

Nichols
Worth



By Nanalee Nichols

It's Raining

Yes, yes, I know, it's raining. Yes, yes, I know, hay is getting wet, wheat can't be combined and people are getting tired of their grass growing faster than it can be cut.

I've been tempted to gripe about so much moisture several times lately, when I wanted to work in the yard, when Thomas needed to cut hay, or even worse, had cut hay and couldn't get it up.

But then I cast about in my memory and recalled what things were like only summer before last...and then all the way back to 1980.

I'd rather it rain. Do you recall what it was like then?

At the middle of June the ground was already cracked and dry. Tender crops were already turning yellow and wilted. Yards were dusty and thin.

Most important, the heat was already blistering with intensity.

Temperatures had hit 100 degrees several times, and were staying into the 90s even in the middle of the night!

There were so many power outages due to overloads it wasn't even vaguely amusing.

No, I'm not ready for that. I don't think anyone else is either.

July is coming up quickly, and it will be dry enough, hot enough and miserable enough for just about anyone except a native of the desert! So, keep on putting up with the rain, it's not so bad.

And just remember....there's not a single, solitary thing you can do about it anyway!! No fussing, no cussing, nothing is going to stop the rain, or start it up. It's all a beautiful part of the overall way the world works!



SIX DAYS before his accident 6 year old Aaron posed for his baseball picture.

June 20 services at

Theford Homes canceled

The church services and covered dish lunch previously planned for June 20, 2000 have been postponed.

The new date will be July 18, 2000 at 12:00 noon for a covered dish lunch with services following. Bro. Bill Pirtle will be the guest speaker. All residents, family and friends are invited to make plans to attend.

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Bogata Lions announce Frontier Day schedule

The Bogata Lions Club will sponsor the annual Frontier Days on Saturday, June 24, 2000. There will be something for all ages. The events of the day will be as follows:
7:00 a.m.-Free pancake breakfast
7:00-10:00 a.m.-Health Fair
8:15 a.m.-Coins in the sandbox
8:30 a.m.-Bobbing for apples
9:00 a.m.- all of the following events will begin; Moonwalk, Dunking Booth, Horseshoe pitching, Jail, sponsored by the Rivercrest Band

Boosters, Big Bottle Hoop Toss and Womens Nail Driving.
9:15 a.m.- Mens Nail Driving
9:30 a.m.-Womens Log Sawing
9:45 a.m.-Mens Log Sawing
10:00 a.m.-Turtle Race
10:15 a.m.-Terrapin Race
10:30 a.m.-Baby Crawl
10:45 a.m.-Sack Race
11:00 a.m.-Egg Toss and Tug-O-War for Men
11:15 a.m.-Mud & Money Scramble

12:00 noon-Duck Race
Special events of the day will be Train Rides, Craft Exhibits and at 6:00 p.m. a Rodeo Parade downtown Bogata.
Refreshments for the day will be sponsored by the Bogata Lions Club. Everyone is invited to come out for a full day of fun and to attend the final day of the Bogata Rodeo produced by Wing Rodeo Company of Bogata owned and operated by Gerald Smith and family.

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A Definition of Courage

Youngster faces up to eye injury with bravery

By Nancy Brown

Aaron Gage has been through a lot, but it hasn't daunted him. His is a true definition of the word "Courage." On a Sunny Day June 8, 1996 Aaron, then 6 years old, was outside doing what little boys are prone to do. The action changed his life. Aaron threw a rock at a glass juice bottle. The spring sun had fermented the juice the the bottle, and turned it into a bomb. A chunk of glass flew directly into Aaron's eye. He was taken to Titus County Hospital and then on to Children's Medical Center in Dallas, where Aaron's parents, Jon and Debbie, were told by doctors that they did not know if the glass had hit Aaron's retina. Glass can not be x-rayed, making it impossible to tell. However, the glass had literally cut Aaron's eye in half, which took 23 stitches to repair and a 4 day hospital stay. The Gages returned Aaron once a week for ultrasound on his retina until July 23, 1996 when doctors found a cataract which had developed from the trauma to the eye. Aaron underwent another surgery to remove the cataract and while he was under anesthesia, 21 stitches were removed, leaving only 2.

Aaron endured going back to Dallas every 2 to 3 weeks and was considered legally blind. During this time doctors saw no improvement. Aaron was looking through a vertical line plus scar tissue. So, the doctors decided to give him a clear window in which to see from and hopes of saving his eye by putting him on the cornea transplant list in December of 1996. Then, Aaron and his family could only wait.

In March of 1997 Aaron got his transplant. He went into surgery with 20-200 vision and after recovery his vision improved to 20-100. Another surgery was done to remove the stitches holding the new cornea in August of 1997.

Jubilation was short lived, however, for in December of 1997 the worst happened, Aaron's retina detached and doctor's told the Gages their options. #1 they could try to reattach the retina or #2 they could remove the eye. Like any parents would, Jon and Debbie decided to get another opinion before making such a huge decision. They took Aaron to Shreveport, LA, to see doctors there but received the same report as their Dallas doctors had given them.

In January of 1998, after choosing to try and save Aaron's eye, another

surgery was performed to reattach the retina. It was unsuccessful. The doctors said there was just too much scar tissue and the retina HAD been hit originally. What the doctors had done was drain the eye of its vitreous fluid and attach a band which squeezed the eye into an hour glass shape, allowing them to see the retina and work on it. But, what they saw was lots of scar tissue which was the cause of the retina detaching. The eye was filled with a silicone type oil based material to get it back to it's original size and the Gages were told it could be months or years before the eye would have to be removed. They expressed hopes of keeping the eye because of the growing stage. A person's whole face grows around its orbital area of the eye socket. If one eye side is smaller the face will not grow on that side.

Aaron was watched closely and between September and October of 1999 after nearly 2 years doctors noticed shrinkage and the Gage's were told it was time to remove the eye. The surgery was put off until the Christmas school break and on December 22, 1999 the eye was removed. A sphere of calcium was inserted into the muscle and sewn up. The sphere resembled a moth ball and was porous to allow blood vessels and tissue to grow and attach to it, becoming a part of the body. Since it was attached to the muscle, the ball moved when Aaron moved his eyes. It took up space and gave something for the artificial eye that was yet to be placed in to hold on to. The Gages were told the artificial eye would not be round like the eyes of years ago but would be oval in a half circle shape. The key now was to watch for infection or the sphere rupturing.

On January 30, 2000 after the healing process was complete, doctors released Aaron who is now 10 years old. On that same day he saw Randy Trawnik, who made his new eye. They spent from 10:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. getting the eye made. Randy started with the iris of the eye, painting in blues, blacks and browns, a process which Aaron watched closely. Trawnik melted what looked like a crayon, actually wax sticks, and let it drop on the eye, forming the white of the eye. Aaron was sent for a 2 hour break while finishing was done and when he returned his eye socket was held open and filled with a latex material to make a mold. Randy told him his new eye must fit "like a glove". Aaron continued to watch the process

and when Randy stuck his paint brush in some bright yellow paint he asked, "What you gonna do with that color?" He was told by Randy, "This is your money maker." At the top of the new eye Randy painted a round yellow dot. He then cleaned his brush and dipped it into black and carefully wrote at the top of the eye, AKG 1-2000 and added a smiley face to the yellow dot. The actual purpose of the smiley face is so Aaron will know which side of his eye goes up when it is cleaned once a month. (Aaron does hate the cleaning process.)

When Aaron looks down far enough you can see his smiley face and Randy told him, "Now you go to school and bet all your friends 25¢ that you have a smiley face on your eye, that's where the money comes in, your'e gonna collect!" Another break and a clear coat added to the eye and Aaron returned for his eye fitting. It was great, Randy had done a wonderful job of matching and all looked well.

One month later Aaron returned to have his new eye checked and any fine tuning done. The iris was made smaller and the eye larger to help keep his eye lid open. The adjustments have been fine and Aaron will return to see Randy this month. He will return 1 time a year until he is 18 years old or has stopped growing. Then he will receive an adult eye.

The turmoil for this family is indescribable but through it all Aaron has been steadfastly courageous. After receiving his eye Aaron had an adjustment period. He ran into walls, hit his head on the faucet when brushing his teeth or washing his face and ran into mirrors on trucks when walking by. His depth perception was a chore to master, but, he has done it. He is back doing what all little boys like to do. He played Little Dribbler basketball and is playing summer league baseball where he wears sports goggles to protect his good eye. He also wears glasses for eye protection only. His sight in his good eye is perfect and Aaron's future is as bright as the smile on his handsome face. Aaron is a sandy blond-headed youngster with a smile for everyone, something that must not have always been easy since that fateful day in 1996.

Aaron is the grandson of Bonnye and Blanton Gage, both long-time employees in the Talco-Bogata School System. Bonnye is a teacher and Blanton recently retired from the maintenance department.



OLD MODEL-This trumpet belonged to Dane Sorrells who was a member of the Bogata municipal band from 1904 to 1908. Mr. Sorrells' granddaughter, Betty Allen Hurt of Plainview donated the trumpet to the Bogata Public Library/Museum. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Donation received by Bogata Library/Museum

The Bogata Library/Museum has been very fortunate in receiving memorabilia for the museum. One of the items received was trumpet still in its original case which belonged to Dane Sorrells. Mr. Sorrells was a member of the Bogata Municipal Band from 1904 to 1908. His granddaughter, Betty Allen Hurt of Plainview, donated the trumpet to the museum. The Municipal Band of Bogata was organized in 1904. Interested citizens joined and brought their own instruments. They gave concerts at

the park and other places. The members were of ages 14 to 40+. Folks came from the surrounding area to enjoy the band concerts. The band was in existence for 4 years.

The trumpet along with many other interesting items from Bogata's past may be viewed on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy, plus pick up an interesting book from the library.

Council passes Crime Control tax, postpones truck ordinance

The Bogata City Council met Monday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. for a workshop before the regular council meeting at 7 p.m. They discussed some of the issues of the city, including delinquent taxes, road, truck ordinance, uniforms for employees, financing for the police car, etc.

At the meeting, council and approximately 26 citizens heard reports from staff members, and Life Saving awards were presented to Officer Booker and Officer Hoskins by Councilman Randy Kennedy, in the absence of Chief Clegg, for their life saving efforts on May 5 after being dispatched by Red River Sheriff's Office to 210 N. Howison St. in reference to a 911 "choking victim" call.

Council voted to adjust a water bill due to a broken line. They passed a Drought Contingency Plan Ordinance and tabled action on a Cross Connection and Backflow Prevention Ordinance.

They approved an ordinance to appoint a municipal judge and appointed Michael Garretson as judge at a salary of \$200.00 per month until the budget can be reviewed for the year beginning October, 2000.

Council approved an auditing contract with Arnold, Walker & Arnold, P.C. for year ending 9/30/2000, at a cost of \$5,700. They voted to pass an ordinance to levy the one-half cent Crime Control sales tax in the City, which will begin October 1, with the City receiving its first payment in December, 2000.

Council passed a resolution appointing Mayor Jack Crane as the new representative to Ark-Tex Council of Government Board of Directors replacing former Mayor, Michael Garretson.

