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Who I Am

There is a country western song out right now about "It's all a part of who I am". I don't listen to country music very much, and heard this song quite by accident. But, I really did like it, because I've always felt exactly like the person that wrote the song does.

The song explains that she is "Rosemary's granddaughter, the spitting image of my father, and when the day is done my mama's still my biggest fan". She talks about having friends who love her, and that it's all a part of who she is.

Well, we are all so much that way. Here I am, with my dad's hardheadedness and love of cats, my mother's exact same hair wave and color (if not her amazing capacity for forgiveness, although I'm trying). I have my grandmother's square chin and both her and my grandfather Marshal's love of the written word, I inherited, or was taught my grandfather Jeffus' belief in truth and justice. I barely knew the great-aunt whose desire to travel endlessly I keep. I have habits, I am told, that match those of my mother's mother, who died long, long before I was even born. And there is my step-grandmother's love of nature, the product of so many hours spent with her in the woods or on a lake.

Who am I? I am the product of all who go before me, the product of all the people who surrounded me growing up, and who still surround me in the small town I love so much.

I am the product of having farmed, and of having spent twenty three years right here at these newspapers.

I am shaped by the opinions of my friends, and even of my enemies. I know I have enemies, everyone does, and someone in the newspaper business has a few more than most. It's all a part of who I am, just like the song says.

If I had not spent years taking pictures of fires and terrible accidents, if I had not become a First Responder, would I be the same? No, indeed I wouldn't.

If I had spent my life working for the State Department of Human Resources, or the banks I first worked in, I wouldn't be the same person at all.

If my faith had not been handed down and drilled in, where would I be?

We are shaped by those we count as friends and family. We are molded every day, and we do not stay the same.

It's good to know who we are, who went before us and helped us inherit those traits that are so easily spotted by ourselves and others. It's good to know what events have changed us, what life styles have formed us on the potter's wheel of life. And, if I sometimes think that wheel is spinning pretty fast, it just means it's time to hold on tighter. Because I know who I am...and all of us should.

Give it a few minutes...who do you look like? Act like? It's all a part of who YOU are.

Editor's Quotes

Some defeats are only installments of victory

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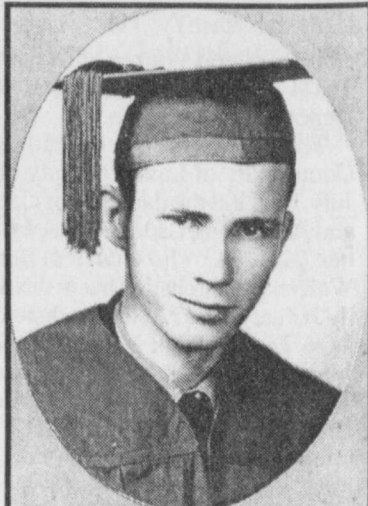
BOGATA, RED RIVER COUNTY, TEXAS

Thursday, February 14, 2002

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1929 Graduate
Bogata High School



1938 Graduate
Bogata High School



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Bogata High School

Bogata Homecoming is April 13!!

Bogata graduating classes of 1942 (graduating 60 years ago) and classes back to 1925 (graduating 77 years ago) will be recognized at this year's Bogata Homecoming.

Can you recognize the graduate in these pictures?

The graduates in pictures #1 and #3 graduated in 1929, 73 years ago. They are the only two graduates from that class who may attend homecoming this year.

The graduate in picture #2

graduated in 1938, 64 years ago. Graduates from 1938 who may attend homecoming are P.C. Abernathy, Mary Ellen Allen, Lydia Baxter Hawkins, Bertha Bryant McCall, Mildred Hancock Bybee, Helen (Sweetie) Howison Keith, Delores Later Seamon, Doris Lawson Sparks, Ois Swaim and Lawrence Wood.

Did you recognize the graduates? They are: #1, 1929 graduate Russice Franklin McConnell;

#2, 1938 graduate Ois Swaim; and #3, 1929 graduate Anna Bell Smith Patton.

YEA BULLDOGS! Look for more graduates next week. If you are a graduate of one of these three classes and your name was left out, let us know at: Class of 1953, Homecoming Host, Box 476, Bogata, TX 75417.

A meal will be held from 12 noon until 2 p.m. with visiting to follow.



SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION-Rivercrest Elementary students who received awards at the Red River County Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest this year were: (from the left) L.B. Morris-Honorable Mention. L.B., a fifth grade student, is the son of Tina and Harold Jackson of Talco and Troy Morris; Mariam Ramirez-Second Place. Mariam received a \$15 check for her efforts and she will be in the regional contest drawing. Mariam, a third grade student, is the daughter of Saul and Vernica Ramirez. Sammy Newsom-Honorable Mention. Sammy, a third grade student, is the son of Stacie and Jon Newsom of Bogata. Congratulations to these students! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



RIVERCREST 7TH GRADE-students are pictured hard at work in their Science class. They recently dissected frogs to learn about the internal organs, structure of the frog and to gain skill using the dissecting tools. Pictured are: (left to right) Chris Watts, Shyla Burns, Micah Haynes, Callen Morgan and Melanie Smith. The class is taught by Ms. Leah Bull.

Choir to benefit Lions Club with musical

Due to the overwhelming request, the Bogata Community Choir is performing a third gospel concert. The concert will be held at Rivercrest Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. All benefits from the concert will be given to the Bogata Lions Club. The Lions Club is an organization that gives back to their hometown, the members work with such efficiency to better the community in helping making our area a better place to live. Just as they have done in their last two performances, there will be no charge for the concert. Free will donations of cash or eyeglasses will be accepted for the Lions Club.

The Bogata Community Choir was organized in October, 2000 by the James Wood family. Their first performance benefited the Bogata Public Library and last April the concert benefited the Bogata Ministerial Alliance.

Everyone is asked to show appreciation to the choir and especially to the Bogata Lions Club and join in for an entertaining evening of southern gospel songs. Choir director, Tim Wood, is assembling some of the most requested numbers that have been done by the choir in their past two concerts and has tabbed the March 30 event the "Greatest Hits" of the Bogata Community Choir.



EYEING THE CONCERT-James Wood and Brianna Petticrew presented Jack Dodd with two pair of glasses for the Bogata Lions Club Eyeglass Fund. The Bogata Community Choir will be performing a gospel concert benefitting the Bogata Lions Club on March 30 at Rivercrest Auditorium. Admission will be free but donations of cash and eyeglasses will be accepted.

Bogata Rodeo Association to hold membership drive

On February 23, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. the Bogata Rodeo Association will hold a membership drive at Raymond (Buck) Knight's old residence on FM. 909.

A bar-b-que meal with all the trimmings will be provided. Mem-

bership dues are \$15 per year and covers the cost of the meal. All members are encouraged to attend and any new members are welcomed. For additional information please contact Randy Huddleston at 903-632-5248 or Kevin Binion at 903-632-4623.

Molly Hare receives first place in essay contest

Molly Hare of Rivercrest High School won first place in the Red River County Soil and Water Conservation District essay contest. Her essay will move on to the area competition as part of the Texas Conservation awards program. Molly received a reward check and a certificate from the Red River Soil and Conservation District on Monday, February 11, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clarksville City Hall offices. Molly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hare of Bogata. Her essay follows:

Soil and Water Conservation
by Molly Hare

Saving our planet should be an everyday priority in our lives as Americans. Conserving our natural resources such as our soil and water is a very important issue, especially around my house.

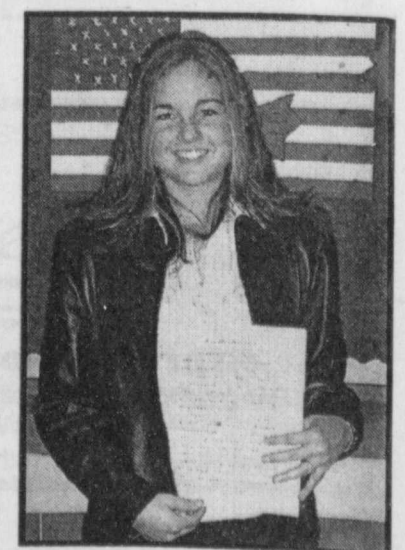
Agriculture is my family's source of income. It puts clothes on our backs and food on our table. It will pay for furthering my education someday. But, in return for the wonderful things it provides for us, we must take care of conserving our land and waterways for future generations of farmers.

