

## Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols

20 years...where did they go? Bob Seger's song "Like A Rock" has a verse that goes "twenty years now, where'd they go, twenty years now, I don't know, I sit and I wonder sometimes, where they've gone. And sometimes late at night, I sit and wonder by the firelight, the moon comes calling ghostly white, and I recall, I recall". While I wasn't sitting by the firelight, I did get started thinking the other night that this week was my 20th anniversary at the papers!

It just doesn't seem possible that twenty years has passed on this one job.

When the Wrights, who owned the papers back then, came and asked if I could help them out for a couple of weeks I never anticipated that twenty years later I would still be here, much less be the owner/publisher!

I got to thinking about everything that has gone on over the years. There have been many changes...and yet very few.

Through the years I have seen terrible things, accidents and drownings, murders and assaults.

Through those same years I have witnessed things that were wonderful, rescues that worked, marriages and births, successful events, business successes, families reunited after many years...so much that was beautiful.

I can look through back issues of the papers and become sad at the many good people whose obituaries we have run. Then I can look back and see the bright faces of students with achievements, couples with much longed-for children, feature articles about unusual families and feel delighted.

And how my job has changed! I first learned to set copy and ads on machines without a display. We typed blind, had to put the tape on a reader, process it through chemicals, dry it, proof it, then set the corrections and paste them down! Each line of type on an ad was separate, and had to be cut out and trimmed, then waxed and stuck down. Even the borders on ads had to be put down using special tapes.

Now, we sit in front of our computer monitors, drawing borders, incorporating artwork, setting copy and then printing out a complete ad or story, ready to go down on the page.

Twelve years ago my husband, Thomas, became actively involved in the newspaper business. He had ideas and we made changes. He is responsible for us being on the internet, and for increased advertising and size of the papers. (When I first came to work at the papers a 10 page paper was a pretty big edition!)

Twenty years of looking back reveals style changes, from bell bottoms and long hair to short hair and baggy shorts.

Kids whose pictures I took now have kids of their own...whose pictures I take!

I don't have any idea how twenty years slipped by so quickly. I know my hair has some gray, my knees don't work too good, and my face has lines it didn't have back then. But my heart is still in the same place...devoted to these papers and the towns and people they serve. Because a look back over twenty years shows what I had always suspected...that these papers reflect the life of the places they serve. My life is reflected here too...and I like it!

### Editor's Quotes

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# Talco Times

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TALCO, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

Thursday, February 26, 1998

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## Talco Firefighters hoping county will "go for" new truck

A new mini-pumper fire truck for the City of Talco could be on the horizon, but is not a sure thing yet.

In Titus County commissioner's court meeting on Monday, the topic of purchasing new fire trucks for the volunteer fire departments in Titus County was discussed.

In a recent proposal the commissioner's court had agreed to purchase trucks without any firefighting equipment to go with the vehicles.

Not meaning to seem ungrateful, Talco firefighters and city officials attended the meeting on Monday to explain why the new truck alone would not help Talco much, since the needed equipment to go on the truck would cost as much as \$65,000 to purchase.

The city of Talco does not have the funds available to purchase the equipment.

Robert (Randy) Hollis of the Talco Fire Department explained his department's needs to the court.

First Hollis stated that the equipment Talco needs will have to be capable of fighting grass, structure and oil field fires. A Weps unit (that

produces foam) is needed to fight oil field fires. Another problem, Hollis said, is that "we need at least a 1 and 1/2 ton chassis with a 4 wheel drive to go places we have to go in our fire district".

Talco has the largest fire district of all the county fire departments. The district extends north of White Oak Creek and Riply Creek all the way to the Red River County Line.

Talco also occasionally helps other departments in the county when the need arises.

Talco has a mutual aid agreement with the other departments in the county.

It is estimated that 88 percent of the Talco Fire Department's fire calls are out in the county while only 12 percent of the fire calls are actually inside the city limits of Talco.

The commissioners had already received bids for the 1 ton trucks and were set to open them at Monday's meeting, but decided to cancel the bids and go for new bids for the type of trucks needed for the county fire departments.

On Monday the commissioners decided to have the county's pur-

chasing agent, William White, pursue bids for one ton and one and 1/2 ton trucks with a 165 inch wheel base with an automatic transmission and four wheel drive.

Members of the Talco Fire Department hope the commissioners will eventually purchase a new truck with the needed equipment to replace the 1987 mini-pumper now used. The 1987 mini-pumper was purchased new for \$33,153.45. The city paid for all but \$10,000 which was paid by the county. The truck has started to need repairs more frequently with age and the county only pays \$6,000 per year to the Talco Fire Department for all equipment expenses.

Talco firefighters would like to have a new truck outfitted like the 1987 model.

The total for truck and equipment will have to be considered by the commissioners court after new bids are received.

Talco fire fighters are hopeful commissioners court will come through with the funds for the much needed equipment now. It will only cost more to replace the mini-pumper each year the purchase is delayed, they say.



TALCO STUDENT COUNCIL-members Kendall Stansell and Danielle Easterling are pictured with Aaron Gage who the student council honored recently by holding Aaron Gage Day at school. The council collected donations of over \$100 to help defray medical costs for Aaron who underwent eye surgery. He is reported home and doing well.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

## Possible Vapor Cloud reported east of Sugar Hill

The Texas Department of Public Safety has released information on a possible natural gas leak east of Sugar Hill on Feb. 20, 1998.

At Approximately 8:20 a.m. Feb. 20, 1998, in Titus County near the towns of Sugar Hill and Talco, Texas, a fire was reported at a natural gas well operated by Valence Operating Company of Sulphur Springs, Texas. This occurred slightly off FM 71 about 3 miles east of FM 1402.

Randy Carroll of the Talco Volunteer Fire Department reported a possible vapor cloud on the ground and requested assistance from the Titus County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Safety in evacuating surrounding residences. It was not positively known at that time whether the suspected vapor was toxic, however, in such cases evacuation is standard operating procedure until a determination can be made.

Approximately 25 residences were evacuated down-wind. Valence Operating Company was able to respond very quickly and cap the leak.

According to plant manager,

Kenny Shell, the well produced 57% natural gas, 40% nitrogen (which is released into the atmosphere), and 3% hydrogen sulfide or H2S (which is highly toxic). H2S was the primary concern. Shell said that a separator malfunction allowed the small amount of petroleum which the well produces to move up the flare stack and spill out on the ground where it burned. Owing to foggy conditions on the morning, the smoke from this fire may have caused the cloud which fire department officials thought was escaping vapor. Shell emphasized very strongly that there was no explosion.

In a phone conversation, Shell also said that no H2S had been released into the air and that the Texas Railroad Commission had already inspected and ok'd the site. Apparently none of the burning petroleum escaped the well's enclosure.

The evacuation was cancelled approximately 10:00 am according to Milton R. Hall, Trooper V, Safety Education Service, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texarkana, Texas.

## No arrest made yet in Talco assault case

According to Titus County Sheriff Rickey Poole, as of Monday, February 23, there has NOT been an arrest made yet in the assault cases under investigation by the Sheriff's Office. Two Talco women, one in her 20s and the other in her 50s, were hit over the head while outside recently. Both times the attacker was apparently scared off. The investigation is still underway.

## Talco School holds after school tutorials

The after school tutorials at Talco School, known as "TAAS Busters" are going exceptionally well according to principal, B.J. Setliff.

Between 30-36 students are attending Monday through Thursday from 3:40pm to 4:40 pm.