Council heard from Ms. Sherry Tarrant of Gary R. Traylor & Associates, and approved a contract with GRT for grant management services for the City's 2000 Texas Community Development Program. Gary R. Traylor & Associates has been instrumental in helping the City obtain six major grants since 1989, totaling \$1.3 million dollars.

There are some questions on the recently passed Truck Ordinance, so the Council agreed not to enforce the ordinance until corrections can be made at the next meeting.

Fallen tree causes outage

Texas-New Mexico Power Company reports there was an hour interruption of electrical service to parts of Talco, Bogata and Deport last week which affected 16,061 customers.

The interruption in service was caused by a fallen tree which hit the TXU transmissions lines between the

Clarksville and Rivercrest substations.

The inconvenience was unavoidable and with the heat of summer on its way Texas-New Mexico will make every effort to supply its customers without interruption.

Clean-up June 15-16

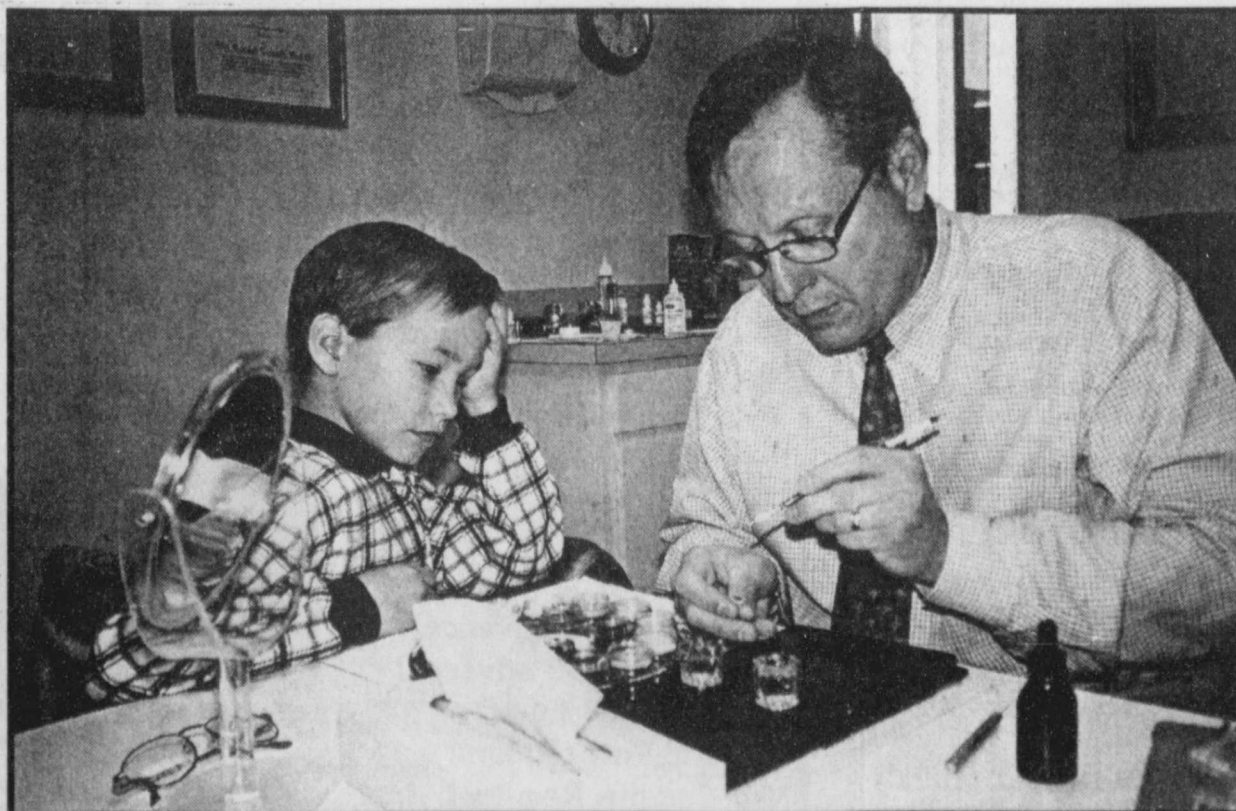
Clean-up days for citizens of Bogata will be Thursday, June 15 and Friday, June 16.

The City employees will be picking up large items on those days. You can also bring large items to the dumpster behind City Hall on Saturday morning, June 17. Call 632-5315 by Thursday, June 15 at 5 p.m. to get

your name on the list for the pickup. Remember, no hazardous waste, no paint, no oil, no tires, no batteries, no refrigerators or air conditioners or anything containing freon unless freon has been removed and appliance is tagged by a licensed technician, and no leaves or yard waste.



THROW ME THE BALL-Today, Aaron Gage is doing what normal youngsters do. Without knowing Aaron's story there is really no way to tell that he has an artificial eye.



WHO GETS TO WATCH their eye being made? Aaron Gage recently spent a day getting his "new" eye made after a series of events led to the loss of his eye. Randy Trawnik paints Aaron's eye while the youngster watches

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin
http://tpp.1starnet.com/



This week's cook come to us from the Pattonville-Deport area. She is Sandra Couch. Sandra and her husband Wayne have been married for several years and have three grown children and seven grandchildren. All of the kids graduated from Prairiland High School. Vickie is married to Ronnie and they live in Paris. They have two sons, Matt and Dillon. Vickie manages Vickie Ballard Insurance Company in Paris. Kim is married to Paul Helms and they live in Roston. They have two children, Hannah and Madison. Wayne Jr. is married to Jill and they have three children, Riley, Olivia and Easton. Wayne is a doctor and has his own practice in Rawlins, Wyoming. Sandra is employed at Merico and has been for the past nineteen years. She enjoys working outside and cooking. Her father was a minister and he and her mother always took food to the ill and confined when they visited in the community. Sandra watched her grandmother in the kitchen and learned from her as well as her mother and enjoyed preparing meals for the family. She collects recipes and is currently compiling family recipes and those of her own to contribute to a family cookbook. Kim and her family are involved with the Roston Fire Department and are currently establishing a First Responders and they are also collecting recipes to make a cookbook to raise money for the de-

partment. Maybe when they get it prepared, they will give a chance to preview some of the recipes in our column. Sandra has given us some different recipes this week and they sound delicious. We appreciate it and we will see you in the kitchen!

Corn Tortilla Quiche-Sandra prepared this for her co-workers and they all gave it unanimous thumbs up!

Chocolate Brownie Cobbler-this is supposed to be a cobbler, not brownies! Whatever... you know its good! It has chocolate!

Party Punch-excellent for showers, brunches and any occasion. Right before serving, add Sprite!

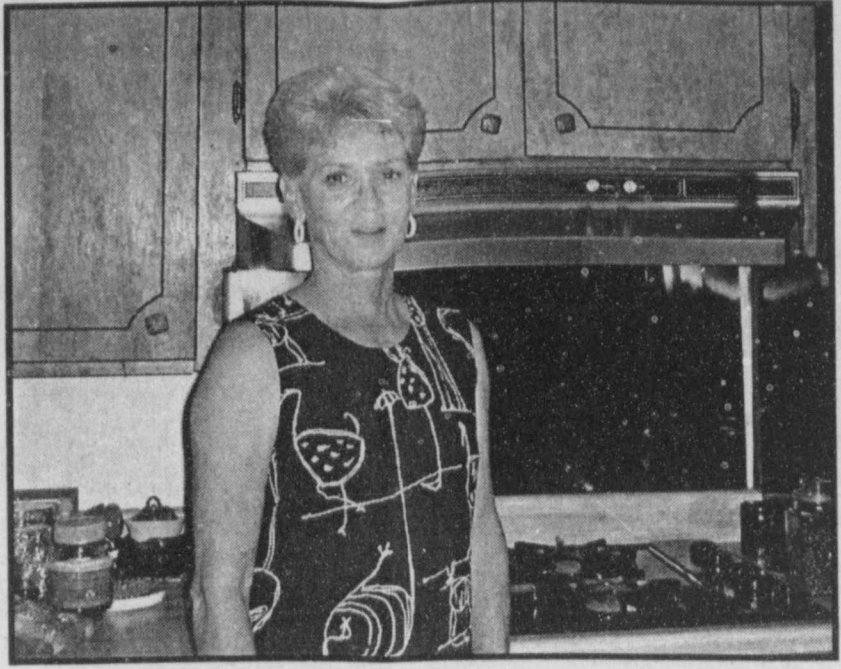
Chimichangas-Sandra says that this recipe is a little work, but is well worth it! It sounds like it!

Chili Blanco Especial-for a quicker recipe, you may use canned Great Northern beans. Results will be the same.

Coconut Cake-this recipe has got to be a major calorie counter!...and sounds wonderful!

Make-Ahead Mashed Potatoes-Sandra said that when she asks what she needs to bring to a family or social gathering... this is the recipe everyone asked for.

Peach Rum Jam-this recipe is really good and she says to use only fully-ripe peaches for this...it adds to the flavor!



COOK OF THE WEEK THIS WEEK is Sandra Couch of the Deport-Pattonville area. She enjoys cooking and working outside and is a 19 year employee of Merico. (Staff Photo)



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.
*The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will throw a cake walk at the Bogata Frontier Days from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Members are asked to please bring their cakes before 10:00 a.m.
*The Fourth of July meal will be fried catfish with all the trimmings this year. Make plans to come and join in for good food and fellowship beginning at 12:00 noon.
*Get Well Wishes are extended to June Killen, Wanza Sheffler, Melvin and Daphney Pointer, Georgia Hudson, Mildred Eudy, Betty Spencer, Betty Mullins, Bea White and Georgia Miller.

Fulbright News
By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Visitors of Jimmie King and attending homecoming at the center were Patsy Hawley of Sweetwater and son, Brad Hawley of Austin. William Earl Stevens of Arlington was a visitor over the weekend with his sister, Katie and Clovis VanDeaver and he attended the homecoming and class reunion party. Betty Rodgers attended homecoming on Sunday at the center and later in the evening attended family visitation at Naples Funeral Home with Monte Rodgers and Melissa Arriaga for their friend, Dinah Thomas of Omaha. Betty and Melissa attended the funeral Monday in Omaha United Methodist Church. The gospel group "New Dawning" of Quitman will be at the Fulbright Baptist Church Sunday evening instead of the regular service. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy this special event.

People spend a great deal of their time preparing for things. We save money in order to buy a house, start planning and shopping for Christmas presents sometime a year in advance, we plan ahead so that we will be financially able to do things so we can better afford them. But more often than not, we never think about planning for our funerals until we are faced with death, and sometimes it catches us unprepared. To save your family the financial stress of paying for your final expenses, start preparing today. A prearrangement guarantees that your expenses are taken care of; that your family will have one less responsibility at the time of your death; and that your funeral service can be handled according to your wishes. The James Wood Family will be happy to answer any questions that you might have, so start preparing today.

