Vote Saturday May 6!

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ON MAY 6TH

VOTE FOR

GINA ALLEN

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- Search for ways to repair our roads**
- Put accountability back in City government**
- Be available to all the citizens of Bogata**
- Work with other council members to find grants & subsidies for all our services in an attempt to keep our taxes & bills from increasing.**

Your vote will be appreciated, but regardless of who you vote for, please vote!

Remember you have two votes.

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VFD Fish Fry is successful

The Cuthand Volunteer Fire Department held their annual fish fry and pie auction on April 19. Over 220 attended and were served fish and all the trimmings. An added attraction was the music of the Cuthand Bottom Boys, better known as Donna Jo Jessee, Stanley Jessee, Jim Purviance and Gary Cheatwood. Auctioneers Bobby Simmons and John Purviance sold over 60 pies and cakes during the auction.

Lacy Price of Carthage was the winner of the \$100 door prize. The fundraiser brought in \$11,136.50, earning the VFD an almost \$10,000 profit. The money will be used to help pay for the new truck purchased by the department. Everyone who donated their time, effort and money is greatly appreciated in making this year's fish fry the most successful ever.



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Class of 1990 is planning reunion

The Rivercrest High School class of 1990 is having their 10 year reunion on Saturday, June 17 at the Rosalie Community Center.

A hamburger lunch with all the trimmings is planned for noon with visiting, dominoes, cards, volleyball, horseshoes, washers and more planned for the afternoon.

All classmates are encouraged to bring their families and spend an afternoon reminiscing. Please RSVP to Tonya Hawkins at 379-5021 or Kevin Binion at 632-4623. The planning committee needs a count in order to prepare enough food.

Efforts have been made to contact all alumni of 1990, however, help is needed in locating the following:

- Amy Gladden
- Jason Lankford
- Bobbie Merchant
- Jeffery Paxton
- Brad Waller
- Royce Williams
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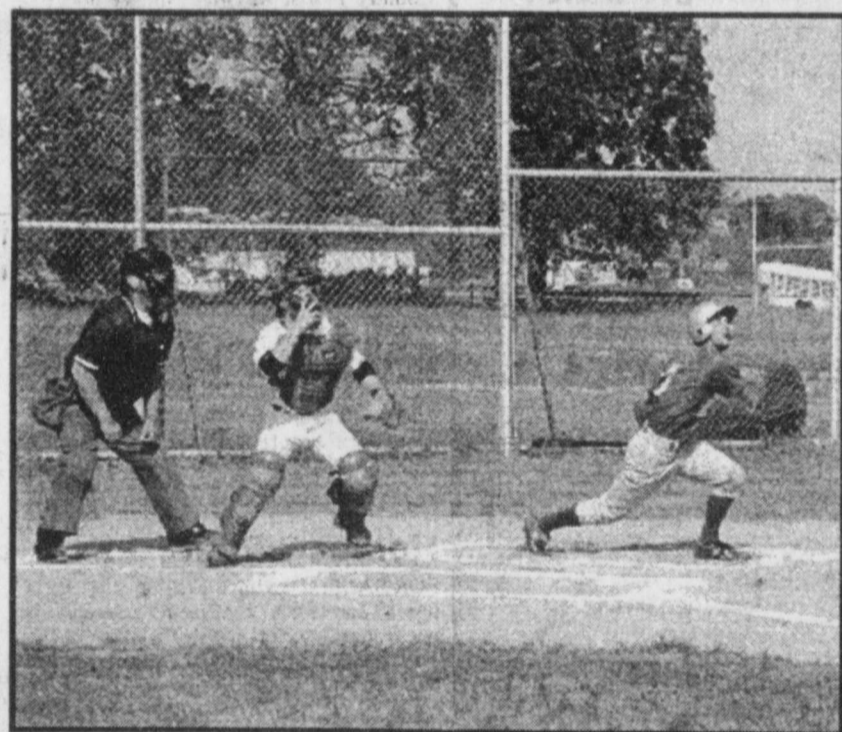
If you have any information about these ex-students please contact Krisit Purviance at 632-4469.

JOHNTOWN NEWS

By Jana Hawkins

Roger and Suzie Hawkins of Corupus Christi visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hawkins, on Saturday. They were here to help celebrate Gene's 81st birthday.

Have A Spring Weekend



LONG SHOT-This Rivercrest Rebel takes a look at his hit as does the umpire and catcher for the opposing team. The Rebels played their last game of the season at RHS on Tuesday of last week. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Something To Think About

Try this quiz:

1. Name the 10 wealthiest people in the world
2. Name the last ten Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last ten winners of the Miss American contest
4. Name eight people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize
5. How about the last ten Academy Award winners for best picture
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?
The point is, none of us remembers the headliners of yesterday. These are not second-rate achievers, they are the best in their fields. But, the applause dies, the awards tarnish, achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

- Here's another quiz:
1. Think of three people you enjoy spending time with .
 2. Name ten people who have taught you something worthwhile.
 3. Name five friends who have helped you in a difficult time.
 4. List a few teachers who have aided your journey through school.
 5. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you. Easier?

