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By Nanalee Nichols
*The world changes fast,
and the messengers couldn't
keep up!*

Not long ago we watched an old program on television about messengers in New York City.

It was one of those Charles Kerault programs and he was conducting an interview with the top messenger in the city. This young man pedaled furiously in, around and through heavy traffic, cutting things so fine he literally touched some vehicles as he zoomed by. Fastened to his back was a backpack in which he carried documents, plans, forms or whatever. He delivered these to one office when speed was required, and often waited to return with other papers to another office.

He was employed by a messenger service and was one of about 25 employees.

It was noted that the number of messengers was down from about 45 the year before to 25.

That set me to pondering whether there are any of these messengers left at all.

The television program was about 12 years old. I'll bet there aren't any of them functioning now.

Think about it. With E-Mail and the fax machine, a proliferation of electronic wire transfers and the like, the need to hand carry documents, checks or forms has decreased to the point of virtual non-existence!

It's like the old newspapers, who had copy boys to run stories, information and proofs back and forth, up and down between reporters and editors and printers....it just isn't done that way anymore. The need for those pneumatic tubes that went from floor to floor in department stores carrying money and sending back receipts has ceased to exist, too.

So, it seems unlikely that even a city the size of New York has much need for a skilled, energetic cyclist to carry "hard copy" documents or information from place to place.

They must be making their living doing something else, now.

It's amazing just how fast technology can change things in only a few years!

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VBS date set at Calvary

The Calvary Baptist Church in Talco has set the date for their Vacation Bible School. Classes will be held from 8:55 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. June 2 through June 6. This year's theme will be "Holiday with Jesus".

Children 4 years up to those who have just completed the 6th grade are among the ages to attend. Older children are encouraged to become helpers at the program. For more information contact: Mary Jo Hall at 379-5331.

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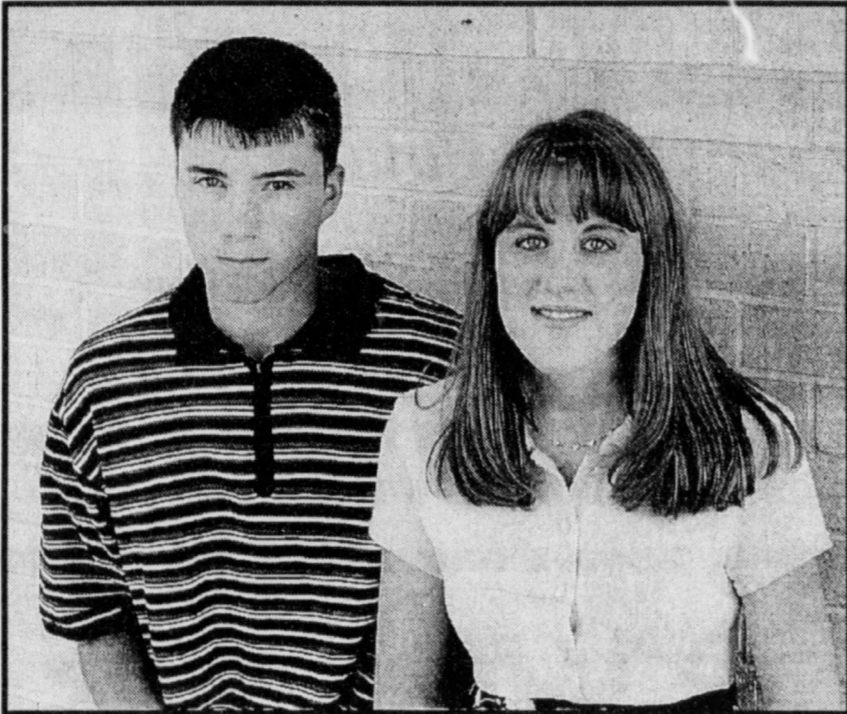
Thursday, May 8, 1997

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Freddy Wade to be honored

Freddy Wade, Superintendent of Rivercrest High School will be honored with a Retirement Party on Saturday, May 17, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rivercrest cafeteria.

The meal will be a covered dish, (vegetable or dessert) and dress for the occasion will be casual. Everyone is invited to attend.



STUDENTS OF THE YEAR-Chosen as student of the year at Rivercrest High School are Marla Williams and Erric Martin.

Marla is the daughter of Mike and Mollie Williams of Bogata. She is a Senior honor student, served as Varsity Cheerleader for the past three years, was active in U.I.L. and has finished her high school days as Valedictorian of her class.

Erric is the son of Dennis and Janice Martin of Bogata. He is a Senior honor student, ranking 4th in his class. He was member of the Area Champion Varsity basketball team, Varsity tennis team, participated in U.I.L. and is a Beta Club member. Congratulations students!

Staff Photo Nancy Brown



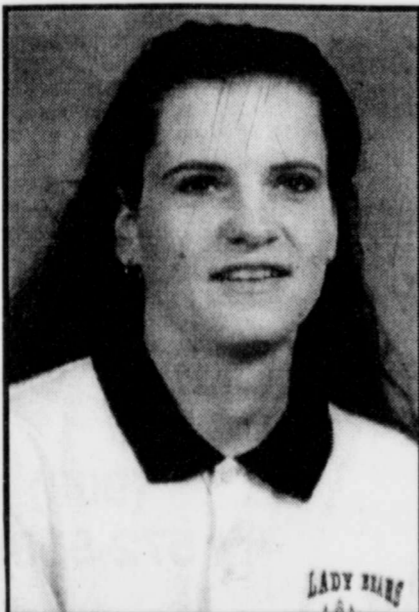
CONGRATULATIONS-to the April Students of the Month at Rivercrest High School, Lindy Phillips and Jody Gray.

Lindy is the daughter of Brit and Anaya Phillips of Lone Star Community and the granddaughter of W.A. and Jodelle Cooper of Cunningham and Ted Phillips of Lone Star Community. Lindy served at the Rivercrest Band Drum Major, is a member of the Beta Club, Spanish Club, National Honor Society and participated in U.I.L. She is also a member of the Youth for Christ at her church.

Jody is the son of Jackie and Linda Gray of Bogata. He was a member of the Varsity football team, basketball team and track team. Jody is a member of the first State qualifying 1600 meter relay track team at Rivercrest. He was chosen Most Handsome of the Junior class and is an honor student.

Super garage sale to be held May 10

There will be a community wide garage sale held in downtown Talco on Saturday, May 10, 1997. Set-up is free for anyone. The sale has become annual event with lots of fun, visiting, trading, swapping and selling. Everyone is invited to attend.



COACH OF THE YEAR-Tonya Bishop was voted by the coaches of class 3A as Coach of the Year for girls softball. Her team carried a 14-4 record. This is Tonya's first year coaching at DeKalb High School as varsity girls coach. Tonya is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hawkins of Talco and the granddaughter of Nina Gentry of Talco. She is a 1990 graduate of Rivercrest High School.



The Rivercrest High School Junior-Senior Prom will be held on Friday, May 9, 1997 beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club.

The Rivercrest Athletic Banquet will be held Monday, May 19, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the meal will cost \$5.00 and may be purchased at the gate. Everyone is invited to attend.

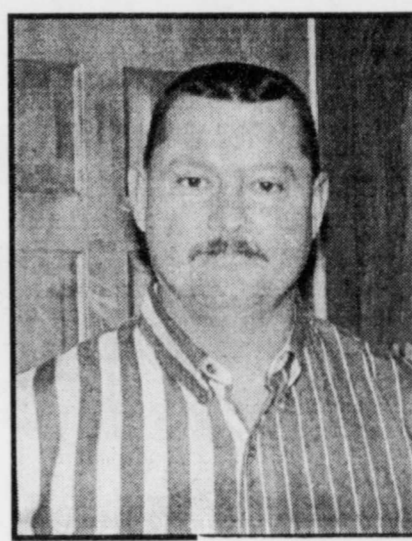
The Guaranty Bank of Talco will honor the Rivercrest Senior class with a party at the school cafeteria on May 12, 1997 beginning at 6:30 p.m. All seniors are encouraged to attend.