Wood Funeral Homes
The James Wood Family
Bogata 632-5614 Deport 652-3195

Card of Thanks
To all my wonderful family and dear friends. I don't know what I would have done without you. All that wonderful food, flowers and help, in my time of need. And all that help from the Wood Funeral Home, Jack and Jackie Crane and Stan and Sandy Wood, Father Anthony Alphonse, I could go on and on. Don't know how I can ever repay you. All my love and thanks, Mrs. Rose Despres

Card of Thanks
Thanks for all the prayers, delicious food and beautiful flowers sent to us in the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to Jackie Clark of Millennium Home Care, Dr. Wilbur Simmons, Rev. Don Shovan and Dr. Hayden. Thanks also to Clarksville Funeral Home and all the casket bearers, Gleason Black, Billy Don Hays, Joseph Glass, Mike Murphy, Dale Hines and G.A. Hines. We appreciate all of your kindness and love. The Coy Hastings Family

Card of Thanks
The family of Kenneth Mayes wishes to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has shown our family so much love and support during our time of loss. Your kindness will always be remembered. The Family of James Wells

Obituaries
Robert E. Westbrook dies June 7
Robert E. Westbrook, age 70, died Wednesday, June 7 in Cleburne. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday at Mountain Valley Chapel in Burleson with burial in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas. Mr. Westbrook was born March 30, 1930 in Deport. He died at his home surrounded by his family and friends. He was a loving husband, father, son and brother. Even in sickness, Bob never lost his wonderful sense of humor, kindness and love of God. He was a member of King Memorial United Methodist Church in Whitney. He was a member of the American Legion and the Air Force Sgt. Association. Surviving are his wife, Nancy Westbrook of Cleburne; sons, Michael and his wife, Ginger Westbrook of Keller, Dennis Westbrook and family of Arkansas; a daughter, Cathy and her husband, Steve Guess of North Richland Hills; a brother, Paul and wife, Dartha Westbrook of Lubbock; sisters, Adeline and husband Roy White of Lewisville, Debbie and husband Jim Hooper of Joshua; eight grandchildren and a number of uncles, a nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the Community Hospice of Texas, 1208 W. Henderson, Cleburne, TX 76031.

No matter how much you feed a wolf, he will always return to the forest. —Russian Proverb

July 15, 2000
Sandra Couch-Pattonville

Corn Tortilla Quiche
3/4 pound pork sausage
5 corn tortillas
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup chopped green chilis
6 beaten eggs
1/2 cup whipping cream
1/2 cup small curd cottage cheese
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro or parsley
Cook sausage until no longer pink; drain. Place flour tortillas into a 9-inch greased pie plate; overlapping and extending 1/2 inch beyond rim. Place remaining tortillas on the center. Layer with sausage, the two shredded cheeses and green chilis. Combine eggs, cream, cottage cheese and chili powder; slowly pour over chilis. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until center is set and puffy. Sprinkle with cilantro or parsley. Cut into wedges.

Chocolate Brownie Cobbler
4 sticks real butter
12 ounces mini chocolate chips
4 cups sugar
8 eggs
1-2/3 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
2-1/2 cups pecan pieces
Melt together butter and chips; set aside. Mix sugar, eggs (one at a time and stir very good), flour, vanilla and pecans. Mix chocolate into egg mixture; adding a little at a time until all is mixed together. Pour into greased large glass pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Edges will be crispy and middle will be soft. Serve with ice cream.

Party Punch
1 large can pineapple juice
1/2 gallon sherbet (your choice)
1-2 liter Sprite
1 can creme of coconut
Combine all together in given order.

Chimichangas
1 package stew meat
1-1/2 cup water
2 cloves garlic-minced
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon vinegar
2 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cumin
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Simmer all until meat is tender with lid on pan. Take lid off and cook until water boils down and then shred meat. Wrap meat mixture in flour tortilla like envelope and deep fry.

Chili Blanco Especial
1 pound dry white northern beans or 4 cans
5-1/4 cups chicken broth
2 cloves minced garlic
1 large white onion-chopped
1 tablespoon ground white pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon oregano
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
17 ounces can diced green chilis
2 cups diced chicken breast
1-3/4 cup chicken broth
1 tablespoon diced jalapeno pepper flour tortillas
Monterrey Jack cheese
Combine beans, broth, garlic, onion, pepper, salt and seasonings. Cook until beans are tender. Stir in remaining ingredients and simmer for 1 hour. Line each bowl with tortilla and sprinkle with cheese and ladel bean mixture on top.

Coconut Cake
1 yellow cake mix
2 cups sour cream
2 cups sugar
6 ounces flake coconut
Cool Whip
6 ounce package frozen coconut
Prepare cake as directed on package in either bundt pan or layer cake pans. While cake is cooling mix sour cream sugar and 6 ounces of coconut. If layer cake is used, split layers and place mixture between layers. If bundt pan is used pour on top and in middle. Then frost with Cool Whip and put another 6 ounce package of frozen coconut on top of Cool Whip. Keep in fridge.

Make-Ahead Mashed Potatoes
5 pounds potatoes
1 stick butter
12 ounces cream cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
several dashed nutmeg
Boil potatoes in usual manner and beat with electric mixer when done. Add butter, cream cheese, sour cream, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Pour into heavy buttered dish, cover with saran wrap and refrigerate overnight. Bring to room temperature and heat in oven uncovered until bubbly.

Peach Rum Jam
3 pound fully-ripe peaches(4 cups)
1-3/4 ounce package fruit pectin
5 cups sugar
1/4 cup light rum
Combine peaches and fruit pectin in a very large pan. Place over high heat and bring to a full rolling boil; stirring constantly. Immediately add all sugar and stir; again bringing to a full rolling boil and boil hard for 1 minute. Remove from heat and stir in rum; skim off foam and stir and skim for 5 minutes to cool and prevent fruit from floating. Dip into hot scalded jars. Seal at once. Makes 6-1/2 pints.

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Amy Lynn Lewis with fiance Joe Chad Martin

Lewis-Martin to wed

Dennis and Janice Martin of Bogata announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Joe Chad Martin, to Amy Lynn Lewis, daughter of R.D. and Carol Lewis.

Amy is a graduate of Borden County High School in Gail and Ailene Christian University. She is employed as a Regional Marketing

Director for Sun Bridge Healthcare in Dallas. Chad is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and Austin College. He is a Health Services Manager with Concentra Medical Center in Ft. Worth.

The couple will be married July 8 at 1:00 p.m. at Farmers Branch Church of Christ.



Raney Garret Cortez

3rd birthday celebrated

Raney Garret Cortez celebrated her 3rd birthday on Saturday, May 27, 2000. The party was held at her grandparents home, Nelda and Gerry Screws in Bogata. A barbecue supper was served and afterwards everyone enjoyed birthday cake and watched Raney Garret open all her gifts.

Those attending were Raney Garret's parents, Jaime and Kelly Jean Cortez, grandparents, Nelda and Gerry Screws, Delores Cortez, great grandparents, Leon and Claudine Gable, Sandy Moreno, Rusty Screws, Ricky, Caryn and Caleb Daniels, Elanie and Vandy Morgan, Misty, Landon and Lexi Earley, Deanna, Lacy and McKynzi Harper and Mike and Dianne Williams.

Kennedy graduates from A&M

Robert Kyle Kennedy of Bogata received his diploma during spring commencement ceremonies at Texas A&M University in College Station. Kennedy graduated with some 4,500 Texas A&M University graduates with a BBA in marketing.

Party to honor Audrey Warren

The family of Audrey Warren would like to invite all of her friends and neighbors to a come and go birthday party at the Regency Nursing Home in Clarksville on Saturday, June 17 from 2 until 4 p.m.

Mrs. Audrey was born June 16, 1910. She has been a friend and neighbor to the Lone Star community for years.

Mrs. Audrey requests no birthday presents, please.

Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and Senators and Congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

Kids on Electronics to be offered at PJC

Sponsors and teachers are getting equipment ready for the Electronic Camp, part of the College for Kids program at PJC. The hands on electric camp will hold classes for kids 7-11, 12-14 and 15-18. Scholarships are available for participants.

For information, call 903-782-0447.

Cunningham Homecoming is July 1st

Cunningham is gearing up for their annual Homecoming July 1st. The event will be at the Cunningham Community Center.

A barbecue meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$6.00. Reservations can be made by send-

ing money to Jane O'Neal at Rt. 1, Box 63-A5, Deport, Texas 75435 or calling 652-6062 or by calling Pat Norwood at 652-2672.

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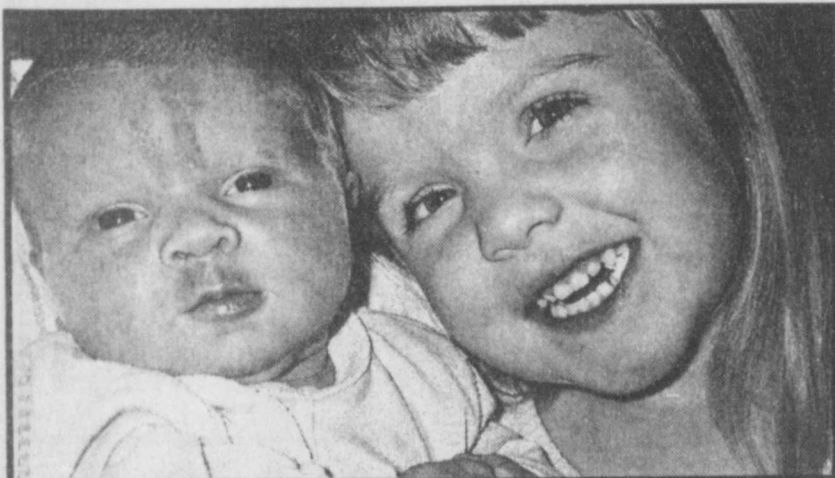
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Seniors, 2000 honored May 23

The parents of the Rivercrest Seniors, 2000 hosted a hamburger supper and swim party at the home of Regan and Rue Anna Bell in Fulbright on May 23, 2000.

Those attending and enjoying the evening from swimming to volleyball and of course, eating were; Philip Rolen, Ryan Case and family, Kara Morgan and family, Courtney Jordan and family, Sam Stanley and family, Mitchell Jean and family, Jill Foster, Brandi Randle, Sissy

Meredith and family, Wendy Gentry, Coleman Brown and family, Cody Wolfe and family, Craig Eudy, Jason Thomas, Kaylan Bell and family, Scotty Goodwin, Nicole Hervey and family, Daniel Vasquez, Jimmy Forsyth, Ashley Moles, Leanda Bass, Brandon Bell and family, Bubba Abernathy and family, Erin Stansell and family, Josh Griffin and family, Bryce Watkins and family and Coach Jeremy Abshier.

