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Tea made out of WHAT!!!
Modern medicine seems awfully expensive these days. A two hundred dollar doctor visit isn't unusual, and the cost of medication is sky high. But, after hearing about "home remedies" at the Bogata Book Club the other evening, I've decided it sounds cheap...or at least worth the money rather than undergoing old-time treatments!

The roll call that night was "Home Remedies". There were the usual ones (what was the fascination with "coal oil" back then?), featuring whiskey and honey for colds, or that ubiquitous coal oil, and lots of hot teas and lemon juices.

But the cowpatty poultices kind of threw me for a loop!

Yes, I know cow manure heats up, and the old time belief seemed to be that this heat drew poison out. All I can think of is the poison it might put in!

But, Mary Ann Williams took the award for the best home remedy story.

It seems that when she was born her grandmother was on hand as well as the doctor. The doctor wanted to send her mother to the hospital, but the two women believed babies were best born at home, and refused to go. Finally, Mary Ann arrived, but she seems to have cried a lot.

Before her father knew what was going on, grandmother had collected hen droppings from the hen yard, and brewed up a nice "hen tea" to feed the newborn girl!

Yuck. I think that would make ME stop crying...I'd be too afraid to utter a peep.

Her dad had a fit when he found out, and stressed that no more of this disgusting remedy be administered to his beautiful little girl.

Later, he always told Mary Ann that he was so glad her navel healed up...because grandmother was hinting about those infamous cow patty poultices!

Spider webs, tobacco juice and other not-so-sterile substances were applied to cuts and punctures back in the 'old days' and, I suppose, little harm came of most of it.

Still, rather than go back to those old remedies, I'll just try and get by with some nice antibiotics, x-rays, MRIs and the other various and sundry things that make up modern medicine.

I wonder, a hundred years from now, if our current treatments will seem as barbaric as a coal oil and honey throat remedy? It could be, it really could be!

Church page getting closer to publication, information still needed

Just a reminder. Thunder Prairie Publishing is working on a once a month church page. To have your church's ad appear on this, please contact the main office at 652-4205. Fax to 652-6041. Or, if you have been contacted and have not yet gotten the ad information to us, please do so.

A number of churches have already turned in the information and money.

There is a \$10 a month charge for this, and the page will run for an entire year.

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We appreciate your prompt response to this.

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Tim Wood & Anaya Phillips practicing for gospel concert

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.

Voting location changed

Notice is given that by order of the Red River County Commissioner's Court on December 28, 2001, the voting location in Precinct 5 was ordered permanently moved to the Bogata Community Center.

This change was made because the Bogata Police Department now occupies the room in City Hall where the voting was previously held.

The Bogata Community Center is located in the 300 block of N.E. in Bogata.

This change effects only those registered voters who are registered in Voting Precinct #5. If you have any questions about what voting precinct you are in, you can refer to your voter's registration certificate or call the County Clerk's office at 903-427-2401.

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?

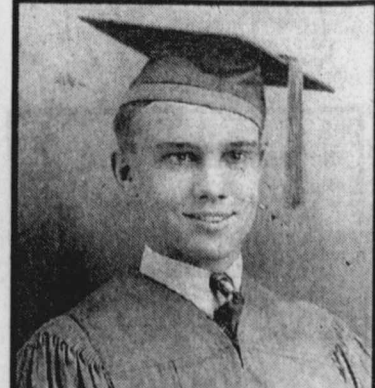
The graduates in pictures #1 graduated in 1928, 74 years ago. Graduates from 1928 who may attend homecoming are Bethel Smith Rangland and Frances Wood Franklin.

The graduate in picture #2 graduated in 1939, 63 years ago. Graduates from 1939 who may attend homecoming are Mildred Cooper, Virginia Pike Coates, Chrystine Corbell Baker, Dorris Tatum, Nancy Margaret Speir, Alfred Jeffie Puckett, Eugene Bell, Sam Houston Latimer, Hugh Forrester, Edith Smiley Collins, Billy Ray Whitten, Frank Harbern, Jr., and Estell Jeffery Smith.

Did you recognize the graduate?



1928 Graduate
Bogata High School



1939 Graduate
Bogata High School

Notice

Two gentlemen metal detecting around the Bogata School buildings last week found a charm with a baby's picture in it. If you could be the owner stop by the Bogata News Office to take a look.

Ball association to meet

The Bogata Baseball/Softball Association will hold a meeting on Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bogata Community Center. Teams and coaches will be assigned. Plans for the upcoming year will be made at this time.

If you are interested in coaching you should be at this meeting. Anyone with ideas for the upcoming season please attend.

Bogata Lions forum gives politicians a chance to speak

The Bogata Lions Club sponsored a political forum Saturday night at the Community Center.

Candidates vying for county offices in Red River county were given five minutes each to introduce themselves to area residents who came out for the event.

They wish to extend their thanks to all those who donated the pies and cakes, and to those who purchased a pie or cake.

Buying baked goods were: Weldon Tyler, J.R. Lewis, P.J. Peek, David Rozell, Keith Mankins, Wendy Faulkner, Stella Pace, Neil Rozell, Coy Coker, Janice Gentry, Huddleston's Grocery, Guaranty Bank, Ms. William Rozell, Larry Garretson, 909 diner, M.D. Whittle, John Ragsdill, Welch Gas, Jack Dodd, Dharlene and Russell Jones, Lori moose, Glenda Garrison, G&S Handy Mart.

After a stew supper and a pie and cake auction, each candidate attending took the opportunity to persuade voters why they would be a better candidate for JP, commissioner, County Judge or District Clerk Offices.

Running unopposed are Sheriff Jerry Conway, and county Clerk Lori Moose and Glenda Garrison, County Treasurer.

Weldon Tyler, Russell Jones and J.R. Lewis are all running for Red River County Justice of the Peace. Commissioner's Race for Pct. 2

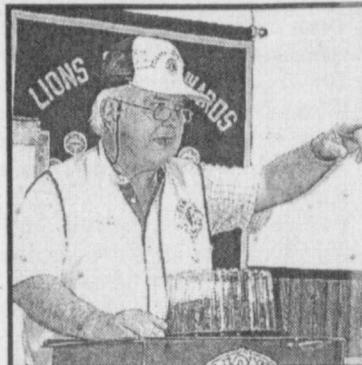
also drew four candidates to the forum; M.D. Whittle, David Barnett, Butch Thompson, and Steve Carey.

For County Judge Mike Garretson and incumbent Powell Peek spoke.

Jancie Gentry and Wendy Faulkner are both asking voters for the chance to serve as Red River County District Clerk.

Mikael K. Kelso of Avery, the challenger for Commissioner Pct. 4 was on hand. Incumbent Mark Megason was unable to attend.

Early voting for the March 12 elections became available at the Red River County Annex from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Feb. 25th through March 8th.



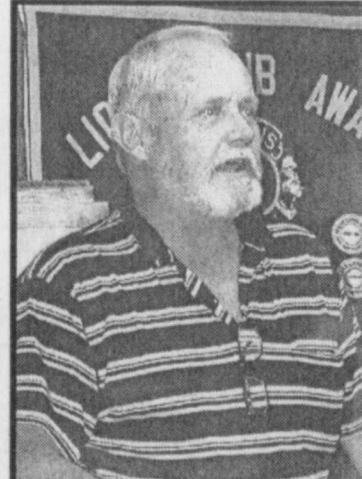
Jack Dodd, of the Bogata Lions Club, auctions off pies and cakes to raise funds for the Bogata Lions Club



Janice Gentry, candidate for District Clerk, Red River Co.



Wendy Faulkner, Candidate for District Clerk



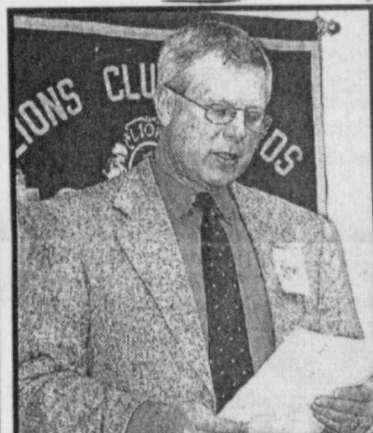
Weldon Tyler, Candidate for Red River Co. J.P.



