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Worth



It's here, and it's as special as ever!

Ahhh, dear, sweet spring is here at last. I've yet to meet a living soul who doesn't enjoy Spring to a certain extent, and most folks, like me, absolutely love it.

The world is green, it isn't cold anymore nor is it hot yet.

Tiny lace edged leaves are not only green, they have delicate copper shades as the sun pours down on them like a sweet blessing.

Flowers so small that they are almost invisible bloom on new sprung grasses and weeds. Clovers with blossoms of deep crimson or perlescent white are just beginning to bloom, and some of the bluebonnets are lending their sky colors to the earth.

The world is fairly bursting with the coming of spring, and I love it. The winds can blow, the thunderstorms roll in, washing the new green brighter than ever, I don't care, the world is gorgeous.

Cattle barely pause in the munching of the crisp, juicy new forage. Birds are singing so loudly that their notes spring forth in such abundance as to seem almost overdone...like a recording of songbirds with no empty spaces!

Bobbing blossoms of another sort brought smiles to faces over the past weekend, as children dressed in an array of bright colors sought Easter Eggs at egg hunts all over the area. They looked like wind-borne flowers, sailing across the ground.

Most of us are paying the price for so much of nature's abundance... allergies. Sniffles, sneezes and itching eyes are common. But no one really seems to care. The price seems worth the show, as Spingtime makes her yearly debut in all her fancy dress.

Later she will settle down out of her spring mini-skirts and frothy hats and put on the dark green shades of more sedate summer...but for now Spring is a joy and a gift beyond price.

If you aren't spending much time with her...you should be. I promise you'll feel better.

EDITOR'S QUOTES

Every year of my life I grow more convinced that it is wisest and best to fix our attention on the beautiful and the good, and dwell as little as possible on the veil and the false.

Cecil



VFW plans dance

The Broadway Junction Band will play for a dance Saturday night, April 5 8:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at VFW Post 8187 in Bogata.

To attend you must be 21 years of age.

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## Board adopts drug testing policy for extra-curricular activities

The Talco-Bogata CISD Board of Trustees toured the Talco Campus prior to the opening of their regular monthly session on Thursday, March 27 in the Talco Library.

The Trustees approved the consensus agenda. The 1996-97 budget was approved to provide a \$1,000 expenditure to supplement funds raised by the library and the Bogata PTO for automating the library at Bogata. The computer system will speed up check-in and check-out procedures and inventory accounting.

The Board approved textbook adoptions as recommended by Bill Mabry-Textbook Coordinator and the District Textbook Committee. Dean Miller of Armko presented his recommendation on roofing options for Rivercrest High School. The Coal Tar Membrane system would cost the district \$263,000. The project was tabled for further study.

Mitchell Fortner of KSA Engineering gave an updated report on the progress of the application phase of the Rivercrest Sewer Plant project.

Permission was granted to the Talco Teen Baseball Association to use the Talco football field to construct new baseball fields. The Board

also signed an Interlocal Agreement with Red River County for assistance in repairs on a Rivercrest parking lot. Hours of school board member training were announced to the public by the superintendent.

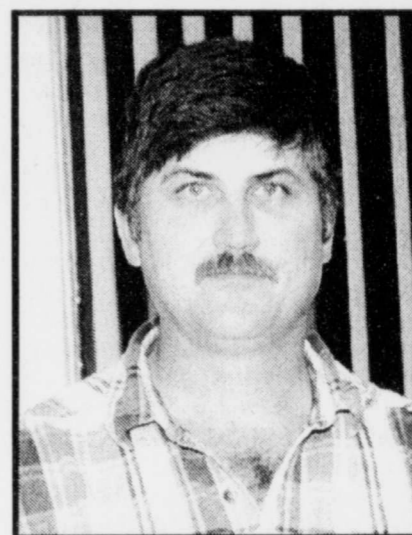
The Board discussed and approved a recommended drug policy for the seventh through twelfth grade students that participate in all extra-curricular activities. If a student tests positive, the parents will be notified and the student will be re-tested to confirm. The student will remain in the program but must agree to seek counseling and to retesting when random tests are given during the year.

If a second positive test is confirmed the student will be barred from extra-curricular activities and shall not be reinstated.

The Board went into executive session to evaluate teachers, counselors and librarian and to consider resignations. When the Board came back to open session they regrettably accepted the resignations of Coach David Murry and Mrs. Beth Wood. The following list of teachers, counselors and librarians were hired for the 1997-98 contract year: Keith Brown, Larann Denison, Steven

Weddle, Bonnye Gage, Brenda Gunter, Pamela Hays, Terry Hill, Craig Ingram, Vincent Lum, Joan Mabry, Jimmy Rogers, Barbara Russell, Don Stockton, Kenny Swinford, Bobbie Williams, Wake Wood, Ben Connell, Debbie Williams, A.R. Worthen, Marilyn Burleaud, Don Easterling, Ginger Foster, Jamie Huddleston, Debbie Hudson, Brenda Jackson, Ginger Jordan, Kelly Kennedy, Neva Oats, Karla Palmer, Mona Pitts, Kristi Purviance, David Rains, Gayle Reeder, Dianne Ross, Gary Schultz, Maxine Scott, Jean Stockton, Sandra Stockton, Jane Strawn, Stacy Weddle, Henrietta Bass, Kathy Brown, Tammie Case, Kristi Clemmons, Sherry Gable, Johnny Gable, Janice Grissom, Gloria Harris, Stacie Hinton, Cylena Holeman, Pamela Martin, Patsy Moles, Dianne Orrill, Lisa Via, Stephanie Wright, Kay Kennedy, Kelly Stansell, Margaret Fowler.

The Board set a special meeting for 6:00 p.m. on April 8 for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the high school principal position and April 25 at 8:00 p.m. for the monthly meeting. The regular meeting will be held at the Bogata Campus.



Robert R. (Randy) Hollis

## Candidacy announced

Robert R. Hollis of Talco has announced his candidacy for position 1 on the Talco-Bogata Board of Trustees.

Robert, know to most as Randy, has lived in Titus County and the Talco-Bogata CISD for the past 18 years. He was a 1975 graduate of Welsh High School before earning a Bachelor of Science degree from McNeese State University in 1979.

Randy is a self employed cattle rancher. He is married to Sherry (Baker) Hollis and the couple have two children, Shelly, who is an eighth grader at Talco Junior High and Robyn, who is a seventh grader at Talco Junior High.

Randy is an active member of the Talco EMS and the Volunteer Fire Department of which he has served as the Assistant Chief for the past four years. He is currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Talco Housing Authority and is the Girls Director for the Talco Girls Dixie League Softball Association. He also serves as head coach for the 13-14 and 15 year old girls team.

## Class of 1954 to meet

The Bogata High School class of 1954 will meet at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 12 in the home of Glenda and Tommie Corbell.

All former classmates, teachers, family and friends are invited to come by and visit.



## "Think Child Safety Fair" is planned for Bogata

A free "Think Child Safety Fair" for children and their parents is planned Saturday, April 5 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Texas-New Mexico Power Company offices on U.S. Highway 271.

All elementary students in the Rivercrest ISD are invited to the fair, which will include free hot dogs and soft drinks as well as a variety of safety booths and demonstrations. Special appearances are planned by

McGruff, Ready Teddy and Sparky, and a LifeNet helicopter. A variety of other games and activities are scheduled including a bicycle rodeo at 11:00 a.m.

The Safety Fair is being sponsored by St. Joseph's Family Clinic-Bogata and Dr. Nada, the Texas-New Mexico Power Company, Pro-Care Services, LifeNet Helicopter, the Bogata Fire Department and the Red River County Sheriff's Department.

## People 'n Things

The Maple Spring Church will hold a Dedication Service April 6 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at their new building. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Talco Little Dribblers will hold their end of year pizza party at the Talco School cafeteria on Thursday, April 3 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Players will enjoy the pizza supper and received their trophies and team pictures. All players from first to sixth grade are encouraged to attend.

The Talco-Bogata Junior High Track and Field teams will compete in their district track meet at Alba-Golden on Friday, April 4 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 11 will be a bad weather day for the Talco-Bogata Schools. Students and teachers will enjoy a long weekend.

The Lady Rebels softball team will travel to Wise Field in Paris to compete in the District playoffs on Friday, April 11. The time will be announced at a later date. Congratulations to the team and coaches!

Patty and Terry Jones and sons will be honored with a Housewarming on Sunday, April 6 from 2-4 p.m. at their new home (formerly the home of Odia and Lucille Story) on Crawford Lane in Talco. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

## Plant sale will be Saturday at Rivercrest

The Rivercrest High School Horticulture C lass will hold a plant sale Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be hanging baskets, vegetable plants and lots more for sale.

The items will be for sale throughout the remainder of the school year during regular school hours.

For information, call Kelly Swinford at Rivercrest High School, 632-5204.

## Rivercrest High School holding Open House

All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to attend the Open House at Rivercrest High School on Monday, April 7th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Parents will have an opportunity to view the classrooms and visit with each teacher. Students whose parents attend will be eligible for special prizes. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Annual talent show and supper to be held April 17

The Rivercrest Cheerleaders and the Rivercrest Beta Club have set Thursday, April 17, 1997 for the Third Annual Talent Show and Hamburger Supper.

The event will be held in the Rivercrest auditorium and the cafeteria. The hamburger supper will be served from 5-7 p.m. Tickets for the meal will be \$3.00 each and must be purchased in advance from any Beta Club member. The Beta Club will also be conducting a silent cake and pie auction. Proceeds from the sup-

per and auction will be used for the group to attend the National Beta Club Convention in New Orleans in June where the groups scrapbook will be entered in national competition.

The Talent Show will begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission for the talent show will be \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for students. Proceeds will be used to purchase cheerleader supplies.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this evening of entertainment and support these group's fund-raisers.

## Rivercrest Ag Booster's Club plans HB supper

Rivercrest Ag Booster Club will be holding a membership drive-hamburger supper Monday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Rivercrest High School. A \$100. gift certificate from WalMart will be given away at the membership drive. Chances are being sold by booster club members now. All who are interested in supporting our Rivercrest AG students are welcome to attend the membership drive and enjoy a hamburger supper.



LITTLE DARLIN'-Kimberly Parker is your typical little darling as she hunts Easter eggs at the Talco Park Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 29, 1997. Kim is very pleased with her every find and gently put each egg in her basket. Kim is the daughter of Ron and Jeannie Parker of Talco.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

## News from the Talco School campus

Talco School students and staff will celebrate Child Safety Week April 1 through 4. The students enjoyed a program on Monday about safety and a poster contest will take place this week. Students in Kindergarten through Fifth grade will participate. The Talco Student Council will act a judges for the contest and will chose the winner from each grade. Winners will receive a coke and candy as their prize.

The Child Safety Fail will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. sponsored by Texas-

New Mexico Power Co. in Bogata. Hot dogs and various refreshments will be served. Spark the Firefly and McGruff the crime dog will be on hand for the event. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Junior High Rebels and Lady Rebels will travel to Alba-Golden on April 4 for their District Track and Field competition. Good Luck teams!!!