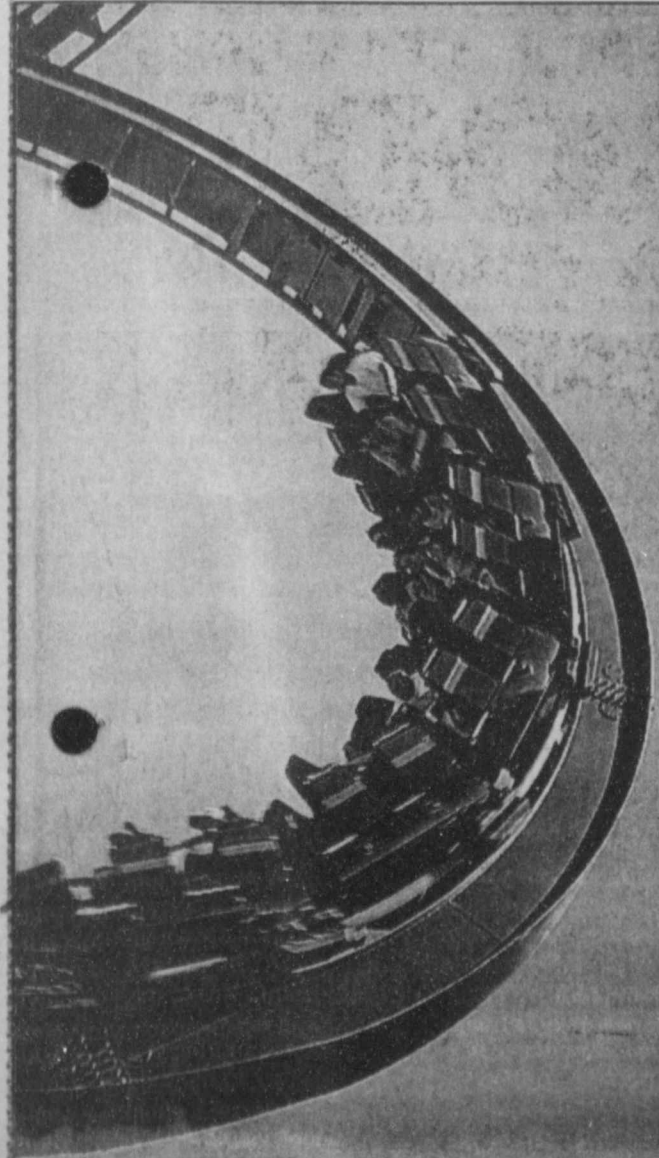
Neeley's to chair McCuiston Gala

Charlie and Fran Neeley have been selected to serve as co-chairmen for this year's McCuiston Endowment Fund Gala. The event has raised in excess of \$1 million to benefit the long term needs of the hospital and patients.

The theme for the October 7 event bears an international flair, "From Paris to Peking". Event coordinators are underway designing a most wonderful evening for guests from the

decorations to the delicacies served through the evening. Over 600 guests are expected to visit Love Civic Center, home for the past six years.

While this event is some four months away, inquiries have begun to surface for tickets and early reservations. Send inquiries to McCuiston Gala, 865 DeShong Drive, Paris, 75462-2097 or call 782-0224.



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Bogata Locals

Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson and Quinton enjoyed eating at the Golden Corral in Paris Saturday.
Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris visited last week with their grandparents, Donald and Judy Screws and Aunt Tana.
Happy June Birthday to; M. A.

Anderson, Kaley Stringfellow, Rue Anna Bell, Paul English and Andy Speir.
Monday, Donald and Judy Screws and Chris Anna and Jerred were in Dallas on business.

Brandon Bell celebrated his 18th birthday

Red River County Sheriff's Report
June 4-10

June 4: Reckless driving on CR1425; family disturbance in Detroit area; report of trespassing.
June 5: Report of assault; estray on CR3300; inmate released on three bail bonds; inmate released on bond.
June 6: Criminal mischief in Kiomatia; male arrested on offense of public intoxication and resisting arrest; civil matter in Avery; harassment in Rosalie; male arrested and transported from Springfield, MO on warrant, revocation of probation, burglary x2; female arrested on Lamar County warrant, theft by check; theft in Bogata; female arrested on assault family violence Class C; male arrested on assault family violence Class C.
June 7: Report of prowler 2x's; minor accident in Bagwell; animal complaint north of Clarksville; suspicious person on CR3212; report of minor accident on FM114.
June 8: Report of family disturbance in Bogata; male arrested on Panola County warrant for violation of community supervision on driving while intoxicated; reckless driving on Hwy. 82 east of Clarksville; abandoned vehicle; female arrested on

charge of abandoning and endangering a child state jail felony, possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram state jail felony; criminal mischief on FM114; suspicious vehicle in Annona.
June 9: Six Bowie County inmates released to Bowie County for transport to TDCJ; six Bowie County inmates transported to county jail for housing; burglary in Annona; cattle complaint on Hwy. 82 east of Clarksville; suspicious vehicle on Hwy. 271 south of Bogata; theft of cattle in Annona; burglary of habitation in Annona; one Fannin County inmate transported to county jail for housing; burglary of habitation on CR2235; male arrested on charges of driving while license suspended and driving while intoxicated; abandoned vehicle in Little Chicago; male reported for weekend commitment.
June 10: Minor accident on Hwy. 82 west; intoxicated driver on FM44 south; report of harassment; assault north of Clarksville; family disturbance in Avery; suspicious vehicles on Hwy. 82 west and FM2573.
Red River County Jail currently holds 61 inmates..

Bogata School summer library program set for Tuesdays in June

The Bogata School library will be open during June every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in checking out a book may do so including adults and preschoolers. Students of Bogata School will be allowed to take Accelerated Reader tests also.
Each Tuesday, storytime will begin at 2:30 p.m. and last approximately 20 to 30 minutes. It is not necessary to stay the entire 2 hours just to check out books and enjoy storytime. On Tuesday, June 6, the children watched a video "Arthur Makes The Team". The library offers a good selection of "Arthur" books. On June 13, Mrs. Amanda Barnard was at the library for storytime.
On June 20, Kathy Stringfellow will read for those attending and on the last Tuesday, June 27, 2000, Mrs. Sylvia (Canfield) Leggett will present a program on her trip to Africa.
This is an excellent time to expose preschoolers to the school and they are welcome. Preschoolers should be accompanied by an adult or older sibling capable of handling them.
Watch Bogata News for further announcements. For more information contact Elanie Morgan at 642-4218.

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Cunningham News

By Jane O'Neal

Cunningham Homecoming will be July at the Community Center in Cunningham. A catered meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.. You may reserve tickets for the meal by mailing \$6.00 per person to Jane O'Neal, Rt. 1, Box 63-A5, Deport, TX 75435 of call 903-652-6062 or you may call Pat Norwood at 903-652-2672. Please tell all your family and friends.
Pat and James Norwood had Sunday lunch for Todd, Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole and Brenton Norwood.
Ericka Norwood, Lacy Cole, Johnna and Jenna Patterson attended the Volleyball clinic held last week at Prairiland.
Velma Cox attended the 70th wedding anniversary of Walker and Willie Devlin on Sunday.
Bobbie and Clyde Slusher visited Lorette Pynes in McCuiston Hospital and Marie Watson in Sterling House on Thursday. They visited Buster Scales in Cherry Street Manor and Leona Williams in St. Joseph's on Monday.
Lynda and Stephanie Reagan of Plainview spent Thursday to Sunday with Silas and Juanita Taylor. On Saturday night, Sheldon and Ann Lee and their granddaughter Amanda Harvey of Plainview visited them. Mattylu Upchurch of Milton also visited them. Elvis Wright visited them over the weekend.
Lillian King spent Saturday night with Leonard and Billie Ford.
Visiting Marie Watson this past week were Neva Oats, Nelta Musgrove, Geneva Norwood, Dean and Ada Watson, Brad Watson and friend Rachel.
Georgia and Billie Joe Oats had Sunday lunch for Neva, Billy Ray Oats and Georjeana and Brad Nutt.
O'Neal and Weston Drinnon, Logan and Layton Norwood, Aaron Palmer and Spur Norwood attended the basketball clinic in Paris High last week.
Jane O'Neal had Sunday lunch for Sue and Murray Jackson, Janee and Kenzie Jackson, Karla, Kara and Aaron Palmer and Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton, Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood and Brad Barrintine. Joining them for supper were Billy Ray and Neva Oats and Georjeana and Brad Nutt.
Nelta and Johnie Musgrove had Sunday lunch for Marie Watson, Dean and Ada Watson, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, and Zariska and Shane Morton. Joining them for supper were Lynn and Betty Holman from Durant OK.
Pam Rickie, Hailey and Mattie Norwood were in Mesquite on Saturday where Hailey played in a softball game.



MARY KATHRYN COTTEN-presented the Bogata Book Club award to Stephanie Williams as Principi, Bill Mabry and Librarian, Linda Gray look on Thursday at the annual end of year awards program at Bogata School. Stephanie received a dictionary from the club. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lwanda and Pete McKnight had Sunday lunch for Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson, Connie McKnight, Cindy, LeeDon Raena Barnett and Charles Michael Williams.



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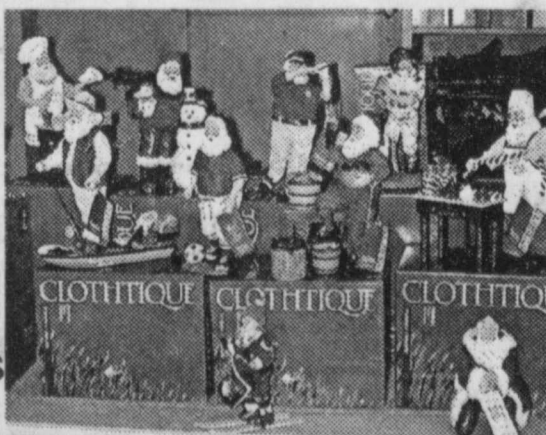
BOGATA STARS-(9 & 10 year old girls) softball team members and coaches this season were; (front) Angela Douthitt and Brittany Walesiak; (middle from the left) Kaley Stringfellow, Hailey Screws, Keri Taylor, Callie Anderson, Jessica Jessee, Haley Bivins, Alison Mauldin, Kaimbri White and Brittany Littrell and (back from the left) coaches Sandra Mauldin, Stanley Jessee and Roland Screws.



BOGATA HEATERS-T-Ball team members and coaches this season were; (front from the left) Joshua Newsom, Colby Howard, Dakota Ward and Rob Ward; (middle from the left) Nicholas, Kellen Stringfellow, Krystal Dill, Aaron Eudy and Stormi Tully and Coaches James and John Newsom.

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RIVERCREST SENIORS-and guest pose for the camera as they celebrated their graduation with a hamburger, swim and game party hosted by their parents at the home of Regan and Rue Anna Bell in Fulbright on May 23. The students will be missed at RHS next year.

JMBC Ladies Auxiliary meets

Eight ladies attended the June meeting of the Jhohntown Missionary Baptist Church Ladies Auxiliary held at the church. The group discussed and made plans for Vacation Bible School on July 29. Fundraisers were discussed. A bake sale will be held at the bank on July 23 and a car wash will be held soon after. Cookbooks are completed and will be coming soon to be sold for \$8.00 each. Offering was taken and the meeting opened and closed with prayer.

Attending were Johan Turpin, Jana Hawkins, Robbie Hawkins, Kathy Hawkins, Lee Hood, Gwendolyn Bowen, Joyce Cox and Billie Pirtle.