We work closely with programs provided by the government to make sure that we do not overuse the land and make it non-fertile for planting crops. The United States Department of Agriculture was formed after the drought of the 1920's, commonly known as the Dust Bowl. There was so much soil erosion from poor planting methods and virtually no rainfall in years that the land actually blew away. Today, with advanced tech-

nology, farmers know what crops to plant and when to plant them to help maintain the fertility of the soil and to help keep erosion at the minimum.

We should all be more conscientious about conserving our earth and its resources, regardless if we are in the business of agriculture or not. Everyone can do his or her part, no matter how small toward maintaining our planet.

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Molly Hare

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin



Happy Valentine's Day! The sweetheart of a day that comes around once a year just in time for you to break your diet! Yes.....you finally committed to that diet regime and are going good and what do you receive for Valentine's Day.....a big box of chocolate or some other "goodies" that break your will power! Okay.....so we will start again next week!

Anyway, here we are again and guess what I have for you this week? Cooking with roses! You know.....along with the chocolate, some people are lucky enough to get roses.....well, don't throw them out when they begin to wilt.....cook with them! Cook you say! That is right.....oh, be sure they are the right ones first! Some roses, because of their fragrance and rich color, are better than others for cooking and making condiments. Some of these are: Nur Mahal, Cramoisi Superieur, Louis Phillippe, Dortmund and Chrysler Imperial in the reds category. In the pinks category you might find: Paul Neyron, Vanity, Mrs. B.R. Cant, Duchesse de Brabant, Pink Meidiland and Hansa, just to name a few!

For centuries, rose have been that special ingredient in crating the finest culinary presentations. A rose candy to the ancient Romans is the earliest recorded recipe using roses as an ingredient. It is a certainty that other civilizations also used the sweet, fragrant qualities of their own native species. By the tenth century, Persia was exporting rosewater to most of Europe, North Africa and Asia. Rosewater was commonly used as a flavoring agent in cakes, cookies and pastries. In medieval 14th century, roses were used extensively in fish and game sauces as well as in desserts, candies and preserves. Many a royal chef prepared such delights as Roseye of Fyssh (Fish in Rose Sauce) and Rede Rose (Red Rose Pudding).

By the 19th century, roses were widely used throughout the world as coloring and flavoring agents in teas, candies, pastries, sauces, oils and conserves.

Handed down for decades, favorite recipes crossed the oceans as colonists and conquerors spanned the globe. Today, the rose's tangy fruit, called "rosehips" are still used in a variety of recipes and a source of vitamin C. Its leaves are blended with other herbs in fragrant and soothing teas. Its petals lend magic to candies, syrups, honeys, vinegars, oils and sauces.

Some tips to follow: Never use roses treated with insecticides or fungicides unless those products are approved for food crops! Treat them as you would other edible garden crops. Thoroughly rinse roses before using. No one likes to find a candied spider in their hip jam! Harvest early in the morning, when roses are at their freshest. Avoid using the yellow, orange or mauve colors as they tend to turn brown when cooked. Some white roses have diuretic qualities while red roses may color vinegars purple.

So, here we go, all of you rose connoisseurs (you may need to check that spelling!) Check out these recipes and we will see you in the rose garden.....I mean Kitchen!

- Rose Sugar-this was adapted from a 16th century recipe!
- Rose Syrup-make your own rose syrup!
- Rose-Tarragon Vinegar-will keep for 6 months in cool pantry!
- Rosewater-adapted from a 10th century recipe!
- Rose Mayonnaise-add 1-2 drops of red food coloring or beet juice to make the rosy color!
- Rose Hip Jam or Jelly-adapted from a 17th century recipe!
- Stuffed Baked Apple with Rose Syrup and Toasted Almonds-try this new recipe for baked apples!
- Rose-Cranberry Sauce-use this one for a perfect side dish!



Genevia R. Currin dies February 4

Genevia R. Currin, age 86 of Paris, died in the Christus St. Joseph Hospital, South Campus on Monday, February 4, 2002. Wood Funeral Homes conducted chapel services on Thursday, February 7, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. with Reverends David Gillean and John McMikel officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be grandsons. Burial followed in Meadowbrook Gardens. The family received friends from 7-8 p.m., Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

She was born in Arkadelphia, Arkansas on September 1, 1915, the daughter of George Washington and Nancy Ann Turner Hicks. She married Carl Marvin Currin on August 9, 1928 in Arkadelphia. He preceded her in death in May, 1988. She was also preceded in death by a son, George Currin, four grandsons, one great-granddaughter, and four brothers.

Surviving are her children and their spouses, John David and Kathy Currin of Paris, Claude and Juanita Currin of Paris, William and Frances Currin of Mesquite, Marvin and Patsy Currin of Dallas, Burl and Emily Currin of Milledgeville, GA, Edna and Travis Edwards of Pattonville, and Bonnie Janette and Charlie Boon of Milledgeville, GA; 19 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and step-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.



Thelma L. Warren dies February 10

Thelma Ladd Warren of Deport, Texas died February 10, 2002 in Deport Nursing Home. Thelma was born in the Milton Community of Lamar County on July 16, 1908 the daughter of Carl and Alice King Ladd. On December 22, 1942 she married Ben Warren who preceded her in death in January 1987. She graduated from Deport High School, Paris Junior College, East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce and did post-graduate work at Columbia University in New York. Prior to her marriage she was a teacher and grade school principal in the Deport School System for 16 years.

As a member of the First United Methodist Church in Deport. She taught a Sunday School Class for many years as well as serving in other official capacities. Funeral services were held at First United Methodist Church in Deport at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday February 12, 2002 with Rev. C. G. Renfro assisted by Rev. Ted Willis. Thelma will lie in state at the church from 9:30 a.m. until service time and the family will greet friends in the fellowship hall. The family will be at the home of Melba and Carlos Ladd on Monroe St. and Marianne and Joe Ladd on College St. in Deport.

She is survived by her brother, Carlos and wife Melba Ladd; nephew Joe and wife Marianne Ladd of Deport; grandson, Jim and wife Marie Kunkel of Houston; granddaughter, Valerie and husband Bill Pierce of White Oak, TX; five great-grandchildren, Patrick Narajo, Laura and Donna Kunkel all of Houston; Kathy and Joshua Pierce of White Oak; two great-nephews Michael and wife Billie Ladd and Robert Ladd; 2 great-niece, Marianne and Janie Ladd all of Nashville, TN. She was preceded in death by Susie Lou Warren Kunkel, the mother of Jim and Valerie; two brothers Ralph and Hoyle Ladd.

Serving as active pallbearers were Charles Davidson, Jr., Glen Books, Fred Swint, Jr., Dr. T. H. Glover, Todd Ward and Marty Ward. Honorary pallbearers were James A. Griffin, Arthur Barrett, Kenneth Burks, Marlin Foster, Mac Webb, Dan Barnard, Duane Glover, Gary Nixon, Dr. Sam B. Kelsey and Hobert Loven. If desired, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Highland Cemetery Association.

Billie Henry Wright dies January 19

Billie Henry Wright, age 79 of Stafford, TX died January 19, 2002 after an extended illness.

He was born August 25, 1922 in Deport. He was a high school industrial arts teacher for 36 years. After retiring from teaching, Billie was a full time devoted "PaPa" to his two granddaughters.

He is survived by his wife, Robbie Jo Wright; a son Clay Wright, DDS; daughter-in-law, Cindy and granddaughters, Cayla and Christy Jo of Alvin. He is also survived by two brothers, Grady Wright and wife Kathryn of Deport, Marshall Wright and wife Ruby of Lorena; two sisters, Mary Ann Morton and husband John of Waco, Geraldine Powers and husband Talma of Amarillo.

