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Changing Bandages

In a recent Fire Talk magazine there was an article written by George Burk entitled "Who's Changed Your Bandages".

It was so good that I thought I would share portions of it with you.

Mr. Burk recalled that he was the only survivor of a plane crash years ago in California.

A rancher found him, rolling on the ground, on fire. With nothing else on hand, the rancher threw dirt on Burk until he was extinguished, then got him help. Burk then spent 89 days in Intensive Care and 18 months in the hospital at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio. On 10 occasions, his family was told his demise was only hours away.

Thirty years later Burk was waiting to catch a plane in New York on his way home to Phoenix when he was approached by a woman who asked him "are you Captain George Burk, by any chance".

She was one of the nurses who had changed his bandages, over and over during those terrible days in ICU.

Burk continues about those people who we never really know, but they "change our bandages", making a difference in our lives.

That set me to thinking about those who have "changed my bandages, figuratively if not literally over the years.

There is the nurse whose name I shall probably never know in the recovery room after my first knee replacement. Upon coming to, I experienced pain beyond anything I knew existed. I can remember this nurse cradling my head and crooning to me "We're getting you help, honey, just hang on, it's going to be better in just a minute". Shortly afterwards, it was better. And, five months later, when I went back for the other knee, this same woman took my hand and said "I promise you aren't going to hurt this time nearly as bad, we told your doctor about it and he's taken care of it". Again, she was right. But I don't know who she was, I just know she "changed my bandages".

One day things were so grim here at the office, and it seemed that there was no ray of light. My family had problems, the paper had problems and things were just awful. And, a young woman came in, put her arms around me and asked why I was so stressed. After listening for a moment she calmly said "You'll be on my prayer list tonight, your family too." Without further ado, she dropped a kiss on my head and unselfconsciously left. She "changed my bandages" in a way she will never fully appreciate.

There are so many people in the world who step in to help us, whether it is their job, or just their nature. I have a long list of those "bandage changers" who have made a difference in my life. Some of them good friends, some of them people I barely know and others people I will never see again.

Dedication, kindness, commitment, LOVE, characterizes all of these people. They are so special.

Who has changed your bandages in life?

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BOGATA NEWS

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RRH to celebrate National Nursing Home Week

There will be a lot of things going on at Red River Healthcare next week in celebration on National Nursing Home Week, May 12-18.

Sunday will start off the week with a Mother's Day Reception from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday morning there will be the Balloon Lift Off and Egg Toss and Relay with a Staff and Resident Skit on the afternoon.

Tuesday is County Fair Day with fair booths set up in the Chapel and hot dogs and all the fixings for lunch.

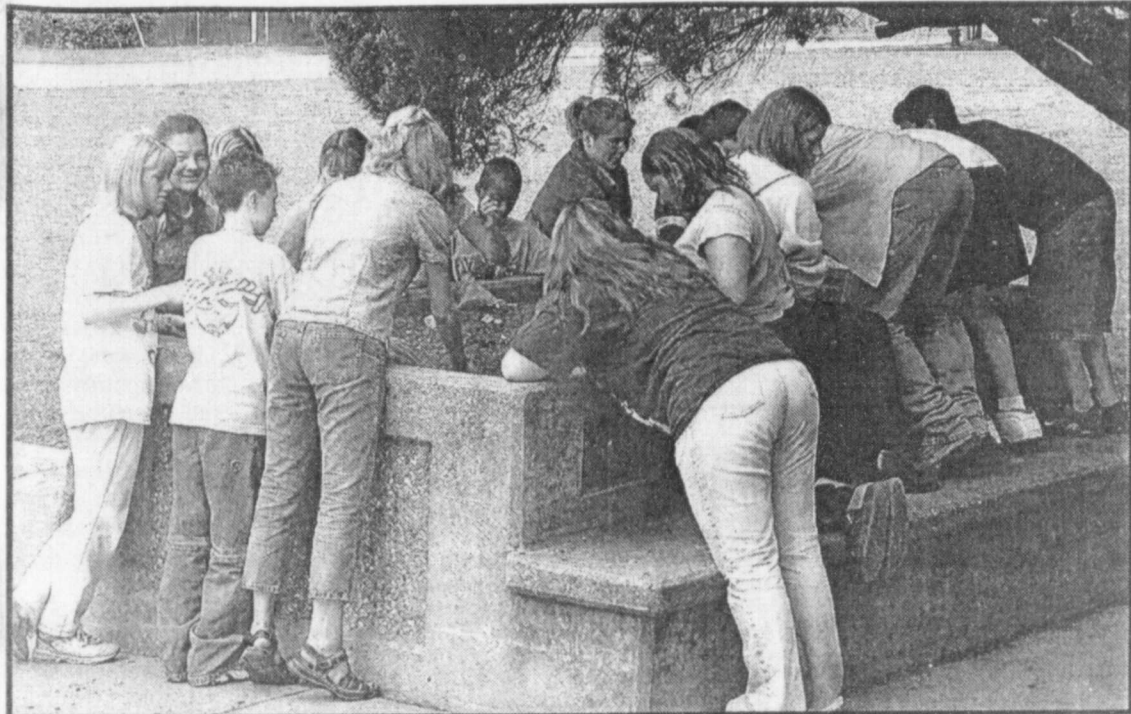
Wednesday will be a Baked Potato Party at noon and a Staff

"No Talent Show" in the afternoon.

Thursday will be 1950's Day with a Sock Hop at 6:30 p.m. and a special appearance by Elvis at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and watch as he performs moves only Elvis can make and sings as only Elvis can.

Friday there will be a Picnic out in front of the facility and kite flying afterwards.

Red River Healthcare is very excited about all the events planned and invites the community to come out and share the fun and festivities with the staff and residents.



PLANTING THE SEEDS of education through the actual process of planting flower seeds. Ms. Leah Bull's 7th grade Science class is pictured preparing the planters at the Talco campus where they will plant and grow beautiful flowers that will bloom throughout the summer. Ms. Bull has kept her classes busy during the learning process though other activities such as testing water at area lakes and hunting for fossils. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata First Assembly to hold youth fund-raiser

The Bogata First Assembly Church will hold a church wide garage sale on Friday May 10, 2002 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the gym behind the church located on Hwy. 271 S.

The proceeds from the sale will

go toward sending the church youth to summer camps. Everyone is invited to come out and browse and maybe find that one item you've been looking for. All purchases/donations are appreciated.

Rivercrest Athletic Banquet is set for Tuesday, May 14th, get tickets now

The Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club will sponsor and all you can eat fish and chicken dinner before the Athletic Awards Program on Tuesday, May 14th.

Carlisle Catering of Pittsburg will again furnish fish, chicken and all the fixings. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Rivercrest

Cafeteria at a cost of \$8 per plate. Advance tickets are available at guaranty Bank in Bogata and Talco as well as at the high school.