The after school sessions feature tutoring in Reading and Math areas, using individual and group sessions and self paced computer programs in Reading and Math. The students are very eager to attend these sessions which are based on strengthening and remediating skills areas for individual students. Teachers for these after school sessions are: Pam Martin, Cylena Holeman and Wendy Ordorica.

## School to visit K-2 model school

On Feb. 27 a group of K-2 Talco teachers will visit Gilmer Elementary, a Model School of Texas. The school has many exceptional programs in reading and math and Talco teachers will be able to visit teachers and observe classrooms. B. J. Setliff, Talco Principal, says that this visit is the second part of a visit in January, when a group of K-2 teachers also visited the Model School and came back to Talco with many new ideas and teaching strategies. Mrs. Setliff

said, "We are excited about this visit and hope to observe and reinforce teaching strategies that will improve our instructional programs for our students at Talco. Gilmer Elementary has been very helpful in providing us resources and information. We are very grateful to Pat Camp, Principal of Gilmer Elementary and his staff in providing opportunities for our K-2 staff to visit their exceptional school".



BETTIE HARGRAVES and her daughter Brittney visited the Talco School Thursday, Feb. 19 to present a program on Black History. Everyone enjoyed the educational program.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

## Black Community Scholarship Foundation to hold tournament

The Northeast Texas Black Community Scholarship Foundation will sponsor a basketball tournament March 27-28 at the Daingerfield High School Gymnasium in Daingerfield, Texas.

The monies collected are distributed to graduating students to con-

tinue their education. Entry fee for the tournament is \$200 per team and trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Anyone interested in participating in the tournament may call Margine Mims at 903-645-3306.

## Morality Awareness Meeting to be held at Calvary Baptist

Plan to attend a "Morality Awareness Meeting" at the Talco Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday, March 1, 1998 beginning at 9:45 am.

Russ Polson Ministry team will present a special youth program addressing peer pressure, alcohol and drugs, teenage pregnancy and consequences of abortion. A video, "It Bites Like a Snake" will be shown to youth 6th grade and up in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

An adult program and video "Broken Vows" will be conducted simultaneously in the auditorium of the

church. The worship hour will begin at 11:00 am and will be a combined program for adults and youth 6th grade and older. Children 5th grade and down will attend Children's Church in the Fellowship Hall.

This ministry is on the cutting edge of calling America back to God and His teachings. Any youth needing transportation should call the church at 379-3981 or Mary Hall at 379-5331 before 8:30 am on Sunday morning. Everyone is invited to attend this special program.



MENTORS-new members of the Talco Mentors program this year are Stephanie Carroll and Sara Kirkpatrick. The girls are pictured helping Fernando Lopez with reading. The mentor program was started by principal B.J. Setliff and gives younger students extra help from older students.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown



The Talco-Bogata PIPS will perform on Saturday night, Feb. 28 at the Old Timers game at Bogata gym. The PIPS Blue team will perform at the beginning of the ladies game and the PIPS White team will perform at the half time of the ladies game. All PIPS members need to be present by 6:45 pm. Players who can not perform are asked to please call Lori Franks.

The Rivercrest Beta Club Induction Service will be held on Thursday, March 5, 1998 at 7:00 pm at the Rivercrest Auditorium. A reception will be held following the ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend.

\* The Bulldog-Rebel Grandma/Grandpa Basketball Games to benefit the Bogata VFD and First Responders will be held in the Bogata Gym at 7:00 p.m.

The Rivercrest Rebels will play Harleton for Bi-District on Feb. 27, 1998 at the Gilmer gym beginning at 7:30 pm. The Rebels will be the home team and fans are encouraged to sit on the home side of the gym. admission will be \$3 per student and \$4 per adult. Come out and support the team as they travel the road to STATE.

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel varsity softball team will compete in Mt. Pleasant Feb. 26-28. The team will meet Mt. Vernon at 1:00 pm and will play Texas High at 4:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the girls in their pre-district play.

Anyone wishing to help victims of the tornadoes in Central Florida may do so by sending a check payable to the American Red Cross, 136 Grand Avenue, Paris, TX.

The Red River Valley Dixie Youthboys league will hold a coaches meeting on March 22, 1998 at the Marris Chapel Churchin Rugby beginning at 2:00 pm. All Red River Valley boys coaches are encouraged to attend this meeting. Plans and rules for the coming season will be made. For information contact Keye Lee, league Secretary.

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**Country Cooking**  
*By Liz Irwin*  
<http://www.1starnet.com/tpp>



Our cook for this week is Ima Jean Martin, who along with her husband, Bob, lives in Bogata. Bob was a timber buyer for the Bruner Ivory Handle Company, and they moved here from Hope, Arkansas in 1977 for the ash timber. They both loved it in Bogata and decided to stay after Bob's retirement.

The Martins have two children. Their daughter, Deborah Goodwin, lives in Clarksville, Arkansas and their son, Kent Martin lives in Talco. They have 4 granddaughters.

The Martins attend the Full Gospel Church in Hugo, Oklahoma. Ima Jean enjoys reading and studying the Bible and piecing and quilting quilts.

Ima Jean's kitchen is full of memories and so that she will not forget, she puts labels on the back of everything that was given to her by someone else and everything that has a special

memory. She has canning jars that her grandmother used in the early 1900s, and the dough roller her dad made for her mother in the 1930s that her mother gave her after she married and she is still using. She has the pitcher and glasses along with the dishes her mother set her table with when Ima Jean was a girl at home. She took some of her mother's handkerchiefs and some of her own handkerchiefs and made a quilt. All through the house and kitchen are articles with memory tags on them so that Ima Jean's memories can continue to live.

The recipes she is sharing with us this week are her sister's Dressing recipe, her mother's Tea Cake recipe, a Banana Bread recipe and a Monkey Bread recipe.

Thanks, Ima Jean, for such an interesting visit and for the recipes.



Ima Jean Martin stands in her Memory Kitchen, a special place filled with memories of people she loved.

February 26, 1998  
**Ima Jean Martin**

<p><b>My Sister's Dressing</b> 1/2 cup chopped onion 1/2 cup chopped celery 1/2 cup butter 5 cups light bread 5 cups born bread 3 hard boiled eggs 3 slightly beaten eggs 1/4 tsp. salt 1 tsp sage or to taste 6 cups hot broth</p> <p>Cook onion and celery in butter til tender but not brown. Add to dry ingredients. Add hot broth and mix well until juicy. Bake in a greased pan at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 30 minutes or until brown.</p> <p><b>My mother's tea cakes</b> 3/4 cups butter 1 1/2 cup sugar 1 egg 3 cups self rising flour 1/2 cup buttermilk 1 tsp soda</p> <p>Cream together butter, sugar and beaten egg. Add flour, buttermilk, soda and 1 tsp vanilla. Knead together. Roll out thin. Cut and bake at 350 degrees approximately 10 minutes or until light brown.</p>	<p><b>Banana Bread</b> 1 cup sugar 1/2 cup shortening 2 slightly beaten eggs 1 plus 1 Tablespoon cup self rising flour 3/4 tsp. soda 3/4 cup ripe mashed bananas</p> <p>Mix sugar in shortening until creamy, stir in eggs and bananas. Add soda to flour and pour in a biscuit pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.</p> <p><b>Monkey Bread</b> 1 1/2 pkg dry yeast 1 cup milk, scalded 4 Tablespoons sugar 1 tsp salt 1/2 cup butter 3 1/2 cups flour 1/4 cup butter melted for later use.</p> <p>Dissolve yeast in lukewarm milk. Stir in sugar, salt, butter, and flour. Beat well. Cover and let rise in a warm place until double in bulk. Punch down and roll out on a floured board to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut in diamond shaped pieces about 2 1/2 inches long. Dip each piece in the melted butter and arrange in a tube pan. Let rise until double in bulk again. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes.</p>
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**Falbright News**  
by Betty Rodgers  
Call 652-6051

Happy Birthday to Marla Crump, Junior Dugger and Larry Parker last week.