Visitation was January 21 in the stateroom of Davis-Greenlaw Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 22 in the chapel of Davis-Greenlaw Funeral Home and interment followed in Greenlaw Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to a charity of your choice.

Mrs. Ella Johnson dies February 6

Mrs. Ella Arlene Johnson, age 63 of Bagwell died February 6, 2002 in Christus St. Joseph's Hospital South.

Mrs. Johnson was born March 9, 1938 in Red River County, the daughter of Nip and Reba Edmonson Whitley. She was a member of the Novice Baptist Church and Red River County 4-H Club and was employed with the Detroit Independent School District.

Services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Fry-Gibbs Funeral home with Rev. Don Shovan officiating. Burial followed in Detroit Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Chris Janeway, Carl Peek, Leonard McCain, Brad McCain, Kevin Whitley and Justin Allison. Honorary bearers were the faculty of the Headstart Program at Detroit I.S.D.

If desired, the family requests memorials be made to the Lisa Brown Scholarship Fund or Richard McCain Scholarship Fund in care of Community National Bank, Detroit, TX.

Surviving are her husband, Lester Ray Johnson, whom she married January 25, 1957 in Blossom; children, Monte Johnson and wife Shelia, Melinda Brown, Arlene Janeway, Darlene Allison and husband David; her parents, Hip and Reba Whitley; grandchildren, Clint Johnson, Melissa Jones and husband Bubba, Chris Janeway, LaShell Johnson, Brandi Allison and Justin Allison; and one great-grandchild, D.J. Jones.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Cynthia Brown; brothers Bud (Kenneth) Whitley and Calvin Whitley.

Chasten M. Hobson dies February 11

Chasten Maurice "Chass" Hobson, age 71 of Mt. Pleasant died Monday, February 11 in University of Texas Health Center of Tyler.

Services were held Wednesday, January 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Nevill's Chapel Baptist Church with Bro. Glenn Griffith and Bro. Albert Munsinger officiating. Burial followed in Talco Cemetery under the direction of Bates-Cooper Funeral Home of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Hobson was born January 27, 1930 in Palestine. He was retired from Missouri Pacific Railroad and was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Nevill's Chapel Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Willie Mae Hobson of Mt. Pleasant; sons and daughters-in-law, Jonathan and Michelle Farenheily of Pueblo, CO and Michael and Shari Medlin of Nacogdoches; daughters and sons-in-law, Melinda and Dale Holeman of Mt. Pleasant and Felicia and Bryan Easterling of Dallas; brothers and sisters-in-law, Burl Hobson Sr. and Rita of Latexo, Davie Joe and Mart Hobson, Don and Kathy Hobson and Bill and Robbie Hobson, all of Grapeland; nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Terry Dean Hobson.

Surviving are her husband, Lester Ray Johnson, whom she married January 25, 1957 in Blossom; children, Monte Johnson and wife Shelia, Melinda Brown, Arlene Janeway, Darlene Allison and husband David; her parents, Hip and Reba Whitley; grandchildren, Clint Johnson, Melissa Jones and husband Bubba, Chris Janeway, LaShell Johnson, Brandi Allison and Justin Allison; and one great-grandchild, D.J. Jones.

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Bogata V.F.W. News

- * The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.
- * The Ladies Auxiliary will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.
- * The VFW men will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.
- * The Post has a shuffle board tournament every Saturday beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and share the fun.
- * There is going to be a Valentine Dance held February 16, 2002 starting at 8:00 p.m. Home town band, "Next of Kin" will play for the event. Everyone is invited to attend.
- * The Post will be having a benefit meal March 2, 2002 beginning at 12:00 noon for Mary Elrod. More details will be available soon.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who has had our family in your prayers for the last few weeks.

Your calls, visits, concern and food have been greatly appreciated by us all. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.

John, Phebe, Zachary, Dustin and Hollie Allen



Rhoda Lou Lee dies February 5

Rhoda Lou Lee, age 100 of Blossom, went to be with her Lord Tuesday, February 5, 2002 from Paris Nursing Home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 7 at East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church with George Goodman, Henry Blackmon and J.T. McNabb officiating. Burial was in East Post Oak Cemetery under the direction of Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home.

Rhoda was born May 26, 1901 in Paulding County, GA to Joseph Lee and Amanda Cleveland Turner. She married John W. "Bill" Lee on February 27, 1921 in Lamar County. She was a homemaker, belonged to the WHD Club and was a member of East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church.

Surviving are three children, Wilbourne Lee and wife Geneva of Post Oak, Wallace Lee and wife Frieda of Ft. Worth, Billie Ruth Bates and husband Alvis of Blossom; five grandchildren, Carol Lee Calloway, Pam Lee Simmons, Johnie Lee, Pattie Bates and Mark Bates; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband and an infant son.

Pallbearers were Newman Low, Billy Flinn, James Lee, Leo Reeves, Donald Vaughn and Darrell Vaughn. Honorary bearers were Mark Bates, Johnie Lee, Larry Calloway, Keith Jackson, Paul Mullens, Chad Long and Aaron Bates.

Thursday, February 14 Valentine's Day Rose Recipes

Rose Sugar
1/2 cup rose petals
1 cup granulated sugar
Mince rose petals and blend with sugar until flavors combine (about three weeks). Strain sugar and store in dry pantry. Sugar will be more coarse than you may be used to.

Rose Syrup
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon lemon juice
2 cups rose petals
Boil sugar, water, corn syrup and lemon juice along with rose petals. Cook until slightly thickened. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Strain and store in refrigerator for up to three weeks.

Rose-Tarragon Vinegar
1 cup pink rose petals
2 sprigs fresh tarragon
1 liter distilled white salad vinegar
Place rose petals, tarragon and vinegar in sealed container for 3 weeks. After this time, strain petals and reserve tarragon. Funnel vinegar into a decorative bottle and add tarragon sprig as garnish. Can be stored up to 6 months in cool pantry.

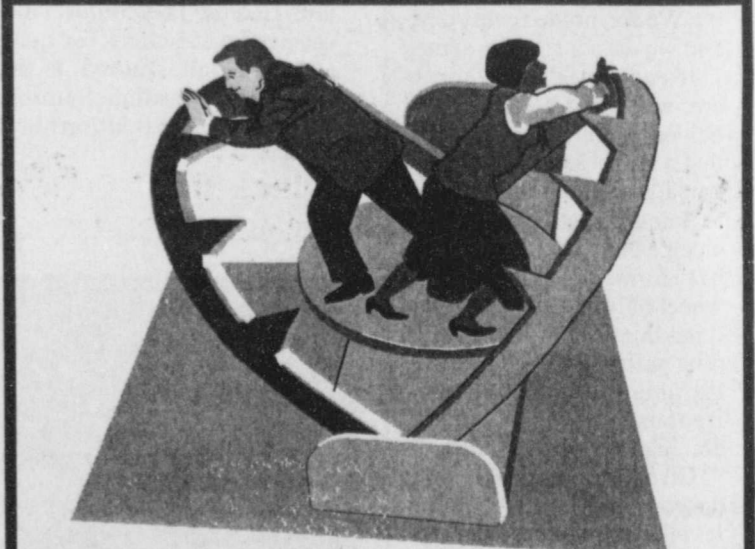
Rosewater
1 cup red rose petals
1 cup water
Boil water and petals until leaves turn translucent and all color is extracted for about 10 minutes. Cover saucepan and allow to "age" overnight in refrigerator. Strain petals. Funnel into bottles and can be stored for about 2 weeks in refrigerator.

Rose Mayonnaise
1/4 cup rose tarragon vinegar
dash of salt
dash paprika
dash cayenne pepper
1 egg yolk
1 cup light salad oil
In blender or food processor, combine all ingredients except oil at high speed until ingredients thicken slightly. While processor is still running, add oil a few drops at a time. As recipe thickens, increase oil to a very slow stream.

Rose Hip Jam or Jelly
1 cup cleaned ripe rose hips
1 cup chopped tart apple
2 cups water
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 cup sugar
Boil rose hips with apples, water and lemon juice until ingredients are soft. Process mixture or grind and force through a sieve. Add strained mixture to sugar and boil to 222 degrees for about 20 minutes. Seal in jars. Rose jelly is prepared with rosewater, sugar and pectin instead of rose hips and apples. Follow package directions on pectin package.