Plan to come out, enjoy a delicious meal and honor the athletes for their accomplishments this year.

One arrested on murder conspiracy charges

On Monday, May 6, the Red River County Sheriff's Office obtained information regarding a conspiracy to have District Attorney Val Varley and local businessman Bob Pyeatt, murdered.

Following an extensive investigation by local and state law enforcement officers, Daniel Garza was arrested and placed in Red River County jail under a \$1 million dollar bond for solicitation of capital murder, after a drug task force investigator posing as a hit man from Houston made contact with Garza, who then paid the investigator a sum of money and cigarettes to have the plot carried

out. Garza's motive was based on the circumstances surrounding the prior arrest and conviction of his mother, Rosa Sanchez, in September, 2001.

Ms. Sanchez was prosecuted by District Attorney Val Varley for theft after she embezzled a large sum of money from Pyeatt's business and was subsequently placed on probation. Her probation was recently revoked after she was arrested for the possession of unstamped cigarettes and was placed back in the Red River County jail pending her upcoming trial.

Health screening set for May 15th

The Lennox Health Resource Center will present a Health Alert screening on Wednesday May 15th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Center in the Old Wal-Mart building on Hwy. 82 West of Clarksville.

There will be free blood pressure checks, free cholesterol screening free glucose testing, free vision screening, and a free hearing test.

Free information on Prescription Assistance will also be available.

There will be a hands on demonstration with Dr. Zen's Diabetic Shoes, "Jazzy" Electric Wheelchairs, Seat Assist Life, Gel Cushions (all Medicare allowable with doctor's authorization) plus much more.

This is free to all adult citizen of Red River County regardless of age, sex or income.

For more information call 428-8500.

EDITOR'S QUOTES
What is past and what is to come are so tiny compared to what is inside of us.

Council to discuss remodeling City Hall

The Bogata City Council will meet Monday, May 13 with the following items listed on the meeting agenda.

Hearing of visitors: Kim Fields, Cecil Doyle and Donna Rozell; approval of minutes of previous meetings, bills and waterbill accounts; staff reports from Police Chief Clegg, Fire Marshall Martin and Water Superintendent Davis; discussion and possible action on ordinance prohibiting arcades inside city; discussion and possible action on blueprints for remodeling city hall; discussion and possible action on telecommunications tax; discussion and possible action to move handicapped sign on Main; discussion and possible action on "dusk to dawn" light north of creek; discussion and possible action to fill court clerk's position due to resignation of Angie Burgess effective May 10; discussion and possible action to change trash pickup day from Wednesday to Friday; discussion and possible action to appoint new members to Crime Prevention Board; discussion and possible action to purchase new police K-9 patrol car for police department by Crime Prevention Board; discussion and possible action to consider appointing someone to supervise community services workers on weekends.

THM to sponsor B-B-Que

The Talco Historical Museum will sponsor a Bar-B-Que dinner on the corner of Broad and Hwy 271 at the building formerly Kelley's Garage on May 17, 2002.

The meal will include brisket, chicken or pork tenderloin, potato salad, beans and bread for \$6.00 per plate. To place to go orders call Jane Holmes at 903-379-3861 or Grace Hearron at 903-379-3382. All proceeds from the meal will go to continue improvements at the museum which is located on

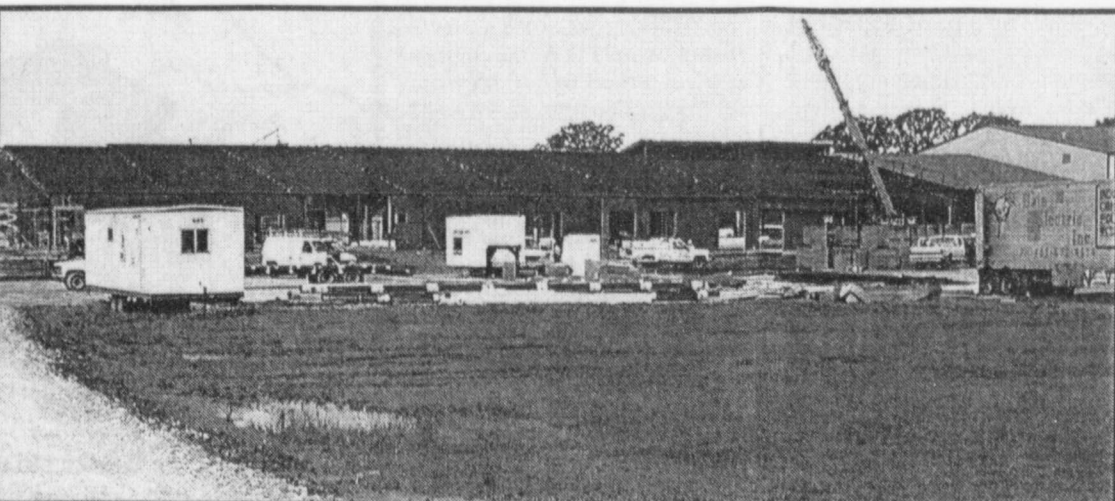
Broad St. in the Talco City Hall. Recently 3 more rooms have been added to the museum area and everyone is invited to come by and enjoy Talco's history.

The group would also like to express their appreciation for everyone's support in the past. Without your help the museum would have been impossible.

Come by or order for a wonderful meal May 17 and help continue to improve the Talco Historical Museum.



RIVERCREST ELEMENTARY Music teacher, Neva Oats took this picture of her 2nd grade students who made recycled instruments in honor of Earth Day. The group came up with some very good ideas and made some very different music. On this day they definitely marched to the beat of their own drums!



STEADY RISING-The new high school at Rivercrest is progressing daily. Bad weather has slowed the process somewhat but the staff at Rivercrest hope to be in the new building by mid-term of next year. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

RRH preparing early for July 4th

Time is swiftly passing by and the 4th of July is right around the corner. Red River Healthcare will once again be sponsoring their annual Fireworks Display on Thursday, July 4, 2002 at dusk.

The display is made possible through the donations of area businesses and residents of Bogata. Donations are already being taken toward this year's display. Your

donation will be appreciated to help make this year's display better than ever.

Donations may be sent to Darnell Davis, Red River Healthcare, P.O. Box 790, Bogata, Tx. 75417 or call 903-632-5293 and someone will be glad to pick up your donation. Red River Healthcare and the community appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Seniors urged to apply

The Bogata Baseball/Softball Association would like to encourage all Seniors to apply for the scholarships that will be given out in May.

One boy and one girl will receive a \$250.00 scholarship. We hope to continue to give out scholarships each year. See Tiffany Easley for more information.