School will be dismissed on Friday, April 11 in order to use up bad weather days. Students and staff will enjoy a long weekend.

## Kindergarten Roundup to be held

The Talco School will hold it's annual Kindergarten Roundup on Monday, May 5, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Things parents need to bring are;

your child's shot record, birth certificate and social security card.

For more information you may call the Talco School at 379-3841.

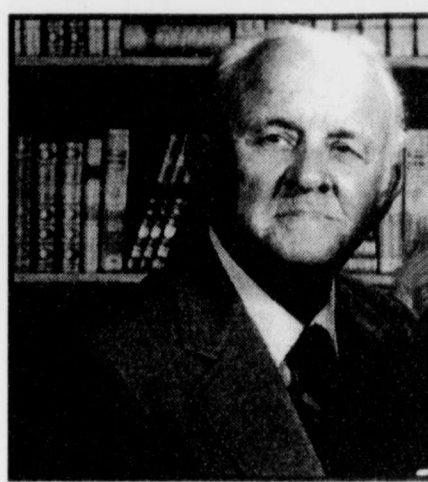


STAMPEDE-Children were off in a dead run at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt held in the Talco Park Saturday, March 29. Over 200 children of all ages attended to hunt over 2000 eggs.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

Obituaries

Irene Miller dies March 27



Irene Miller, age 79 of Bagwell died Thursday, March 27 in ETMC, Clarksville.

Services were held in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home on March 28 at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. Mike Lovely officiating. Burial followed in Blanton Creek Cemetery in Bagwell.

Mrs. Miller was born November 17, 1917 in Cooper. She was a housewife and a Baptist.

Surviving are four sons, James Miller, Chock Miller, Jerry Ray Miller and Joe Miloler, all of Bagwell; three daughters, Linda Henderson of Paris, Roberta Boyer of Pittsburg and Betty Presley of Clarksville; three sisters, May Throneberry, Faye Turner and Bell Miller, all of Wichita Falls; 17 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Bearers were David Carpenter, Mark Miller, Danny Miller, Delma Gibbs, Seneca Cowan and Do Daniel.

Christine Harp Wright dies March 27

Christine Harp Wright, age 72, of Clarksville, died Thursday, March 27 at Regency Nursing Center in Clarksville.

Services were held in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home on March 29 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Ray Hastings officiating. Burial followed in Blanton Creek Cemetery in Bagwell.

Mrs. Wright was born April 27 1924 in Red River County, a daughter of Newton and Velma Lee Lynch Whitten. She was of the Baptist faith and a housewife.

Survivors include daughters Nora Miller of Clarksville and Cecil Iglehar of Idabel, OK; two sisters, Nora Vickers of Blossom and Dell Berryhill of Detroit; nine grandchildren; 1 great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Newton Devinyne Ronnie Harp, Ronnie Bridges Vernon Harp, Gleamon Black and Roger Harp.

Mrs. Cecelia Jones dies March 22

Mrs. Cecelia Jones, age 89, of Tyler died March 22, 1997, at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

Graveside services were held Monday, March 24 at 11 a.m. at Grove Hill Memorial Park in Dallas under the direction of Grove Hill Funeral Home with Deacon Mike Shaw of St. Pius Catholic Church officiating.

Mrs. Jones was born June 29, 1907, in Dallas, the daughter of Charles B. and Cecelia Boyd Askins. She attended public schools in Dallas, and graduated from Cosmetology School in Dallas. She had been a member of the Dallas Women's Garden Club. She moved to Rosalie in 1960, and belonged to the Quilting Club at the Rosalie Community Center. She moved back to Dallas in 1966. She married Robert Dodd Jones of Bogata on April 5, 1931 in Dallas and he preceded her in death in 1953. She had been a resident of Southview Nursing Center in Tyler since 1990. She was Catholic.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law; Martha Ann and Harold Allums of Tyler, three grandchildren; Cindy McKie of Tyler, Beth Gould of Lewisville and Charles Robert Allums of Garland, four great grandchildren; Mark McKie, J.R. Schumann, J. Brandon Gould, and Preston Allums; one sister, Georgia Evans of Dallas, one niece, Gloria Spry of Abilene, and three nephews; Richard H. Kain of Bogata, Dr. Sam Holder of Linden and Dr. William Robert Holder of Baytown.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, flowers, visits, prayers, care and concern shown during the time Dwayne was in the hospital and since he has been home.

Dwayne and Virginia Rhodes

Red River County Roots

This week's query is from Sarah Trammell, Rt. 2 Box 34, Holdenville, Oklahoma 74848. She is looking for information on her great-great grandparents John R. (A.T.) Chandler and Sarah Maud Stuart, who were married in 1859 in Woodland. They are buried in Mattie Caroline (King) Stuart. She would appreciate any information about these individuals.

If you can help Ms. Trammell, please write her at the above address.

To have a query placed in this column, please write to: Red River Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, TX 75426.

E. Dan Tatum dies April 1

E. Dan Tatum, age 90 of Pattonville died Tuesday, April 1 at his residence.

Family will receive friends from 7 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3 at the Wood Funeral Home, followed by a memorial tribute at 7:30 p.m. in Wood Funeral Home Chapel. Father Josh Acton of Holy Cross Episcopal Church will officiate. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, April 4 at Celeste Cemetery, formerly Hogeys Cemetery in Hunt County.

Mr. Tatum was born March 4, 1907 in Hunt County near Celeste, the son of Thomas Henry and Nancy Lucinda Moore Tatum. He became a registered pharmacist in 1929. In 1934 he began a 15-year association with one of the largest drug manufacturers in the nation. In 1952 he opened his own drug store, which he operated for 13 years. For the last 32 years he spent his time raising animals and ranching, primarily horses, mules and donkeys.

On June 6, 1953 he married ReJene Howard in Beaumont. He is survived by his wife; one daughter, DeRhon Tatum Jordan of Powderly; two sons, Michael Dan Tatum of Dallas and Thomas Mabry Tatum of Pattonville; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two half-sisters, Clara Fielder of Tyler and Bertha Armstrong of Celeste.

Named as honorary bearers are Doug and Don Armstrong, Jerry and Kenneth Fielder, Rex Hudson and Stephen Jordan.

Bessie Geese dies March 28

Bessie Geese, age 87 of Bogata, died Friday, March 28 in Deport Nursing Home, Deport.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 31 at the Bogata United Methodist Church with Gene Shumaker, Bob Bush and Gifford Long officiating. Burial followed at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1 in Okmulgee Cemetery in Okmulgee, OK.

Mrs. Geese was born October 27, 1909 in Eustace. She married Harold Geese on October 16, 1949 in Linden. She was a long time member of the Bogata United Methodist Church and was a former member of the Bogata Book Club.

She was a Sunday School teacher and an MYF leader of the Bogata United Methodist Church and was a Delta Kappa Gamma member.

Surviving are her husband, Harold Geese of Bogata; her children, Betty Lou Maynard of Paris and Ben Ed Geese of Bogata; three grandchildren, Pamela and Samantha Maynard of Paris and Destiny Geese of Bogata.

Bearers were Dr. E.E. Brooks, Kenneth Jeffery, Troy Howerton, Richard Garrison, Dr. Jack Troutt, Neil Rozell, Gene Hawkin and Melvin Harold Vaughan.

Johnnie Marshal Watkins dies March 29

Johnnie Marshal Watkins, age 71 of Deport died Saturday, March 29 in McCuiston Hospital, Paris.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 1 in Wood Funeral Home Chapel in Deport with the Rev. C.G. Renfro officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Watkins was born December 17, 1925 in Cooper, the son of Zack and Lena Hale Watkins. He married the former Nora Jones on October 11, 1963 in Hugo, OK. He was employed by Lamar County.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Carol Watkins of Paris, Theda Watkins and Faye English, both of Deport; two sons, Anthony Watkins and Jeffery Watkins, both of Deport; and a stepson, Billy Jones of Deport; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, John Allen Watkins on March 3, 1967.



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Country Cooking



Liz Irwin

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April Fool! A common phrase used on the first day of April. Kids get a "kick" out of playing jokes on others on this day and so do some grownups. Let's face it, there is a little bit of child in all of us!

April is the 4th month of the year, according to the Gregorian calendar, which is used in almost all the world today. The Romans called the month **Aprilis**. The Roman name may come from a word meaning to open or it may come from **Aphrodite**, the Greek name for the goddess of love. April was the second month in the early Roman calendar, but it became the fourth when Julius Cesar revised the calendar in 46 B.C.

April Fool's Day is the first day of April. In English speaking countries, people play jokes on this day. The joke's victim is called an **April fool**. The observance began in France after the adoption of a reformed calendar by Charles IX in 1564. France was the first nation to adopt this calendar. Up to this time, the New Year celebration began March 21 and ended April 1.

When New Year's Day was changed to January 1, some people still celebrated on April 1. These people came to be known as **April fools**. The custom of fooling friends and relatives on that day became popular in France, and spread to other countries. It was widespread in England in the 1600's. In France, the victim is called an **April fish** and the term **April gowk** is used in Scotland.

April is mainly a sowing time on many Northern farms. In some parts of the world, April is a harvest time for grain. The professional baseball season begins in the United States. Amateurs in many other sports are lured out of doors with the first warm days. Spring-cleaning begins

and area folks will start major work in gardens and yards.

Easter usually falls in April, but March caught it this year. The Jewish religious festival of **Pesah** (Passover) often comes early in April, along with **Good Friday**, **Palm Sunday** and **Maundy Thursday** (is observed on the Thursday during Holy Week in the Christian calendar and comes three days before Easter).

The Chinese celebrate the **Pure and Bright Festival** in early April. People in England and Canada celebrate **St. George's Day** in honor of the patron saint of England.

Special flowers in April are the sweet pea and the daisy. The birthstone is the diamond.

I realize that by the time this column is read, that April Fool will be over with, but one of our faithful readers submitted this week's recipes and thought that they could be used as some fun ideas.

**Baked Apple "Fries"** are actually baked apples cut into french fry shapes and baked.

**"Chicken" Kabobs** are for dinner or breakfast. They are tasty cubes of French toast taking the place of chicken.

**"Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes"** are actually carrot cake and whipped topping and can be eaten as dessert.

**Glazed Turkey "Donuts"** are a treat with a lot of nutritional value, taking only ten minutes to prepare.

**Ravioli in "Tomato" Sauce** has sugar added to the cooking water to sweeten the pasta and pureed strawberries making the "tomato" sauce.

**Breakfast "Pizza"** is nothing but scrambled eggs, sausage and your imagination!

We hope you have a great April and we will see you in the kitchen!