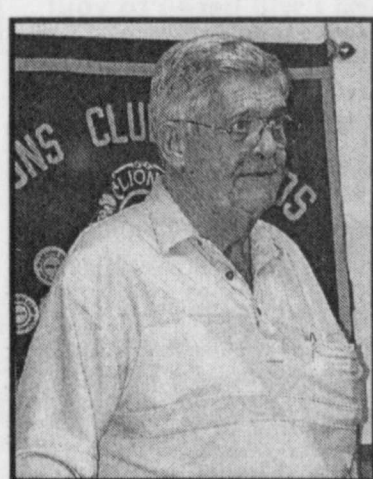
Lorie Moose, Red River Co. Clerk, running unopposed



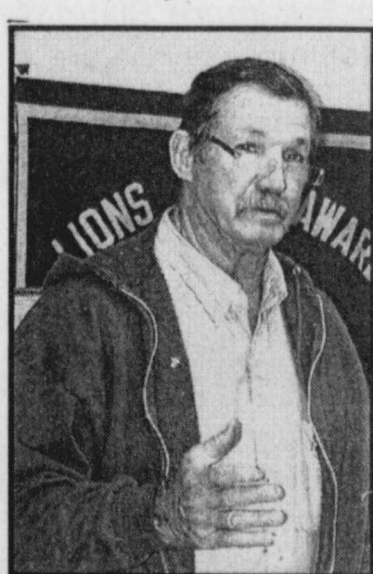
Glenda Garrison, Red River Co. Treasurer



Michael Garretson, Candidate for Red River Co. Judge



J.R. Lewis Candidate, Incumbent Red River Co. J.P.



Russell Jones, Candidate for Red River Co. J.P.

I THINK THE NEXT BEST THING TO SOLVING A PROBLEM IS FINDING SOME HUMOR IN IT.
---FRANK A. CLARK

Sugar Baker bake sale March 1

The Talco Sugar Bakers will hold a Bake Sale, March 1, 2002 at the Talco Post Office beginning at 8:00 a.m. Stop by and get your weekend treats. All proceeds from the sale will go to the American Cancer Society.

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.

Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Our cook this week comes to us from Pattonville. She was recommended by a friend that assured me that Frances was one of the best cooks around the area. Although Frances denies that, I'll bet it is true because she is giving us some great recipes this week that she says are some of her favorites.

She and her husband Jesse have been married for 46 years. They have lived in the Pattonville area for 25 years. She comes from the Cunningham community and he, from the Clardy area. They met when they moved next door to them.

Frances is retired from Westinghouse and loves to cook (her favorites are desserts.....a lady after my own heart!), sew, tour and of course.....shop! They are members of the Pattonville Church of Christ and have a daughter, Carol who is married to Grady and they live in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Carol and Grady have two daughters and one has three sons and one has two daughters. She tells me that she does not get to see them nearly enough!

Thank you, Frances, for allowing us to use your recipes. Know of a good cook, call me at 903-982-5829 or e-mail me at lizirwin@hotmail.com. Some of you that live out of the area, let me know also, they can be from anywhere that you might think would be interesting! See you in the kitchen!

JAMBALAYA-this is one of her favorites and everyone loves it!

FAT-FREE PINTO BEANS-this can be used as an appetizer or an entree dish!

PORK CHOP CASSEROLE-she got this recipe from Angie Riccardi of Pattonville, who by the way is also a great cook!

MANDARIN CHICKEN SALAD-this is a good recipe for a light meal and easy to prepare!
PINEAPPLE SHEATH CAKE-a cup of the batter goes into the icing, cooked and then spread on the cake!

PEANUT BUTTER PIE-needs to be refrigerated before serving and top with Cool Whip for added measure!

VEGETABLE PIZZA-this is ranch dressing and vegetables on a roll...sounds great!

Thursday, February 28
Frances Anderson

Jambalaya
2 cans 14-1/2 ounce stewed tomatoes-undrained
2 cups chopped celery, onions and green peppers
1 cup water
1/2 pound smoked sausage or big hot and spicy hot dogs-sliced
3 chicken bouillon cubes
1 teaspoon pepper sauce
2 cups Minute Rice (white)-uncooked
Bring tomatoes, vegetables, water, sausage, bouillon and pepper sauce to boil in large skillet. Simmer until bouillon is dissolved. Stir in rice. Cook on low heat for 5 minutes. Add 1/2 teaspoon red pepper if desired.

Fat-Free Pinto Beans
15 ounce can pinto beans
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon chili powder
Tabasco to taste
1/2 medium onion
1 clove garlic-crush
4 ounces can green chilis-drain
Drain beans and save 2 tablespoons liquid. Combine beans, liquid, salt, pepper, cumin, chili powder and Tabasco and puree. In covered skillet, cook onion and garlic until soft and add small amount of water and cook until light brown. Add chilis and cook three minutes. Add pureed bean mixture and mix well and heat. Makes eight 2-tablespoon appetizer servings or two entree servings.

Pork Chop Casserole
4 pork chops
1 large can tomatoes
1 cup uncooked rice
1/4 cup green peppers
1 medium onion
1 tablespoon soy sauce
Brown chops. Mix rice, onion and green peppers, tomatoes and soy sauce. Pour 1/2 of mixture into 9x9 casserole dish and add pork chops and top with remaining mixture. Bake uncovered for 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Mandarin Chicken Salad
3 cups cooked chicken
1 tablespoon onion-chopped
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 cup grapes
1/3 cup mayonnaise
1/2 ounce can mandarin oranges
Mix and serve on lettuce beds.

Pineapple Sheath Cake
1 box cake mix-yellow or white
1 cup sugar
1 stick margarine
20 ounce can crushed pineapple
Prepare cake according to directions on box and remove 1 cup of batter for icing before baking. Bake according to directions. For icing combine sugar, margarine, batter and pineapple. Cook until thick and spread on cake.

Peanut Butter Pie
8 ounce softened cream cheese
1 cup peanut butter
1 can Eagle Brand Milk
1/2 cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla
8 ounces Cool Whip
9 inch graham cracker crust
Beat cream cheese until fluffy and add peanut butter and milk. Add lemon juice and vanilla. Stir by hand and fold in Cool Whip. Pour into crust and refrigerate for 2-3 hours before serving.

Vegetable Pizza
2 packages crescent rolls
2 eight oz. packages cream cheese
3/4 cup mayonnaise
1 package Hidden Valley Ranch dressing-original
1/2 cup green pepper
1/2 cup broccoli
1/2 cup green onions
1/2 cup carrots
1/2 cup cauliflower
1/2 cup celery
1/2 cup radishes
3/4 cup dried tomatoes
1/2 cup grated cheese
Cover bottom of greased pans with rolls and bake 8 minutes and cool. Chop all vegetables and set aside. Mix cream cheese, mayonnaise and ranch dressing and spread on crust. Add all chopped vegetables except tomatoes and spread on cheese mixture. Add tomatoes and grated cheese on top and cut into bars and refrigerate.



COOK OF THE WEEK is Frances Anderson of Pattonville. She is pictured here with her husband of 46 years, Jesse Anderson. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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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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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. The board has recently been renovated and is ready for play.

*The Post will be having a benefit meal March 2, 2002 beginning at 12:00 noon for Mary Elrod. Catfish and all the trimmings including dessert will be served. Larry Crow has generously furnished the fish for the meal which the men of the post will prepare while the ladies of the post will supply the trimmings and desserts. All donations will be appreciated.

* Get Well Wishes are sent to: Wanza Sheffield, Daphney Pointer, Mary Elrod, Georgia Hudson and Ressie Crow.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to our friends and neighbors and the many people who sent flowers, food, cards and prayers during our time of loss.