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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!! Yes, it is that time of the year...already May and here we are into the second week...where does the time fly! So you are wondering...what should I get my mom for Mother's Day?...why not baker her something special! On May 7, 1914, President Wilson signed a resolution designating the second Sunday of May as "Mother's Day", the official day for honoring mothers. (Maybe he had an in with the greeting card folks and was getting kickback!) But it was another way to spend money on cards, flowers and gifts! A less expensive way is to do some baking!...or treat her to a special home cooked meal with her favorite dishes.....me, I like chocolate and sweets, so I have gathered some great sounding recipes to tempt her taste buds. Moms have a great day and yes,

we will see you in the kitchen!!!!!!
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CHOCOLATE ANGEL FOOD CAKE-here we go again with another easy, quick and simple.....just start out with a mix!
SUGAR COOKIE FRUIT TART-there are wonderful!
ORANGE BRUNCH MUFFINS-just right for that morning brunch with the girls!



BRANDON DAVIS, Rivercrest High School student, recently was awarded the 2002 Youth Tour award in the Lamar Electric 2002 Government in Action Youth Tour contest. Pictured with Brandon is Ginger Foster.

Davis, Clemmons win Youth Tour Contest

With 61 entries in Lamar Electric's 2002 Government in Action Youth Tour, competitiveness was inspirational. Incredibly talented high school students from across the LEC service area poured their hearts into essays entitled "What America Means to Me" with hopes of becoming a youth tour winner. Winners of the 2002 contest are Margeux Clemmons of Paris High School and Brandon Davis of Rivercrest High School. They will join approximately 175 other talented students from across Texas for the trip of a lifetime. This year's tour will leave Dallas June 13 and return June 26 for two weeks of excitement, enlightenment, new lifelong friends and memories to be reflected upon throughout their lives. Students will arrive in Washington, DC for a busy itinerary including the Lincoln Memorial, Ford Theater, Arlington Cemetery,

Bureau of Engraving & Printing, FBI Headquarters, Washington National Cathedral, Smithsonian Institute, Vietnam War Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, Mt. Vernon, Kennedy Center and hopefully the White House. They will visit the capitol to see the government in action. The trip also includes a dinner dance to honor the students hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The Youth Tour is directed at positive development of the community's youth on a yearly basis. LEC takes great pride in sponsoring this annual contest. Davis' winning essay depicted the American people as animals in their struggle to remain united and to survive. He remarked that the people are a trademark of a country and that is where the power lay.



MARGEUX CLEMONS of Paris High School recently was awarded the 2002 Youth Tour award in the Lamar Electric 2002 Government in Action Youth Tour contest.

"Run for the Arts" is May 11

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to take part in this year's Run for the Arts on Saturday, May 11 beginning at Dragon Park in Paris. Run for the Arts is held annually in conjunction with the Paris Arts Festival. Events include 10k and 5k runs and a two mile walk. Runday registration begins at 6:45 a.m. on May 11 at the walking track at Dragon Park. Pre-registration costs must be accom-

plished by May 10. Each participant will receive a T-shirt and a bag of goodies, provided by sponsors of the run. Additionally, each participant age 10 and under will receive a commemorative medallion. The first three male and first three female finishers in each category will receive winner's medallions. For information, call the YWCA at 785-5221.

16-18 Dixie Debs sign up May 10-11

Sign up for the Dixie Debs (girls 16-17-18 years old) will be held on Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Detroit field located on Hwy. 82. The team will be coached by John Carlisle. Girls from Avery, Bogata, Clarksville, Deport, Detroit and Talco are eligible to par-

Diabetes Support Group meeting set for May 10th

There will be a Diabetes Support Group meeting on May 10th from 9 to 10 a.m. at the CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health Clinic in Bogata. Suzanne Powell, RD, LD, Certified Diabetic Educator will speak on "Climbing the Diabetes Food Pyramid". Everyone is invited to attend.

Tax Workshop is May 15

"Employment Tax Workshop" will be presented Wednesday, May 15 at Paris Junior College. The workshop provides you with basic federal employment tax information. The workshop begins by describing the difference between an employee and an independent contractor. Handouts will be provided as well as information on where to go for additional help. To register, contact 782-0447.

Obituaries

Support group to meet May 13

The Bereaved Parents Support Group will meet May 13 with Don Rhudy, self-employed counselor, as guest speaker. He will speak on handling issues faced by those left behind when a loved one commits suicide. The group meets the second Monday of each month at the TU Electric building at 7 p.m.

Card of Thanks

Members of the Cuthand Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone who helped make another Fish Fry and Pie Auction a great success. A special thank you to D.J. and the Cuthand Bottom Boys for great entertainment throughout the evening.

Members of the Cuthand VFD

Card of Thanks

Words do not express our gratitude and appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during the illness and loss of Loyd. Thanks so much for the food, flowers, calls and cards. God has truly blessed us with love and kindness during this time of sorrow.

The Loyd Fennel Family

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who called or expressed concern during my recent illness. It is comforting to know that so many of you care.

Kim Allen

Ollie Mae Page Kay dies May 4

Ollie Mae Page Kay, age 82 of Talco, died May 4 at her residence in Talco.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 at Maple Springs Baptist Church with Bro. David Snelson officiating. Burial followed in Binnion Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Bates-Cooper Funeral Home of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Kay was a homemaker and a member of the Maple Springs Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Harold Kay of Talco; sons and daughters-in-law, Harold D. and Betty Kay of Pittsburg, Jimmy and Barbara Kay of Chico and Timmy and Jeannie Kay of Sugar Hill; a daughter, Barbara Clubb of Ore City; daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy and Victor Cox of Johtown, and Kathy and Billy Ottinger of Talco; a brother and sister-in-law, Peat and June Page of Modesto, CA; grandchildren Rex, Angie, Ronny, LeAnn, Susan, Traci, Patti, Andy Dustin, Jacky, Jody, Carla, Jessica and Jonathan; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Ronny Clubb, Jacky Ottinger, Jody Ottinger, Rex Kay, Jimmy Dalrymple, Brian Camp, Jesse Clubb, Mitchell Kay and Bo Brown.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James K. Polk and Sallie Smith Page; four brothers; five sisters and a son-in-law, Wesley Clubb.

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Church of God of Prophecy to host fish fry supper

The Sugar Hill Church of God of Prophecy will host a fish fry supper on Friday, May 10, 2002. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the cost of the meal will be

your donation only. All you can eat fish and all the trimmings will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 903-379-7141.

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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.

*May 18 there will be a benefit "Cook Out" at 12:00 noon. All proceeds from the lunch will go to Betty Mullin. Come out and eat lunch, spend the afternoon and attend the dance in the evening.