The lesson?
The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the credentials, but the ones that care.

After prom party held at Bell home

An after prom party was held at Regan and Rueanna Bell's home. Those attending played volleyball, basketball, ping pong and enjoyed watching movies.

The following were in attendance; Sam Stanley, Julie Smith, Bre'Ann Stroud, Brandon Bell, Jennifer Hays, Wendy Gentry, Joey Taylor, Coleman Brown, Megan Horn, Joey Hanna, Duree Williams, Molly Hare, Colby Guest, Kyle Stansell, Marlea Key, Clinton Cheatwood, Heather Suisar, C.A. Middleton, Kyle Mauldin, Ryan Case, Lance Black, Kim Ross, Jamie Andrews, Kim Exum, Sissy Meredith, Ashlei Moles, Cara Eudy, Jill Foster, Chase Collins, Jamie Daniels, Ryan Drew and Josh Griffin.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Deport
Texas Community Development Program
The City of Deport will hold a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. on May 8, 2000 at Deport City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Charles Foster, Mayor, at City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aides or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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BID PACKAGE: May be obtained with \$150 refundable deposit by contacting Brenda Elmore at Harrison, Walker & Harper, 800-442-8326 or John Thornbrough at Southwestern Blueprint Co., 972-250-1414 on or after April 28, 2000. Plans may also be viewed at Dallas Dodge Room (214-630-6111); Tyler Dodge Room (903-581-7466); or Longview CMD-AGC Plan Room (903-236-7979). Bidders may mail their completed bid proposal packages to Dr. Gary VanDeaver, Superintendent, Rt. 1, Box 253, Bogata, TX 75417, or deliver to Superintendent's Office, US Hwy. 271, Johntown, Texas. Fax bids are acceptable with original to follow. Fax: 903-632-4691 or 903-379-2047. Deadline for submission of bids is 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 2000. BID OPENING: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 2000. All bids must be properly marked with "Bid Proposal" and the project name, date

and time of bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. All bids shall remain good and may not be withdrawn for 30 calendar days.

GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Bogata is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for management, administrative, and planning services required by the City for implementation of the Texas Community Development Program. This project is being financed with Federal funds from a grant received by the City from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs under the Texas Community Development Program.

In order to be considered, proposals must be submitted prior to 10:00 a.m. on the 15th day of May, 2000. The City of Bogata is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and individuals or firms, submitting proposals will not be discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, mental or physical disability, marital status, parenthood or age.

The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all management consultants or firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

A complete Request for Proposal outlining services required by the City, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain copies of this Request for Proposal by contacting the person below:

Box 400
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Wallis Health Facilities Development Corporation (the "Issuer") will conduct public hearings (the "Hearings") at 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 19, 2000 in the City of Wallis, Texas, at the City Council Meeting Room at City Hall, 114 South Third Street, Wallis, Texas 77485 and at 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 19, 2000 in the City of Deport, Texas in the Administrative Office at the Deport Nursing Home, Highway 271, Deport, Texas 75435, on the proposed issuance by the Issuer of two series of health facilities development corporation revenue bonds (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 and will be issued for the purpose of financing the costs of acquisition, renovation and equipping of the Deport Nursing Home, a 102 bed nursing home facility located at Highway 271, Deport, Texas 75435, to be owned by the Trousdale Foundation of Deport, Inc. (the "Project").

All interested persons are invited to attend and express any comments that they have.

orally or in writing, regarding the proposed issuance of the Bonds and the Project to be financed thereby. Any interested persons unable to attend the Hearings may submit their views in writing to Mr. James Dibala, President of the Board of Directors, Wallis Health Facilities Development Corporation, 114 South Third Street, Wallis, Texas 77485, prior to the date scheduled for the Hearings.

This notice is published and the above described hearings are being held in compliance with the requirements of section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, regarding the public approval prerequisite to the exclusion from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds.

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT

The City of Deport is considering a proposed amendment to its approved 2000 Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to include water and wastewater improvements by modifying the performance statement associated with this contract. The activities included in this contract amendment request are proposed to be made concerning deleting the water lines as stated in the project application, by adding water line improvements to South Pecan Street and by adding the master lift station rehabilitation. Water beneficiaries include a citywide benefit. A public hearing concerning the proposed amendment is scheduled to be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 8, 2000 at the City Hall located in Deport, Texas. The purpose of this public hearing will be to discuss the proposed amendment and solicit citizen input on the proposed change in the scope of the City's 2000 TCDP project.

All citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and present their views to the city. Disabled individuals who might have difficulty in attending this public hearing should contact Donna Seale, City Secretary to arrange for special assistance. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact Donna Seale, City Secretary at City Hall prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. If you cannot attend in person, written comments may be submitted and will be accepted by the City of Deport, P.O. Box 354-A, Deport, TX 75435 until this public hearing is concluded.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review during normal business hours at City Hall address listed above. For further information concerning the City's 2000 TCDP project and/or this proposed contract amendment, please contact Charles Foster, City of Deport, P.O. Box 354-A, Deport, TX 75435 at 903-652-3875.



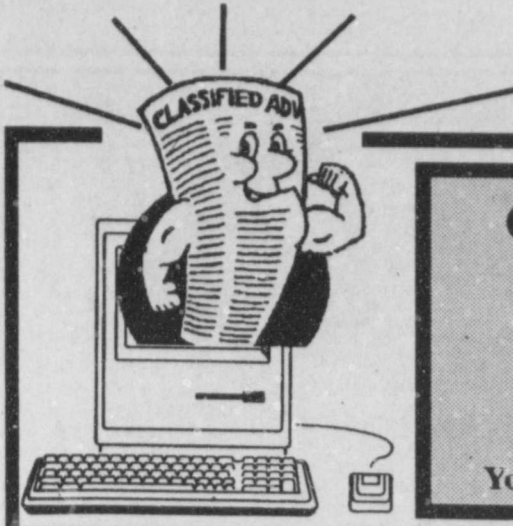
RALPH PARSONS-presented Mary Kathryn Cotten with a corsage and expressed the Talco Homecoming Committee's appreciation to her for all the work that she does with the group at the Homecoming program held Saturday, April 29, 2000. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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4-H SHOOTING SPORTS-team members are (front) Jarod Davidson, (middle from the left) Micah Upchurch, Amy Holt, Jennifer Nolen, Brandie Holt and Sheridan Jones and (back) coaches Ricky Holt and Jean Upchurch. The team traveled to Brownwood, Tx. for the District 4-H Shooting Sports recently. Jarod Davidson won 1st place Class C shooter. Amy Holt and Sheridan Jones tied for 7th and 8th place, Jennifer Nolen placed 14th, Micah Upchurch placed 15th, Jarod Davidson placed 16th and Brandie Holt placed 19th. The placing was of 380 participants in the meet.



THREE FINALISTS for the Rotary Four-Way Speech Contest spoke at a Rotary luncheon in Clarksville. Pictured left to right is Abbey Allen of Clarksville who received \$25 savings bond for third place; Phillip Rolan from Rivercrest was awarded a \$100 savings bond for first place and will advance to the regional competition; and Heather Smith of Detroit who received a \$50 savings bond for second place. (Staff Photo)

Class of 1950 meets

The Talco High School Class of 1950 met at Western Sizzlin' in Mt. Pleasant on Friday, April 28 for dinner and fellowship.

They met Saturday morning at THS campus with other classmates for the years 1937 through 1965 for more fellowship, program and lunch.

Attending were Bobby and June Watts, Sheeney Blalock, Ft. Worth; Claude Boyd and Jean Hanks Boyd of Mt. Pleasant; Neal Hahn and Betty Belcher Hahn, Pleasanton; Pierce and Ann Hendrix, Longview; Bill and Mary Blackmon, Ennis; James and Clara Warren, Weatherford; Donal and Geraldine Blalock Berry, Dal-

las; Bill and Opal Smith Albright, Garland; Gene and Norma Lightsey Harrell, Coppell; Ron and Noasha Adcox Nelson, Cottage Cove, MN; Edward and Judy Frye, Marshall; Everett Blalock, Seagoville; Betty York Puckett, Denton; James and Bonnie Dunagan Burkett, Houston; Flint and Bobbie Jones Hendricks, Arther and Patsy Smith, Laverne Joice Tower, Minerva Easterling Gentry and Robert Frye, all of Talco.

Class spokesman was Bobby Watts; memory books, Betty Puckett; name tags, Patsy Price Smith; activities coordinator, Minerva Gentry.

Homecoming will be July 1

Cunningham Homecoming will be Saturday, July 1 at the Community Center.

A barbecue meal will be served at 6 p.m. at the cost of \$6.00. You may make reservatins by sending money to Jane O'Neal, Rt. 1, Box 63-A5, Deport, TX 75435 or calling 652-6062 or call Pat Norwood at 652-2672.

Please call everyone in your family or friends that might be interested in attending.

Lady Pats Vball camp scheduled

The Lady Patriot Volleyball Camp will be held on June 5-8. Junior High Camp fee(4-7th grades) is \$50 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 8th grade and freshman camps will be \$35 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Campers will need to bring knee pads, gym shoes, cool, loose clothing and socks.

For more information, contact Coach Frankye Sessums at 903-982-5935 or 903-652-5681.

New Arrivals

Riley Dean Russell of Denison announces the birth of his sister, Allie Jean who arrived Wednesday, April 12, 2000 in Sherman weighing 8 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 20 inches long. She is the daughter of Greg and Tracy Russell and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell of Talco.

Huddleston DRAWING \$50 in Groceries Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

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