By Nanalee Nichols Oh, what a beautiful story! On a recent visit to my aunt and cousins up in Oklahoma they presented me with a copy of The Banner a local newspaper. In it is a story entitled "Pest Control" by H.T. Ekiss. It is truly a wonderful story, and I

want to share it with all of you. The campgrounds were crowded with tents all the way from the beach up the slope through the picnic area.

As dusk fell, a half-drunk sleezebag on a huge, knobbytired dirt bike roared through the park slinging dirt and gravel on everyone along his path. People scurried out of the way and mothers screamed for their children.

The biker reached the end of the beach, then turned his bike and raced back through the campers in the picnic area. He suddenly braked to a halt. He sat for a moment racing the big engine, then accelerated the big cycle through a small tent and disappeared in a haze of blue smoke toward the park entrance.

Fifteen minutes later, the young couple whose tent had been destroyed were still trying to put their camp back together when the marauding biker returned. Apparently, the creep found "tent crashing" an amusing new sport. He plowed through another tent just down the trail from the first one. Ten minutes passed before the outlaw returned for a third tent. The tent, like the others, was near the trail in the picnic area.

As the maniac rode out of sight for the third time, a retired couple began taking down their equipment. They hadn't moved far, however, before they stopped and began to set up their tent. The other campers watched as the greyhaired old fella finished his task. Perhaps he hadn't noticed, but he had moved his tent right in the middle of the "target zone".

To old man sat back in a folding chair and poured a cup of coffee.

Only a few minutes had passed before the sounds of the big engine screaming announced the return of the men-

From out of the shadows a blur of wheels and rider materialized as the assault machine gunned right for the old man's

Older people sometimes manage to get strange thoughts and do strange things. Who would have dreamed that the old man would set up his tent completely enclosing a concrete picnic

Sometimes, justice is pure, simple and direct.

Just because old cops retire doesn't mean they ever really

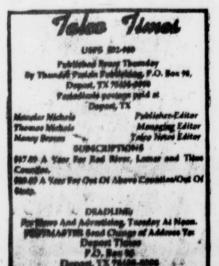
Now, wasn't that a nice story?



CORRECTION

of Bogata. Collins, USDA chief economist, on

The story last week on Rivercrest Athletic banquet stated that Lisa Shirley won the Fighting Lady Rebel Award. A correction to that story, naming KIM Shirley as the Fighting Lady Rebel arrived after the paper was at press. Kim Shirley was the proper recepient of the award.



Talco School reunion plans underway The Talco School reunion will be held this year on Saturday, June 13. Letters have been mailed to ex-students to remind everyone that this year's reunion is being held two week earlier than the past reunions not only due to the heat of summer but because the school will not have to be cleaned especially for the reunion. Summer school will end on Friday

and the reunion will be on Saturday. The honored classes this year will be 1963, 1958, 1953, 1943, 1938 and the Golden, 50 year class is 1948. The building will be open at 9:00 p.m. for registration and visiting. Everyone is encouraged to check the register for your correct name, address and class year. At 11:00 a.m. everyone will assemble in the auditorium for a short program prior to the meal in the cafeteria at noon. The meal will be catered by Bodacious

Barbecue of Mt. Pleasant. There will be a memorial list of deceased classmates available. Everyone is encouraged to add any names that they know of. The group is still in need of commencement programs for 1952, 1954, 1962 and 1963. Anyone with one of these is asked to please copy it and send it in with your reservation for this year.

The ex-student business meeting was held April 17, 1998. At this meeting new officers were elected and will be introduced at the reunion assembly. The group voted to raise the price of the meal to \$10 per person to help with expenses (postage, envelopes, name tags etc.). It was also voted to have a mail out in December to everyone.

Reservations and meal ticket may be sent to Talco Ex-Student Assoc., P.O. Box 1, Talco, Tx. 75487

Please plan to attend and remember this reunion is for anyone who ever attended the Talco School, you not be a graduate of the school.

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DPS issues final report on Memorial Day

traffic fatalities had been reported to tributed to at least three of these acci-DPS by law enforcement agencies across the state. This is a preliminary total and the number may rise if late reports are received or if other victims later die of injuries sustained over the weekend.

At least nine of these victims were not wearing seat belts, three were Monday, May 25. pedestrians and one was a bicyclist.

As of 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 19 Alcohol use is believed to have condents, and excessive speed contributed to at least three.

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimated that 30 people might die in traffic accidents on Texas roadways during the long Memorial Day weekend which ended midnight,

Guaranty Bancshares, Inc. public offering declared effective by SEC

anty Bancshares, Inc., the holding company of Guaranty Bank headquartered in Mt. Pleasant, announced that its registration statement relating to an initial public offering of 350,000 shares of common stock by Guaranty Bancshares was declared effective by the SEC on May 14, 1998. The initial public offering price was \$14.25 per share. The shares are listed on the NASDAQ/National Market

Art Scharlach, President of Guar- under the symbol "GNTY". The underwriters for the offering were Hoefer & Arnett, Incorporated.

Guaranty Bank provides a full range of commercial and consumer banking services from its full service locations in the Texas communities of Mt. Pleasant, Bogata, Deport, Paris, Talco, Texarkana and a second consumer service location in Mt. Pleasant. As of March 31, 1998, Guaranty had total assets of \$247.5 million.



Monica Tretta & Brad Branch in front of Representative Max Sandlin's Office

Chapel Hill Student wins National essay contest

one of ten winners in the National economy; had lunch with USDA staff FFA Organization's Risk Management Essay Contest. The daughter of Joseph and Connie Tretta, Monica's essay was based on her supervised agriculture l experience program that is a part of the Chapel Hill High School agricultural education program. Tretta's agriculture teacher

and FFA advisor is Brad Branch. AS a result of winning this contest, Tretta and Branch received an allexpenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., in late April where they met with USDA officials, including Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger, and were presented with their awards. In addition, they heard from Keith

Monica Tretta was recently named overcoming risks in a more open in the Secretary's Dining Room; and visited thee offices of Congressman

The contest was offered by the National FFA Organization in partnership with the National Council for Agricultural Education. The contest was sponsored by the Risk Management Agency of The U.S. Department of Agriculture as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Brad Branch is a 1987 graduate of Rivercrest High School and a 1997 graduate of Texas A&M-Commerce and the son of Jim and Barbara Branch



THE TAAS PEPRALLY-must have helped send the Talco students into the test with a good attitude since the school received a great report. Pictured doing the Macarena for the student body are (from the left) Erin Miller, Kendall Stansell, Rachel Case,

Lacye Edge, Brittany Bull and Candace Davis. Talco School tops out of TAAS in 97-98

Talco School has received it's TAAS scores for 1997-98. The TEA (Texas Education Agency) sets a standard of baselines meaning that of all the students taking the TAAS test must meet minimum expectations on all skills. Talco Jr. High and Elementary did much more than that. The

scores were; Third grade; 1997-Reading 94% and Math 88% 1998-Reading 91% and Math 86% Fourth grade;

1997-Reading 64%, Math 83% and Writing 86% 1998-Reading 94%, Math 71% and

Writing 82% Fifth grade; 1997-Reading 92% and Math 67%

1998-Reading 83% and Math 91%

1998-Reading 83% and Math 92% Seventh grade; 1997-Reading 92% and Math 92% 1998-Reading 100% and Math 100%

Eighth grade; 1997-Reading 100%, Math 95%, Writing 100%, Social Studies 84% and Science 100%

1998-Reading 100%, Math 100%, Writing 100%, Social Studies 100% and Science 100%.

Principal, B.J. Setliff attributes the rise in scores from last year to hard work on part of the students, teachers and instructional aides and all staff members. One definite advantage this year was the support of our content mastery center (CMC) and the hard work of our resource staff, content mastery staff and regular classroom 1997-Reading 100% and Math 94% teachers. "The combination worked

Mrs. Setliff. She also attributes the curriculum alignment and early diagnostic procedures as part of the success story. The teachers got together in teams and assessed what each grade needed to do to help the students improve their performance. Each teacher kept track of each student's progress on mastery of skills needed for that grade level. "The tracking procedures coupled with great computer self paced programs for Math and Language, the Mock TAAS given in November and after school tutorials (TAAS Busters) rounded out the winning combination," said Mrs. Setliff.

Talco American Liberty Pipeline "kids" to reunite June 13, 1998

line "kids" from the 1950's and 1960's , their families and surviving parents will gather to visit, reminisce, look at old pictures (everyone is encouraged to bring old photos) and eat on Saturday, June 13 beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the American Liberty Pipeline Office (or what used to be the pipeline office) located in Mt. Pleasant, Tx. in the former American Liberty Refin-

Everyone who will be unable to attend are asked to please send a

The Talco American Liberty Pipe- newsletter telling about your life after American Liberty Pipeline in Talco. The trip down "memory lane" is awaited anxiously and is being hosted by the Shaw "kids", Rita, Lois, Linda and Richard. They request that everyone who plan to attend please send a reservation with the number of adults and children so that enough food will be available. Mail reservations to R.S. Reindl, 103 Kimberly Lane, Longview, Tx. 75604 or call (903) 297-2044.

3 on 3 roundball tournament to be held June 13

There will be a 3 on 3 basketball tournament held on Saturday, June 13 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Rivercrest High School gym. The tourney will benefit the Lady Rebels who are working for fees to attend basketball camp.

The cost per team will be \$30.00 or \$10.00 per player. Categories will be; 1. entering 3rd and 4th graders 2. entering 5th and 6th graders

3. entering 7th and 8th graders 4. entering 9th through 12th graders 5. high school graduates to 39 years

Mini Cheer Camp

to be held June 4-5

Cheerleaders will sponsor a mini

cheer camp on June 4 and 5 at the RHS gym. The time will be from 8:00

am-12:00 noon both days. The cost

will be \$20.00 per child. Each child

attending will receive a Tee shirt.

Ages will be age 5 years by Sept. 1 to

entering the 6th grade next year.

