

Free Feet Versus Safe Feet Some feet are born free, some prefer a safer life-style. Which type of feet do you have?

I have free feet. Sadly, a broke bone resulted in staples in my right foot, which has necessitated that I confine and fetter my free foot in my later years. But they still are free in spirit...and often in reality.

What I am gabbling about is whether you are the type of person who likes their feet bare, or whether you want some form of footwear on them at all times and at all costs.

My husband prefers footwear. He doesn't walk from the bedroom to the living room without having on at least a pair of house shoes. He wears shoes to the shower and back. He never, ever goes barefoot, especially out doors. The idea makes him shudder.

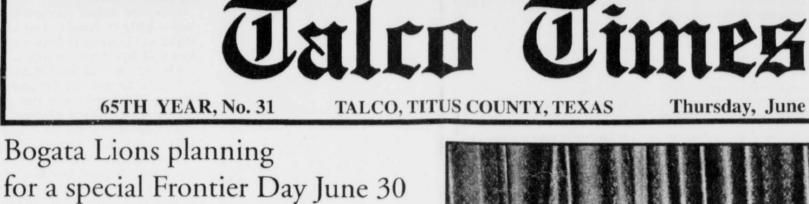
I, on the other hand, never wear shoes in the house. I'm prone to wander outside without my shoes on, and positively adore the feel of cool grass between my toes. I own a pair of houseshoes. The last time I actually wore them was when I was in the hospital two years ago. One thing about it, they last a long, long time.

In winter, when my coldnatured feet are turning blue I resort to terry socks with grip patterns on the soles. I still don't like houseshoes.

Do you go wading or swimming in lakes or rivers? If so, do you do so barefoot or with water waders?

Will you wear sandals? Some people won't even expose their pink piggies to that freedom!

On the other hand...or should I say foot (yes, I know that's a bad pun), I have a friend who virtually has to have at least an open toed shoe. She much prefers open back also. A fully enclosed shoe gives her the willies. **Proponents of the free feet** theory say their feet are healthier, less prone to nasty things like foot fungus. Those how like the protected route point out that they don't have scars from cuts, bruises or nail holes! They also tend to think of themselves as more civilized. They are probably right. I've never met anyone who was an "in between". Humans seems to be fully committed to one or the other way. You might say that we take a definite stand (oh, I did that bad pun thing again) on free feet versus safe feet. Whichever you favor, I don't suppose it matters. But it is interesting. Take a count in your family. Are you all safe footed.? Free toed ? Or is your family a mixture of both?



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Lions Club members of Bogata will be on hand with a Cake Walk have begun plans for the annual Frontier Day on Saturday, June 30, 2001. The events planned will be the same day will be the Duck Race where as last year offering fun for all ages.

The day will begin with a free hot its owner. cake and sausage breakfast beginning at 7:00 a.m. The breakfast and all events will be held at the Bogata Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend the meal and fun and games which will begin around 12:30 p.m.

Arts and crafts will be shown and sold from 8:30 to 11:00 p.m, the Bogata VFW Post Ladies Auxiliary

where delicious home made cakes may be won and the final event of the some lucky duck will win \$1000 for

The Duck Race provides not only \$1000 for its winner but proceeds for the Lions Club scholarships given to Rivercrest graduating seniors, helps provide eye glasses for those in need, helps send children to summer camp and more.

Another good year of fun is in the making, please join us and help make this year's Frontier Day a success!

## Cuthand/Bogata Methodist Youth to sponsor car wash

The Cuthand/Bogata Methodist Youth will be sponsoring a car wash on Wednesday, June 13, 2001 at from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser will go to benefit those youth who will be attending church camp in July at Camp Rozell's Rebel Car Wash in Bogata Eagle in Rock Springs, Tx. All donation will be appreciated.





**RIVERCREST COUNSELOR-Tiffany Easley bends down to give** her daughter, Callie, a kiss after she presented her mom with a special award from the Rosalie Masonic Lodge # 527. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

## Johntown MBC sets Homecoming Sunday

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The Johntown Missionary Baptist Church has announced that it's annual homecoming service will be Sunday, June 24th. Regular church services are set for Sunday morning. Lunch will be served at noon and there will be a gospel singing beginning at 1:30 p.m.

If you enjoy singing the old gospel hymns, Rev. Billy Turpin, pastor, invites you to come and be a part of this homecoming.

## Rodeo tickets are on sale now!!

Bogata Rodeo tickets are now on sale from the Princess candidates.

You may call Becky Galyean at 632-9535; Nikki Ebarb at 632-0313; or Taylor Landreth at 632-0121 for advance tickets.

## Rivercrest Athletic Boosters

## to meet

The Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club members will meet on Thursday, June 21, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at RHS. All new officers as well as

members are urged to attend and discuss plans for the 2001-2001 school vear.







JUSTIN NORMAN-watches the ball as he approaches first base. Justin and his team, the Talco Equalizers, met Clarksville II in Clarksville last week to take a 8-0 win. The Equalizers are coached by Cleveland Cannon, Marc Anschutz and Nancy Brown. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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SERVING AS-the Rivercrest Rebel Band Drum Major next year will be Cassie Perry (left) and chosen as Flag Corp. Captain for next year is Kristy Riffle (right). Congratulations girls! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



SPECIAL ATHLETE-John Stephens of Talco won 1st place in basketball skills at the State Finals Special Olympics held at the University of Arlington on May 25, 2001. John John, as he is known to family and friends is the son of John Sr. and Carolyn Stephens of Talco. He attends school at Talco and goes to special classes in Clarksville. Congratulations John John from all your friends, family and the community!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

## TBSI host T-Ball Tournament The Talco Baseball/Softball Inc.

held their annual boys T-Ball Tournament Saturday at the Talco field. Teams in this year's tourney were from Mt. Vernon, Mt. Pleasant, Clarksville and Talco/Bogata.

All players received medallions for their efforts and first place trophies were awarded to the frist place team. Each player who hit a home run was recongnized and awarded a trophy or medallion for his hit following each game. Receiving a home run trophy for the Talco/Bogata team was Josh Newsom of Bogata. The Mt. Vernon Americans were the winning team after working their way back through the bracket from an early loss and playing several backto-back games.