April 3, 1997  
April Fool's Day

**Baked Apple "Fries"**  
2 Rome baking apples(peeled, halved and cored)  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 cup apricot jam  
red food coloring

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Using a crinkle cutter, cut apples into 2-1/2 x 1/2 inch french fry shapes. Place in a bowl and toss with sugar and cinnamon. Transfer to lightly greased baking sheet. Bake about ten minutes(apples should be tender, not mushy). Cool to room temperature on baking sheet and transfer onto plate. In a small bowl mix jam and about 6 drops of food coloring until mixture resembles ketchup. Serve with "fries"

**"Chicken" Kabobs**  
3 eggs  
1/4 cups milk  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
2-1 inch slices Challah bread cut in 16 cubes  
1 tablespoon butter or margarine  
2 kiwi fruit  
2 pineapple rings(cut in wedges)  
12 cherry tomatoes

In medium bowl beat together eggs, milk and salt. Add bread cubes, pressing down into mixture to soak. Melt butter in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add bread cubes and cook about 3 minutes turning frequently, until cooked through. Peel kiwi and cut a thin slice off each end. Place kiwi upright on cutting board. Make 4 vertical slices around seeds. Cut a each slice in half vertically. On each of four skewers, alternate toast cubes, kiwi, pineapple and cherry tomatoes. Serve with jam or syrup.

**"Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes"**  
1 box carrot bread mix  
1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa  
yellow food coloring  
1 container of Cool Whip  
3/4 cup caramel-flavor topping  
1 teaspoon poppy seeds(optional)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place carrot bread mix in large bowl and whisk in cocoa. Prepare batter to package directions. When cool, cut into 12 slices. Mix 2 drops food coloring into whipped topping(should be off-white to resemble mashed potatoes). Place 1 slice of cake on a serving plate with about 1/4 cup whipped topping along-side this. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon caramel topping and a sprinkling of poppy seed(for pepper).

**Glazed Turkey "Donuts"**  
1 pound ground turkey  
1/4 cup seasoned bread crumbs  
1 egg  
1 tablespoon lite soy sauce  
5 slices white American cheese  
2 tablespoons red, green or yellow bell pepper(finely chopped)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In medium bowl combine turkey, crumbs and egg. Divide evenly into 5 pieces. Roll each piece into a ball. Place on an ungreased baking sheet 3 inches apart. Flatten balls slightly and poke a 1 inch hole in center of each "donut". Brush sides with soy sauce. Bake 15 minutes to 20 minutes until cooked through. While "donuts" are baking, cut edges off of cheese slices, forming circles. Cut around the edge in a wavy pattern(to look like drippy glaze) and cut 1-1/2 inch holes from centers; set aside. Remove "donuts" from oven. Lay cheese slice over each and align holes. Lightly press bell pepper "sprinkles" onto cheese. Return to oven just to melting.

**Ravioli in "Tomato" Sauce**  
1/2 package cheese ravioli  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 package frozen strawberries-thawed  
1 ounce white chocolate-grated  
3 tablespoons finely chopped mint

Prepare ravioli according to directions; adding sugar to the cooking water. Lightly drain strawberries and place in food processor. Process 30 seconds until fairly smooth. Drain ravioli and let cool slightly. Divide among four serving plates. Pour "sauce" over ravioli and sprinkle with white chocolate(Parmesan cheese) and mint ("oregano").

**Breakfast "Pizza"**  
1 tube refrigerated buttermilk biscuits  
4 teaspoons ketchup  
1 scrambled egg  
1 small breakfast sausage(fried-cut into 1/4 inch slices)  
2 tablespoons Muenster or American cheese

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Flatten 2 biscuits into 3-1/2 inch rounds leaving a thicker border to resemble pizza crust. Bake 6 minutes or until golden brown. Spread biscuits with 2 teaspoons ketchup each. Divide cooked egg between them and top with sliced sausage and 1 tablespoon grated cheese. Microwave on high 10 seconds to lightly melt cheese.

Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers  
652-6051

Dicky King, Mr. and Mrs. Duane King of Paris and Mrs. Kyle King of Reno had lunch with Jimmy King Wednesday.

Kay Osburn of Hillsboro spent the week end with her mother, Jimmy King.

Loyd Cavender has been sick this week.

Marla and Preston Crump have had their grand children visiting during the week.

The First Baptist Church members had lunch and fellowship Sunday after church services. The children had an egg hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryle Salter and daughters, Emily and Allisa of Columbia, TN, Kay Osburn, Dicky King visited Jimmy King and had lunch in Clarksville Saturday.

Monte and Shelley Rodgers of Tigertown visited Betty Rodgers Saturday evening.

Marcella Wright visited Betty Rodgers Sunday afternoon.

Kay Osburn and Jimmy King had lunch Sunday with Duane and Bob-bye King, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King, and Shelly and Travis at Pat Mayes

Card of Thanks

I want to thank my employers, co-workers, friends and family for the gifts, cards, flowers and warm wishes regarding my retirement.

I have enjoyed serving the community and cherish the memories.

Zeneth Hargrove

Card of Thanks

The family of Roy Powers wishes to send sincere thanks to all the people who touched our lives at the time of Roy's sudden death.

Thank you for all the prayers, food, flowers, calls, cards, thoughts, visits and acts of kindness.

Finally, thank you, to all of his many friends and relatives that comforted us.

Sincerely,  
His Family

Card of Thanks

The family of David Campbell wishes to send sincere thanks to all the people who touched our lives at the time of David's tragic accident and sudden death.

Thank you to McCuiston Emergency Department, Dr. David Vanderpool, nurses, paramedic crew and any other staff members not named, that worked so hard to save David.

Thank you for all the prayers, food, flowers, cards, thoughts, visits and acts of kindness.

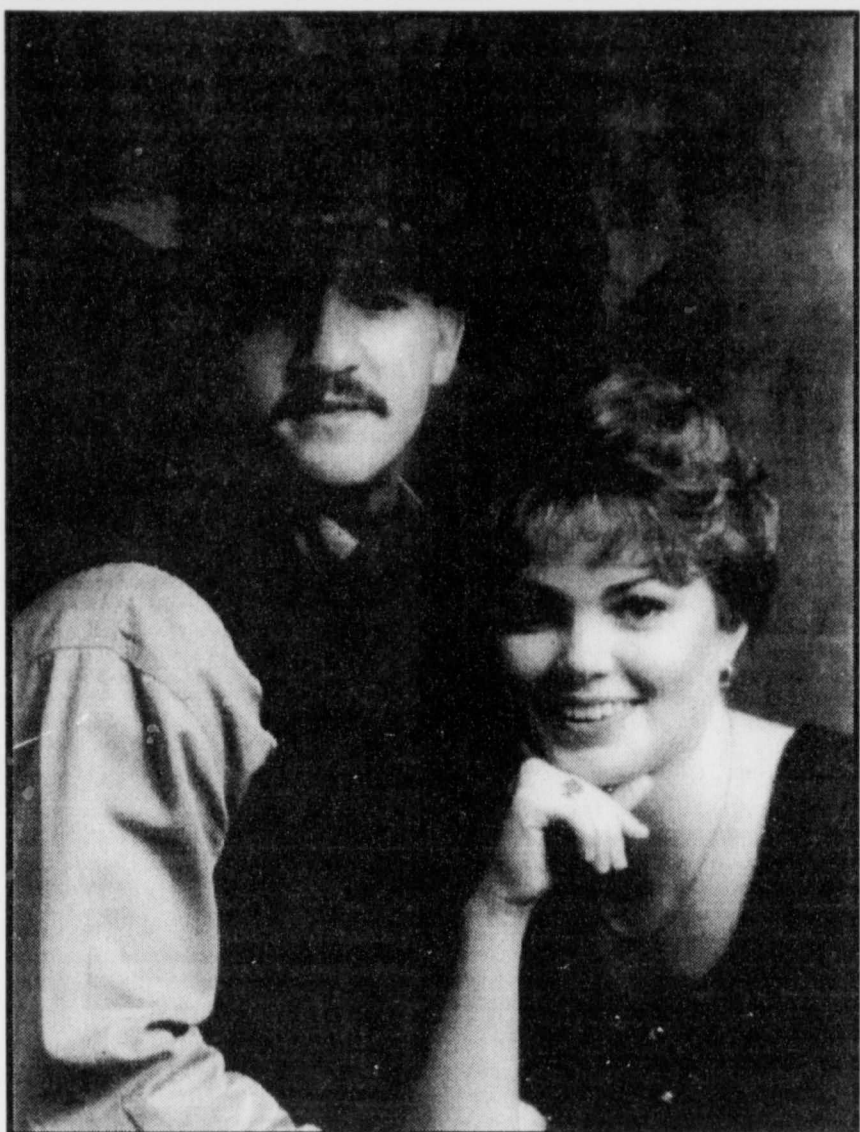
Finally, thank you to all of his many friends and relatives that comforted us during this very difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Shannon, Morgan & D.J. Campbell  
Lee & Pam Campbell  
Johnny & Sandra Hatcher & Family

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Lisa Sherrill & Justin Roach

**Sherrill-Roach wedding plans announced**

Donnie and Judy Sherrill of Bogata proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lisa Sherrill, to Justin Roach, son of Don and Gayle Roach, also of Bogata.

Miss Sherrill is a Home Health Secretary for East Texas Medical

Center-Clarksville. Mr. Roach is employed by Preifert Manufacturing in Mount Pleasant.

The couple will be married at Bogata Assembly of God Church on April 18 at 6:00 p.m. All friends and family are welcome to attend.

*Codi Denman is crowned Little Miss Paris-Baby Supreme*

Codi Nicole Denman was crowned Little Miss Paris-Baby Supreme on March 22 at Love's Civic Center. Codi is the 11-month old daughter of Al and Shelley Denman of Clarksville.

She received a crown, banner, trophy and her entry fee paid to the Texas State Finals in Dallas later this

year. The young ladies were judged on their overall appearance, beauty, poise, personality and prestige. They will compete for scholarships, titles and outstanding gifts.

