

# Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols

*There is a certain sadness in achieving some goals.*

Twenty years is a long time to work towards a goal. Twenty years ago (this past March, as a matter of fact) I went to work for Bob and Pat Wright, who owned the papers back then. I was just supposed to "fill in" until they could hire someone full time...and here I am, still here, in possession of the papers and all the problems and joys that entails!

Back then I used to laugh and make the statement that "If I ever win first place in TEXAS Press Association competition, I'm going to retire". Well, I finally did, and obviously I can't retire...our "paper gang" won't allow it...and the finances certainly won't!

Through twenty years I have won other awards, mostly through North and East Texas Press Association's competitions. First place for photos, news writing, columns, feature writing and more have been added to our collection. There have been several First Place Awards from North and East Texas Press. I consoled myself with saying that it's a big state, and an award from NETPA (which covers 1/3 of the state) was pretty good. There have been several Texas Press Association Competition Awards too, but never a First- second was as close as we could manage to come.

But through all those twenty years, there was always one thing constant. Every time I won an award I received a card or note from two gentlemen (and I do mean gentlemen of the finest character) congratulating me on my achievement. And every time, my parents were so very proud of me.

This year, the Missouri Press Association judged the Texas Press Association entries, and I won First Place in Column Writing.

I was, to say the least, overjoyed. I threatened to sleep with the plaque! But then, a sadness stole over me. For this year, there will be no cards from Ed Bryson, life-long journalist and winner of many awards, saying "Well done". No note will arrive from long-time Red River County Judge and newspaper man Gavin Watson, saying "great!" and my Dad is not here to say, with pride in his eyes and a wicked smile on his face "got lucky, didn't you?" My mother will not be calling my aunt and cousins to brag on me. Of those four people whose approval meant so much to me, three have died this year. It doesn't mean that the congratulations of friends and readers doesn't mean anything to me, of course. But in the middle of achieving a life-long goal there is a kernel of sorrow that Ed and Gavin and my parents aren't here to share this achievement with me!

Still, though, when I opened the box with my plaque in it, I'm sure I heard the faint echoes of several gentle voices, commending me. So, perhaps there is no reason for sadness after all!

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## Dr. Emmite is new medical director at Bogata clinic

Longtime Paris physician Joseph P. Emmite, M.D., has been named medical director at St. Joseph's Family Clinic-Bogata. He will begin seeing patients on Monday, August 3 with expanded hours for patient care, weekdays from 8 a.m. until noon and after lunch from 1-5 p.m.

Dr. Emmite replaces Dr. Nadarajah Srikumar, who recently accepted a research position in Philadelphia, PA.

Dr. Emmite, who has practiced internal medicine in Paris since 1978,

is a native of Dickinson, in Galveston County. He received his Bachelor of Science, graduating cum laude from the University of Notre Dame in 1958. He then attended St. Louis University School of Medicine where he received his doctor of medicine degree. Dr. Emmite served his internship and a portion of his residency at San Joaquin General Hospital in San Joaquin, CA, completing his residence in internal medicine at the

University of Texas Medical Branch in 1968.

Following completion of residency, Dr. Emmite joined the staff of the UT medical Branch serving as clinical instructor. Following a stint in the U.S. Air Force in which he held the rank of lieutenant colonel, Dr. Emmite moved to Paris to open his practice in 1978.



**NEW OFFICERS-** elected in the Talco PTO for next year are; (from the left) Staci Hinton-Treasurer, Linda Brown-Secretary, Cassie Carroll-Vice President, Tina Nolen-President and Reporter-Stephanie Wright. The ladies will hold the first meeting for the coming year on August 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Talco School cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



*Nanalee Nichols with First Place Plaque for Column Writing, Division 7, from Texas Press Association*

## "Nichols Worth" wins First Place in State-Wide contest

Nanalee Nichols has been awarded First Place in Division 7 of Texas Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest, conducted at the TPA summer convention held in San Antonio June 26, 1998. The award is for her "Nichols Worth" column which appears weekly in all five of Thunder Prairie Publishing's newspapers.

The contest was judged by thirty-two members of the Missouri Press Association in Kansas City, Missouri.

The two columns were judged as one entry, and rated excellent in subject matter, quality, style of writing and lead. One column was "I don't need this in the middle of the night" and the other was "Children have strength we can only imagine".

The judge's comments on the "children have strength" column was "What a moving piece. No one can do it like a child, and what luck you had in sharing this experience! Good Work! The other column, which dealt with being harassed by a cat in the middle of the night was commended for it's viewpoint and humor.

Although "Nichols Worth" has won numerous awards, including many first place plaques from North and East Texas Press Association, second place is as close as the column has come in State-Wide competition until 1998.

While other entries did not win awards, they were rated highly. Judges said that News Writing was good in quality, lead and enterprise, with excellent news value.

Advertising was rated very good with good use of pictures and artwork. Photography, entries submitted by Nanalee Nichols and Liz Irwin were acclaimed good.

Special edition entered was the Veteran's edition. Judges commented that the articles were very good, but did not like the design of the ads.

Division 7 is for newspapers with circulation between 1,201 and 2,000. There were 114 weeklies that entered the contest, 32 dailies and 40 semiweeklies entered.

## Talco PTO meet July 6

The Talco PTO met on Monday, July 6 at the Talco City Hall. President, Elodia Grissom called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. An agenda was passed out and Mrs. Grissom reported a total of \$1,893.21 in the fund. She also read the minutes from the last meeting. Motion was made and carried to accept the minutes.

Under Old Business spending the funds was discussed. Sherry Hollis suggested the money be spent on books, physical education materials or any item used directly by the students. Coach Tammie Case had given a list of needed items to the PTO for P.E. classes last year and items requested were discussed. Motion was made, second and approved to carry over \$200 for the coming year, give \$300 to Coach Jeremy Abshier and

Tammie Case to purchase equipment, to buy 2 new VCR's, 2 new TV sets and a rolling cart if funds allow.

Under New Business election of officers was discussed. Motion was made and second to hold off electing officers until the first meeting after school begins but the motion died by a 14-11 vote. Officers were elected they are; President-Tina Nolen, Vice President-Cassie Carroll, Secretary-Linda Brown, Treasurer-Staci Hinton and Reporter-Stephanie Wright.

The books were turned over to the new officers and motion was made, second and approved to have the next meeting on Aug. 17, 1998 at 7:00 pm at the Talco School cafeteria. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. Approximately 30 attended.



**HAPPY WINNER-**Justin Morgan came away a winner from the Talco Park "Fun Day" held July 4th. Justin won the watermelon eating contest and watermelon seed spitting contest. He received \$5.00 and a checkers game for his efforts. Justin is the son of Billy and Sandra Morgan of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



*Kelly Stansell*

## Kelly Stansell named new principal at Talco School

Kelly Stansell has been named principal at the Talco School beginning next year. She replaces B.J. Setliff who has moved into the Carrollton, Texas area.

Kelly was raised in Cookeville, Texas and is a 1980 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School. She is the daughter of Russell and Von Bybee of Lake Bob Sandlin. She received her BS degree at East Texas State University in 1992 and her MS at Texas A & M at Commerce in 1997.

Kelly is married to Kip Stansell, who is a partner in Stantex Enterprises Oilfield Services of Talco. The couple have two children, Kyle, who will be a Sophomore at Rivercrest High School and Kendall who will be a Freshman at Rivercrest High School next year. Both Kyle and Kendall are

active in athletics and are honor students.

Kelly has served as School Counselor for the Talco and Bogata campuses for the past 2 years. She is familiar with both campuses and their students as well as with Rivercrest. Kelly said, "I am looking forward to a wonderful school year. I feel privileged to be able to work in my home town with people I know well and respect. As a faculty we are dedicated to putting a greater focus on educating all our children. In a small community like the Talco-Bogata CISD, we are able to offer a personal touch to education. This is truly a blessing for our teachers, students and parents. I look forward to serving the needs of our school children".