Forms must be turned in by May 22 in

order to receive a tee shirt. For more

information contact Rivercrest Cheer-

leader Sponsor, Lori Franks at 632-

6. 40 plus

There will be a male and female division in each category. If you would like to enter a co-ed division, please let us know. There will be a concession stand available for sandwiches, drinks, pizza and candy. To enter contact Coach Debbie Williams at 903-632-5204. Awards will be given to all participants and a special award to the winners of each category. Forms may be picked up at Rivercrest High School.

Reward offered for stolen trailer The Rivercrest High School

An all metal one axle shop built lawn mower trailer was taken from the corner of Douglas Street and Third Street Northeast in Bogata two weeks ageo. This trailer is a 6X10, black flat bed with tall let down tailgate made with expanded metal. Welded markings on the tongue are (MIRO, JP, DS, Buck & 7-16-42) There is a reward for anyone with information leading to the recovery of this trailer. You can call 632-5113, 632-5924 or 632-

People and Things

Calvary Baptist Church will hold Youth Praise Time on June 14 from 5-7:00 p.m. All area youth are invited to attend. Those interested in from Rusk to Palestine and back. presenting a skit or special music are welcome and may contact Bobbie Connell at 379-3981.

The Trail Blazers of the First Baptist Church in Talco will travel to Rusk on Thursday, June 4 where they plan to take an old fashion train ride

The Talco First Baptist Church WMA will meet on Monday night. June 1 in the church fellowship hall.

for Talco and the students were the winners for all their hard work", said

Congratulations to the students and all the staff at Talco School!

Warning for area residents

Recently the officers of the Talco Baseball Softball Association were called about children requesting donations for their teams. There are a few things everyone should check before giving children money.

All chances or sales made through the Talco Baseball/Softball Association will require something to be filled out by the purchaser, such as a chance which would require a name, address and phone number or the item being sold will be given when it is paid for. The group often does these fund raisers and appreciate those who purchase and donate to them but they would not want the league's name being used to gain money for any one person or child.

The most recent fund raiser held by the group was pizza sales. The players had a form from the pizza company that had to be filled out when a person ordered. Payment was required at the time of the order but the league has records on every child who has a form and the deadline to turn them in was May 23, 1998. Anyone who thinks they may have purchased a pizza and does not receive it within 4 weeks may contact Sammy Ellis, league President at 379-2311.

Basketball camp planned

Rivercrest girls basketball camp will be held June 8-12, three hours each day, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon in the Rivercrest gym. The camp is for those entering third grade through those entering 8th grade. The director of the camp is Coach Debbie Williams. She will be assisted by Tammie Case, ex high school players and other coaches.

The cost to attend the camp is \$40.00 per girl. If more than one family member signs up, the second member will get a \$10.00 discount. Example: 2 sisters=\$70.00 instead of

Activities will include Combined teaching of ball handling skills, shooting techniques and defense. Passing, dribbling and situation drills will be taught daily. Each player will receive individual instruction. There will be daily shooting/ball handling competitions. Competition/scrimmage day will be the last day of the camp. Awards will be given to the winner of the contests. Players will receive a camp basketball charm.





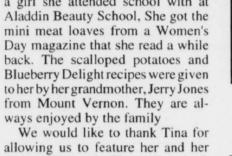
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Our featured cook this week in Tina Williams. Tina, husband, Bryan, and daughter, Cheyenne, live on Mustang Creek, south of Bogata. Cheyenne attends Bogata Elementary School and the Williams' are active at First Baptist Church. Tina says that they love their church and town and would not like to think of it changing.

Tina is in business for herself. She owns TNT, located in Kim's Kuttin' Korral in Bogata, where she does nails. Since she works late almost every day, cooking is something that is done in a hurry, but she enjoys it and likes to cook things that the family can eat on a couple of times a week.

Tinae is sharing her recipes for Cornbread Casserole, Mini Meat loaves, Scalloped Potatoes and Blueberry Delight. The cornbread casserol recipe e was given to her by a girl she attended school with at ways enjoyed by the family

recipes this week. The recipes look delicious. Hope you enjoy them. Have a good week.



May 28, 1998 **Tina Williams**

Cornbread Casserole pound ground beef

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2 cups shredded cheddar 1 can cream style corn 2 pkgs. cornbread mix jalapenos, seasoning salt, chili

powder, onion and oregano Sauté some onion, about 1/2, and oregano in a little bit of butter. Brown beef in same skillet, season with seasoning salt and chili powder. Mix cornbread as directed on pkg. Stir in beef mixture, cheddar. Pour into pan and bake.

Mini Meat loaves

- pound ground beef l pkg. bread crumbs (crackers) 2 c. cheddar cheese
- 2 small cans tomato sauce worchestershire sauce onion

black pepper

Mix together shredded cheddar, l egg and enough crackers so it can be molded into 4 or 5-3 inch loaves. Set aside in pan. Mix together ground beef, crackers, 1 can of tomato sauce and other ingredients. Mold around cheddar loaves. Bake about 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove, cover with tomato sauce and bake 20 more minutes.

Scalloped Potatoes

5 or 6 medium potatoes 1 can mushroom soup 1 cup cheddar cheese onion oregano

salt and pepper milk and butter

Slice potatoes flat, enough to cover casserole pan. Sauté onions, oregano in butter. Mix together soup and other ingredients including onion and oregano. Pour over potatoes, cover with foil. Bake at 350 degrees, 30 minutes; remove foil, sprinkle with shredded cheddar. Bake 10 minutes more.

Blueberry Delight

1 large box black cherry Jello 1 small can crushed pineapple 1 can wild blueberries

2 cups hot water Mix all together, put in icebox

over night to set up Topping 1 box cream cheese

1- 8 oz. sour cream 1/2 cup sugar 1 Tbsp. vanilla

1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup pecans

Mix together topping, sprinkle nuts on top. Put in icebox 30 minutes and serve cold.

Children think not of what is past, nor what is to come, but enjoy the present time, which few of us do.

—Jean de La Bruyere





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THE FEATURED COOK IN THE COUNTRY COOKING COLumn this week is- Tina Williams of Bogata. She is pictuered at her business, TNT, which she runs in Bogata.(Staff Photo)

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank each and every

Your prayers, calls, cards, flowers,

Thank you from the bottom of our

Card of Thanks

Thanks so very much to Red River

Health Care, Dr. Nada, East Texas

Medical Center and Rev. Park

Robertson and deacons of the First

Baptist Church for your love, con-

cern and help. You are so appreci-

Card of Thanks

church wants to express their heart-

felt thanks to all our wonderful friends

for the visits, food, flowers, memori-

als, cards and calls. Your prayers

kept him with us an extra two years.

Kilgore and his staff, nurses from

McCuistion Hospital 3rd floor W,

dear friends, Rev. Chief Warden and

Rev. Glynn Renfro for their words of

comfort. Martha Glover, Ida Lou

Read and Tim Wood for the beautiful

Personal thanks to Jim Wood and

music Bill loved so much.

Wood Funeral Home.

We love you all.

Billie Goheen

Mattylu Upchurch

Bobbie and Ed Hill

Leah and Russell Schroeder

Jim and Cynthia Upchurch

Don and Eva Upchurch

Go, bury they sorrow,

Go, bury it deeply,

Go, hide it with care.

Go, bury thy sorrow.

And tell God the rest

the sound of rain!

Let others be blest;

The world hath its share;

Go, give them the sunshine,

is most welcome

Early morning sound

It all began in the early hours of

Wednesday, May 27th. First there

were explosive sounds, than flashes

of light and a rising wind. And then,

sleepy area residents began to hear it,

rainfall, a series of thunderstorms

swept into the area early Wednesday

morning, dropping desperately

needed moisture on crops, yards and

pastures. Predictions were for more

to fall all Wednesday. It is doubtful

After weeks without substantial

respiratory and ICU.

A very special thanks to Dr. Terry

We would also like to thank our

The family of William "Bill" Up-

The Family of Jewel Rowe

one of you for your many acts of

food and gifts of love and sympathy

kindness during our terrible loss.

have meant so much.

Wesley Roberts

Helen, Jennifer and



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.

*The ladies are starting a pool tournament on Tuesday nights starting at 7:30 p.m. No strict rules. Just come and have fun.

Fulbright School reunion planned

The annual Fulbright School Reunion will be held o June 13, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Rocking W Bar-B-Que in Paris. Lunch will be served from the menu. Any former student of the Fulbright School is invited to attend.

On June 14, the annual Fulbright Homecoming will be held at the Fulbright Community Center.



Mrs. Kyle King of Reno and Mr. and Mrs. Duane King spent Wednesday with Jimmie King.

652-6051

Miss Ruby Chandler is back home after spending several days in Clarksville Hospital.

Monte Rodgers and Melissa Arriaga visited Sunday and Monday with their mother, Betty Rodgers. Jimmie King visited Ethel Epps in

Bogata Housing Unit Friday evening. Marla Crump visited relatives in Athens Saturday.

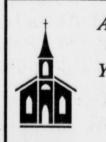
Marcella Wright came home Wednesday after having five bypasses in Baylor Hospital. She is doing good.

Dick King of Paris spent Saturday with his mother, Jimmie King. Lacy Beaty and Devin Peek were

among the eighth grade graduates from Deport Elementary School. Jack Herrington will be the guest

speaker at the next community meeting at the center on Monday night, June 1. Please come and welcome The ranchers are cutting and bal-

ing hay during this hot, dry weather. Randy Osburn of Midlothian spent Saturday night and Sunday with his grandmother, Jimmie King.