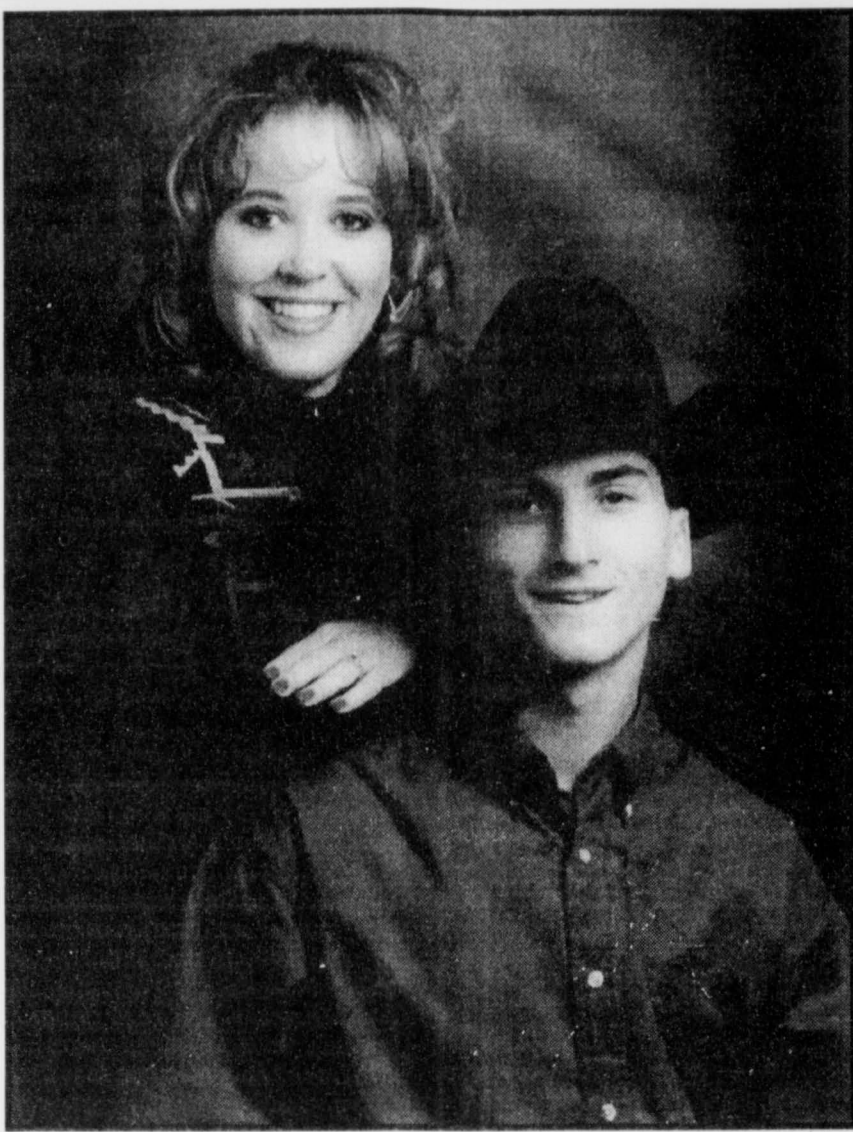
Codi's grandparents are Merle and Vanessa Smith of Clarksville and Dick and Joanne Denman of Madison, WI.



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Dorie Michelle Smith & Isaac Lee Roach

**Smith-Roach engagement announced**

Donnie and Shirley Smith of Bogata proudly announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Dorie Michelle Smith, to Isaac Lee Roach, son of Don and Gayle Roach of Bogata.

The couple will be married Friday, April 25, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. The

semi-formal, outside ceremony will be held at the home of Ralph and Bobbie Cawley. If weather is not suitable it will be held at the First Assembly of God Church in Bogata.

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

**Geneological Societies to meet**

The Red River Count and Lamar county Geneological societies welcome all interested persons to a joint meeting of their societies on Monday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church in Detroit. The church is located one block north and west of the intersection of Hwy. 82 and F.M. 410 in Detroit.

The speaker for the evening will be a representative of the Dallas Geneological Society, who will give detailed information on an important geneological conference to be held in Dallas on September 3-6, 1997. The conference, sponsored by the Dallas

Geneological Society and the Federation of Geneological Societies, will feature over 90 presentations and will allow those attending to have access to multitudes of geneological material and information, not normally available at a single location. This conference will have something for every family researcher: from beginner to professional, so come to Detroit and hear all the details about how you can attend this conference.

Please note that this meeting will take the place of the Red River county society's regular meeting night.

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

Wednesday lunch guests of Joyce, Tommy Lee and Glenda Cox were Betty Evans of Mt. Vernon, Micah Sparks and Tammy and Kerri Glasgo.

Wednesday evening Cindy, Steven and Sean Robertson of Euless arrived to spend the week with Tommy Lee and Joyce and Glenda Cox. Victor Lynn and Dustin Cox visited throughout the week.

Lana and Clay Pirtle were home for the weekend from college.

Friday night supper guests of Drue and Billie Pirtle were James and Clara Gaddis, Bob, Estell, Robbie and Heather Hawkins, Doug Hawkins.

Through the week visitors of Drue and Billie Pirtle were James and Billie Dobbs, Kelley, kristin and Jacob Harville, Robin and Kyla Harville, Michael Reed and friend Chance, Bing and Sabrina Tan and his mother, from the Phillipines, Vance and Mikki Pirtle, and Lindsey Fischer, Darla

and Allix Brunson, Holly Jean, Deana Litrell and Keith Gillis.

Lucille York Childers had a surprise visit by her nephew, Ray York and friend Kim of Abilene on Wednesday. Ray is the son of Kenneth York who was raised in Johtown but lived away since he went into the air force in 1950. The family moved back to Johtown for awhile while Ray was small. He remembers Mr. Cotton's grocery store, and attending Johtown Missionary Baptist Church. He hadn't been in the area since his grandmother York's funeral in 1983. He noted many changes in Johtown and Bogata.

Mac and Jan McCuller, Toni Combest and Doug Hawkins visited a short while Saturday with Lucille Childers. They all attended the Hood family reunion at Johtown Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

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**PJC students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa**

The Beta Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa of Paris Junior College held its annual initiation Thursday night and inducted 44 new members into the honor society.

The average age of members is 31, with ages ranging from 18 to 80. Females make up 73% of the membership and males 27 percent. The average member is married, a parent and employed although many members are single full time students.

Eligibility into the society requires a student to have completed one regular semester at PJC, have accumulated 12 credit semester hours, have a

grade point average of 3.5 and be within the top upper scholastic 10% of the regularly enrolled student body.

Inducted from the area are:  
**Blossom:** Trinity Bowden and Gordon Duran Tillery.  
**Bogata:** Peggy Denise Burge.  
**Clarksville:** Amy Joy Champe, Terri Dianne Lafferty, Heather Elaine Luman, Crystal Lea Pitt and Jeremy Glenn Townes.  
**Detroit:** Nikki Shannon Johnston.  
**Pattonville:** Kathryn Melissa Crossland, Carrie Beth Gibson and Tammie Elizabeth Gibson.

**PCA to hold 63rd stockholders meeting**

The North Texas Production Credit Association will hold its 63rd annual stockholders meeting on Saturday, April 5 at the Hopkins County Regional Civic Center in Sulphur Springs.

Registration will begin at 4 p.m. and the business session will follow at 5 p.m.

Stockholders will elect directors to two positions on the board. A complimentary barbeque dinner will be catered by Andy Wright.

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**Rivercrest Menu**  
April 7-11

- Monday**
- Lunch**  
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Carrots  
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Milk
- Tuesday**
- Lunch**  
Chicken Fried Steak  
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
English Peas  
Hot Rolls, Butter & Honey  
Milk
- Wednesday**
- Lunch**  
Corn Dog  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Peas  
Pickles  
Orange Cream Bars  
Milk
- Thursday**
- Lunch**  
Hamburgers  
Chips  
Beans  
Burger Salad  
Ice Cream  
Milk
- Friday**
- No School



**Talco Locals**

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Enjoying lunch and an Easter Egg hunt Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Franks and Amanda were Mike and Stephanie Wright, Clint, Melanie and Marley Tidwell, Velma Franks, Jo Anschutz, Ricky, Kelly, Brady and Ashlin Kennedy, Cynthia Chitsey, Larry and Lou Gaddis, Carol Laing, Brandi Gaddis, Ray, Pam, Krista and Kim Kirkwood, Timothy and James Williams and Mary Lemon.

Celebrating April birthdays are: Jerilyn Russell Goolsby, Torrie Grissom, Edgar Kennedy, Mary Adler, Nora Gregg, Jennifer Morgan, Stephanie Davis, Ray Lou Damron, Felina White, Greg Henry, Shannon Richeson, Deanna Sulsar, Crystal Rivers, Laramie Lum and Summer Hall.

Enjoying a birthday pizza dinner in honor of Glen Harris, Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail in Talco were Yvonne Harris, Ronny and Marilyn Presley and Lynn and Ann Fail of Kilgore.

Celebrating March birthdays were Darrell Stockton, Glen Harris and Rachel Smith.

Celebrating Easter Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Pittman were Tommy, Linda and Shari Wisinger, Kasey Easley, Terry and Cody Howell of Longview, Chris, Bridgette, Haley and Jacob Eudy and Trisha and Mike Pittman of Mt. Pleasant.

Easter guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Newton and Ryan were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Norman, Mrs. J.E. Smith and sons of Ft. Worth, LaQuesia Norman and friends of East Texas State University, Bobbie Williams of Mt. Pleasant, Eddie and Karen Williams of Arkansas, David Norman and Jaleb of Dallas, Sedrick Cuellar and Gene Norman Jr.

Attending the wedding of Jimmy Lee Fail to Melissa Ann Underwood held at the Hilltop Baptist Church in Frankston on Saturday, March 22 were Jimmy's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail and aunts Marilyn Presley and Yvonne Harris all of Talco.

Attending the Annual Easter Egg hunt and dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hall were Kim, Caleb and Kaysee Hatley of Kaufman, Bryan and Susan Jones, Crystal and

**Bogata HS class of '47 to have 50th Reunion**

The Bogata High School Class of 1947 will celebrate their 50th Reunion on April 12 at the Bogata Community Center. Reservations for the Barbecue Luncheon will cost \$6 per plate and can be made by contacting Jim Grant Garrett at 632-5890.

all class members, plus faculty members plus members of previous classes can be invited to come share in the fellowship.

Brian Rivers, Chasity and Camen Calvin, Jabo and Merry Robertson and Nita Robertson of Mt. Pleasant, Betty and Troy Jones, Carla and Jessica Johnston all of Ft. Worth, Clay Francis, Sharon and Crystal Francis of Deport, James, Betty and Summer Hall of Minden, La., Lori Booth of Deport, Judy and Tim Easley, Jimmy, Linda and Lindsey Leman of Mt. Pleasant, Cecelia Smith and Marty and Rachel Ward. The group enjoyed lunch, egg hunting and games throughout the day. Winning first place in the Jelly Bird contest was Cecelia Smith, finding the most eggs were Camen Calvin and Kaysee Hatley, finding the least amount of eggs was Betty Hall, winning the cracker whistle contest was Clay Francis, winning the biggest bubble in the bubble blowing contest was Summer Hall, Kim Hatley's team won the egg carrying contest, Judy Easley won the prize for most tacky dressed, Lindsey Leman won the clothes pin drop and the old timers defeated the spring chicks in volleyball. Everyone reported a wonderful time.

Celebrating Easter at the home of Jerry and Rhonda Brown were Joe and Betty Krisch, Nicky, Linda, Coleman and Ty Brown, Becky and Bre'Ann Stroud, Chad, Felina and Jerica White, Greg and Stephanie Henry and friends Alex and Lloyd.

Visiting with Charline Black Easter Sunday were Danny Black of Paris and Jackie Crowley of Mt. Pleasant.

Frankie and Maxine Harrell visited their daughter, Carla Harrell in Dallas over the holiday weekend.

Justin Norman, son of Vivian Norman is reported doing fine following his accident this past week.