Your phone calls, visits and expressions of sympathy have meant so much to us. A special thanks to the Wood family, a special thanks to all the nurses on south hall at Red River Healthcare for what they did for our Mother.

May God bless each of you.
The Family of Opal Isenburg, Leon & Molee Huddleston, Don Isenburg

Obituaries

Bennie Morgan Stribling dies February 24

Bennie Morgan Stribling, age 91 of Detroit, died Sunday, February 24 in Longview Regional Medical Center.

Services were held Wednesday February 27 at 10:30 a.m. at Martin Memorial United Methodist Church in Detroit with the Rev. Wayne Smith officiating. Burial followed in Detroit Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stribling was born in Detroit on April 15, 1910, a daughter of Robert Tuggle and Eva Mae Dorsette Morgan. She was a housewife, and a lifetime member of the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church where she was choir director for over 35 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Estle Bruce "E.B." Stribling in April, 1979.

Surviving are sons, Bob Stribling and wife Frances of Houston and Bruce Stribling of Albuquerque, NM; a daughter, Charlotte Phifer and husband Bobby of Gilmer; nieces, Pat Jeffery and Dorothy Dodd of Bogata and Patsy Irwin of Harker Heights; nephews, Jack Mathis of Sulphur, OK, Roy Brock of Greenville and Henry and Harry Brock of Arizona; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

A Special Thank You

We want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, food and every act of kindness shown to our family during the recent difficult times we have been through. We thank the Lord for such wonderful, caring friends. We couldn't have made it without you. We appreciate you more than you'll ever know.

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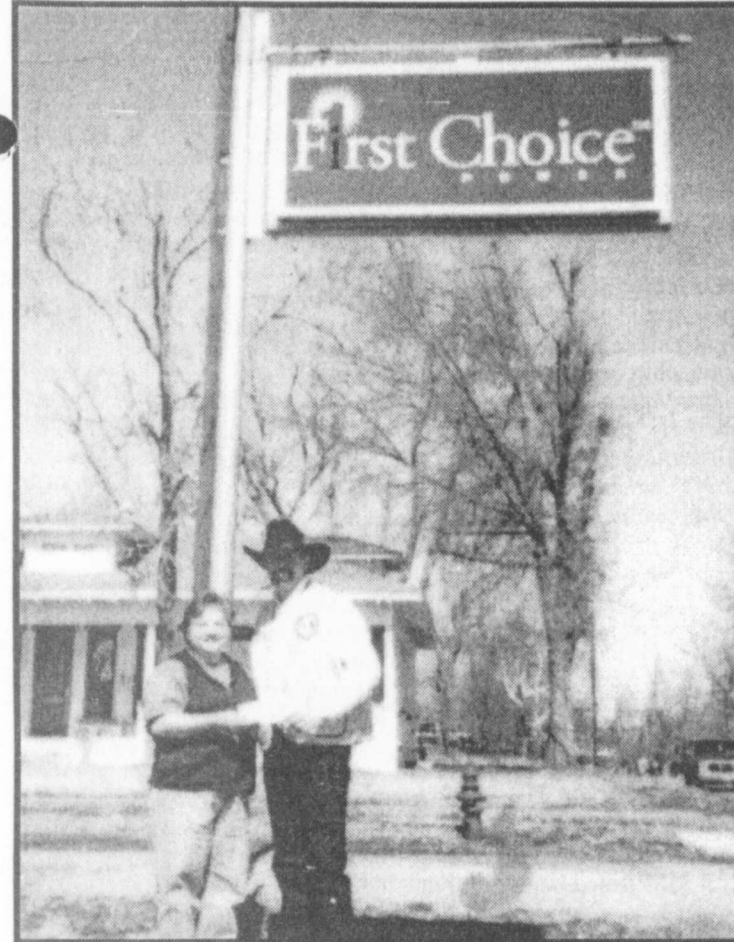
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BIRTHDAY GIRLS-Celebrating birthdays this month at Red River Healthcare in Bogata are; (standing) Doris Skaggs and Lucille Morgan and (seated) Vera Craddock, Juanita Evers and Hontas Pettit. Also celebrating birthdays and not pictured were: Floyd Elson and Mary Rylee. Punch and cake were served Monday afternoon and the ladies from the Bogata Book Club called Bingo games. A good time was had by all attending.



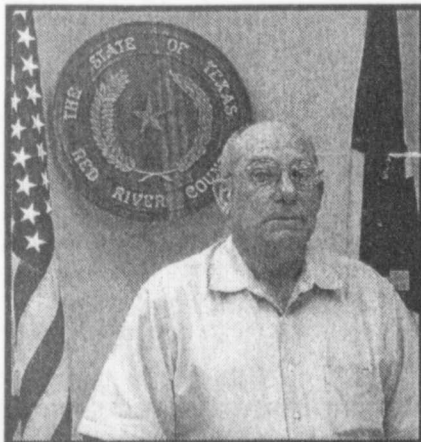
DANA NEELEY-of First Choice Power is shown with Bogata Lions Club President, David Rozell. The Power Company donated \$200 to the Lions Club to be used in their "Glasses for Children Program". Lion President Rozell said, "Texas-New Mexico Power has always been a solid supporter of our club, it is nice to see that the name change will not effect their positive commitment to our community".

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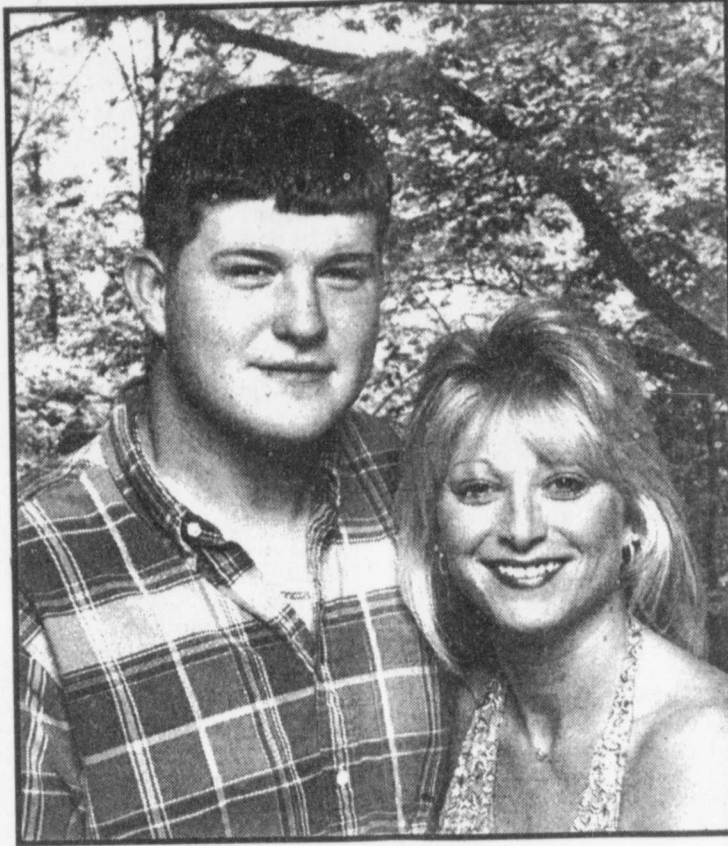
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Watkins-Dill to exchange vows

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second of March, two-thousand and two at six o'clock at the First Baptist Church of Bogata, Texas. A reception will follow at the American Legion Building in Bogata, Texas.



MICHAEL G. HALL, celebrated his second birthday on January 17. He enjoyed a party with friends and relatives at the Dixie Maid Restaurant in Atlanta. Mike lives in Queen City with his parents, Heather and Michael Hall. Grandparents are Lonnie and Susie Griffin of Queen City and Steve and Mary Jo Hall of Talco. Guylene Hall of Talco is great-grandmother. Other great-grandparents are Roy and Lola Price of Argo, Jim Griffin of Hughes Springs and Pauline Griffin of Queen City.