The Rivercrest High School Baccalaureate service will be held in the school auditorium on Sunday, May 18, 1997 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Revival Services will be held at the Harris Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Sugar Hill May 12-16. Bro. Glenn Griffith will be the guest pastor. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Everyone is invited to attend and share the blessings.



Ricky Franks



Nicky Brown



Mollie Williams

Brown, Williams, Franks elected to board

In last Saturday's Board of Trustee election for the Talco-Bogata C.I.S.D., Nicky Brown was elected

with 102 ballots over Robert Hollis, who received 100. Unopposed for Place 4, Mollie

Williams received 152 votes. Also unopposed in Place 7, Ricky Franks garnered 162 votes.



FUTURE KINDERGARTENERS-The Kindergarten Round-Up was held at Talco School Monday, May 5, 1997. Eighteen future students attended the morning of fun with teachers Kathy Brown and Stephanie Wright.

TBSA special meeting held April 29

The Talco Baseball/Softball Association met on Tuesday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Talco City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President, Nancy Brown at 7:35 p.m. Members present were: Leah Cabell, Elodia Grissom, Dale Griffin, Sammy Joe Ellis, Ricky Franks, Randy Carroll, Marcus Savage, Janice Savage, Randy and Sherry Hollis, Bradley Moore, Patsy Smith, Mayra Clark and Leslie Clark.

The meeting was a special called meeting therefore the minutes and treasurer's report were bypassed.

Under Old Business-It was reported that the lights on the field have failed on two occasions. This was discussed at the last meeting and Bradley Moore was assigned to check out the options. Bradley reported; to improve the electric current received to the lights the transformer pole and light switch pole need to be moved in and some rewiring is required, however, this is not going to improve the amount of light on the field but very little. The fact remains, the field needs new lights. Nancy Brown reported a

donation given to the Association by Texas-New Mexico Power Company. Following discussion, Leslie Wright made a motion to use the money donated by Texas-New Mexico to purchase as many quartz lights as possible, Mayra Clark seconded and the motion carried.

Randy Hollis and Randy Carroll reported the work on the sewer line for the new bathrooms at the field will begin as soon as possible. Some permissions had to be acquired before work can begin. Everyone was warned that when the line is dug it will be very deep in places and people must not try to park or drive over it until it settles completely. The group discussed protecting the area with plastic fencing or flags. This will be done because the line will not be hurt but anyone driving or parking on it will get stuck.

Sales on the trailer were discussed. They are not coming along as fast as the group would like to see. In order to pay for the trailer each board member and officer will be required to sell 16 tickets. All sales after will be

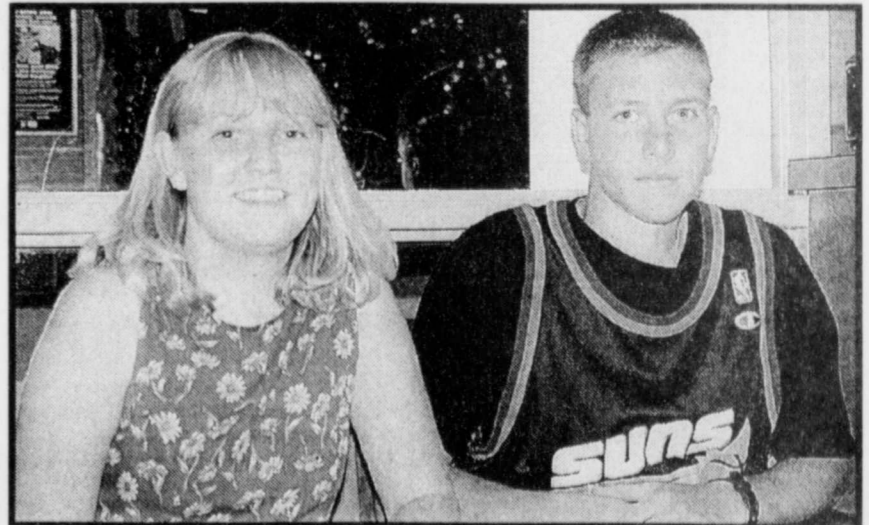
profit. Tickets were given out to members present and a request was made that they be sold and turned in to Treasurer, Patsy Smith within two weeks.

Under New Business-Closing ceremonies were discussed. Motion was made by Ricky Franks and seconded by Dale Griffin to hole the ceremony on June 21 and to hold the drawing for the trailer at this time. The motion carried and a time will be set at a later date.

Nancy Brown reported the tourney set for 13-14-15 year old girls on May 3 had to be cancelled due to the eighth grade class trip. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

Leslie Wright reported a tournament will be held on Saturday, May 10 for 7-8 year old girls. Coach-parent problems were discussed. The league's coaches will go by Dixie League rules as to the amount of time required per child and will use his or her individual judgement on field positions and time played as long as Dixie rule is observed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42.



CONGRATULATIONS-to the May Students of the Month at Rivercrest High School, Lisa Shirley and Justin Smith.

Lisa is the daughter of Ray and Susan Shirley of Bogata. She is a member of the Student Council, Beta club and Spanish club. Lisa is an honor student and serves as reporter for the Sophomore class.

Justin is the grandson of Charles and Wanda Graf of Talco. He is a member of the first State qualifying 1600 meter relay team and is the District Champion in the 800 meter run. Justin is a Senior honor student, placing 6th in the class.

Area effected by cable sale

As of May 1, 1997, a portion of Douglas Cablevision has been sold to Buford Television, Inc. Douglas Cablevision will no longer be operating a cable service.

Areas sold to Friendship Cable in the state of Texas include Adkins, Annona, Atascosa, Avery, Aztec, Bastrop, Blossom, Bogata, Buchanan, Clarksville, Deport, Elgin, Grapeland, Groveton, Las Gallinas, Latexo, Leary, Lost Pines, Lovelady, Page, Powderly, Redwater, Rivercrest, San Antonio, Talco, Trinity.

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Obituaries

Carl R. Guthrie dies May 5

Carl R. Guthrie, age 75 of Talco died Monday, May 5 at Titus County Medical Center, Mt. Pleasant.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 8 at Bates-Cooper-Weems-Robison Chapel with interment in Talco Cemetery. Bro. Pat Ferris and Bro. Larry Bilbo officiated.

Mr. Guthrie was born April 22, 1922 in Charleston, West Virginia to Andrew Albert and Cecil Guanaue Guthrie.

He was a member of the South Side Church of Christ and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a retired lab technician for Dow Chemicals.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Posey Guthrie of Talco; a son and daughter-in-law, Buford and Billie June Guthrie of Talco; two grandchildren, Matthew Guthrie and Steven Guthrie, both of Freeport; two stepgranddaughters, Stefanie Sinclair of Winfield and Barbara Sinclair of Sulphur Springs; and two sisters, Lois Jean Midkiff of Charleston, WV and Pauline Scott of South Charleston, WV.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons; one daughter and three brothers.

Virgil F. Tolbert dies April 29

Virgil F. Tolbert, age 85 of Mt. Pleasant died Tuesday, April 29 at his home.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 1 at Bates-Cooper-Weems-Robison Chapel with burial in Meadowbrook Cemetery in Paris.

