

Nichols
Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
If you love them...
keep them safe

I really enjoy seeing parents taking pleasure in sharing time with their children. Only last week I saw a young man seated on the ground next to his little girl, who couldn't have been much over 5 years old. They sat by their mail box out in the country, talking happily while she waited for the school bus. I thought that made a neat picture, and wished for a camera. But there are some things parents shouldn't share with their children.

Saturday evening Thomas and I went to Paris. Just outside of town there was a young man on an open tractor running a shredder. He was operating the machine with one hand and in the other arm he clutched a baby. Yes, a baby. Perhaps this child was a year old, but probably not more than that.

We both were very upset. My first thought was "My God, doesn't he LOVE his child?"

One bump, one wiggle from the baby, one moment of inattention and that child would have fallen onto the PTO shaft, under the shredder or under the wheels of that tractor.

But, obviously, this man does love his child very much. He wants to spend time with him, to make him happy, to share in his growing up. This is not the way to do it though.

I know the man is self-assured. He really doesn't think anything could make him let that child come to harm. But he is wrong. There are way too many accidents of that nature every year, most of them fatal.

We spoke with a highway patrolman after seeing this and learned something rather mind boggling.

Because that tractor and shredder are "implements of husbandry" in other words, farm implements, there is no law that says children cannot ride on an open tractor, no matter what it is doing.

Well, I think there should be a law against it! I've driven too many tractors not to know how a hidden hole or ditch can hurl a driver around, much less a rider.

I've seen what happens to things that go under the blades of a shredder, hay mower, baler or implement is behind a tractor.

One of the most pitiful letters I ever read was in Progressive Farmer magazine. It was from a dad whose 8 year old had begged and begged to ride the tractor while he mowed the field next to the house. He refused on grounds that it was dangerous. When he was through mowing he shut the shredder down and allowed the child to jump onto the tractor for the short ride back to the house. They hit a small bump and the boy was gone, the wheel crushed him.

People, think about what you are doing when you let anyone ride on an open tractor with you. It just isn't the place for infants, children or adults. And the momentary pleasure that comes from sharing things together can be shattered forever in a tragic accident that is horrible beyond belief.

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Tornados inflict heavy damage, kill one

Deadly tornados swept through the area Tuesday, May 4, killing one woman and destroying a number of houses.

It was a day of tension and fear as storm spotters from all area volunteer fire departments were activated high winds, heavy rains and lightning hid rotation in clouds.

Bridges Chapel, located between Talco and Mt. Pleasant received the heaviest damage, and an elderly woman was killed there in her home. After the tornados swept through, there was little sign that a home had ever existed. A number of head of cattle were killed in the storm.

Bogata and Talco Volunteer Fire Departments were on hand to assist in the search for survivors and in

managing the crisis.

A funnel cloud was spotted over the Paris area, which proceeded towards Blossom. Wind damage is reported there, but the funnel apparently never touched down.

Significant damage was reported south of Avery and there was serious damage in DeKalb.

Schools put their children in places of safety, as did nursing homes. Many people sought shelter. Often people emerged from shelter to have to return within an hour or two, as the storms just kept sweeping through the area.

At late evening it seemed impossible the day could have been so horrific, as a clear, beautiful night was unmarred by any hint of storm.

Two incumbents, two newcomers elected to Bogata Council

In the Bogata City Election held Saturday, May 1, the results of the general election were as follows with the top three winning: Randy Kennedy 156 votes, Jack Crane 153 votes, O.E. (Edd) Spencer 150 votes, Tracie Jeffery Osborne 126 votes and Kevin Binion 125 votes. In the special election the numbers were as follows with the top one winning: William Travis Harbison 156 votes, Merle Elizabeth Hughes 121 votes

and Sherri Sessums 17 votes.

In a special meeting Thursday night, May 6, votes will be canvassed. It was necessary to call a special meeting because the regular council meeting, the second Monday of the month, will happen after too many days have elapsed from the date of the election for the council members to be sworn in.

Troubled teens learn from wagon train experience

By Mark Evans

Vision Quest Wagon Train made an overnight stop near Bogata Sunday night, May 3rd. They stayed about five to six miles outside of the city on the TK Ranch. The Wagon Train consisted of approximately 52 young adults and 36 head of horses and mules. The wagon train is for troubled teens from all over the United States. According to some of the teens the wagon train and Vision Quest teaches them to work as a team and try hard at everything they do. According to one young adult the Quest teaches him to be a better person and to take care of animals as well as humans.

The train's destination is Pennsyl-

vania and they are planning to be there by July.

The Wagons travel at about 4 miles per hour, covering 18 to 20 miles a day and will stop to rest again in Clarksville.

The Sergeant in command says that "he did the programs as a part time job after school". When he started he worked for the camp in Pennsylvania, then he moved to a Quest camp in Arizona. He said he got tired of that particular location and moved to a Buffalo Soliders Quest and then on to the Calvary Wagon Train, where he is now. After this year he will be going back to school to get his doctorate degree.

Brown-Hare re-elected to Talco-Bogata School board

Eddie Brown and Mark Hare were re-elected to position 6 and position 3 on the Talco-Bogata CISD board of trustees. Brown had total of 532 votes and Hare had a total of 544 votes.

In the absentee voting Brown received 114 votes and Earl Hare received 33 votes. Hare received 110 votes and George Marshall received

37 votes. At the Talco box Brown received 89 votes and Hare received 184 votes. Hare received 101 votes and Marshall received 158 votes. In the Bogata box Brown received 329 votes and Hare received 212. Hare received 333 votes and Marshall received 214.

A total of 980 voters turned out to cast their votes.

Rosalie garage sale May 8

By Jack Dodd

On Saturday, May 8 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. the Rosalie Community Center and Volunteer Fire Department are having a super garage sale. All proceeds will go toward the betterment of the Rosalie Community area. Don't miss this super garage sale. I have seen some of the items for the sale and believe me, they are worth driving out to Rosalie to purchase.

However, we do need some more items to put up for sale. We would appreciate any good sellable items to be donated to us for this sale. Please bring the items out between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 6 or 7. Or call one of the Rosalie residents and we will come to pick it up.

Don't miss our Super Sale May 8.

VFW-Auxiliary elect officers

Bogata VFW Post 8187 and its auxiliary recently elected officers for the 1999-2000 year. They are as follows: Fred (Rabbit) Wisinger Commander, Gerald Miller Sr. Vice Commander, Glenn McKeegan Jr. Vice Commander, Donald Ray O'Donnell Chaplain, George Smith Quartermaster, Shannon Rhodes Judge Advocate and Rich Kellen Surgeon. For the Ladies Auxiliary the officers are as follows: President Jane Earlene Miller, Senior Vice President, Deon Randall Jr. Vice President, Marie Barnes, Treasurer, Margie Farris, secretary, Pat Butler Patriotic Instructor, Dorothy Wilson, Conductress, June Kellen, Chaplain, Zelma Mauldin, Historian, Zelma Mauldin.

Officers will be installed Memorial Day.

Bogata VF&RD to hold open house

The Bogata Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department will hold open house Saturday, May 8, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. They will be dis-

playing and demonstrating their new equipment.

The public is cordially invited to attend.



TORNADO DAMAGE- This home sustained heavy damage Tuesday afternoon in the Bridge Chapel area. One home just East of US Hwy. 271 was completely destroyed. Rescue workers from Bogata, Talco, and Deport Fire Departments helped with the search and rescue efforts. Funnel clouds were reported in Lamar, Red River, and Titus Counties. (Staff Photo By Thomas Nichols)



VISION QUEST a wagon train for troubled teens, is moving across the US. It spent the night just outside of Bogata Sunday night and is now proceeding towards Clarksville.



MRS. GINGER JORDAN AND HER FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS AT BOGATA ELEMENTARY School visited the residents at Red River Healthcare Center bringing them mobiles they had made out of aluminum cans.

Wake Wood to be honored May 22

Rivercrest Coach Wake Wood will be honored with a retirement party on May 22, 1999 at the Rivercrest cafeteria beginning at 7:00 pm.

Cake, cookies and punch will be served following a short program to say "It's been a Great 30 years". If you would like to contribute \$5 to \$10 toward the event contact the school secretaries on any of the three campuses. All donations must be in by May 13. For more information call the school at 632-5204.

Bogata Lions plan Pancake Day

Bogata Lions Club will hold Pancake Day Saturday, May 15 from 6:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. It will be at the old slab of First Baptist Church if the weather is pretty. If the weather is bad, it will be at the Community Center.

Tickets are \$3.00 per person if purchased from a Lions Club member or \$3.50 each if purchased at the door.

Proceeds will be used for the scholarship fund.

Guaranty Bank to honor RHS seniors

The Guaranty Bank of Talco and Guaranty Bank of Bogata will sponsor a senior party at Rivercrest High School on Monday, May 10, 1999 beginning at 6:30 pm.