Visiting Betty Rodgers Sunday were Sonny Roberts of Johnstown, Monte Rodgers of Tigertown and Melissa Arriaga of Deport. Marcella Wright visited Monday afternoon.

Several in the community have been ill with the flu.

Sympathy in the community have been ill with the flu. Sympathy is extended to the family of Paul Froelich, Sr. who died Saturday. He was a former resident for several years in our community and was living in English community at time of death.

Duane and Bobbye King who had been in Corpus Christi since Thanksgiving came Monday and spent two night with Jimmie King. They will be working at Pat Mayse Lake this summer.

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno visited Jimmie King Tuesday. They were in Paris for Jimmie's doctors appointment, met Duane and Bobbye King for lunch.

Ethel Epps and Jimmie King attended an 84 party and dinner in the home of Faye Conine at Rosalie Thursday night.

Dick King of Paris spent Saturday with Jimmie King, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King Shelly and Travis took Jimmie King out to eat for Valentine Day Saturday night.

**Red River Valley Antique Car Club has party**

The Red River Valley Antique Car Club held a Valentine Party at the Blossom Community Center Museum and Saturday night February 14th.

Brenda Gibson and Bekcy Webb arranged the dinner and entertainment. There were 39 attending with several dressed in costumes to match their cars, which date from the 20s to the 70s.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the club in this area with a special celebration planned.

*Red River County Roots*

This week's query is from Charles N. Ferguson, 811 South Market, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801. He is looking for information on Charley A. Smith, born June, 1861, Texas. He and his wife Clara J. (born 1870 Arkansas) were living in Red River County in 1900 with their five children, John W. (born January 1885), Mary E. (born July 1886), Charles D. (born January 1896) and Lewis B. (born January 1898). A cousin, Charles A.L. Ferguson was living with the family. Was this Charley A. Smith the same Charley A. Smith who died in Red River County in 1935?

If you would like to write to Mr. Ferguson, please do so at the above address. If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426

**Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187**

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 time.

The VFW and its Auxiliary meet every second and fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.

The VFW Post 8187 no longer has Bingo on Saturday p.m.

\* All members are urged to attend the meetings the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

\* Don't forget the All You Can Eat Fish Fry the second Friday night of every month.

\* Bogata VFW Post 8187 has a dance the first Saturday night of each month with Broadway Junction Band.

\* Happy Birthday to Helen Barnett.

\* Get Well to Jettie Minshew and Iva Carr who are in East Texas Medical Hospital in Clarksville.

**Obituaries**

**Cora Lee Ramsey dies February 11**

Cora Lee Ramsey, age 87 of Blossom died Wednesday, February 11 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center, Paris.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 14 at Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home with the Rev. E.R. Reynolds and the Rev. Joe D. Stevens officiating.

She was born April 20, 1910 in Red River County to Will D. and Telia Butler Stevens. She married Fred Ramsey November 18, 1933 in Paris. She was retired from Blossom school where she worked in the cafeteria 13 years. She was a member of the Lamar County Woman's Home Demonstration Club, the Post Oak club, and a member of East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Fred; and several nieces and nephews.

Bearers were Glen Stevens, Dee Lipe, Bobby Risinger, Hoyt Stevens, Clyde Champion and Arvie Stevens.

**John Brant Curtis dies February 22**

John Brant Curtis, Sr., age 91 of Detroit died Sunday, February 22 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 25 at Elmwood Cemetery in Mineral Wells with Rev. R.B. Shiffet officiating. Wood Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Curtis was born August 22, 1906 in Mineral Wells. He was a retired oil and gas dealer and developer.

Surviving are his wife, Berta Curtis of Detroit; a son, John Curtis, Jr. of Lucas; a brother, Robert Curtis of Springdale, AR and two grandchildren.

**Card of Thanks**

After 27 years my wife and I will no longer be taking care of the Detroit Cemetery. It was a hard decision to make because we have family and friends buried there. We also met a lot of new friends and got to see old friends. We want to say Thank You for letting us take care of our loved ones. It was hard work but we enjoyed hearing what a good job we did. So once again, thanks to all of you.

Nip and Reba Whitley

**Card of Thanks**

To those who brought food, sent flowers, said a kind word, or just shared in our sorrow, Thank You. There have been so many acts of love shown to us since Courtney's death, we will be forever grateful.

A special thanks to those who stopped to help at the scene. Thank you for the extra effort. To the staff of McCuiston's ER, thank you for the care and strength you gave.

If we missed saying a personal "Thank You" to you, let us say it now. May God bless each and every one.

**The Family of Courtney Currin**  
Debbie Currin,  
Tonya, Travis, Christian,  
Jeremy Hunter  
John and Claudia Whitney

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to thank all of our many friends, family and neighbors for the calls, food, flowers, prayers, visits and all acts of kindness shown us during Buddy's recent operation and rehabilitation.

Thanks again,  
Buddy & Bobbie Damron

**Rosalie Community Center VFD to have super garage sale**

By Jack Dodd

Mark your calendar for 8:00 a.m. March 7 for the Rosalie Community Center & Volunteer Fire Department Super garage sale. Everything you ever needed will be for sale. If we don't have it, you don't need it. Don't cuss, see us at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7.

For those who want to donate items, the Rosalie Community Center will be open from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6 to receive items.

Someone from Bogata went to a

super garage sale last Saturday and bought a garage. We have a big prize for the super garage sale for anyone over 80 years old accompanied by his father. If no one qualifies, a drawing will be held Sunday at Mayo Clinic. Did you know it is now possible to borrow enough to get completely out of debt.

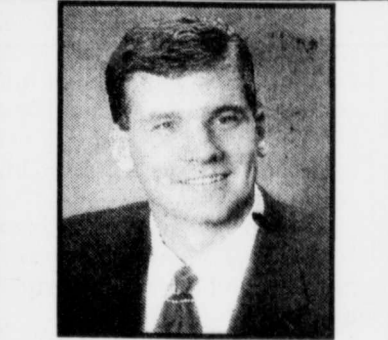
Borrow some money from the kids and see us Saturday, March 7, at 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. - Bring your items Thursday or Friday or early Saturday a.m. - More next week

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The persons hardest to convince they're at the retirement age are children at bedtime.  
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**March continuing education classes set at PJC**

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A class for child development associate will meet on Monday and Thursday from March 23 through August 6.

The pediatric basic life support and emergency first aid for infants and childrens class will meet each Tuesday and Wednesday, March 31-

April 1.


Internet classes include: basics; and creating your own home page.

Defensive driving will be held March 16 and 17.

Driver education will be held Monday through Friday, March 2-30 with a skip for spring break.

Piano will be given March 23 to May 15. Lesson times will be established.