Attend The Church of Your Choice Each Sunday



Established in 1982" It may seem too hot to think about RODEO IN DECEMBER. But, Space is now Open for Booking For the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. Call Us! Marlene Pendleton, C.T.C. 3615 Lamar Ave., Paris, TX 1-800-642-1149 785-0017

dies May 22

Allen Davis Brown, age 77 of Detroit, died Friday, May 22 in McCurtain Memorial Hospital in

Services were held at 11:0 a.m. Tuesday at Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home with Rev. Jimmy Ellis officiating. Burial followed in Leesville Cem-

He was born August 20, 1920 in Friendswood, the son of Allen W. and Zora Davis Brown. He married Nona Craig on May 9, 1944 in Lowell, KS. He was a rice farmer and rancher, served nine years as a truste with Detroit Independent School District and a member of Leesville Baptist Church.

sister, Versa Pearson Connally; a son-

Nephews served as pallbearers. Memorials may be made to the

Wesley Belcher

Services were held at 4 p.m. Tues-Home made burial in Cuthand Cem-

Sonny Belcher of Clarksville; a daughter, Patricia Booker of Clarksville; two sisters, Mrs. Mutt White of Cuthand and Mrs. Nancy Dugger of Fulbright; one brother, Pete Belcher of Cuthand; three grandchildren and his mother, Jessie Belcher of Cuthand.

William D. Stewart

dies May 21

William D. (Bill) Stewart, age 68 of Cuthand died Thursday, May 21 in Clarksville Nursing Center.

1929 in Red River County, the son of Charles Melvin and Lois Cook Stewart. He married the former Salistine Rebecca Alsup on July 28, 1950. She died November 4, 1966. He was a retired carpenter.

He is survived by three daughters, Vickie Bryant and Debbie English, both of Bogata and Peggy Burge and husband Bill Burge of Cuthand and one son, Dave Stewart and wife Donna Stewart of Cuthand; twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ellis Stewart of Duncanville, Noel Lee Stewart of Lewisville and Kenneth Stewart of Ovilla; two sisters, Pauline Cavnar of Bogata and Michelle Stewart of Scottsdale, AZ. He was preceded in death by a son, Johnny Glenn Stewart May 24, 1953; a son-in-law, Kenneth Bryant February 9, 1998 and a brother, Charles Stewart.

Bearers were Danny Sheffield, Jimmy Alsup, Rodger Guess, Jeff anyone was upset by the welcome Schrader, Gary Cheatwood and C.R. Williams.

Miss Texas Farm Bureau Talent Find & Little Miss/Little Mister Contests are July

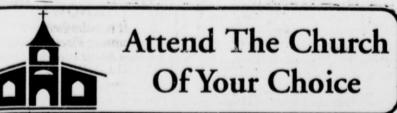
The Red River County Farm Bureau has chosen Saturday, July 11 as the date for their annual Miss Texas Farm Bureau, Talent Find and Little Miss and Mister Contests. Contests will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Clarksville High School Cafetorium.

Contestants for Miss Texas Farm Bureau must be between the ages of ber, single, live in Red River County and enter only one contest per year. She can participate at the district level no more than two times.

Contestants for the Talent Find Contest must be between ages of 16-19 as of Sept. 1, 1998, can enter only one contest per year. Performance must be confined to normal stage setting. Must be amateur, Texas Farm Bureau member or member of Texas Farm Bureau family. Contestants can partici-

Little Miss and Little Mister Contest: Must be children or grandchildren of Red River Co. Farm Bureau member, between age of 4-6 at date of contest. Formal attire is not necessary.

Scholarships for Miss Texas Farm Bureau and Talent Find Contests:



Obituaries

Verdie L. Sutton

Verdie L. Sutton of Blossom died

Services were held at the Church

Mrs. Sutton was born December

Tuesday, May 12 at Baylor Medical

of the Nazarene in Blossom with the

31, 1921 in Paris, the daughter of

David and Ethel Matheson Robin-

son. She married Jim F. Sutton on

June 7, 1946 in Tarrant County. He

preceded her ind eath November 4.

1991. She was a member of the

Church of the Nazarene in Blossom.

and Dean Radke of Ft. Worth, Dell

and Bob Eastwood of Stephenville,

Shirley and Steve Shannon of Blos-

som and Elaine and Dr. Lance Hafter

of Colleyville; 11 grandchildren and

four great-grandchildren; three broth-

ers, Bill Robinson, A.D. Robinson

and Otto Asberry. She was also pre-

ceded in death by a brother, David

Radke, Johnny Leopold, Tony

Leopold, Shawn Shannon, Scott Sh-

annon and David Hafter.

A.B. Castleman

dies May 22

Bearers were Jerry Radke, Darrin

A.B. "Budgy" Castleman, age 90

Services were held Sunday, May

of Detroit died Friday, May 22 in

24 at 2:00 p.m. at Clarksville Funeral

Home chapel with Benny Cogburn

officiating. Burial followed in Bluff

Mr. Castleman was a retired high-

way construction worker, born Janu-

ary 2, 1908 in Red River County. He

is survived by a son, Sonny Castleman

Sanders of Irving and Pat Curty of

Detroit; nine grandchildren and 15

Eddins, Pete Pearce, James Dean,

Sid Hamilton, age 88 of Bogata,

Services were held at 2:00 p.m

Saturday, May 23 in the chapel of

Red River Haven Nursing Center.

Buriall was made in Bogata Cem-

etery under the direction of Wood

Mr. Hamilton was born March 16,

1910 in Bogata, the son of Bob and

Maggie Morrison Hamilton. He is

survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs.

Lydia (Sis) Hamilton of Clarksville

and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four

brothers, Burt, Tom, Hoyt and Paul

Hamilton and a sister, Alma Duffee.

Mrs. Ouida Blance Smith

Mrs. Ouida Blanche Smith Read,

Services were held at 211 a.m.

Tuesday, May 26 in the First Presby-

terian Church of Deport with Rev. Ed

Dodson officiating. Burial followed

in Highland Cemetery under the di-

Mrs. Read was born September

29, 1910 in Nevada, TX, the daughter

of Edgar and Clara Smith. She mar-

ried Farris Bell Read on December

21, 1929 and moved to Deport where

she made her home for many years.

ter-in-law, Farrar Kyle and Leanne

Read; two granddaughters, Farrar

Jane Read and Jill Katherine Read

Brasuell; one grandson, Kyle Chris-

tian Read and one great-granddaugh-

ter, Sophie Justine Durre, all of Aus-

Pearson, Joseph Ladd, Max Smith,

Jim Cole and Harold Durham. Hon-

orary bearers were Weldon Smith,

Joe Smith, Edgar A. Smith, Al

The family requests any memorial

gifts be made to the Presbyterian

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SYSTEMS

Per Month

Childrens Services in Waxahachie.

Herndon and Ped Read.

Bearers were Craig Brasuell, Eric

She is survived by a son and daugh-

rection of Wood Funeral Home.

age 87 of Austin, formerly of Deport,

died Friday, May 22 in East Texas

Paul Lewis and James Lewis.

Medical Center in Clarksville.

Bearers were Bud Bell, Tommy

great-grandchildren.

Sid Hamilton

dies May 22

Funeral Home.

dies May 21

died May 21 in Austin.

of Irving and daughters, Margaret

Robinson.

Irving.

Cemetery.

Surviving are daughters Lou Ann

dies May 12

Center in Grapevine.

Rev. Ray Evers officiating.

Allen Davis Brown

Idabel, OK.

Survivors include his wife, Nona; two sons, Allen Brown, Jr., and wife Deborah, Craig Brown, both of Detroit; two daughters, Beverly Killough of Detroit, Zora and husband Dan McBride of Edna; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Phyllis Patterson of Houston, Margaret Lane of Lindale and Carol Kline-Vaughn of Houston; two brothers, Stewart Brown of Itasca and Glen Brown of Karnack.

He was preceded in death by a in-law, Clarence Killough and a granddaughter, Cynthia Brown.

Leesville Family Life Center.

dies May 25

Wesley Belcher, age 68 of Cuthand died Monday, May 25 in Titus County Hospital, Mt. Pleasant.

day, May 26 under the pavillion of Cuthand Cemetery with Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Wood Funeral

Mr. Belcher was born January 6, 1930 in Red River County, the son of Herman and Jessie Ewing Belcher. He married the former Miriann Wilson no November 9, 1950 in Coleman. He was a retired farmer and rancher.

Surviving are his wife; one son,

Services were held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23 in Cuthand Cemetery with Park Robertson officiating. Services were under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Stewart was born August 23,

16-19 as of Sept. 1, 1998. Daughter or sister of Texas Farm Bureau mem-

pate at the district level no more than two times.

Please call Red River County Farm Bureau, 427-2145 for details and

County, \$100; District, \$1,000; State, \$2,000; State Runnerup, \$1,500.





Congratulations **Wayne Martin**

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The couple will be married Saturday, June 6, 1998 at seven o'clock in the evening at Cuthand Methodist Church in Cuthand. Don Shovan will perform the ceremony.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dillow of Bogata, Mrs. Margie Burnett of attend. Lubbock and the late Mr. Roy A.

Burnett. She attends Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Purviance of Fort Worth and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Purviance of Clear Lake, Iowa and the late Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller of Plymouth, Iowa. He is a 1995 graduate of Texas A&M-College Station and is employed by Cross Arrow Ranch in Cuthand as a rancher.

Friends and relatives are invited to

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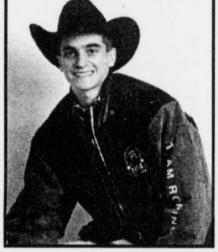
sented at Rivercrest on May 14, 1998.

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Alan Hudson

Hudson awarded scholarships

Alan Hudson has been awarded a scholarship to Northeast Texas Community College where he will participate on the rodeo team. He will also receive a scholarship from the Texas High School Rodeo Association for participation and achievement in Region 4 rodeos.

Alan, a Rivercrest High School senior, is the son of Johnny and Debbie Hudson of Bogata.

Marty Gray graduates

Marty Wayne Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Gray of Bogata, graduated May 16, 1998, from the College of Business and Technology of Texas A&M-Commerce with a degree in Industrial Technology.

Those attending his graduation ceremonies in addition to his parents were Jody Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gray, Ms. Jennifer Reeder and Riley, Mrs. Jessica Hines, Mrs. Deanna Harper, Lacy, Danielle and Kacy, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Williams and Brandon and Deshonna Kays.