The day was a fun one and saw great plays made by the babies of baseball. The Talco Baseball/Softball Inc. would like to thank all the teams, coaches and parents who participated, T-Ball Director, Donnette Parrot and her husband Matthew who served as a coach for the Talco/Bogata team for all their hard work, Talco/ Bogata Coaches Gary and Holly Steen and Staci Newsom, Marta Rhoades, Patsy Smith, Eddie Brown, Marcus Savage, Lori Franks, Penny Cannon, Michelle Godwin, Mayra Clark and all the older boy and girl players who helped with the day. Special Thanks to Jimmy Via for providing ice and Randy Carroll for providing ice and propane. Plans for next year are already in the works.

## Talco Times

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# Blue Jays win first place

The Talco Blue Jays, (girls 9 & 10 Ashley Savage, Kelsey Franks, years old) won first place in the Red River Valley Dixie Girls Softball League. They had only one loss for the season, representing Talco well on the field as well as displaying good sportsmanship. Their coaches, parents and community are proud of them!

The team coached by Ricky and Lori Franks and Charles Graf is made up of Jessica Kay, Jillian Sloan,

Brandi Via, Susan Smith, Haley Shumate, Brooke Wilson, Amber Via and Jerica White. The Franks and Mr. Graf will serve as coaches for the Red River Valley National All Star Team made up of girls from Talco, Bogata and Deport. They will begin District play the last week in June. Great season girls!! Good Luck at District All Stars!!



TALCO BLUE JAYS coaches and team members this year are; (back from the left) Coaches Charles Graf, Ricky Franks and Lori Franks; (3rd row from the left) Jessica Kay, Jillian Sloan, Ashley Savage and Kelsey Franks; (2nd row from the left) Brandi Via, Susan Smith, Haley Shumate and Brooke Wilson and (front from the left) Amber Via and Jerica White and not pictured Cortney Blankenship and Jessilyn Rivera.

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Several of you have asked for various recipes in which to prepares fresh vegetables. This week, I have brought you some recipes that can be used from so many of those fresh garden vegetables that are now coming into abundance.

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After the Spring rains and warm weather have settled down, the area gardens are providing everyone with an overwhelming amount of fresh vegetables. Instead of the old standby recipes of fried or baked squash and okra, cook up some of these in patties. They can also be frozen for use when the garden supplies have been depleted. I hope you enjoy these recipes and need more information, give me a call! See you in the kitchen!

Squash Patties

cup flour

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/2 cup flour

/2 cup meal

cups okra-slice thin

/4 teaspoon pepper

teaspoon baking powder

2 teaspoon salt

Serve hot

l cup flour

/3 cup milk

egg

/2 teaspoon salt

tablespoon oil

tablespoon sugar

3/4 cup milk

teaspoon sugar

/2 teaspoon salt

/4 cup cooking oil

cups grated squash

well with zucchini also! Fried Okra Patties-it seems that there will be an abundance of okra this year and here is just another way

for preparation! Corn Fritters-these are just great .... hot out of the oil and ready to enjoy! Although this uses canned corn, it can be adapted with fresh corn!

Corn Fingers--mix it all together, roll out slice and bake! This recipe can be adapted using fresh corn also! Eggplant Fritters--a little different and eggplant is not for everyone ... but is quite delicious when

prepared correctly! Fried Cabbage-this again is one of those recipe that is different, but there is nothing better than fresh Squash Patties-this recipe works cabbage, prepared in any fashion!

Corn Fingers

3/4 cup margarine

4 teaspoons baking powder

2 cups flour

l teaspoon salt



\* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

\*The Ladies Auxiliary will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

\* The VFW men will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend

\* The Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor the cake walk again this year on Saturday, June 30, 2001 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Bogata Community Center during Frontier Day. All are welcome to come by and try their luck at winning a homemade cake.

\*Get Well wishes are sent to Donnal O'Donnell, George and Jean Smith, Rich Killen, Mildred Eudy. John Latimer and Jean Mullins.

\*Happy Anniversary to Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer and Richard and Tricia Bradley.

\*Happy Father's Day to all the dads from all at Bogata VFW!

\*Happy Birthday to Betty Spencer, Larry Crow, Vivian Moss, Gerald Miller and Dale House.



This week's query is from Louis Easley (married Neal T. Scott (1850-1924), who is buried in Fannin county, Mackilee Easley who married Frank C. Dollins (1870-1949) died Feb. 1958 and had these chil-

## Obituaries

## Lois Skaggs Lewis dies at age 84

Mrs. Lois Skaggs Lewis, age 84 of Dallas and formerly of Deport died Saturday, June 9 in Brentwood nursing Home in Dallas.

Graveside funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12 at Highland Cemetery in Deport with Rev. C.G. Renfro officiating.

Mrs. Lewis was born March 8, 1917 near Detroit, the daughter of Weaver Milton and Agnes Hastings Skaggs. Her husband, William E. (Bill) Lewis preceeded her in death June 1, 1963. She is survived by one son, Don Lewis and his wife Dorothy of Rowlett; two granddaughters Julie and Jennifer Lewis of Rowlett; two brothers Ross Skaggs of Mt. Pleasant and Ray Skaggs of Arlington and a sister, Katheryn Stewart of San Antonio.

She was preceded in death by brothers J.D., A.G., and Dike Skaggs.

## Aubrey Herring

## dies at age 72

Mr. Aubrey Herring, age 72, of Bogata died Wed. June 6 in Red River Health Care Center in Bogata. Graveside funeral services was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 9 in McCrury Cemetery. Wood Funeral

Home had charge of arrangements. Mr. Herring was born Oct. 19, 1928 in Red River County, the son of William H. and Minnie Stogner Herring. He married the former Carron Smith on August 31, 1968. He is survived by his wife, one son, Gary Herring of Bogata; three brothers, Frank Herring of Paris, Howard Herring of Bogata and Wilburn Herring of Abilene; four sisters, Pauline Harrison of McCrury, Joyce Heasley of San Antonio, Texas, Eulala Crow of Slaton, Tx. and Marquita Tilton of Mesquite.

## Card of Thanks

Deport Nursing Home would like to thank each one who participated in the Health Fair and helped make National Nursing home Week a success. We appreciate all the volunteer at our facility.