Stuffed Baked Apple with Rose Syrup and Toasted Almonds
2 fresh apples
juice from 4 lemon halves
1/4 cup almonds
1 tablespoon butter
1/4 cup rose syrup
Core apples and add juice of 1/2 lemon to each cavity. Sauté almonds in butter until golden brown. Add rose syrup to almonds. Heat through and spoon mixture into apple cavities. Place on roasting pan and bake at 350 degrees until tender-around 45 minutes. Serve warm.

Rose Cranberry Sauce
8 ounces fresh cranberries
1/2 cup rose sugar 3/4 cup rosewater
1/2 tablespoon orange zest
rinsed rose petals to garnish
Mix rosewater and rose sugar in large saucepan. Stir on low until sugar is dissolved. Add cranberries; increase heat until mixture boils. Simmer for 5-10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until berries are tender and skins begin to burst. Remove from heat and stir in orange zest. Serve warm as a side dish. Use rose petals to garnish.



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Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

The Family of Mona Childers

Blood drive is March 21

Stewart Regional Blood Center and East Texas Medical Center and Lennox Health Resource Center will hold a community blood drive on Thursday, March 21 at ETMC in Clarksville from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Lennox Health Resource Center from 2 until 6 p.m.

Candidate forum is February 16

A candidates forum will be held February 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the temporary Red River County Courthouse in Clarksville. Candidates for election will give speeches regarding their

qualifications and reasons for running. They will also be available for questions, both publicly and privately. All registered voters are encouraged to attend this meeting.

RRV Dixie Softball meeting

The Red River Valley Girls Softball League will meet on Sunday, February 24, 2002 at the Bogata Community Center at 4:00 p.m.

This will be the first meeting of the season and all officers and coaches from Avery, Blossom, Bogata, Clarksville, Deport, Detroit and Talco are urged to attend and help set up the coming season. For more information contact David Mauldin in Bogata.



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FOUR TIMES STATE CHAMP! Lee Lindeman has captured the State Turkey Calling Contest for the fourth year and is now on his way to the Nationals in Nashville Tennessee. He also won the state Owl Calling contest. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Lee Lindeman named State Turkey Calling Champion

Lee Lindeman of Clarksville was named the State Turkey Calling Champion at the State Convention held in Houston recently. Lindeman competed with 16 other entrants for the title. The championship marks the fourth State title for the Clarksville businessman. Lindeman won first place in Open, first place in State and first place in Owl Hooting, marking a place in the history books since it was the first time a competitor has won all three events on the same day.

Lindeman began participating in the sport in 1982. His father picked him up following a ball game at Prairiland in 1982 and took Lee and his brother to the Coleman, TX on a turkey hunt. Lee said that after watching his guide make calls, he was hooked. It was 1996, however, before he entered his first competition. He won the first event and has not

looked back, winning plaques, guns and money.

Lee is now eligible for the Grand Turkey Calling Contest to be held in Nashville, TN, his fourth National competition since 1997. The contest will be featured on the *Outdoor Channel*.


Lee plans to make his own video on Red River County Outdoors.

The love of the sport is shared with his son, Layne, who is seven years old and his daughter, Karlee, who is two.

The Pioneer Chapter of the Northeast Texas Wild Turkey Association will hold their fourth annual banquet on Saturday, February 23 at 6 p.m. at the Clarksville High School Auditorium. A woman's banquet will be held in Clarksville on May 11. Anyone needing more information can call Lee at 427-2244.

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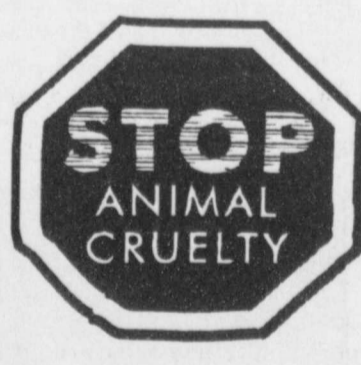
RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS

 This week's query is from Brian H. Finley, 2190 Ann Arbor Saline Red #234, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, e-mail gapoof@aol.com. He is interested in learning about this great-grandfather, William Finley, born in 1914 in Alabama. He settled in Red River County very early and fought in the Texas Revolution. William was granted land by the Governor of the Republic of Texas and the land is thought to be now located in a county adjoining Red River County. William also served in the Civil War as a member of the Mounted Patrol. He was the father of six children, one of whom was Marcus Aurelius Finley born in 1854. Any information about this family would be appreciated. If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426

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Heart Health Fair is Saturday
 Titus Regional Medical Center is hosting Heart Health Fair 2002 on Saturday, February 16 from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The event will take place at the Medical Center Mall. A Lipid Panel will be given for \$10.00; PSA's for men for \$10. Free screening for blood sugar will be available. Dr. Kurt Pflieger will answer questions about cardiology. Tissue typing for the National Marrow Donor Program and lots of healthy food samples and recipes will be available. For more information, call 577-6299.

Free foot screening is March 1
 CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System will sponsor a free foot screening for diabetics at its Bogata Clinic on Friday, March 1. Hours will be from 9 - 11 a.m. The public is invited, however anyone suffering from diabetes, or who is suspected diabetic, is especially encouraged to attend. Door prizes and "goody bags" will be given. The March 1 screening is the second in a series of free health screenings and programs scheduled for the first Friday of the month at the Bogata Clinic. The first of the series included free blood glucose tests, and in April a program is planned on creating special diets for diabetics. Those wishing more information about CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Diabetes Management Program may call Lisa Allen, RN, at 737-3924.

Bake sale to benefit Humane Society
 The Red River County Humane Society will hold their annual bake sale on Saturday, March 31 from 8 a.m. until sold out on the Wal-Mart sidewalk in Clarksville. Baked goods are needed and cash donations will be accepted. For information, contact Terri Henneise at 966-2000.