Marty was a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

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By Jana Hawkins 632--5174

Visiting on Memorial Day with Gene and Lydia Hawkins was John Morris of Austin. John, Aimee and Jonathan Morris are proudly announcing the birth of Ryan Alexander Morris who arrived on May 19. Other visoitors of the Hawkins were Charles and Alice Dryden of Longview. The Drydens were also visiting their son and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Dryyden, Jr. of Sulphur Springs.



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Alan Hudson & Tye Mankins

Hudson-Mankins win team roping event

The Region 4 Texas High School Rodeo finals were held March 28 and 29 at Mount Pleasant. Team ropers Alan Hudson and Tye Mankins won first place for the year and earned a saddle each. This award entitles them to attend the Texas State High School Rodeo Finals to be held in Abilene in June and then to Shawnee, Oklahoma for the International Finals Youth Rodeo in July.

Alan is the son of Debbie and Johnny Hudson, and Tye is the son of Judy and Nathan Mankins.



COURTNEY HUDDLESTON-was the recipient of the Masonic Lodge Lamar Medal at the Rivercrest awards assembly held on Tuesday, May 26. He is pictured with Masonic Lodge member Buford Hervey. (Staff Photo



grandmother Mary Porterfield, mother Misty Rodden and son Trevor, grandmother Pam Fenner, seated great-great grandmother Agnus Guess holding Trenton.

Junior High and High School graduations set for May 28-29

Graduation ceremonies have been set for Thursday, May 28, 1998 at Rivercrest High School auditorium for the Talco-Bogata eighth grade classes. Valedictorian and Salutatorian from the Talco campus are Brandon Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Meade and Brittany Bull, daughter of Leah Bull of Bogata and Terry Bull

Valedictorian and Salutatorian from the Bogata campus are Brittany Barnett, daughter of Evelyn and Billy Scales of Bogata and Kayla Belcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Belcher of Cuthand. The Invocations will be given by Kayla Sears, daughter of Vickie English of Bogata. The benediction will be given by Robyn Hollis daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hollis of Talco

Ushers for the evening from the Talco 7th grade will be Shari Wisinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Tommy Wisinger of Sugar Hill and Stephanie Carroll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Carroll of Talco.

Ushers for the evening from the Bogata 7th grade will be Ashley Beers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Beers of Bogata, Ashley White, daughter of Teresa and Blane White of Bogata and Erica Williams, daughter of Lee and Brian White of Bogata.

The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. and the students will celebrate with a dance in the cafeteria following the ceremony

The Rivercrest High School graduation ceremony has been set for 8:00 p.m. at the school auditorium on May Valedictorian of the senior class is

Michael Allen, son of Michael Sr. and Donna Allen of Bogata. Michael carried a 6.8396 grade point average. Salutatorian of the senior class is Maribel Prado, daughter of

Bernardina Garcia of Talco. Maribel

carried a 6.8292 grade point average. The Invocation will be given by

Kristi Hines, daughter of Margaret Savage of Talco. Kristi carried a 6.7587 grade point average. The Benediction will be given by

Derek Belcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Childres and Randy Belcher all of Bogata. Derek carried a grade point average of 6.7250. Everyone is encouraged to come and celebrate graduation with the students as one group prepares to enter high school and the other group prepares for college, the armed forces or the work force.

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Every time I pass by the school in Bogata, I am appalled at the raffic that goes in front of the Elementary School. It is a blessing that so far, that I know of, that no child has been seriously injured

I cannot understand why the taxpayers of Talco-Bogata ISD would oppose such a move. We of the older generation should be proud to pay our part to provide a safe, healthy school environment for our children and grand-children.

I am a registered voter in Franklin Co., and realize that I cannot vote in this election. I would like to support this issue for my three grand-daughters, who are receiving a quality education there at the present time, but we feel it could be made even better by joining forces in one location. Please vote YES for all the children.

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By Judy Screws Call 632-5322

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws had dinner in Paris with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Guerra, Christopher and Jerred Thursday evening to celebrate Christopher's thirteenth birthday.

Gussie Musick came home from Dallas to attend the funeral of her brother, Bud Christopher. Also here to attend the funeral were Mrs. Musick's daughter, Melba Henry from Fort Worth, and her granddaugh-

ter, Janice Henry, from Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws visited Mr. and Mrs. Murl Roach in Deport.

Lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana on Memorial Day were Mike, Lila, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws and Daniel Sepulveda of Deport and Chris Anna. Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

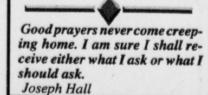
Tana Screws visited with Mr. and Mrs. Murl Roach in Deport Sunday

Visiting with Dixie Stringfellow this last week were Jimmy and Linda Stringfellow, Lucille Childers, Felina White, Vicki Tabb, Danny and Michael Tabb and Dee Tabb.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana and Chris Anna, Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra attended the eighth grade graduation of Kara Screws at Prairiland School Thursday night.

Happy Birthday to Raney Garret

Dan, Vicki, Danny, Michael, Dee and Delene Tabb spent Memorial Day at Pat Mayse Lake.





MIKE UPCHURCH-presented Maribel Prado with the Bogata Lions Club's Mary Colflesh Memorial at the Rivercrest awards assembly held on Tuesday, May 26. Maribel also received the Masonic Lodge Scholarship. (Staff photo Nancy Brown)

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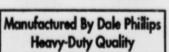
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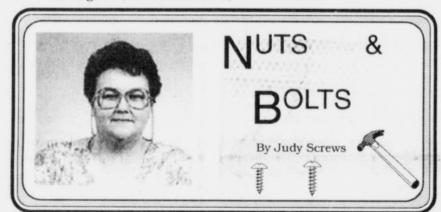




FIVE GENERATIONS pictured are standing mother Misty Rodden and son Trevor, grandmother Pam Fenner, great-grandfather Donald Porterfield and seated great-great grandmother Rossie Porterfield



RECEIVING-the Red River Child Protective Services Scholarship at the Rivercrest awards assembly held on Tuesday, May 26 was Bonnie Phillips. The award was presented by Rick Holeman of the First Baptist Church in Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



We need to be able to moan and

groan and someone to care. We need

someone to go and get the cool cloth

for us and tell us to go lie down and

they will see about us. Pain is never

fun, but it is much easier to handle if

someone shares it with us. I some-

times enjoy a little while at home

alone, but the events of that afternoon

made me realize that while brief

times alone are nice, I don't want to

be alone for extended periods. I want

to share my good times and my bad

times with someone. If I hurt I need

someone to feel sorry for me, and if

I am happy I need to share it with

someone I love. I also want to sympa-

thize and empathize with other people

when they need someone. I guess you

could call me a people person; or

you do us proud!

rare afternoon at home completely alone. My husband had gone with our son to watch the Rangers play, and our daughter was at work. Our house was completely peaceful, with no television or radio noise to break the silence. I was totally contented. I was in such a good mood that I decided to do something constructive. I began moving spare pillows, quilts and comforters from a closet without shelves to a closet with shelves. It was quite a job since the shelves were quite high and I am not really tall, but I was gradually getting it done. I was down to the last pillow, and when I pushed very hard to get it on the top shelf, my hand hung on the cord of an air purifier which was setting on the shelf and in just a matter of a half a second that air purifier fell and hit me right between the eyes. The pain was excruciating and I almost passed out. I managed to sit down on the sofa to keep from falling, but the pain was almost more than I could handle for just a brief period. I made sure nothing was broken, and after sitting and moaning for a while, I went and got myself a cool wet cloth to put on my face and laid down on the bed.

The phone rang a couple of times while I was lying there, and each time I went through the whole story of my accident with the caller. They were

very sympathetic and asked if I needed them to come and see about me, but I didn't and I appreciated their offers. What I needed was someone to be there to see my swollen face and feel

sorry for me in my pain. As a rule if you touch me, it leaves a big bruise. Not that day. Not one bruise came out of that accident. It was just not meant to be that I would get any mileage out of my pain. Describing pain on the telephone just won't cut it. I need an audience. It had never occurred to me just how much we need someone with us at times to witness our pain and predicaments.

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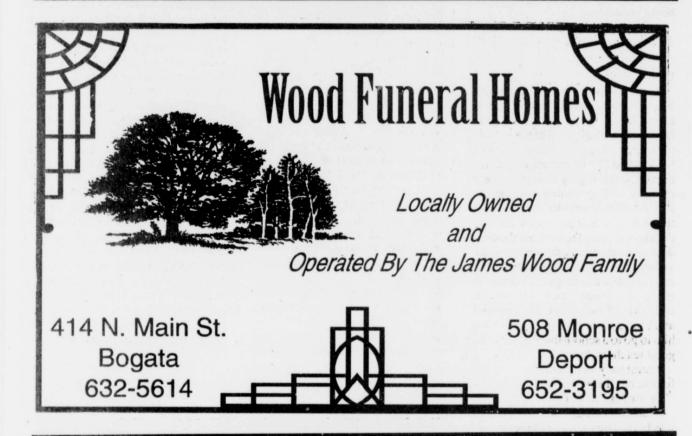
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I am writing this letter as a parent of a 6 year old child, not as a wife of a board member. I work at Rivercrest High School so I see how the Junior High students are bused back and forth from Talco and Bogata each day. Students from Talco and Bogata come to RHS to take band in the band hall first period each day with the high school students. Talco and Bogata students come to RHS to take algebra in the classroom first period each day with the high school students. The students then return to their campus until some of them return to the high school for 7th period athletics. The students then return to the Talco and Bogata campus and if they have a football game or a basketball game, they will return once again for their extracurricular activity. The Bogata Pre-K must ride the bus everyday from Bogata to Talco for their class and then load up on the bus and return to Bogata. Some complaints are the mixing of high school students with the lower grades. How do the children get to school? They ride the buses together! We do not have separate buses for elementary, junior high and high school students. In 1993 the school mailed everyone in our school district an opinion poll that listed 4 options. It ask that you check one of the options and return it back to the school, there was very little response. This is not something that has been rushed, it is something that has been talked about and discussed for quite some time. Some of the people want to remodel the schools or build Bogata a new school. What will we do with the students while the remodeling is taking place? You can't do all of this while school is out for the summer. There was a "reason to vote no" paper being passed around town earlier stating that the high school students could possibly abuse the younger children if they were to be sent to the high school campus, that was an insult to the students and faculty that work at the high school. What kind of a school do you think Rivercrest is? How did the Talco and Bogata schools have their K-12 grades all on one campus 30 years ago before we consolidated? Were you not all in one building? There will be three separate buildings if the bond were to pass. The elementary would be on one campus. The junior high would have their own building and