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Victor Cox has story published

Local man gets story published

Vic Cox, known as Smilin Vic from Mustang Creek, a resident of Red River County, has recently had a story published in a national pet magazine. The April/May issue of Petfolio featured "Every Boy Oughta Have a Chicken!" Vic is a freelance writer and western artist who lives, as he likes to say, near Mustang Creek with his wife, Pat (Kay) Cox, his son Dustin and all the mosquitoes, whose names are too numerous to mention here.

Most of Vic's work has appeared in the form of commercial art. He began an Art Service in 1986, contracting from a publishing firm, drawing and painting commissioned por-

traits, and designing business cards. Most local people are not aware that two of Vic's designs are very familiar to them. They are displayed on signs, brochures, ads, jackets, caps and even semi-trucks. One is the silver hawk with black background which is the logo of Steve Hawkins, "Hawk Installation". The other is the log of Bret Thomas Auctions, "Have Gavel Will Travel".

Currently, Smilin Vic's country humor can be found at www.titus-county-insite.com. A new story and cartoon is featured each month. The current story is "Ol Yowler, Grandpa's Huntin' Cat"

Have A Nice Weekend

Co-ed softball tournament to be held

The Talco Blue Jays, girls softball team ages 11 & 12 will sponsor a co-ed softball tournament on June 24, 2000 at the Talco ball field.

The tournament will be recreational and anyone who wishes to play may come and join a team if they are not on one. The fee is \$5.00 per player and the first place team will receive tee shirts for up to 12 players.

Concessions will be provided and the young ladies of the team will be running the event from concessions to score keeping and field umpiring.

To enter a team call Nancy Brown at 379-4445 or Patsy Smith at 379-2970. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the day. Proceeds from the event will go to pay for the girls uniforms and end of season party.



2000-2001 REBEL FLAG CORP.- members pictured with Band Director, Clayton Taylor are; Laci Edge, Kristy Riffle, Pearl Ponthieux, Melissa Waller, Jonandrea Crane and Misty Tucker. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Second annual basketball camp to be held at RHS beginning June 19

The Rivercrest Boys Basketball will have their second annual basketball camp beginning on Monday, June 19, 2000 and ending on Wednesday, June 21.

The camp will be for boys entering the third grade in the 2000-2001 school year to boys entering the eighth grade in 2000-2001. It will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon daily with awards and assembly being held after the last session.

The camp fee will be \$25 per boys and each camper will be given a T-shirt. Coach Steve Weddle will instruct the fundamentals of basketball, organize and run drills in passing, shooting, rebounding and defensive play. Sign up and paying fees may be done on the first day of camp or campers can pre-register. For more information call Steve Weddle at Rivercrest High School 903-632-5204 or 903-632-4717.



20 YEAR AWARDS-receiving plaques of recognition for 20 years of service to the Rivercrest ISD at the annual end of year breakfast held May 26, 2000 were Maxine Scott, Vincent Lum and Jamie Huddleston. Mr. Lum is leaving Rivercrest this year and will be serving as Principal in Alison, Tx. next year. He is wished well and will be missed by the staff, students and community. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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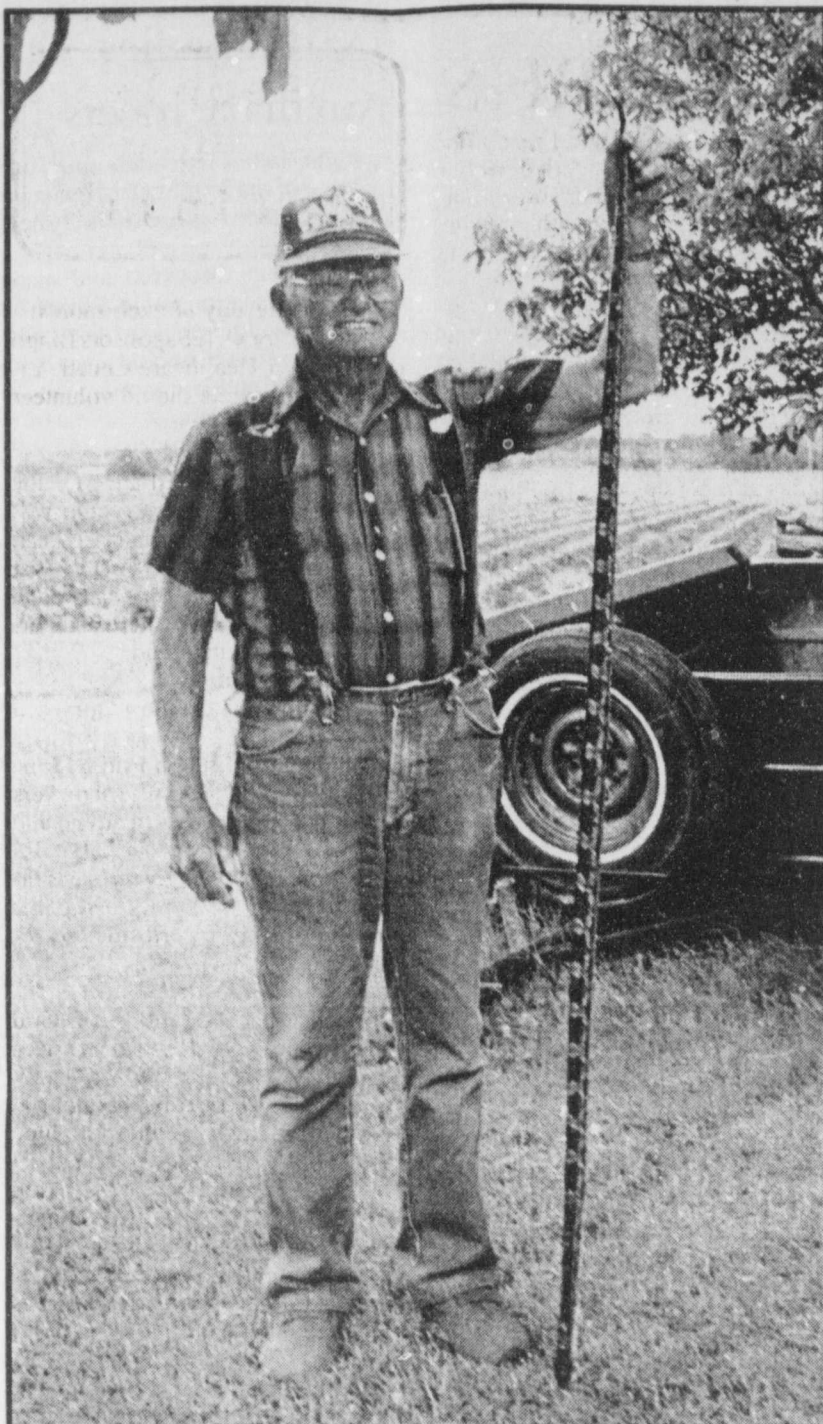
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LLOYD FORD - a neighbor of Crystal and John Davidson killed this snake (a water moccasin or fish snake) in his yard shortly after Crystal being bitten by one of the same type.



CRYSTAL BELL DAVIDSON - was struck 3 times by this water moccasin (better known as a fish snake) while stepping on to her parents front porch recently. Her father, Regan Bell, killed the snake and rushed both Crystal and the snake to the hospital in Clarksville. Crystal is reported doing fine after a frightful experience. But, the next week on two different days her father killed a snake in her laundry room and one in her garage. Crystal will be very careful this summer since she seems to be attracting the legless intruders!

Ranch Estate Planning seminar is August 6-7

Estate taxes are a major problem for ranch owners--and their heirs. Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an attorney with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will hold a ranch estate planning seminar on August 6-7 in conjunction with the annual beef cattle short course. The seminar will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 6 and conclude at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 7 at the Hilton in College Station.

Topics to be covered will include wills, living trusts and powers of attorney. Most of the time will be spent

on income and estate tax saving plans for ranching families. Irrevocable trusts, generation skipping trusts, bypass trusts, property ownership, community/separate property, special use valuation for ranches, partnerships and corporations will be discussed.

Fee for the course is \$100.00 per person including seminar materials, snacks and a lunch on Monday and refreshment breaks. For information, call 979-845-2226, or FAX 979-847-9374.

Marla Williams receives scholarship

Marla Williams of Bogata has been awarded a scholarship from the department of psychology and special education at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Williams and is a 1997 graduate of Rivercrest High School.

Snake charm or curse?

Crystal Bell Davidson was stuck 3 times by a member of the Nerodia snake family (better known around here as a fish snake) while stepping onto her parents front porch in the Fulbright community recently. Her father, Regan Bell, killed the snake and rushed both Crystal and the snake to the Clarksville Hospital. Crystal was sick for several days but is doing fine after the frightful experience. This type of water snake is not poison, such as the cotton mouth, but will bite, is very aggressive and will make you very sick sometimes due to the little fine teeth they leave in your skin after biting.

The next week, on two different occasions Regan killed a snake in Crystal's laundry room and one in her garage. Poor Crystal, has she an unknown snake charm? Or, is it just bad luck to have the legless wonders found so often in her vicinity?

John and Crystal's neighbor, Lloyd Ford, also killed a snake of the same type in his yard and later while John

and Crystal were doing yard work, they spotted another one. It was 5 1/2 feet long and as big around as a baseball. John tried to run over it with the lawn mower, but, the snake crawled up the mower toward him! Crystal screamed (like that would help) and John, doing the tough guy thing, jumped off the running mower letting the snake have it. The snake not being a good driver promptly hit a tree.

Mr. Ford heard the commotion and rushed over to help. The (chicken snake, even though he was a fish snake) had wrapped itself around the motor on the lawn mower. Mr. Ford and John pulled the snake out and quickly made snake burger of it.

The Davidsons have gone for a while now without finding or seeing any of their unwelcome guests. They also request of everyone in or around their area, "If you see a snake and don't kill it, please don't scare it in our direction!"

Class of '90 reunion is upcoming

On June 17 at the Rosalie Community Center, the Rivercrest Class of 1990 will hold their ten year reunion.

A hamburger/hot dog lunch will be served at noon followed by an afternoon of visiting, playing horseshoes, washers, dominoes and volleyball. Bring your whole family for an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

Classmates are urged to contact Kevin Binion at 632-4623 or Tonya Hawkins at 370-5021 to give a count of how many in their family will attend so that preparations for the food can be made.

The Class of 1990 would also like to invite the Classes of 1989 and 1991 to stop by during the afternoon to visit.

Work still continuing to get Lamar County classified with Dallas MSA

Classification is crucial to area health care

Work is continuing to keep CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System (CSJHS) as part of the Dallas Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) for the fiscal year 2001, and to get McCuiston Regional Medical Center (MRMC) included in the Dallas MSA, according to Tony Hawthorn, CEO of Texas Health Resources.

In a press conference Friday, June 9th, Hawthorn said that Congressman Max Sandlin, Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison were all being very supportive of this effort.

The provision of quality healthcare has been the mission of CHRISTUS St. Joseph Health System and McCuiston Regional Medical Center since their inception.

If CHRISTUS St. Joseph's were to lose their Metropolitan rating, the projected loss to the facility would be \$3,134,569. This designation deals with Medicare Geographic Reclassification, and affects how Medicare reimburses the facilities.

McCuiston has not had Medicare Geographic Reclassification, but it clearly employs and recruits staff from the same labor market as CSJHS and the Dallas MSA.