Mr. Tolbert was born October 22, 1911 in Linden community to William Wallace and Lucy Alice Shepherd Tolbert. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and had been a member of the Lions Club and Masonic Lodge for 50 years. He worked for Beall Brothers for 33 years and was a retired store manager.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Skipper Tolbert; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Kenneth Kirk of Mt. Pleasant and Jocquetta and Daniel Smith of Blossom; a stepdaughter and her husband, Melba and Don Hitt of Cason; two brothers and their wives, Morris C. and Robbie Tolbert of Paris and William A. and Genell Tolbert of Ft. Worth; a sister and her husband, Norma L. and Jack May of Texas City; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Waymon Bryant dies April 30

Wayman Bryant, age 75 of Dallas, formerly of Red River County, died Thursday, April 30 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 5 in Anderson Clayton Funeral Home Chapel in Mesquite with graveside services at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Bogata Cemetery.

He is survived by his children, Wanda Lena Tierney, Daniel Paul Bryant and April Fitzgerald, all of Dallas and Michael John Bryant of Pflugerville; one brother, R.V. Bryant of Worcester, MAS; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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May 8, 1997 Cheesecake Recipes

Philly 50th Anniversary Double Chocolate Layer Cheesecake

1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
3 squares Baker semi-sweet chocolate, melted and cooled.
1 ready-to-use chocolate flavor crumb crust

2-8 ounce package cream cheese
Mix cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with mixer on medium speed until blended. Add eggs; mix until blended. Stir in chocolate into 1 cup of batter. Pour chocolate batter over crust. Top with plain batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool. Refrigerate 3 hours or overnight. Makes 8 servings. When ready to serve, place pieces of sliced strawberries or cherries on top and top with chocolate syrup.

Sweet Potato-Pecan Cheesecake with Chocolate Crust

Crust:
1-1/2 cup finely chopped toasted pecans
1-1/2 cup finely crushed chocolate wafers
4 tablespoons sugar
4 tablespoons butter
Filling: 16 ounces softened cream cheese 15 ounces whole-milk ricotta 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
5 large eggs-room temperature
1-15 ounce can sweet potatoes drained and mashed till smooth
2 tablespoons all purpose flour
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
1 tablespoon brandy
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Lightly butter springform pan. In medium bowl, combine wafers, pecans and sugar and stir in butter until combined. Press crust over bottom and up sides of pan. Chill pan while preparing filling. Put cream cheese and ricotta in a large bowl and beat until smooth and creamy using electric mixer. Add brown and white sugars and beat until smooth. Scrape down bowl. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating 20 seconds after each addition. Add potatoes, flour, pie spice, brandy and vanilla and beat until smooth. Scrape down bowl and pour filling into prepared crust and

smooth top. Fill a 2 quart baking pan halfway with hot water and place on bottom rack of oven. Bake in middle rack for 1 hour. Turn off oven and leave cake with door closed for 30 minutes. Remove and cool on wire rack to room temperature. Cover cake with foil and refrigerate at least 4 hours. Pour melted chocolate over top and set pecan halves evenly spaced around edges.

Butterscotch Cheesecake

Crust:
1 cup graham crackers
2 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons sugar
4 tablespoons butter
Filling:
12 ounces butterscotch chips
1/4 cup heavy cream
16 ounces cream cheese-softened
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
4 large eggs-room temperature
1 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons flour
1 tablespoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly butter springform pan. In bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, flour and sugar and stir in butter until thoroughly blended. Press the crust over the bottom and one-quarter of the way up the sides of the prepared pan. Bake 15 minutes, then set aside to cool. In double boiler set over barley simmering water and melt butterscotch chips with heavy cream, stirring until smooth and creamy. Remove pan from heat. Add cream cheese and brown sugar in a large bowl and beat until smooth using the electric mixer on medium. Add eggs, one at a time, beating for 20 seconds after each addition. Scrape down bowl. Add sour cream, flour and vanilla and beat until smooth. Add butterscotch mixture and beat at low until smooth. Scrape down sides. Pour filling into prepared pan and smooth top. Fill a 2 quart baking pan halfway with hot water and place on bottom rack. Bake cake on middle rack for 1 hour. Turn off oven and leave door closed for 1 hour. Remove and cool to room temperature. Cover with foil and refrigerate for four hours. Garnish with one 8 ounce jar caramel topping-warmed

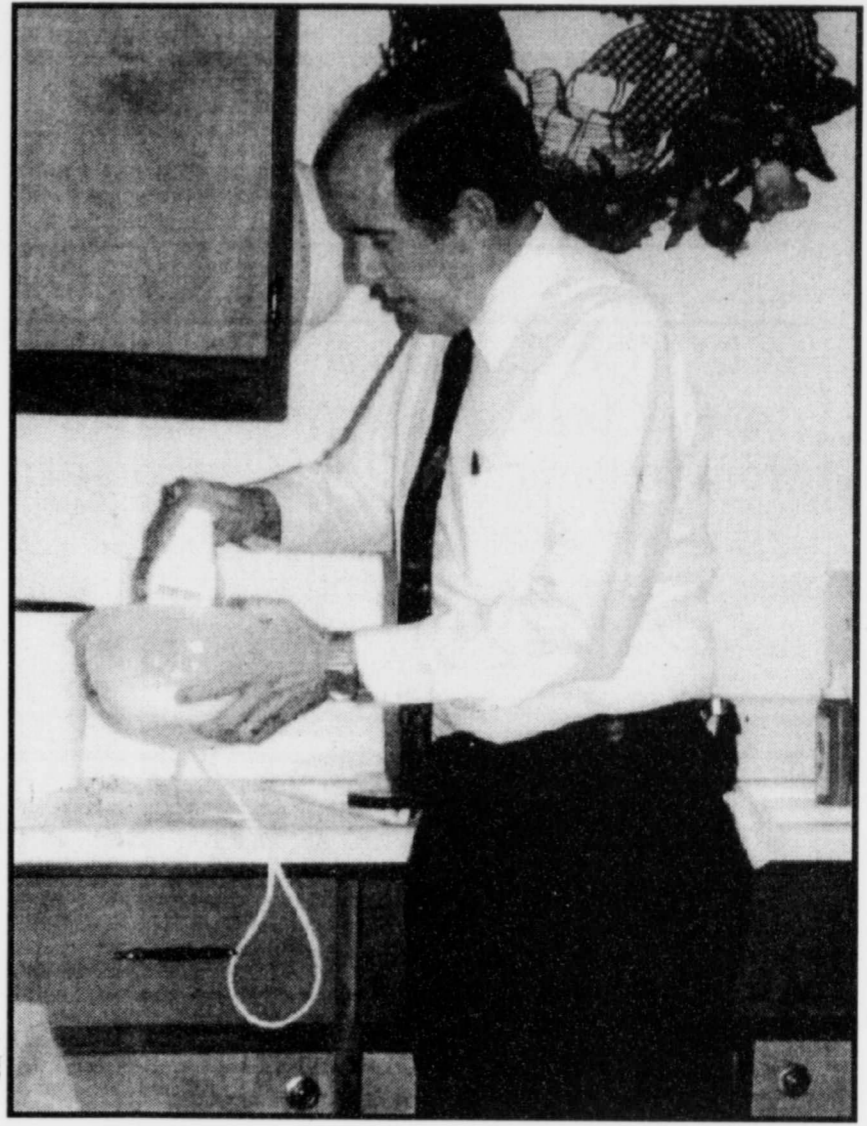
and 1 8 ounce package Turtle candies chopped.