The students will be served pizza, drinks and sundaes. Volleyball, basketball and other games will be played. Each senior may invite one friend and must RSVP in order to attend. To confirm attendance seniors may call 903-397-3611 or may see Janice Franks at Rivercrest High School. All seniors are urged to attend for a fun evening.

Kindergarten round-up planned at Bogata School

Kindergarten Round-up will be held Thursday, May 6, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at Bogata Elementary School.


If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, please attend. Activities will be planned for the child while parents fill out necessary papers.

Please bring child's Social Security Card, Copy of his official birth certificate and a copy of his immunization records. If you are unable to attend please call the school at 632-5214 and give the name of the child and his age. An accurate account is needed to make teachers assignment plans.

Obituaries



Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Happy Mother's Day! Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 8 and is always the second Sunday in May. Area churches have special services for the mothers of the congregation and make a special point of honoring them with carnations. Many people follow the custom by wearing a white carnation if their mother has passed away and wearing a colored one if they are still living.

This day for honoring mothers began being observed many years ago in England. It was called **Mothering Sunday** and came in mid-Lent. Yugoslavs and people in other nations have observed similar days. Julia Ward Howe made the first known suggestion for a Mother's Day in the United States in 1872. She suggested that people observe a Mother's Day on June 2 as a day dedicated to peace. For several years, she held an annual Mother's Day meeting in Boston. Mary Towles Sasseen, a Kentucky schoolteacher, started conducting Mother's Day celebrations in 1887. Frank E. Herbig of South Bend, Indiana, launched a campaign for the observance of Mother's Day in 1904.

Three years later, Anna Jarvis of Grafton, West Virginia and Philadelphia, began a campaign for a nationwide observance of Mother's Day. She chose the second Sunday in May and began the custom of wearing a carnation. On May 10, 1908, churches in Grafton and Philadelphia held Mother's Day celebrations. The service at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton honored the memory of Ms. Jarvis' own mother, Mrs. Anna Reeves Jarvis.

At the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1912, a delegate from St. Andrews Church introduced a resolution recognizing

Anna Jarvis as the founder of Mother's Day.

Mother's Day received national recognition on May 9, 1914. On that day, President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution of Congress recommending that Congress and the executive departments of the federal government observe Mother's Day. The next year, President Wilson was authorized to proclaim Mother's Day an annual national observance.

I do know that "mothering" can be a very exacting job on some days and all mothers need to have a special hug on this day.

This week's cook's recipe have been selected for their simplicity and quick and easy preparation and... they sound good! After all with OUR day coming up, we want something quick and easy... right? Well, I am going to have one and hope that you do too! Hope you enjoy the recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

Southwestern Cheese Dip-I love to grab a bag of chips and dig into this although it does recommend raw vegetables too... but we know that vegetables are good for you and chips aren't!

Crispy Chicken- use boneless, skinless chicken breast and add some favorite herbs, place in the oven and forget it... kick your feet up and read a favorite book!

Vegetable Rice Medley-add the vegetables to the rice and let it simmer!

One-Bowl Chocolate Cake-one bowl, pour in a pan... and it's chocolate too! Can't beat that!

Roasted Red Potatoes-I love roasted red potatoes, especially the fresh, new potatoes just out of the ground!

Ranch Pretzels-I know that these will be a hit! Dash off a batch and I bet they won't last long!

May 6, 1999
Happy Mother's Day!

Southwestern Cheese Dip
1 pound Velveeta
1 jar cheese spread
1 pound sliced bacon-cook and crumble
1 bunch green onion with tops-sliced
1 can green chilis-chopped
Place cheeses in 1-1/2 quart microwave bowl. Top with bacon, onions and chilis. Microwave for 6-8 minutes or until cheese is melted. Stir every two minutes.

Crispy Chicken
1-1/2 cups crisp rice cereal-crushed
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1/4 cup butter or margarine-melted
4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
In shallow bowl, combine cereal, flour and seasoning. Place butter in another bowl. Dip chicken in butter, then into cereal mixture. Place on greased 11x7x2 baking dish. Bake, uncovered at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until juice runs clear.

Vegetable Rice Medley
1 cup uncooked long grain rice
2-1/4 cups water
2-3 tablespoons onion or vegetable soup mix
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups frozen corn, peas or mixed vegetables
In a saucepan, combine water, rice, soup mix and salt; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Cook until rice and vegetables are tender.

One-Bowl Chocolate Cake
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup baking cocoa
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup vegetable oil
1 cup buttermilk
2 eggs
1 cup hot water
Frosting of your choice
colored sprinkles-optional
In a large bowl, combine dry ingredients. Stir in oil, buttermilk and eggs. Add water and stir until combined. Pour into a greased 13x9x2 baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-38 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool and frost.

Roasted Red Potatoes
1 pound small red potatoes
1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
Cut potatoes into 1/4 inch thick slices; toss with oil. Place in a single layer in a greased 13x9x2 inch baking dish. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and cheese. Cover tightly with foil. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until tender.

Ranch Pretzels
1 package large thick pretzels
1 package ranch salad dressing mix
3/4 cup vegetable oil
1-1/2 teaspoon dill weed
1-1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
Break pretzels into bite-sized pieces and place in large bowl. Combine remaining ingredients; pour over pretzels. Stir to coat. Pour into ungreased 15x10x1 inch baking dish. Bake at 200 degrees for 1 hour; stirring every 15 minutes.



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

Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight, and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

* VFW officers for the 1999-2000 year are Fred (Rabbit) Wisinger Commander, Gerald Miller Sr. Vice Commander, Glenn McKeggan Jr. Vice Commander, Donald Ray O'Donnell Chaplain, George Smith Quartermaster, Shannon Rhodes Justice Advocate and Rich Kellen Surgeon. Ladies Auxiliary officers elected are President Jane Earlene Miller, Senior Vice President Deon Randall, Jr. Vice President Marie Barnes, Treasurer Margie Farris, Secretary Pat Butler, Patriotic Instructor Dorothy Wilson, Conductress June Kellen, Chaplain Zelma Mauldin and Historian Zelma Mauldin.

We all look forward to our duties for the next year, and we will be happy to do our duties in our VFW Post and happy to help in any way we can our friends and neighbors.

* Get well to Jean Smith, Dinia Burson, Steve Knowles, Daphne Pointer, Beth Goff, Mildred Eudy and Ressie Crow.

"Everyday Coping"

subject of Bereaved Parents
"Everyday Coping" will be discussed at the Monday, May 10, 1999 Bereaved parent Support Group meeting at 7 p.m. at the T.U. Electric Building located at 635 Clarksville Street.

As parents and family are working through the grieving process, they must also deal with daily living needs. Energy for planning and performing these tasks and meeting these needs is low. Members will share their coping mechanisms. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Irene Bryant after 5 p.m. 903-982-6176 or Jayne Anderson 903-785-7781.

Beef Cattle tour is May 12

The 1999 Tri County Beef Cattle Tour has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, and will visit Southwest Research and Extension Center at Hope, Arkansas.

The bus will depart Paris at 7 a.m. from the Mirabeau Shopping Center parking lot, make a stop in Clarksville and return to Paris about 5:30 p.m. Cost for the tour is \$30.00 per person.

For information, contact the Lamar County Extension Office at 737-2443.

Falbright News
by Betty Rodgers
Call 652-6051

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno came for Jimmie King Tuesday to take her to Paris for a doctor's appointment. They had lunch and did some shopping.

Duane King of Pat Mays Lake spent Wednesday with his mother Jimmie King.

Duane and Bobbie King came by for Jimmie King Thursday. They went to Broken Bow, Ok. shopping and had lunch.

Dave and Kay German of Whitney came Friday night to speak the weekend with Kay's mother, Jimmie King, Dick King of Paris spent Saturday morning with them. Saturday afternoon Dave, Kay and Jimmie visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hammer of Akin Grove. They went to Paris and had dinner at the Fish Fry.

A fellowship dinner was held at the home of Beryl Jean Miller Sunday night after Church of Christ services. The regular men's monthly business meeting preceded the dinner.

Betty Rodgers and Marcella Wright visited Jodi and Dee Newberry of Shady Grove Monday afternoon.

Gilbert and Melissa Arriaga and Betty Rodgers met Monte and Shelley Rodgers in Paris Sunday and had lunch.

Raymond Dugger Jr. was dismissed Monday from the hospital where he had been a patient for a few days for treatment.

Rachel and Jacob Phosay made the A 5th six weeks honor roll at Detroit School. Congratulations.

Thank You
The Detroit PTO would like to thank all those that came out for the recent meeting and a special thanks to the new officers that were elected. Also the dedicated teachers and administrators who cared enough to involve themselves in such important meetings. An opening is extended to anyone who would like to attend the meetings as an active member. If you are interested, please send your name and telephone number to the school. If you are interested in receiving notes about the meeting, please give your address. They are looking forward to working with you to better our children for the future.
Detroit PTO

H.S. Mankins dies April 28

H.S. (Sebern) Mankins, age 83 of Longview, formerly of Bogata, died Wednesday, April 28 in Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 30 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes of Bogata. Rosalie Lodge #527 AF&AM conducted Masonic graveside rites.