## VBS scheduled for Church of Christ

The Talco Church of Christ will host a Vacation Bible School on July 13-14-15, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Evening sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 8:30 each day.

Theme of the school is "Great Bible

Examples". There will be classes for pre-school through teenagers. Refreshments will be served.

All the young people of the area are invited to attend this three day Vacation Bible School.

## July 4th celebration a success

The Talco Park Committee hosted a "Fun Day" at the park on July 4th beginning at 5:30 pm. The entire evening activities were postponed due to a welcome rain shower.

Following the short but heavy downpour the hamburger supper was served and the evening games began. In the watermelon eating contest Candace Davis and Justin Morgan came out the winners. Morgan also took first place in the watermelon seed spitting contest. He received \$5.00 and a checkers game for his efforts. Emily Rector had the fastest turtle, Polka Dot, in Talco at the end of the turtle races and Torrie Grissom had the best decorated turtle, George, who wore stars and ribbons on his shell. The sidewalk art could not be

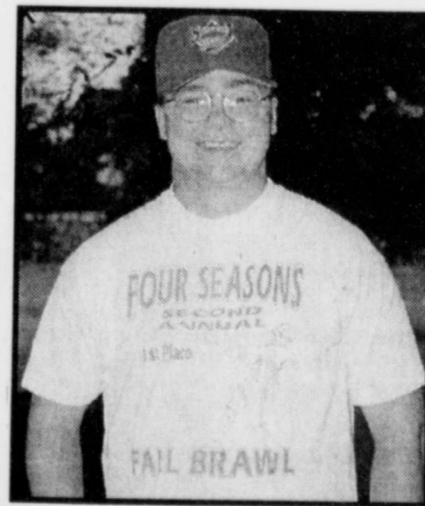
held due to the rain.

Following the games everyone settled down to enjoy the singing. Laura Thompson, the Bethal Church's choir and youth choir, Bo Brown and a group composed of Alex Wright, Melanie Smith, Emily Rogers and Jillian Sloan who set the mood of the evening with "Yankee Doodle" all entertained the crowd.

Just after dark the fireworks display began and a fantastic display it was. Cars lined the streets around the park and the park was full of people in lawn chairs. Everyone enjoyed the entire evening and the cool air left after the rain.

The Park Committee would like to express appreciation to those who donated toward the firework display; Steve and Mary Hall, Johnson Pump, Mike and Judy Sloan and children, Wright Excavating, Talco Guaranty Bank, Hale Electric, Arthur and Patsy Smith, John D. and Mona Wright, Mayra Clark, Talco PTO, James Crawford, Daryl Cabell, SEI, City of Talco, Johnny and Karen Jones, Eddie and Nancy Brown, J.P., Laura and James Paul Kernan, Shane and Leslie Wright and children, Todd Wright and family, Dr. Miller, Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul, Jimmy and Darla Ottinger.

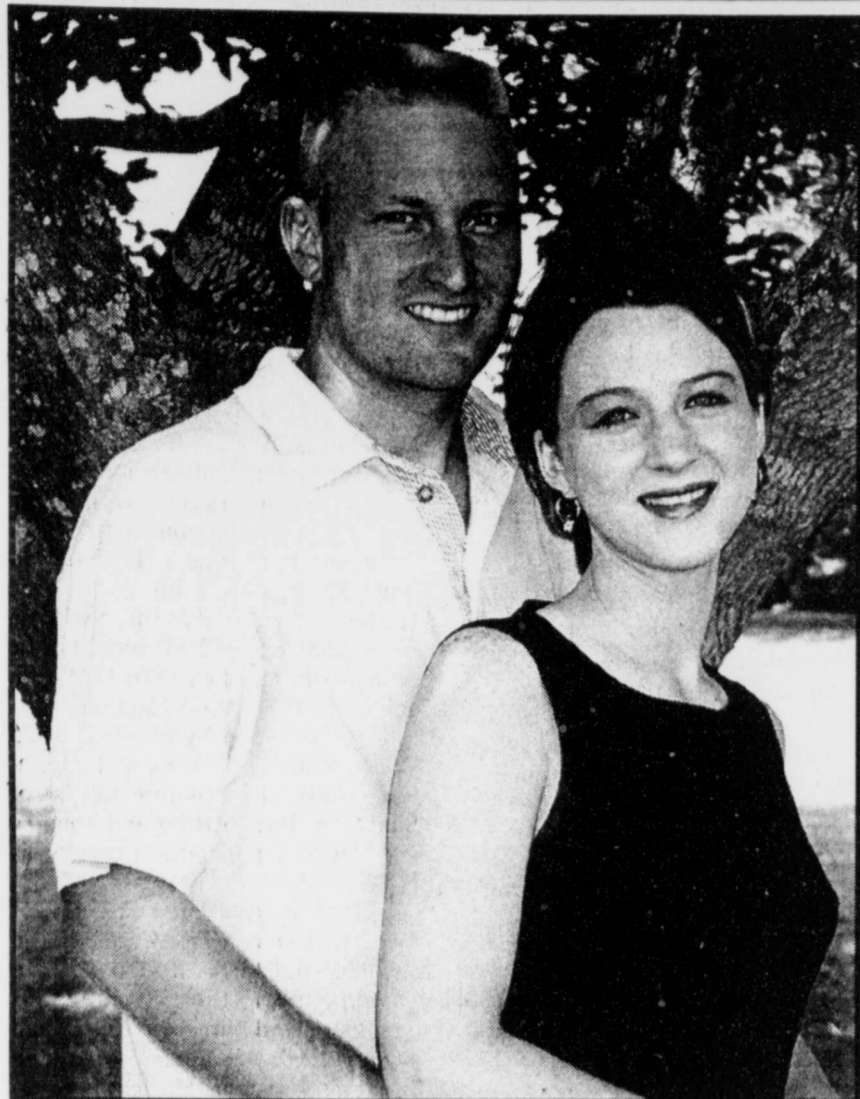
The group also expressed appreciation to everyone who helped in every way with the event and to the Talco Baseball/Softball Association who helped the park get their fireworks.



**WELCOME HOME-**to Jeremy Abshier who is the new Junior High boys coach at Talco School. Jeremy is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and attended college in Beaumont where he received his degree. He is the son of Carol Laing of Talco and Cliff Abshier of Orange, Tx. He will reside with his mom in Talco and looks forward to his new duties and his first year as a coach. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

*Go, bury thy sorrow,  
The world hath its share;  
Go, bury it deeply,  
Go, hide it with care.  
Go, bury thy sorrow,  
Let others be blest;  
Go, give them the sunshine,  
And tell God the rest*





Mandy Jo Williams with fiance Gregory Don Sherrill  
Sherrill-Williams to exchange wedding vows

Mike and Mollie Williams and Donnie and Judy Sherrill of Bogata announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Mandy Jo Williams and Gregory Don Sherrill.