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**Red River County Sheriff's Report**

February 15-21

February 15: Burglary in Bogata; suspicious circumstances in Bagwell; inmate released on bond; harassment in Bogata; medical emergency in Avery.  
 February 16: Report of theft in Annona; attempted cattle theft in Avery; noise disturbance in Annona.  
 February 17: Male arrested on warrant for revocation of probation; traffic hazard on FM410 south; telephone harassment on FM114; female arrested on charge of DWI; female arrested on charge of fraud; report of animal complaint; male arrested on charge of driving while license revoked; inmate released on bond.  
 February 18: Disturbance in Annona; civil disturbance in Bogata; possible theft on FM410 north; female arrested on warrant for revocation of probation; inmate transported to county jail on charge of aggravated assault; medical emergency; incident in Detroit; male arrested on warrants for issuance of bad checks.  
 February 19: Noise disturbance in

Detroit; missing livestock in Annona; activated alarm in Avery; possible dispute on Hwy. 37 south; livestock complaint on Hwy. 37 north; cattle complaint on FM2573; male arrested on possession of marijuana and assault family violence.  
 February 20: Inmate transported to Smith County; possible arson; welfare concern on FM412; burglary in Bogata; minor accident on FM14.  
 February 21: Report of alcoholic beverage violation in Annona; fire-arm disturbance in Bagwell; male arrested on charge of DWI, no driver's license and operating unregistered motor vehicle; burglary of motor vehicle north of Clarksville; request for assistance from troopers; male arrested don charge of possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver; report of major accident on FM910; cattle complaint on FM909; male arrested on warrant for issuance of bad check of Red River County and Lamar County warrants of motion to revoke/theft and motion to revoke/DWI 2nd.

**Bogata News Locals**

By Judy Screws  
 CALL YOUR NEWS TO  
 632-5322



Ruth Wood was hospitalized with pneumonia from February 12 to February 18. Her sisters, Robbie Cloud and Tedd Grayson, were here to help attend her.  
 Ed and Loyce Huddleston were in Lewisville over the week end. They visited their son, Ronnie Huddleston, and family, Mark and Annette Hudson and family, Jeff and Andrea McKenzie and family and Mike and Tina Huddleston.  
 Chris Anna Guerra of Paris took her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald

Screws, out to eat at Mount Pleasant last Friday.  
 Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris spent the night Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana.  
 Mrs. and Mrs. Donald Screws visited with Mr. and Mrs. Murl Roach in Deport Saturday afternoon.  
 Roy Wells of Red River Healthcare Center spent the day on Monday with his daughter, Mary Ann Miller of Deport.

**Commissioner's Report for January**

By Commissioner, Ricky Daniels

The month of January was real wet, but I feel like we got a lot accomplished for the weather we had. This month we hauled 103 loads of railroad rock to Cuthand Road, we hauled 40 loads to Mrs. Morris Cooper's Road. I hired all of this hauled and got a lot more hauled this way. We also hauled 5 small loads of railroad rock off the yard to Harold Grisham's Road. This month we hauled 14 small loads of white rock off the yard and 4 big loads to different mud holes in the roads. We also hauled 6 big loads from Idabel to different roads and 8 big loads of red rock. We also cleaned

a few ditches with the backhoe and installed 3 culverts.  
 In commissioner's court this month we approved report on year end audit, approved deputization of Terry Reed, adopted by-laws of child protective services, accepted bids for gravel hauling, accepted a bid on "Struck off" property, and rejected 1 bid for "Struck off" property in Bagwell.  
 We still have several bad roads that are in need of repair hopefully we can get to them soon. If you have any comments or suggestions please feel free to come by or call.

**Fulbright Baptist Church to host movie**

The Fulbright Baptist Church will be hosting a free movie "Heaven's Gates, Hell's Flame" on March 1 at 3 p.m. or 6 p.m.

there will be a time of fellowship and light refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend the dramatic presentation.

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**JOHNTOWN LOCALS**  
 By Jana Hawkins  
 632-5174

Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins, James and Pauline Gibbs enjoyed eating at Western Sizzlin at Mt. Pleasant Thursday.  
 Sonny Gibbs, Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins enjoyed going to church with Pauline Gibbs on Sunday.  
 Haley Hawkins spent Sunday afternoon with her cousin, Koren Hawkins.  
 Kayla and Larry Wayne Neeley, Heather and Haley Hawkins had a barrel of fun playing all day Saturday.  
 Kacy Vandever was overnight guest of Haley and Heather Hawkins on Saturday.  
 Lana Pirtle and Matt Buchheit of Longview visited Sunday with Drue and Billie Pirtle. They enjoyed eating at Two Senorita's in Mt. Pleasant.  
 Robbie Hawkins traveled to Hope, AR Saturday to meet Randy Hawkins

and family.  
 Visitors in Lucille Hawkins Childers' home Sunday were her granddaughters, Melanie Combest, Becky Baxley of Hallsville. Later another visitor was Toni Hawkins Combest of Pittsburg. Toni brought news of the successful basketball season of the Hughes Springs Lady Mustang team. They had a perfect undefeated district season in AA play, ending 27-0. Lucille's great-granddaughter, Chellyn Wilson, sophomore daughter of Clint and Julie Combest has been one of the starters for the past two years and is usually one of the top three scorers. The Lady Mustangs barely defeated the Honey Grove girls in Sulphur Springs 68-62 Friday night to clinch the bi-district title. Their next challenge will be against the girls from Hawkins this week.



**SUPERIOR RATING-Rebel Flag Corp members Bonnie Phillips and Amber Forsyth received a superior rating trophy at the Winterguard Flag Competition held Feb. 14 in Dallas. Congratulations girls!!!**

**Rivercrest Flag Corp competes**

The Rivercrest Rebel Flag Corp and Junior High Rebel Flag Corp traveled to Dallas on Feb. 14, 1998 to compete in the Winterguard Flag competition.  
 Competing for the Rivercrest Corp were Bonnie Phillips and Amber Forsyth. The girls received a superior rating trophy.  
 Competing for the Junior High Corp were Cassie Perry, Misti Joe Tucker, Lacye Edge, Pearl Ponthieux and Kristy Riffle. The group received an Excellence rating. The teams were accompanied by Rivercrest Band Director, Mr. Davis and parents Sharlene Perry and Pauline Riffle. Congratulations on a great job girls!!!

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 Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else.  
 —Ogden Nash

**Cunningham News**  
 By Linda Anderson  
 652-3502 or 652-2059

Delano and Barbara Dunlap of Mesquite spent Friday night with Lucy Fowler.  
 Shelby Kennedy visited Lucy Fowler Friday evening.  
 Susan and Kerri Anderson visited their grandmother, Bonnie Spencer of Paris Saturday.  
 Marty Anderson spent Saturday night with Faye and Billy Daniels.  
 Morris Cox spent the weekend with Velma Cox.  
 Joyce Smith went to Rosharon to visit her son and brother.  
 Mrs. Lorette Pynes has been dismissed from the hospital and is at home. Her sister from Canton, Betty Hershour, is staying with her.  
 Jarvis and Rene Watson had Saturday dinner for her mother and father from Texarkana, her father's brother from Illinois, J.D. and Jane Polk, Geneva Norwood, Brenda Watson, Bro. Phil, Marie Watson, Brad, Bradlee, Brett Watson, Jamie Wood, Deana, Dillon, Brooklyn and Vicki Davis.