*Make plans now to attend a dance at the VFW on May 18, 2002. The N2K Band will provide music for the occasion. Come out and shake a leg or just enjoy listening and visiting with friends.

*Happy May Birthday to: Annie Moore, Ressie Crow, Richard Rainey and Rich Killan.

*Get Well Wishes are sent to: Daphney Pointer, Georgia Hudson, Melvin Pointer, George Smith and Dorothy Smyth.

*Happy Mother's Day from all at the Post to all the mom's in the area!



Brittany Bull to cheer for TXAM

Brittany LaNae Bull, a Rivercrest senior, will be serving as one of the Texas A & M Commerce cheerleaders for the 2002-2003 school year. Brittany has been involved in cheerleading since she was in the 4th grade. She has been a Rivercrest Rebel Cheerleader for the last 4 years and has been selected as a UCA All Star cheerleader twice and NCA All American Cheerleader once. She received the Academic Excellence Scholarship from Texas A & M Commerce for \$8,000. Brittany will be attending Texas A & M Commerce in the fall of 2002 to begin her degree in Health and Business Management before she continues her education at Southwestern Texas State University in San marcus to obtain a master's degree in Physical Therapy.

Brittany is the daughter of Leah Bull of Bogata and Terry Bull of Paris. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coffin and great granddaughter of Mrs. Lucille Morgan all of Bogata.



Dana Floy Knowles

Dana Floy Knowles graduates

Bruce and Patti Knowles are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Dana Floy, from the University of Mississippi on May 11, 2002. Dana will graduate with a Bachelor of arts Degree in Political Science and History. She will be graduating Summa Cum Laude and as a Honors Scholar from the McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College with a 3.94 GPA. Dana is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden

Key National Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma and Chancellor's Honor Roll. She has earned the Academic Excellence Scholarship and the Chancellor's Scholarship.

Dana plans to continue her education by pursuing a Law Degree at the University of Texas at Austin. Dana is the granddaughter of Bunky and Floy Smith and Steve and Geri Knowles of Bogata, Tx.

Alsobrook reunion held May 5

The annual Alsobrook family reunion was held Sunday, May 5 at the home of Earl and Nancy Gresham of Deport.

There was lots of delicious food and fellowship.

Attending were Boa, Barbara and Gina Alsobrok of Howe; Harley and Pansy Vaughn of Richardson; Sarah, Tara and Savannah Hughes of Argyle; Tesa, Randa and Hanna Riddle of Dallas; Denny, Regina and Jamey

Whitley of Longview; Reba Bell of Clarksville; Randy, Gloria and Melody Gresham of Manchester; Regan and Rue Anna Bell of Fulbright; Mary Ann Williams, Lucille Morgan and David Vaughn of Bogata; Jimmy Burnett of Paris; Gordon and Clois Alsobrook, Karen and Julia Grossman, Jerry Burnett, Jayne Westbrook and niece, Teresa Minor, all of Deport.

Seminars dealing with terrorism set May 15 & 22

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System will host two televised closed-circuit seminars dealing with terrorism and emergency preparedness later this month.

Sponsored by the Center for Disease Control, the programs are free and open to the public. Officials said information contained in each of the programs is especially helpful for law enforcement, emergency management, school and health professionals.

The first of the seminars will be aired on Wednesday, May 15, from noon until 2 p.m., and the second will be held Wednesday, May 22, from 1-2 p.m. Each will be held in the Townsend Education Annex, 855 E. Austin St.

The first session, designed to help schools prepare for possible terrorist acts, is presented by The U.S. Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services, CDC, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and FBI. It also will answer questions,

update information, and explain the role of partnering agencies in the event of possible biological, chemical, or radiological threats (hoaxes or actual attacks), and describe how to revise school emergency response plans to address possible threats.

CDC officials said the program is especially appropriate for school superintendents, principals, nurses, other school faculty and staff, and public safety directors.

The second telecast, "Live Response - Technology as a Force Multiplier," was produced by the National Terrorism Preparedness Institute of St. Petersburg College. It explores topics related to weapons of mass destruction and consequence management, and proper use and understanding of available technologies.

Additional information concerning the programs is available by calling Mary Fitzwater at 737-3358.

Senior rally planned at RACE

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Wellness Centers and PrimeTime are joining forces for a senior rally-beach party on Friday, May 24, at the Wardell RACE for Life Wellness Center, 1025 DeShong.

Everyone over the age of 55 is invited to attend the rally, including members of PrimeTime as well as Aerofit and RACE members. The only cost will be for the luncheon.

Activities for the day include: 9:30 a.m. - Walk on the Beach (water walking); 10 a.m. - High Tide (advanced exercises); 10:30 a.m. - Surf Waves (moderate exercises); 11 a.m. - Calm Waves (Hot Joints); and at noon, lunch.

The wellness centers will offer a discounted joining fee of \$10 for a senior single membership on that day, with coupons to be distributed.

Lunch will be served for the usual PrimeTime luncheon prices of \$3 for Plus members and \$5 for standard members. Tickets must be bought in advance.

There will also be door prizes and entertainment.

For more information, call the CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Wellness Centers at (903) 737-3678 (Aerofit) or (903) 782-2900 (RACE), or PrimeTime at (903) 737-3672.

Hospital Week activities planned

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System will join other facilities from across the nation in observing National Hospital Week on May 12-18.

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's has planned a number of activities during the week, beginning with associate prayer services in the chapels on both the North and South Campuses at 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 13. Then at 6:30 p.m. the sameday, employee service awards will be presented during a dinner at Paris Junior Col-

lege. Associates will be treated to barbeque and all the trimmin's on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14-15, and on Friday, May 17, hospital employees will be treated to ice cream in each cafeteria from 2-4 p.m., then delivered to patient floors that night for those working third shift.

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System is the second largest employer in Lamar County, with more than 1,100 full and part-time employees.

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BY BETTY RODGERS
652-6051

Visitors of Jimmie King were Kutchie King on Wednesday. They went shopping in Clarksville and ate lunch. Duane King visited Thursday and Dick King on Saturday.

Betty Rodgers, Wayne and Mattie Williams, Margaret Townes attended the wedding of Karen Baker at Bonham Street Church of Christ on April 27.

Church of Christ members are laying the foundation for another building.

Betty Rodgers fixed lunch for Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga, Monte and Stephanie Rodgers and Melissa Kelly on Sunday.

Gilbert Arriaga won the Deport mayor's race Saturday. Congratulations.

Connie Phosay and Betty Rodgers attended the Lions Club meeting in Detroit Monday evening.

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The Sanctuary Five

Sanctuary Five to be presented

What do a retired machinist, a legal secretary, a retired businessman, a body fitness/wellness expert and a practicing civil attorney have in common? Well they are all members of the First Baptist Church of Paris, and love to sing the old-time gospel songs, and they also make up a group known as the Sanctuary Five.