Bogata class of 1962 to reunite
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) and Duane Bryson in Rosalie, Tx. The reunion will start at 9:30 a.m. and all classmates, teachers and friends are invited to come by and visit.



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Tip O'Neal said, "All politics are local." This is true with our individual liberties. The Justice of the Peace is one of the guardians at the grass roots level. Indeed professional business relations must exist with other entities of county government while each function with separate duties. The Doctrine of Separation of powers must survive.
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Ballard to be honored on 90th birthday

Shorty Ballard will be honored with a celebration of his 90th Birthday at Abundant Life Church in Minter on Sunday, March 3rd .

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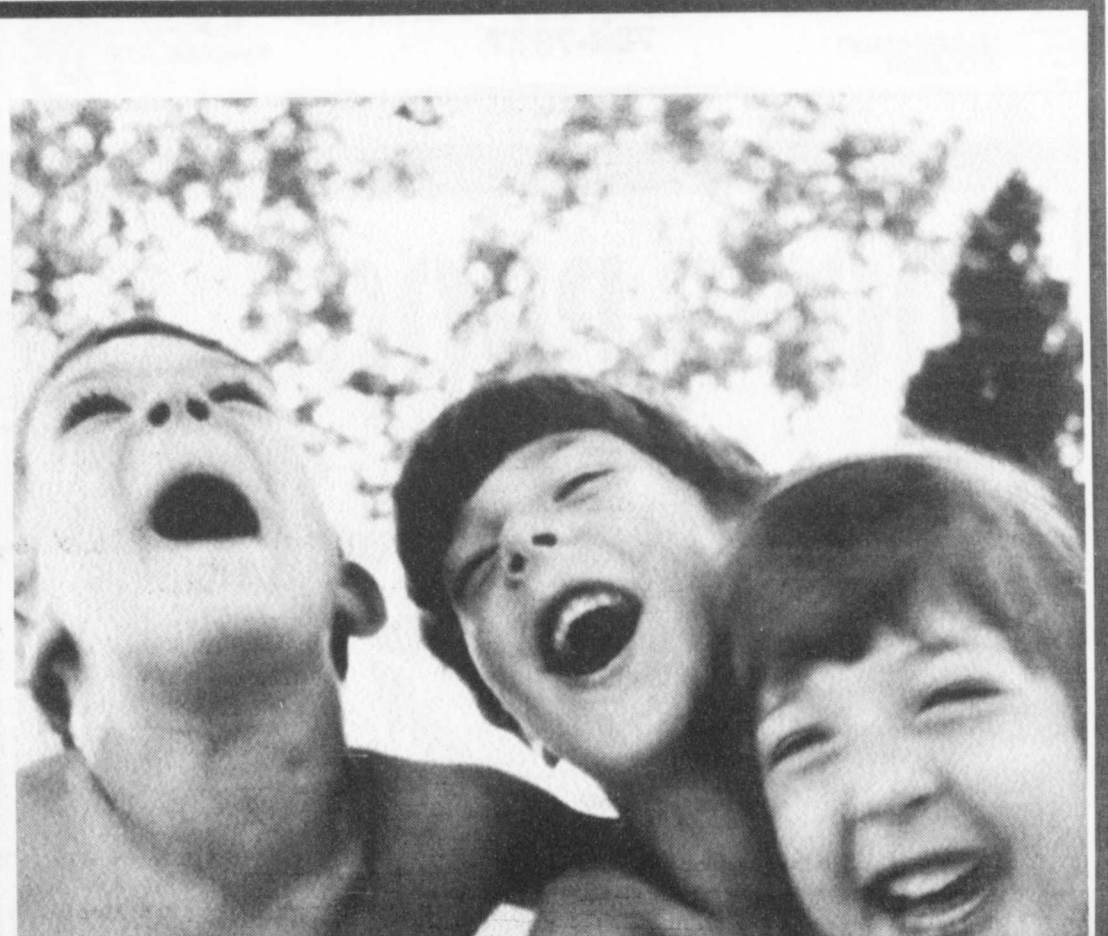
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 *Provide Justice & Equal Treatment, Fair & Firm Judgements in County Court.
 Pol. Adv. Pd. For by Michael Garretson, Rt. 1, Box 509, Bogata, TX. 75417



BONUS GRANTS-Rivercrest Elementary PTO President, Kim Kelsey and members of the PTO are pictured with a check for \$1000 from the Wal-Mart Foundation. The funds are contributions for the local Wal-Mart Store, Inc. in Clarksville, Tx. They are donations raised through matching grants, environmental grants, literacy grants and bonus grants through the Wal-Mart Foundation. Each year the foundation gives each store up to \$30,000 to be donated to eligible non-profit organizations within its community that benefits others and services that it adds to the community. This year the local Wal-Mart has donated more than \$15,000 in scholarships, Teacher of the Year, and other promotions within the store. They are committed to giving back to the community. The local management is Store Manager, Linda Howard and Assistant Manager, Angela Bogan. Mrs. Kelsey said, "This donation is so very much appreciated and will be used wisely at our new school". (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



TEXAS ARMY NATIONAL Guard Sgt. James Anderson of Talco observes security personnel and passengers at a security check point at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. Anderson, a member of Company B, 249th Signal Battalion, received training from Federal Aviation Administration officials and is familiar with detection equipment and security checkpoint procedures. In addition to protecting the airport, Anderson has protected the Dallas community as a six year veteran of the Dallas Police Department. (Photo Courtesy Sgt. 1st Class Brenda Brenner)

Talco Locals

Please call your locals news in to 379-4445

Lady Rebels win first in first tournament of season

The Lady Rebel Softball team traveled to Mt. Pleasant's Heritage Park for their first softball tournament of the season hosted by Chapel Hill.

On Thursday night the girls played Harmony and took a 7-0 win. They were happy to visit with Lynnanne Sivard, a former Bogata resident and Bogata softball player, who was on the Harmony team. In the game pitcher, Molly Hare had 9 strike outs and no runs scored.

On Friday the Lady Rebels met Paul Pewitt and again took a 7-1 win. Krystal Valenzuela had a great game for the team at her third base position. Hare sent batters to the bench on strike outs and the lone run scored was on one error.

Saturday morning saw the Lady Rebels on the field early vs Linden-Kildare. While the Lady Rebel offense was a bit off the defense and pitching from Hare were great. Following 6 1/2 innings of play the Lady Rebels received the first place trophy with a 3-0 win. Young players Stephanie Williams in right field and Leslie Richeson at short stop held their own with the other veteran Lady Rebels and contributed strongly to the win.

Molly Hare finished the tournament with 32 strike outs; no runs and only 4 hits. The team is coached by Brandon Oats and Tammie Case. Congratulations Lady Rebels!!!

Carol Laing received word from her son, Jeremy Abshier, that the varsity boys basketball team at Hampshire-Fannett where he is assistant coach will be playing in the Regional Qualifiers for Class 3A Tuesday night February 26 against Kountee after defeating Buna 68-52 for Bi-District and altair Rice 71-60 for the Area Championship last Friday.

Nancy Brown and Karen Jones attended funeral services for Pat Belcher in Cuthand Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown enjoyed watching the Lady Rebel Softball team win first place in the Chapel Hill Tournament held at Heritage Park in Mt. Pleasant Saturday morning. The team had won on Thursday over Harmony and defeated Paul Pewitt on Friday. They defeated Linden-Kildare for first place.

Rivercrest Power Lifting Team headed for Regionals

The last ranking update in Girls Powerlifting has 5 Rivercrest lifters qualifying for Regionals. The girls have done an outstanding job all season to achieve such a goal. The team has placed in the top 4 of every meet and as high as first. Growing in numbers, the team entered a least 9 girls in every meet with as many as 11 for one meet, therefore, reflecting our highest number to qualify for regional in the three years of the Powerlifting Team existence. The for year we had 2 ladies go; last year we sent 3 and this year 5!!