Elodia Grissom underwent surgery at Titus County Regional Hospital this past week. She is reported home and doing well.

Johnny and Karen Jones spent the week of March 17 camping at Alberts Pike in Arkansas.

Laci Hinton, daughter of Phillip and Staci Hinton celebrated her birthday with a party at El Chico's in Mt. Pleasant on Thursday, March 27.

Melanie Smith spent the Easter holiday visiting her mom and brother in Lufkin.

**Red River Valley Roots**

Need information about my great grandfather, Edmond J. Strange. They moved to Red River County, Texas from southwestern Arkansas. His first wife was Margaret L. They are recorded in the 1860 census with five children. Please send information to:  
 John Strange  
 1286 Venetian Way  
 Naples, Florida 34110

To place queries in this column address them to: Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

Zack Smith of Elysian Fields spent the Easter holiday visiting grandparents, Arthur and Patsy Smith.

Enjoying a fish fry and Easter egg hunt at the picnic grounds of John D. Wright were Mona Wright, Patsy Smith and grandson Zack of Elysian Fields, Tina Nolen, Destry and Chris, Eddie, Nancy and Jack Brown, Kim Anderson, Anthony Hearn and Timmy Carder all of Bogata, Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul, Dewayne Sanders, Todd and Shelia Wright, Joanie, Camill and Logan, David and Sue Currey and Zeke of Austin, Mark and Elizabeth Currey and Baley of Tyler, Coulter Currey and Cawyer, Matthew and Donnette Parrot, Dakota and Croix, Morgan and Malorie Wright, John David and Pat Wright, J.P. and Laura Kernan and James Paul of Dallas, Shane and Leslie Wright, Alex and Jacob, Ken and Vickie Bryant of Bogata, Tracie Wright and Presley of Mt. Pleasant, Troun and Polly Parrot of North Carolina, Charles Nixon and Doug and Mayra Clark, Jesi, Luke, Kelsey and Justin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fail of Kilgore visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail. They attended Mrs. Fail's Mt. Vernon High School reunion Saturday. They also visited Bill Crowston and family in Hagan-sport. On Sunday they attended church at the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco and enjoyed visiting with everyone there.

The Maple Spring Church members and guests enjoyed a covered dish lunch and Easter Egg hunt following services Sunday.

Kim, Caleb and Kaysee Hatley of Kaufman visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith over the holiday weekend.

Enjoying a fish fry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nolen, Destry and Chris Easter Sunday were Billy Joe and Wanda Vickers, Eddie, Nancy and Jack Brown, Ricky, Sue and Jody Nolen, Carl Antone and Jeremy, Julie, Jericca and Jessica Weatherall.

Enjoying a turkey dinner Easter Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Presley were Doug Parker and Joan Meyers.

Visiting with Mrs. Nora Hearron Easter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hearron and Tina, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hearron, Paula Bass, Mr. and Mrs. James Hearron, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hearron and Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Hearron.

Attending the Red River Valley Girls Softball League meeting held in Clarksville Monday night from Talco were Nancy Brown, Patsy Smith and Randy Hollis.

Visiting Mrs. Nora Hearron on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hearron of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. James Hearron.

Mert Milner visited with Eddie and Nancy Brown Monday morning.



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**From Here To There**

A Series About Day Trips from This Area To Places of Interest



By Dawne Darden

When I decided to do a program for the Bogata Book Club on Day Trips from this area to interesting places, it just seemed like a fun and informative program to give. Thomas Nichols suggested that many people might be interested in taking these one-day jaunts, especially since the advent of spring when driving anywhere is a joy, so this column will run every now and again. It was a lot of fun "researching" each trip, because I went to the library first for information, then personally forced myself to make each trip so I could be sure it really was interesting and as represented. It was tough sometimes, making myself taste the warm, just baked muffins at the Busy Bee Bakery in Gladewater, driving around the beautiful old homes of Honey Grove, stopping to prowl through antique shops or visit with people in little towns along the way, but hey, research is research and I kept on until each trip had been done!

The first trip will be to Kilgore, which is an easy drive down through Mt. Pleasant, Pittsburg and Gladewater through some very pretty countryside. Be careful in Gladewater, for the lure of dozens and dozens of antique shops can take a whole day all by themselves!

The main attraction at Kilgore is the East Texas Oil Museum, located on the campus of Kilgore College.

It's hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Although small, it is absolutely fascinating as it takes visitors through information about the discovery of what was the world's largest oil field back in 1931.

Kilgore was settled by C.B. "Buck" Kilgore in 1871. It only had about 500 people until "Dad" Joiner's wild cat well, Daisy Bradford #3 came in. Within 48 hours the town had 8,000 people!

The museum has a wonderful "street" inside, totally recreated with businesses, mud filled street, bogged down mules and wagons and vehicles, and much more. The Theater tells the story of the oil boom...and you may want to hold on to your seats, literally through this fascinating movie.

It has an elevator to the center of the earth which uses puppets to tell about the rock formations around oil and many displays. One of the most unusual is a series of recordings. One puts an old-fashioned telephone receiver up to the ear and selects a number to hear the actual voices of people who took part in, or recall when oil changed Kilgore forever. Volunteers are a wonderful part of this visit, too, as they are so helpful and interesting to talk with.

After the museum try seeing the World's Richest Acre, which had 24 oil wells on only 1.19 acres of land and is in downtown Kilgore. A walking or driving tour of the downtown area brings to light some interesting Art Deco architectural details on buildings there.

The Kilgore Rangerette Showcase is just around the corner from the Oil Museum and is open Tuesdays through Saturday from 10 til 11 a.m. and from noon until 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays they are open from 2 p.m. til 5 p.m. The world famous drill team has been in existence since 1940.

More information about Kilgore can be obtained from the Kilgore Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1582, Kilgore, TX 75663-1582. Phone 903-984-5022.

Annual events in Kilgore include their Spring Glory Days Festival, in Mid July there is a Shakespeare Festival, and Christmas lights go on the weekend before Thanksgiving. The first weekend after Columbus Day in October they hold and arts and crafts show called Depot-rama at the I&GN Railroad Depot.

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**Hassell Grimes "Hobo Bill" Just Clowning around**

By Judy Screws

Hassell Grimes is a clown. He loves being a clown. He also owns a business in which he re-winds electric motors in Dallas and raises registered Texas Longhorn Cattle in Cuthand. His "clown name" is Hobo Bill. When asked where he got the name, Hobo Bill, he said it came from an old Jimmy Rodgers song.

When Thomas Nichols, my boss, met Margie Grimes at the H&R Block office in Clarksville, she told him about her husband, Hassell, who is a clown. She told him about the awards he has won and about how he works week ends to raise money for the Scottish Rite Hospitals so that children who need it can have free medical care. Thomas thought Hassell would be a good subject for a story and this reporter agrees. Although it is almost like pulling teeth to get him to say anything about any awards he may have won, he did reluctantly admit to being Clown of the Year a couple of years. He said it very quickly. Then he changed the subject and told about the children in the Scottish Rite Hospitals, the children who need him and all the other clowns so that they may continue to receive desperately needed medical care. He told about a little girl who is able to ride a bicycle because one was made for her to pedal with her hands since she couldn't pedal with her feet. There are 17 clown units who work for 22 hospitals and a burn center at Galveston. The doctors also donate their time for these children.

Hassell has been a clown since 1982. When asked how he became a clown, he explained that his and Margie's children had some learning disabilities when they were small. Try as they may they were not able to get a diagnosis or treatment plan from any of the doctors or any of the other resources available to them. Finally, someone suggested that they ask a Mason to get their children into the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. It took a few months to get them in, but when they came away, they came away with a diagnosis and a treatment plan. Not only had they worked out a plan for the children themselves, they had also worked out a program for Margie and Hassell and the children's individual teachers at school. By following these plans, the children were able to go to school and

learn as they had been meant to do in the first place. The Grimes' felt that they would never be able to repay the hospital for what had been done for their children, but Hassell decided that he would like to try to help other children.

He asked a guy in Dallas that he knew, who was a clown, how he could go about being a clown too. The man told him to just dress up in something baggy and paint his face and come on out and join in the Shriner's parade. When he arrived at the parade site that day the other fellow asked him why he had not "powdered down". He didn't know anything about powdering down. But by the time the parade was over he understood why after a clown puts on his grease paint he gets busy with the powder puff and powders over it. By the time he got to the parade that hot day the paint was running, and before the parade was over he was a mess. His buddy suggested that he might be more comfortable riding in a jeep with another group of clowns.

It is obvious that Hobo Bill's costume takes a lot of work to make. Hassell says that a lady in Houston designs and makes his costumes. He and all the other clowns pay for their own costumes and any other props they use as clowns. His big red nose had a huge horsefly on the end of it. I asked him if that fly didn't bother him and he took another nose out of his pocket and said he could use it instead. He has a couple of dozen noses. He says noses wear out.

The Grimes' not only raised their own children, but they helped raise some children from the Backer Home in Dallas. It is obvious that they are a couple of softies when it comes to children.

Hobo Bill will put on a show for you if you ask. He will tell you all about the good things the Shriners and the Hella Temple accomplish, but when you try to pin him down about something good about himself he seems mighty shy. I asked him how I would know him if I saw him in street clothes without his big red nose with the horsefly on the end. He said he didn't know but that he is a hundred pounds lighter now than he was at this time last year. It seems that clowns have to take care of their health too.

**Bogata Locals**

By Judy Screws  
Call 632-5322

Saturday Billie Welch of Blossom and Tommie Corbell visited their sister, Chrystine Baker to wish her a happy birthday.

Billie Welch took Chrystine Baker Shopping in Paris.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana on Friday were Chris Anna, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana were Mike, Lila, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws of Deport.

Sandra and Richard Lidell of Dallas, came to Bogata Friday to pick up her mother, Lucille O'Donnell to take her home with them for Easter.

Buddy Stringfellow and Vicki Tabb spent Wednesday to Saturday in Joliet, Illinois where they visited with Buddy's children, Paula Ullrich and family and Mark Stringfellow. Saturday they attended a memorial service for Mary LaRosa-Roack.

Visiting during the week with Dixie Stringfellow and Danny Tabb were Jimmy and Linda Stringfellow, Dan, Vicki and Dee Tabb, Buddy Stringfellow, Michael and Amy Tabb, Billy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, Ruth Terrell, Edna Earl Dodd, Lucille Childers and Jan McCuller.

Loyce and Ed Huddleston were in Lewisville for the week-end. They visited with their son, Ronnie Huddleston and family, their grandchildren; Mike and Tina Huddleston, Annette and Mark Hudson and family and Andrea and Jeff McKenzie and family. The Huddleston's attended church with their

family in Lewisville on Easter Sunday. Don and Sandra Stockton were in Louisiana from Friday through Monday to visit Matt and Donna Lammon. On Sunday they were joined by Mark and Sandra Lammon for a cook-out. Don and Sandra also visited Johnny and Nina Couch of Welsh, La.