The Company is proud to be bringing this inspiring group to the historic Old Church Theatre in Clarksville on Sunday, May 19, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.

Featuring accompanist Linda Flanary, her husband Bill who sings lead and is the spokesman of the group, Glen Books as bass, Ed Schaeffer singing baritone, and Roy Gibson as tenor, the group has been touring around the area

since it's formation in 1998, when as a promise to the other members of the Sanctuary Sunday School Class that if they reached their goal of high attendance on a special Sunday, they would form a quartet and sing for them. They had so much fun performing together that they have been doing it ever since.

The group has enjoyed a growing following of fans since touring the area and they have been featured in the Paris Entertainment Series (formerly the Community Concerts), have recently performed in Branson.

Reservations are highly encouraged and can be made by calling 903-427-4654. Dessert and coffee will be served afterwards.

Strain family members reunite

The descendants of the late James Benjamin Strain 1819-1895 was held in Broken Bow, Oklahoma at the Beavers Bend State Park. The reunions have been held in the park since 1987 where a whole unit of cabins and central community buildings are rented to accommodate the ever growing crowd of relatives, travel trailers, tents and motor homes. There were 198 that signed the attendance book coming from Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, Utah, Ohio, California, Missouri and Mississippi.

Local resident, Inez Gill, is a 3rd generation Strain. Her parents are the late James (Jim) and Kate (Wilson) Strain. Mrs. Gill was the oldest in attendance. Her husband, Russell has usually taken the honor but he was unable to attend this year as he is recovering from a serious burn.

The gills returned to Texas in 1951 after 17 years in California and this is the first reunion Mrs. Gill has missed. The reunion runs Friday through Sunday with games, pickin and grinning, a raffle, hay ride, golf and horse back riding. Fun was had by all attending.

Simmons returns from deployment

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan G. Simmons, son of Jimmie S. and Roger D. Simmons of Talco, recently returned from a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Vella Gulf, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

Simmons was one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Battle Group and USS Bataan Amphibious Ready Group that proudly participated in Operation Enduring Freedom.

During the deployment, six sailors from Simmons' ship boarded and seized the motor vessel Lina, a medium sized coastal tanker and a suspected Iraqi oil smuggler operating in the Gulf of Oman. The vessel was towed to a holding area in the Arabian Gulf after 21 crewmembers were detained and the stability of the ship was evaluated.

Simmons is a 1992 graduate of Rivercrest High School and joined the Navy in January, 1997.

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



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-903-632-5214.

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.

May 22
The Rivercrest Elementary Pre-K through 2nd grade end of year Music Program will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Neva Oats beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to attend.

May 23
The Rivercrest Elementary 3rd through 5th grade end of year Music Program will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Neva Oats beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to attend.

May 23
The Rivercrest Junior High Graduation Ceremony will be held at Rivercrest High School Auditorium beginning at 8:00 p.m.

May 24
The Rivercrest High School Graduation Ceremony will be held in the auditorium beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Rivercrest Elementary Menus May 13-17

MONDAY
Breakfast
Fruit Danish cereal
peanut butter & graham crackers
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Corn dogs
macaroni & cheese
peas
fruit w/topping
milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast
Cereal
cheese toast
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Chicken nuggets w/gravy
creamed potatoes
green beans
rolls
milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast
Sausage & biscuit
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Chicken & dumplings
beans
potatoes
cornbread
milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast
Pancakes w/syrup
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Chili w/crackers
beans
cheese sticks
salad
cookies
milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast
Cereal
toast
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Cheeseburgers
burger salad
beans
potato wedges or tots
ice cream
milk

Rivercrest Junior High Menus May 13-17

MONDAY
BREAKFAST
Fruit Danish
peanut butter/graham crackers/cereal
juice & milk
LUNCH
Enchiladas w/chili
beans
rice
salad
milk

TUESDAY
BREAKFAST
Cereal
cheese toast
juice & milk
LUNCH
Chicken nuggets w/gravy
creamed potatoes
green beans
rolls
milk

WEDNESDAY
BREAKFAST
Sausage & biscuit
juice & milk
LUNCH
Chicken & dumplings
beans
potatoes
cornbread
milk

THURSDAY
BREAKFAST
Pancakes w/syrup
juice & milk
LUNCH
Chili w/crackers
beans
cheese sticks
salad
cookies
milk

FRIDAY
BREAKFAST
Cereal
toast
juice & milk
LUNCH
Cheeseburgers
potato wedges or tots
beans
burger salad
ice cream
milk

Rivercrest High School Menus May 6-10

MONDAY
BREAKFAST
Fruit Danish
peanut butter/graham crackers/cereal
juice & milk
LUNCH
Corn dogs
macaroni & cheese
peas
fruit w/topping
milk

TUESDAY
BREAKFAST
Cereal
cheese toast
juice & milk
LUNCH
Steak fingers w/gravy
creamed potatoes
green beans
rolls
milk

WEDNESDAY
BREAKFAST
Sausage & biscuit
juice & milk
LUNCH
Chicken & dumplings
beans
potatoes
cornbread
milk

THURSDAY
BREAKFAST
Pancakes w/syrup
juice & milk
LUNCH
Chili w/crackers
beans
cheese sticks
salad
cookies
milk

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Applications may be picked up at your high school counselor's-

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Entries must be received at the LEC office by 5:00 p.m., May 30, 2002. For more information please contact Cody Jones at the Lamar Electric office, telephone (903) 784-4303, or by email at cody@lamarelectric.com. Good luck students!

Letter to the Editor

In response to a letter that I recently received by a county official in regards to a letter that I submitted to Thunder Publishing, I would like to clarify a few points.

First, I was told by our representative that unfortunately the location that we chose to build our new home at was an area that flooded in a two inch rain.

Before we purchased our land, my husband hunted on this land and oversaw it for years. At that time he was also employed by Texas-New Mexico Power Co. and traveled this area on numerous occasions. Not once did he see the roads in the current condition that they are in now.

Perhaps since CR 1305 doesn't have ditches to help drain the water off the road maybe this might be a solution to this problem.

In regards to the bridge located down CR 1305, again, before purchasing our land my husband was made aware that a new bridge was going to replace the previous bridge. The incomplete bridge standing now has yet to have water over it despite the heavy rains that we have encountered.

Another point that was made in reply to my letter by our official is that the county's primary concern was roads where residents lived thus creating mail routes and bus routes for children attending school locally.

While I agree that CR 1300 does not have residents living on it for this to be a problem to Red River County, CR 1305 does.

My son is on our local school's bus route. Due to the fact that his regular bus cannot get to our house, my husband and I transport him to and from school so that the distance and rough road would not be bothersome for another bus driver. Normally, with my husband's and my schedule at work, Lee would ride the bus home in the evenings.