Creamy Citrus Cheesecake

Crust:
1-1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
4 tablespoons butter
1-1/2 teaspoons grated fresh lime peel

Filling:
24 ounces cream cheese-softened
1 cup sugar
3 large eggs-room temperature
7 ounces sour cream
1/4 cup fresh lime juice
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1 tablespoon grated fresh lime peel
Lemon Orange Curd:
4 large egg yolks
3/4 cups sugar
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
4 tablespoons butter

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly butter springform pan. In bowl, combine cracker crumbs, butter and peel. Press crust over bottom and halfway up sides. Chill while making filling. Put cream cheese and sugar in large bowl and beat until smooth, using electric mixer at medium speed. Add eggs, 1 at a time and beat 20 seconds each. Scrape down bowl. Add sour cream and beat until smooth. Add lime juice, vanilla and almond extract and peel, beating until combined. Scrape down bowl. Pour filling into prepared crust and smooth top. Fill 2-quart pan halfway full and place on bottom rack of oven. Place cake on middle rack for 1 hour. Turn off oven and leave for additional hour with door closed. Remove and cool to room temperature. In top of double boiler set over barely simmering water, whisk together egg yolks and sugar until combined. Slowly stir in the lemon and orange juices until smooth. Cook mixture, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon until thick. Remove pan from heat and stir in butter until smooth. Strain hot curd through fine-mesh sieve into a bowl and let cool slightly. Pour curd over cheesecake, then refrigerate covered with foil for at least 4 hours. Garnish.



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

DR. L.C. STOUT demonstrates the art of a perfect cheesecake to the homemaking students of Sandra Graves Foods and Nutrition last week. He prepared the Philly 50th Anniversary Double Chocolate Layer Cheesecake.



Liz Irwin

Country Cooking

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Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all the people who voted in the Talco-Bogata Board of Trustees election, and say that I appreciate the chance to serve you. I will try to do the best job that I can to see that everyone is treated fairly and to see that our children get every opportunity available and the best education possible. Thanks again for all your support.

Sincerely,
Nicky Brown

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me for your support in the Prairiland School Board election.

Sincerely,
David Basinger

Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers 652-6051

Bro. J.T. Shipman of Paris held worship services at the First Baptist Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Jenkins of Paris visited Karen and Worth Baker Monday.

Mrs. Ethel Epps was a visitor of Charles and Rhea Epps in Rosalie Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Erb of Stockton, CA spent the weekend with the Clovis VanDeavers, Larann, John and Dru Denison of Rosalie joined them for lunch on Sunday.

Kenneth Smith is in critical condition in Paris hospital with a heart condition.

McCoin Scholarship Fund Drive begins

The Richard McCoin permanent fund is at \$10,600 at the present, with this investment a perpetual gift of \$500.00 can be made annually.

The committee would like to increase the permanent fund so that the scholarship amount can be more in the future.

Donations to this fund may be made to Hugh Jeffus at Community National Bank, Jake Broadway, Dale Miller, Albert McCoin, Jorene Carpenter or Becky McCoin.

Any help you might will be appreciated by student recipients in the future.

Fulbright Community Club meets at center

The Fulbright Community Club met at the center Monday evening. Glenn Smucker of Euleus was guest speaker. He gave a program on estate planning and was very beneficial and interesting.

A short business session was held afterwards with plans to paint the center building and get ready for homecoming which will be held on the second Sunday in May.

Bereaved Parents Support Group to hear guest speaker

Dr. Gregory Montoya, Paris Psychiatrist will speak at the May 12, 1997 7:00 p.m. meeting of the Bereaved Parents Support Group.

The Bereaved Parents Support Group meeting will be held at the TU Electric Building, (635 Clarksville Street) between Clarksville and Lamar in Paris, TX. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

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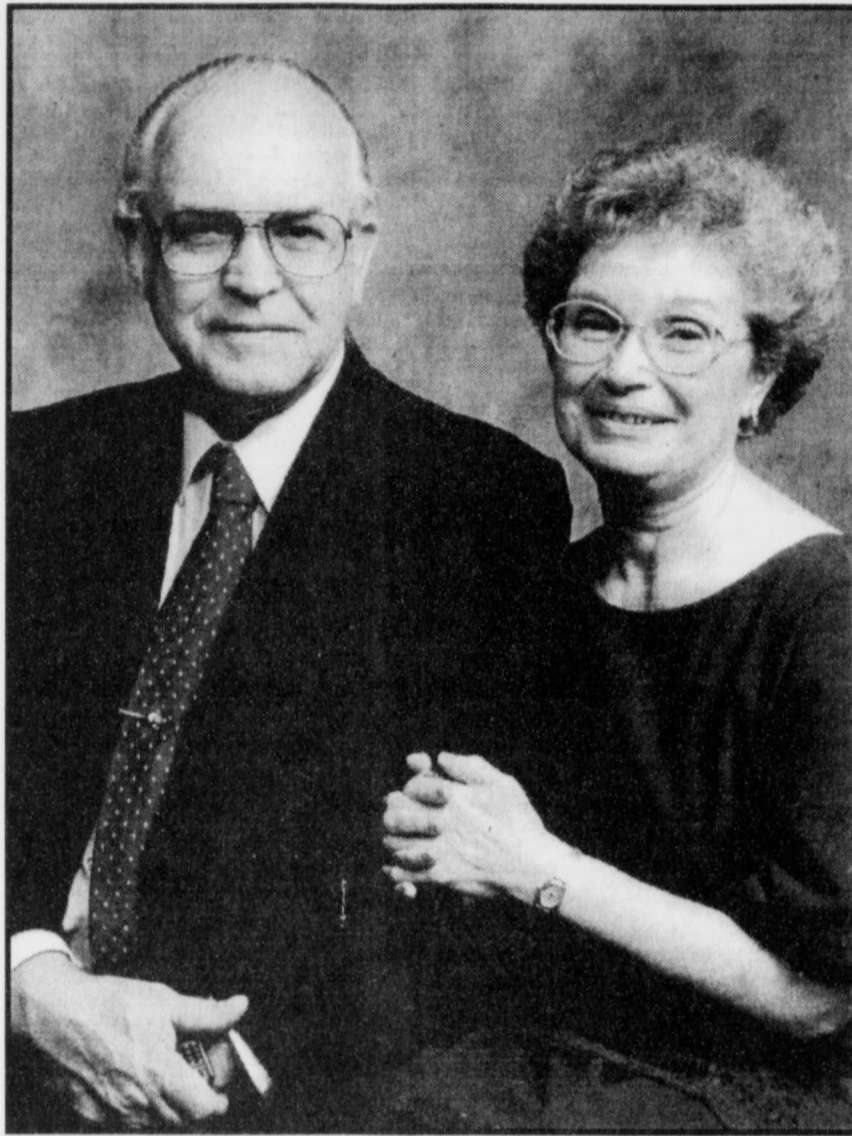
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Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Spencer

Spencer open house planned

The children of Pat Wallace of Hughes Springs and Arthur Spencer of Bogata wish to invite friends and relations to the Spencer's open house on the afternoon of May 11 to celebrate the joining of their families, May 10, 1997.

Invitations will not be sent, please consider this your invitation. For directions to Rivercrest Heights, con-

tact Pat and or Art.
 Their children are: Captain John Wallace of Rapid City, South Dakota, Dr. Jim and Dawn Wallace of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Captain Marc and Donata Spencer of Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, Danny and Kimberley Spencer of Mabank, Texas and Andrew and Ellen Spencer of Denton, Texas.

Mayes Family reunion held May 3

Raymond and Ruth Mayes's family were together at the Bogata Community Center and Park Saturday, May 3.