The girls that are advancing to Regionals on March 7 in White Oak are: Tina Carder, 97 lbs. currently ranked 1st; Stephanie Williams, 114 lbs. currently ranked 1st; Alison Foster, 114 lbs. currently ranked 8th; Brittany Bull, 123 lbs. currently ranked 9th and Krystal Valenzuela, 132 lbs. currently ranked 11th. The other girls that participated on a regular basis in the powerlifting meets were Shari Wisinger, Laci Hinton, Paige Boyd and Kacey VanDeaver, who missed out of Regional by one place.

The team boasts the fact that they will return stronger in the coming years, due to the fact that the team has only one senior on the squad and is looking to increase their numbers with current high school talent and incoming freshman. The girls and I thank you for your support.

Bogata 1949 class reunion planned

The Bogata High School graduating class of 1949 is planning a reunion at the April 13, 2002 homecoming.

A committee met for a planning session recently. All graduates, students that attended at any given year and teachers of this class will be sent an information sheet to complete. The sheet will be used to compile a booklet to be given at the class reunion.

All attending the homecoming are reminded that a 12:00 noon catered luncheon will be held and all activities are held during the day. Please make plans to attend and spend a wonderful day of good food and fellowship.

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Childbirth Education Classes* (Classes begin February 28. You must register for Childbirth Education Classes at least a week in advance at 577-6201.)
 Thursdays, beginning February 28, 7 p.m.- 9:30 p.m., TRMC Board Room

Big Brother/Big Sister Class (You must register at least one week in advance, call 577-6201) Saturday, March 2, 2002, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Adult Diabetes Support Group Tuesday, March 5, 2002, 6 p.m., TRMC cafeteria. Dr. Jonathan Lockhart, Psychiatrist Call 903-577-6542 for more information.

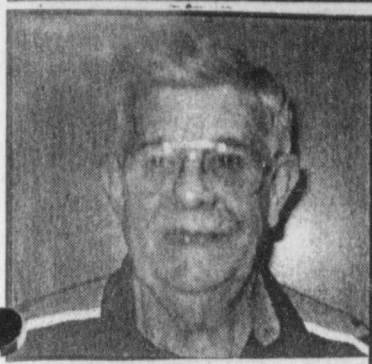
Better Breather's Club Wednesday, March 19, 1:30 p.m., TRMC Auditorium. Call 903-577-6588 for more information.

American Heart Association Stroke Support Group Monday, March 11, 2002, 2:00 p.m., TRMC Auditorium. Call 903-577-6299 for more information.

Why Weight? Weight Management Support Group Monday, March 4, 6:00 p.m., TRMC Cafeteria. Membership is free. Call 903-577-6299 for more information.

* Childbirth Education Classes include Big Brother/Big Sister Class. To register for these classes, call 577-6201 at least one week in advance.

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I served on the Clarksville City Council for six years and was Mayor of Clarksville for two years.

I was elected to the position of Justice of the Peace on January 1, 1995. Prior to that, there were four Justices of the Peace and four Constables in Red River County. That has been changed and we now have only one JP and one Constable. At that time, there was a lot of skepticism, including mine, if this would work in this larger county. Not only have we made it work and saved the county money, we've made the county money. My first year in office, our total revenue was \$111,000. It is now almost \$300,000.

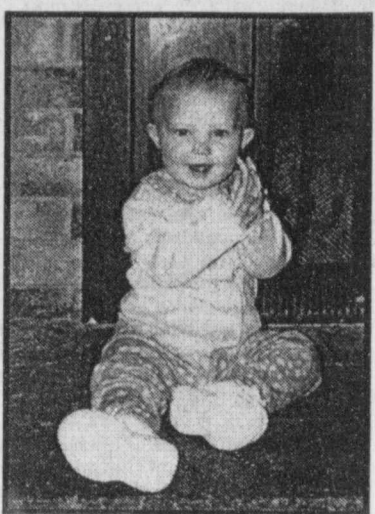
In order to make this work, I am on call 24 hours a day, 7 days

Rebel golf umbrellas on sale

The Rivercrest Junior High Cheerleaders and Pep Squad are taking orders for Rivercrest Rebel umbrellas. The umbrellas are a large 60 inch arc with a metal shaft and wooden handle. They are blue and white and will have the Rivercrest emblem on them. The cost will be \$12.00 each.

Order forms will be sent home with all Rivercrest students and

the form and money must be turned in by Tuesday, March 19, 2002 to Becky Carlisle, Junior High Cheerleader sponsor, at the junior high campus. All proceeds will go toward items needed for the junior high cheerleaders and pep squad. Your purchase will be appreciated. For more information contact Becky Carlisle at Rivercrest Junior High 903-372-3841.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY-On February 3, 2002, Leah Breanne Gibbs celebrated her 1st birthday with a "Blue's Clues" theme. Attending the party were her parents, Shane and Michelle Gibbs and sister, Ally; grandparents, Randy and Barbara Gibbs, Gene and Connie Giles, Pauline Gibbs and Betty Whisenhunt; aunts and uncles, Sonny and Lauren Gibbs, Shannon Gibbs, Brian and April Giles, Ryan Giles, Jason Giles, Tiffany Giles, Lisa McGuire and friends, D.J. and Edward Waymire and Kinley Burnett. Leah had a wonderful time and received many nice gifts.



RIVERCREST ISD PHONE NUMBERS

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-903-62-5214.

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.

March 9
Dustin and Susie Hearron will be honored with a baby shower on Saturday, March 9, 2002 from 2pm to 3:30 pm at the home of Tiffany and Craig Easley in Talco. Family and friends are invited to attend. The couple have made selections at Walmart, Mt. Pleasant; Toys R Us and Kasseigh's Kollage.

March 11-15
Rivercrest ISD students will enjoy Spring Break March 11-15. Make plans for a fun week now!

April 16-19
Rivercrest students in grades 3rd through 8th will take the annual TAAS test April 16-19. All classes 3rd through 7th will test Tuesday and Wednesday while the 8th grade class will test for all 4 days. Parents and Guardians are urged to see that their students get plenty of rest the nights before the test and eat a good breakfast prior to school on test days.



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Rivercrest Schools Menus March 4-8

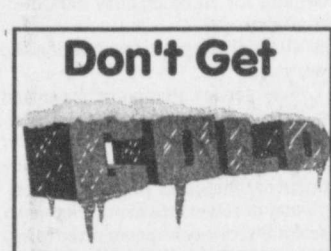
MONDAY
Breakfast
Donuts
fruit mix
juice & milk
Lunch
Hamburger casserole
pea salad
crackers
fruit
milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast
Assorted cereals
fruit mix
toast
juice & milk
Lunch
Sliced turkey w/gravy
cream potatoes
green beans
rolls w/honey
milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast
Sausage & biscuit
fruit mix
juice & milk
Lunch
Corn chip pie
beans
salad
fruit
milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast
Pancakes w/syrup
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Lunch
Ham & Cheese casserole
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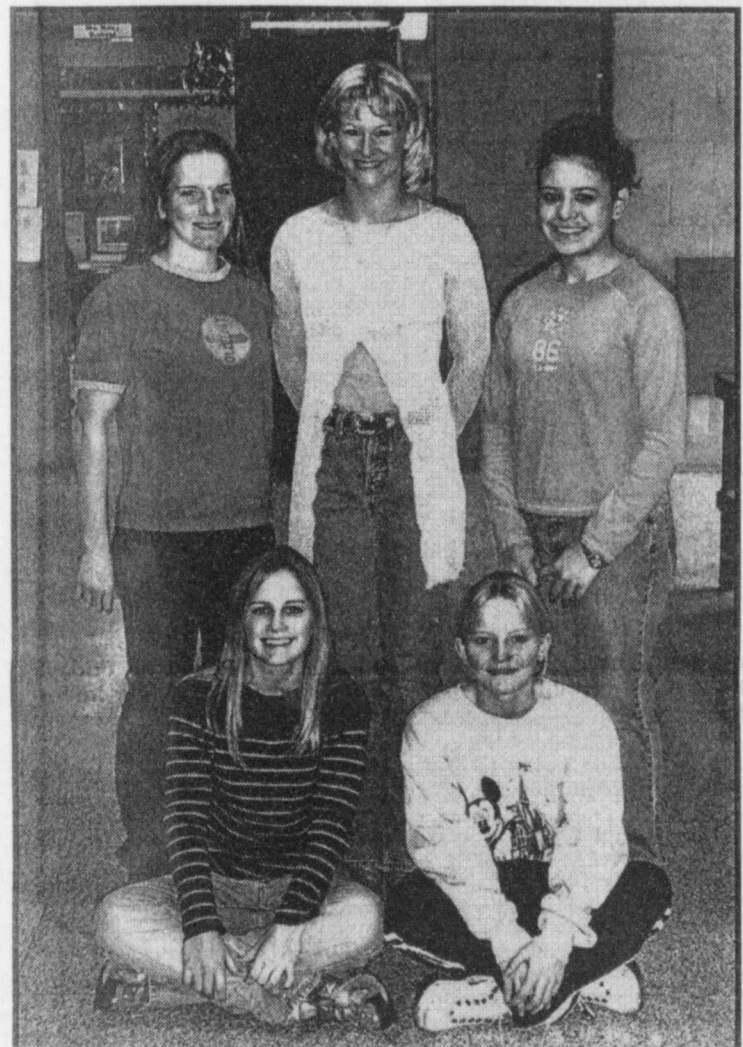
FRIDAY
Breakfast
Assorted cereals
fruit mix
juice & milk
Lunch
Cheeseburgers
burger salad
beans
chips
ice cream
milk