Mr. Mankins was born May 5, 1915 in Red River County near Cuthand, the son of Albert Luther and Ada Cheek Mankins. He married Maureen Henderson in 1964 in Paris.

He was a longtime active member of Rosalie Lodge #527 Masonic Lodge of Bogata and was a member of Judson Baptist Church of Longview.

Surviving are his wife, Maureen Mankins of Longview; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Sam Lewis of Lockney; several nephews; one niece and a number of great-nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Alma Lowry dies May 2

Mrs. Alma Lowry, age 92 of Bogata went on to be with her Lord Sunday, May 2 in Red River Healthcare Center, Bogata.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 4 in the chapel of Red River Healthcare Center with Rev. Buddy Greer and Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial was in Smith Cemetery at Rosalie under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lowry was born April 26, 1907 in Johntown, the daughter of Tom and Sally Vaughan Smith. She married William Kirby Lowry in Johntown on October 7, 1923. He died April 2, 1969. She was also preceded in death by her parents, a son, Wilfred Lowry, a son-in-law Leon Shoffner and a brother, James Vaughan. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bogata.

She is survived by a daughter, Bobbie Shoffner of Jefferson; a daughter-in-law, Mary Jane Lowry of Blossom; two granddaughters, Diana West and her husband, Bert of Marshall and Janie Ballard and her husband Mike of Gilmer; her great-grandchildren, Amy Fuller and her husband Gary and Ginnifer Lindsey and her husband Bill, Brody West and his wife Jamie and Ryan Ballard; and two great-great-grandchildren, Ryan Alyssa Lindsey and Caleb Fuller; her sister, Vivian Westbrook of Linden; as well as many friends and caretakers at Red River Healthcare Center.

Bearers were grandsons, Mike Ballard, Ryan Ballard, Bill Lindsey, Bert West, Brody West and Gary Fuller.

Card of Thanks

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team at Guaranty Bank-Talco wish to thank the people of the Talco community who so graciously supported our "Taco Soup Lunch" fundraiser on April 23. Thank you to David Anderson for donating ice and lids for the soup. The fundraiser was a great success, raising \$333.00 to go toward cancer research. We will continue taking donations for the American Cancer Society through Friday, May 14.

Thank you again.
Jo Anschutz, Judy McCuller and Melissa Merchant

Card of Thanks

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who cast their vote for me Saturday. Special thanks to Johnny and Wanda Ragsdill, those who made phone calls and made and put up posters.

Thank you,
Eddie Brown

Jesse Shelby dies April 29

Services for Jesse "Daddy A" Shelby, age 75 of Wills Point were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at Allen Fuller Funeral Home chapel in Wills Point with Doug Carter and Ken Maddox officiating. Interment followed in White Rose Cemetery in Wills Point.

Mr. Shelby died Thursday, April 29 in a Tyler hospital.

Mr. Shelby was born June 28, 1923 in Tuggle Springs, a son of William Thomas Shelby and Nannie Jean Patton Shelby. He was raised in Red River County and moved to Dallas in 1955. In 1964, he and his family moved to Wills Point where he was self-employed in home construction. He was married to Glyn Ray on September 7, 1946 in Clarksville. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Edgewood Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Glyn Shelby of Wills Point; four daughters, Barbara Bailey, JoAnn Daughterty, Sue Travis, Phyllis Shelby, all of Wills Point; his mother-in-law, Elsie Ray of Wills Point; sister-in-law, Nannie Mae Shelby of Detroit; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Bearers were Don Bailey, Anthony Bateman, Alan Travis, Gavin Travis, Neal Travis and Larry Bishop. Honorary bearers were the 146th Combat Battalion Company C.

Marie Stevens dies May 1

Marie Stevens, age 89 of Avery died May 1 at ETMC, Clarksville.

Services were held Monday, May 3 at 1 p.m. at Avery Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Rodney Stevens and Rev. Donald Dennis officiating. Burial followed in East Post Oak Cemetery in Blossom under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stevens was born September 21, 1909 in Blossom, a daughter of Henry and Minnie Phillips Lee. She was a member of Avery Missionary Baptist Church and a homemaker.

Surviving is a son, Rev. Joe Stevens of Avery; a daughter, Sandra Joy Lipe of Rowlett; five granddaughters and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rev. R.T. Stevens; and an infant son.

Birdie Bell Davis dies May 3

Birdie Bell Davis, age 98 of Paris, formerly of Cunningham, died Monday, May 3 in Christus St. Joseph Healthcare Hospital.

Services were held on Wednesday, May 5 at 11:00 a.m. at Wood Funeral Home Chapel in Deport. Burial was made in Restland Cemetery in Cunningham.

She was born December 1, 1900 in Lamar County, a daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann VanDaly Ashford. In December, 1920, she married Jim G. Davis. He preceded her in death December, 1979. She was a member of the Cunningham Baptist Church.

Surviving are children, Leonard Davis of Paris, Ruby Cook of Crosbyton, Margaret Holbert of Colorado City, Leona Purcella of Paris, Gavin Davis of Colorado City and Diana Rogers of Paris; two brothers, Arvil Ashford of Paris and Robert Ashford of Cunningham; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son, Delbert Goldman Davis, killed in action during World War II in February, 1945.

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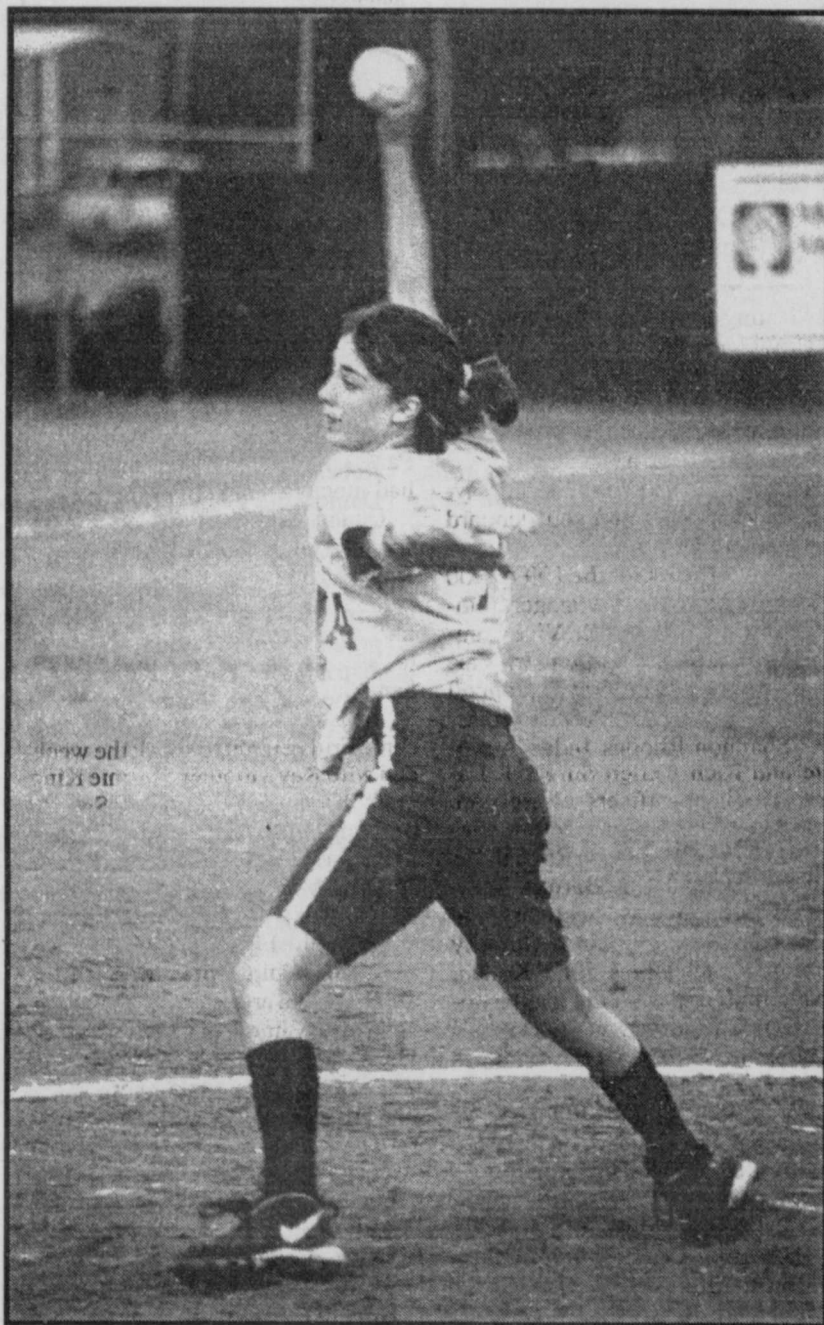
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JOANIE SWARTS goes after the bunt at the Lady Rebels met Howe in the Area Championship in Bonham on Tuesday, April 27, 1999. The Lady Rebels took a 2-1 loss ending their drive to the state play off. (Photo by Mark Evans)



KATIE HARE draws back to fire the pitch as the Lady Rebels met Howe in the Area championship Tuesday in Bonham. The Lady Rebels suffered a 2-1 loss. (Photo by Mark Evans)

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By Jana Hawkins
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Kay Hawkins Magee of Texas City spent from Friday night until Sunday with her parents, Gene and Lydia Hawkis. Kay was here to help her dad celebrate his 80th birthday. Gene, Lydia and Kay also enjoyed visiting relatives of the Vaughan family reunion at their lake camp ground.