Happy April Birthdays to Betty York Puckett, Brittany Perez, Dee Tabb, Danny and Michael Tabb, Linda Stringfellow, John Lee Roach, Felina White.

Enjoying a Mexican Dinner Sunday and a birthday celebration for Jennifer Reeder in the home of her parents, Jerry and Gerlyn Gray other than the birthday girl were her son, Riley Reeder, Danny and Jessica Hines, Judy, Harold, Heather and Heath Holt, Margaret Davis and the host and hostess.

Week end visitors in the home of Bertha McCall were Linda Allums of Big Sandy, Corey Allums of Hawkins, Gab and Robin Smith of Austin, Randy and Stacy Mobley of Paris, Elisha McCall of Arlington and Bob and Doris McCall of Paris.

Travis Hale and Kenny Paysse celebrated their birthdays Saturday night with a supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Travis Kelsey and Carter. Family members enjoying the event were: Mrs. Mable Hale, Dr. and Mrs. E.E. Brooks, Dr. Kathy Kimmey, Brooks and Kelli, Mr. and Mrs. Glen White, Becky White, Brian Hurst, Mrs. Becky Paysse, Jonathan and Andrew, Mrs. Staci Chappell, Travis, Grant and Caroline.

**Marla Williams receives award**

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Marla Williams from Bogata has been named a United States National Award Winner in English.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American High School students.

Marla Williams, who attends Rivercrest High School was nominated for this national award by Barbara Russell, a teacher at the school.

Marla will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

Marla is the daughter of Mike and Mollie Williams of Bogata.



Marla Williams



Colton Simmons

**Colton Simmons celebrates birthday**

Colton Gene Simmons celebrated his third birthday. He is the son of Ronald and Susan Simmons, formerly from Cuthand. A 101 Dalmations theme was used on all the decorations and cake, at the home of Ray and Linda Tabb. Cake and punch were served after Colton opened his gifts. The kids attending the party enjoyed Pin the tail on the donkey, bursting a pinata and were given party favors at the end of the party on March 15. A great time was had by all, especially Colton's father who shares his birthday with his son.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tabb of Cuthand and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Simmons of Hale Center. Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Newton of Lubbock Mrs. Delene Tabb and Mrs. Lila Simmons both of Cuthand, Great Great Grandmothers are Jewel Simmons of Bogata and Lorene Hinsley of Quanah.



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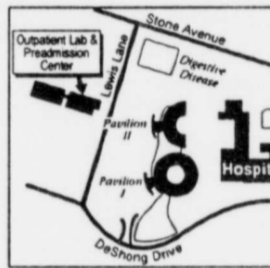
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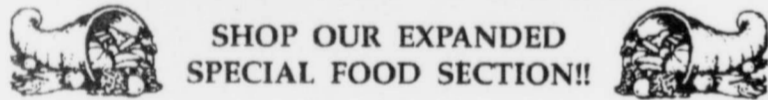


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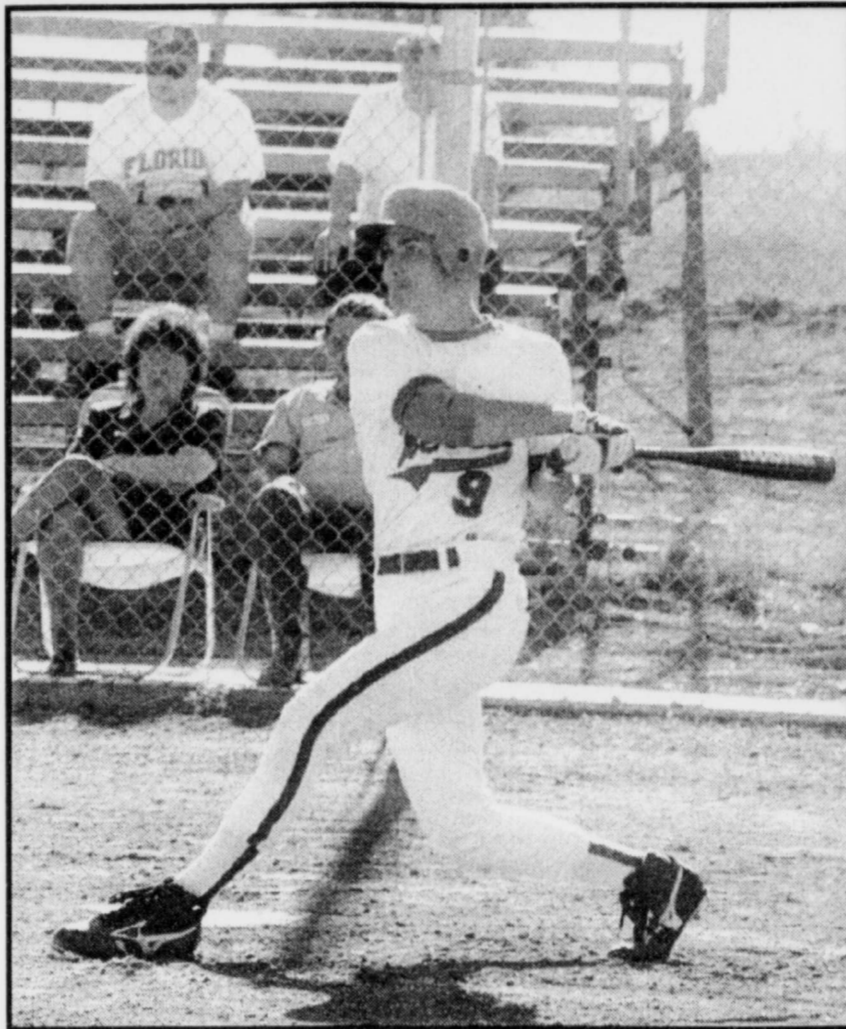
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SWINGING THROUGH-Rebel Clint Gage swings hard and through as the Rebels met Prairiland at Prairiland this past week. The Pats took a 17-6 win over the Rebels.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

Rebels take third at New Diana

The Rivercrest Rebels traveled to New Diana to compete in track and field events on Saturday, March 29. Everyone placing 1st through 6th received a medal.

Boys placing for the Rebels were; 400 Meter Relay-5th place-Michael Allen, Jody Gray, Mitch Ellis and Alvin Savage with a time of 44.9. 800 Meter Run-Justin Smith-1st place with a time of 2:04.5. 400 Meter Run-Jeff Savage-5th place with a time of 52:10. 300 Meter Hurdles-Michael Deming-6th place with a time of 44.1. 200 Meter Dash-Jody Gray-5th place with a time of 23.80 and Alvin Sav-

age-6th place with a time of 23.85. Discus-Jerad Guest-5th place with a throw of 122'10". 1600 Meter Relay-Justin Smith, Alvin Savage, Jody Gray and Jeff Savage-1st place with a total time of 3:28.75 which broke the Rivercrest School record. The Rebel team placed third over all. Teams competing at the meet were; Elysian Fields-1st place, Grand Saline-2nd place, Rivercrest-3rd place and Ore City, Hughes Springs, Harleton, Hawkins, Harmony, Big Sandy, Chisum, Alba-Golden, Comopickton, Maud, Karnack and Union Hill. Congratulations Rebels!!!!!!

Lady Rebels travel to New Diana

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels traveled to New Diana on Saturday, March 29 to compete in track and field events. The team placed 7th of the 12 teams attending.

Placing for the Lady Rebels were; 400 Meter Relay-5th place-Joanie Swarts, Tiffany Prentice, Deidre Brown and Kristi Hines with a time of 52:47. 100 Meter Hurdles-2nd place-Amber Spencer, Missy Carroll also competed in the race. 800 Meter Relay-6th place-Tiffany Prentice, Joanie Swarts, Deidre Brown and Kristi Hines, 1600 Meter Relay-4th place-Amber Spencer, Joanie Swarts, Tiffany Prentice and Kristi Hines, High Jump-2nd place with a jump of 5' 4"-Amber Spencer. Other events the Lady Rebels competed in were; 300 Meter Hurdles-Missy Carroll, Shot Put-Ashlei Moles, Discus-Ashlei Moles, Long Jump-Kristi Hines, Deidre Brown and Tiffany Prentice, Triple Jump-Amber Spencer and Tiffany Prentice and High Jump-Missy Carroll. Great Job Lady Rebels!!!!

Junior High Lady Rebels compete

The Talco-Bogata Junior High Lady Rebels traveled to Hughes Springs on Friday, March 28 to compete in track and field events.

Girls placing for the team were; 3200 Meter Run-1st place-Erin Miller with a time of 10:15. 400 Meter Run-2nd place-Kasey Crawford with a time of 69:19. 1600 Meter Run-2nd place-Erin Miller with a time of 4:45 and Kim Exum-5th place with a time of 4:50:41. 1600 Meter Relay-6th place-Kasey Crawford, Erin Stevie, Laura Cochran and Cheryl Griffin, Triple Jump-Cheryl Griffin-6th place, Shot Put-Jamie Daniels-1st place with a throw of 26'7 1/2". Discus-Jamie Daniels-2nd place with a throw of 75'9" and Jennifer Hays-7th place with a throw of 6' 4".

Lady Rebels also competing at the meet were; 3200 Meter-Robyn Hollis and Cassie Perry. 400 Meter Relay-Charla Hines, Kasey Crawford, Valeric Morgan and Misty Tucker.

District Bound

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels Softball team won their zone by defeating Saltillo in Monday action at Johntown. The girls played a double header and won the first game by a score of 15-0. The second game was also a runaway as the Lady Rebels took an 18-1 win. The team will travel to Wise Field in Paris on Friday, April 11 to play for the District Championship. Game time has not been announced at the time of print.

The second place team in the Lady Rebels zone will be decided on Thursday as the Prairiland Lady Pats play Saltillo at Prairiland. Congratulations Lady Rebels!!!!!!

Mosaic Group of Women on Missions meets

The Mosaic Group of the Women on Missions met in the church library at First Baptist Church in Bogata. Mary Ann Ward presided over the meeting. Linda Eilers opened the meeting in prayer.

Rose Mary Swinford was in charge of the program, "The Co operative Program - New Places New Faces". Those on the program were Alice Ann White, Julie Davidson, Frances Lee, Linda Eilers and Rose Mary Swinford.

Mary Ann Ward read the prayer calendar for the Missionaries. Mary Ann Ward prayed for the missionaries and closed the meeting.

Prairiland, Rivercrest girls take honors at golf

The 17AA Girls Golf Tournament was held at the Clarksville Country Club on Monday, March 31. Rivercrest High School was the meet director. Twenty-seven girls representing five of the eight schools played an eighteen hole tournament with the top two teams qualifying for the Region III Tournament to be held in Tyler at the Garden Valley Country Club.

Prairiland High School swept the tournament qualifying both A&B Teams as first and second place respectively. Breah Sessums of Prairiland won medalist with a score of 91. Kenlea Jones of Prairiland won second medalist honors after a playoff with team mate Paige Lyon. They both had scores of 106. Katha Crawford and Brandi Upchurch rounded out the championship team both scoring 122. Prairiland's A team score was 425 (top 4 individual scores).