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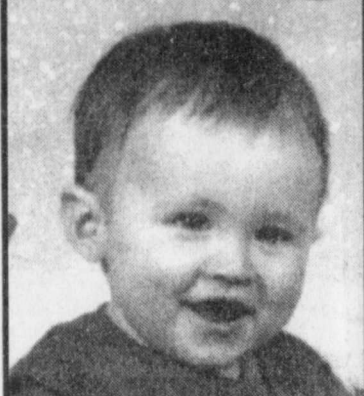
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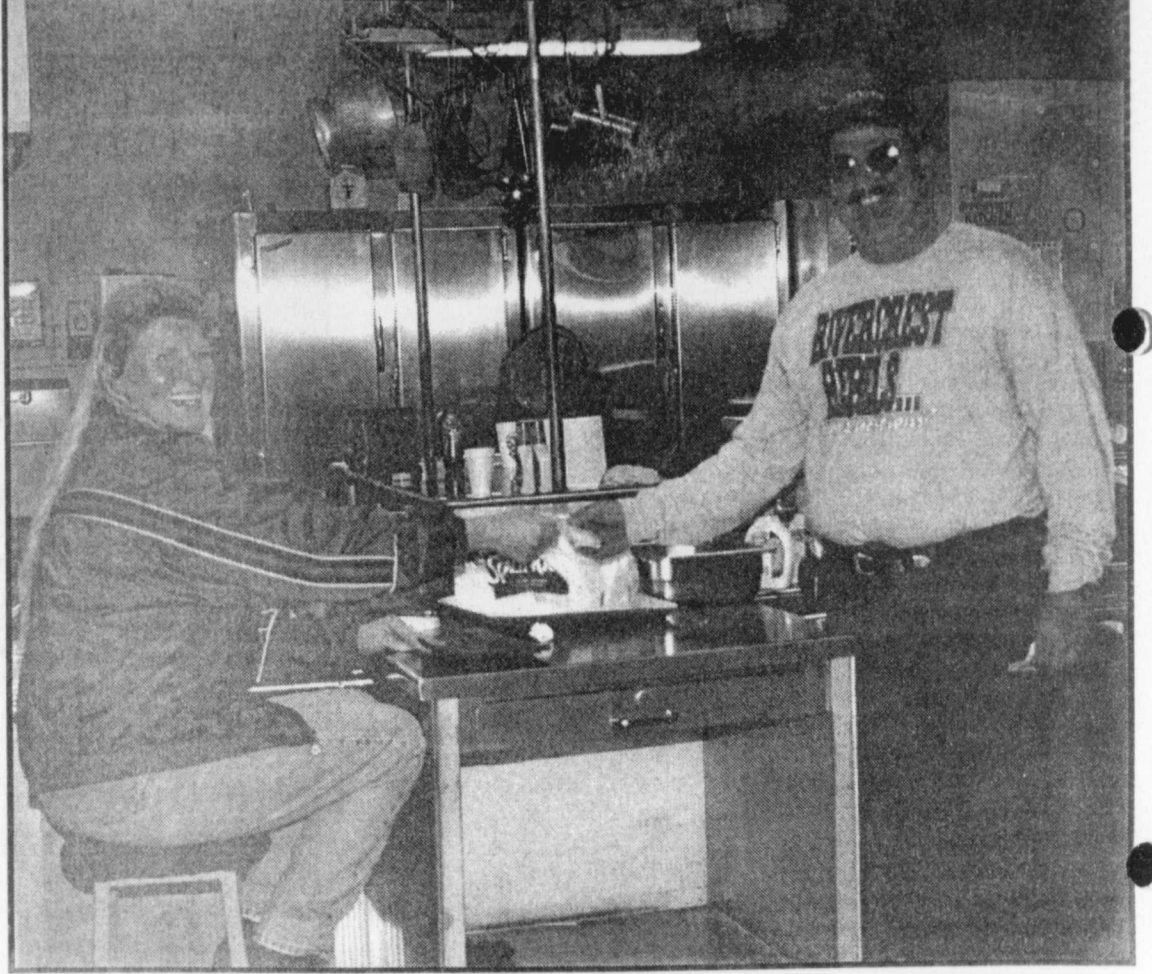
Mrs. Lola B. Poindexter

Gifted/Talented nominations open

Rivercrest Elementary and Junior High will be taking parent nominations for the Gifted and Talented Program. To receive a nomination form, please contact your child's teacher or Karla Palmer at 632-5214. The deadline for forms to be returned to the school is Friday, March 1, 2002.



FIRST BIRTHDAY-Jaden James Brown, son of Jack and Jennifer Brown, celebrated his first birthday February 6, 2002. On Saturday, Feb. 9 he was honored with a party at his home in Powderly. 35 guests attended including his grandmother, Nancy Brown and cousins, Quinton Anderson, Katherine Graf, Rachel and Susan Smith from Maple Springs. Other special guests were his grandparents, Carl and Pam Allmon and great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Cox all of Roxton and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Barber of Paris. The party theme was "First Birthday" and Jaden had one cake that carried out the theme and a personal cake with a "Superman" theme. Guests enjoyed cake, ice cream and drinks and all the children attending received goodie bags. Jaden had a wonderful time and received many nice gifts.



RIVERCREST BOOSTER CLUB-President, Connie Giles is happy to take Mark Hare's money at the supper sponsored by the club Friday night at RHS. All proceeds from the event will go toward various activities and the Booster Club Scholarship Program. Everyone who helped, donated or purchased a meal are appreciated. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Mother of former resident honored on 100th birthday

Mrs. Lola B. Poindexter, a resident of Azle Manor, was honored on Sunday, January 27, 2002 with a party celebrating her 100th birthday. Hostesses for the event were her daughters Gwen Kilgore, Pat Edwards and Brenda Scoggins. Several of her grandchildren were also co-hosts. The celebration was held in the Emanuel Building at Ash Creek Park in Azle, TX. Daughter of the honoree, Brenda Scoggins and her husband Harley, are former residents of Bogata who now reside in Fort Worth.

on January 29, 1902. She married Ernest Eugene "Dick" Poindexter on April 27, 1920 in Fort Worth, where they lived for almost 51 years prior to his death in 1971. They were the parents of seven children, including the late Eugenia Johnson, Richard "Joe" Poindexter, Mary Ann Martin and Jack Daniel "Dan" Poindexter, in addition to the three daughters hosting the party. Mrs. Poindexter has 23 grandchildren and a multitude of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A floral motif was used and tables were covered in shades of pink and rose and were overlaid with lace. The main table had a beautiful centerpiece of pink roses, calla lilies, Fuji mums, and million star, which was a gift from a granddaughter. A great-granddaughter made one of the large cakes and great-granddaughters, also, served the cake and punch. Pink candles in hurricane globes and large balloon bouquets filled the room. The honoree received many cards, flowers and gifts for her special day.

Mrs. Poindexter was a long-time member of Eagle Mountain Baptist Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher for about 20 years. Prior to that, she was an active member and Sunday school teacher at Turner Memorial Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Many friends from both churches attended the celebration.

Guests traveled from as far away as New Hampshire, Nevada, and Georgia, as well as from all over Texas, for the very special event, which was attended by about 200 guests. A special guest was Mrs. Sarah Horton, 94, sister of the honoree.

Mrs. Poindexter's favorite pastime was flower gardening, a hobby that she pursued until she was more than 96 years old. Her beautiful flowers were often appreciated and photographed by passersby. Mrs. Poindexter was an avid reader, especially of the Bible, and she was always eager to assist anyone in need. She has seen many changes in her 100 years, and has experienced everything from riding in a horse-drawn wagon as a child, to seeing a man land on the moon! She is a dear, sweet lady who is loved and admired by many.

Lola Beatrice Fry was born at Johnsville, in Erath County, TX

Sweetheart Dance to be held Feb. 15

The Rivercrest Junior High Student Council will be sponsoring a "Sweetheart Dance" on Friday, February 15, 2002 for students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

The event will be held in the Talco School cafeteria from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The admission will be \$3.00 per person. All proceeds will go to the Student Council and will be used on various activities throughout the year. All junior high students are invited and urged to attend for a fun evening. The Student Council is sponsored by Ms. Leah Bull.



Red River Healthcare Valentine King and Queen Pat and Francis Stephens

Valentine King and Queen crowned at Red River Healthcare

There is new royalty at Red River Healthcare! Pat and Francis Stephens were crowned Valentine King and Queen during festivities at the Valentine Banquet held Monday night.

The Stephens' have been married for 52 years and have one daughter. They moved to Talco many years ago and have traveled extensively during their marriage. They have been a part of Red

River Healthcare's family for several months. Mt. Zion Methodist Church Chancelor Choir blessed everyone with their singing and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all attending.

Red River Healthcare staff expresses appreciation to all the family members who attended the event and extend special thanks to Annette Skaggs for all of her help.

RHS Athletic Boosters to meet

There will be a meeting on Monday, February 18, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. of the Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club in the Home-making room at Rivercrest High School.

Preparations for the upcoming track meet concession stands will be made as well as discussing the athletic banquet. The group needs your support and help especially during the all day track meets. For more information call Karen Beers at 903-427-5522 or 903-674-2272.



LACY HARPER received the position of State Student Director at the Pan-American Student Forum State Convention held in San Antonio Jan. 31-Feb. 4. Lacy replaced Rivercrest's own Krystal Valenzuela who served in the position last year. Congratulations Lacy!!! (Staff Photo)

February meeting of Bogata Book Club

Bogata Book Club met for the February meeting at the Depot United Methodist Church.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags, Nanalee Nichols gave the quotation for the evening. Gale Hervey introduced Patricia Higgins, nurse practitioner, from Bogata. Ms. Higgins gave an interesting and informative program about women's health issues. Brochures were available for members to read.

Eleven members and one guest were in attendance. Wanda Bradley and Nell Schull served refreshments.

Rivercrest students attend State Convention in San Antonio

During the weekend of January 31-February 4, the Rivercrest Pan-American Student Forum attended the state Spanish convention in San Antonio. Even though the group was smaller than normal, everyone enjoyed the trip. While in San Antonio, the group attended workshops, visited the Alamo and also visited the market in the downtown area.