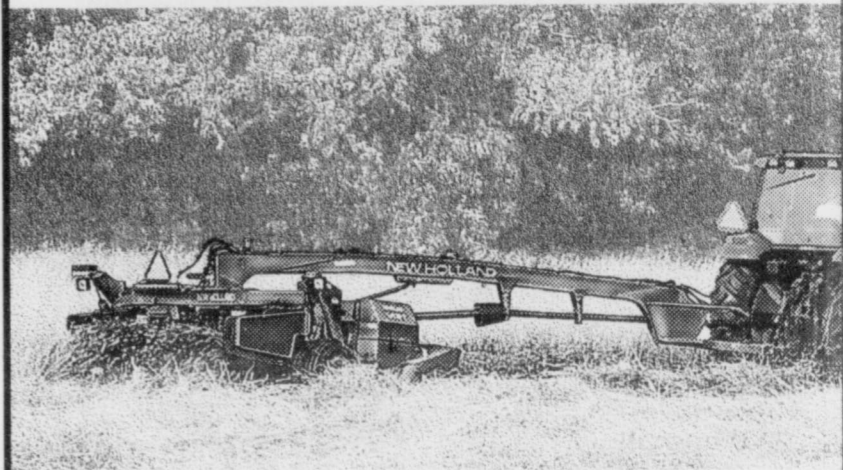
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Lady Rebels defeated at Area

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels traveled to Bonham on Tuesday, April 27 to meet Howe at the Area Softball Championship. Howe drew the home team advantage and the Lady Rebels began at bat with lead off hitter, Joanie Swarts. The Howe catcher got Swarts at first. Katie Hare took a walk and was left on base. Kim Ross and Erin Stansell were thrown out at first. In the bottom of the inning Jamie Daniels took the mound for the Lady Rebels. A fly to Swarts at catcher got one out, a throw from Swarts to Kim Ross picked one off at second and a Ross at short stop to Katie Hare on first got the final out. Score 0-0.

In the top of the 2nd two Lady Rebels were thrown out at first. Kim Ross got a good drop in hit over second base to make it to first and then Cheryl Griffin drove to ball hard at third. The Howe third baseman made a great defensive play to get Griffin. On the defense the Lady Rebels got a fly out to Daniels at pitcher, Ross to Hare got the second and Rosse to Hare got the third. One batter had reached base but no score was made.

In the top of the third the Lady Rebels had one thrown out a first and two batters flew out. The Howe ladies put one batter on from a walk, Dainels struck one out, a base hit to center moved the runner to second and the batter made first. The Lady Rebels got out cheap as Kim Shirley picked off the fly to center and Ross threw the out to first. No scores for either team.

The 4th inning saw Ross again get the drop in hit over third base. A fly out to left field did not kill the inning. Courtney Jones drove a base hit over

second to send Ross to third base and in scoring position. Jamie Daniels got 2 bases on an error and scored Ross and moved Jones to third. A fly and a strike out ended the drive. Score 1-0 Lady Rebels. In the bottom of the inning Howe got a runner on from a walk. Lady Rebel errors let two runners score before the third out came. Score 2-1 Howe.

The Lady Rebels had time to score but in the top of the fifth Joanie Swarts, who had made base on a hit was thrown out at third for the final out. In the bottom of the inning the Lady Rebels were shook but held on. Katie Hare went to the mound after Daniels walked 2 to finish the inning with no scores.

The Lady Rebels had two more chances but in the top of the 6th Joanie Swarts was the only batter to make base. The Howe ladies had two batters make base but the Lady Rebels held firm and ended the inning with no scores and still trailing 2-1.

The last chance for the Lady Rebels came at the top of the 7th. Four batters went up and three were put out which ended the Lady Rebels hope for a win. Final 2-1 Howe.

Kim Ross had possibly her best game of the season for the Lady Rebels as did Joanie Swarts. Jamie Daniels did a fine job on the mound and Katie Hare finished well but poor hitting from the Lady Rebels and crucial errors gave Howe the win. The Lady Rebels can be very proud of their season, they are the district and bi-district champions. Seniors, Katie Hare, Joanie Swarts and Courtney Jones will be missed next year.

Hot Shot Contest to be held May 22

There will be a hot shot shooting contest held at Rivercrest High School gym on May 22, 1999. Entry fee will be \$10 per shooter and division will include: Division I-1st, 2nd and 3rd grade boys; Division II-1st, 2nd and 3rd grade girls; Division III-4th, 5th and 6th grade boys; Division IV-4th, 5th and 6th grade girls; Division V-7th and 8th boys; Division VI-7th and 8th girls; Division VII-9th through 12th boys; Division VIII-9th

through 12th girls; Division IX-high school graduate and over women and Division X-high school graduate and over men.

Every contestant, returning their entry form and money by the deadline will receive a Hot Shot T-shirt. First and Second place medals will be given in each division.

For entry forms and rule sheets go by your local school office.

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FOOT NOTES



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Mrs. Ross's first graders became mother hens on Tuesday, April 13. Thanks to Judy Speir and Pat Speir they were brought an incubator and twenty three fertile eggs. The vigil began. They turned the eggs twice a day. Mrs. Ross came on week-ends. They began to watch and wait. By May 2, the hatching process was beginning. Peeps were heard and cracks were appearing in the eggs. By the next day 3 chicks were hatched and more were cracking their shells. What a wonderful experience! becoming mother hens! Each child who brings a shoe box gets to take a chick home. Mrs. Ross is pictured with her students. She is holding one of the chicks. Imagine her surprise when the chick had an accident in her hand and on her pants. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)



MARTHA, BAGBY AND DAVID LENNOX FOUNDATION College Scholarship Program recipients are pictured here from Avery, Clarksville, Detroit and Rivercrest. Back row left to right is Jeremy Jones-Rivercrest, Teri Ward-Avery, Chris Parris-Clarksville, Katie Hare-Rivercrest and Olassie Hobbs-Clarksville. Front row is Lacy Peek-Avery, Erin Hale-Clarksville, Andrea Palmer-Rivercrest and Martha Woods-Detroit. Not pictured is Brett Shelby-Detroit.

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Julie Davidson, Jarod and Jamie visited Gladys Sykes.

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Jerry, Johnny Topping, Louise Bean and Bill and René Haney, Carrine Alford, Jack and Lucille Pettit and Claudia Allen visited Percy Topping.

Weldon Hume visited Stasha Hume.

Cleavie Coffin, Jerry and Janette Brooks, Louise Bean and René Haney, Billie and Harold Pierce and John Paul Cooper visited Ann Cody.

Linda Gray visited Charlotte Bishop.

Coy Coker, Louise Bean, Bill and René Haney, Johnny and Wanda Ragsdill and Linda Gray visited Raymond Franklin.

Linda Gray visited Irene House.

Linda Gray visited Dugan Varner.

Johnny and Wanda Ragsdill visited Lynn Kerley.

Mary Jane Lowry visited Alma Lowry.

Inez Gill visited Alice Craig.

Elaine Babb, Wes and Geraldine Ward, Glenda Hobbs and Inez Gill visited George Hancock.

Patrice Caprenter, Regional Ombudsman Ark-Tex Area Agency on aging visited all residents.

Betty Gibson visited Sheila Gibson.

Zelma Mauldin visited Jettie Minshew.

Sidney W. Hudson and Merle Hughes visited Nina Hudson.

Merle Hughes visited Mae Eudy.

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Merle Hughes visited Oma McKinney.

Gwendolyn Bowen visited Jimmie Duffie.

James and Joyce Ward, Louise Bean, René Haney and Lindsey Ward visited Hugh Forester.

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Louise Bean and René Haney visited Nettie Moore.

Olen and Clair Jessee visited Jessie Belcher.

James and Joyce Ward visited Bessie Arnett.

Coy Coker and Dan Glazener visited Ollie Redwine.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Scruggs visited Georgia Miller.

Al and Margaret McLaughlin of Arkansas visited J.E. (Jewell) McLaughlin.

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I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the people of our school district for once more supporting the progress and the future of our children and the future children of this district, by re-electing Eddie Brown & Mark Hare for the school board.

As I can see by this, our community and school district is in support of our one campus site, both elementary and Jr. highs at Rivercrest. Rivercrest Independent School District is "A project to be proud of."

Now, hopefully, others will see that wasting our tax dollars on paying lawyers is wrong. Enough is Enough-lets stop throwing our money away. Over \$50,000 dollars has already been wasted!! That money could have been used for a better purpose.