The second place Prairiland B team was composed of Kendra Hicks (128), Meagan Hatfield (139), Susan Singleton (111), Shasta Riley (147). Team score was 525.

Rivercrest High School won 3rd place by posting a team score of 535. Team members of Rivercrest are Sissy Meredith (116), Jill Foster (136), Nicole Hervey (127) and Bambi Stieve (156).

Other team ranking were Cooper fourth, Chisum fifth, Honey Grove competed with only three players and was not eligible for the team championship.

On Monday, April 7, Clarksville Country Club will be the host course for the 17AA Boys Golf Tournament. Six schools will field teams in the tournament with approximately forty five individuals competing for medalist honors.

Red River Valley League meets

The Red River Valley Girls Softball League met Monday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. at Clarksville.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Screws. All teams prepared their league rosters and paid league fees. Fees to certify as a Dixie Umpires were paid. President, Mike Screws will mail the fees to receive the tests. A special meeting will be set at a later date for the test to be given. Extra rule books were handed out and the group discussed rule changes. Dixie rule considers the game a forfeit if a team has less than 10 players in the younger girls division or 9 players in the older girls division. It was decided that since some teams only have 10 players that the league would not call the game a forfeit but would require the team to take an out for the missing player, therefore, leaving teams the chance to play. The rules concerning age were discussed. A child may move up to another age group but if they are chosen to an All Star team they may not go back to their age group. They may return to their age group if they

were moved up in order to make a team and were not chosen as an All Star.

The group filled out mailing list for each coach and league. Vice President, Debbie Roraback of Clarksville will copy these and send each town a list.

A list of play days was given out. Deport will host a play day for 7-8 year old girls on April 5, Detroit will host a play day for 7-8 year old girls on April 11-12. Play days were also reported set in Idabel, Okla. on April 17-18-19 and in Winnsboro on May 3. Any team wanting more information may contact Mike Screws in Deport.

There were 6 teams reported in the 7-8 year olds, 9-10 year olds and 11-12 year olds. There were 7 teams reported in the 13-14-15 year olds and 3 teams reported in the 16-17-18 year olds.

Schedules for the coming season were made up for each division and play will begin on April 14, 1997.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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CONROY FORD/NEW HOLLAND advertisement with address and phone number

Ronny Bolton's Lone Star Collision Center advertisement with image of a man and Reader's Choice award

Large advertisement for Sandlin Auto Credit with financing details and contact information

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**RED RIVER HEALTHCARE CENTER NEWS**

Visiting George Hancock were his niece Karen Mitcham and a friend Ann Mitcham from Houston.

Raymon Mauldin's visitors were Ruby Terry, Freddie, Debbie and Ashley Rainwater, Kristy and Erika Lintz and Duane Benson.

Maudie Lee and Ruth Lee visited Ada Holmes.

Visiting Stashha Hume were Ina Ward and Weldon Hume.

Tony Watkins visited Oma McKinney.

Visiting Jettie Minshew were Margie Garrett, Jim Garrett, Sam Latimer, Jean Mullin, John Latimer, Yvonne Powell, Cheryl Sidler and Zelma Mauldin.

Visiting Billie Hancock were Mary Lane Lowry, Margie Myers, Shirley Smith, Tana Guest and John.

Billie and Marie Carr and Lucille Moore visited Iva Carr.

Dean Cannon visited Clyde and

Ardena Roberts.

Visiting Agnes and Jimmy Guess were Brother Rick Holeman, Brother Park Robertson, Dean and Edith Smith and Shirley Leffel.

Visiting Irene House were Charla White, James Beers, Jeanette Morris, Charles House, Donna House, Walker House, Shandra House, Eunice Mauldin, Tammy Barnes and Johnny Morris.

Irene Smith's visitors were Inez Johnson, Elaine Alford, S.J. Smith and Evelyn Roach.

Frances Smith's visitors were April Conway, Jean Conway and Leslie Conway from Conyers, Georgie, Fred Owings, and Imogene Owings from Garland and Phil, Lacy and Kyle Smith from Mount Pleasant.

Billie Nolen and Louise Ross visited Nina Hudson.

Visiting Gladys Prater were Wayne and Lou Ann Elliott, David and Kim

Prater and family, Mrs. Leona Wright, Jean Moore and Mildred Allums.

Lynn and Brenda Carroll and Randy and Lisa Carroll visited Dollie Carroll.

Billie Nolen and Louise Ross visited John and Hester Keith.

Visiting Bessie Arnett were LaNell and Shannon Franklin and James and Joyce Ward.

Opal Kerley, Arol Kerley, Staci Alford, Deanie Veach and Billy Moore visited Lynn Kerley.

Visiting Clara Lowe were Raymon Mauldin, Gerlyn Gray, Margaret Davis and Judy, Heather, and Heath Holt.

Inez Henson's visitors were Leona Wright and Richard Swarts.

Visiting Bonnie Gamble were Sonny Gamble, CED and Greg.

**Stockton graduates military training**

Army Pvt. William C. Stockton has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO.

Durin the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, mapreading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Stockton is the son of Pamela K. and stepson of Tony B. Hinson of Bogata. He graduated from Rivercrest High School in 1995.



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**BOGATA HIGH SCHOOL - basketball team 1937- Front Row left to right-Harold Fuller, Clifton McCrury, Hugh For-**

**ester, James Montgomery, Otha Sumerall, Cecil Rogers, Frank Edward Moore, (J.D.) Tiney McCormick, Sam Latimer,**

**Frank Branson, Jr., Randle Hunt and Howard Ed Bryson, Top Row: Coach Dixon Hatcher, Superintendent Frank Branson and Coach Eugene Garrett.**

**Bogata School Menu**  
April 7-11

**Monday**  
Breakfast  
Cereal & Toast  
Jelly  
Juice, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce  
Garlic Bread  
Salad  
Carrots  
Crackers  
Milk

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast  
Pancakes & Sausage on a stick  
Syrup  
Juice & Milk  
**Lunch**  
Chicken Rings  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Rolls, Honey & Butter  
Milk

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast  
Sausage, Biscuit & Gravy  
Jelly  
Juice & Milk  
**Lunch**  
Corn Dogs  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Black-eyed Peas  
Fruit  
Pickle Spears  
Milk

**Thursday**  
Breakfast  
Cereal, Toast  
Jelly  
Juice, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Cheeseburgers  
Salad, Pickles  
Beans  
Chips  
Ice Cream  
Milk

**Friday**  
No School

Have A Nice Weekend



**BOGATA HIGH SCHOOL - basketball team 1917: Left to right-Alfred Dunn, Albert For-**

**ester, Monroe Jeffus, John Dodd Lawson, Pete Wilkinson and Earl Ferguson.**

**Cuthand Locals**  
By Jean Upchurch

Sunday Jeffery, Marina, Haley and Hope Bivins were host to an Easter Egg Hunt, hamburger lunch and volleyball. Those enjoying the day were Jeffery, Marina, Haley and Hope Bivins, Pop and Pauline Bivins, Nathan, Judy, Tye and Camelia Mankins, Janice and Faith Gentry, Joyce and Shyrle Bivins, Mike, Jean and Micah Upchurch, Susie Bivins, Johnnie and Viola Coggins, Pete, Peggy and Chance Belcher, Tim, Doris and Kayla Belcher, Randy, Hanna, Josh and Dereck Belcher, Ben, Monica and Coty Townes, Carla Belcher, Sam Alsop, Jason and Andera Killian, Jimmy Goodwin, Sue Travillion, Lori and Staci Stiles, Nancy, Amber, Ashley and Arin Williams and Wade, Lisa, Taylor and Cheyenne Smith.

There were 94 who attended church at the Cuthand Methodist Church Sunday. Saturday the Cuthand Methodist Church had a very successful work day and the kids along with some adults picked up trash along the highway from the church to the Korner Store.

A bake sale was held in front of the Bank Friday to raise money for the Cuthand Youth to take some summer trips. Around \$500.00 was earned and we thank all who helped either by buying, baking or just helping.

**Bazaar applications being accepted**

The YWCA is currently accepting entries for the 1997 Paris Art Fair Arts & Crafts Bazaar. Deadline for entering is Friday, April 25. The art fair will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 17 on the downtown Paris Plaza.

Those interested in exhibiting works should submit a completed application form, booth fee and two photos of work to be sold to the YWCA by April 25 to take advantage of the on time registration fee. Late applications will be accepted on a space available basis until the week preceding the fair. Applications are available at the YWCA or by calling 785-5221.

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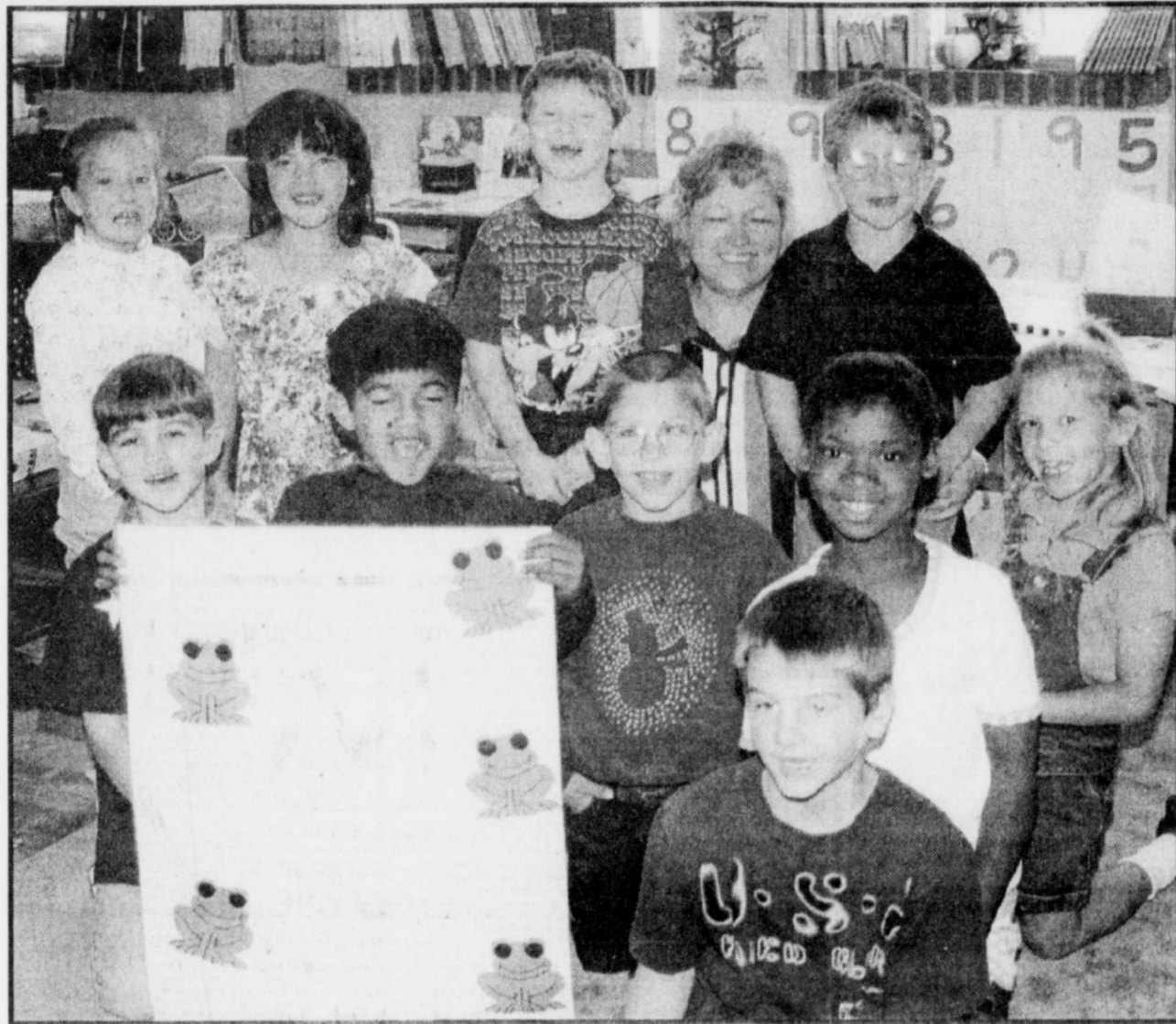
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Yogurt Cups  
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- Tuesday**  
Lunch  
Chicken Fried Steak  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
English Peas  
Hot Rolls, Butter & Honey  
Milk
- Wednesday**  
Lunch  
Corn Dog  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Peas  
Pickles  
Orange Cream Bars  
Milk
- Thursday**  
Lunch  
Hamburgers  
Chips  
Beans  
Burger Salad  
Ice Cream  
Milk
- Friday**  
No School