The formal ceremony will take place on August 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, Hwy. 271 in Bogata. Father of the groom will officiate. The reception will be at the home of John and Mikel Haynes following the wedding ceremony.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Pauline Williams of Bogata, the late Travis Williams and the late M.E. and Lore Roach. She is a 1996 graduate of Rivercrest High School and has attended Paris Junior College

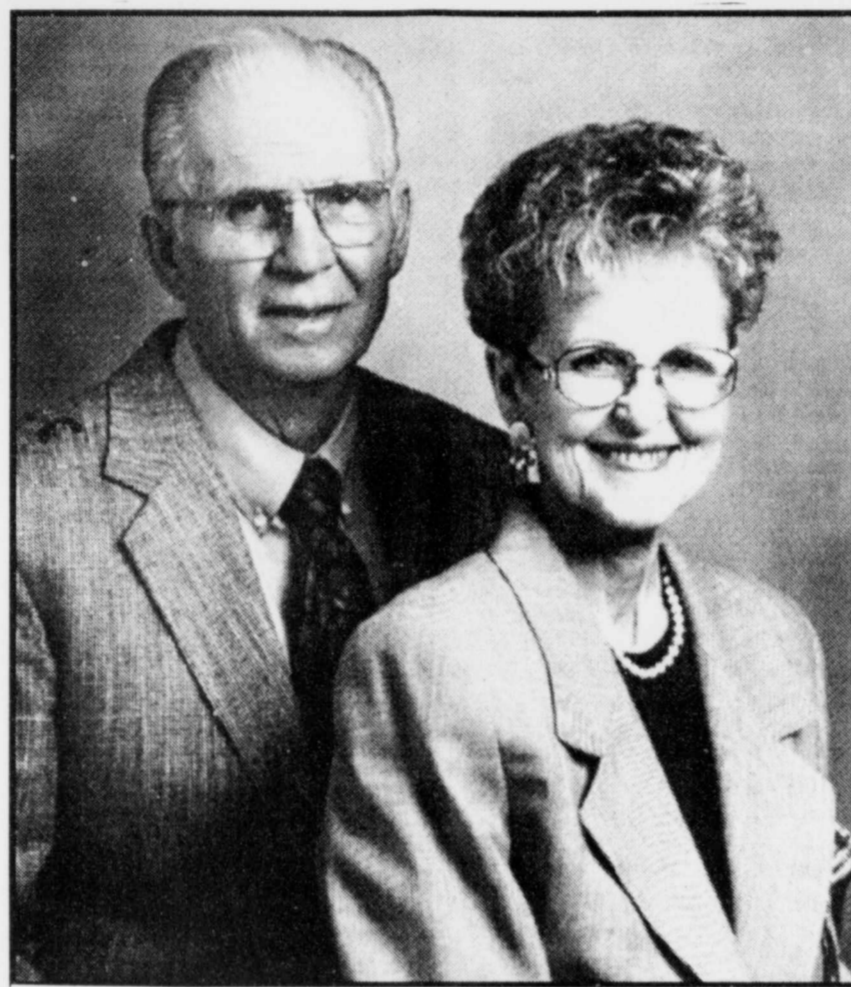
for the past two years and will attend Texas A&M Commerce in the fall. She is employed at Lollypop Learning Center in Paris.

Her fiance is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Young of Mountain Home, AR, the late Clifford Price and the late Mr. and Mrs. Grady Sherrill. He is the great-grandson of Mrs. Carrie Owens of Calico Rock, AR. He is a 1991 graduate of Flippin High School, Flippin, AR. He attended Three Rivers Community College and Arkansas State University. He is presently employed with Contractor's Supply in Paris.

Relatives and friends of the couple are invited to attend.



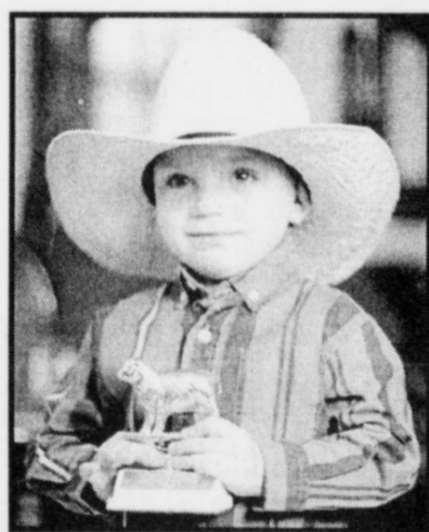
1968 CUNNINGHAM REUNION: Back row, Teacher Richard Garrison, Rickey Anderson, Charles Black, Ron (Bud) Richardson, Jerry Don Smith and teacher Waylon Norrell. Middle row: Charles Davis, Connie Smith, Cindy Norwood Nichols. Front row: Kay Abbott Sanders, Neva Norwood Oats, Linda Malone Baker, Brenda Malone.



Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slusher  
Slushers to celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slusher will be honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a reception from two until five o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, July 18 at the Life Taber-

nacle Fellowship Hall in Cunningham. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. The couple requests no gifts, please.



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SMALL MUTTON BUSTER - DAKOTA WARD age 3 was the winner during Thursday night performance of the Bogata rodeo. Dakota is the grandson of Mary Amos & Steve Lewis of Bogata

Puckett family holds reunion

The Puckett family reunion was held June 28, 1998 at the Community Center in Bogata.

These descendants of Lee Puckett and Deb Puckett attended: Bill and Betty Joy Puckett of Denton, Jerrel and Nancy Puckett of Norman, Oklahoma, Debbie Dunham of Commerce, George Puckett, Susan Gordon, Bryan Gordon, Ashley Lochaby, Cloey Lochaby Gordon and Jonathan Gordon of Midlothian, Gaston and Roberta Puckett and Jeff and Betty Puckett of Bogata, Dan Puckett of Richardson, Carolyn Bibby of Irving, Mark, Susan, Amber and Bailey Harper and Debbie, Steve and Brandon Sherrell of Mesquite, Bill, Kathy and Keira Leslie of Balch Springs, Rhonda and Blaze Burns of Deport, and Randy and Treska Puckett of Rockwall.

New officers were elected for the next reunion. Elected were: Gaston Puckett, President and Betty Joy Puckett, secretary-treasurer.

An enjoyable day was spent eating, taking pictures, reminiscing and catching up on the latest news.

The next reunion is planned at the same place the fourth Sunday in June in the year 2000.

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## Red River Valley second in district

The Red River Valley National All Star team ages 13-14-15 traveled to Mt. Vernon for district play beginning Friday, June 27. The team coached by Mark Hare, Randy Hollis and Ricky Daniels met the Red River Valley Americans coached by John Carlisle in their first district game. The Nationals defeated the Americans to go into the winners bracket.

On Saturday the team returned to play a strong Hopkins County Nationals team. After 10 innings of play the ladies of Red River took a 3-2 win.

On Sunday the girls met Mt. Vernon who were also undefeated. The Red River Valley team could not have chosen a worse time to be off but they were and Mt. Vernon took a 9-1 win sending the Red River team into the loser bracket.

On Monday the team met Hopkins County Americans and took an easy win. Mt. Pleasant lost to Mt. Vernon leaving Red River to play for first place on Tuesday. If they had defeated Mt. Vernon they would have had to play them again due to Mt. Vernon being undefeated.

Tuesday's game was a good one between two good teams. The Red



DESCENDANTS of the James Thomas and Nancy T. VanDeaver family met for their reunion on Sunday, June 28 at the Gordon VanDeaver home. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the day.

## VanDeaver reunion held

The descendants of James Thomas and Nancy T. VanDeaver met in Pattonville on Sunday, June 28 at the Gordon VanDeaver home.

From Ada's family: Elder Grant and Barbara Scott, Tatum, Selena and John Schniederjan, Henderson, Patty, Jim and Kathy Russell, Grand Prairie, Larry and Toni Scott, Cleburne.

Representing Thomas' family: Clovis and Katy VanDeaver, Fulbright, Larann, John and Dru Denison, Rosalie, Charles L., Mary Helen, Tommy, Linda, Jody and Heath VanDeaver and Carol Sisson, Clarksville, Gary, Pam, Kacey and

Katelyn VanDeaver, Bogata, Renea, Sarah and Melanie Singleton, Fayetteville, TN, Gordon and Helen VanDeaver, Pattonville, Charlotte VanDeaver, Austin.

From Jothan's family: Lorene Moore and Geraldine Trammell, Weatherford, Tina and Courtney Lanford, Lawton, OK, Ruth and Peggy Crenshaw, Pattonville, Albert and Jane VanDeaver, Blossom.

Representing Sherman's family: Inez, Andrew, Stanley, Darla, Heath and Trista Shawhart, Arthur City, Sharon and Shiela Crawford, Paris. Ed and Dod Dotson of Deport stopped by for a short visit.

River team trailed through 6 innings but only by a score of 7-6. Batting in the top of the 7th and final inning the Red River team was able to load the bases after two outs and still trailing one point but the win was not be theirs. Final 7-6 Mt. Vernon.