I am not a writer of any kind, and truly do not pretend to be. With all the ballots cast and tallied and the big gap between the numbers, surely everyone can see Rivercrest Independent School District was truly meant to be.

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Nine members of the graduating class of 1949 of Cunningham High School with some of their spouses and their teacher attended their 50th class reunion with a luncheon at Rustlers Restaurant in Paris on Saturday, May 1. Pictured left to right are: Frances Yancey Moss, Paris; Marie Smith Yancey, Paris; Jane Oats Roddy, Blossom; Joe Barber Burks, Paris; Joe Watson, Texarkana; Don Holt, Houston; Jackie Slusher Taylor, Paris; Billie Landrum Pirtle, Bogata; Charlene Cox Fetter, Dallas; and Albert Roach, teacher/coach, Paris.

Class of '84 plans Picnic at the Park

The Rivercrest High School Class of 1984 will have a Picnic at the Park (Thomas Park in Bogata) Saturday, May 8, 1999 at 11:00 a.m.

Bring the family, lawn chairs, food and drinks. Come and enjoy the fun. Dress casual and invite anyone from the classes in front of or behind the class of '84. In the event of inclement weather, the pavilion is available for some shelter. If you have any questions call Rusty Damron at 903-860-3155 or Kelly Jeffery at 903-784-7762.

There are some classmates for which addresses weren't available. Please help spread the news, no one should be left out.

Whatever limits us, we call Fate. —Emerson

Rural-Urban dinner scheduled May 11

On May 11, the first Rural-Urban dinner will be held since the late 80's. The dinner will be held this year at the Roxton High School gym beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Rural-Urban meeting, a Lamar County Chamber of Commerce event, is an opportunity for rural and city folks to enjoy fellowship and a great barbecue meal along with entertain-

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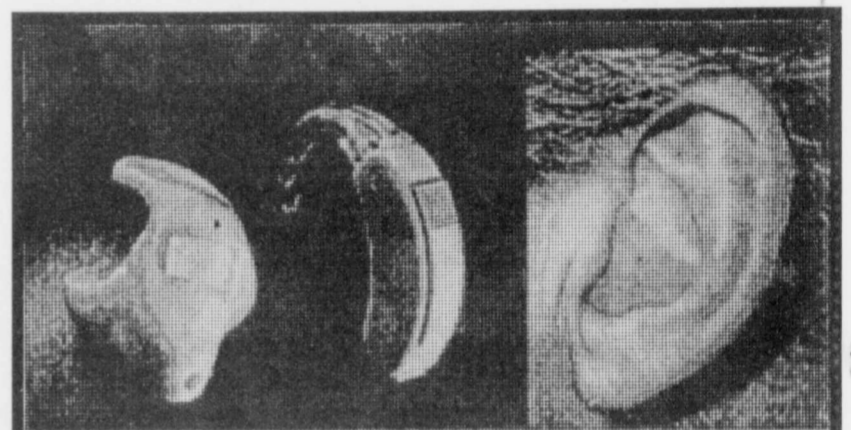
Dennis Engelke, Chair of the Texas Rural Development Council will be the keynote speaker for the dinner.



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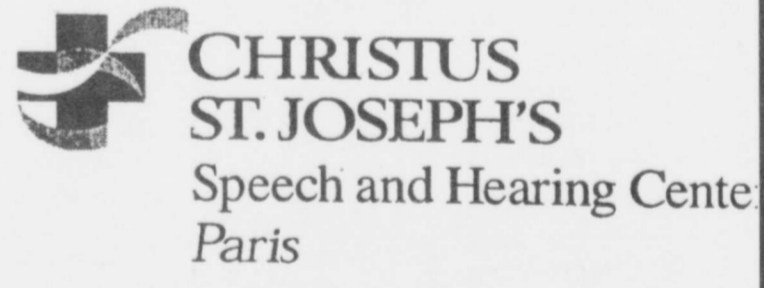
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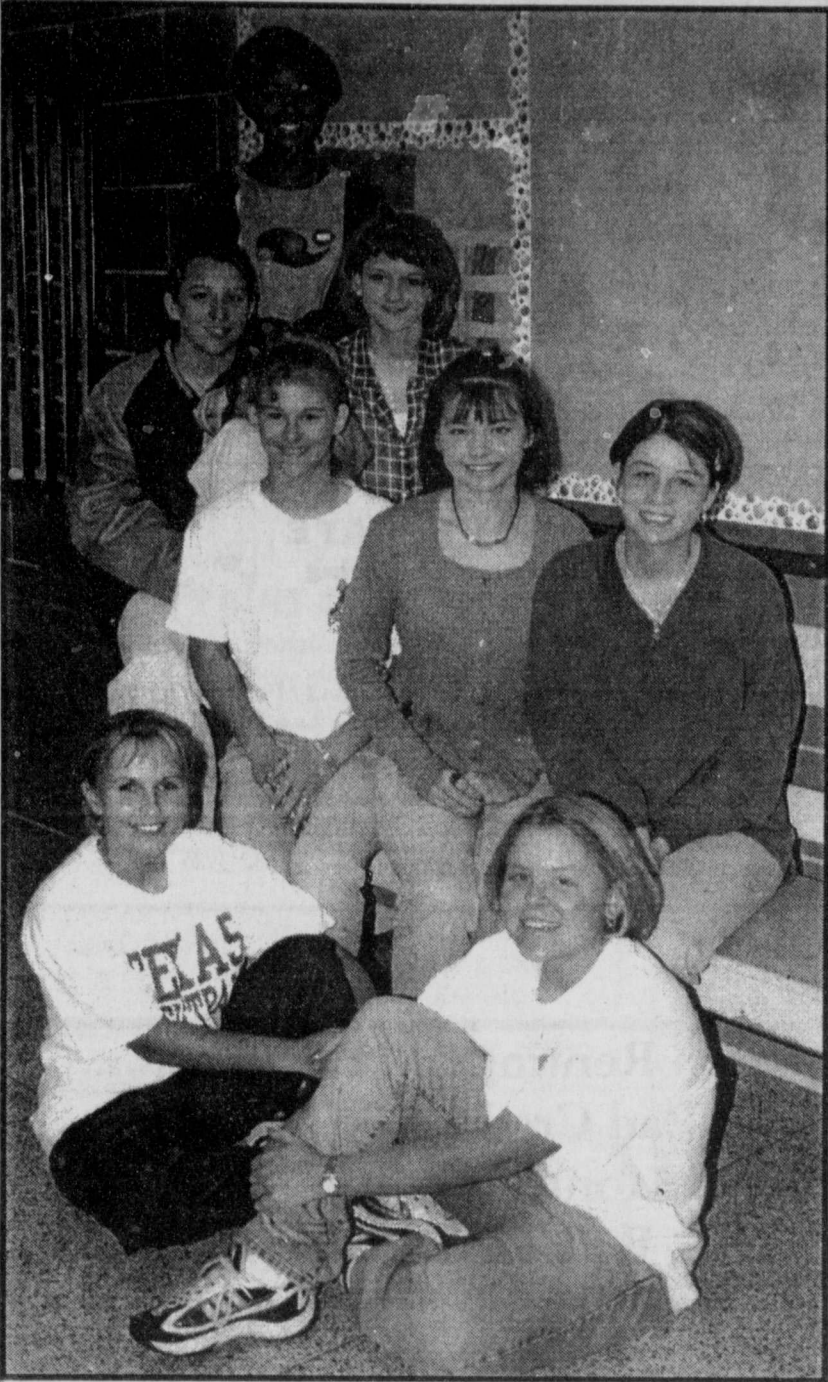
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1999-2000 CHEERLEADERS-Chosen as varsity cheerleaders for next year at Rivercrest High School are; (top) Charla Hines, (left to right) Kayla Sears and Dusty Townes; (third row from the left) Brittany Bull, Chrissy Wilson and Lacey Edge and (front from the left) Jill Foster and Sissy Meredith. Congratulations girls!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lacie and Kelby Cole, Jace, Erica and Brenton Norwood all spent the weekend with their grandparents, James and Pat Norwood.

Mendy and Todd Cole went to South Carolina for the weekend. Mendy went to visit Amy Scudder Pickelman and Todd went with Donovan Baker and two other men from Paris to play golf in South Carolina.

Ida Mae Norwood and Darrell Norwood went to Canton Friday. They said the weather was pretty, but it was very crowded.

Charity Musgrove spent the night with her aunt and uncle, Zarinska and Shane Morton on Friday night.

A group from Life Tabernacle Church went to James Cannon's home and cleaned on Sunday afternoon. They cleaned his kitchen, got him a new mattress, new blankets, sheets and pillows. They put up new blinds and new curtains, and installed a window fan. They have future plans of building him a porch and a roof coating that reflects sunlight. He was very appreciative and happy. He also let them know that he would need 2 chairs for the porch because he might have company. Anyone down that way should go by and visit him.