the high school would have their own building. The high school would share the band hall with the junior high as they do already. The junior high would have their lunch at different times than the high school so they would not be together. The junior high and the high school will share the auditorium, but they do that now. I don't understand how people could let taxes stand in the way of a better future for our children and grandchildren. As Sara Stanley stated in her letter, "you don't mind paying the rising taxes on tobacco or alcohol products, but you complain about school taxes that are used to educate the children." Where are your priorities? If you live in a large expensive home or have lots of land then it is a known fact that you will pay more taxes. That is a price you will have to pay anywhere you live in the United States. Compare our tax rate with other school districts and see how we compare to theirs. If the bond fails or if the bond passes your taxes will go up. You must have money to remodel these schools. Most of you are complaining about the new gym, come to a basketball game and try to get a seat. More than likely you will have to stand at the door to see a game or to watch the PIPS perform. There is a difference between a sports complex and a gym and ours will be a gym, one that will be comfortable to those that come at 4:00 and stay and watch 4 games that night, and something that will bring money to our school. We average \$600.00 a night during basketball season. Figure that on a yearly basis. We could have a gym where other schools would rent for play off games and our school clubs could make money off of the play off games being played at our school. We have four junior high teams and four high school teams trying to use one gym. Figure the time it takes for the Talco girls athletics to travel to Bogata and the Bogata boys are on their way to Talco to practice. Does that make sense? It only makes sense to have it all on one campus and cut out all of this traveling back and forth from one town to the other. Look at the transportation cost. Right now that we are spending busing back and forth. Look at the cost of keeping up three campuses at different locations. How could it be so wrong to pull our towns together and have unity. Our children don't see this Talco-Bogata thing that has kept our generations apart for so long, so why should we. Lori Hervey Franks

Dear Editor,

I'm Joe Stewart. I live in Fulbright. I have talked to some people about this school bond election and about moving the schools out of town.

I'm 85 years old. My wife is Thelma Fulbright Stewart. We live in this school district and are registered voters here. We saw what this same thing did to Fulbright. When we lost our school, we lost our people and

I hope everyone thinks about this real hard before they vote. It would be so bad for this same thing to happen to Bogata and Talco.

It happened to other communities around us, too, when they lost their schools. Joe Stewart



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Jeremy Abshier graduates May 16

Jeremy Abshier, son of Carol La-ing of Talco and Cliff Abshier of Orange graduated from Lamar University of Beaumont, Texas on Saturday, May 16, 1998.

Jeremy received his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. Jeremy is a 1990 graduate of Rivercrest High School and plans to be teaching and coaching his own team by the fall of 1998. Attending his graduation ceremony from Talco were his mom, Carol Laing, Aunt Joyce Franks and cousin, Amanda Franks

Letters to the editor



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To the Citizens of Talco-Bogata

I'm impressed by the fact that almost everyone seems to agree that improvements must be made to the Talco-Bogata CISD facilities. The major disagreement seems to be whether we should continue with the present three-campus arrangement or locate all the schools on one campus at Rivercrest.

There are valid points that can be made on each side of the issue; there are also strong emotions that well up inside us when we consider changing things that are near and dear to us. , The bottom line however is that we must choose a direction; we must come together as a district and we must pursue as our goal THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN. We must realize also that whatever changes are made to our facilities - whether combining all or retaining the present arrangement-are going to be expensive.

For many years, each Board of Trustees has had to wrestle with these problems, which have been further complicated by the way schools are presently financed in the state of Texas. Several of the present board members have served for a number of years; most have attended schools at Bogata, Talco or Rivercrest and/or their children as well as the children of their friends and neighbors attend or have attended these schools. They also have ties to the past and experience the same emotions as others do regarding change. I doubt whether there is a single board member who ever anticipated making any change to our current three-campus arrangement. However, being confronted over and over with the problems of scheduling, the movement of both teachers and students between campuses during the school day and the huge expense of trying to duplicate all the goods and services needed on each of the campuses, they have been forced to look for a more practical way to handle the present day needs of our students.

These board members and the administration, after thorough investigation of the options and much soul searching, have presented to the citizens of our district the plan which

they believe will give our students the best possible education as they understand the economics of the situation both now and in the future. I feel that the Board should be commeded for having made its recommendation on such a difficult and emotional issue. We are being given the option of voting for the issue or of voting it down. I don't know how you can be more fair than that.

My work in the Talco-Bogata schools has given me first hand knowledge of the problems which the Board has faced and continues to face. I believe that they have made the correct recommendation.

I plan to VOTE YES ON JUNE 6.

Sincerely, Frank Stubblefield.



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Letters to the Editor concerning upcoming Bond Election

Dear Editor,

On April 6, 1998, the board of trustees voted unanimously to adopt an order calling a school house bond election. For many people, that action was viewed as the first step in the process of building new facilities and locating them at the central site. However, we, the board view that action as the best step following many years of discussion, thought, and searching for the best solution to the challenges facing our school district. Please allow us to present a few of the facts and conditions that brought us to this

Over the past decade, we have been faced with declining values, increasing costs (many of them state mandated), and a commitment to the taxpayer to hold taxes as low as possible. We have seen our taxable values decline by over \$35 million in just the last five years. This year alone, the state mandated salary increases which cost our district \$270,735.00. Other state mandates have required the district to hire new teachers to keep the class size below 22. During this period of time, the districts; tax rate has remained well below the average for this area as well as the state. This combination of decreasing values, increasing costs, and relatively low tax rate has forced the district to deplete a surplus of over \$1 million. This year we were forced to borrow money to fund a \$200,000.00 sewer plant and are faced with a new roof for the Rivercrest building for which estimates run from \$200,000.00 to over \$600,000.00.

A most people are aware, the buildings at Talco and Bogata are old and in need of extensive repair. We have seen the annual cost of maintenance on these facilities increase each year, and as some have noticed, we have not been able to keep repairs ahead of needs. Most people recognize the poor conditions at the Bogata facilities, but at both locations we are dealing with decayed sewer lines (many of which are located inside walls and slabs)' old , substandard electrical wiring; deteriorating roofs; and unsound structures. We have come to realize that there is no quick, easy, or inexpensive "fix" to these problems.

A few years ago we were considering increasing the tax rate to begin addressing some of the concerns we had at each campus. At that time, we still had a fund balance of several hundred thousand dollars. At the tax hearing a group of concerned taxpayers appeared before the board and requested that the tax rate be held down until it was absolutely neces-

To the voters of the Talco-Bogata School District:

It has recently been noted that the City of Talco had turned down the offer to give the Talco School building to the City of Talco. I know of no official offer having been made to any city official. I believe that the school board acted hastily in their decision to build an elementary school at Rivercrest. They should have looked at building Bogata a new elementary and doing minor repairs to the Talco school building. The elementary-age children of Talco and Bogata need to go to school in their respective towns. There should have been meetings to discuss different options. There were none until recently by hand-picked members that were FOR the proposal. ?This process has been ongoing for years but has been hush-hush except for a select group of people, in my opinion. In other words, they haven't gone public with this until recently to give the voters time to study the proposal.

One of my responsibilities to the City of Talco is to hold taxes down as low as possible for the citizens of Talco. This should be the responsibility of the school board to the tax payers of the Talco-Bogata CISD. It doesn't appear to me that our elected school board members are doing their job. Other options should have been

researched and given to the voters. I also have a problem with some of the teachers in the school system trying to influence the students during class to support building the new schools. I have no problem with a discussion in class as long as both sides are presented...but for the sake of discussion the students should not know which side of the debate the teacher is on. Anything else reeks of onesidededness which has no place in the classroom.

I understand that the teachers have been pressured by other school employees to sign a letter saying they supported the bond. I feel that our teachers and school employees are adult enough to make up their own minds without any pressures or being made to feel that repercussions will be felt if they present anything other than a united front.

Another concern is the building of two new gyms at Rivercrest. Are we building a school or a sports complex? I think that the education of our children is more important! But the school board is giving us no other options. This is strictly my personal opinion. I will vote NO on June 6th and hope you will too.

K.M. (Mike) Sloan

sary to raise it... The board voted to keep the tax rate at the lower rate. Since that time our values have continued to decline and the fund balance has been depleted. We feel the time has come to step up and do what is necessary to provide for the children of the district.

As we studied the situation confronting us, we came to the conclusion that building the proposed new facilities at the Rivercrest location would best serve the people whose interest we represent: the children, the taxpayers, and the general citizenry of the Talco-Bogata School District. While space in this letter will not allow a complete list of facts, we would like to share a few of the facts that led us to our conclusion.

The new facilities will be much less expensive to maintain. We feel it is better to use tax money to provide new, efficient facilities than to provide patches for the old buildings. This year we budgeted \$450,821.00 for maintenance. We feel that with new buildings, this figure could be reduced by as much as 50%. This would save \$225, 410.00. The facilities consultant estimated that new buildings would be energy efficient enough to cut monthly utility costs by 2/3. Our current utility bills at the Bogata and Talco campuses averages \$8,734.446 per month. This could save as much as \$69,875.00

Combining the campuses would lead to considerable savings in the future. At current enrollment rates, one section of each grade in kindergarten through the fifth grade could be eliminated. This could make personnel available to offer a more varied curriculum or could reduce personnel enough to save approximately \$150,000.00 annually. Combining the campuses would also allow us to eliminate the duplication of services and programs such as cafeteria, library, computer labs, etc. This will lead to an estimated annual savings of \$25,000.00.