Those attending were: Randall and Margie Mayes, John, Connie Kay and Marla Brooks, John, Kristi and Mayzie Purviance all of Bogata, John Aubrey, Carolyn, Randy and Kristi Mayes and Amber and Haley of Blossom, Daphnee Mayes and Mark of Dallas, Dovie, Larry and Mike Garretson of Bogata, Rickey Garretson of Fort Worth, Pansy Skaggs of Arlington, Cindy and Steve

Erkel of Fort Worth, Neil and Frances Rozell, David Rozell of Bogata, Kenneth Mayes of Fort Worth, Jozell and Ashley Ward and Raschell of Weatherford, Kenneth and Aaron Palmer of Bogata.

Fellowship, lunch, supper and games of 42 and double nine were enjoyed. Those more active played softball. Cameras were busy throughout the day.

Misty Garretson of Mount Vernon was in Dallas on a school trip but was able to visit with most everyone on Sunday.

North Star Chapter program and luncheon to be held May 20, 1997

The North Star Chapter Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce Program and Luncheon will be held May 20, 1997 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

The topic will be "The 10 Litigation Land Mines of the 21st Century Workforce". This presentation will identify ten major litigation traps employers face and how to avoid them with special attention to problems of the future that are arising from new technologies, new laws and new work arrangements like telecommuting. This presentation is drawn from Littler Mendelson's survey of its group of over 300 employment law attorneys nationwide.

Guest speaker will be, Scott McDonald, shareholder in the Dallas

office of Littler, Mendelson, Fastiff, Tichy & Mathiason the nation's largest law firm focusing exclusively on employment law.

All business owners, managers/supervisors and human resource personnel should attend.

The program will be held at Paris Junior College, Student Center Ballroom, Clarksville St. in Paris, TX. Registration fees received on or before Monday, May 19 will cost \$12 per person. Registration fees paid after Monday, May 19 or at the door will be \$15. For more information call Veta Weaver TABCC Region (903) 534-1398 or Melanie Fountain, TABCC Treasurer- (903) 737-0522 or FAX (903) 785-6344.

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Vaughan family has get together

The Vaughan-Hawkins family met at Avret and Mary Margaret Vaughan's Ranch Saturday, May 3. They cooked a hog, a pot of beans and fried potatoes and everyone brought a covered dish. They spent the day visiting and taking pictures.

Attending were Harley and Pansy Vaughan of Richardson, Charles Dryden of Longview, Doug Hawkins of Bogata, Lucille Hawkins of Johntown, Shawn and Patti Jenkins, Sarah and Wesley of Carrollton, Robert and Janie Thomas-Young of

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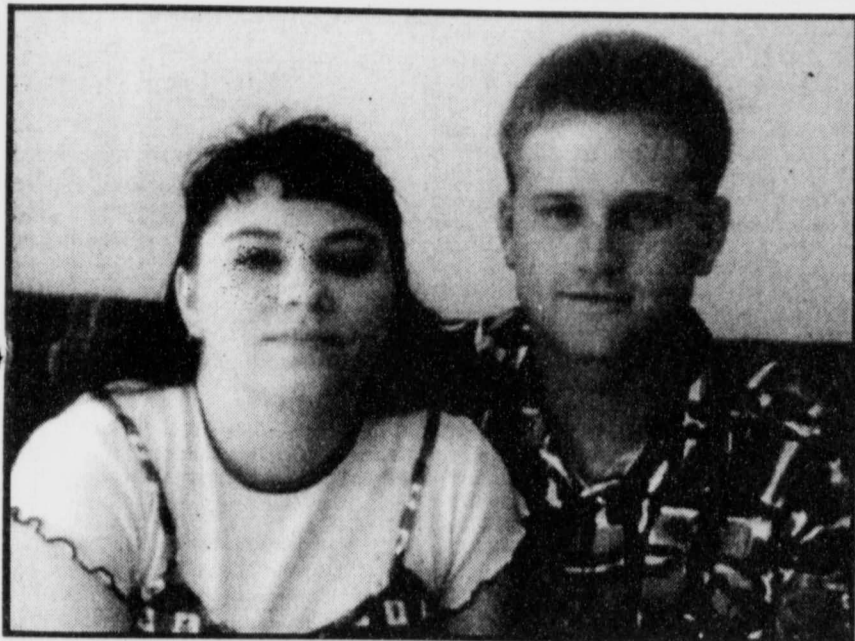
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 Mr. and Mrs. Minter engagement party of Michelle Elrod, Jr. The ceremony was held at Minter Park on Saturday, May 10. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Minter. She is a High School graduate.

A coronation ceremony was held on Saturday, May 10, at the home of Mrs. Minter. The coronation was held at the home of Mrs. Minter. The coronation was held at the home of Mrs. Minter.



Penny Michelle Whittle
with fiancé James Houston Elrod, Jr.

Whittle-Elrod announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wayne Whittle of Minter are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Penny Michelle Whittle, to James Houston Elrod, Jr.

The couple will be married Sunday, June 22 at 6 o'clock in the afternoon at Abundant Life Church in Minter. Pastor Tony Corso will perform the ceremony.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Jinks Whittle and Ruth Whittle of Depot and Dorothy Goforth of Mansfield and the great-granddaughter of Fay Elmore of Deport. She is a 1996 graduate of Prairiland High School and is attending Paris Junior College. She is employed at Sirloin Stockade.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Houston Elrod of Detroit. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Boyd of Reno, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brumalaw of Blossom and Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Elrod of Detroit. He is a 1996 graduate of Detroit High School and is attending Paris Junior College. He is employed at Super One Foods.

There will be a reception held at the American Legion Hall in Deport immediately following the ceremony. No formal invitations will be sent. Family and friends are invited to attend.



(Staff Photo)
Rev. and Mrs. J.T. McNabb
to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

J.T. McNabb's celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

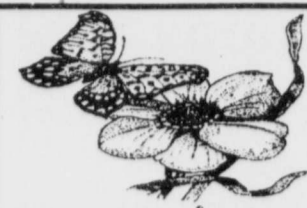
Rev. and Mrs. J.T. McNabb will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 24, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at the East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church fellowship hall, six miles northeast of Blossom on F.M. 1502.

Yvonne Waston and J.T. McNabb were married May 24, 1947 in the home of Rev. D.D. Miller in Avery, Texas.

The reception will be hosted by

their children and spouses, Kathy and David Brown of Carthage, Patricia and Leroy Cranford of Gray, Charlotte and Keith Bollman of Paris, Carla and George Rhodes of Blossom and Michael and Glynese McNabb of Blossom.

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A community meeting was held Sunday and a work day was set for Saturday, May 10. There will be a picnic lunch. The next community meeting is Sunday, May 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Homecoming will be June 28 and the meal is \$6.00. Deadline for payment is June 15. Mail to Jane O'Neal, Rt. 1, Box 63-5A, Deport, TX 75435, call Jane at 652-6062 or Geneva Norwood at 652-3141. Correction on year dates of 8x10 senior class pictures, we would like to copy 1938-41-46-62-69. Individual pictures for 1940 and 1968, any ball team pictures, leave a message at 652-6792.

Mary Briscoe visited Norman and Rachel Sain Monday. Virginia Bell, Cathy and David Lawrence visited Tuesday evening. Dorothy and Francis Green of Johntown visited Friday. Guests for Saturday evening and supper were Ollie Ruth, Carl Bufford and June Guthrie. Virginia Bell visited Sunday afternoon.

Darrell and Ida Mae Norwood spent the day Saturday in Denton with their daughter, Shelia. It was her birthday.

Linda Allen of Blossom and Wanda visited Joe Bailey Williams last week.

Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove and Geneva Norwood ate supper with Marie Watson Tuesday. Dena Legate and daughter Brooklyn ate lunch with Marie Sunday. Jarvis and Renea Wason ate supper with Marie Sunday night.

Barbara and Delano Dunlap spent the weekend at their home in Cunningham. Carol and Jennifer Dorsey ate lunch with Lucy Fowler Sunday. Recently Geraldine Courtney of Lubbock and Beverly Ross of Powderly visited Lucy Fowler.

Jamie Bazhaw of Dallas and friend Alethia visited Lorette Pynes Saturday.

Canard and Deloris Norwood are in for the week. Almer and Alma Norwood attended a fish fry at their home Sunday night.

Susie Norwood visited her granddaughter, Casey Ingram in Allen this weekend. She attended a basketball game in which Casey played.

Mike Fox and son Mikie have returned from a trip to Tennessee.

Dewayne and Lisa Drinnon and sons, O'Neal and Weston visited William and Nina Drinnon in Frogville, OK this weekend.

Joe and Ronda Merrill were in Atlanta, GA several days on a business trip for Texax A&M University in Commerce.

Shelly and Dustin Cox of Alvarado spent the weekend with Velma Cox. Mary Ann Gaylor of Baytown spent Saturday night. Shelly, Dustin, Ann and Velma visited Dora Hester in Paris Saturday night. All ate dinner at TaMolly's.

Stacy and Stoney Musgrove of Cunningham and the Stoney Creek Band performed at Calhoun's in Denison Friday and Saturday nights.

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May 12-16

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Tuesday
Lunch Pizza Corn Fruit Milk
Wednesday
Lunch Nachos with Ground Beef Refried Beans Salad Cookies Milk
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Shower honors Carolyn Strawn

Carolyn Strawn, bride-elect of Jeff Gibson, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday afternoon, May 3, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Approximately 40 guests registered to honor Miss Strawn.

She received a lovely assortment of gifts. The hostesses presented her with a wooden tray table set and a Mikasa crystal heart tray.

Special guests at the shower were the bride-elect's mother, Jane Strawn, and the prospective groom's mother, Brenda Gibson from Pattonville.

Out of town guests were Melanie Thomas of Bossier City, LA, Vickie Thomas of Fouke, AR, Misty Gage and Deanna Vickery of Paris, and Sue Nolen and Jean Stockton of Talco.

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RIVERCREST BAND PARENTS-association members Joy White, Bobbie Price and Sharlene Perry are pictured with High School Principal Gary VanDeaver and Band/Choir Director Worthen. The Band parents are presenting a new sound system to the music department. The sound system was bought with money raised by individual donations and proceeds from the concession stand. Booster Club members who also raised money but were unavailable for a picture were Jeanie Hoffman, Pat and Jimmy Forsythe, Gladys Tucker, Pat Reeves and Anaya Phillips. (Staff Photo)

Upcoming events planned at the Paris YWCA

A reception to show case the art entries for professional competitive art division in the 1997 Paris Art Fair will be held from 6-8 pm on Friday, May 16 at the Party Room at Gene the Jeweler, according to Jackie Wood and Amanda Culver, professional competitive chairpersons.

Reception guests will be able to get the first opportunity to view the art entries, as well as the first opportunities to purchase any of the pieces they like.

Cost for attending the reception is \$5.00 per person. Hors doeuvres and light refreshments will be served. Those interested in attending should make reservations by Monday, May 12 so that food can be ordered. For more information contact the YWCA at 308 South Main in Paris or phone 785-5221.

On Saturday, May 17, 1997 children in Paris and throughout Lamar County will have the opportunity to dress as their favorite book character in Books Come Alive, a dress-up

competition sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the 1997 Paris Art Fair. The Art Fair will be held from 10 am to 5 pm on the downtown Paris Plaza.

Every child who enters will receive a ribbon and top winners will receive prizes. Children who want to enter should register at the Paris Public Library. Every child must be accompanied by an adult on the day of the event. For more information or to register, go by the Paris Public Library at 326 South Main, or phone 785-8531.

Also on Saturday, May 17 registration applications for Run for the Arts will be available at the YWCA. The race will be held preceding the Paris Art Fair.

Athlete may choose between three fun events, including a 10K run, 5K run and 2 mile walk. The routes for the events are changed from last year. The route for the 2 mile walk will be on the walking track at Dragon Park.

The 10K and the 5K Runs will be routed on the streets around Paris Junior College and toward Evergreen Cemetery.

Pre-registration for the event will continue through this Friday, May 9. Through that date, registration fees for children ages 10 and under are \$8; children 11 and over and adults are \$10. After May 10, registration fees for all ages are \$12.

Participants are divided by age category and by gender for prizes in each event. Trophies will be awarded to the first three male and the first three female overall winners for each race.

Medallions will be awarded to the first two male and first two female finisher in each age category.

T-shirts will be given to all participants. Commemorative medallions will be given to all competitors ages 10 and under. For more information or to enter the Run for the Arts, contact the YWCA at 308 South Main, phone 785-5221.

Steve Crowston deployed to Mediterranean

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Steve Crowston, son of Rita N. and Billy W. Crowston Sr. of Rt. 1, Talco, Texas, is halfway through a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Ramage.

Crowston is one of more than 300 sailors aboard the guided missile destroyer who departed his home port of Norfolk, VA., as part of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group. The battle group includes eight tactical aircraft squadrons, seven surface combatants, two submarines and the three-ship USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group.

During December, USS Ramage and Naval units from six NATO countries participated in one of the largest Sixth Fleet undersea warfare exercises. The exercise was to evaluate U.S. and NATO's coordinated operations in countering submarines in shallow, intermediate and deep coastal waters.

Crowston's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar which enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

So far Crowston has visited France, Greece and Italy.

The 1992 graduate of Mt. Vernon High School joined the Navy in June of 1996.