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HEADED TO REGIONAL- Lady Rebel Power Lifters; (back from the left) Stephanie Williams, Brittany Bull and Krystal Valenzuela and (front from the left) Alison Foster and Tina Carder are headed to the Regional competition. The meet will be held March 7 in White Oak. Tina is ranked 1st in her class weight; Stephanie is ranked 1st in her class weight; Alison is ranked 8th in her class weight; Brittany is ranked 9th in her class weight and Krystal is ranked 11th in her class weight. The team is coached by Gary Schultz. Good Luck Ladies!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Red River Healthcare

Recent visitors with residents of Red River Healthcare were:
Resident, Nettie Moore-Matt Ward.
Resident, Willie M. Topping-Amanda Howerton, Sue Hoffman, Norris and Rose Phipps, Jobe Davinson, Mr. and Mrs. James Watts.
Resident, Kathryn Claypool-Wilma Weddle.
Residents, Floyd and Bonnie Nelson-Opal Benson and Ronald and Dorothy Benson.
Resident, Kathryn Presley-Charlotte Brumalaw, Marilyn and Ronnie Presley, Mary Ann Clancy and Jim Presley.
Resident, Gladys Tucker-Rick Tucker, Nelda Maynard and Clifton Tucker.
Resident, M.L. Brown-Dean Cannon and Marie Crafts.
Resident, Hotas Pettit-Houston Pettit, Michelle Babb, Linda Pettit, Jarae Myrick and Shirley Babb.
Resident, Lucy King-Jimmie King.
Resident, Shelia Gibson-Betty Gibson.
Resident, Carl Burns-Diana

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Bogata Locals

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Mary Campbell of Lemesa spent from Sunday to Wednesday with her sister, Helen Williams.

Happy February Birthday to: Lawton Pybus, Ellen Tuck, Suzanne Taylor, Melanie Poole, Devon Pettiet, Faith Gentry, Roney Cheatwood, Jennifer Hays, Jacob Roach, Brad Williams, Paula Swint, Gracee Damron, Jessica Hines, Mayzie Purviance, Matt Earley and Kay Ross.

Kenneth York received word of the birth of a new great granddaughter, Taryn Michelle on Monday, February 25, 2002. Parents are Chad and Dana Smith of Florence, Tx. Maternal grandparents are Joe and Ann York Eckols of Granger, Tx.

Visitors of Helen Williams Sunday were Mary Campbell of Lemesa, Karen Reeves of Ayle, Kay Freeman of Ft. Worth, Conrad Hobbs of Halesboro, Mary Kelly of Corsicana, Bill and Joyce Barton of Munster, Barbara Martin of Paris, Granville and Haletha Jones of Commerce, Patty Barton of Bagwell. They all enjoyed lunch at the 909 Diner.

Recent visitors with Dixie Stringfellow were Vicki Tabb, Maggie Richardson, Michael and Danny Tabb, Judi Maddox, Felina and Jerica White and Kellen Stringfellow.

Having lunch in celebration of Jessica's Hines' birthday Sunday at the home Jerry and Gerlyn Gray and Margaret Davis were Judy, Harold, Heather and Heath Holt, Jennifer and Riley Reeder, Danny and Marli Hines and the birthday girl. Sunday afternoon Jessica and Marli, Jennifer, Judy and Heather visited with their grandparents, Jessie and Willie Mae Gray and Aunt Linda Gray.

Billie Welch of Blossom visited Christine Baker on Wednesday. Mrs. Christine has been under the weather a bit and she is wished a speedy recovery.

Maggie Richardson returned home Sunday after spending a week with her grandparents, Vicki and Dan Tabb and Uncles Michael and Danny Tabb. Maggie's grandmother, Joyce Barton took her home to Munster, Tx.

Tommy and Dorothy Mauldin of Bogata went to Gilmer to see their grandson, Bob Mauldin, DJ for KKUX, and Tony Douglas play and sing at the Civic Center. Dorothy, a long time fan, had her picture taken with Tony Douglas.

Editor's Quotes

Some defeats are only installments of victory



HEATHER PRESLEY is pictured with the gift sheet from the recent fund-raiser began at Rivercrest Junior High. The students are selling various items including candles, candy, jewelry, craft items and much more. The proceeds from the sales will go to the "Library Fund" and will be used to purchase new books and toward the AR (Accelerated Reading) Program. Students selling 16 or more items may earn various prizes. The final day of sales will be March 8, 2002. Help the students earn their chosen prize and help provide books and more for the school library. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the City of Talco, Texas will accept bids until Thursday at 12:00 noon on March 21, 2002 at the Talco Housing Authority, 802 E. Wilson, Talco, Texas for lawn care during the seven month period from April 1, 2002 through October 31, 2002. The successful bidder must furnish all equipment and labor necessary to accomplish this work.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Detroit ISD is currently seeking bids on two (2) surplus school buses the district wishes to sell. The descriptions are:

Bus One: 1986 International Ward 53 passenger with automatic transmission, diesel engine. Tires and motor are in good condition. Bus used occasionally and currently has 164,049 miles.

Bus Two: 1987 International Ward 53 passenger with automatic transmission, diesel engine. Tires almost new, motor is in good condition and bus is very dependable, currently having 93,276 miles.

For additional information, please contact Mike Farris, transportation director, at 903-674-2434 or to arrange to inspect the buses. All bids are to be mailed to Curtis B. Barnett, Superintendent, Route 1, Box 370, Detroit, Texas 754536.

No faxed bids will be accepted and all submitted bids need to be marked "Bus Bids" on the envelope. Final day for bids to be accepted is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2002.

Bids will be opened and tabulated at 4:30 p.m. on April 5, 2002. Bids will be accepted/rejected by the Board of Trustees at the regularly scheduled meeting of the school board on Monday, April 8, 2002.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept/reject all submitted bids. 3-7

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 02-001
An ordinance of the governing body of the City of Blossom, Lamar County, Texas regulating water and sewer taps, establishing terms and conditions for such taps, providing for supersession clause, repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, providing for severability clause, providing an enforcement clause, and providing for an emergency clause effective date.