While these and other facts had pretty well convinced us that the new central facility would be best for our district, when we learned that state funding would pay approximately 73 percent of the cost, we agreed that we would be neglecting our duty to the people we serve if we allow this opportunity to pass us by. It has been suggested that the Tier II money will be gone after two years. We are required to develop a budget each year based on predictions of state funding. The truth is, all state funding operates on a two year cycle. Everything from teacher salaries to buses

Dear Editor:

From a country boy at heart who now lives in the big city, I wish to share my view regarding what seems to be a deeply divided issue--full consolidation of the Bogata/Talco school

While I have no formal vote in this matter, I lean toward consolidation. However, I do have questions for those being affected by this decision, which means everyone.

Bussing--Howlong in driving time will a student from the farthest direction be affected? For those students being bussed from both cities, how and where will this occur? What about bad weather, where will the students gather before heading out to Rivercrest? How could a long journey for

some be made less inconvenient? The existing buildings, what happen to them? Will they be abandoned? Will they be kept up and at what cost? If they are, then who resides in them? What community activities would be held in them? If not, then will they become ghosts of our past? Will they be torn down and made available for

future development? Education. With the children and youth being on basically one campus, what educational benefits other than togetherness will they receive? Will this move provide for better education in a time when it has become substandard throughout the

Taxes. How will household incomes be affected? Will this be a small or large amount added to each person's tax bill?

The future. Will this make the city stronger? Will it cause deterioration of identity? Will it ultimately have no effect at all? Will this be a promotional tool for success to bring other families to the area, so that their chil-

dren may receive better education? With any family, major moments of decision occur. For those in Bogata and Talco, you each in essence are separate families. Consolidation of both school systems, elementary and junior high, will be as a marriage; a bringing together of these families. And in a health marriage, what is ultimately good for the family must come first. Open discussion, mutual

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state legislature every other year. Texas school bonds are guaranteed by the Texas Permanent School Fund. There have been other options

mentioned recently. The truth is there are probably as many opinions about what should be done as there are people. Each opinion has its merits and certainly each has its problems. We are convinced that any option that requires the district to continue to pour money into the cramped campus at Bogata and continue moving our children closer to Highway 271 is not one that even merits consideration in the plan for the future. We, the board of trustees agree that the proposal we have offered is not perfect, nothing we have ever done was perfect. However, we are convinced that any other alternative will be much more costly and much less efficient to the taxpayers of our district.

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We are very proud of the accomplishments of our teachers and students. Our high school has been rated exemplary for two years and it appears it will be again when ratings come out this summer. Our elementary and junior high campuses continue to improve and score very high. Our students are very successful in academic UIL competition, academic rodeo, Beta Club, music competition, and recently four of our FFA judging teams qualified for state. As a result of the hard work and cooperation of the students, teachers and community, our schools have enjoyed success in all areas. We appreciate the interest and concern of the citizenry we represent and ask for your continued support and prayers as we seek to provide the best possible opportunities to the children of the Talco-Bogata CISD.

Sincerely, TheBoard of Trustees of the Talco-Bogata CISD Eddy Brown, Kip Stansell, Nicky

Brown, Ricky Franks, Charles Hines, Mollie Williams, Mark

Vote As You Please.... **But Please Vote!**

No Letters To The Editor Will Be Accepted For Next Week's Issue, As Was **Announced Previously**

understanding and compromise will be important words to take into consideration.

Since its inception, how has the Rivercrest high school system worked? Has it been successful? Take a look at its history and learn from the past to make a better future.

If the vote is against consolidation, what happens then? Do you remain status quo or will major improvements be made to both campuses? Will this be effective in the long run and for how long?

Openly discuss your concerns and fears to those who are in the driver's seat. Your input is vital to making the

final decision a victory for all. Wishing you the best in this mat-

Mark Stephenson

Los Angeles, CA Dear Editor,

The bond issue has received a lot of attention lately from people for or against new gyms, new high schools etc. There has been talk of depriving our children of proper education because of the conditions of the buildings at Talco and Bogata. Education is not successful because of any type of building or any location of a build-

Our exemplary campus at Rivercrest we have heard so much about did not start at Rivercrest nor will it end at Rivercrest. It started with some very special students who began their educations at Talco and Bogata. Just because they attended a modern high school at RHS did not make them exemplary, it only continued their

pervious teachings and attitudes. Moving our schools from Talco and Bogata is not the answer. Providing our children with continued love and appreciation and encouragement will be the future of their education.

Those of you who experienced communities like Cuthand, Fulbright, Morris Chapel, Hagansport, Halesboro, Sugar Hill and Maple Springs, losing their schools know that when you lose your school from your community you see a steady decline in people moving to your community and you see grocery stores, banks and other businesses either shut down or move to where there is a school.

I do not want to see this happen in Talco or Bogata. Please vote no with me on June 6 and let us save not only our schools but also our towns.

Sincerely, Marta Rhoades

I am Jimmy Ottinger. I have lived in Talco all my life. I own land and pay school taxes to Rivercrest I.S.D. I work for Texas Utilities Mining Company

Recently I attended a computer course that Darr Tractor Company held. We learned how to handle the computers which are now on the heavy equipment. The instructor remarked that Darr is now going to area high schools looking at the Vocational and Computer Departments. They are offering full scholarships to qualified students. This seems to be the trend that many companies are following now.

Of the 9 million dollar bond, that the Superintendent and the School Board is proposing, over 1 million is being spent on the Athletic Program. There is no money allotted for the Vocational Department and very little towards the Computer Program. How is the bond going to improve our childrens futures?

All my life I have heard that if someone is trying to put something by you the things you need to look for is them rushing you or telling you it won't cost anything. The Superintendent and School Board has both rushed us and said it won't cost us anything. I for one think I may be being conned.

I'm proud to be living in this school district. I can vote. I am voting NO!! Jimmy Ottinger

Dear Editor:

I am a 1990 graduate of Rivercrest High School, and I now reside in Paris, Texas, but my heart is still in Bogata. Obviously, I will not be able to vote in the school bond election, but I would like to share my thoughts regarding this highly charged issue. I received an impeccable education in Bogata. However, the condition of the facilities was and is an entirely different matter. I remember the conditions in Bogata, and I have since visited the school. Although my heart and parents are in Bogata, I would not move my family back due to the condition of the school. My husband and I have a two year old, and I want him to go to a school that not only has good teachers, but safe facilities.

I implore you to move toward the future, not the past. Thank goodness both Bogata and Talco decided to consolidate the high school before I was born. The majority of the townspeople looked toward the future, and it was an excellent decision! I just wish the towns had voted to move both Bogata and Talco elementary and junior high campuses at Rivercrest when I was a girl.

Look at the success of the Rivercrest High School system. Please make another excellent decision and consolidate both campuses at Rivercrest for future generations.

Yours truly, D'Ann Stephenson Montoya

Dear Editor:

Our school board, administration and teachers have proved their professional competence by giving our communities 'children, who are outstanding to begin with, an EXEM-PLARY school, the only one in the neighborhood so rated!

After careful study, they have given us their professional judgement on the things to be done if we are to continue to provide superior schooling for the future. Quality education is what our schools are for and I am saddened to notice how many of the critics of their plans have focused on other issues.

I am proud of the educational start I received in Bogata. If it costs me a few extra dollars to continue quality education for today's kids, it will be money well spent. I am voting YES.

Sincerely, John Howison

Dear Editor, Several letters to the editor have appeared in your fine paper lately regarding the upcoming school bond election June 6. Unlike some of the previous letter writers, I am a land owner Talco-Bogata school district tax payer and I do live within the voting district. I have had children attend the Bogata and Rivercrest schools and I do care about the indebtedness we the taxpayers of this district could be taking on should this issue pass. Our own trustees have acknowledged that there is absolutely no guarantee the Tier funding will continue past the next two years. Should the Tier funding be abolished, we the taxpayer will have a financial

obligation we cannot afford. There is effort being made at this time to check into federal funding for building and remodeling existing school structures across the nation. Let's not rush into something as important and as expensive as this bond issue proposes until we search out other alternatives.

Please vote with me June 6 and let's find a more financially comfortable and secure alternative to this one and only option we are being given at

Sincerely, C.R. Williams

Dear Editor. First of all, I would like to say that I am all for moving forward with the education of our children. However, I do not feel that a multi-million dollar sports complex should be called moving forward. It is absurd to say that we need a gym that is larger than the one at Paris Junior College or Paris High. As for the revenue that will be generated by the new gym, where will this money go? Right back into the athletics I am sure. Nothing against sports, I love them just as much as the next person and I think that they are a vital part for our growing children. I do not think that they should be put above education. What about our vocational ag departments? What will they be receiving from this \$9 million? Nothing that i have heard. I will say it again, I know more people making a living by what they learned in those departments than they do in athletics. What about the auditorium? It's hardly large enough now. What about when two campuses are using it? Speaking of three campuses, the school board says that if we continue to maintain three separate campuses that the state will soon take over because we will go bankrupt. How many schools will be at Rivercrest? Three, plus \$9 million dollars to pay off. There will still be the same number of staff members, cafeteria workers, custodians, etc. because according to the school board no one is going to lose their job because of this move. How is this possible? Who knows how many it will take to upkeep the new 1800+ square foot gym. Another thing that bothers me about this move is our young and older children being together. I am not saying one thing against the older kids, but I do not think it is right for them to all be put together. I have been told that they will not be together. There will be enough shared facilities and they will be close enough together that we will be doing nothing but opening the possibilities. Just this past week our third grade class at Talco had their end of year party scheduled at the Talco park. When I showed up for the party I was told by a faculty member that the party had been cancelled because the high school students were at the park and the school faculty did not think that it would be appropriate for them to all be at the park at the same time. I thought we had a pretty large park, at least as large as the space between the elementary and high school at the new facilities

One of the reasons I have been told for wanting to consolidate the schools is to end the rivalry between the two towns. To me, this will end nothing because this all starts from the parents and is passed on to children. I lived in Bogata all of my life and I was not brought up with this attitude. I eventually married and moved to Talco and am still happily there. I still do not have this rivalry attitude and neither do my two children. The parents need to take on the responsibility of ending this! Right now I see the very ones saying this making rivalries out of the yes voters and the no voters. I hear flat out lies being told such as, one employee telling another that if this bond does not pass that Talco will have to go to Mt. Pleasant and Bogata will have to go to Clarksville. Everyone is trying to gather dirt, such as the fact that the Talco school's drainage was recently backed up and could not be fixed. Our school board president had to come out and help find the problem, it turns out to be nothing more than Brillo pad wires stuck in the pipe. People were too worried about expressing their vote opinions than actually trying to fix the problem. We need to all come together to reach the decisions being made for the future of our children. Not be forced to spend \$9 million dollars when it would cost less than half for other options and would not be band-aids on the problems. Tier II money can also be used to modernize Talco School, repair Rivercrest and build Bogata a new school. I also think that having the ballot box at the graduations is one of the most selfish acts I have ever seen. These kids worked hard for nine to thirteen years to make it to these two nights and they should not have one moment of spotlight taken from them. The last thing I would like people to think about is this, the Sulphur Bottom Bridges! I may not seem like a big issue to you, especially if your kids are not traveling on buses, but it is very important to me and a lot of other parents. Again, please think carefully before you vote yes.