Krystal Valenzuela finished her year as State Student Director and Lacy Harper ran for the position and will be replacing Krystal during the next school year as a state officer. Rivercrest High School has had a student who has been a state officer for the last four years. The group are sponsored by Mrs. Pam Hays. Congratulations, Lacy!!



WORKERS are finishing up on the exterior of the Red River County Court House. The corners are being fitted with concrete turrets that weigh over a thousand pounds each. When complete, each corner will be over seven feet tall. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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RIVERCREST 2002 PIPS-Members of this year's Players in Progress team are: (back from the left) Jessica Jessee and Emily McCuller; (third row from the left) Kyle McCuller, Brady Kennedy, Haily Screws, Kelsey Franks and Tara Ussery; (second row from the left) Carter Kelsey, Tyler Easley, Jordan Thompson, Jacob Harville, Landon Earley and Austin Easley and (front from the left) Ellen Sternes, Bailey Rhodes, Hailey Brown, Carli Brown, Emily Ward, Hanna Rhodes, Dakota Parrot and Lexie Earley. The group is sponsored by Ricky and Lori Franks and Kelly and Judy McCuller.

Rivercrest Power Lifting Teams compete Feb. 9

by Leah Bull

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel Power Lifting Team placed 3rd in the 2nd Annual Detroit Powerade/William's Sporting Goods Power Lifting Meet on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002. The Power Lifting Team from Caddo Mills took 1st place. Princeton's Power Lifting Team took 2nd and Detroit's team came in 4th with Pittsburg placing 5th. Taking 1st place in the 97 lb. class was junior, Tina Carder with a squat of 225 lbs., a bench press of 115 lbs. and a dead lift of 245 lbs. for a total of 585 lbs. Tina also won the Light Weight Lifter of the Detroit Meet. She is currently holding the number one spot in the regional standings.

Kacey Van Deaver, freshman, placed 4th in the 105 lb. class with a squat of 115 lbs., a bench press of 55 lbs. and a dead lift of 160 lbs. for a total of 330 lbs.

Placing 1st in the 114 lb. class was junior, Stephanie Williams with a squat of 225 lbs., a bench press of 110 lbs. and a dead lift of 240 lbs. for a total lift of 575 lbs. Also competing in the 114 class was Alison Foster, a junior, who placed 5th with a squat of 190 lbs., a bench press of 100 lbs. and a dead lift of 200 lbs. for a total of 490 lbs.

Brittany Bull, a senior, placed 4th in the 123 class with a squat of 195 lbs., a bench press of 110 lbs. and a dead lift of 230 lbs. for a

total of 535 lbs. Brittany is currently ranked 4th in the regional standings in the 123 class.

Misti Joe Tucker, a senior, placed 4th in the 132 class with a squat of 195 lbs., a bench press of 100 lbs. and a dead lift of 200 lbs. for a total lift of 495 lbs. Danielle Easterling, a junior, also competed in the 132 lb. class with a squat of 150 lbs., a bench press of 85 lbs. and a dead lift of 195 lbs. for a total of 430 lbs. Nikki Jones, a junior, had a squat of 140 lbs., a bench press of 70 lbs. and a dead lift of 220 lbs. for a total of 430 lbs.

Lacie Hinton, a freshman, placed 4th in the 148 class with a squat of 170 lbs., a bench press of 125 lbs. and a dead lift of 220 for a total of 515 lbs. Lacie also had the best bench press in the Heavy Weight Class (148-198 lb. class). Junior, Rachel Case placed 6th in the 148 class with a squat of 150 lbs., a bench press of 85 lbs. and a dead lift of 190 for a total of 425 lbs.

The Rivercrest Rebel Power Lifting Team competed against lifters from Detroit, Hooks, New Boston, Caddo Mills, Honey

Grove, North Lamar, Cooper, Liberty Eylau, Pleasant Grove, Paris High and Quitman. New Boston took home first place. Paris High and Quitman tied for second, Honey Grove and North

Senior Chance Wolfe competed in the 181 lb. class with a squat of 315, bench press of 170 and dead lift of 360 lbs. for a total of 845 lbs. and put him in 12th place.

Lamar tied for third. The Rivercrest boys have showed great improvement in their lifting ability over the last three meets they have attended.

Competing in the 148 lbs. class was Chance Crawford, a sophomore, who had a squat off 135 lbs. He "broke out" in the bench press.

Sophomore Matt Ross competed in the 165 lb. class with a squat off 250 lbs., a bench press of 180 lbs. and a dead lift of 315 lbs. for a total of 745 lbs. and put him in 10th place.

Juniors Chance Belcher and Josh Cabell both competed in the 198 lb. class. Chance had a squat of 350, a bench press of 205 and a dead lift of 400 lbs. for a total of 995 lbs. and put him in 8th place. Josh had a squat of 350, a bench press of 230 and a dead lift of 420 lbs. for a total of 1000 lbs. and put him in 7th place.

The Lady Rebel Power Lifting Team will be competing in the ladies only White Oak Power Lifting Meet on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002. Good Luck Lady Rebel Power Lifters!!!



KELSEY FRANKS-participated in the Ft. Worth Livestock Show with her goat, Leroy on January 26 and 27, 2002. Kelsey is the daughter of Ricky and Lori Franks of Sugar Hill.

People N' Things

Phone numbers for the three campuses of Rivercrest ISD are:

Talco School Rivercrest Junior High-903-379-3841

Rivercrest High School-903-632-5204

Rivercrest Elementary School-903-632-5214.

Tuesdays

BAM (Bogata Area Moms) playgroup for stay at home moms and their children meets Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Call Kelly for more information at 903-632-4493.

Purchase Early

Sales of \$1.00 chances on a special Easter Basket to be given away at the annual Talco Park Easter Egg Hunt will begin January 14. The fund-raiser is sponsored by the Talco 4-H. Chances may be purchased from any member or at the Talco Guaranty Bank or Gotta Have It located downtown Talco.

Valentine Bouquets

Rivercrest Band students are selling Valentine Bouquets to be delivered at school on Valentine Day. Each bouquet is \$5.00 and includes balloons, ribbon and a Valentine lollipop. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of new instruments for the students. To send you children, sweetheart or friends a special wish on Valentines contact any Rivercrest Band member or call the school at 903-572-5204.

February 19

The Rivercrest Elementary 4th grade students will take their TAAS Writing test on Tuesday, February 19. Students are urged to get a good night's rest and eat a good breakfast to help them do their best.

February 19

The Rivercrest PTO will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2002 at the Elementary School Cafeteria. All members are urged to attend.

A dinner will be held for Janice Bivins Gentry, candidate for District Clerk, on Saturday, February 16 at 6 p.m. at the Bogata Community Center. Come and meet the candidate and enjoy a spaghetti dinner.

The Relay for Life First Team Captain's meeting will be Monday, February 18 at Western Sizzlin in Mt. Pleasant at noon. Everyone interested in forming a team is invited to attend. Teams are being formed from Camp, Franklin, Morris and Titus county residents. For information, contact 572-9823.

People 'N Things

The Calvary Baptist Church will have a Valentine banquet on February 16 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy special fellowship and great fun.

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.
-Benjamin Franklin

Ball sign-up is February 17

Bogata Baseball/Softball and T-Ball signups will be held on Sunday February 17 from 2-4 and again on Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Bogata Community Center. A fee of \$25.00 will need to be paid at this time unless other arrangements are made.

A Baseball/Softball meeting will follow the signups on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Election of officers and plans for the upcoming year will be made. Anyone interested in coaching a team should be present for this meeting.

Bogata Locals

(Call your news in at 903-632-5322. If the machine is on please leave a message)



Doyle and Nina Smith of Denton visited with Christine Baker over the weekend. On Friday evening they enjoyed supper at the 909 Cafe in Bogata. On Saturday they traveled to Blossom and visited with Billie Welch. At lunch they enjoyed a meal at the Rio Verde in Blossom. The Smith's returned home on Sunday.