**FUTURE POETS**-The Talco First Grade class and teacher, Mrs. Harris learned about poetry this past week and the students took on a special project. They, with the help of their teacher, wrote their own poem. The topic was "frogs".  
*Staff Photo Nancy Brown*



**BIG SMILE**-Terrance Cannon gives the camera a big smile and displays his certificate for a \$50.00 Savings Bond donated by the Talco Guaranty Bank.

The bond was inside one of two prize eggs at the Annual Talco Park Easter Egg Hunt held Saturday, March 29.  
*Staff Photo Nancy Brown*

**CITY OF TALCO TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
The City of Talco will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on April 9, 1997 at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The city encourages citizens to participate in the development of the TCDP applications and to make their views known at the public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the Honorable K. M. Sloan, Mayor at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

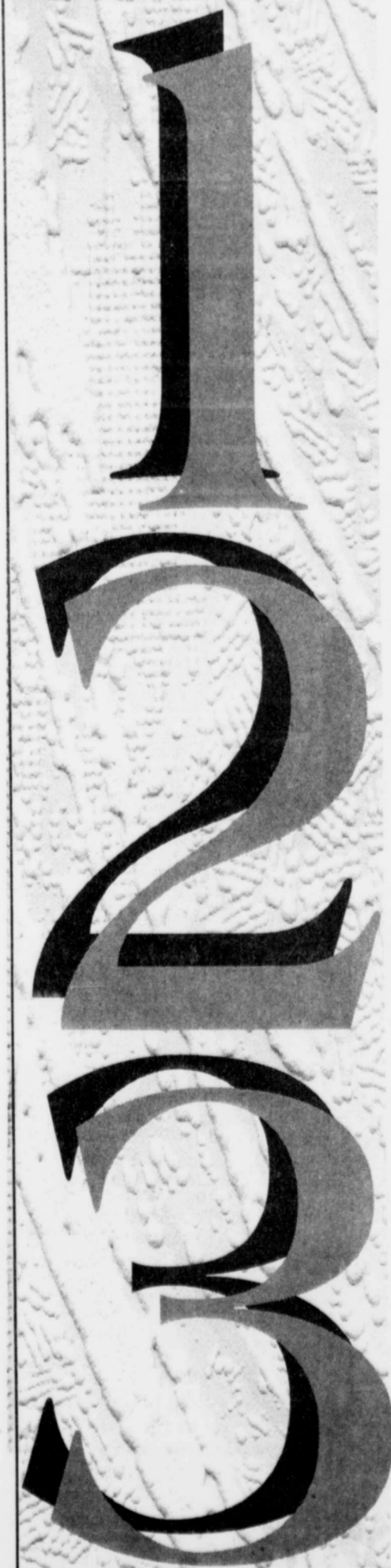


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**BIG WINNER**-Alex Wright gives a happy smile as she displays her \$50.00 Savings Bond donated by the Talco Guaranty Bank. The bond was inside one

of two prize eggs at the Annual Talco Park Easter Egg Hunt held Saturday, March 29.  
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**WINNER**-Jerri Ann Via was the lucky winner of the beautiful Boston fern donated to the Talco Baseball-Softball Association by Calvert's Gardens in Mt. Pleasant. Chances were sold by the Association at the Talco Park's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. All proceeds will go to provide summer fun for the Talco area children who participate in softball or baseball.  
*Staff Photo Nancy Brown*

### Beautiful wildflower season predicted for Texas Highways

Texas roadsides should have an abundance of wildflowers this spring, according to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Department landscape experts predict a bumper crop of bluebonnets, Indian paintbrushes, lemonmints and other native flora. For those searching for prime wildflower locations, TxDOT is offering assistance through its toll-free travel information hotline at 800-452-9292. Callers may get directions to some of the state's best wildflower spots this spring and information about wildflower festivals and other springtime

events throughout the state. The service will operate until early May from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST. "The determining factor for a successful wildflower season is the amount of rain enjoyed by a region during the preceding fall and winter" said Craig Steffens, TxDOT's director of landscape design. "Wildflower plants actually start their growth process prior to the spring season. So the fall and winter downpours that we've had should provide a beautiful and bountiful wildflower season". TxDOT has given Mother Nature

a helping hand with wildflowers, according to Steffens. "Our maintenance crews work year-round planting thousands of wildflower seeds and coordinating mowing schedules to allow native plants to mature. These vegetation management techniques help to prevent soil erosion, conserve water and save money while, at the same time, producing some of the most beautiful rights-of-way in the United States," Steffens added.

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## Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Commissioners' Court of Red River County will receive bids until 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 11 for the purchase of pit run gravel. The bid will run April 14, 1997 and end April 12, 1998.

Bids should include the cost of materials at the plant and we load the material ourselves.  
Bids must be delivered to the office of the County Auditor by the date and time indicated above. At that time the bids will be opened and read publicly. Action on the bids is then at the discretion of the Commissioners' Court. The court reserves the right to refuse all bids and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the county.

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For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Prairiland ISD is selling a 1974 International school bus. It has a running V-8 engine with a 4 speed manual transmission. It can be seen at Prairiland High School campus. Bids will be opened at the regular April school board meeting on April 14, 1997. Please submit sealed bids to Prairiland ISD, Buddy Freeman, Rt. 1, Box 200, Pattonville, TX 75468. For further information, call Buddy Freeman at 903-652-6476.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Prairiland ISD is accepting applications for transfer for the 1997-98 school year. You may pick up an application at each campus principal's office. Applications must be in no later than April 11, 1997. Please turn in the applications to the campus principal's office.



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**Hood Family has reunion**

Lee and Buford Hood Family held a reunion on Saturday March 29. Those attending were their son and his wife, Bruce and Susan Hood and their children and grandchildren; daughter Karen Miles, her son Patrick Miles and her friend, Lynn Morris, their son and daughter-in-law Bruce Allen and Diana Hood, their children, Stuart, Spencer and Hannah all from Paris.

The Hood's daughter and her family: Loretta and Gene Orr from Sherman attended. Her daughter, Alicia Kalk and her sons Wesley and Jacob from Munford, Tennessee were also there.

The Hood's other daughter and her family were also there. They are Sondra and Lyman Daniel from Wellington, their daughter, Renee

Spencer from Altus, Oklahoma. Their daughter, Ginger and husband Phil Westfall and daughter, Amanda from Del Rio-Their son Douglas Daniel from Wellington and his friend, Tammy Yelton from Wayland Baptist College, Plainview.

Other relatives attending were Jan and Mac McCuller from Mount Pleasant, Bonz and Fred Stahl from Lake Cherokee, Drue and Billie Pirtle, Doug Hawkins, Robbie Hawkins, Mark and Jana Hawkins, Heather and Haley, Koren, Seth and Seton Hawkins, Lucille Childers, and Gene Hawkins all from Johnstown and the host and hostess, Buford and Lee Hood.

The day was spent reminiscing, picture taking, with plenty of goo and food and an Easter Egg Hunt.

**House family has reunion**

The family and friends of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.D. House met at Bogata Community Center March 29 for a reunion. Dinner was served, lots of visiting was done, along with an Easter Egg Hunt.

The plans were made by Reabeth Abbot and Jettie Bond, along with lots of help.

Those attending and enjoying the day were: Jettie Bond, Sabrina Tucker and Beverly Taylor of Talco, Howard and Bobbie Bond of Wake Village, Doug Bond of Bogata, Bubba Edge of Talco, Robert and Syble Robinson of Winnsboro, Ross and Linda Bond of Cookeville, D.J. Driskell of Cookeville, Jerry and Torina House of Bogata, Lee Ann McCuller, Erin and Molly of Mount Pleasant, Bill, Judy, Dagan and Tessa Ruthardt of Atlanta, Charles, Donna, Shandra and

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Everyone enjoyed the Community Center the children all really enjoyed the park.

The family will meet again (same place) Saturday, April 11, 1998. Everyone be here.

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The newspapers are full of what we would like to happen to us and what we hope will never happen to us.

—John Fowles



**HAPPY GROUP**-The Rivercrest Lady Rebels Softball team has won their zone and will be traveling to Wise Field in Paris for the District playoffs on Friday, April 11. The team consists of; (from the left back row; LaQuita Johnson, Ashlei Moles, Katie Hare, Courtney Jones, Joanie Swarts, Tiffany Prentice, Carolina Prado, Cara Morgan and Tasha Brown; (middle row from the left) Coach Keith Brown, Wendy Gentry, Andrea Palmer, Erin Stansell, Stephanie Farmer and Coach Ben Connell; (front row from the left) Jana Weatherall, Missy Carroll and Donna Harrison.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

**Kids Under Construction meet**

K.U.C. had 11 children on 3/31/97. They made flowers and had a snack of graham crackers, bananas, and punch.

The children also sang songs at Red River Haven Nursing Home.

K.U.C. meets every Monday 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt held**

An Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday afternoon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E.E. Brooks for their grandchildren and friends.

Cookies and punch were served to about thirty children.

Prize eggs were won by Lauren Mauldin, Alison Mauldin and Kelli Kimmy.

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