Sincerely, Leslie Johnson Wright

My name is Keith A. Brown. I am the athletic director for Talco-Bogata C.I.S.D. recently it has been printed in your newspaper that (a) our school board and administration are valuing athletics over academics, (b) we are trying to build an "athletic complex". I would like to address this misinformation, because these type of malicious rumors affect my students and

I can assure you that the first concern and the highest value is placed on academics at the Talco-Bogata C.I.S.D. The Bogata, Talco and Rivercrest campuses have been recognized numerous times for outstanding performance on the TAAS test. Bogata Elementary and Junior High win the U.I.L. District Academic meet nearly every year. Rivercrest High School has received the exemplary rating for TAAS achievement the last two years. The exemplary rating is the highest that you can earn. These honors for our students do not come without our teachers, administrators and school board having their highest priorities on academics. These are

the facts. The attack on our school board, superintendent and athletic program is totally unjustified. I have heard and read in your paper that we are trying "to build a sports complex". The athletic program is only one facet of our educational environment. Currently we have 48% of our high school students participating in athletics. We utilize athletics and the situations that are specific to athletics to develop our students, socially, emotionally and physically. We have never placed a higher value on students who participate in athletics, but it is amazing that our Valedictorian and 8 of the top ten seniors this year participated in athletics, 10 of the ten participated in our athletic program at some point in their educational life. All of our presidents of the United States were in athletics, except for Bill Clinton. Throughout our athletic program program our students are pushed to excel in the classroom first. I have read about this "sports complex". I have looked at the plans and it is not on them. I would also be informed if their were plans for one. What is proposed by our school board and

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superintendent is an elementary school with a P.E. Gym and a high school with a competition gym. There are no plans for a sports complex or renovations to our current athletic facilities. Our students and athletes do compete in substandard facilities academically and athletically, these are the facts.

I hope that this clears up the misinformation that has been provided to you by numerous sources. We are working hard to educate our leaders of tomorrow. The people against building a quality facility say "give them choice." I ask that you give us "life". We want our children to salute the flag, say yes sir and yes ma'am, and treat their elders with respect. Why not give them something to respect and a quality place to thrive intellectually. "If you build it, they will come". I assure you that academics will be our top priority. Thank you,

Keith A. Brown Athletic Director

Dear Editor:

I know just how the folks feel in Bogata about their school and also Talco. I am in much sympathy for

Some thirty years ago, the same thing happened to our school here at Johntown. Bogata wanted to consolidate with Johntown. We, of course, wanted to keep our school, but it was annexed and moved to Bogata.

I want the readers of the paper to know I am against the consolidation of the junior high and elementary schools. Our children are on the roads now from daylight until dark.

As the old saying goes, "what goes around, comes back around." A Citizen of Johntown,

Dear Editor,

Dorothy S. Foster

I have been reading about moving the school out of Bogata.

I have lived away for several years and I'm glad to be back.

I lived at Cuthand and went to school there. My mother is Oma McKinney. She is 96 years old and in pretty good health. We have talked about moving the schools. I'm lucky, I get to have good visits with her. We both know what taking the school out of Cuthand did. We lost our town. No one at the time thought this would happen. My Mother tells wonderful stories about Cuthand. I just want people to know what could happen to Bogata and Talco. There seems to be a very nice plan to keep the schools where they are and we can keep our

towns. Ercelle McKinney Gooding

Rivercrest High School awards program held

The Rivercrest High School end of year awards program was held Tuesday, May 26. The program began with scholarships and recognition awards. Students receiving these were; Northeast Texas Community College scholarships presented by Chad Henry-Alan Hudson-Rodeo and Amanda Franks-Academic, Lennox Scholarships presented by Gary Vandeaver-Kristi Hines, Derek Belcher and Michael Allen, Masonic Lodge Lamar Award presented by Mike Upchurch-Cortney Huddleston and Masonic Lodge Scholarship presented by Mike Upchurch-Maribel Prado, Lions Club Scholarships presented by Neil Rozell, Ronnie White Memorial-Lauren Robertson and Mary Colflesh Memorial-Maribel Prado, Marilbel also got the J.A. Love and Erbie and Annie Belle Sales Scholarships, Greater Wood County Multiple Listing Service Scholarship' presented by Tim Garza-Erin Noble, Texas-New Mexico Power Company Scholarship presented by Dana Neeley-Lauren Robertson, Talco Exs Association Scholarship presented by Jo Anschutz-Brandi Gaddis, Red River County Child Protective Services Scholarship presented by Rick Holeman-Bonnie Phillips, Tracie Jones Memorial Scholarship presented by Bonnye Gage-LaTasha Brown, Troy D. Brown Memorial Scholarships presented by Bobbie Williams-Kristi Hines and Deidre Brown, Tony Hudgeons Memorial Scholarships presented by Mildred Eudy-John White and Tracy Freeman, Rivercrest Athletic Booster club Scholarships presented by Debbie Hare- Deidre Brown, Tasha Brown, Mallory Chaloner, Jerad Guest, Jody Nolen and Dustin Wolfe, Rivercrest Band Booster Scholarships presented by Richard Davis-Bonnie Phillips, John White and Wayne Martin, Rivercrest Youth Basketball Scholarships presented by Denise Chaloner-Deidre Brown, Mallory Chaloner, Broderick Fulbright, Jody Gray, Cortney Huddleston and Jody Nolen, First Federal Savings and Lone Scholarship-Dustin Cook, Certificate of Commitment to the U.S. Marines presented by Sgt. Young-Charlie Morris, Pesidential Schlorship from Paris Junior College-Kerek Belcher, Science and Leadership Scholarship from Paris Junior College-Brooke Belcher, Stanley Tate Davis Schloraships-Sara Stanley and Kim Jackson, American High School Mathematics Winners-Kara Palmer and Kristi Hines, U.I.L. Scholars Awards-Michael Allen, Maribel Prado, Kristi Hines and Derek Belcher, Athletic All Region and All State Awards-Kristi Hines for basketball and Academic All State-Michael Allen for Notball and LaTasha Brown for softball, Slogan of the Year-Chase Huddleston.

Students receiving awards for the Academic Honor Roll for 1st-5th six weeks were; 9th grade-Kasey Crawford, Kim Exum, Jennifer Hays, Sara Hollands, Shelly Hollis, Kara Palmer, Eric Posey, Kim Shirley and Chrissy

Wilson; 10th grade-Bubba Aber-nathy, Brodie Belcher, Kaylan Bell, Coleman Brown, Missy Carroll, Jill Foster, Wendy Gentry, Ashlei Moles, Cara Morgan, Carolina Prado, Sam Stanley and Lissa Stoner, 11th grade-Eric Aldridge, Kembre Baker, Kim Brown, Katie Hare, Jeremy Jones, Andrea Palmer, Crystal Seykora and Lisa Shirley and 12th grade-Michael Allen, Derek Belcher, Deidre Brown, LaTasha Brown, Dustin Cook, Amanda Franks, Broderick Fulbright, Latisha Fulbright, Brandi Gaddis, Jody Gray, Jerad Guest, Kristi Hines, Latisha Miles, Jody Nolen, Lauren Robertson, Kim Sheffield Jackson and Dustin Wolfe.

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Students presented awards for the top grade point average per class were; 9th grade-Kim Shirley, 10th grade-Jill Foster, 11th grade-Andrea Palmer

and 12th grade-Maribel Prado. Receiving Prompt and Regular Attendance awards were; 9th grade-Randy Alsup, Amanda Cruise, Jamie Daniels, Michael Galloway, Cheryl Griffin, Colby Guest, Jennifer Hays, Kevin Ottinger, Eric Posey, Rebecca Stewart and Bre'Ann Stroud, 10th grade-Bubba Abernathy, Brandon Bell, Kaylan Bell, Coleman Brown, Missy Carroll, Ryan Case, Jimmy Forsyth, Jill Foster, Hollis Grimes, Minerva Mauldin, Amber McClanahan, Sissy Meredith, Cara Morgan, Carolina Prado, Jonathan Price, Sam Stanley, Lissa Stoner and Luis Torres, 11th grade-Dani Brown, Kim Brown, Chase Huddleston, Debra Janes, Jeremy Jones, Aaron Martin, Candias Nickerson, Andrea Palmer, Josh Posey, Jeremy Price, John Ross, Brennan Russell, Crystal Seykora and Lisa Shirley, 12th grade-Amber Forsyth, Broderick Fulbright, LaTisha Fulbright, Brandi Gaddis, Brian Giles, Cortney Huddleston, Bonnie Phillips, Lauren Robertson, Kim Jackson and Christina Vaughan.