There have been occasions when we have had to retrieve

Lee from school early thus making him miss classes. However, today the unavoidable happened. I had late meetings and my husband was unable to transport Lee home. However, due to the fact that the only bus that could take Lee home was not his regular bus driver, a problem was created. While the bus driver and the transport supervisor discussed how my son would safely arrive home, another student saved Lee from further embarrassment by offering to the driver to let Lee be dropped off at his house and then he (the student) would take him home on his 4 wheeler the 3.5 miles to our home.

I can't help but wonder if this would be an acceptable means of transportation for our county official's children...I don't think so.

Finally, I was given three different numbers to call in case I had a problem with our roads. While I appreciate the kind gesture, these phone numbers are useless when all I receive instead of help is excuses.

Am I the only resident on CR 1305 that is complaining off the condition on our road? No. Numerous efforts by other residents to have our road maintained have been made. We do not want a paved highway. What we do expect is a road that is maintained and drivable without damaging vehicles. While driving on our road, one must make a decision on which hole to avoid while hitting another hopefully lesser hole. With the current conditions of our road it takes 15 minutes to travel a mere distance of 4 miles.

The one reason that I voted for our current judge is because I was told that last spring he traveled down our road and found it and some other roads like it unacceptable. I would like to encourage another such visit to our road, and, perhaps compare it to CR 1436. See and feel the difference.

Ginger Jordan



ACADEMIC ALL DISTRICT Rivercrest Lady Rebels receiving Academic All District Honors were; (back from the left) Erica Williams, Ashley Beers and Molly Hare and (front from the left) Charla Hines and Tina Carder. And not pictured, Krystal Valenzuela. Congratulations girls!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Cunningham News

By Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Georjeana Nutt, Pete McKnight and Ronald Hicks.

The Cunningham Fire Department and Community Center will meet Monday, May 13 at the center at 7 p.m. The men worked on the frame for the fire department building Saturday.

Susan Anederson's softball team won first place at the Pittsburg tournament over the weekend.

Ricky Andeson and Carlos and Cord Ordorica went fishing at Lake Tawakoni on Saturday.

Sunday guests of Bobby and Shelby Kennedy were Heath, Missy, Laykner and Laytiter Kennedy and Jeff and Garrett Kennedy.

James and Pat Norwood traveled to Corsicana Friday to watch the Prairiland Lady Patriots play in the area round of the State softball playoffs.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood went to Denton Friday to celebrate Shelia Norwood's 49th birthday.

Canard Norwood is spending a few days in South Texas. Delores and Teresa, Jamie and Seth Smith ate at the 909 Diner Saturday night. Geneva Norwood, Jane O'Neal,

L'Wanda McKnight and Ethelyn Davis attended the Ladies Night Out entertainment and dinner at the Love Civic Center Tuesday night.

Billie Ford is in Temple with David while he is having treatments.

Teresa Smith and Delores Norwood attended Deport Trade Day Saturday. Teresa attended Kely Mowery's softball game Friday night.

Georjeana and Brad Nutt were in Dallas Thursday and Friday for business.

Amber Norwood attended a dentist convention in San Antonio last week.

Neva, Marsha and Brayden Oats and Kaylee Lane ate at the Cracker Barrel in Greenville Thursday and attended the Lady Rebel Area State Softball Game.

Billy Ray, Neva, Brandon and Marsha Ots and Brad and Georjeana Nutt attended the Rivercrest Educational Foundation Banquet Saturday night.

Tonya Houchins and Audie Earley were honored with a recipe party at Life Tabernacle Fellowship Hall Sunday.

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If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by May 13, an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at (785-8477).

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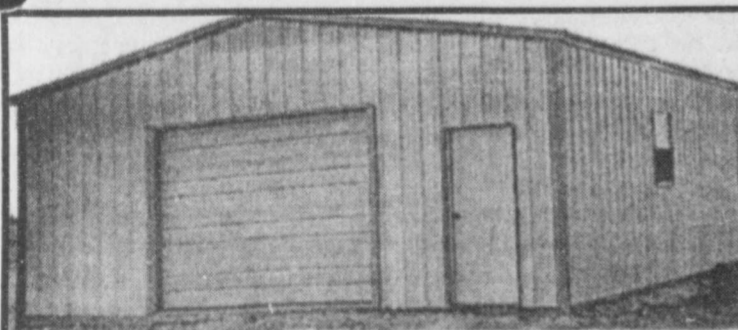
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 Resident, Gladys Tucker-Clifton and Ethan Tucker, Donnie Tucker and Nelda Maynard.
 Resident, Della Ellis-Christina Wilson, Dee Wilson and John and Zack Wilson.
 Resident, Willie M. Topping-Mr. and Mrs. James Watts, Carrine Alford, Lucille Pettit, Della Ann Brown, Colton and D.J. Phipps, Merle Hughes and Melba Bestul.
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 Resident, Frances Provence-Merle Hughes.
 Resident, Bob Massey-Shirley Smith and Tana Guest.
 Resident, Ollie Ruth Robinson-Donna and Burl Robinson.
 Resident, Russell Gill-Joyce and Jerald, Mark and Devy Collins and children, Devia, Jeremy, Karrigan, Kendal and Ruston Gill and Britton, Mutt and Collette Conlon, Helen Zink, Dorin Strain, Karen Whitterger, Donnie and Peggy Strain.
 Resident, Betty Jo Gibson-Inez Gill.



RED RIVER COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS attending the Shooting Sports Extravaganza held in Brownwood, Tx. April 20 were: (back row from the left) Sara Grigg, Laura Schwab, Micah Upchurch, Chance Schwab and Scott Davidson and (front from the left) Ethan King, Tyler Langford, Ethan Meredith, Roscoe Schwab, Jarod Davidson and Clay Rose.

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RIVERCREST ELEMENTARY students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades who are members of the Horizons Class (gifted and talented) enjoyed a field trip to Medieval Times in Dallas recently. They are pictured with some of the royalty they met while there.

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Rivercrest class of 1982 to reunite

The Rivercrest High School class of 1982 will hold its 20th class reunion at their old stomping grounds, in the RHS cafeteria on May 11, 2002.

A come and go lunch has been scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. where sandwiches and snacks will be provided.

An invitation is extended to the classes of 1981 and 1983 as well as any parents or faculty members.

Please bring the entire family to join in on this special event. Night time activities for the adults will be planned for that evening. For more information contact: Jean Bivins Upchurch at 903-632-5341 (daytime) or Mary Lynn Vaughan Palmer at 903-632-4217 (daytime).

Girl Scout summer events

The Girl Scout Council of Red River Valley has announced their summer event schedule. All programs are held at Camp Gambill, just outside Paris.