A special thanks to all merchants who donated prizes for the event. **Deport Nursing Home** 

## Card of Thanks

The Blossom Lady Fire Belles

## Ken Wayne Shelton

### dies June 11

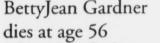
Ken Wayne Shelton, age 65 of Hagansport, died June 11 in East Texas Medical Center.

Services will be held Thursday, June 14 at 2 p.m. in Lake Chapel Church with Rev. Jimmie Ferrell and Rev. Gearld Hood officiating. Harvey Funeral Home will make burial in Conner Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 7 until 9 p.m. at Harvey Funeral Home, Mt Vernon.

Mr. Shelton was born April 5, 1936 in Colorado City, TX, a son of Erma and Vilene Sheppard Shelton. He married the former Cora Fain, who survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a retired career man.

Surviving are his wife, Cora Shelton of Hagansport; children, Gala Elrod of Albuquerque, NM; Terry Shelton of Mt. Pleasant, Randy Shelton of Cookville, Jeannie Kay of Sugar Hill, Kenny Shelton of Kings Country and Sandra Morgan of Bogata; 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Betty Jean Gardner, age 56, of Deport, died tuesday, June 12, in the Deport Nursing Home. Wood Funeral homes, Deport will conduct Graveside Services at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13th in Highland Cemetery, with Reverend C.G. Renfro officiating. The family will be at the home of Travis and Patricia Talley.

Betty was born to Clarence and Lillie Mae Kincaid Gardner on September 5, 1944 in Deport. She is survived by her sister and brother-inlaw, Patricia and Travis Talley of Deport; a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Virginia Kincaid of Gun Barrell City; 5 nieces; one nephew, two great-nephews, one great-niece; three aunts; two uncles.

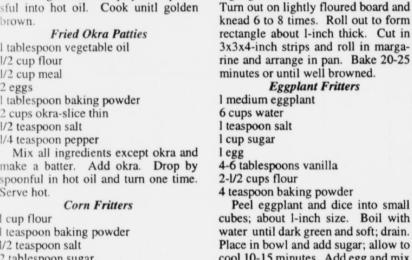
Preceding her in death was her father, Clarence Gardner in 1989 and her mother, Lillie Mae Gardner in 1993.

### Anita F. Cronkie

dies at age 81

Miss Anita F. Cronkite, age 81 of Detroit died Sunday, June 10 in East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12 under the Pavilion of Bogata Cemetery with Rev. Kenny Dickson officiating. Wood Funeral Home made burial in Bogata Cemetery Miss Cronkite was born Oct. 3, 1919 in Red River County, Texas, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cronkite. She was a retired secretary working in Dallas for most of her adult life. She has no immediate survivors.



water until dark green and soft; drain. Place in bowl and add sugar; allow to cool 10-15 minutes. Add egg and mix thoroughly; then add vanilla. Sift in flour and baking powder together into eggplant mixture to make batter. Add more or less flour depending on size of eggplant. Batter should be able to drop from spoon into hot oil without being watery. or too doughy Fry in deep fryer until golden brown.

2 teaspoons sugar large can cream-style corn 2 teaspoon red pepper-optional 1/4 cup milk Beat flour, milk, sugar, salt and oil Melt margarine in 13x9x2 pan in 425 degree oven. Combione remainintil smooth; add remining ingredients. Mix all together and drop by tablespooning ingredients and mix until blended. sful into hot oil. Cook unitl golden Fried Okra Patties tablespoon vegetable oil

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Fresh Garden Vegetable Recipes

**Eggplant Fritters** 

4-6 tablespoons vanilla 4 teaspoon baking powder

H. Jones, 1424 North Ave. A. Freeport, TX 77541. He is interested in learning more about the family of his great-grandparents, Edwin C. and Mary Ann (Henson)

Jones and is especially interested in more about the family and their daughter, Cynthia K. Jones (1842-1917) who married Robert McDonald Easley (1834-1895). the Easley family lived around Detroit, and the couple is buried in Blossom Cemetery. They had these children: Edwin S. Easley (dead by 1947), Mary "Mollie" Easley (born ca. 1861, married Ed Byrd and had these children: Harold, Durette and Deo Byrd and Mrs. Robert Gidley and Mrs. Robert McDonald: Katie

dren: Mackilee, who married George

B. Bennett, Cynthia Margaret, who

married John Prentice Wilson, Frank

Scott, whose wife was Irene, died in

1983 and Adolphus "Dolph" who

was maried and had a stepson, Robert

Waterman, Robert Jones Easley born

1875; married Ella M. Dean 1882-1964 and had these children: martha

Janes Easley Coffee Cook, Edwin

D. Easley, Kathryn Easley Pearace

and Robert hugh Easley. Ella and

Robert J. Easley are buried in De-

troit Cemetery. Stella E. Easley

married W.L. Reed and lived in

Oklahoma City in 1947; unknown

Easley married S.J. McFarland and

was living in 1947; unknown Easley

married D.E. Waggoner and was

living in 1947, and unknown Easley

married W.A. Roach and was living

If you would like to write Mr.

If you have a query you would

lones please use the above address.

like to have placed in this column,

please send it to the Red River

County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426

Attend

The Church

in 1947

### Mrs. Norman was born April 7. 1922, in Deport, TX. the daughter of Oscar Buford & Mamie Blankenship Rhodes. Married Ira D. Norman on Oct. 29, 1942 in Paris, Texas. She

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Mary Ellen Norman

tian Home in Edmond, Ok.

Mary Ellen Norman, 79, of

Edmond, Oklahoma, died Tuesday,

June 5, 2001 at the Oklahoma Chris-

scheduled services for 2:00 p.m. Fri-

day, June 8th, at the Life Tabernacle

Church in Cunningham, Tx. with Rev.