Shane and Zarinska Morton had supper at James and Sandra Wood's home on Sunday night. Those attending were Jamie Wood, Jill Goforth, Alan Johnson, Bonnie, Brad Watson, Bruce Watson and Vickie Davis. They enjoyed grilled steak and shrimp.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove all ate lunch with Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove on Sunday.

Nelta Musgrove is officially retired. She was honored with a retirement party on Friday night. Special thanks to everyone who helped make her party a success. She was all smiles all night. About 150 attended. Hot dogs and chips and several desserts were served.

Bobby Ray Kennedy got to come home from the hospital on Sunday afternoon after a fall he took on Wednesday night. He was trimming a tree when his ladder went out from under him. He spent one night at ICU at McCuiston Hospital. We hope he has a speedy recovery.

Melba Baker, Georgia Oats and Bill Page held the trustee election at the First Baptist Church fellowship Hall on Saturday.

L'Wanda and Pete McKnight had Johnnie, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson over for lunch on Sunday. Connie didn't make it for lunch, but came later and took home left overs.

Dean Watson and Ada came in for a week. They picked Marie Watson up at the Sterling House in Paris and she spent one night in Cunningham

and was ready to go back to the Sterling House. She did come back to Cunningham on Friday and stayed until Sunday. She is enjoying her new apartment.

Marie Watson had several visitors this week. Ronnie and Linda Baker, Bruce Watson, Brad Watson, Dillon Gibson, Brooklyn Legate, Deana Watson, Nelta Musgrove, Geneva Norwood, Ira and Mary and Larry Norman from Edmond, Ok. and Linda and Charity Musgrove.

Mrs. Lorette Pynes is also a resident at the Sterling House. Stop by and see her and Marie. They love company.

Geneva Norwood fixed lunch for Neva Jean, Billy Ray, Brandon, Georgeana, Brad, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton, Caleb, Scotty, Treda, Amber, Spur, Dean and Ada.

Brad Nutt gave Georgeana Oats a ring on Saturday at the rose gardens in Tyler! She accepted. They haven't set a wedding date yet. Congratulations to them!

Johnnie Musgrove has another surgery planned for Friday morning. We hope this surgery helps and our prayers are with him too.

Dorothy and Joyce Meadors of Greenville and Dora Hester of Paris and Velma Cox had lunch in Paris Saturday.

Gordon and Jan Cox and Kathy Beck of Alvarado and May Johnson of Ft. Worth spent Sunday night with Velma Cox.

Gordon Cox and John Valentine of Alvarado spent Monday night with Velma Cox. They all tended the tennis tournament in Greenville. She returned home with them.

Velma Cox attended a birthday party for Brenda Beck on Friday night.

She visited Mrs. Jeffie Ruthledge in Ennis on Saturday.

Helen and David Taylor and Velma Cox of Ft. Worth honored James and Ruth Jones of El Segundo, California and Nancy Rodgers and Caroll Kelly of Bakersfield, California and celebrated Vera Cox's 89th birthday Sunday. Attending were

Gordon Cox family of Alvarado, Mona Cox of Dallas, Loy and Charlene Cox of Daingerfield, Charles and Gene Filkins of Ft. Worth, Sarah Judy and Charles Isel of Paradise and Velma Cox. Amy Taylor and a friend of Ft. Worth.

They took pictures that afternoon. Velma Cox returns home Monday.

Sam Spears of Bella Vista, Arkansas, former teacher at Cunningham School, died April 25 and Memorial Services were held April 30 at the Bella Vista Community Church. His surviving wife is the former Martha Denison and he is survived by four children, six grandchildren and a sister. Attending from this area were Carlos and Betty Denison, Warren Denison, Ruth Denison, Carrol Denison, Dee Bonham and Karen Bar.

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RR Genealogical to hear Sheppard

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society, Monday evening, May 10 at 7:30 in the Red River County Library.

The speaker for this month will be Lorna Geer Sheppard, a Clarksville native, who will review her book, An Editor's View of Early Texas-Texas in the Days of the Republic as Depicted in The Northern Standard. The

book is the first volume in what is hoped to be a series.

Copies of the book will be available and she will do book signings. She will also discuss her next volume, which she is currently working on.

All persons interested in researching their family history are encouraged to come and enjoy the program.

A Commendation

The Talco Volunteer Fire Department would like to commend the Staff, Administration and Teachers of Talco Elementary & Junior High as well as the students for the good job they did during the Tornado Warning Tuesday.

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Shower planned for Danny and Jessica Hines

Danny and Jessica Hines will be honored with a baby shower for their expected daughter on Sunday, May 16 at the Bogata First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 3:00 p.m.

Texas Songwriter's Association to hold meeting

The Texas Songwriter's Association will hold a meeting Saturday, May 8, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:15 p.m. at Winnboro at the corner of highways 37 and 11 at Franklin National Bank's Rock building. The public is welcome. For more information call 903-885-2969 or 903-866-3002.

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TOTEMS-as part of their class project, Mrs. Purviance's students have constructed totem poles to "guard" their fourth grade class at Bogata Elementary School. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)

Bogata Police Report for April

By Chief of Police Charles Clegg

The Bogata Police Department reports the following calls and actions for April 1, 1999 through April 30, 1999:

- * Thirty one traffic citations issued with thirty one written warnings.
- * One suspicious circumstances call
- * Two prowler calls
- * Four welfare concern calls
- * Two Miscellaneous calls
- * One criminal, trespass warning issued
- * One report criminal mischief
- * One disorderly conduct (Shots

- fired)
- * Three disturbance calls
- * One report of injury to a child
- * One felony forgery (Warrant issued and arrest made)
- * One assist warrant arrest (Terroristic threat and drug paraphernalia)
- * One warrant arrest (criminal non-support and possession of drug paraphernalia)
- * Five larceny thefts.
- * Four cases cleared by exception, one cleared by recovery.
- Total of one warrant issued and three warrants served.
- Until next month - - be safe.

Bogata Lady Rebels meet Detroit Angels

The Bogata Lady Rebels, girls 9 & 10 played host to the Detroit Angels on May 1, 1999. In the top of the 1st inning Courtney Merchant on the mound for the Lady Rebels struck out 3 of 4 batters. In the bottom of the inning the Lady Rebels scored 3 runs on 4 walks and hits from Lauren Mauldin and Kelsey Taylor.

The 2nd inning saw merchant strike out 2 and end the Angels drive to score. At bat after 4 walks, Lauren Beers hit a grand slam to clear the bases for the Lady Rebels. Jessica Thomposn hit a solo home run and 2 batters later Merchant cleared the bases with another Lady Rebel home run. Score 11-0 Lady Rebels.

In the top of the 3rd Lauren Beers took the mound for the Lady Rebels and struck out 3 but the Angels had managed to score 3 runs before the last strike out. At bat the Lady Rebels scored 6 more runs. Score 17-3 Lady Rebels.

The top of the fourth and final inning saw the Angels score 2 runs. Beers sent 2 down on the strike out and time expired to give the Lady Rebels a 17-5 win.

Following the game the two teams played a practice game which the Angels won. The Lady Rebels have lost only 2 league games and are in contention for 2nd place in the league.

Alsobrook Family holds reunion

The Alsobrook family gathered at the home of Earl and Nancy Gresham in Deport on May 2. It was their annual reunion and well attended. Those that were unable to attend were sorely missed. There was plenty of good food and fellowship.

those attending were: Nannie Bell Ham, Jerry Burnett, Karen and Julia Grossmann, Jayne and Ralph Westbrook, Gordon and Clois Alsobrook, Terry Bell, Wendy and Charles Reavis, Tonya and Tanya Cave, all of Deport; Randy Gresham of Clardy; Jimmy Burnett of Paris; Mary Ann Williams, Tracy, Michel, Ethan and Eric Williams, David and Betty Vaughn of Bogata; Benny, Barbara and Gina Alsobrook of Howe; Lyle Alsobrook and Lori Kinser of Dallas; Corey, Sheila, Kristopher, Brittanie and Christian Alsobrook of Royce City; Todd, Melissa, Maggie and Dillon Smith of Garland; Sarah, Savannah, and Tara Hughes of Highland Village; Harley and Pansy Vaughn of Richardson; Jerry Wayne, Cynthia, Bella, Becca, Justin and Toby Burnett of Coppell.



Bogata News Locals

By Judy Screws
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Billie Welch and Polly Fodge of Blossom and Mary Ann and Beth Elrod of Detroit visited Chrystine Baker Wednesday.

Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris spent the night Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana.

Jerry and Gerlyn Gray and Margaret Davis, Danny and Jessica Hines spent the week end camping at Pat Mayse Lake. They all enjoyed visiting with Carl Gene and Gertrude Baker, and having pot luck supper with them Saturday evening.

Sunday Judy and Harold Holt left for Austin. While there they will attend a three day conference for children from birth to age three with special needs. They are representing Region VIII and are being sponsored by early Childhood intervention services (ECI). Hayden has 24 hour care while Judy is gone. He is wanting to eat by mouth, and part of the conference addresses feeding children with tracheostomies. Judy is very excited about feeding him and hopes to learn what to do and what not to do to help Hayden eat by mouth.