Some of the contributing factors in this issue are:

CSJHS and MRMC offer a number of unique services that make them similar to large urban hospitals. Both facilities must also compete with the large urban hospitals for the highly professional and skilled personnel to staff these programs.

Some of the exclusive services provided by CSJHS are:

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Some of the unique services provided by MRMC include:

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Provides the area's only dedicated Pediatric Unit.

Provides the area's only Level II nursery.

Provides the area's only comprehensive wound care center.

Women's Health Resource Center serves as a resource to all women for information and speakers on women's health topics.

The Magnetic Resonance Imaging unit is the only hospital-based unit in the service area.

Diagnostic cath lab with interventional peripherovascular services.

In addition, both hospitals offer Radiology Department with: Spiral Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT scan), Nuclear Medicine, Special Procedures Room and non-

invasive vascular lab. Medicare designates both hospitals as "Rural Referral Centers".

At CSJHS 64% of their patients are Medicare patients, and at MRMC 52% of their patients are Medicare patients.

The percentage of the population in their service area over the age of 65 is almost twice the average for the State of Texas, and significantly above the average nationally.

Paris is unique geographically in that with a population of 25,000+ (46,000 in Lamar County) it is the largest community within a 1-1/2 hour drive in any direction. It is estimated that 180,000 people in northeast Texas and southeast Oklahoma are provided with health service at the two facilities.

Officials are asking that Lamar County, Texas be reclassified into the Dallas MSA for purposes of reimbursement under the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Letters may be sent to Congressman Max Sandlin at 214 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Room 204, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510 and Senator Phil Gramm, Room 370, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Getting this reclassification will enable health care, especially for the poor and under served, to continue without the severe restraints loss of the designation would cause. Without it the financial impact on the county and surrounding area will be great.

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Annual end of year breakfast held at RHS

The Rivercrest administration, staff, school board members and guest met Friday, May 26 for the annual end of year breakfast. Following breakfast and prayer led by Bill Mabry, Dr. Gary Van Deaver called the meeting to order. He welcomed the group and gave special recognition to the cafeteria ladies who had cooked the meal. He also recognized the board members present, Eddie Brown, Mark Hare, Jimmy Via and Joe Rose and the Talco/Bogata News reporter, Nancy Brown. He stated that the staff should get start their relaxation time as soon as possible because the summer's just keep getting shorter. The school break this year is only 8 weeks. He called principals Keith Brown, Kelly Stansell and Bill Mabry to the podium to present awards.

Receiving a plaque in recognition of 5 years service in the Rivercrest ISD were Stephanie Wright, Lisa Via and Robbie Beville of the Talco campus. Joan Mabry, Kenny Swinford, Jerry Perry and Mr. Gray of the Rivercrest campus and Kristi Purviance of the Bogata campus.

Receiving a plaque in recognition of 10 years service in the Rivercrest ISD were Mary Jane Savage and Sandra Parsons both of the Talco campus.

Receiving a plaque in recognition of 20 years service in the Rivercrest were Maxine Scott and Jamie

Huddleston of the Bogata campus and Vincent Lum of the Rivercrest campus.

A special presentation was made to Kay Kennedy who is retiring this year. Kay began work in the system in 1971. She, herself, is a graduate of Rivercrest and has been a vital part of the system serving as teacher, principal and counselor. She will be greatly missed next year. Other staff who will not be returning next year are Vincent Lum who will be going to west Texas as Principal at Alison, Mr. Raines who will be going to Mt. Vernon as Elementary Principal and Coach Jeremy Abshier who will be going to a 3A school in south Texas. All of these will be missed in the communities and by students and staff.

Mr. Van Deaver expressed appreciation to the staff members who participated in the annual golf scramble. He, short of bragging, introduced the winning team of Ginger Foster, Steve Weddle, Don Easterling and himself.

He reported that the TAAS testing in all schools went well this year and the expectation is Exemplary for all 3 campuses even though the results are not back yet. Dr. Van Deaver contributed the good testing to good students, parents, teachers and the support given by the community. He said, "I know you all think appreciate

is my favorite word, but, I really do appreciate all the hard work done by our students, parents, staff and school board. Be it academic or athletic our students strive to achieve and their support system is great".

Dr. Van Deaver reported on Wednesday bids were accepted on the new elementary which will cost 4 million plus. And the fencing was to begin that day. He reported the purchase of 20 acres of land from TXU which is in line with the gym to the south. Equipment should be moved in and dirt work began next week. He stated that any action will stir excitement again in the staff and students. In giving all the staff a say in the new building he asked that each following the program come up and place a vote for the color brick to be used with the present color brick on Rivercrest and to vote on a blue roof, gray roof or other. He showed the group the 3 types of material that could be chosen from, granite gray, dark brown and dark red. He warned the group when choosing a roof color to keep in mind we don't want to look like a fast food restaurant.

In closing he encouraged all to stop by the board room in the office and view the plans for the new buildings which will be built as functional as possible and encouraged all to attend the graduation ceremony to be held on the football field at 8:00 p.m.

People 'n Things

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

First Mondays
NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) Consumers meeting will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church located at 4th and Madison in Mt. Pleasant, Tx. All interested persons are invited to attend.

June 16
The Johntown Country Opry will be held on Hwy. 271 in Johntown (at the old Dodd Store) on Friday, June 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. All pickers and singers are invited to attend and perform. There is no charge but donations are accepted. Everyone is invited to bring the family and come out to enjoy music performed by local artist.

June 18-21
The Talco Assembly of God Church will hold Revival services beginning Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service and then nightly beginning at 7:00 p.m. through Wednesday, June 21. Everyone is invited to attend.

June 19-23
The Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church will hold Revival services June 19 through June 23 beginning at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Everyone is invited to attend.

Notice
Alcoholics Anonymous beginning in July will meet on every Wednesday only at 8 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rec. Room in Clarksville. Everyone is Welcome.

Expanded Classifieds....

Public Notices

INVITATION TO BID

The Commissioners Court of Red River County is accepting bids for one 1986 Ford dump truck. This vehicle can be seen at Precinct #1 Barn in Bogata during regular working hours. Bids must be received by the County Auditor's Office by 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 26, 2000. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and mark bid. At that time, the bids will be opened and read publicly. Action on the bids is then at the discretion of the Commissioners Court. The Court reserves the right to refuse all bids and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the County.
6-15

ESTRAY

On the 5th day of June, 2000, I impounded the following estray: One 7-year old red Limousin cow, approximately 750-800 lbs. Brands, marks, identifying characteristics: Disfigured right ear, and on the 5th day of June, 2000, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Red River County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Red River County, Texas, for the owner of said estray and contacted local owner of exotic fowl but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 28th day of June, 2000, said estray will be sold at public auction/Sheriff's sale at Paris Livestock Commission.

Witness my hand this 5th day of June, 2000.
Robert L. Edrington, Sheriff
Red River County
Darlena Shimpcock
6-15

INVITATION TO BID

The Commissioners Court of Red River County is accepting bids for a Motor Grader for Precinct #2. Needs to be a 1986 or newer, Cummins Diesel, 152 h.p., 8 spd. trans, power shift, articulated, enclosed glass cab, heater, good tires, scarifiers, and a 14 ft. blade. Bids must be received by the County Auditor's Office by 9:30 a.m., Monday, July 3, 2000. Bids must be marked "bid". At that time, the bids will be opened and read publicly. Action on the bids is then at the discretion of the Commissioners Court. The Court reserves the right to refuse all bids and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the county.
6-22

INVITATION TO BID

The Commissioners Court of Red River County is accepting bids for Precinct #1 for single and double course asphalt road resurfacing. Course surface shall be constructed as follows:

Single Course Surface Treatment	Quantity Per Square Yard
Prime (MC30)	0.20 Gallons
AC10 or CRS-2P	0.35 Gallons
Aggregate (Type B Grade 3)	1 Cubic Yard/90 square yard

Two Course Surface Treatment (In Addition to Single Course)	Quantity Per Square Yard
AC10 or CRS-2P	0.35 Gallons
Aggregate (Type B Grade 3)	1 Cubic Yard/90 Square Yards

The amount of the road to be surfaced with a single course is 16,544 square yards. The amount of road to be surfaced with the second treatment is 2816 square yards.

Bids items shall be given as per bid sheet. The single course treatment complete in place, (includes prime, asphalt and cover stone.) The double course (includes asphalt, cover stone and for all manipulation, labors, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete the work.) Bid packages may be picked up at the Red River County Auditor's Office, 200 North Walnut, Clarksville, Texas. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked bid. Bidders will be required to put a 5% bid bond or a cashier check for 5% of the total job. The County Auditor's office must receive bids by 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2000. At that time, the bids will be opened and read publicly. Action on the bids is then at the discretion of the Commissioners Court. The Court reserves the right to refuse all bids and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the County.
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NOTICE

The City of Detroit will hold a public hearing on the budget on July 10, 2000 at 6:45 p.m. at City Hall in Detroit.
6-22

PUBLIC NOTICE

Detroit I.S.D. is now accepting bids on bread and ice cream. Deadline for these bids will be June 29, 2000 at 12:00 noon. Bids will be opened at the July 10, 2000 board meeting. If you have any questions, you may contact Mary Ann Hoskins at 903-674-6131. Please submit bid proposals to Detroit I.S.D., Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, TX 75436.
6-22

Mutton Bustin' to be held at Bogata Rodeo

Mutton Bustin' will be held during the Bogata Rodeo June 22-24. All contestants must be 6 years old or younger. Sign up will be held at the rodeo on Thursday and Friday nights.

To enter your child be at the south entrance to the arena at 6:30 p.m. All contestants will receive a trophy and

the top 10 contestants from Thursday and Friday will compete in the finals rodeo on Saturday night for the prize of a trophy buckle.

Entries will be limited to 10 each night and release form must be signed by a parent or guardian.

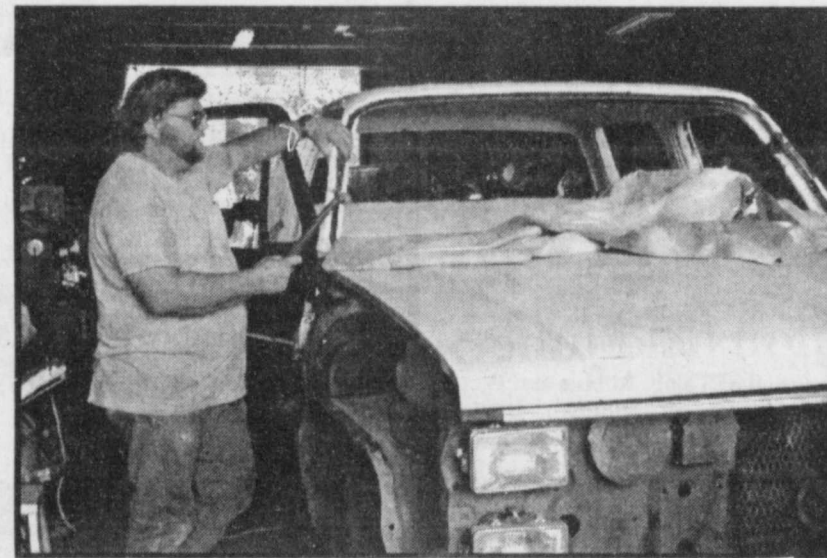


The word boondocks comes from the Tagalog word *bandok*, which means mountains. Tagalog is the native language of the Philippines.