Receiving Perfect Attendance awards were; 9th grade- Clinton Cheatwood, Kasey Crawford, Myron Ellis, Kim Exum, Joey Hanna, Keith Hines, Shelly Hollis, Kara Palmer, Kim Ross, Kim Shirley, Kyle Stansell and Laci Taylor, 10th grade-Tiffany Prentice and Erin Stansell, 11th grade-Eric Aldridge, Kembre Baker, Jason Freelen, Joanie Swarts and Joey Taylor and 12th grade-Deidre Brown, Kristi Hines, Jody Nolen and Bryan Scott.

Receiving outstanding student awards per subject were; Business-Accounting-Jason Thomas, Keyboarding-Kasey Crawford, Microcomputer Applications-Maribel Prado, Office Communications-Jerad Guest, Journalism-yearbook-Dani Brown, Sara Stanley, Andrea Palmer, Ashlei Moles, Cara Morgan, Nicole

Hervey and Lisa Shirley and Business Dept. Most Outstanding Student-Amanda Franks.

Agricultural Science and Technology- Meat Lab-Charlie Morris, Ag. 101/102 Kasey Crawford, Ag. Mechanics-John Ross, Metal Fab/ Power-Aaron Martin, Horticulture-Wayne Martin, Greenhouse Management-Amber Forsyth, Ag. 221/321-Sam Stanley, Ag. Resources-Ashlei Moles and Ag. Dept. Most Outstanding Student-John Ross.

Mathematics-FOM-Joanie Plunkett, Consumer Math- David Whitaker, Pre-Algebra-Pete Herrera, Algebra 1-A-Michael Galloway, Algebra 1-B-Melissa Williams, Algebra I-Kim Exum, Math of Money-Bonnie Phillips, Informal Geometry-Minerva Mauldin, Geometry-Kara Palmer, Algebra II-Jeremy Jones, Trig/Elem. Analysis-Maribel Prado, Calculus-Kristi Hines and Most Outstanding Math Dept. Student-Michael Allen. English Language Arts- CLA I-Jayme Haley, CLA II-David Guzman, CLA III-Laquita Johnson, CLA IV-Pete Herrera, English I-Shelly Hollis, English II-Ashlei Moles, English III-Andrea Palmer, English IV-Amanda Franks, English IV Academic-Kristi Hines, Speech-Dustin Wolfe, Public Speaking-Dustin Cook and Most Outstanding English/Language Arts Student-Kristi Hines.



TALCO 7TH GRADE-students enjoyed a trip to Medieval Times in Dallas this past week. Pictured with the group's champion, (the Black and White Knight) are (from the left) Roxanne Elrod, Kathy Titsworth, Kissryn Munns, Mandy Paredes and Libby Titsworth. The entire class and their sponsors report a great time.

Science- Physical Science-Kasey Crawford, Physics-Michael Allen, Biology-Jill Foster, Biology II-Derek Belcher, Chemistry-Andrea Palmer, Anatomy and Physiology-Bonnie - announced about five weeks ago. We Phillips and Most Outstanding Science Student-Tasha Brown.

Social Studies- World History-Kembre Baker, U.S. History-Jennifer Hays, World Geography-Shelly Hollis, Government-Charlie Morris, Economics-Bonnie Phillips and Most Outstanding Social Studies Student-Bonnie Phillips.

Home Economics- Apparel/Design-Lissa Stoner, Cons. Ed./Food & Nutrition-LaTisha Miles, Housing/Int. Design-Crystal Seykora, IFL/Management-Melissa Williams, Comp. Home Economics-Carolina Prado and Most Outstanding Home Economics Student-Amanda Franks.

Spanish- Spanish I-Sara Hollands and Kara Palmer, Spanish II-Kembre Baker, Spanish III-Tisha Fulbright and Most Outstanding Spanish Student-Jennifer Hays.

Industrial Technology- Construction Graphics-Derek Belcher, Construction Systems-Brian Giles and Most Outstanding Industrial Technology Student-Matt Simmons.

Health & P.E .- Phys. Ed.-Kasey Crawford and Health-Kim Shirley. Band and Music- Band-Wayne Martin, Leslie Trout Award-Amber Forsyth, Choir-Jamie Jeans, Music History-Amanda Cruise and Most Outstanding Band and Music Student-Jason Dyess.

Student Council- Brooke Belcher. Office Assistant Award-Brian Giles.

All of the Rivercrest students who participated in athletics were recognized and the program dismissed.

People **Things**

Jack Herrington, Clarksville attorney, will be the guest speaker at the Fulbright Community meeting Monday, June 1 at 7 p.m. One of his topics will be the Lennox House in Clarksville. Refreshments will be serve. Pplease feel welcome to come and hear him speak.

Cunningham News

Ronald, Susie, Kendra and Amy Hicks spent the weekend at Lake Travis in Austin.

Visiting Debbie and Shane cole in Hillsboro were Dee Dee, Makynzi,

Marty Anderson and Johnathon Williams camped otu Friday night. rusty, Cindy, Marty, Susan, Kerai, Rickey and Linda Anderson, Carlos, Wendy and Cord Ordorica spent the weekend at Lake Tawakoni.

Velma Cox went home with Raymond and Ann Cox last week. While she was there they attended Ann's 35th year retirement party. Saturday she visited the family of Gordon Cox of Alverado. Morris Cox brought her home Sunday and visited

Pete and L'Wanda McKnight, Clovis and Donnie MOrrison hosted a dinner for the late Curt O'Neal family. Those present were: Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson; June Williams, of Oklahoma and her grandson, Dakota Foster and granddaughter, Candice Sharrock; Lawrence and Dessie O'Neal of Mt. Pleasant; Sherry Evans and her daughter, Lori Kelley and granddaguhter Maygen Kelley of Paris; A.T. and Claudine O'Neal of Mt. Pleasant, Alma Cook and her son, Vaughn Dean Cook of Tulsa, Ok.; Ruth Tucker and her granddaughter, Vanessa Mings of Garland; Eulas and Helen Ashford of Amarillo; Mike and Kathy Clark and their childrne, Anna and Sarah all of San Antonio . Also attending were Paul and Juanita O'Neal of Arkansas.

Lucy Fowler spent last week in Mesquite with Delano and Barbara

Talco 7th grade enjoy field day By Kissryn Munns

would be making an exciting adventure back to the past, to "Medieval Times". Everyone was somewhat excited, but well, that was about it. Little did we know.

The date of May 12 finally arrived. The bus ride was short and unexciting. We did experience a dose of Dallas traffic. When we arrived, it was intimidating. About 12 other buses were parked along the sides and Medieval Times towered above us. We went across a mote and a draw bridge! We checked in with two squires and entered the castle.

We took a tour through the Torture Chamber. Some of those things were sickening. We felt sorry for anyone unlucky enough to have one of those methods tried on them. The worst was the rack

Finally, we were seated in the black

The Talco 7th grade class trip was and white section. As we were to cheer for the Black/White Knight They showed us horses that were used, and many other things that made our impatience grow. At last we were served a meal of chicken, potatoes and toast. We had to use our hands to

eat as there was no silver ware!
Our Knights proceeded to fight. First they jousted, and then continued to fight on foot. In the end, our knight lost the final battle and victory went to the Red and Yellow Knight. The evil Black Knight was soon defeated and everyone cheered.

Afterwards we were able to meet the Knights, get their autographs and have our pictures taken with them. It was one of the best times we've ever

The class is sponsored by Tammie Case. Also attending were Principal, B.J Setliff, Teri Cabell, Darlene Newton and Martha Deming.



RECEIVING-the Greater Wood County MLS Scholarship at the Rivercrest awards assembly held on Tuesday, May 26 was Erin Noble. The award was presented by Tim Garza. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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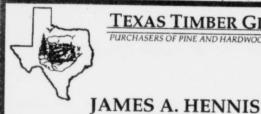
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Talco Locals By Nancy Brown Call Your News to 379-4445

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fenner and had a wonderful time. Jessica played host serving a bar-bque meal at their home in Talco Monday. Attending were Misty Rodden, Trevor and Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Porterfield of Bogata, Sherryl Elrod, Michael and Clay of Bogata, Camilla Forman, Jimmy and Joe of Mt. Pleasant, Elisha Dearman and

Cheyenne of Fulbright. Beth Myrcle, Jared and Jacob of Tennessee are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Katherine,

Justin, Rachel and Susan. The Talco Fillies softball team celebrated after their last season game Friday with a trip to Murray's in Paris where they rode go-carts, had supper and played arcade games. Attending were coaches Nancy Brown and Carol Laing, Patsy Smith and Melanie, Tammie Pierce and son, Kelly Pierce, Whitney Savage, Lorena Parker, Alex Wright, Leslie Richeson, Jessica Griffin, Rachel Smith, Cassandra Norman and Taylor Phillips. Everyone

Maples Springs Church youth enjoyed a lock-in on Sunday night at the church. Youth sponsors, Kelly and Kerry Whitaker kept the children busy throughout the evening.

Eddie Brown visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jack Brown in Quitman Monday. They traveled on to Plano for a family cook out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Adler. Also attending were Mike and Lou Ann DeBerry of Greenville, Martha Cody of Lewisville and Terry, Mark, Mark Jr. and Nick of Plano.

Enjoying the long weekend at the area lakes were Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Franks and Kelsey, Mr. and Mrs. Nicky Brown, Coleman and Ty, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Via, E.J., Amber and Brandi, Gary Schultz and Stephanie and Mike Wright.

Wanda Graf and Katherine and Beth Myrcle enjoyed shopping in Sulphur Springs Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Capel of Houston visited during the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Alexander visited Thursday with Joyce and Hattie Williams in the Mt. Pleasant Health Care Center and Floy Leake and Ola Faulkner in the Horizon Nursing Center and Latane Roberts at the Horizon Assisted Living.

John Goodroe, son of Annie Sue Goodroe of Tyler, formally of Talco , has recently been selected by the Atomic Energy Research Foundation to attend the Thirty-Eighth Annual Texas Energy Science Symposium in June at the University of Texas at Austin. The Symposium will include concurrent UT departmental lectures. John teaches A & P, Biology and Chemistry at Malakoff High School.



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