Sunday lunch guests with Zelma Mauldin were her sister's, Yvonne Powell of Carrollton and Margie Garrett. Also sharing the meal was Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer.

George Hobbs of Huntsville spent Friday through Tuesday with his mother, Helen Williams.

Tommy Corbell visited with Christine Baker Sunday afternoon.

Happy February Birthday to: Scott Ryan Gaddis, Katie Yale, Katherine Corbell, Jon Newsom, Kermit Jordan, Stella Mankins, Gina Allen, Tom White, Janice McElheney, Pauline Williams,

Gwendolyn Moreno, Feliz Moreno, Amy Green, Neva Dell Harville, Russell Rozell, Linda Eilers, Layna Earley, Larry Garretson, Mark Evans, Elmer Green, Mary Childres Reeves, Tresa Couch, Jamey Whitley, Chris Shirley, Megan Horn, Dennis Martin, Aubrey Herring, Russell Butler, Lloyd Ford, Larry Golightly, Chris Eudy, Raymond Dugger Jr., Alex Davidson and Brian Babb.

Thursday visitors with Helen Williams were Patty Barton of Bagwell and Haletha and Granville Jones of Commerce.

Christine Baker and Pam Winten were in Paris on business Monday afternoon.

Tricia Bradley, Corey and Casey of Bismark, Arkansas visited parents and grandparents, Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer in their new home this week.

Happy February Anniversary to: Bob and Dee Richardson.

Talco Locals

Please call your locals news in to 379-4445

Arthur, Patsy and Melanie Smith and Candace Miller enjoyed the Mardi Gras Parade in Shreveport, LA. last Saturday.

Visiting with Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul Friday evening were Elodia Grissom, Matthew and Donnette Parrot, Dakota and Croix, Bobby and Dena Littrell, Brittany and Bryan.

Happy February Birthday to Jimmy Smith, Donna Wright, Wade Wright, Sammy Newsom, Mabry O'Keefe, Marie Norman, Rachel Ward and Amber Lum. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hall cel-

ebrated their 29th wedding anniversary Monday, February 9, 2002. They along with Chasity Francis, Caley, Camen and friend, Amber, Merry Robertson and Nita Robertson celebrated with a meal at Vaughan's Fish Fry.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Easley will celebrate their wedding anniversary Feb. 21, 2002.

Nancy Brown, Katherine Graf, Rachel and Susan Smith, Megan and Monica Savage and Cassandra Norman attended the youth basketball games in Winfield Friday night.

Justice of the Peace J.R. Lewis' comments in last week's Clarksville Times about his Close Relations with Constable Shimpock concerns me. As I read the law, the JP, to maintain neutrality, should be in NO close relation with law enforcement! SEPARATION OF POWERS must survive at all levels. The JP is clearly a "judicial" office, while the constable holds an "executive position".

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- Resident, Charlene Harris-Bobbie Giles and Betty Denison.
- Resident, Hontus Pettit-Mildred Tucker, Lois Wells, Betty Denison, Glen, Shirley and Michelle Babb, Annette Chennault, Houston Pettit, Rhonda, Jared and Jarac Myrick.
- Resident, Willie Mae Topping-Mr. and Mrs. James A. Watts, Corine Alford, Lucille Pettit, Becky Ross, June Young.
- Resident, Roger Williams-Carl Williams, June Young and Becky Ross.
- Resident, Kathryn Daypool-Wilma Weddle.
- Resident, Inez Henson-Richard Swarts.
- Resident, Cowboy Denny-Ri-

- chard Swarts.
- Resident, M.L. Brown-June Young and Becky Ross.
- Resident, Kathryn Presley-Jim Presley, Ronnie and Marilyn Presley and Mary Ann Clancy.
- Resident, Melvin Pointer-Daphne Pointer.
- Resident, Maxine Topping-Rusty and Gracee Damron.
- Resident, James Latimer-Carlos and Betty Denison.
- Resident, Billie Hancock-Betty Denison.
- Resident, Bobby Massey-Betty Denison.
- Resident, Myrtle Singleton-Betty Denison.
- Resident, Oreville Langston-Joyce and Wayne Hagler.
- Resident, Georgia Miller-Paul Miller.
- Residents, Bonnie and Floyd Elson-Opal Benson, Ronald and Dorothy Benson.
- Your visits are greatly enjoyed by the residents of Red River Healthcare. Stop by and see a friend or family member today.

Bogata Baseball/ Softball meeting set

The Bogata Baseball/Softball Organization will meet at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 17 at the Bogata Community Center. Anyone interested in helping with this year's season are invited to attend.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor,
President Abe Lincoln had lots of problems, big, big problems. We at Lamar Electric Cop are in the same shape now. Are we going to face our problems head on like Pres. Lincoln did or are we going to take the easy way out and do nothing and let Cap Rock take over?

I don't want to pay off Cap Rock debt. Our children, our grandchildren, our great-grandchildren will still be paying on that debt. We will lose the money we have earned (Cap Rock has made the statement that we will receive no cash dividends). They will take it. We keep hearing about the ice storm. It was really bad and costly, Lamar Electric charged each meter \$10.00 per month to pay for that. The Federal government gave a grant to pay for it. Where did all that money go? I want to know where the money was spent and how.

We vote huge bonds to build bigger and better schools. That I don't understand. The small children and old people (property owners) will have to pay for the bond. The small children will have a school day two hours longer. The old people will have to pay for the new building. Most of them are on a fixed income. No doubt lots of them will either have to sell their homes to keep from loosing them. New buses will have to be bought, new drivers hired, unless the trustees wake up and study their plight and change the facility, all will be lost. Is that what we want? I don't. Let's start now and clean up things. Let's start with Lamar Electric, attend the meeting on Saturday, February 16 at Love Civic Center and try to stop this merger. We are in enough trouble without taking on Cap Rock. We can't get straight, honest answers on anything.

With all due respect to everyone and malice toward none, I remain respectfully yours,
Pearis C. Abernathy

NOTICE OF SALE
State of Texas by virtue of an order of sale:
Red River County
February 1, 2002

and issued pursuant to judgement decree(s) of the District Court of Red River County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on February 1, 2002, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in march, 2002, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the East Door of the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Clarksville, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 a.m., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Red River and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Suite No. 326-CV-10-90: Red River Appraisal District, et al vs. Bobby L. Titus, et al, 102nd Judicial District, Red River County, Tract 2: 1.00 acre, more or less, situated in the Asa Dean Survey, Abstract 236, Red River County, being more particularly described by metes & bounds in Volume 263, page 809 Deed Records of Red River County, Texas (Acct #10235-00000-0490/R12846 Avery ISD, Red River Water Dist. & Red River Co.)

Suite No. 244-CV-10-92: Clarksville ISD, et al vs. Belinda Edwards, 102nd Judicial Court, Red River County, 5.07 acres, more or less, in the B.B.B. & Co. Ry. Survey, Abstract 121, described by metes and bounds in Volume 375, page 433, Deed Records of Red River County, Texas (Acct #10121-00000-0030/R11570 Clarksville ISD & Red River Co.)

Suite No. 258-CV-9-93: Talco-Bogata Consolidated Independent School District vs. John Ward, et al, 102nd Judicial District, Red River County, 9000 square feet out of the W.G. Miller Survey, being more particularly described by metes and bounds in Volume 219, Page 568, Deed Records of Red River County, Texas, and being shown and 0.20 acre out of the W.G. Miller Survey, Red River County, Texas, on the tax rolls of the Talco-Bogata Consolidated Independent School District (Acct #14120-00000-2750/R25308. Talco Bogata CISD & RRCD)

Suite No. 59-CV-2-95: City of Clarksville and Red River County vs. Johnny R. Edwards, et al, 102nd Judicial District, Red River County, 5,720 square feet being 0.131 acre, more or less out of Lots 1 and 2, Block 6, Cheatham Addition, and being more particularly described as Tract 1 and 5.291 square feet being 0.122 acre, more or less out of Lot 1, Block 6, Cheatham Addition, and be-

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ing more particularly described as Tract 2, in Volume 303, Page 541, Deed Records of Red River County, Texas (Acct#12150-00600-0010/R22065 Red River Co., City of Clarksville, Clarksville ISD)

Suite No. 26-CV-2-97: Detroit Independent School District, et al vs. Georgia V. Gunn, 102nd Judicial District, Red River County, 9.00 acres, more or less, out of the W.K. Revier Survey, Abstract 707, being more particularly described in Volume 122, Page 508, Deed Records of Red River County, Texas (Acct#10707-0000-0470-00/R17755 Detroit ISD, Red River Co. Water Dist. & Red River Co.)