Harold Mathena officiating. Burial

will follow in Restland Cemetery at

Cunningham. The family will receive

friends from 7-8 Thursday at the fu-

was a member of the Fairview Bap-

Survivors include her husband, one

daughter: Jackie Uttley & husband

Jim of Peachtree City, GA; four

sons, Jim Norman and wife, Lynn of

Edmond, OK., Larry Dale Norman

of Edmond, OK., buford T. Norman

and wife Suzy of Piedmont, Ok. and

Randel Lee Norman and wife Patricia

of San Antonio, TX; nine grandchil-

dren, Trace Norman, Jennifer

Norman, Seth Norman, Cody

Norman, Chase Norman, Krista

Norman, Kallie Norman, Chelsea

Norman and Jimmy Uttley. Two

brothers: Duane Rhodes and wife

Virginia of Deport, Ray Rhodes and

wife Phoebe of Paris; one sister,

Juanita Davis and husband Sonny of

Deport. She was preceded in death by

three brothers, James Rhodes, Juan

Rhodes and John Albert Rhodes and

by two sisters, Ann Roberts and Faye

Casket bearers were Randy

norman, Larry Norman, Jim Norman,

Buford Norman, Chase Norman,

Cody Norman, Jimmy Uttley and Seth

Card of Thanks

supported us with flowers, cards,

food and prayers during the illness

and passing of our loved one. A spe-

cial thank you to the ICU nurses of

St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris who

gave us much comfort during such a

sad time in our lives. May God bless

The Family of Dorothy Stevens

Fulbright

Thank you to all the friends who

tist Church in Edmond.

Bright-Holland Funeral Home has

dies at 79



Corn Fritters

2 ounce can whole kernel corn-drain

Sift flour; measure and resift with next three ingredients. Beat egg, add

milk and oil; then add flour mixture and

eat until smooth. Fold in drained corn.

Fried Cabbage 1-1/2 pounds cabbage 3 strips bacon 1/4 cup vinegar l teaspoon sugar salt and pepper to taste Shredd cabbage medium-fine and set aside. Fry bacon until crisp; drain and break into pieces. Add cabbage to bacon drippings and saute. Stir con-Add vinegar, sugar, salt and stantly. pepper. Serve immediately with bacon sprinkled on top of cabbage.

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News by Betty Rodgers Call 652-6051

Dick King, Duane King and Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King visited Jimmy King and attended the homecoming at the community center Saturday.

Funeral services for Aubrey Herring were held at the McCrury Cemetery Saturday. He was married to the former Carson Smith and was a long time member of our community. Condolences are offered to the family.

Bro. and Mrs. Solice of Paris visited the First Baptist Church Sunday and he did the services in place of Bro. Mark Ritchie while he and his family are vacationing in California.

Kay and Dave German of Whitney came Sunday to visit Jimmy King and take her to the doctor Monday. They met Duane and Bobbye King, Kyle and Kutchie King for lunch at Texas Belle.

Preston and Marla Crump visited wit Lucy miller and Korene Parker of Alba Saturday night, Marla took Leon and Fannie Lamb to the doctor Tues-

Chey and Bailey Halbert are spending a few days with Marla and Preston Crump

tended at the center Saturday. Estimated to be between 80 to 100 visi-



would like to say Thank you to everyone that made our sale a success. Thanks to Oak Hill Baptist Church for the wonderful baked goods. God Bless You All

Mary Crouch-President

## Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, and many other acts of kindness while have been ill. May God Bless You. **Robbie Wright** 

It is well that there is no one without fault, for he would not have a friend in the world. -William Hazlitt



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## RHS Class of '81

to reunite Aug. 11 The Rivercrest High School Class

of 1981 will be having their 20th class reunion on August 11, 2001 at the Bogata Community Center and Thomas Park.

The class needs addresses for all classmates who are out of town. If you know an address for any out of town member please call Juana Valenzuela at 903-632-4464 or Kathy Hawkins at 903-632-4233.

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## PJC to hold camp

Paris Junior College will hold Lady Dragon Basketball Camp on their campus June 18-21. Girls ages 7-12 will be from 8 a.m.

from 1 until 5 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$40.00 and

tion, contact Jeff Jenkins 783-9020 or 782-0233.



## Did you take **FEN-PHEN?** You may have heart damage and not know it.

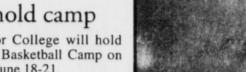
The diet drug Fen-Phen was marketed under several names including Redux, Pondimin, Fenfluramine, or Dexfenfluramine. It may not be too late to opt-out of the nationwide class action for the purpose of pursuing a lawsuit against the drug company individually.

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until noon. Girls ages 13-18 will be

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## James and Henrietta Lewis James & Henrietta Bewis to observe 50th anniversary

In honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of James and Henrietta Lewis, their children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at a reception on Saturday, June 23 from 2 until 4 o'clock in the

afternoon Martin Memorial Methodist Church in Detroit.

The couple requests no gifts please

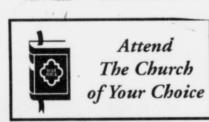
## Kennedy/DeWeese

## reunion date set

The Hiram Kennedy/Sarah Jane DeWeese family reunion will be held this year on Saturday, June 16 at the Life Tabernacle Church, Family Life Center in Cunningham from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Lunch will be catered at a cost of \$5.75 per person for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. Reservations for lunch may be obtained by sending a check or money order to Lonnie Kennedy, 2220 Briarwood, Paris, TX 75460.

All descendants of this couple, their famlies and friends are invited to join in this reunion.





## Lori Michelle Benedict with fiance Vance Edward Martin Benedict-Martin to exchange vows

Laney and Norma Benedict of Thelma Smith and Pauline Head, Deport and Kenneth and Sue Martin of Bogata are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Lori Michelle Benedict and Vance Edward Martin.

The couple will be married Saturday, July 14 at eight o'clock in the evening in an outdoor ceremony at the home of Ricky and Debra McMikel of Deport. Reverend Billy Rose will officiate the ceremony. Lori is the granddaughter of

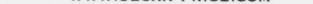
both of Deport. She is a 1997 graduate of Prairiland High School.

Vance is the grandson of Doug and Jo Glossup of Powderly and A.F. and Margarette Martin of Bogata. He is a 1994 graduate of Rivercrest High School and is employed with Pilgrim's Pride of Mt. Pleasant.

No invitations will be sent. All family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony.



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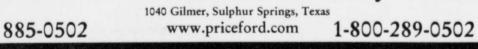


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## SPrice Ford Lincoln Mercury Mazda





Army September 18, 2000. Following boot camp he went to school for Air Traffic Control Systems, Subsystems and Equipment Repair 102-35DIO at HQ USASC & FG, Fort Gordon, GA, graduated third in his class with 1195 hours on May 24, 2001 and will be stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama for further training. He is the son of Wayne A. Williams, Sr. of Bogata and Teri Terry of Coweta, OK and the grandson of the late D.C. (Son) and Dorothy Williams of Bogata and the grandson of Bill and Mary Dellis of Coweta, OK.