For Sunday dinner, Vicki, Crystal, Lacy, Roy and Jesi Davis had Roy and Skeeter Davis, Wes and Edith Davis, Nikki and Zach Smith, Leslie and Shannon Davis and Vicki's sister, Judy Westerman and her husband Brett, their children, Robert and Randy, all from Mt. Vernon and Marli Elrod and Ashley Ebarb.  
 Saturday Lacy and a friend, Roy and Jesi Davis, Burke Burnett, Jase and Erika Norwood went skating.  
 Bruce Watson was home from Georgia Tuesday and left for Chicago Wednesday.  
 Bruce Watson and Vicki Davis took Lacy, Roy, Jesi, Jace and Erika Norwood, Landon Syrus, Burke Burnett skating in Paris Tuesday.  
 Bruce Watson and Vicki visited Brenda Watson and family in Paris Tuesday evening.  
 Crystal Davis and Jennifer Syrus went shopping Tuesday.  
 Crystal Davis spent the night with Jennifer Taylor Saturday.

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## Federal Land Bank completes merger

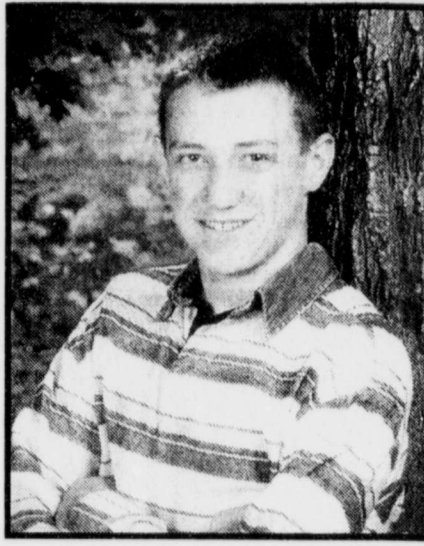
On January 1, 1998, the Federal Land Bank Association of Cleburne, North Texas Federal Land Bank Association and West Central Texas Federal Land Bank Association completed a six month merger plan, and the new entity is now known as Lone Star Federal Land Bank Association.

The association is under the direction of an 11 member board of directors including Wallace E. Kraft, II of

Paris.

No office or staff changes are anticipated as a result of the merger. Paris will maintain a credit office with a branch office in New Boston and will include Lamar, Delta, Red River, Bowie, Cass, Camp, Titus and Morris Counties.

Continuing staff for the Paris office includes Chris Bergman, Martha Randle and Ann Huffman.



Pearis C. Abernathy, III

### Abernathy receives stock show grant

Pearis C. Abernathy III (Bubba) of Bogata has been awarded a \$1500.00 scholarship grant by the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. Pearis' grant is part of \$30,500 in total scholarships awarded this week to 32 high school students from across Texas who participated in the Calf Scramble program as part of the 1997 Stock Show.

The funds are the result of the Calf Scramble Committee's efforts and support from individuals and businesses in this area. The generosity of donations exceeded the intended goal of \$21,500, by \$9,000, making possible additional grants to a greater number of worthy youngsters. Sponsors for Pearis' college scholarship are Adams Brothers Quarter Horses, Bluestem Cattle Company and Philip and Heidi Schutts.

A member of Rivercrest FFA, he is the son of Pearis, Jr. and Cindy Abernathy. His Calf Scramble project, a Polled Hereford Heifer, was sponsored by Jaffe, Holden Scarbrough Acoustics Ltd.

"The Stock Show is pleased to recognize these young people with scholarship grants for their exceptional efforts in this important educational program," said W.R. Watt, Jr., Show President/Manager, who announced the winners.

Winners, who were included in the 240 young people from Texas 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters who participated in the Calf Scramble during the 1997 Fort Worth Stock Show, were selected on the basis of their performance in their year long heifer project which required management, correspondence with their sponsors, and a final essay.



**THIRTY YEARS-**The Rivercrest Rebelettes State Champions of 1968 were honored with a 30 year reunion by the Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club recently at a Rebel-Lady Rebel game. Nearly all of the team members were able to return along with coaches Larry Tucker and Billie Pirtle. Everyone enjoyed the return to Rivercrest which refreshed memories and renewed old friendships.

### Red River Healthcare Center News

Wilma Moore visited Dorothy Moore.

Dotty Pemberton visited Dorothy Moore.

Shirley Smith and Sandra Benson visited Billie Hancock.

Shirley Smith and Sandra Benson visited Raymon Mauldin.

Shirley Smith, Mary Schultz and Sandra Benson visited Evie Smith.

Tedd Grayson and Robbie Cloud visited Ruth Wood.

Tina Gentry and Johnny and Willie Mae Topping visited Percy Topping.

Ercelle Gooding and Irene Lawson

visited Oma McKinney.

Beth Graf, Justin Carr and Deii Salazar visited Iva Carr.

Ercelle Gooding, Irene Lawson and Beth Graf visited Dugan Varner.

Joan Phillips, Jack Phillips and Charles and Annette Skaggs, Shelbi and Ardie visited Doris Skaggs.

Jerry Hutson visited Pauline Hutson.

Linda Eilers visited Jimmie Duffie.

Pat and Billie Lindsey visited Gladys Sykes.

Bill Anderson and Billie Lindsey

visited George Hancock.

Linda Eilers visited Fannie Eudy.

Maudie Lee and Ruth Lee visited Ada Holmes.

Weldon Hume and Lindsey and Ina Ward visited Stasha Hume

Jack Phillips visited Ted Phillips.

Brendna Scoggins visited Ann Cody.

Pat and Billie Lindsey visited Mr. and Mrs. Norwood.

Homer and Peggy Butts and Mel and Dot Stephens visited Nellie Butts.