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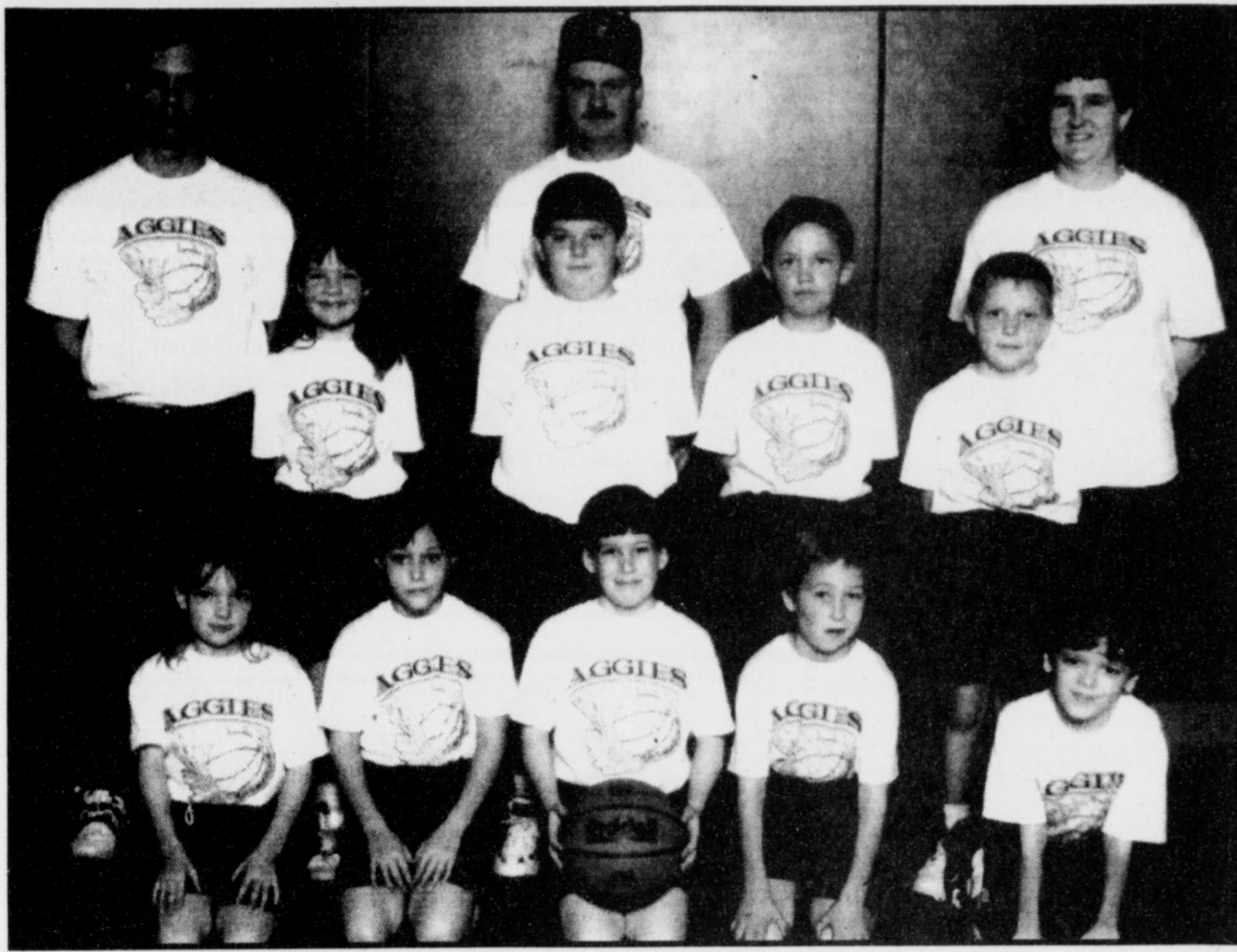
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BOGATA OUTLAWS-(from the left back row) Coach Kristie Damron, Danielle Varner, Lacy Harper, Ashley White and Christie Crawford. (from the left front row) Beckie Belcher, Tina Carder, Lindsey Robertson, Evette Galloway and Jill Shirley.

Mt. Pleasant gearing up for 32nd annual rodeo

The 32nd annual Texas Championship Rodeo will be held June 4-5-6-7 at 8:00 p.m. nightly. The rodeo is co-sponsored by the Mount Pleasant Rodeo Association, Wing Rodeo Company and CRRA/CRA. This year, a rodeo scholarship through Northeast Texas Community College has been originated with the 1997 fall term. A portion of the proceeds from the rodeo are going to the scholarship fund. Wednesday night is Family Night

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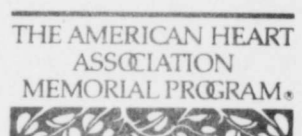
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Clarksville/Red River County Chamber of Commerce to Celebrate with Open House


The Clarksville/Red River County Chamber of Commerce will host an Open House on Thursday, May 8th during the house of 10:00 a.m. to noon. Everyone is invited to come by for coffee and refreshments and visit with chamber directors and city and county officials to help celebrate Texas Chamber of Commerce Week. State Comptroller John Sharp, spokesman for the Texas Chamber of Commerce Week recognizes Chambers for initiating programs to help business grow and promoting Texas cities for new investment. Comptroller Shar says programs to enhance the growth of local tax bases mean better school, improved roads and streets and smaller tax burden on homeowners. Chambers are also implementing community development programs in the areas of education, crime prevention, and leadership development, which are critical in the enhancement of local communities. Comptroller Sharp calls on Texas to join him in recognizing local chambers and their volunteers for their commitment to a better statewide community. The Clarksville/Red Rivr County Chamber of Commerce was established in 1922 and represents over 120 business and individual members. The organization is actively working to improve Clarksville and Red River County by focusing on