Registration for each event is open to all girls within the designated age range of each session. Girls need not be currently registered as a Girl Scout to apply. For information call 784-0803.

June 4-6: Grades 1-6, deadline to register May 24.
 June 11-13: Grades 1-8, register by May 31.
 June 16-21: Grades 4-12, register by June 3.

Singers needed for SAI Chorus

Lake Country Harmony, a local Sweet Adelines International Chorus, is looking for women who love to sing.

The 30 member women's barbershop chorus, based in Mt. Pleasant, with the last year has performed in Little Rock, Oklahoma City and in towns all around the East Texas area.

Current members are from Mt. Pleasant, Avinger, Daingerfield, Longview, Kilgore, Hughes Springs, DeKalb, Hallsville, Cookville, Omaha, Pittsburg, Scroggins, Cason and Linden. New members learn the vocal techniques of singing four part acappella harmony in the barbershop style.

Guests and prospective members are invited to attend any Monday night rehearsal beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 401 North Madison Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, Tx. For membership or performance information, contact LaVerne Chitwood at 903-572-6897.

Bogata Stars continue to compete

by Jim Ann Ward

On Friday, April 19, the Bogata Stars (girls 7 & 8) played the Detroit Honeybees at Bogata. In the first inning there were no hits or runs scored by either team.

In the second, the Honeybees hit 2 homeruns, had a 3rd good hit, but only scored 2 runs. The Stars had no runs scored and no hits in the inning. Score 2-0 Honeybees.

The third inning saw the Honeybees have a good hit but no score. For the Stars, Stormi Tully gained first base on a hit followed by Hannah Rhodes who moved Stormi. Emily Ward loaded the bases but the team was unable to drive in a score.

The fourth inning the Honeybees went to work hitting 4 times, one of which was a homerun to bring the score to 6-0 Honeybees. At bat for the Stars Crissy Hume was hit by the ball and took a walk to first. Camen Calvin got a 2 base hit sending Crissy home. Camen was left on base and the score stood 6-1 Honeybees.

The final inning the Stars held the Honeybees scoreless. Brittany Walesiak made first on a hit followed by Hannah Rhodes and Stormi Tully who drove a homerun scoring all 3. Raven Travillion made base on a hit followed by Emily Ward. Time limit ended the game. Honeybees 6-Stars-4. Although the Stars were defeated they had played an excellent game.

On Monday April 22 the Stars traveled to Deport where they met the Patriots. Heather Holt was first at bat for the Stars and she made first on a hit followed by Brittany Walesiak who knocked Heather home to score. The Patriots had 4 great hits in the first but only scored 2 runs to end the inning 2-1 Patriots.

In the second, the Stars had one hit but no scores while the Pats had 2 hits and one score. 3-1 Patriots.

Hannah Rhodes led off for the Stars followed by Brittany Walesiak who sent Hannah home and made second base herself. Camen Calvin came up and hit to gain base but the third out came leaving Brittany and Camen on

base. The Pats came back hard in the end of the inning to gain 4 runs on seven hits. Score 7-3 Pats.

In the fourth Haley Strunc hit to make first base, followed by Emily Ward and Haley Lemme who sent both batters home. Faith Gentry made first but she and Haley Lemme were left on base. Time was called and the Patriots took a 7-5 win.

On April 25 the Stars traveled to Clarksville where they played the Blue Angels. Camen Calvin led off for the Stars and gained first base on a hit. Brittany Walesiak knocked a homerun scoring both. Brooklyn Bishop followed with a homerun of her own and Heather Holt, Raven Travillion and Haley Strunc all made base on hits. Haley Lemme sent 2 runners in before the inning ended. The Stars sent the first three batters for the Blue Angels to the bench on strike outs to end the inning 5-0 Stars.

In the second Allix Brunson hit followed by Hannah Rhodes. Dyna Williams had an RBI though she was called out at first. Camen Calvin had an RBI but was called out at first. Brittany Walesiak made base but was left when the third out came. Score 7-0 Stars. The Blue Angels had two good hits in the bottom but failed to score either runner.

In the third inning Heather Holt led off for the Stars with a homerun! Raven Travillion, Haley Strunc and Emily Ward loaded the bases. A strike out and out at home plate left the bases loaded when Allix Brunson knocked 2 runners in before the final out. The Blue Angels had 3 batters up and the Stars sent 3 batters down. Final 10-0 Stars!

April 29 the Stars hosted the Avery Darlings. In the first inning the Darlings had 2 good hits but scored no runs. Camen Calvin led off for the Stars but was thrown out at first. Brittany Walesiak made base followed by Brooklyn Bishop who was thrown out at first but collected the RBI sending Brittany home. Score 1-0 Stars.

In the second the Darlings had another good hit but no scores.

Haley Strunc was up for the Stars, hit and was out at first. A strike out and an infield fly which was caught sent the Stars to the field.

The third inning the Stars continued to hold the Darlings scoreless. At bat Faith Gentry made base but was left when 3 Star batters struck out. Score 1-0 Stars.

The final inning the Darlings were once again held scoreless and the game ended 1-0 Stars.

Friday, May 3 the Stars traveled to Detroit where they once again met the Honeybees. In the first inning no runs were scored by the Stars. The Honeybees had 3 excellent hits but were unable to score. 0-0 after 1.

In the second, Brittany Walesiak was hit by a pitch to walk followed by 2 strike outs. Raven Travillion got a 3 base hit to score Walesiak. The third out came and the Honeybee came to bat where they again had 3 great hits but were unable to score. 1-0 Stars.

The third inning saw Faith Gentry at bat for the Stars. She was hit by a pitched ball and sent to first. A strike out and then Hannah Rhodes got a 2 base hit. A strike out and Emily Ward got a 1 base hit sending Faith and Hannah in. Haley Strunc got a 1 base hit and a foul ball hit by Camen Calvin was caught to end the top of the third. The Honeybees came to bat and had 2 good hits but not scores. 3-0 Stars.

The fourth inning saw Brittany Walesiak up to bat for the Stars. A caught fly got Walesiak. Heather Holt followed and also flew out and a strike out ended the inning with no Star scores. The Honeybees had 3 hits and scored 2 runners in the bottom of the inning. Score 3-2 Stars.

The fifth and final inning Raven Travillion was up to bat for the Stars where she hit but was put out at first. Allix Brunson followed with a hit and Faith Gentry hit to move Allix to third. A strike out was followed by a hit from Hannah Rhodes but Allix was tagged out at home to end the top of 5. The Honeybees last bat saw them hit a fly that was caught, hit a 1 base hit and have 2 strike outs. Final 3-2 Stars!!