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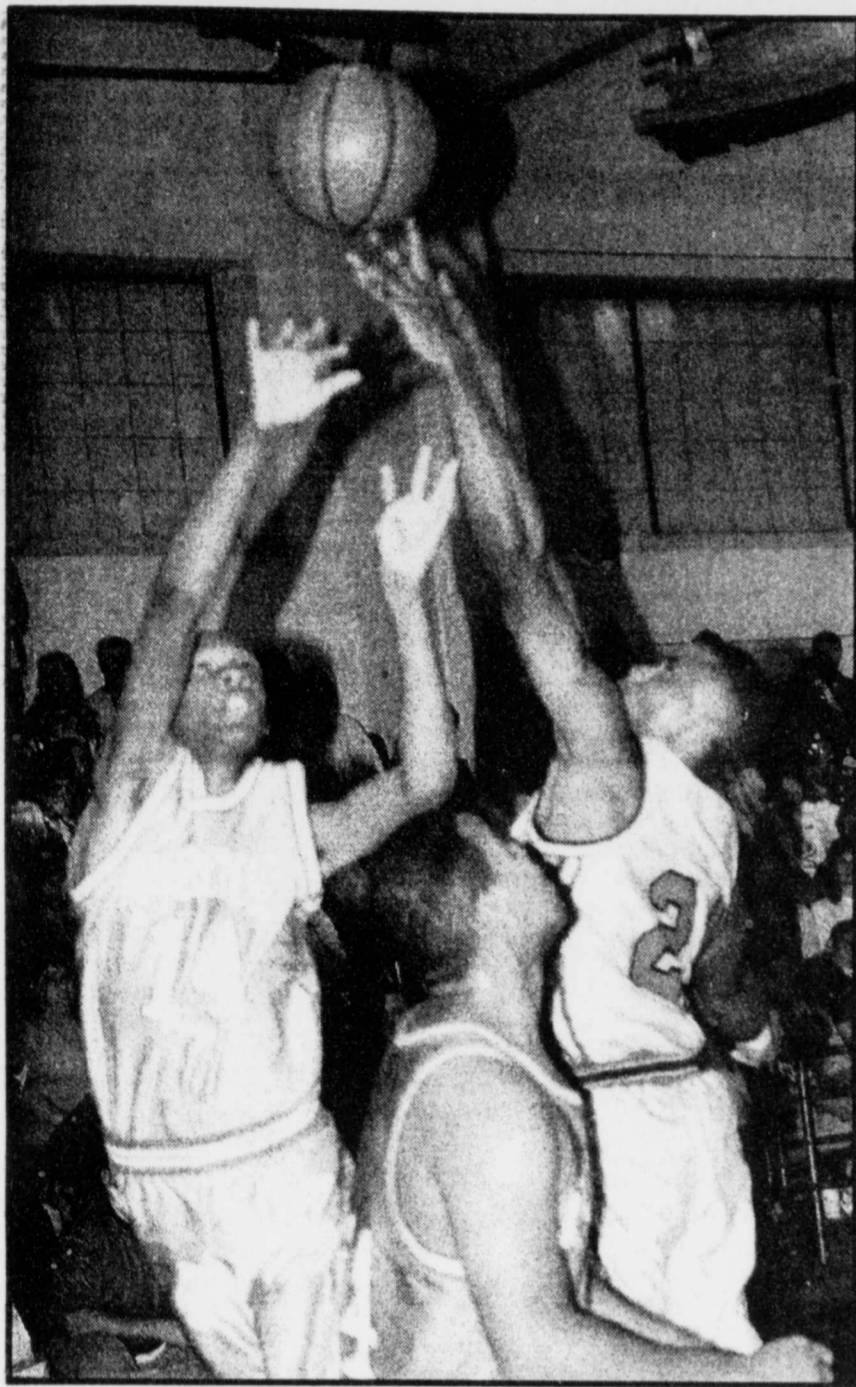
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TO THE HOOP-Rebel Keith Hines goes up and over teammate Broderick Fulbright while the Mustang guard reaches for the block. The Rebels lost to Chisum 53-43 in the final district game of the season but will enter the playoffs for yet another year but as the second place team in the district.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

### Talco Locals

By Nancy Brown  
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Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail on Sunday were Lynn and Ann Fail of Kilgore. They were joined by Yvonne Harris and Ronnie and Marilyn Presley in attending worship at the Assembly of God Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf spent Thursday shopping in Shreveport, L.A.

Marta Rhoades, Elodia Grissom and Nancy Brown enjoyed lunch at the 909 Diner in Bogata Thursday.

Sammy Ellis and Marcus Savage attended the Red River Valley Dixie Boys baseball meeting Sunday afternoon at the Marris Chapel Church in Rugby. Officers were elected and plan for the coming season were made.

Enjoying Sunday lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Franks and Amanda were Jo Anschutz, Carol Laing, Velma Franks and Kelly Kennedy, Brady and Ashlyn.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Welton Hawkins and Tonya on Sunday were Kim and Paul Anderson of Bogata.

Ricky and Jody Nolen, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nolen and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Moore and boys spent Saturday evening and Sunday in Dallas. The men and boys attended a Mavericks basketball game Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Rachel and Susan visited daughter and son, Katherine and Justin in Kilgore Saturday. They attended the Kilgore College basketball game before returning home.

Kim and Paul Anderson of Bogata visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and Jack Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Franks Friday night and Saturday were daughter, Melanie and granddaughters Marley and Caitlin of Blossom.

### Lady Rebels take second place

The Lady Rebel softball team traveled to Deport Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21 for the first tournament of the season. The team began play with the Chisum Lady Mustangs on Friday at 4:00 pm and took a 7-2 win. Pitching for the team was Katie Hare. Scoring for the Lady Rebels were Katie Hare, Joanie Swarts and Erin Stansell. At 8:00 on Friday the girls met Prairiland and took the win.

On Saturday the Lady Rebels returned at 1:00 pm to play Comopickton. The game went into 2 extra innings before the Lady Eagles took

a 8-7 win. At 3:00 the Lady Rebel met Paris High and took a 13-2 win and second place in the tournament.

The Lady Rebel JV and Varsity teams were to travel to Bonham on Tuesday for competition and are set to play in a tournament at Mt. Pleasant on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27-28. On Thursday, Feb. 26 the Lady Rebels will play Mt. Vernon at 1:00 pm and at 4:00 pm will meet Texas High all at the Mt. Pleasant High School field. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the team.

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**Lunch**  
Corn Dogs  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Black-eyed Peas  
Salad with Crackers & Dressing  
Peach Cobbler  
Milk

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast**  
Sausage & Biscuits  
Jelly  
Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk

**Lunch**  
Fish Nuggets  
Broccoli & Cheese  
Purple Hulled Peas  
Brownies  
Milk

**Thursday**

**Breakfast**  
Cereal with toast  
Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk

**Lunch**  
Corn Chip Pie  
Salad with Dressing & Crackers  
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Fruit  
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**Friday**

**Breakfast**  
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### Cheyne seeks election as Red River County Treasurer

Kathy Holley Cheyne is running unopposed in the Democratic primary for the office of Red River County Treasurer. Mrs. Cheyne was appointed to the Treasurer's Office effective October 1, 1997. She has been performing many of the duties of the Treasurer's office since May, 1996. She is currently serving an unexpired term of office.

"I have a total of nine years of service with Red River County," Cheyne said. "I worked as a Deputy County Clerk from 1984 to 1986, and as Secretary/Administrative Assistant to the County Judge from 1990 until my appointment as County treasurer last fall."

In Red River County she said, payroll preparation, distribution and reporting and the County's Indigent Health care Program are also administered through the Treasurer's Office. The Treasurer's Office is staffed by Cheyne and one full time assistant, Mrs. Pam Luster.

Cheyne is the daughter of Charles

T. (Skeet) Holley and the late Margaret O'Donnell Holley and the step-daughter of Mary Holley. She and her husband Jim and daughter Tiffany reside in Precinct 4 on FM412. Jim is employed as a system analyst by Day and Zimmerman, Inc. at Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant in Texas. Tiffany, a 17 year old senior at Clarksville High School is employed by Dianne Allen Phelps at the Red River County Juvenile Probation office through the CHS co-op program.

Older daughter Krisan, 22, is married to Juan Cortez and they have two children, Brennen, 3 and Kylee, 1. While Juan is serving in the U.S./Navy, they are residing in Virginia Beach, VA.

Cheyne serves as Treasurer of the Red River County Child Protective Services Board of Directors and is a member of the Clarksville Lions Club. She and her family are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church.



**SAFE ON FIRST**-Lady Rebel Kim Ross heads to the base as the Chisum Lady Mustang first baseman watches the overthrown ball. The Lady Rebels defeated the Lady Mustangs 7-2 in action at the Prairiland tournament this weekend.

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**EXCELLENCE**-The Talco-Bogata Junior High Flag Corp. traveled to Dallas to compete at the Winterguard Flag Competition on Feb. 14. The girls received an award for excellence. Participating were; (back row from the left) Lacye Edge, Pearl Ponthieux and Kristy Riffle; (front from the left) Misti Joe Tucker and Cassie Perry.

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### Homecoming Committee making progress

On February 16 Martha Jo (Smith) Bryson, Margie (Moore) Walker, Mary Ann (Wells) Miller and Robert and Mary Ann (Vaughan) Ward met in Mount Pleasant to hear the Lake Country Harmony, a local chapter of Sweet Adelines International, sing for consideration as entertainment for the 1998 Bogata Homecoming on April 11.