Heather and Heath Holt are staying with their grandparents, Nina and Robert Holt while Harold and Judy are in Austin.

Jerry and Gerlyn Gray and Margaret Davis had dinner at TaMolley's Tuesday evening to celebrate Gerlyn's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Jones of Commerce visited with her mother, Helen Williams, Wednesday.

Dixie Stringfellow visited Lucille Childers of Johntown Thursday. Saturday she visited with Edna Earl and M.J. Dodd. Also at the Dodd home were Betty Puckett, Jan McCuller and Jackie and Michael Dodd.

Wayne Stringfellow of Sandpoint, Idaho recently spent two weeks here with his mother, Mrs. Dixie Stringfellow and other relatives and friends. He left here to visit friends in Ft. Worth and on to Boston, Mass. to attend a national athletic convention.

Wayne is president of the Idaho State Chapter. Afterward he returned home to Idaho.

Dixie Stringfellow and her children recently met at TaMolley's in Paris for a meal and afterward all went to Jimmy's house for a visit. Present with Dixie were Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow of Bagwell, Jimmy Stringfellow of Blossom, Wayne Stringfellow of Sandpoint, Idaho, Vicki and Dan Tabb of Miro and a grandson, Mark Stringfellow of Bagwell. One son, Ronnie was unable to attend.

Recent visitors of Dixie Stringfellow were, Vicki, Danny, and Michael Tabb, Jimmy Stringfellow, Felina and Jerica White, Edna Earl Dodd and Betty Joy Puckett.

Betty Puckett of Denton spent the week end in the home of Edna Earl and M.J. Dodd here and Jan and Mac McCuller in Mount Pleasant. She also visited Lucille Childers in Johntown and Dixie Stringfellow in Bogata.

Dixie Stringfellow visited Lucille Childers of Johntown Thursday. Saturday she visited with Edna Earl and M.J. Dodd. Also at the Dodd home were Betty Puckett, Jan McCuller, and Jackie and Michael Dodd.

Happy May Birthdays to Gerlyn Gray, Vicki Tabb, Dan Tabb, Grady Rhodes, Jessica Ullrick, Christopher Guerra, Vada Austin, Buddy Damron, Pauline Cavnar, Carlos LeClaire, Bobbie Damron, Sharron Duffee, Amos Meredith, Eddie Belcher, Ray Lou Damron, Julie Harrison, Sherry Sheffield, Kelly Freelen, Beckie Belcher, Lillian Baird, Ginger Foster, Donita Embrey, Nikki Lewis, Garrett Wallace, Peggy Belcher, Anaya Phillips, Tonya Williams, LaTrisha Belcher, Callen Morgan, Shyrle Bivens, Cara Eudy, Marlin Foster, Marty Williams, Kristi Damron, Kelly Joplin, Ethan Williams, Michelle Frost, Cameron Wallace.

Happy May anniversaries to Buddy and Bobbie Damron, Nancy and Eddy Denny, Ray Lou and Kristi Damron and Chasity and Clay Francis.

Bogata Lady Rebels travel to Avery

The Bogata Lady Rebels, girls 9 & 10, traveled to Avery to meet the Rugrats on April 30, 1999. In the top of the 1st inning the Lady Rebels left the bases loaded and earned no scores. In the field Lauren Beers was the starting pitcher for the Lady Rebels. Beers struck out 2 but the Rugrats were able to score 1 run before the third out came.

At the top of the 2nd the Lady Rebels had 4 walk and 4 hit to score 6 runners. The 10th batter rule ended the inning. In the bottom of the inning Beers struck out 3 of 5 batters to keep the score 6-1 Lady Rebels.

The top of 3 saw the Lady Rebels score 6 more on 5 walks and 3 hits. Sarah Jean and Jordan Stafford got back to back singles. On the defense Courtney Merchant took the mound. The Rugrats made a come back scoring 6 runs.

The top of the fourth and final inning Merchant drove to ball to the fence. A Lady Rebel walk and a second hit of the night from Kelsey Taylor scored 2 before the final out. In the bottom of the inning Merchant struck out 2 of 5 batters and the Rugrats were held scoreless. Final 14-7 Lady Rebels.

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People & Things

Thursday, May 6 (Today)

The Bogata Lions Club will meet at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. There will be a covered dish meal served. All members are urged to attend.

Saturday, May 8

The Bogata Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department will hold open house from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. They will be demonstrating and displaying their new equipment. The public is invited to attend.

* Rivercrest High School class of 1984 will have Picnic in the Park at Bogata's Thomas Park beginning at 11:00 a.m. Bring your family, your lawnchairs, your food and drinks and join the group. The classes before and after 1984 are also invited. For more info call Rusty Damron at 903-860-3155 or Kelly Jeffery at 903-784-7762.

* Rosalie Community Center and VFD will hold its annual Community Garage Sale from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. To make donations bring items to the community Center Thursday and Friday May 6 and 7 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

Bogata Lions Club will hold Pancake Day from 6:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the old slab of First Baptist Church if weather permits or at the community center if the weather is bad. Tickets are \$3.00 each from lions Club members or \$3.50 each at the door. Proceeds will be used for the scholarship fund.

Sunday, May 16

Danny and Jessica Hines will be honored with a baby shower for their expected daughter at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Bogata First Baptist Church.

Third Tuesday of each month
Bogata Lions Club sponsors Bingo at Red River Healthcare Center. Lions Club members should volunteer to help when they can.

Notice
Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rec. Room in Clarksville. Everyone is Welcome.

Old News

Excerpts Taken From
BOGATA NEWS
The Week of May 1, 1949 & '59

Fifty & Forty Years Ago This Week

1949

Cleavie Bailey and Charles Bull married in Fort Worth.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill White and Mrs. C.H Hoover sponsored a BTU picnic and hayride at Humble Lake.
Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Glover had undergone surgery.

1959

Mrs. Grover Speir is reported ill with mumps and Mrs. Bill Thornton with flu. Sandra Thornton has returned to school after absence with flu.
Bogata people hospitalized at Clarksville last week included Mrs. Billy English, Mrs. Gordon Tabb and Leon Provence.
Mrs. Sadie Lee of Paris, Mrs. Joella Lewis of Deport visited Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lewis Saturday. Visiting in the Lewis home Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Orren of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bennett of Scroggins.
Mrs. J.F. Hood, ill for several days, was improving Tuesday. Visiting in the Hood home and with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Benham last week were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Benham and children of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Logan and Ricky of Mount Pleasant. Sunday visitors in the Hood home were Jack Hood of Annona and John L. Starks and daughters, Fay and Kay of Paris. Edgar Hood of Deport was a Tuesday guest.
William Rozell recently purchased Griffin lake and 20 acres of land from the W.S. Griffin Estate.



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HELP WANTED: Truck driver for greenhouse deliveries. Must have CDL license. Kelley Plant Farms, 903-632-4437. MA t/c

HELP WANTED: Office help for greenhouse business, some computer skills helpful, seasonal. February through May/June. 903-632-4437 or 632-5855. MA t/c

CITY OF BOGATA NOW HIRING: Part time summer employee qualifications: at least 17 years of age; valid Texas Operator's Drivers License; experience to include mowing with farm tractor, riding lawn mower, push mower, weed eater, gas edger, manual labor, flexible to provide other duties as assigned. Hours of work: Monday through Friday, with possible overtime. Salary: minimum wage. Applications available at the Bogata City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 5-6

LOOKING FOR PASTURE to lease with good fences east of Paris or the Blossom/Detroit area. 903-785-7443 before 8 p.m. MA 5-13

WANTED: Mechanic. Must have tools. Competitive wages and benefits, must pass drug test. Conroy Ford Tractor, Mt. Pleasant, TX 903-572-2629. 5-20

WANTED: Go-cart, running or not. Please call 632-9984. MA 5-20

LOST & FOUND

REMEMBER, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

Garage Sales

CAKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-7158 or 572-3825. MA t/c

TWO FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, Jolntown, Grady Dodd's. Turn east at Baptist Church, 4th house on left. Rain or shine. 5-6

FIVE FAMILY YARD SALE in Detroit by Paul's Barber Shop, May 7-8. Cake decorating pans & etc., clothes, pictures, pots and pans, dishes, tables, shoes, etc. A little bit of everything, everything sells cheap. No sales before 8 a.m. 5-6

YARD SALE: 308 N. Main, Bogata, Friday, May 7. New and used items. Stringfellow. 5-6

GARAGE SALE: Medical equipment, some furniture, misc., typewriter. Will go through this weekend. Two miles east of Manchester on FM2118. 5-6

FIVE FAMILY Back Yard Sale: Back yard of 113 Alameda, Bogata, home of Pete and Lillian Taylor. Friday, May 7 from 8-5 and Saturday, May 8 from 8-12. Home Interior, dishes, linens, books, canister sets, health glider, jewelry, shoes and clothing, childrens, juniors, mens and womens. 5-6