Health Fair to be held at Frontier Days in Bogata

Everyone is invited to come to the Health Fair on June 24, 2000 beginning at 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Bogata Frontier Days held at the Bogata Community Center.

The event will be sponsored by the Bogata Lions Club and served over 200 people last year. The group hopes to have as many or more this year.



NEW BUSINESS- William Brown has opened an automotive and body repair business on Gable street in Bogata across from the Armidillo Kwik Korner. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Red River County
Crime Stoppers
903-427-TIPS

Sometime between June 5 and 6, an unknown party cut the lock to an entrance gate to the Circle C Ranch. The gate provided access to several barns. One of which is used to service equipment on the ranch. The equipment barn was burglarized, and some of the equipment was damaged. There was a sprayer parked outside the barn that was also damaged. Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of the parties responsible for this, or any felony crime. You can earn up to \$1,000 without having to testify, and you will not be identified. Call 427-TIPS or 427-8477.

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T-Ball invitational tournament to be hosted at Talco June 16-17

The Talco Baseball/Softball Inc. will host the annual boys T-Ball invitational tournament on Friday evening and Saturday, June 16 and 17.

Friday's games will begin at 6:00 p.m. Admission will be \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 per student. Children 4 and under will be admitted free.

Thus far teams from Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Vernon and an All Star team made up of Talco and Bogata boys

will compete. At press time the other teams invited had not replied.

There will be trophies given nightly for boys hitting home runs and an All Tournament player will be chosen from each team represented. Every boy who participates will receive a medallion and the first place team will receive trophies.

Come out and enjoy the youngest players on the field.



In the Middle Ages, you were supposed to throw eggs at the bride and groom.

FOOT NOTES



PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

Peripheral nerves carry signals from the central nervous system to muscles, skin and internal organs. Peripheral neuropathy occurs when this process is injured or damaged. In many cases, a person first feels the effects of peripheral neuropathy in the hand and feet. Weakness and numbness occur along with a tingling, burning pain. The ability to sense vibration on how arms and legs are positioned may become impaired, and people often feel unsteady on their feet. Patients risk burning themselves and often develop open sores or ulcers on their feet due to continuous friction or pressure that they cannot sense. Peripheral neuropathy may occur due to underlying conditions, like diabetes, kidney failure, alcoholism, malnutrition or the use of certain medications.

If your feet hurt, it's important to find out why. Following diagnosis, it's then time to formulate a treatment plan which may consist of medication, orthotics, surgery, exercise or even a change in foot wear. Many foot problems evolve over time, from improper shoes, age, slow growing medical conditions, physical stress, and muscular imbalance. If your feet hurt, it's important to communicate with your doctor. Now is a good time to schedule an appointment for family foot care at DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC for relief. Call us at 784-5585 for an appointment.

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P.S. When doctors diagnose peripheral neuropathy and determine its cause, treatment to repair peripheral nerves is often successful.

The world of funeral service is constantly changing. Many of family owned funeral homes have given way to corporations that for whatever reason fail to give the individual service that has long since been the trademark of the funeral industry. Casket stores & burial societies have tried to place the emphasis on ways of saving you money with no thoughts to service and the personnel that provide them. Long after a funeral is ended it won't be the type of casket or how nice the funeral home was decorated that will be remembered by the family. What will be remembered is the caring service offered by a compassionate staff that allowed the family to express their grief in a way that was healing for them. That is something that you can't put a price on--something that cannot be discounted.

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Keitha Gillis honored with shower/pounding June 11

Keitha Gillis, bride-elect of Chad Chalupa, was honored with a pounding and miscellaneous bridal shower on Sunday, June 11, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Bogata. Special guests for the occasion were her mother, Jerri Marie Daniel and her grandmother, Dorris Parker.

The register table was covered with a white linen cloth overlaid with lace and held a picture of Keitha and Chad. The table featured a votive cup which held a purple candle accented with purple flowers and greenery.

Guests were served refreshments of cookies, nuts and sherbert punch from a table covered with a white

linen cloth and featuring a gold trim mirror accented with orchid and purple flowers and six votive cups with orchid and purple candles.

Hostesses, Amy Day, DeLoouisa Kays, Misty Gage, Tana Guest, Ginger Jones, Janice Martin, Nancy Puckett, Dee Richardson, Kay Ross, Vicki Tabb, Lillian Taylor, DeShauna Williams and Dianne Williams presented Keitha with an orchid and purple corsage and a comforter, bed ruffle, sheets, pillow cases and pillow shams to match.

The couple received a lovely array of gifts.

Books in memory donated to Rivercrest High School library

The following books were donated to the Rivercrest High School Library during the 1999-2000 school year:

God's Little Devotional Book for Graduates-in honor of Katie Hare by the Mark Hare family.

American Thunder-the Garth Brooks Story by Jo Sgammato-in memory of Kathy Walker Ewing by the Mark Hare family.

The Illustrated History of Stock Car Racing, by Don Hunter and Al Pearce-in memory of Kathy Walker Ewing by Paula Speir.

Brett Favre by the editors of Beckett Publications-in memory of Kathy Walker Ewing by Ginger Foster.

Arms & Armor of the Medieval Knight by David Edge and John Miles Paddock-in memory of Ennis Moore by Paula Speir.

Silver Wings: a History of the United States Air Force by Walter J. Boyne-in memory of Ennis Moore by Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nolen.

WWII Air War: the Men, the Machines, the Missions-in memory of Ennis Moore by Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Fowler.

Ghostly American Places by Arthur Myers-in memory of Joshua Lance Belcher by Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Fowler.

Merle Haggard's My House of memories for the Record by Merle Haggard and Tom Carter-in memory

of Joshua Lance Belcher by Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nolen.

The Sport News Selects Football's Greatest Players by Ron Smith-in memory of Joshua Lance Belcher by Leah and Brittany Bull.

The Rock Says...by the Rock and Joe Layden-in memory of Joshua Lance Belcher by Paula Speir.

Walking on Borrowed Land by William A. Owens-in memory of Travis Hale by John, Larann and Dru Denison.

The Wooden Horseshoe by Leonard Sanders-in memory of Joshua Lance Belcher by John, Larann and Dru Denison.

The Good Old Boys, The Day the Cowboys Quit, The Manhunters, The Man Who Rode Midnight, Stand Proud, Wagontongue, The Wolf and the Buffalo, Dark Thicket, all by Elmer Kelton and Look to the River by William A. Owen-in memory of Joshua Lance Belcher by Keith, Karen and Ashley Mankins.

Another Part of the House by Winston M. Estes-in memory of Cecil Stockton by John, Larann and Dru Denison.

The Edge of Time by Loula Grace Erdman-in memory of Cecil Stockton by T.J. and Margaret Fowler.

Titanic: Legacy of the World's Greatest Ocean Liner by Susan Welsh-in memory of Joshua Lance Belcher by Morris, Ginger, Jill and Alison Foster and Bill and Joyce Buckman.

Cooperstown:Baseball's Hall of Fame by Lowell Reidenbaugh- in memory of Ennis Moore by Mark and Debbie Hare, Katie, Molly and Sarah.

Baseball's 25 Greatest Moments by Ron Smith-in memory of Joshua Lance Belcher by Mark and Debbie Hare, Katie, Molly and Sarah.

Walking with Dinosaurs by Tim Haines-in memory of Cecil Stockton by Boyd, Kay and Josh Griffin.

America's Special Forces by David Bohrer and Visual History of the Twentieth Century by Terry Burrows-in memory of Ennis Moore by Jessie and Bob Carmichael.

The Sackett Brand by Louis L'Amour-in memory of Joshua Lance Belcher by Crystal and John Davidson and LaTonya and Jarod Miller.

Ride the Dark Trail by Louis L'Amour-in memory of Joshua Lance Belcher by Regan, RueAnna and Brandon Bell.

Frontier by Louis L'Amour-in memory of Joshua Lance Belcher by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Denny Whitley.

The Book of 1,000 Poems-in memory of Audrey Rodgers by the Mark Hare family.

The Hope by Herman Wouk-in memory of Cecil Stockton by the Mark Hare family. Gratitude is expressed to each one who has contributed to the library at Rivercrest High School this year.

Type O blood supply is depleted

Stewart Regional Blood Center is in a state of emergency due to increase usage. Officials are reporting the supply of type O blood has been depleted.

To donate you must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. Donating is simple, takes about 30 minutes and a life is saved in the process.

Please bring your current driver's license.

In addition, free tissue typing will be available at SRBC in recognition of the National Marrow Donor Program throughout the month of June. For information, call 903-535-5409.

Stewart is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:30 until 1:30.



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Two cowgirls are vying for Bogata Rodeo Princess title

Haley Bivins and Franny Galyean are in competition for the title of "2000 Bogata Rodeo Princess".

The two young ladies will be selling advance tickets to the rodeo in an attempt to win the title.

Both contestants will be judged on their personal interview and appearance, which will count for 25% each toward their total; in addition to their total ticket sales, which will count as 50% toward their total in determining which young lady will be crowned the new princess.

Haley is the seven year old daughter of Jeffery and Marina Bivins of Bogata. She will be in the second

grade at Bogata Elementary School this fall. Haley may be contacted at 632-0200 to purchase rodeo tickets.

Franny is the 10-year old daughter of Larry and Teresa Galyean. She will be in the fifth grade next year at Bogata Elementary School. Franny may be contacted at 632-9535 to purchase rodeo tickets.

The Bogata Rodeo will run Thursday through Saturday nights at the Bogata Rodeo Arena. Performances will begin nightly at 8:00 p.m. Rodeo parades will kick off the Thursday and Saturday performances in downtown Bogata at 6:00 p.m.

Humane society to hold fundraiser

The Red River County Humane Society will hold an "all you can eat" fundraiser on Saturday, June 24 at the Dairy Queen in Clarksville.

The event will be an all you can eat biscuits and gravy contest with

the prize being a VCR. Entry fee for the fundraiser is \$10.00 with sign up at the DQ. Everyone is invited to support this very worthwhile cause by having fun at the Dairy Queen.

Hervey family reunion held June 3

The Hervey family reunion was held June 3, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center.

Those attending and sharing a wonderful day were; Barbara Wooley and Memorie Gongaley of Edmond, OK., Lousie and Bill McGee of Randlett, OK., Bonnie Matsuda and Jean Heitz of Florida, JoAnn and Don Cline, Nettie Hervey of Burkburnet, Aline and Bernie Huber of Mineola, Jeff and Jennifer Simons of Mesquite, Ronda Wilson of Garland, Peggy and Harold Hervey, Dennis and Cheryl Wooten, Clayton

Blagburn all of Dallas, Billy, Kathy, Ryan and Amanda Page of Garland, Myra Wooten of Queen City, Michael and Sharon McGee of Ft. Worth, Doris Hervey, Kristin Hervey, Hanna Hervey of Paris, Doug and Betty Blagburn of Charleston, Ina Jean Lewis, Jordan Smith, Robert Jones, Jeremy Jones, Patty Jones, Terry

Jones all of Talco, Bobbie and Wendell Hervey of Johntown, Beulah Flemings, Mary Ann Williams, Opal Conway, Bob and Billie Hervey and Debbie Williams of Bogata.