PV. 2 WESLEY JOE WILL-IAMS, a graduate of Coweta

High School, signed up for the

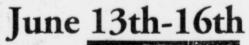


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## York family **Reunion June 24**

The descendants of the late Thomas Alfred and Josie (Cooper) York will meet for a reunion on Sunday, June 24, 2001 at the Bogata Community Center. Everyone should bring enough food for their families, dress casual and plan to enjoy the day. Other relatives and friends are welcome to join the family. For more information call Dixie at 903-632-4525 or Betty at 940-387-4295 or Betpuck@AOL.com

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Wednesday Nancy Brown and Cassandra Norman picked up Diane Duffie at DFW. Mrs. Duffie, of Colorado, came home to visit her mother, Mrs. Ritchie in Mt. Pleasant.. On Sunday Nancy Brown, Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul returned Mrs. Duffie to DFW for her flight home.

Drew Godwin, son of Michelle Godwin, is enjoying church camp in Arkansas this week with his cousins.

Paul and Kim Anderson celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary with a trip to the casinos in Louisiana Friday and Saturday. They report a wonderful time and at least breaking even. Their son, Quinton, visited Friday and Saturday with his grandparents, M.A. and Ruby Anderson and Anthony in Bogata.

Shane and Leslie Wright left for Russia last week on a mission trip from the Calvary Baptist Church. They will return home on Tuesday. During their trip their children, Alex and Jacob are visiting with Laura, J.P. and James Paul Kernan in Dallas.

Youth of the Talco Church of Christ left Sunday for camp in Red Water. Those attending are; Jasmine and Jasper Hodge, Camill Wright, Robert Caul Rhoades, Troy, Derek and L.B. Morris.

Jerry and Trisha Pittman enjoyed the weekend at Hot Springs, Arkan-

Ruby Horn has been a patient at Titus County Regional Hospital this week. She is reported improved and will be returning home Wednesday.

Quinton Anderson, infant son of Kim and Paul Anderson, was taken to Mt. Pleasant Hospital Monday evening where he had 8 stitches taken above his eye. The accident can be blamed on the family dog who was playing with the baby and tripped him.

Weekend visitors of Charline Black and Jackie Crowley were Jackie's son and family, Justin, Gina and Jonathan Kirkland of Plano.

Frankie and Maxine Harrell spent the weekend with their daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Mark McClanahan, while Frankie participated in the State Bowling Tournament in Ft. Worth.

Robbie and Laura Bevill visited with Charline Black Saturday afternoon

Jackie Crowley and Charline Black enjoyed lunch with Danny Balck in Paris Sunday.



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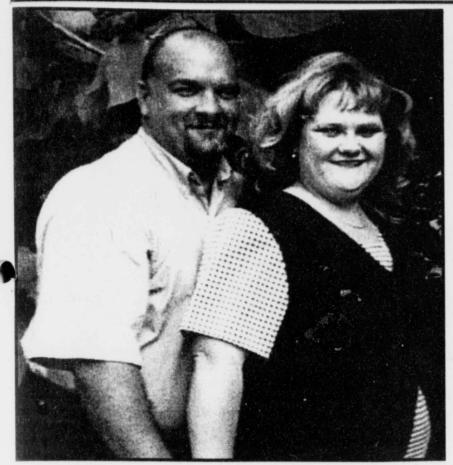
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Rebecca Fay Alsup and John Dawson Carlisle Alsup-Carlisle to be united in marriage July 14 Jimmy Cowboy and Doris Alsup pendent School district as a junior

f the Maple Community proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Fay Alsup to John Dawson Carlisle.

The couple will exchange marriage vows at seven o'clock in the evening on Saturday, July 14, 2001 at the First United Methodist Church in Bogata, Tx. Brother Don Shovan will perform the ceremony.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ludie M. Hanna of Cuthand, the late H.L. Hanna and the late Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Alsup. She is a 1992 graduate of Rivercrest High School and a 1997 graduate of Texas A & M University Commerce with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She is employed by Rivercrest Inde- dially invited to attend.

high language arts teacher and serves a junior high cheerleader sponsor. She is also employed part time by Braum's Ice Cream and Dairy Store in Paris.

The prospective groom is the son of clyde (Buster) and Frances Carlisle of Clarksville. He is the grandson of Mrs. Hattie Dodson of Waskom, Tx., the late Gene Carlisle and the late Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Haggard. He is a 1986 graduate of Huntington High School in Huntington, Tx. and has attended Paris Junior College. He is employed by Detroit Independent School District as a coach. He is also employed by KCAR radio in Clarksville and KPLT radio in Paris as a D.J.

All family and friends are cor-

## Annual end of year breakfast held at Rivercrest May 25

The Rivercrest Indenpendent School District faculty and staff met Friday morning, May 25, 2001 for their annual end of year breakfast in the Rivercrest cafeteria. Following the meal Superintendent, Dr. Gary Van Deaver called the meeting to order and prayer was given by Bogata Principal, Bill Mabry

Mr. Van Deaver welcomed everyone and stated, "It has been a successful year through the hard work of everyone present". He recognized guests, Board of Trustees President, Eddie Brown, Board members Mark Hare and Joe Rose and Talco Time and Bogata News reporter, Nancy Brown. He then expressed his appreciation to the cafeteria ladies who prepared the morning meal and they received a round of applause from the group. Mr. Van Deaver said, "It has been an interesting, exciting, successful and at times frustrating year. I would like to thank you all for your willingness to work hard and adjust to the various circumstances. The school system would not be as strong as it is without you". He rconginzed those who had joined the staff after the beginning of school. They were Angela Landrum, Ronnie Alsup, Shelia Brock and Judy Holt.

anyone is interested". Receiving plaques of recognition

for 10 years of service were: Elaine Alford, Tammie Case, Ginger Jordan, Kay Ross, Gary Schultz and Debbie Hudson.