This is the second year the Red River Valley Nationals have received 2nd place in the district but there is always next season when the team will come back losing only 2 of its all star players. Congratulations on a good tournament Talco, Bogata and Deport young ladies.

## More Talco Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Smith, Erin and Katie. Michael has received a job transfer and will be moving to Paris from Dallas soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Harris spent the day in Dallas Wednesday where Mr. Harris had a doctor's appointment. He is reported doing well.

Happy July Birthday wishes go to: Johnny Crocker, Clint Franks, Joyce Franks, Jesse Watts and Brady Kennedy.

Enjoying a vacation in San Antonio this past week were Nola Savage, Janice, Whitney and Alex Savage, Monica, Monique and Megan Savage. They visited the Alamo, Sea World and other tourist sites.

Celebrating July 4th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Swarts and Joanie were Jack Brown, Ernie Martin, Dru Denison, Justin Smith, Kenneth Paul Johnson, Brandi Gaddis, Andrea Palmer, Stanley and Cynthia Jones. They all traveled to Pittsburg to attend a fireworks display.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith traveled to Kilgore to take grandchildren, Melanie and Aaron to meet their mother, Sally Dunn. Melanie will spend the week with the Dunn's and Aaron.

Bro. and Mrs. David Trawick and daughters visited with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail this past week. The Trawick's will be moving to Mexico to do missionary work soon.

Visiting with Paul and Rae Miller of Talco on July 4th were their three sons and other family members; Jr. and Sue Miller of Talco, Jerry and Betty Miller of Jacksonville, Bill and Dianna Miller and Melissa of Glade Branch, Alex, Kathy and Destiny Miller of Cypress Springs, Craig Miller of Cypress Springs, Sherry Vanegas, Helena and Amanda Sloan of Talco. Family members from the age of 8 months to 86 years enjoyed their time together.

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Joe was born and raised on Lamar Electric service in Manchester, Red River County. He's been in real estate for nearly 30 years. He was a director of a local bank for 8 years and operated several grocery stores since 1966. He's raised a family here. His hands-on business experience and

time spent seeing to the needs of his community friends and neighbors make him the best choice for the next three years of District One leadership.

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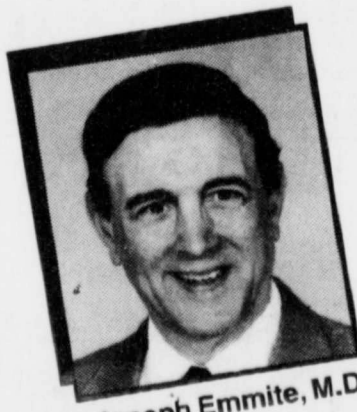
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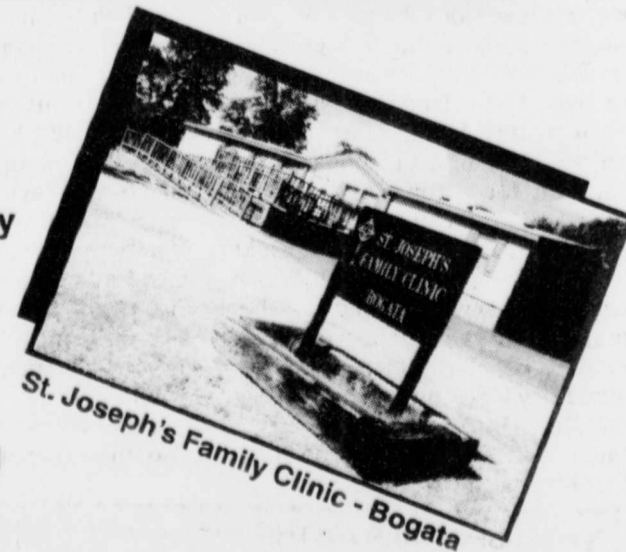


Joseph Emmite, M.D.

# Do We Have Great News!

Dr. Joseph Emmite, well-known Paris physician, has been named Medical Director of St. Joseph's Family Clinic in Bogata and will begin seeing patients five days a week beginning August 3.

In addition to serving families' general medical needs, Dr. Emmite will offer pediatric and well baby care, and gynecological services.



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## Bashful the Rottweiler isn't...bashful that is Exuberant dog trained as therapy animal

By Nanalee Nichols

Bashful isn't. Bashful, a three year old Rottweiler belonging to Jane Dixon of Jolthtown, is as exuberant in her love of people as she is well behaved. And because of both traits, she has become a certified therapy dog.

Therapy Dogs are certified by the Delta Society, an organization which is the first to do research on the animal-human bond.

Therapy animals work with people who are in rehabilitation or have long-term illnesses, or bring joy to residents of nursing homes or assisted living communities.

According to Jane Dixon, therapy dogs are often very good with autistic children, or even Alzheimer's patients. They are certainly a hit with patients in hospitals and nursing homes.

It is a proven fact that people who live in relationships with animals are happier, more emotionally stable, and even live longer!

Bashful has another job. She disproves many of the preconceived notions about Rottweilers as vicious, unstable dogs.

She is one of three Rottweilers that Jane Dixon owns. Jane breeds Rottweilers, shows them in obedience, agility and conformation classes.

Bashful is the only one certified as a therapy dog, and Jane loves working with her.

"I used to have trouble relating to the ill or infirm, but through Bashful I have a whole different perspective and am able to be of use," Jane smiles.

In addition to training and showing the dogs, Jane is involved in teaching obedience classes in Paris at the fair grounds. The club she works with is the Mulberry Creek Dog Training Club. She is one of three instructors, the other two being Nancy Anderson and Charlotte Norris. In the classes they teach dogs to become canine good citizens. Bashful is useful there, for she serves as a "demo dog".

When asked why she adores the Rottweiler breed so much she says "they are so intelligent". She also admits that she bought her first Rottweiler, Oscar, for "all the wrong reasons". She wanted a big, mean guard dog, but discovered so very much more about the breed.

"I probably wouldn't sell one of my puppies to someone wanting it for the reason I did originally" Jane attests.

She states that there are several reasons that the breed has come in for some bad press.

First, she says, is ignorance, and she isn't speaking about the dogs, but about the way people treat them.

Secondly, bad breeding can be a problem.

Third, people who don't allow the dogs to become part of the family, who work at making them mean and don't discipline the dogs are a real problem according to Ms. Dixon.

"If you let a guard dog roam, everything he sees belongs to him in his mind. Virtually everything in the neighborhood is 'his' and he doesn't want 'strangers' messing with his stuff!" Jane explains.



**GOOD CITIZEN-BASHful the Rottweiler, owned by Jane Dixon of Jolthtown, has captured not only lots of awards and ribbons, but a Canine Good Citizen Dog badge, a Companion Dog badge, and is a certified therapy dog, able to provide companionship and human/animal interaction with a variety of people who may need it. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)**

Rottweilers, like every other breed, have dispositions that vary. While her other two dogs are beautifully disciplined and trained, they do not have the total enthusiasm and joyful love that Bashful exhibits. That's why she has been trained as a therapy dog. This began, Jane says, at about seven months of age when it became apparent that the dog just adored people, especially children.

"I just felt she would be good at it" Jane says.

Half of therapy training is passing the canine good citizen test, which has twelve steps, a few of which are: the dog must heel well on a leash, be able to be left unsupervised for a period of time while the owner does something else, and show no aggression upon meeting another dog or a person.

In addition, therapy dogs must be able to accept suffocating hugs, not be upset by different smells and locations, and react well to people who may act differently, or be on crutches or in wheel chairs.

Jane works part time for Lamar County Human Resources. She supervises lunches for many elderly people, and sometimes takes Bashful with her, much to the delight of the diners.

"Some nursing homes are worried that the residents are afraid of the larger dogs" Jane says. She says that

she met a man at the last dog show she went to that said he ran into the same problem at first, but now many of the nursing homes he visits ask for the Rottweiler!