This same group met again Saturday, February 21 along with Betty Sue (Guess) Brown and Billie Ruth (Bain) Pirtle at Sharon (Reynolds) Davison's home in Dike to report on the singing group as well as other aspects of the homecoming plans. The decision was finalized to hire this outstanding group of singers for the homecoming.

Betty Brown and Martha Bryson announced that the Bogata Bulldog coffee mugs (\$2.50) Koosies (\$2.00) and Keychains (\$2.50) are in and have been placed in several business around town. So get yours now while there is still a good selection. Some of the places you can find them are: Bogata City Hall, Kim's Kuttin' Korral, Masterpieces, Guaranty Bank and Back Room Designs. These items plus a Bulldog tack pin will be on sale at the "Bulldog Boutique" in the gym April 11.

One thing that needs to be clarified is that the tables will seat 8 to 10 persons. If you need to reserve one or more table for a class reunion group or family group, please do so early enough to ensure that arrangement, otherwise, seats will be assigned where available.

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1997-98 LADY REBEL EIGHTH GRADE-coaches and team members are; (back row from the left) Coach Tana Screws, Kendall Stansell, Brittney Barnett, Lacey Edge, Erin Miller, Mollie Moles, Brittany Bull, Coach Debbie Williams, Misty Tucker, Melissa Waller and Coach Tammie Case; (from the left) Charla Hines and Kayla Sears.

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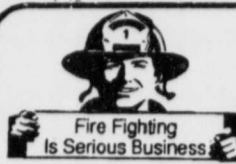
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Ms. Gable resides in Talco with her two sons, Corey and Carey who are both graduates of Rivercrest High School.



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**Fourth Six Weeks honor roll announced at Rivercrest**

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Sophomore class-Pearis Abernathy, Brodie Belcher, Kaylan Bell, Coleman Brown, Mitch Cannon, Missy Carroll, April Elrod, Jill Foster, Wendy Gentry, Courtney D. Jordan, Kirk King, Ashlei Moles, Cara Morgan, Carolina Prado, Sam Stanley and Lissa Stoner.

Junior class-Eric Aldridge, Kembre Baker, Kimberly Brown, Katie Hare, Chad Holland, Debra Janes, Jeremy Jones, Tye Mankins, Andrea Palmer, Crystal Seykora and Lisa Shirley.

Senior class-Michael Allen, Derek Belcher, Deidre Brown, Tasha Brown, Mallory Chaloner, Dustin Cook, Amanda Franks, Broderick Fulbright, Latisha Fulbright, Brandi Gaddis, Jody Gray, Jerad Guest, Kristi Hines, Cortney Huddleston, Alan Hudson, Kimberly Jackson, Latisha Miles, Jody Nolen, Bonnie Phillips, Maribel Prado, Lauren Robertson, Bryan Scott, Tabitha Tackett, John White and Dustin Wolfe.

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**Stew supper planned at Lions meeting**

The Bogata Lions Club met Thursday, February 19 at the community center. Club president, Neil Rozell called the meeting to order. The invocation was led by Chaplain, Raymond Franklin and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Margaret Harrison. Guests were Charlotte Clark and son, Cody, Tresa Couch and Reverend Billy Daniels. The meal was furnished by Kenneth and Shirley Vickers.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved and read and the financial report was also approved.

It was decided to hold a stew supper and pie auction March 7, along with a political forum. Candidates for local county offices are to be invited to speak. Stew will be served from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m.. The meal will cost \$3.00 per person.

Johnny Ragsdill reported on the youth center. A committee meeting will be held next week with the decision being made as to what action to take.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Keep your child safe on the internet**

You, like most parents, probably have rules on how your children should deal with things that influence them, such as dealing with strangers, what TV shows to watch, what stores they are allowed to enter and where and how far from home they are allowed to travel. It is also important to make similar rules for your children's Internet use and be aware of their on-line activities.

Without even trying, your children can come across materials on the Internet that are racist, obscene, pornographic, violent, hate-filled or offensive in other ways. There are types of materials that are illegal, such as child pornography, but there are other offensive materials that are not illegal. Steps you can take to keep offensive materials away from your children and out of your home are, make sure your children understand what you consider appropriate for them. What kind of sites are they allowed to visit? What areas are off limits? How much time and money can they spend? Set out rules that are clear and reasonable and the consequence for breaking them.

Make on-line exploration a family activity. Put the computer in the living room or family room. This arrangement involves the whole family and helps to monitor what your children are doing.

Pay attention to games your older child might copy or download because some are violent or contain sexual content.

Check into software or on-line service that filter out offensive materials and sites. Options include stand alone software that can be installed on your computer and devices that label or filter content directly on the web. Many Internet Service Providers and commercial on-line services offer site-blocking, restrictions on incoming e-mail and children's accounts that access specific services. Often, these controls are available at no additional cost. However, be aware, children are often smart enough to get around these restrictions. Remember, nothing can replace your supervision and involvement. You can also ask about the Internet use policy at your local library or child's school.

Just as we tell our children to be wary of strangers they meet we need to tell them to be wary of strangers on the Internet. Most people behave reasonably and decently on-line, but some are rude, mean or even criminal. Teach your children that they should never give out personal information, including their name, home address, phone number, age, race, family income, school name or location, or friend's name or use credit card on-line without your parents permission. Never share their password, even with friends. Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they meet on-line unless you approve of the meeting and go with them to a public place. Never respond to messages that make them feel confused or uncomfortable. Never use bad language or send mean messages on-line. Also, make sure your children know that people they meet on-line are not always who they are and that information is not necessarily private.

Encourage information literacy. Help children understand the nature of commercial information, advertising and marketing, including who created it and what it exists. Encourage them to think about why something is provided and appears in a specific way. Steer your children to noncommercial sites and other places that don't sell products specifically for children. It is important to be aware of the potential risks involved in going on-line, but it is also important to keep them in perspective. Common sense and clear guidelines are the place to start.

**St. Joseph's Hospital to present program on fat**

Registered Dietitian Erol Iscimeter will present a program "The Fat, Cholesterol and Fiber Connection" on Wednesday, March 11 at St. Joseph's Family Clinic in Deport.

The program is free and open to the public. All programs are held the second Wednesday of the month.

Iscimeter will discuss how fat, cholesterol and fiber affect health, with a question and answer session to follow.

**Rebels drop district title**

The Rivercrest Rebels traveled to Chisum Friday, Feb. 20 for their final district game of the season. The win would mean the District title for the Rebels and a loss would mean second place for the Rebels for the first time in many years. Although the Rebs were defeated and stand second in the district it was after the battle which included 5 players from Chisum and as Rebel fans saw it the 2 officials.

In the first quarter the Rebs were cold and official calls did not go their way from the start. The quarter ended with the Rebs trailing 7-6.

In the second quarter the Rebels helped the Mustangs by not going to the hoop. To many passes killed the clock and did not add to the Rebels score and the quarter ended with the Rebs behind 27-17.

The final quarters saw the Mustangs continue to hold a 10 point lead and official calls go totally against the Rebel team. Of 18 free shots the Rebs were only able to hit 8. Jody Nolen, Michael Allen, Brian Giles, Broderick Fulbright and Cortney Huddleston hustled throughout the final quarter to gain ground but between the bad calls and the Mustangs scores the Rebels fell 53-43. Broderick Fulbright led the scoring with 17 points. Also scoring were Michael Allen, Cortney Huddleston, Keith Hines and Jason Freelen.