Receiving plaques of recognition for 15 years of service were: Jan Grissom, Ginger Foster, Sue Nolen, Jimmy Rogers and Paula Speir.

for 20 years of service was Mona Pitts.

not be present, had his wife and Talco School Prinicipal Kelly receive his award.

Dr. Van Deaver returned for a short meeting. He reported the legislature meeting but not a lot of activity this year. He reported it appears there will be a state wide insurance program began with possibly part being funded by the district and part by the state. Receiving a plaque of recognition He stated there is lots yet to understand about the new program. He reported the progress of the new building and urged teachers to stop by and take a look. He warned everyone must wear a hard hat in the work area. He reported a possible move in date of mid to late July for the teachers. But also said the desks and equipment will have been moved prior to this date. He said, "Moving the library will be a huge task and time will be short. Volunteers may be needed to be ready". He reported progress on the new gym had been delayed due the the rains and that construction on the new high school hopefully will begin in mid-August. He reported TAAS scores, while not all in, appear to have been very good. And in closing he said, " The accomplishments made this year have been amazing. Our school has offered a well rounded education and are blessed with the students and parents we have. I feel blessed to have a faculty and staff like you and know you are the key to our success. I will look forward to seeing you all in the new elementary building cafeteria for our annual beginning of year breakfast next semester".



STEPHEN ZACHARY MONTOYA is proud to announce the birth of his little brother, Noah Michael Montoya, born June 5 at Christus St. Michael Health Care Center in Texarkana weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. and 19 1/4" long. Parents are Dr. and Mrs. Gregory R. Montoya of Texarkana. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Stephenson of Bogata and godparents are Ms. Carol Staples of Clarksville and Mark Stephenson of Los Angeles, CA.

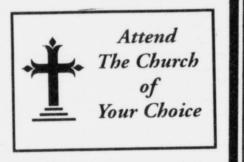
## Bryson family

## reunion to be held

The descendants of the late T.L. and Jessie Guion Bryson will hold a family reunion on Saturday, June 16, 2001.

The site will be the home of Duane

and Martha Bryson at Rosalie. A meal will be served at 1:00 p.m. All family and friends are invited to come enjoy the meal and visiting.



New Arrivals Steven and Dustin proudly welcome their baby brother, Cody Glen Northcutt to their family. Cody arrived May 4, 2001 weighing 8 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Parents are Greg and Donna Northcutt of Lone Star, Tx. Grandparents are Glen and Mary Hayes of Cuthand, Jimmie and Billie Northcutt of Bogata. Great



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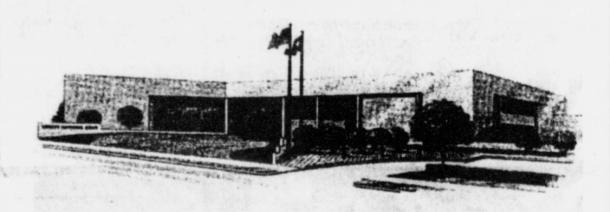
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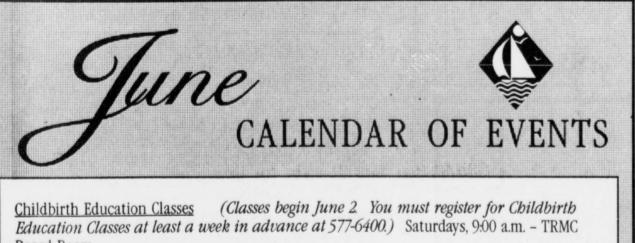
Dr. Van Deaver then began the service awards. Receiving a plaque in recognition of 5 years with the school were: Barbara Brown, Cylene Holeman, Steve Weddle, Barbara White and Debbie Williams. In jest, Mr. Van Deaver said, "Coach Williams will be offering free motor-

Receiving a plaque of recognition for 20 years of service was Laran Dension

Receiving a plaque of recognition for 30 years of service was Neva Oats.

Dr. Van Deaver called Princiapal, Bill Mabry up to present retirement plaques to Don Easterling and Barbara Ward White. Both will be missed next year.

Dr. Van Deaver announced Diann Orrill would be leaving the staff for a new job in Avinger. She will be missed at Talco School and in the Talco community. He then called Mr. Stockton to the front to present a plaque of appreciation to two area businessmen, Joe Rose and Kip Stansell who serve as consultants for the Junior Achievement Program. Mr. Stockton told the group the two men have been working with the program for 4 years now. They have come to the school on Wednesday's to serve as consultants for the students and have contributed to Rivercrest students success. Joe was on hand to cycle rides following the program if receive his award and Kip, who could



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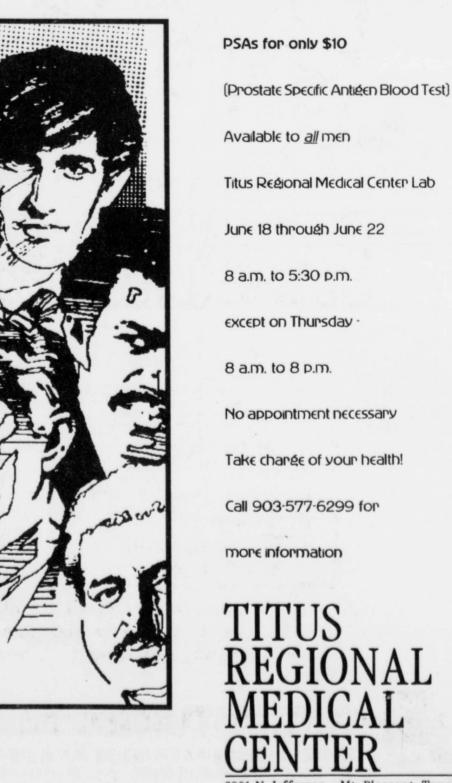
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## Mauldin family reunion held June 3

The Mauldin family reunion was held Sunday, June 3, 2001 at the Bogata Community Center. The family had a wonderful time visiting and missed the ones who could not attend in person, but, knew they were there in their hearts. Door prize winners for

the day were Misty Langston, George Nix, Don Cherry, Stacy Goldlightly, Ashdon Langston and Bill Thomas. Approximately 79 family members and friends enjoyed the meal and reminiscing. All returned home with plans for next year.