Jane is obviously devoted to the breed. She explains that when Rome was conquering the world they took food on the hoof with them and dogs to guard the animals and herd them. This was the beginning of the Rottweiler breed. Later, in Rottweil, Germany, they were frequently called "butcher dogs" because they were used to pull the big carts of meat for the butcher. Jane even wears silver earrings with the silhouette of a Rottweiler on them.

Bashful wears a vest with her name on it, and badges that proclaim her to be CDX (Companion Dog, Excellent) and CGC (Canine Good Citizen).

The friendly dog and her owner appeared at the Lamar County Human Resources "Spring Fling" in May, and will be visiting Cherry Street Manor and other nursing homes this summer.

She delights all who come her way with what Jane asserts are "routine pet tricks" but which few pets actually do! She will play dead, roll over, weave back and forth between her handler's legs, shake hands and, most amazingly, rear up and wave good-bye when leaving the room!

But it is not that which makes the huge dog such a delight, or dispels people's fears so quickly. It is her total friendliness, her buoyant acceptance of everyone she meets.

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## Cunningham reunion held

The Class of 1968 celebrated its 30th class reunion at the Cunningham Community Center where the former school grounds were located. The community center was decorated with memorabilia from school days in Cunningham using the school colors of red and white. There was a refreshment table of chips, dips and lemonade for everyone to enjoy as they visited, looked at pictures and reacquainted themselves. The most common phrase of the day was "I forgot my glasses."

Memories were ignited as Cindy and Charles Nichols presented a slide show. Murray's Barbeque catered the evening meal. Following the meal, everyone gathered for the awards assembly. Each graduate shared their experiences from the past 30 years, ranging from serving in Viet Nam to traveling to Israel. Awards were presented to Cindy Norwood Nichols for the most traveled, Connie Smith and Jerry Don Smith tied for the most children, four. Ricky Anderson and Brenda Malone tied for the most grandchildren, four. Linda Baker won the longest marriage. The assembly ended with singing the school song. Pictures were taken and the evening concluded with a jam session. Jerry Don Smith, Charles Davis and Ron (Bud) Richardson played guitar and sang old favorite songs. The day was a total success.

Attending from the class of 1968 were Rickey Anderson and wife Linda (1969), son Rusty and his family, Cindy, Marty, Susan and Carrie and daughter Wendy and her family, Carlos and Cord, Charles Black and friend Carol, Ron (Bud) Richardson and wife Sally, Jerry Don Smith and wife Marlene and his two daughters; Charles Davis and wife Dorothy Sue (1967) and son Terry Don and wife; Connie Smith and children; Charlie, Andrea and Stephanie and her family Stephen, Jessica and Ty. Cindy Norwood Nichols and husband Charles, Kay Abbott Sanders, husband James and her grandson; Neva Norwood Oats, husband Billy Ray (1965) and children Brandon and Georjeana and Georjeana's friend, Brad Nutt; Linda Malone Baker and husband Ronnie (1964), Brenda Malone and friend Greg.

Others attending were former teachers, Waylon and Patsy Norrell, Richard Garrison, Murray Jackson and Buddy Taylor. Graduates of other classes were Donnie Bazhaw (1969) and wife Ruby; Dean Black (1966); Sandra Anderson Burnett (1966) and husband Ed; Wanda Hume Whitaker (1967); Carol Anderson Newberry (1970), George and granddaughter, Melissa.

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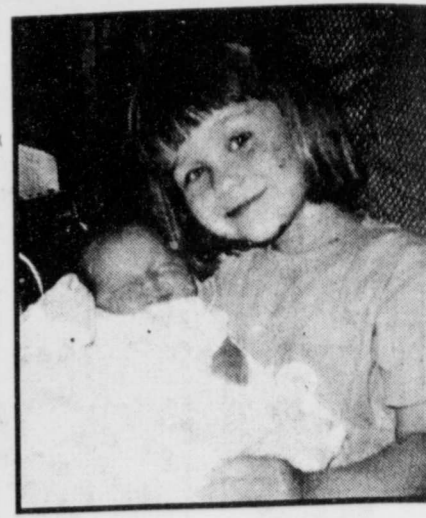
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THE FULBRIGHT CHURCH OF CHRIST VBS, held on June 17-20, once again was a great success. Much fun and fellowship was enjoyed each night with an average attendance of seventy. The last night everyone enjoyed a weiner roast and homemade ice cream.



Clay and Chasity Francis announce the arrival of their daughter, **Caley Nicole Francis**, born June 27, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. and being 20" long. Grandparents are Roger and Lou Hall of Talco, Danny and Ann Francis of Talco and Sharon Francis of Deport. Great-grandparents are the late Raymond and Josephine Robertson, the late Ray and Christina Hall, the late Lowell Francis and Billie Francis and the late Son and Dorothy Williams. She joins sister Camen Rae.

He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find him the rest of the day.  
Bunyan

**Talco Locals**  
By Nancy Brown  
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Patsy Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown enjoyed supper at the Barnstormer at Mt. Vernon on Tuesday. They attended the Dixie Girls Softball District Tournament for ages 13-14-15 in Mt. Vernon and cheered the Red River Valley team as they competed.

Betty and Troy Jones of Ft. Worth will celebrate their wedding anniversary July 31, 1998. Mrs. Jones is Lou Hall's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail announced their niece, Kari Kirkland married Charles William Graves in Waco on July 4. The Fail's were unable to attend but sent the couple best wishes.

Emily Rogers of Plano visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jones Sunday through Thursday. Emily, her brother and sister, Brad and Erin and parents, Todd and Betty Rogers returned for the weekend with the Jones family and enjoyed the Talco Park Fun Day and Fireworks on July 4.

Vince and Tammie Martinez, Tara and Vince will be moving to Oklahoma this week. Mr. Martinez has been transferred on his job to Kansas near the Oklahoma border. The family will be missed in the community.

Ronnie and Marilyn Presley will celebrate their wedding anniversary this month.

The Talco Fillies, girls ages 9 & 10 enjoyed their end of the season party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Katherine, Justin, Rachel and Susan Friday, July 3. The girls, coaches and guest attending spent from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm swimming, had a hamburger lunch and snacks. Attending were coaches, Nancy Brown and Carol Laing, Patsy, Melanie and Aaron Smith, Robert Caul Rhoades, Alex Wright, Leslie and Misti Richeson, Whitney Savage, Cassandra Norman, Laura Bevell, Jessica Griffin and Lorena Parker.

Michael Noble visited over the weekend with his parents and sisters.

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ACTEENS GROUP FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BOGATA and four adults attended the National Acteen Convention in Louisville, Kentucky July 1-4. Those attending were Glen White, Alice Ann White, Rachel Arp, Kayla Sears, Krista Dill, Lauren Robertson, Lacy Harper, Jonandrea Crane, Vicky Robertson and Park Robertson.

**Acteens Group from Bogata First Baptist attends convention**

Six Acteens (grades 7-12) and four adults from First Baptist Church, Bogata, attended the National Acteen Convention (NAC) in Louisville, Kentucky July 1-4. NAC is only held ever 4-5 years. Eleven thousand Acteens from all over the nation were in attendance at this convention. The theme was Inside/Out and challenged girls to allow God to change their hearts from the inside out (Romans 12:1-2). Each acteen was asked to bring an infant item to NAC. Over 40,000 items were collected and as one of their ministry projects, Bogata Acteens helped to sort these items and package them to be distributed to low-income mothers in the Louisville area.

Another project the group participated in was helping to make 1,400 quilts from square of cloth that they brought to be distributed to homeless people, and people with Aids, etc. The group heard from missionaries from Africa and several other coun-

tries and was touched by their stories. They also got to experience Kentucky Kingdom, a thrill park at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

Each state wore matching NACT-shirts and it was fun to be able to identify other Texas acteens. The group met Acteens from many different states while traveling and at NAC. FBC, Bogata Acteens had been planning for this trip for the last year. They have been busy selling cookbooks and cookie dough to raise enough money to go. They raised over \$3,000 and the church contributed the rest of the money needed.