SECTION II: Regulation of water and sewer taps:

1. Fees for installation of water and sewer service (taps or extension of existing primary lines):

a. Each property owner or prospective resident of building or property requesting water or sewer taps to any city water or sewer line or any line connected to any water or sewer line of the City of Blossom water and/or sewer system, regardless of whether service location is within the city or outside the city limits of Blossom, such person must make application to the City and shall pay the following fees for new installations:

(1) Each basic 3/4" water tap, including installation of water meter, requiring a service line extension of no more than 20 feet, shall be assessed at \$300.00;

(2) Each basic 4" sewer tap (tapping existing sewer line no more than 6 ft. deep), requiring a service line extension of no more than 20 ft. shall be assessed at \$300.00;

b. If cutting of street is required to install new tap(s), an additional fee will be assessed for cost of proper repair of the City street to restore it to prior condition;

c. If street condition is such good status that cutting of streets is not acceptable to the City, the City may require line extension(s) be bored under the street. The cost of such bore will be assessed and added to the basic tap fee(s). If property owner or builder wishes to contract directly for street bore with a contractor acceptable to the City, such bore must be accomplished to City standards and specifications as defined by TNRCC or standard engineering principles.

d. Other fees to be assessed for service extensions, taps, or installation of new service which exceed those defined above:

(1) The additional cost of water taps requiring tap and meter in excess of 3/4", shall be assessed and added to the basic fee of \$300.00;

(2) The additional cost of sewer tap in excess of 4" line or taps to primary line deeper than 6 ft. shall be assessed and added to basic fee of \$300.00. The City shall have the option of contracting for sewer tap requiring connection to primary line deeper than 6 ft. Total cost of the contract and materials will be assessed as fee for such sewer tap. Property owner or builder who wishes to contract directly with a City approved contractor may do so providing such installation meets City standards defined by TNRCC and/or standard engineering principles.

(3) New tap installations requiring the extension of any water or sewer line more than 20 ft. shall be assessed @ \$8.00 per linear foot, plus pipe, connections and materials, and added to the basic fee of \$300.00.

(4) New tap installations, which require the extension of City primary service lines a greater distance than 150 linear feet must be approved by the City Council. The city shall have the option of contracting for such extensions exceeding 150 linear feet with the cost of such contract to be assessed to the property

owner, builder, or developer. The property owner may contract directly for such extensions with a City approved contractor providing the installation and/or extension meets City Standards as defined by TNRCC regulations, the City engineer and/or standard engineering principles.

2. Each residence or commercial building requiring water or sewer service must have a separate water meter and separate water and/or sewer tap. There shall be no two residences or businesses or any combination thereof connected to the same water meter or sewer connection. Requirements for multiple resident structures shall be determined individually, dependent upon number of residence units, number of total projected residents, and/or standards defined by TNRCC, the City engineer, and/or standard engineering principles.

3. No new installation of a water or sewer tap or extension of City primary lines shall be initiated or completed prior to receipt by the City for payment in full of all defined costs of such new installations.

4. No new installation of a water or sewer tap or extension of City primary lines shall be initiated or completed to any property regulated by the City's Subdivision Ordinance, when such property has not been platted, as required, and when such land subdivision plat and/or development plat has not been approved in compliance with existing subdivision ordinance.

5. The following additional regulations shall apply to all new installations of water and/or sewer taps or extensions of City primary lines:

a. The extension of any City primary line must include the installation of a fire hydrant at a distance not to exceed 1000 linear feet. The size of pipe required to provide for such extension and the size and flow capacity of required fire hydrant must meet all City and State standards and fire code requirements. The cost of line extension and fire hydrant(s) installation shall be assessed to the property owner.

b. The extension of any city primary sewer line must include the installation of a properly sized manhole at a distance not to exceed 500 linear feet. The extension of any primary City sewer line at or near a 90-degree angle from the existing or newly installed City primary sewer line shall require a properly sized and placed manhole. The size of pipe required providing for such extension and the size, depth and specifications of such manhole must meet all City and State standards, the TNRCC regulations, and/or standard engineering principles. The cost of such sewer line extensions and placement(s) of manhole(s) shall be assessed to the property owner.

6. The City shall not be required to provide new sewer installations or extensions of existing City primary lines to any property whose topography is incompatible to provide adequate gravity flow of wastewater from the new installation.

7. City water meters and primary sewer line sewer tap clean-outs must be installed in existing public right-of-way or utility easement. No property owner shall fence in or otherwise obstruct the City's access to water meters or public sewer tap clean-outs. If such fence or obstruction should occur, the City of Blossom shall remove fence or obstruction, and/or replace or reconstruct such meters or sewer clean-outs at the property owner's expense.

8. The City of Blossom, Texas shall not extend, construct or develop any water or sewer tap or any water or sewer line onto or across any private property.

a. When such extension, construction or development of new taps or lines are deemed appropriate or necessary to provide for City approved water or sewer service, a utility easement or easements must be dedicated to the public, and acceptance of such utility dedication must be approved by the City Council.

b. After approval by the City Council to accept dedication of utility easement, the written dedication of utility easement, giving legal description of the property to be dedicated, properly executed by property owner, must be filed with the County Clerk with copy of such filing to the Blossom City Clerk.

9. Any property owner outside the Blossom city limits requesting new water or sewer tap installation to any City primary line or to any private or public line connected to any City primary line shall not be considered for approval unless property owner presents to the City Council a request for annexation of the property to be served into the City of Blossom, Texas. The City Council, based upon such annexation request, may consider approval of such taps, dependent upon all existing circumstances.

10. The unauthorized tap of any City sewer or water line or to any line connected to any City sewer or water line, which has not been approved by the City, regardless of the location of such line, shall be considered "Theft of Services". The City may file criminal charges against the property owner for such "Theft of Services" and/or civil charges for recovery of all legal costs, damages, and recovery of all cost incurred by the City as a result of such unauthorized tap.

11. Costs to the City as a result of damages to any City water meter or City public sewer tap clean-cut, due to unauthorized tampering with water meter or sewer tap, and/or other careless damages to meter, meter box or sewer tap shall be billed to property owner and/or resident. Costs of such damages must be paid to the City within 30 days or water/sewer services will be discontinued until paid.

12. Tampering with any City water meter to secure water through an inactive water meter or any unauthorized use of City water shall be considered "Theft of Service". The City may file criminal charges against property owners and/or resident and/or civil charges for recovery of all legal costs, damages, and recovery of all costs incurred by the City as a result of such unauthorized tampering with City water meter.

SECTION III: Applications for water and/or sewer taps or extension of City primary lines into property or property area which is defined by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as included in Flood Zone A, as defined by FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Map, must be approved by the City Council. Such approval must consider FEMA and TNRCC regulations, International Plumbing Code, recommendations by City Engineer, and/or standard engineering principles.

SECTION IV: The decision of the City Council shall be final in all questions regarding the applications of the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION IX: A. Any person, persons, property owner, or resident violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor, and, at the minimum, shall be subject to a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus court costs. Each day of the violation shall constitute a separate offense.

B. The City is entitled to injunctive relief and recovery of damages and any other enforcement procedures in order to bring about compliance with any Section or requirement of this ordinance.

SECTION X: In order to protect the public safety, health and general welfare of its citizens, the governing body of Blossom, Texas, hereby declares that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately, and shall be in force from and after its passage.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Blossom, Texas, convened in public session in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas, this 21st day of February, 2002.

Ed Hudson, Mayor
Sylvia L. Dickson, Acting City Secretary
2-28

NOTICE
A RESOLUTION ordering a bond election to be held in the Prairiland Independent School District, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Prairiland Independent School District hereby finds that an election should be held to determine whether said governing body shall be authorized to issue bonds of said District in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified: now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PRAIRILAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 4th day of May, 2002, in the Prairiland Independent School District, which date is forty-five (45) or more days from the date of the adoption hereof and is a uniform election date pursuant to V.T.C.A., Election Code, Section 41.001, for the purpose of submitting the following measure:

"Shall the Board of Trustees of the Prairiland Independent School District in Lamar and Red River Counties, Texas be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$9,800,000 for the construction, acquisition and equipment of school buildings in the District and the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings; and shall there be pledged and levied, assessed and collected annually ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due; said bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than forty (40) years from their date, to be issued in one or more series at any price or prices, and to bear interest at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise and not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time of issuance of the bonds) as in its discretion the Board of Trustees shall determine?"