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## Crawford receives Ag scholarship

Kasey Crawford of Bogata, Texas has been awarded a \$1, 500 scholarship as part of the third annual Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship program. Kasey is one of 100 high school seniors from across the United States that received this award and is expected to attend Texas A & M University in the fall.

The program, sponsored by mansanto Company and the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture was open to high school seniors from all 50 states. This year's award recipients were chosen by an impartial selection committee of agricultural educatiors and industry lead-

Bob Stallman, president of the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture said, " Providing scholarships to help students with farming backgrounds prepare for careers in agriculture will help ensure the future of U.S. agriculture as a growth industry. Most young people who grow up on farms already hold a deep commitment to agriculture, and these scholarship will provide hem an added boost so they can ultimately give something back to their agricultural heritage.

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TUFF-E-NUFF- the Tuff E Nuff girls have certainly proven to be exactly that. The girls are heading to Division play this weekend after winning game after game. The Champs are, from left, back row: Katie White, Danbri Mitchell, Hailey Norwood, Kayleigh Griffen, Sarah hare & Cassie Wood. Front Row from left are: Cortney Merchant, Kalee Graham, Miranda Mauldin, Hali Screws, Lacie Cole. Coaches are Mike Screws, Calvin Graham, Jerry Merchant, Todd Cole.

## Tuff-E-Nuff team continues wins

Tuff-E-Nuff went undefeated again this weekend. They won seven straight games and won First Place to qualify for the State Tournament in Garland July 13-15. They will also be playing in the A.S.A. State Tournament in College Station June 29-July 1.

The tournament this weekend had fifteen teams from all over the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex. The first game they beat the Lady Rockies from Ft. Worth 12-0. Kalee Graham, Courtney Merchant, and Cassi Woods combined to pitch a no hitter. The leading hitters that game were Miranda Mauldin, Danbri Mitchell, Kayleigh Griffin, Hali Screws, Sarah Hare and Courtney Merchant

the next game they defeated the Chix with six 3-0. Sarah Hare took the win on the mound. Cassie Sarah and Courtney all scored runs. mIn the next game they defeated the Gators 11-5. Lacie Cole took the win on the mound, Miranda, Danbri, Cassi and Courtney were the leading hitters

They then played the Lady Jacks from Terrel and won 7-1. Kalee was the winning pitcher, the leading hitters were Kalee, Miranda, Lacie, Danbri, Kayleigh, and Hailey Norwood.

They came back the next day and defeated the Strikers from Mesquite 10-0. Lacie was the winning pitcher, Kalee, Miranda, Lacie, Danbri, and Courtney wre the leading hitters.

ing hitters were Miranda, Lacie, Danbri, place winner in 3rd grade Storytelling. Cassi, Kayleigh, Hailey and Courtney. MIn the championship game they played and congratulations on your win! the Lady Jacks again adn won 10-9.

Lacie, Kalee and Courtney all pitched. The leading hitters were Kalee, lacie, Danbri, Cassi, Kayleigh, Sarah, and Courtney. the girls pointed out this weekend and from now one will be considered an A team when they go to the Dallas area to play ball.

The team consists of Hali Screws, Kalee Graham, Lacie Cole, Danbri Mitchell and Hailey Norwood. from Prairland ISD; Sarah Hare, Miranda Mauldin, Courtney Merchant from Rivercrest ISD; Kayleigh Griffin and Katie White from North Lamar and Cassi Woods from Chisum ISD. The team will be trying to raise money to go to the state tournaments . If you would like to make a donation you can call Mike Screws (652-2043) (652-2820) Calvin Graham 982-6425, todd and Mindy Cole at 785-2286 and Jerry Merchant at 632-4744. the team will be in Daingerfield this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

## **OOPS**

In last weeks Talco School UIL Mthey played the ting next and won 7- report Amber Via's name was acci-1. Kalee was the winniing pitcher, Lead- dently left out. Amber was the 2nd Please accept our apology, Amber,

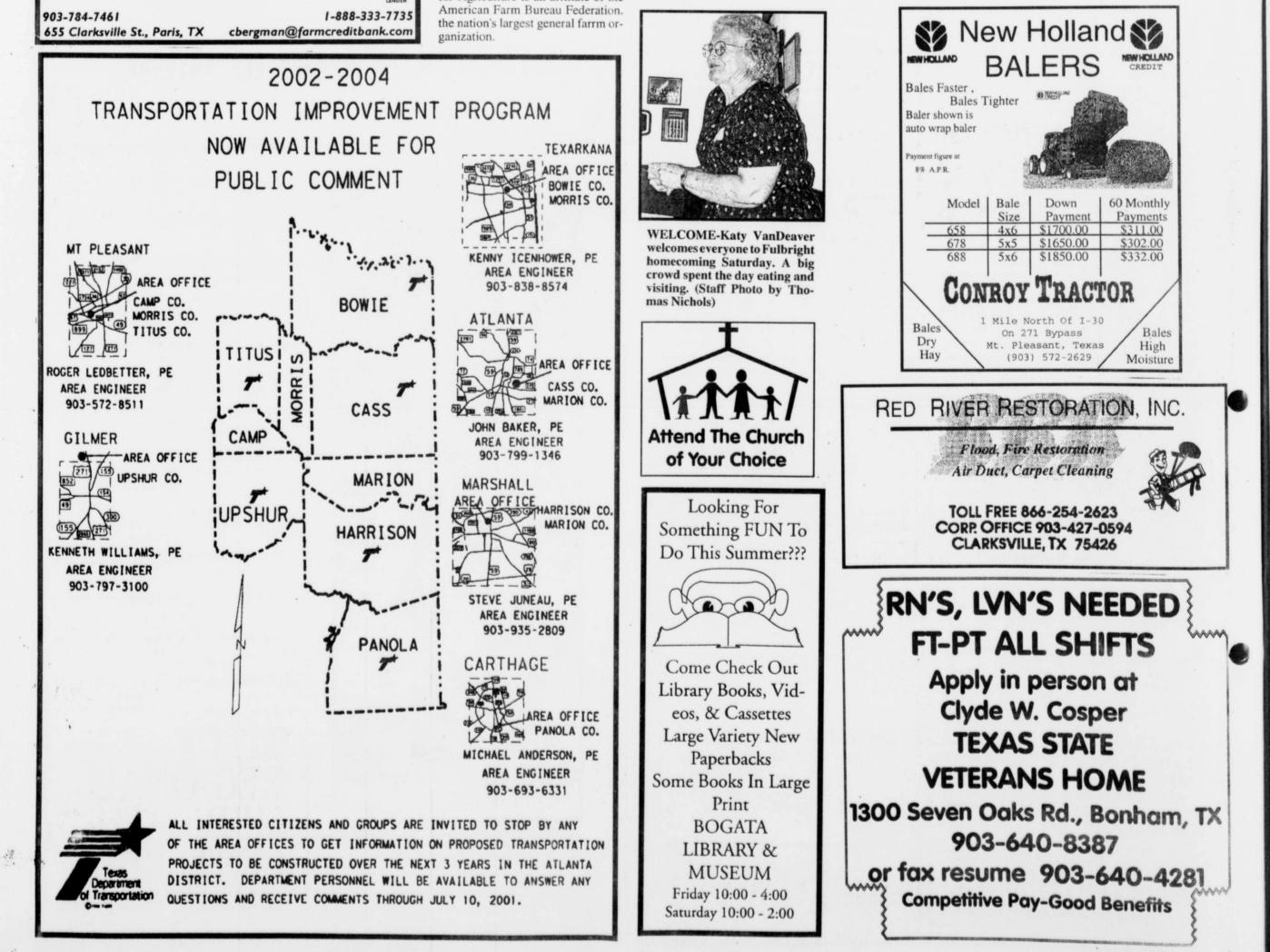
## Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE Pattonville Water Supply Corporaon will have their annual water meeting on June 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the