On the way home, the group stopped in Nashville, Tennessee and toured the Grand Ole Opry Hotel. They also took a boat ride around the delta.

This trip gave the girls a better understanding of what Acteens is all about and brought all of them closer together. It was a great week.

**Traffic claims 50 lives during July 4**

Traffic crashes in Texas claimed 50 lives during the 78-hour July 4 holiday period which began at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 2 and ended at midnight Sunday. The original estimate had been 30.

This represents a significant increase over last year when during the same 78-hour period, only 36 deaths of 36 predicted actually occurred.

Three deaths occurred in northeast Texas, one each in Smith, Hunt and Bowie counties.



**Campbell Soup donates to PrimeTime**

The Campbell Foundation, sponsored and supported by the Campbell Soup Co., has contributed \$30,000 to fund installation of food service facilities at the new PrimeTime senior activity center.

The presentation was made to Gene Stallings, drive chairman and Felix Gibson, director of community relations at St. Josephs Hospital and Health Center by Ned

Henninghausen, vice president, manufacturing at Campbell Soup's Paris plant.

St. Joseph's recently announced the purchase of Hotel Gibraltar and surrounding property and its multi-phase plan to renovate the facilities. Phase one will include renovation of the first floor and adjacent annex and the hotel's second floor.

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**Bogata Locals**  
By Judy Screws  
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Jeanette Morris from Hillsboro visited with Zelma Mauldin Saturday. Casey Bradley from Bismark, Arkansas spent last week with her grandparents, Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer and great grandmother, Zelma Mauldin. She also visited her great great grandmother, Jettie Minshew, at Red River Healthcare Center. Tricia Bradley was a visitor over the week end. Casey returned home on Monday with her mom.

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

Fourth of July lunch visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana were Chris Anna, Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws visited with Mr. and Mrs. Murl Roach in Deport.

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

Conrad Hobbs of Halesboro visited with his aunt, Helen Williams, Monday.

Janet and Susan Hobbs of Huntsville visited with Helen Williams Tuesday. They also visited over the week-end with her mother, Beulah Rose at Clarksville.

Dixie and Wayne Stringfellow enjoyed a fish supper in the home of Dan and Vicki Tabb Friday.

Saturday Vicki Tabb accompanied by Dixie Stringfellow drove Wayne Stringfellow to Joshua for an overnight visit with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Blair. Wayne left Sunday for his home in Sandpoint, Idaho, after a two week visit with family and friends here.

Chad, Felina and Jerica White hosted a cook out at their home in Johntown Sunday. Relatives attending were Jimmy Stringfellow, Paul Stringfellow, Joe, Debbie, Josh and Jake Stringfellow all of Paris, Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow and Dixie Stringfellow of Bogata, Dan, Vick, Danny and Dee Tabb of

Miro and Michael Tabb of Maple.

Carl Wood celebrated his 92nd birthday Monday night with supper at Mike Garretson's home. Helping him celebrate were Mike, Larry and Misty Garretson, Mrs. Frances R. Rozell, Neil, Frances and David Rozell, Cody Clark and Dovie Garretson.

Happy July Birthdays to Carl Wood, Mike Garretson, J.C. Smith, Jessie Lee Greer and Kristi Garretson.

A Fourth of July Cookout was held Sunday at the home of Ronnie and Sue Wright of McCrury. Attending other than the hosts were Mike and Kim Wright, Ethan, Dusty and Jessica of Bogata, Ronnie Wright, Jr., Justin and Mallory of McCrury, Danny and Ryan Sullivan of Dallas, John Paul and Pat Morris of Irving, Roy and Merle Marris of Morris Chapel, Marlin Foster of Deport, Clarence and Robbie Wright of Bogata and Ras and Ruth Morris of Morris Chapel.

Russie and John McConnell of Dallas, Patty Crockett of Sunnyvale, CA and Charles Franklin of Paris spent Thursday visiting Billie Bishop.

Melanie Bishop, Jennifer Cantrell and Ricky of Grand Prairie visited Billie Bishop Sunday afternoon.

Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana.

Enjoying fish and fellowship at Jerry and Gerlyn Gray's last Friday evening were Margaret Davis, Jackie and Linda, Marty and Jody Gray, Willie Gray, Jessica and Danny Hines, Willie Mae and Jessie Gray, Harold and Judy, Heather and Heath Holt, Jennifer and Riley Reeder.

Jennifer and Riley Reeder spent the holiday with their family over the Fourth. Saturday they took Jessica Hines, Judy, Heather and Heath Holt to see the movie, "Mulan". Granny Gray baby-sat Hayden while they were gone. Hayden is still improving at home.

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

Tresa Couch flew to Denver, CO June 24 where she met Shan Watkins, and they flew on to Los Angeles, CA to visit with Mark Stephenson. While in California they went to a show at the Hollywood Bowl featuring Harry Connick, Jr. and Richard Dreyfuss. They toured Hollywood Boulevard and Rodeo Drive and went to the beach in Santa Monica. Sunday, Tresa and Shan attended services at Hollywood United Methodist Church, where Mark sang an anthem. They had a great trip and enjoyed many other highlights of the area. Monday, June 29, Tresa returned to Dallas, and her parents, Jackie and Anita Couch, met her at DFW Airport. They then went to The Outback Steakhouse for dinner before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hickam, daughter, Jordan and son, Hunter and Mrs. Sue Hicham from Green Hill, Arkansas spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Steven Hawkins, Ryan, Koren, Seth and Seton. Others visiting throughout the week-end were Robbie Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hawkins, Heather, Haley and Hana, Douglas Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Earley.

On Saturday the group enjoyed a good visit, swimming and a hamburger and hot dog cookout, along with homemade ice cream.

Haley and Heather Hawkins were team captains for a softball game. It didn't take long for the adults to find out that age does make a difference, and Haley's team won, but only by a couple of points.

Johntown Missionary Baptist Church was pleased to welcome all the visitors Sunday morning. Everyone enjoyed a good lunch back at the Steven Hawkins' home.

Clark Hickam entertained the group with his unbelievable imitations of Hoot owls, wild turkeys and hogs. He also told some of his famous stories of true to life situations. He could have made a great comedian.

Heather Hawkins enjoyed shopping in Paris Tuesday with Freda and Sarah Jean.

Jana, Haley and Hana Hawkins, Pauline Gibbs celebrated Pauline's birthday Tuesday at TaMolly's in Paris and also enjoyed shopping.

Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins, Sarah Jean, Sonny and Shannon Gibbs, Shane and Michelle Gibbs, Bubba and Lisa McGuire, Randy and Barbara Gibbs, James and Pauline Gibbs all enjoyed fireworks at Randy's house late Tuesday evening.

Shannon and Sonny Gibbs and Lisa McGuire visited with Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins Monday night.

Tuesday night James and Pauline Gibbs, Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins, Shane and Michelle Gibbs,

Bubba and Lisa McGuire and Sarah Jean enjoyed watching the fireworks show in the home of Randy and Barbara Gibbs.

Lindsey Robertson was a weekend guest of Heather and Haley Hawkins.

Toni Combest visited with Lucille Childers on Wednesday and went to the doctor with her.

Douglas Hawkins had lunch Friday with his mother, Lucille Childers.

Lucille Childers' new great grandson, Corey Dale, was born July 1, 1998 at 7:13 p.m. to Angelia and Jimmy Lewis of Paris. Also he was welcomed by his brother and sister, Jessica and Micheal Lewis. Grandparents are Cheryl and Wayne Rogers and Charlotte Brumals of Talco. Great Grandmothers are Lucille Childers and Myrtie Wilkerson.

Jan and Mac McCuller visited Lucille Childers Friday to show Lucille their new car.

Edna Earl Dodd visited Lucille Childers Thursday.