The Rebs will travel to Gilmer on Friday, Feb. 27 to meet Harleton in the Bi-District play off. The game will begin at 7:30 pm. The Rebels will be the home team and fans are encouraged to sit on the home team side of the gym. Admission for the game will be \$3 per student and \$4 per adult. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the team.

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**EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK** at the Talco School this week is Diann Orrill. Ms. Orrill is teaching her 20th year at Talco and has the fourth grade this year. She has taught 1st through 5th grades during her years at Talco. Ms. Orrill is a graduate of Paris Junior College and East Texas State at Commerce. She has one son, Josh and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sikes. Ms. Orrill's eyes light up when she talks about her favorite hobby which is antiques. Antiques anything is of interest to her. Ms. Orrill received flowers and a card from Backroom Floral Designs in Bogata.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

**TBSA meeting held Feb. 19, 1998**

The Talco Baseball Softball Association held a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Talco School gym. President, Sammy Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer, Patsy Smith reported a total of \$2277.17. Mrs. Smith reported not all sign up fees have been paid but arrangements have been made for most. She reported this year's league fees will be over \$1500.

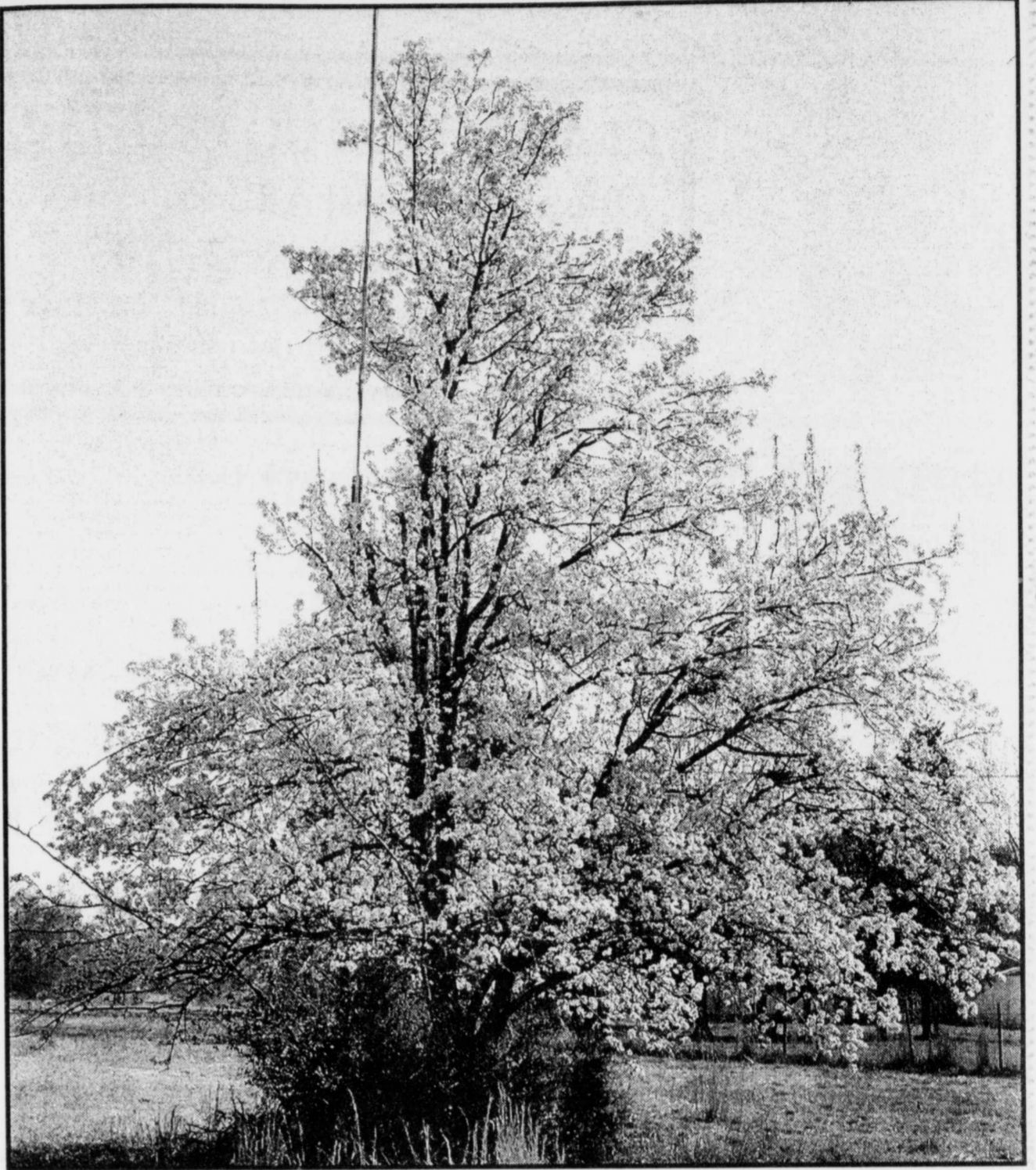
Coaches for the season were set they are: 7 & 8 girls-Tammy Martinez, 7 & 8 boys-Eddie Norman, 9 & 10 girls-Nancy Brown, Carol Laing and Leslie Wright, 9 & 10 boys-Sammy Ellis and Dale Griffin, 11 & 12 girls-Randy Carroll, 11 & 12 boys-Marcus Savage, 13-14-15 girls-Randy Hollis, 13-14 boys- Daniel Grissom and Dale Grissom, 16-17-18 girls- Johnny Swarts, Tee Ball-Ricky Franks and Bo Brown and the group is trying to form a 15 through 18 year old boys team.

The motion was made and carried that all coaches attend the YSCA coaching school which will be set up through Dixie Girls State Director but will include schools for boys baseball and many other youth sports. Equipment was discussed. Necessary items will be purchased. Field signs were discussed. Patsy Smith reported some have been renewed and others need to be checked on. Sammy Ellis reported Cory Minter will make a meter loop for the electric pole. Sammy Ellis will check with Texas-New Mexico to see exactly what is needed and when it can be done. Plans for a new concession stand

were rediscussed. Randy Hollis will get figures on the cost and design. Purchasing a score clock was discussed and a committee was formed to work solely on raising funds for a clock. Committee members are: Marta Rhoades, Mayra Clark, Elodia Grissom, Tammy Martinez and Angie Brown. Prices on a clock will be compared in order to make the best purchase at the best price. Building a new field was further discussed. It was determined with enough workers and a small amount of material this will be possible.

Discussion of league rules was tabled due to the boys meeting not being held until Feb. 22. A work day was set for March 7 beginning at 9:00 am. All coaches and parents are urged to attend and bring yard tools, weed eaters, mowers, welders and tools to repair fencing.

A practice schedule was discussed and will be put on hold until after spring break. Ricky Franks sent a report on the girls District meeting held in Mt. Vernon on Sunday, Feb. 15. There will be a District Girls Tee Ball tournament. Red River Valley will host the tourney. The town will be determined by District Director, Johnny Rutledge. Ricky Franks and Bo Brown will coach the tournament team. Controversial changes are being made in the 7 & 8 and 9 & 10 girls rules. They will be sent to the leagues by mail from District Director, Johnny Rutledge. The next meeting was set for March 7 at the ball field and will be held during a break in the work day. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



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