SECTION 2: The District shall be divided into four (4) election precincts for this election and the polling places designated for each election precinct and the persons hereby appointed to serve as Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge for each polling place are shown in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes.

Each President Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than two (2) qualified clerks to serve and assist in holding said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge herein appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of the clerks.

On election day the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Prairiland Independent School District Administration Building, Rt. 1, Box 200, Hwy. 196, Pattonville, Texas 75468 is hereby designated the early voting place and Kim Carlow is hereby appointed Clerk at such early voting place. Early voting for this election shall begin Wednesday, April 17, 2002 and end Tuesday, April 30, 2002 and the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. one each day, except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the following persons are appointed to the Early Ballot

Board for this election: Lesa Clarkson, Presiding Judge and Lanita Unruh and Betty Winters Clerks.

SECTION 3: Paper ballots shall be used in this election, which ballots shall be prepared in accordance with V.T.C.A., Election Code and permit electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

"THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,800,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

SECTION 4: All resident qualified electors of the District shall be permitted to vote at said election, and on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the polling place designated for the School District Election Precinct in which they reside. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the V.T.C.A. Election Code, except as modified by the provisions of the Texas Education Code, and as may be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 5: A substantial copy of this resolution shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be (i) published at least on time not more than thirty (30) day or less than ten (10) days before the day of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in said District and (ii) posted not later than the 21st day before the election and remain posted continuously through election day on the bulletin board used for the posting of notices of meetings of the board of Trustees of the District.

SECTION 6: In the event a majority of the votes cast in said election are "For" the issuance of the bonds, the Board of Trustees hereby covenants and agrees with the voters of the District that none of the bonds will be issued unless at a time of issuance the District has (i) received a commitment for state assistance from the State of Texas, or (ii) determined that the bonds will be eligible for state assistance from the State of Texas.

Passed and approved, this the 19th day of February 2002.

EXHIBIT A
School District Election Precinct

No. 1: (Consisting of all or part of Lamar County Election Precincts 111, 427, 428 and 429 lying within the District); Blossom Methodist Church, Faucett Street, Blossom, Texas; Sue Clarkson; Joann Campbell.

No. 2: (Consisting of all or part of Lamar County Election Precinct 113 lying within the District and that portion of the District in Red River County); Deport First Baptist Church, Hwy. 167, Deport, Texas; Gordon Isbell; Vivian Isbell.

No. 3: (Consisting of all or part of Lamar County election Precincts 108 and 115 lying within the District); Cunningham Baptist Church, FM 196, Cunningham, Texas; Shelby Kennedy; Georgia Oats.

No. 4: (Consisting of all or part of Lamar County election Precincts 112 and 109 lying within the District); Prairiland High School, FM Hwy. 196, Pattonville, Texas; Peggy Whitney; Peggy Parsons.
2-28

CITY OF BOGATA, TX
WATER USE ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT #02-03

An Ordinance raising the basic water rates from \$8.00 to \$9.00 for the first two thousand (2,000) gallons; amending Ordinance #89-2 and #01-21, repealing Ordinance #89-11 and #90-03, and making this ordinance effective with the April, 2002, billing.
2-28

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
To the Registered Voters of the Rivercrest Independent School District.

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2002, for voting in general election to elect two trustees for the Rivercrest ISD.

Location(s) of Polling Places:
Rivercrest Junior High, 400 Lawrence St., Talco, Texas
Bogata Community Center, 324 3rd N.E., Bogata, Texas

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Rivercrest High School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 17, 2002 and ending on April 30, 2002.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Janice Franks, Rivercrest High School, Rt. 1, Box 253, Bogata, Texas 75417.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2002.
Issued this 21st day of February, 2002.
Eddy Brown, Presiding Officer
2-28

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 4, 2002 for the purpose of electing the following Rivercrest Independent School District Trustees:

Position #3, Talco, 3 year term
Position #6, Bogata, 3 year term
Position 3 is held by Eddy Brown. Position 6 is held by Mark Hare.

Interested candidates must file for candidacy at the Rivercrest ISD Business office at Rivercrest High School between the dates of February 18, 2002 and March 20, 2002.
2-28

Bogata Homecoming April 13

Bulldogs are coming home Saturday, April 13, 2002. A large crowd is expected this year. As Nanalee stated in her column last week, "We were all reminded September 11th just how much we love our family and our friends", and we all appreciate them a little more today.

It will be good to get together hug and laugh and enjoy one another another time. A catered meal will be served from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. If class reunions run a little late, mem-

bers can still come for lunch where there will be plenty of food.

About 2:30 p.m. there will be a short business meeting followed by a very short time of entertainment. The rest of the evening will be spent visiting.

Everyone is urged to make your plans now to come to Bogata Homecoming on Saturday, April 13, 2002. The class of 1953 will be the host this year. For more information call 903-632-5221, Mary Barnard Vaughan. "Yea! Bulldogs".



Spring gardens are topic of luncheon

The YWCA will present lunch with a purpose on Friday, March 1. Betty Lyke, Master Gardener, will present the topic "Planting Our Spring Garden" at the luncheon held at the YWCA Activity Center from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Other topics planned for the year include women's health, planning by the city parks and recreation department and activities to decrease stress.

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FIRST PLACE- The Lady Rebel Softball Team won their first tournament of the year at Mt. Pleasant Saturday morning. The tourney, hosted by Chapel Hill, had 10 teams represented from around the area. The Lady Rebs defeated Harmony, Paul Pewitt and Linden-Kildare to win the championship. Coaches and team members are: (back row from the left) Coach Brandon Oats, Kasey Hammonds, Stephanie Williams, Paige Boyd, Koren Hawkins, Jill Shirley, Erica Williams and Coach Tammie Case; (middle from the left) Ashley Beers, Kendra Birchfield, Rachel Case, Shari Wisinger, Molly Hare, Danielle Easterling, Kerri Simmons and Leslie Richeson and (front from the left) Tina Carder and Krystal Valenzuela. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



THEY ARE THROUGH!!- The 2001-2002 Rivercrest Annual Staff have completed this year's book and have it sent to print. Memebers of the group are; (from the left back) Misty Simmons, Ashley Beers, Krystal Valenzuela, Ashley White, Megan Horn, Molly Hare and Kayla Belcher; (from the left middle) Charla Hines, Becky Belcher and Kendall Stansell and (front) Alison Foster. The annual staff is sponsored by Mrs. Joan Mabry. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

M*A*S*H puppets to visit Rivercrest Elementary School

The Rev. Bill Higgins and his M*A*S*H puppets will visit the Rivercrest Elementary School on Friday, March 8, 2002 giving 3 performances of "Don't Cry Over Spilt Milk". A performance will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to bring their pre-school students to any of the performances.

Rev. Bill Higgins has worked in children's ministry for over 20 years. He has ministered in churches and at church camps in the United States and Mexico. For

the past 2 years, Rev. Higgins has conducted puppet shows at state and county fairs throughout the United States with the "Grandpa Cratchet Puppet Show".

Prior to this, he served for 8 years as the Children's Pastor at Paris Church of God in Paris, Tx. He currently is administrator of "Kids Power Team Ministries" and director of M*A*S*H Puppets.. His goal is to incorporate the use of puppets while teaching values (Manners, Attitudes, Safety and Health) to children.

ALISON FOSTER- of Rivercrest High School has been named Red River County Ambassador. Alison replaces last year's Ambassador, Dusty Townes. Alison is a junior at RHS where she is a member of the Lady Rebel basketball team and Power Lifting Team where

she has qualified for Regional competition. She is an honor student, member of the Beta Club and FFA. She is the daughter of Morris and Ginger Foster of Bogata. Congratulations Alison! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



Rev. Bill Higgins and "Major Buzz" a member of the M*A*S*H Puppets.



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