Harold and Dana Neeley picked up Kala and Larry Wayne Friday night and ate out at The Pizza Hut and enjoyed ice cream at Braum's. They then went and visited Donald, Freda and Sarah Jean. Kala enjoyed babysitting with Allix Saturday while Darla, Ryan and Holly were in Paris Shopping.

Donald and Freda Jean hosted a fish fry and Calvin and Myra Permenter supplied the fish. All had a great time. Attending were Donald, Freda, Mitchell and Sarah Jean, Myra and Calvin Permenter, Dana, Harold, Larry and Kayla Neeley, Darla, Ryan, Allix and Holly, Vance, Mickey Pirtle, Lindsey and Stephanie Fischer and Brother and Mary Lou Daniels, Ray, Susan, Kim, Jill and Chris Shirley, Karl and Martha, Ashleigh and April Kuhl and C.J. and Jason, Kenneth and Mary Lynn Palmer and Megan Horn.

**Whitley reunion held**

The annual Whitley reunion was held Saturday, July 4 at South Lake in Clarksville.

Those attending from Blossom were Aaron Williams, Katie Mullins, Kandi Wright, Nip and Reba Whitley, Biddie Whitley, Darron Williams, Mark, Marsha, Kayla and Jesse, Wanda Williams, Sue and Randle Clarkson, Donna and Kay Whitley, Ashley Whitley, Lawrence and Margaret Whitley, Kristi Oaks, Kevin Williams, Shane Whitley, Beverly Johnson, Eric Whitley, Chad Whitley, Tuttle Jordan.

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From Beaumont: Robin Barnes; from Ft. Worth, Jeff and Sandra Barnes; from Nacogdoches, Kevin Whitley and Kelly Cranfill; from Henderson, Justin, Judy, Chase and Whiteleigh Sharp, Guy, Tonya, Jarrett, Travis Davis; from Reno, Barbara Hilliard; from Annona, Tresa, Josh, Chrissy and Kaylea Maroney; from Bogata, Mike and Dahlia.

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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to amend the errors made in a recent advertisement that grossly misstated the number of deaths of Americans who died in the Korean and Viet Nam wars.

The ad erroneously stated that "33,667 American men died in Korea" and "47,393 American men died in Viet Nam."

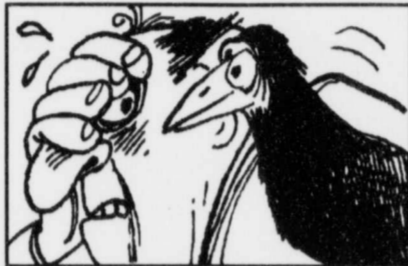
The official statistics released in 1958 by the Department of Defense and published in both world book and Collier's Encyclopedias state that 54,246 Americans died in the Korean war. Britannica Micropaedia rounds off the number to 54,000. That is at least 20,000 more deaths than stated in the ad.

The Encyclopedias say that 57,605 Americans died in Viet Nam. World Book rounds it off to 58,000. That is at least 10,000 more deaths than stated in the ad.

There is a wealth of information contained in encyclopedias for those caring to avail themselves of it.

As a Field Medical Corpsman with the Marines in Korea, I saw young Americans die in war. Let's not forget any of them when the count is made.

Sincerely,  
 Quinnon Davis



Some people think it unlucky to see an owl or a crow.

Dear Editor:

One in ten men will develop prostate cancer during their lifetime and this year more than 41,000 will die from it nationwide. In early June, the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System declared war on prostate cancer by offering a five dollar PSA blood test to the men in our service area. The PSA test is currently one of the best tools for physicians to use in early detection of prostate cancer. This campaign has been enormously successful, with over 13,000 men participating throughout the region to date.

In developing the promotional campaign, ETMC sought to draw a comparison to the tragic deaths in two recent wars, and the tragic deaths that occur annually due to the battle with prostate cancer. After our research, we decided to use actual battle deaths cited from the Statistical Abstract of the United States, published by the United States government, and 1995 Information Please Almanac Atlas and Yearbook.

According to these publications, approximately 47,000 people died in battle in Viet Nam and approximately 33,000 died in battle in Korea. These numbers have created some confusion because they do not reflect the fact that non-battle deaths in Viet Nam numbered more than 10,000 and in Korea numbered more than 20,000.

A few individuals have called this discrepancy to our attention, and we appreciate their interest and concern. We, of course, believe that any Americans that died in defense of our country is a hero and should be recognized. We will attempt to clarify this information in any future communications.

Sincerely,  
 Carrie Clark,  
 ETMC Public Relations Coordinator

## Cunningham

### News

By Linda Anderson  
 652-3502 or 652-2059

Happy birthdays to Susan Anderson and Ashley Ebarb.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dunlap and family spent the night with Lucy Fowler Monday.

Sunday, T.J. and Margaret Fowler and Carol and Jennifer Dorsey had lunch with Lucy Fowler.

Carlos, Wendy and Cord Ordonica visited Acuna, Mexico this weekend and his mother, Consuelo Ordonica came to visit a few days.

Several families enjoyed the July 4

at Lake Bob Sandlin.

Johnny, Jamie, Jennifer and Landon Syrus spent last week at Lake DeGray in Arkansas.

Betty Hershour of Ben Wheeler and Francis Sieminski of grand Prairie visited Lorette Pynes Monday.

Regina Newman, Malcolm and Briana Moore of Dallas, Blake Newman of Blossom visited Lorette Pynes Thursday and Friday. Sue Pynes of Paris visited them Friday.

## Christmas in July at PJC

Christmas in July is the theme of a free craft workshop to be presented by the Lamar County Extension Service and Paris Junior College's Continuing Education Department.

The workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14 in

Room 106 of the Alford Center on the PJC campus.

Early reservations are encouraged as capacity is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 782-0447 or 0467.

## Red River Healthcare Center News

Ina Ward, Jerry Hutson and Lindsey Ward visited Pauline Hutson.

Gerald Miller, Bryan Miller and Carrine Alford visited Georgia Miller.

S.J. Smith visited Irene Smith. Berenda Mewborn and Hanna Louderman of Mineola, Joyce Alexander of Talco, Beverly Capel of Houston, Durward Garretson of Rainbow City, Alabama and James Hill of Gadsden, Alabama visited Gladys Garretson.

Homer and Peggy Butts and Billy Daniels visited Nellie Butts.

Carrine Alford, Lucille Pettit, Johnnie Mae Watts and John Topping visited Percy Topping.

Joan and Jack Phillips visited Doris Skaggs.

Mary Schultz and daughter visited Evie Smith.

Joan and Jack Phillips visited Ted Phillips.

Billie Ann and Harold Pierce, Bill Cody and Jerry and Janette Brooks visited Ann Cody.

Bill Cody visited Lynn Kerley. Billie Nolen and Louise Ross visited Nina Hudson.

Linda and Jamie Ray, Deniese and Hannah Bell, Tracy and Tarayn Akers, Susie Sain, Rhonda Webb, Kristin Pentecost, Brenton Taylor, Christopher, June and Carl Guthrie, Steve and Matt Guthrie, Virginia Bell, Larry Bell and Ollie Guthrie visited Norman and Rachel Sain.

Ina Ward visited Stasha Hume.

## An update on my grandkids

By Charles Wilkinson

Since it has been about a year since I have told you about my grandkids, Byron and Shanna, I feel that you should be en-lightened.

Byron graduated from Stephen F. Austin University last August. He then accepted a job with Ford Motor Credit Company in Dallas. He seems to enjoy his job. Since he has been with them, he has received a couple of promotions. No increase in salary, just ego builders.

Byron doesn't seem to have a steady girlfriend. I think that he is like God and loves them all. He has introduced two or three to his parents and Jean and me that I thought were keepers, but it didn't work out that way.

Shanna is still at A&M. She will be a senior this coming semester. Shanna made the Distinguished Student's list this past Spring semester. She made the highest grade point average that she has made so far, 3.58.

Shanna took fifteen hours last

semester. She also worked twenty-two hours per week. Also she has kept up her church work. However, she did not compete in gymnastics this past year. She decided that she had accomplished all that she wanted to in that area. She had competed on a National championship team her sophomore year.