Community Center. Rates and fees for operation of the water system will be discussed and voted on. All members are urged to attend. 6-28

PUBLIC NOTICE Prairiland I.S.D. (2A) Assistant FB/ Basketball/Baseball TF: Social Stud-

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Resident, Shelia Gibson-Betty Gibson.

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Resident, Dorothy Watkins-Tony



Granville and Haletha Jones of Commerce visited her mother, Helen Williams Saturday.

Bogata Locals By Nancy Brown

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Lunch guests with Jerry and Gerlyn Gray and Margaret Davis Sunday were Judy, Heather and Heath Holt, Danny, Jessica and Marli Hines. Heather spent the night with her grandparents.

George and Janet Hobbs of Huntsville spent the weekend at their place in Little Chicago and attended the Mabry reunion. They also visited his mother, Helen Williams in Bogata.

Quinton Anderson visited overnight Friday with his grandparents, M.A. and Ruby Anderson and cousin, Anthony.

Nina and Doyle Smith of Denton visited Chrystine Baker and Billie Welch Saturday and Sunday. They had a good dinner with Billie and spent a good time visiting. They visited the Bogata Cemetery and saw how pretty it looks following the recent clean up.

Jackie Gray was in Nashville, TN. last week working a rodeo. He re-

turned home Sunday

Happy June birthday to: Tim Gentry, Gale Hervery, Lonny B. Sheffield, Donna Strain, Shane Joplin, Tammy Strain Eldaher, Ronny Alsup, Wesley Roberts., Doris Alsup, Dale Alsup, Anita Couch, Kathy Brooks Kimmey, Kyle Shovan and Roslyn Alsup.

Happy June Anniversary to Bill and Joyce Buckman.

Saturday morning Marty Gray's family gathered at his home and gave him a shower for his new camper. He received just about everything he'll need to survive camping out on a job site. Those attending were the honoree, Marty Gray, his mom, Linda Gray, grandparents, Willie Mae and Jessie Gray, Aunt, Kathy Tippit and Ty, Gerlyn and Jerry Gray, Margaret Davis, Jessica and Marli Hines and Judy Holt. Everyone got to see Marty's new camper before leaving. Marty left Sunday to go to a job in Houston, but, he didn't take his new camper due to the flooding there.

## NOTICE

Bogata City Council voted to set a policy concerning a large water bill due to a leak. Customer will be required to pay a bill consisting of the large bill and the previous five water bills averaged to-gether. A City employee will be dispatched to be sure the leak has been repaired.

## The Preacher and Church Growth

If the church is not growing in numbers, it is concluded, the preacher is largely responsible. It is further assumed that such factors as the preacher's appearance, personality, preaching style and tone (as opposed to his message) are responsible for the preacher's success or failure.

Compare this scenario with Bibical truth. According to the New Testament, the preacher's function and God-ordained task is to preach the truth (2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Tim. 4:11, 13; Tit. 2:15). Consequently, it is NOT his responsibility to bring in the numbers! We further assume that if the preacher is coming across properly in his preaching, people are going to be converted and if people are not being converted, the preacher has gone haywire in his message and method. Where does such an assumption leave a "preacher of righteousness" (2 Pet. 2:5) like Noah? How does it compare with Jesus' preaching which caused "many" of His disciples to withdraw (John 6:66)? I fear that our job description of the preacher's task and God's definition do not match. Preacher in our day are hired on the basis of their appealing personality and their success in attracting numbers. How shameful that we could have strayed so far afield from divine guidelines!

Paul may have been a penetrating writer, but he apparently was not very commanding in the pulpit in terms of his physical presence (cf., 2 Cor. 10:10; 1 Cor. 1:17; 2:3-5) . He would not have fared very well in today's competitive shuffle for dynamic speakers to fill the pulpits of the "big "churches. Nevertheless, he is a proper model for preachers to emulate (1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1; Phil. 3:17; 4:9; 1 Thess. 1:6; 1 thess 3:9). He said that he planted i.e., put the truth out there for people to be confronted by (1 Cor. 3:6). GOD was responsible for anyone who responded properly to that message by embracing Christianity. HE gives the increase-not the preacher! consequently, if the truth is being preached in love (Eph. 4:15), and the numbers are not coming in, it's not the preacher's fault!

We must return to the practice of putting Bibical preachers (not cheereaders, warmed over Dale Carnegies or excited P.R. men) in our pulpitspreachers who will expose people to all God's messages and the leave the increase (or lack of it) to God!

This article is brought to you by the church that meets at 5th and Lide in Talco. Please join us for services. The church meets Sunday mornings: Bible class-9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesdays-7 p.m.