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AUCTION SALE
JIM TATUM RANCH, BAGWELL, TEXAS
MAY 15, 1999 11:00 A.M.
 DIRECTIONS: From Bagwell, take FM2573 west approx. 1 mile. Turn right on CoRD 2131S. Go 1/2 mile to sale site. Watch for auction signs.
FARM & RANCH EQUIPMENT: 3 Pt. Cultivator; 3 pt. 2 bottom breaking plow; 3 pt. blades; 3 pt. bedder; 3 pt. scoop; 3 pt. 7 ft. disc; 3 pt. hay mover; 3 pt. small tree cutter; pull type hay mover; scarfier; 3 pt. lposthole digger; hog wire; chain link fence; cycle mower; 2 tractor jacks; tractor grill guards; 2 tow bars; gooseneck trailer hookup; 3 bottom breaking plow; 3 pt. rolling 2 bottom disc; 14 ft. chisel plow; 12 ft. grain drill; 3 pt. 3 bottom bedder; 3 pt. Ford racks; metal wire spools; 2 metal adumpsters; metal barrels; 8 ft.x12 ft. silo tank with legs; New Holland hay swather and conditioner; 850 New Holland round baler (junk); 851 New Holland round baler; 3-5 ft. 3 pt. bush hogs; 2-3 pt. 6 ft. bush hogs; 3 pt. 7 ft. bush hog; 6 ft. drag type bush hog; 10 ft. drag type bush hog.
TRACTORS-TRAILERS-VEHICLES: 2 wheel trailer; 16 ft. gooseneck trailer, good; 20 ft. heavy duty single axle dual wheels equipment trailer; 2 8N Ford tractors; 450 Farmall; 2656 International; 150 Massey Ferguson; Ford 2000 (600 hrs, clean); 275 Massey Ferguson; Cat fork lift (T50B); 1450 Case track loader; 1986 150 Ford pickup, good & solid; 1988 Lincoln Town Car, 78K miles, loaded, super clean. Antique Horse Drawn Equipment: Bedder, Kelly turning plow; 2 planters; 2 breaking plows; 2 mowing machines.
 TERMS: Cash, Cashier's Check or Personal Check with Proper Identification
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AUCTION SALE
ESTATE OF MR. AND MRS. H.E. (BUD) CHRISTOPHER, BOGATA, TEXAS
SATURDAY MAY 8, 1999 11:00 A.M.
 DIRECTIONS: From Hwy. 271, turn south on South Main Street to Third Street. Turn right. Second house on left. Watch for Auction Signs.
REAL ESTATE: Well kept older house on extra large shady lot, quiet neighborhood, pecan trees, room for garden in back. Property will be offered for sale by Fasken Realty with Bill Barton acting as agent at 12:00 noon with a 24-hour confirmation.
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Two couches; recliners; television; drum table; end tables; lamps; pictures; credenza; jewelry armoire; trunk; quilt tops; dresser; chests; iron bedstead; quilt box; shelves; pitcher and bowl; blankets; linens; material; treadle sewing machine; wash stand; dolls; games; childrens old books; old magazines (1940's); shoe last; refrigerator; electric range; washer; dryer; deep freeze; dinette suite w/4 chairs; dishes; silverware; small appliances; air conditioner; fans; Dearborn heaters; InfraRed heaters; miscellaneous hand tools; ladders; seeder; hoes; rakes; saws; miscellaneous bolts and nuts; Many more items too numerous to list.
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Watermelons should be in plentiful supply in East Texas this year

If the weather cooperates, East Texas watermelon lovers should find a plentiful supply in stores and roadside stands this summer.

Based on watermelon seed orders, East Texas watermelon producers are gearing up to plant nearly 40 percent more acres than they did last year.

"We have one individual in East Texas who bought more than \$24,000 in seed, which is enough seed to grow transplants for more than 1,000 acres. We have one grower in Smith County who is planting nearly 500 acres this year," said Marty Baker, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Baker estimated that East Texas growers will plant more than 38,000 acres of melons in 1999, up 12,000 acres from 1998.

Baker attributed the increase in acreage to increased consumption and new land practices. According to statistics from North Carolina State University, per capita consumption in the United States has increased from 13.6 pounds in 1989 to nearly 15 pounds in 1993. Though recent statistics aren't available, there's ev-

ery indication to believe that current consumption is more than 15 pounds per person, per year.

A healthy part of the increased plantings are on forest lands. Forest interests are allowing growers to plant watermelons on transplanted pine

seedling forest sites. This can be done because of the spacing of the tree seedlings or reforestation sites. Growers can use these sites for only two years, however, due to the eventual buildup of soil-borne plant diseases that attack watermelon plants.

Part of the increase can be attributed to new production methods and improved varieties that make it a better bet for growers that their investment will produce a profit even during a drought year. Eclipsing all other improvements is the adoption of drip irrigation and plastic mulch.

At first glance, plasticulture is pretty simple. It saves water the old-fashioned way; it interns it. Black or brown plastic sheeting, about the same thickness of a good quality garbage bag, is laid over seed beds or furrows before planting. The impermeable plastic traps moisture, preventing it from escaping into the air.

Simple in theory, but more is happening than meets the eye, Baker said. During the cool evening and night, moisture condenses on the under surface of the plastic and rains back on the soil.

Used in conjunction with another technique called "rainfall" capture, plasticulture has been known to carry a crop through to harvest in good shape with next to no rainfall during the entire growing season. With rain-

fall capture, the plastic is laid over furrows. In the troughs between the raised furrows, holes are punched to allow rain water to enter. When the crop, melons or other produce, is planted several months later, there may be enough water trapped under

the plastic to allow it to finish without further rainfall or irrigation.

But plasticulture does more than just trap water. Because it lowers the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticide treatments, the plastic lessens the chance that excesses of agrochemicals will leach through East Texas sandy soils and into the water table. Because it shades out unplanted ground, just as conventional mulch does, it prevents weed and grass growth, thereby limiting or completely eliminating the need for herbicides, and lowering production costs in the bargain.

Twelve years ago, when Marty Baker, Extension Horticulturist, moved to East Texas, plastic mulch was used only by the rare grower. Today, Baker knows of thousands of acres of melons and vegetables grown using the black plastic film.

For these 12 years, Baker has persistently promoted plasticulture concepts and associated technologies at field days, at grower's meetings and at county-wide educational events.

Annual FFA banquet held at RHS

The 1998-99 Rivercrest FFA parent-member banquet was held Thursday, April 29, 1999 at the school cafeteria and auditorium.

There were approximately 150 members and guest present. Everyone enjoyed a meal of bar-b-que and all the trimmings. Following the meal, Nathan Daniels, Texas State Vice President, spoke to the group. He encouraged members to become involved in all FFA activities.

The Star Chapter Farmer award went to Kasey Crawford and Star Greenhand went to Kayla Belcher. The very distinguished motivational awards were received by; Matt Simmons-Achievement, Jamie Daniels-Leadership and Cassie Cannon-

Teamwork.

Rivercrest FFA was proud to announce that they qualified 5 teams for state competition this year. They were Land Judging, Forestry, Horse Judging, Livestock Judging and Farm Business Management. The Horse Judging team was very successful and placed in the top ten at the state contest with Kasey Crawford placing 2nd high individual. The FFA sponsors and members would like to express their appreciation to everyone who contributed to the annual Horticulture plant sale which was a great success. The group still has various hanging baskets that are for sale for \$4.00 each.



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Old News

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 The Week of May 1, 1959

Forty Years Ago This Week

The John D. Wright Annual rodeo will be held at 7 W Ranch. There will be a parade in downtown Talco Wednesday afternoon to open the rodeo. The Chamber of Commerce and citizens generally are going "All out" to help John D. Wright make a success of his second rodeo.

Titus County law officials are investigating the shooting which occurred at the home of Jess Waldrum at Wilkinson community Friday night, which resulted in the wounding of Cotten Johnson and J.E. Waldrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Waldrum.

Seven eighth graders will receive diplomas in graduating exercises at Hagansport School May 20, according to Principal, Leonard Bond. They are Gail Bise, Nancy Gieger, Mary Henry, Sandra King, Jerry Elliott, Johnny Crowston and George Skitt. Faculty members other than Bond are Mrs. Tom Briley and Mrs. Ray Briley.

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VIVA PAPER TOWELS Lrg. Roll \$1.29 	PACE PICANTE SAUCE 16 Oz All Kinds \$1.59 	MILK Gal. Jug 2% & HOMO \$2.79 	FAMILY STYLE BREAD Lg. Loaf 79¢ 	DEL MONTE KETCHUP 28 Oz. Squeeze Btl. 79¢ 						
OAK FARMS ICE CREAM 5 Qt. Pail All Flavors \$4.99 	LAY'S POTATO CHIPS Reg. \$1.49 All Kinds 99¢ 	DORITOS CHIPS Reg. \$2.19 2/\$3 	BLUE BELL YOGURT 1/2 Gal. All Flavors DIET & LIGHT ICE CREAM \$3.49 	PARADE ORANGE JUICE 12 Oz. 79¢ 						
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