This summer, Shanna is taking English and Physics at Blinn Jr. College Branch at Bryan. Also, she is working twenty-eight hours per week. Her Schedule is sort of hectic this summer. She has a class from eight to ten in the morning. Then another from five-thirty until nine-thirty at night. Then add a few hours on the job and you have a pretty full day. Also, throw in study time. The only good part is that it only lasts about five weeks.

Shanna's boyfriend graduated from A&M in May. He accepted a job with a computer company in Austin.

More later as things progress.

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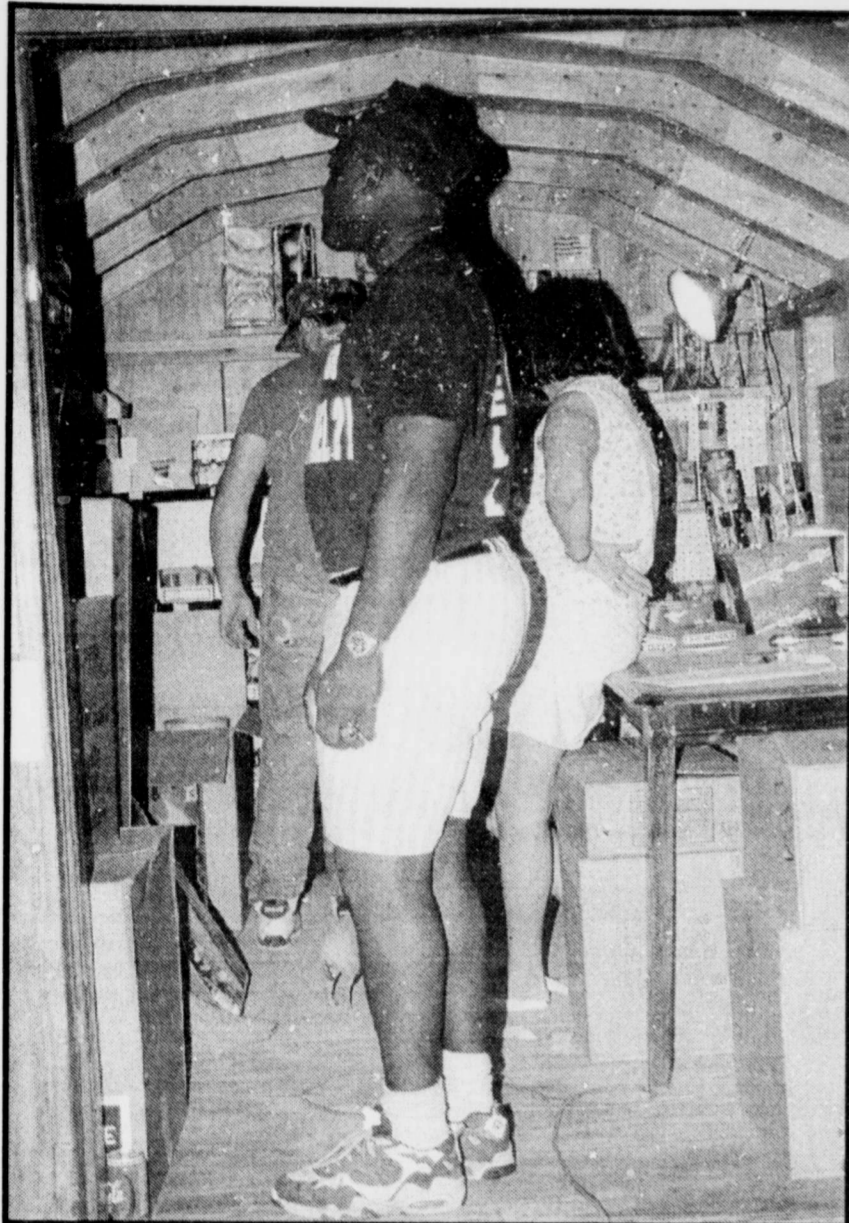
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**THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE** at Kathy & Doug Williams, Hwy. 37N, Bogata, Friday & Saturday, July 10-11. Furniture, microwave, pickup bed liner, childrens clothes, miscellaneous, Home Interior. 7:30 a.m. 7-9

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MARCUS SAVAGE-helped customers purchase fireworks for their July 4th celebration at the Talco Baseball/Softball Association fireworks stand. The TBSA has sponsored a firework stand for the past three years and the sales have been a success. Due to the dry weather this year was doubtful until the rains on Saturday afternoon. The group appreciates everyone who purchased from them. The sales will help make softball and baseball possible next season. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



SEED SPITTING- Emily Rogers of Plano joined in on the watermelon seed spitting contest held at the Talco Park Saturday, July 4th. Although she did not win the contest she gave the other contestants a run for their money. Emily is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Rogers of Plano and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

*Editor's Quotes*  
Pick your friends,  
but not to pieces.

Josh Cabell celebrates 13 years

Joshua Cabell, son of Martin and Leah Cabell of Talco celebrated his 13th birthday with a swimming party at the Palms in Mt. Pleasant July 2, 1998. Guests were served cake decorated like the American and Rebel flags, drinks and other refreshments.

Attending were: Leah Cabell, Chris Durant, Ryan Hawkins, Krystal Valenzuela, Michelle Bryant, Alison Foster, Molly Hare, James Baird, Amanda Baird, Stephanie, Carroll, Nathan Carroll, Rachel Case, Clay Craig, Adam Davis, Marcus Davis, Danielle Easterling, Heath Hinton, Laci Hinton, Chase Sloan, Jillian Sloan, Shari Wisinger, Casey Easley, Jeremy Grissom, Josh Weatherall, Colton Weatherall, Calan Wilcox, Jordan Edge, Britta Jones, Ericka Jones, Jan and Jack Grissom, Mike and Judy Sloan, Linda Wisinger, J.O. and Becky Weatherall, Staci Hinton, Debra Craig, Randy Carroll, Martha Deming, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Durant, Jeannie Hoffman, James and Glenda Baird and Teri Cabell. Josh received many nice gifts.



TURTLES TURTLES- Emily Rector (left) holds on to Polka Dot the fastest turtle in Talco and Torrie Grissom (right) grips George, the prettiest turtle in Talco. Emily and Polka Dot took first prize in the turtle races held at the Talco Park "Fun Day" on July 4th and Torrie and George took first place for the best decorated turtle in Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



SIGN SINGING-the Calvary Baptist Church youth performed songs in sign language at the Talco Park "Fun Day" on July 4th. The group are led by Bobbie and Katie Connell. Everyone enjoyed their performance. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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<p><b>FRESH BAKE &amp; FAMILY STYLE BREAD</b> Lg. Loaf <b>79¢</b></p> 	<p><b>LAY'S POTATO CHIPS</b> Reg. \$1<sup>59</sup> <b>89¢</b></p> 	<p><b>TIDE LAUNDRY DETERGENT</b> 42 Ld. <b>\$6<sup>29</sup></b></p> 					
<p><b>BANANAS</b> 39¢ Lb.</p> 	<p><b>POTATOES</b> 10 Lb. Bag <b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b></p>	<p><b>NABISCO PREMIUM CRACKERS</b> 1 Lb. Box <b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b></p>	<p><b>DR. PEPPER And DIET DR. PEPPER</b> 2 Liter <b>99¢</b> 12 Pk Cans <b>2/\$5</b></p> 	<p><b>ORANGES</b> 39¢ Lb.</p> 	<p><b>APPLES</b> 59¢ Lb.</p> 	<p><b>NABISCO OREOS</b> 1 Lb. 4 Oz. <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b></p> 	
<p><b>WATERMELONS</b> <b>\$3<sup>49</sup></b></p> 	<p><b>CANTALOUPE</b> 69¢ Each</p> 	<p><b>SNICKERS CANDY BARS</b> Reg. Size <b>3/\$1</b></p>					