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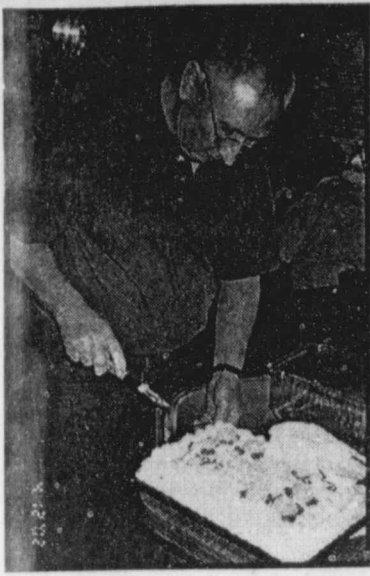
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Commodity distribution dates

East Texas Food Bank Commodities Distribution dates in Bogata for the coming months are as follows:
 May 28
 June 25
 July 23
 Aug. 20

The distribution site will be the First Baptist Church in Bogata.

Charles Sistrunk honored April 12

There was a Big Surprise Party for Charles Sistrunk in honor of his 60th birthday on April 12, 2002.

His wife, Charlotte, called and arranged for everyone to meet at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House in Mt. Pleasant in the party room. When she and Charles arrived she went in line first and as they passed the party room door, she opened it and Charles got a real big surprise to see the room full!

Attending were his mother, Ruby Sistrunk, his aunt, Maggie Lee, aunt and uncle, Ruth and Jack Couch, Jackie and Anita

Couch, Louise Bronso, Bobbie Sam and Sue Davis, Neva Dell Harville, Don and Gail Roach and a special surprise, long time friends Jerry and Frances Mann of Benton, LA. All had a very good time. Charles won't forget this birthday for a long time.

Later in the evening Charles was happy to see his daughter, Sherry and Michael Waller of Houston arrive for the weekend. Sherry is his yearly present since she was born on his birthday. Many more happy birthdays are wished for Charles and Sherry.

4-H members attend Shooting Sports competition

Red River County 4-H Shooting Sports went to Arrowhead Ranch on April 20, 2002 for a fun day. Those shooting BB guns were Jarod Davidson, Laura Schwab, Roscoe Schwab, Sara Griggs and Clay Rose. Those shooting archery were Jarod Davidson, Laura Schwab, Roscoe Schwab, Sara Griggs, Ethan Meredith, Chance Schwab, Micah Upchurch. The adults also had fun shooting archery. They were Dink Benton and Telesa Varley, Donnie and Josh Limbock, Terry Martin, Ross Schwab, Michael Meredith and Jean Upchurch. The group expresses thanks to Dink, Telesa, Donnie and Josh for helping out.

April 26-28 to compete in the Shooting Sports Extravaganza. The youth competed in BB, Pellet, Target Archery and 3D Archery.

In BB, Sub-Jr. Class A 1st place went to Sara Grigg of Avery; Class B 3rd place went to Clay Rose of Cuthand. The other competing in BB, placing overall were Sara Grigg-1st; Laura Schwab-4th, Ethan King-5th, Roscoe Schwab-6th, Scott Davidson-9th, Clay Rose-13th, Jarod Davison-14th, Westin Fannin-17th and Tyler Langford-20th. The group was coached by Terry Martin and Greg King.

Competing in the Air Rifle Sporter (pellet) were Ethan King, Scott Davidson, Tyler Langford and Westin Fannin also coached

Bogata Locals

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Happy May birthday to: Aaron Peek, Taylor Neeley, Runt Dill, Megan Jones, Ressie Crow, Myrle Morris, C.A. Middleton, Corey Crow, Elizabeth Scott Stowe, Julie Ann Harrison, Amber White, Ernest K. Whitaker, Odetha Dubberly, Tana Guest, Sammy Hervey and Sheri Sheffield.

Visiting Russell and Inez Gill over the weekend were Colette Gill Conlan and Mutt Conlan, their granddaughter Devia and Mark Collins and five great grandchildren of La Vernia, Tx., Jerrold

and Joyce Lyns of Marshall, Helen Zink of Ingram, Tx., Doris Strain, Donnie and Peggie Strain.

Happy May Anniversary to: Randy and Melisa Edge and Ernest and DeDe Whitaker.

Carol Riggs of Johntown, Jan McCuller of Mt. Pleasant, Betty Puckett of Denton and Dixie Stringfellow of Bogata spent last week in Rochester, Minnesota where Carol had test done at the Mayo Clinic. The group returned home Sunday.

Tomorrow Fund deadline is May 24

State Representative Mark Homer reported that the deadline for the current enrollment period in the Texas Tomorrow Fund is May 24. Texas parents have less than one month left to lock in the future cost of their children's tuition at this year's prices for Texas colleges and universities. The Texas legislature created the fully guaranteed prepaid tuition program to enable families to secure

a child's future college education costs, regardless of what happens to the cost of tuition, enrollees are guaranteed that their full tuition and required fees are paid.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund allows parents to enroll their children at any age. Regardless of when their child will enter college, parents pay today's cost of a college education. The younger a child is enrolled the lower the payments will be. For example, for a newborn, a four year college plan costs \$15,131 as a one time payment or \$132 a month until high school graduation.

Families can purchase contracts for public and private four year universities and junior and community colleges. They have the choice of buying contracts covering tuition from one to five years and have several payment options including annual or monthly payments, automatic bank drafts of payroll deductions.

For more information on the Texas Tomorrow Fund or to get an application, visit the program's website at www.texastomorrowfund.org or call 1-800-445-GRAD.

Talco Locals

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Jack, Jennifer and Jaden Brown of Powderly visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown Sunday afternoon.

Sympathy is extended to the Kay family during the loss of their mother.

Wednesday the 6th-7th and 8th grade students who are members of the Rivercrest Student Council, Gifted and Talented and A.M. Akin Reading program were treated to a trip to Scarborough Faire in Dallas. Attending as sponsors were Becky Carlisle, Staci Hinton, Robbie Beville, Ann Simmons, Leah Bull, Teri Cabell, Coach Mike Jones, Kelly Stansell, Tina Nolen, Marta Rhoades and Toni Anderson. The group had a great time.

Melanie Smith was honored

with a birthday slumber party Friday night by her grandparents, Patsy and Arthur Smith. Attending were Michelle Bruton of Harts Bluff and Rachel and Susan Smith. On Saturday the group enjoyed skating and games at Paris. Also attending on Saturday were Jennifer and Angie White, Emily Hood and Erica Tucker.

Visiting with Nancy Brown Thursday were Carl and Barbara Smith and Carl E. Smith of Mt. Pleasant.

Carol Laing and Bill Newman spent the weekend in College Station where they watched Jeremy and Joshua Abshier play softball and enjoyed keeping up with granddaughter, Hanna.

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