NOTICE OF TNMP'S APPLICATION TO INCREASE ITS FIXED FUEL FACTOR AND IMPLEMENT AN INTERIM SURCHARGE OF FUEL COST UNDER-RECOVERIES

TEXAS-NEW MEXICO POWER COMPANY ("TNMP") hereby publishes notice that it filed on June 5, 2000, with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") an APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS FIXED FUEL FACTOR AND IMPLEMENT AN INTERIM SURCHARGE OF FUEL COST UNDER-RECOVERIES pursuant to the provisions of 36.203 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") and P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.237. The changes made by this application will be subject to final review by the Commission in TNMP's next fuel reconciliation proceeding. This application affects only the fuel portion of the rates charged by TNMP for electricity in Texas and has no effect on TNMP's non-fuel base rates.

Increased Fixed Fuel Factor
 TNMP seeks approval to increase its fixed fuel factor effective July 5, 2000. The proposed increased fuel factor is calculated to recover fuel and purchased power costs for a projected rate year of July 2000 through June 2001. The proposed fuel factors are as follows per kilowatt-hour (kWh):

Fuel Cost Factors	Proposed Factors
Overall Fuel Cost Factor	\$0.0221612/kWh
Distribution Voltage Fuel Cost Factor	\$0.0222951/kWh
Transmission Voltage Fuel Cost Factor	\$0.0210306/kWh

Surcharge of Fuel Cost Under-Recoveries
 TNMP also seeks authority to implement an interim surcharge in the amount of \$24,671,304 effective September 1, 2000 on bills of its Texas retail customers, consisting of the under-recovered fuel and purchased power costs as of the end of March 2000 and interest through the period the surcharge is made. TNMP proposes to make the surcharge during the period from September 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001 for all customers.

All of TNMP's Texas retail customers to which fixed fuel factors apply are affected by the requested surcharge. The amounts surcharged will be subject to final review in TNMP's next fuel reconciliation before the Commission.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Texas New Mexico Power Company at:
 4100 International Plaza, Suite 800
 Fort Worth, Texas 76109
 817-737-1336

A complete copy of this petition is available for inspection at the address listed above.

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call toll-free at 888-782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may call 512-936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) at 1-800-735-2989.

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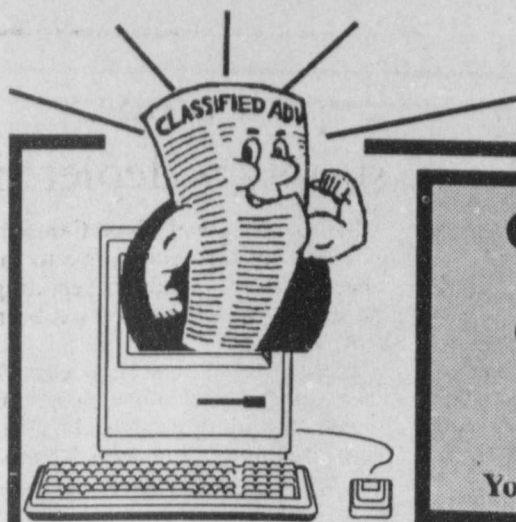
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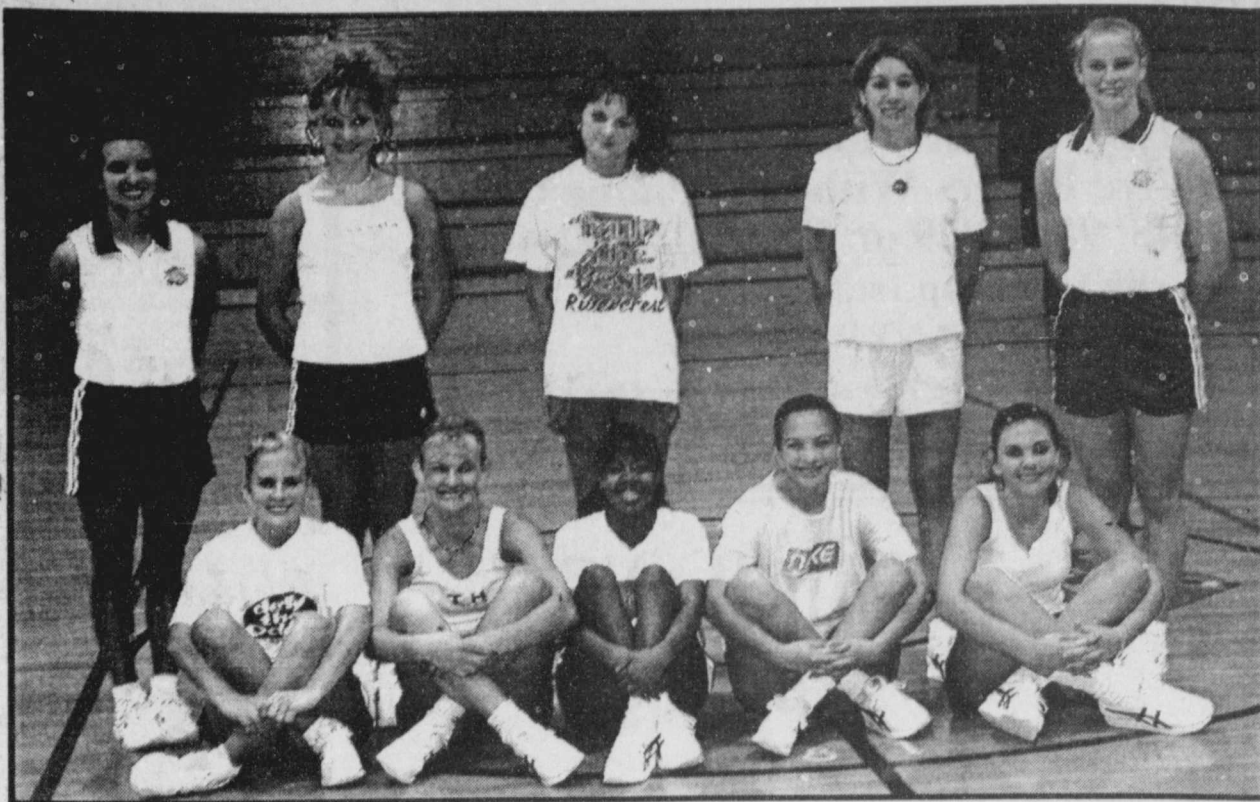
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 ACCOUNTING MANAGER for small growing business. Accounting Degree or commensurate experience required. Send resumes to P.O. Box 976, Paris, Texas 75461. MA 6-29
 THE DETROIT INDEPENDENT School District is posting the following positions available for the 2000-2001 school year: Secondary Math (9 thru 12); Boys Basketball Coach. Please send resumes to Detroit High School, Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, Texas, 75436, Attention Kathy Garrison (E-mail: kgarrison@detroit.esc8.net). Applications are available by calling 903-674-6131. Deadline for applications will be June 16, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. Detroit is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 6-15
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 THE DETROIT INDEPENDENT School District is posting the position for the 2000-2001 school year: Office Secretary. Please send resumes to: Detroit High School, Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, TX 75436, Attention: Kathy Garrison. Applications are available by calling 903-674-6131. Deadline for all applications will be June 20, 2000 at 12:00. Detroit is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 6-15
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CHEER CAMP-NCA cheerleaders Autum and Denisa were on hand to teach the Rivercrest Rebel cheerleaders Monday through Wednesday of this week at RHS. Pictured are the Varsity squad (from the left back row) Autum of NCA, Allison Foster, Brittany Bull, Charla Hines, Danielle Easterling, Sara Alsup and Denisa of NCA and (front from the left) Shari Wisinger, Dusty Townes and Ashley Beers. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



EATING and visiting were the order of the day at Fulbright Homecoming Sunday afternoon. Old photos and books provided entertainment also. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Fulbright Homecoming is great success

Fulbright Homecoming was held Sunday, June 11 with great success. Following a lot of reminiscing about former times and taking pictures, lunch was served.

The guest list included Jimmy and Delores Gullion, Duane and Bobby King, Bro. and Mrs. Larry Solice, Dick King and Kenneth and Linda Thomas of Paris; Frances Dearborn an Charles and Helen VanDeaver of Clarksville; Jerry Davidson and Mike, Kathy, Ramie, Allison and Eien Baker of Longview; Kay and Dave German of Whitney.

Also Rex and Christine Wilson and Eula Faye Burks of Dallas; Buck and Betty Ramsey of Bogata; John, Larann and Dru Denison of Rosalie; Bill and Wanda Reddell of Mineral Wells; William Earl Stevens of Arlington; Gordon and Helen VanDeaver of Pattonville; Bill and Dot Baker of Ada, OK; Pat King Hawley of Sweetwater; Brad Hawley of Austin; James and Daniel Lee of

Rugby; Hilde and Travis King and Ashley Morgan of Reno; Thomas and Nanalee Nichols of Deport.

From Fulbright were Raymond Jr. and Nancy Dugger, Jane Swint, Jimmie King, Betty Rodgers, Clovis and Katy VanDeaver, Grant Allbritton, Benita, Trista and Tiffany Shupp, Jeremy Cuna, David and Kay Peck, Mandy Weddle, Preston and Marla Crump, Connie, Rachel, Jennifer, Jacob and Steffanie Phosay.

Everyone left the homecoming making plans to return on the second Sunday in June, 2001 for another homecoming.



JOHNTOWN LOCALS

By Jana Hawkins
632-5042



To all those faithful Johntown News readers, I apologize for my absence. I told myself that I would start writing again when I had my family and myself settled and organized from our fire, it happened three months ago today. I haven't reached the organized point yet, so I am back writing and I need all your news. My phone is temporarily 632-5042. When we get into our home, it will go back to 5174. Please call me with your news.

Johntown Youth and sponsors from JMBC left Monday morning for Pine Springs Youth Encampment in Henderson. The group will return Friday.

Last week James and Doris Cox of Littlefield and Carol Cooper of Tula visited Wendell and Bobbie Hervey.

Tomorrow will be six months for Drue Pirtle and his new heart. We wish him continued improvement and best wishes.

Wendell and Bobbie Hervey, James and Doris Cox of Littlefield and Carol Cooper of Tula visited Mattie and Buddy Briggs at New Boston. Martha Cambell, Thomas and Lola Briggs and Connie Briggs joined them Thursday.

Visiting Wendell and Bobbie Hervey Saturday were Barbara Wooley and Memorie Ganglez of Edmond, OK., James and Doris Cox of Littlefield, Carol Cooper of Tula, Kay Banister of Garland, Sue Huffman of Bogata and Wendell Keith and Connie Briggs of New Boston. Sheryl Watkins of Hot Springs, AR, called in the afternoon.

Editor's Quotes

Lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance, but lost time is gone for ever



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