Suite No. 286-CV-12-97: Red River Appraisal District, et al vs. William Henry Rosser, et al, 6th Judicial District, Red River County, Tract 1: All of Block 11, Beason Addition, City of Clarksville, according to the Official Plat and Dedication of Records in the office of the County Clerk of Red River County, Texas (Acct #12060-0100-00101/R21965 Clarksville ISD, City of Clarksville & Red River Co.) Tract 2: All of Block 14, Beason Addition, City of Clarksville, according to the Official Plat and Dedication of Records in the office of the County Clerk of Red River County, Texas (Acct#12060-01400-0010/R21968 Clarksville ISD, City of Clarksville & Red River Co.)

Suite No. 296-CV-12-97: Red River Appraisal District vs. Jerry G. Phelps, et al, 6th Judicial District, Red River County, Tract 1: Lot 11, Kay Addition, City of Clarksville, Red River County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 274, Page 569, Deed Records of Red River County, Texas (Acct#12510-0000-0120/R23454 Clarksville ISD, City of Clarksville & Red River County)

Suite No. 172-CV-7-98: Red River Appraisal District, et al vs. Debra Rose, et al, 6th Judicial District, Red River County, Lots 5 & 8, Block 21, Taylor Addition, City of Clarksville, Red River County, Texas, as described in Volume 333, Page 57, Deed Records of Red River County, Texas (Acct#R24283/12930-02100-0050 Clarksville ISD, City of Clarksville & Red River County)

Suite No. 266-CV-9-99: Red River County Appraisal District, et al vs. David L. Hines, et al, 6th Judicial District, Red River County, The East 1/2 of Lot 23, Casa Linda Estates Addition, an addition in Red River County, Texas, as described in Volume 437, Page 344, Deed Records of Red River County, Texas (Acct#12120-00000-0231/R22030 Clarksville ISD & Red River County) (any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Red River County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.)

or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties and cost; and any property sold

shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Clarksville, Texas, the 1st day of February, 2002.
Jerry N. Conway, Sheriff
Red River County, Texas
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS

The Blossom Housing Authority will hold a public meeting on February 19, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. to receive comments on the Annual Plan for the Blossom Housing Authority. All documents are on display at the office of the Housing Authority, 630 West Division, Monday through Friday during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
2-14

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Deport called election will be May 4, 2002 at Deport City Hall from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sign-up will be February 18 through March 20, 2002 during regular business hours of 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Deadline for write-in candidates and early voting will be March 20, 2002. The election is called for the election of Mayor and two Council members.
2-14

NOTICE

The Detroit Independent School District is soliciting requests for proposals from accounting firms for audit of the 2001-2002 school year.

As required by the State of Texas, a financial audit of the District must be performed to determine two issues: (a) whether the financial statements present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flow or changes in financial positions of the school district in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals, and (b) whether the district has complied with laws and regulations for those transactions and events that may have a material effect on the financial statements.

DISD Board of Trustees will meet March 7, 2002 to review submitted proposals. Please send all bids to Curtis Barnett, Superintendent, Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, TX 75436, or if further information is needed, call 903-674-6131.
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The Bogata High School Class of 1962 will be holding their 40th Reunion on Saturday, April 13, 2002 at the home of Martha Jo (Smith) & Duane Bryson in Rosalie, TX. The reunion will start at 9:30 a.m. and all classmates, teachers & friends are invited to come by and visit.



TERRI HENNEISE, President of Red River County Humane Society, was presented with a check for \$1,000 from the Wal-Mart Foundation by store associate Angela Bogan. These funds will give a boost to the new 100% spay-neuter program.



LARRY MOORE (left) and Brad Varley were presented a check for \$1,400 from the Wal-Mart Foundation by Wal-Mart Associate Angela Bogan. The money is to benefit the Red River county Volunteer Fire departments Annual Angel Tree Drive for underprivileged children.

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NEW BUSINESS-A new business has opened its doors in Bogata. Rusty's Auto Repair owned and operated by Rusty Lawings located on Hwy. 271 (in the old Texaco station) will offer general repairs, oil changes, flats fixed and more. The business is open 5 days a week and till 12:00 noon on Saturday. Stop by for an estimate on your job or call 903-632-0590 for appointments and information. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Financial Aid Night February 25

The annual Rivercrest High School Financial Aid Night for graduating seniors will be held February 25, 2002 in the Home-making room beginning at 7:00 p.m. Gayla Jeffery, from PJC, will be there to help students fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and to answer questions. Students will need to bring so-



JESSICA THOMPSON drives down court as she and her teammates from the Rivercrest Youth Basketball Association played their first game at Winfield Friday night. The Rivercrest Youth Basketball teams in grades 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 have joined the Chapel Hill/Harts Bluff/Winfield Youth Basketball League and will be playing all of their games at one of the three gyms each week. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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ROYAL SOUTHERN PRINCESS-Hailey Screws was crowned Royal Southern Princess February 3, 2002 from the Royal Southern Miss and Master Pageant held at the Terry Building in Valliant, Oklahoma. In her age group (10-13 yrs.) she received a 1st in each category. Of a possible 100 points, Hailey received 100 points. Along with her crown and sash she received a \$50 gift certificate, medals and trophies. Hailey will compete in the Miss Pre-Teen Texas Pageant on March 15-17 in Waco, Tx. Good Luck Hailey! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



ROYAL SOUTHERN QUEEN-Dana Crawford was crowned Royal Southern Queen February 3, 2002 from the Royal Southern Miss and Master Pageant held at the Terry Building in Valliant, Oklahoma. In her age group (14-16) she received 97.5 of a possible 100 points. Along with her crown and sash Dana received a huge trophy. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

RYB picture schedule

The Rivercrest Youth Basketball Association will have team and individual pictures taken on Sunday, February 17, 2002 at the Rivercrest High School gym. Teams are each scheduled a time for pictures as follows:
 2:00 p.m.---Wizards
 2:20 p.m.---Hot Shots
 2:40 p.m.---Lil' Rebs
 3:00 p.m.---Frogs
 3:20 p.m.---Stars (3rd-4th girls)
 3:40 p.m.---3rd-4th boys
 4:00 p.m.---Lady Rebels, Bobby's team
 4:20 p.m.---Starz, Nancy's team
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The North Franklin Volunteer Fire Department and the Hagansport Community Center will be hosting a "Fish Fry" on Saturday, February, 16, 2002. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. Your donation will be the only

fee. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a wonderful meal. All proceeds will go to the North Franklin Volunteer Fire Department and Hagansport Community Center.

Hospitalized Veterans Month

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3990 and its Auxiliary is asking everyone to join them in finding appropriate ways to pay tribute to the veterans of America's Armed forces during Hospitalized Veterans Month. The Post will be holding community ceremonies, activities and

visiting veterans hospitals, nursing homes and domiciliaries. Many veterans served their country in war and peace and are now hospitalized and separated from their families and friends. Everyone is encouraged to honor these heroes during this special time.

IMMEDIATE OPENING PEDIATRIC SCHEDULING COORDINATOR

Full time office position available for scheduling of private duty nurses for East Texas. Will assist in hiring and orientation process, take referrals, check in nursing notes, etc. LVN license required. Must have excellent organizational skills, be an excellent problem solver, have a positive and friendly personality, be able to handle multiple tasks and be computer literate. The right person will be able to think out of the box and show a lot of creativity.

If you are interested, please call Deborah A. Tinsley, RN at (903) 305-4957 M-F (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) or fax resume to 866-537-4905.

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