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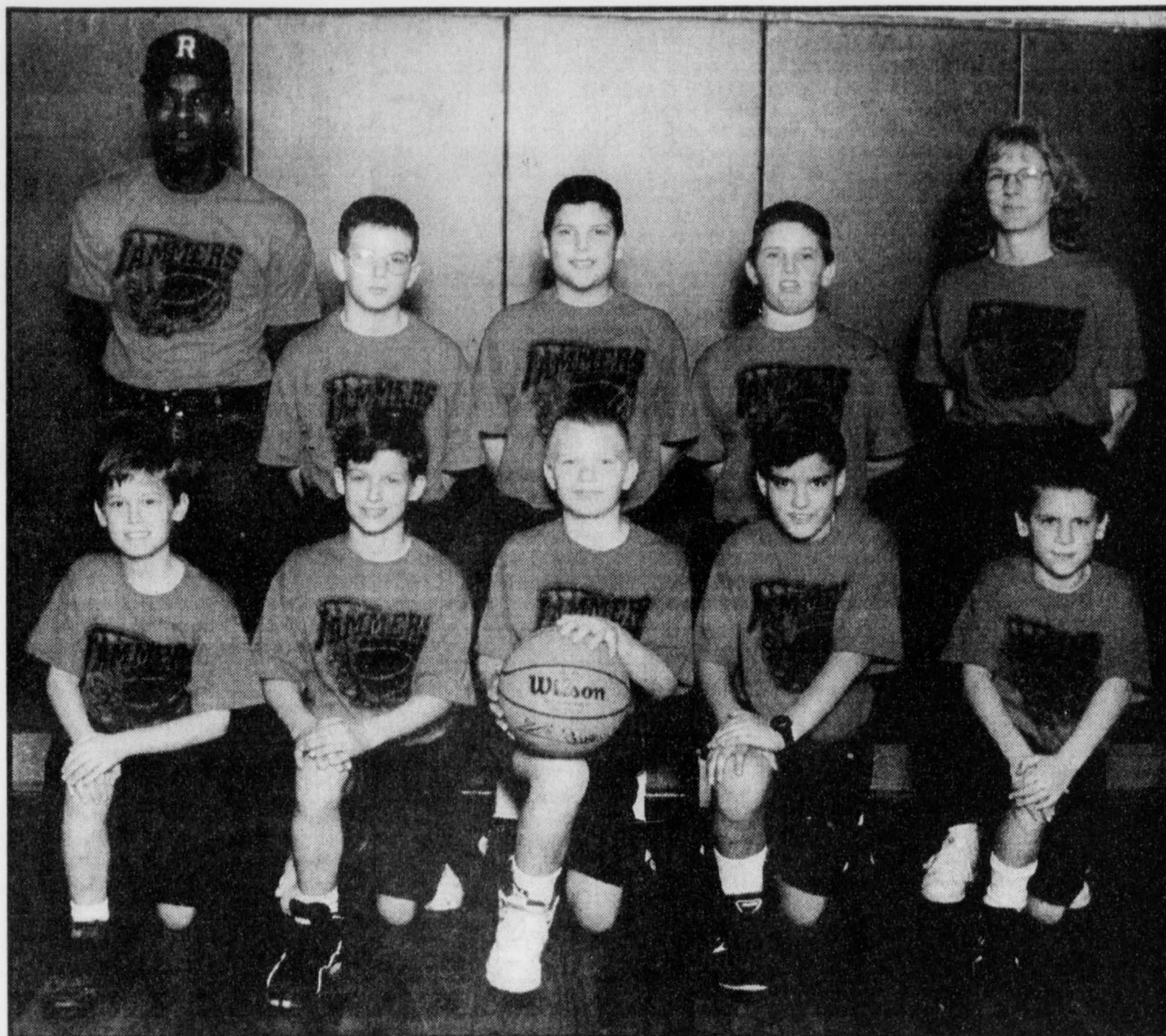
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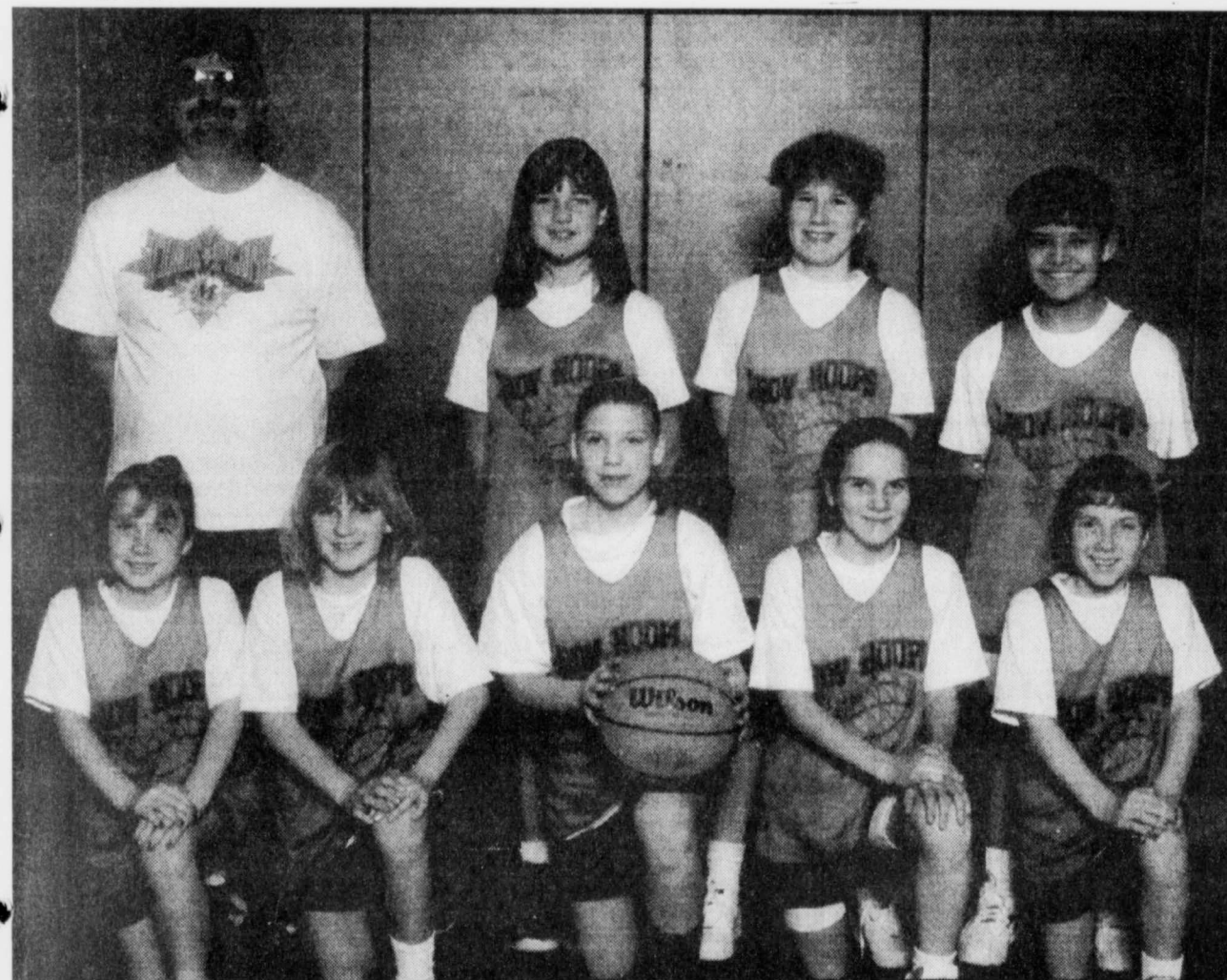
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BOGATA MUSTANGS-Little Dribblers for the 1997 season are (from the left) Micheal Miles, R.C. Pitts, Keith Mauldin, Anthony Hearn, Brent Middleton and Coach Steve Middleton.



BOGATA LADY HOOPS-Little Dribblers (from the left back row) Coach Mark Hare, Mollie Hare, Erica Williams and Krystal Valenzuela; (front row from the left) Heather Hawkins, Alison Foster, Gena Haggard, Stephanie Williams and Haley Hawkins.



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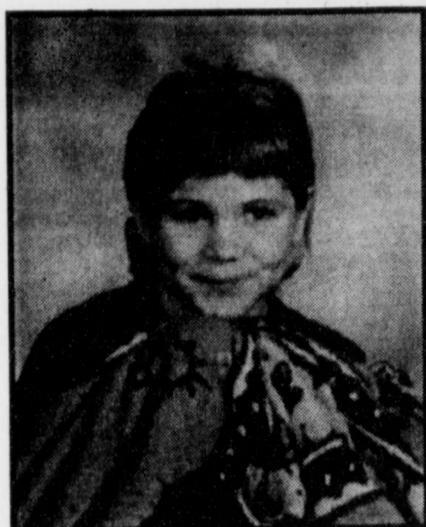
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EIGHT YEARS CELEBRATED-Melanie Smith, daughter of Russell Smith of Talco and Sally Smith of Lufkin celebrated her eighth birthday May 3, 1997 with a swimming party at the Fitness Center in Mt. Pleasant. Guest were served sandwiches, drinks and birthday cake. Attending were; Russell Smith, grandparents, Patsy and Arthur Smith, Tina, Destry and Chris Nolen, Jackie and Jeremy Moore, Susie Ontriveros, Malorie Wright, Robert Caul and Marta Rhoades, Torrie, Elodia and Dale Grissom, Misti Richeson, Taylor Phillips, Dellavee and Melissa Waller, Lyssa Price, Jessica Fenner, Mayra Clark, Kesley and Justin, Heather Cox, Whitney, Alex and Janice Savage, Alex, Jacob and Leslie Wright and Logan Wright. Melanie received many nice gifts.



EIGHT YEARS CELEBRATED-Torrie Grissom, daughter of Dale and Elodia Grissom of Talco celebrated her eighth birthday with a party in the Talco Park on Sunday, May 4. Attending were; Carissa Carroll, Angie White, Rachel and Susan Smith, Tina, Destry and Chris Nolen, Jackie, Jeremy and Josh Moore, Marta and Robert Caul Rhoades, Whitney and Alex Savage, Kayla and Keylee Clemmons, Patsy and Melaine Smith, Leslie, Alex and Jacob Wright, Misti Riceson, Amber, Laramie, Paden and Jace Lum, Darla Ottinger, Rhonda Schumate, Jonathon, Haley and April, Richard and Ginger Jones and Caywer Currey, Nita Hood and Lisa Lee. Torrie received many nice gifts.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Presley took Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail to attend the 50th wedding anniversary honoring Mr. and Mrs. William Boulter in Whitehouse. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Fail and Jeremy in Palestine. Also visiting and joining the family were Loretta, T.J. and Heather Browning of Richland Hills, Jimmy Lee, Melissa and Bethany Fail of Frankston and Billie Gladden. Mrs. Vivian Fail also visited with Elizabeth Stewart a life time friend. The Presley returned home Saturday and the Fail stayed overnight with the Jimmie Fail family. Jimmie brought his parents home on Sunday and visited with sister, Yvonne and Glen Harris before returning home.

Enjoying camping at Lake Cypress Springs over the weekend were; Mike and Stephanie Wright, Ricky, Kelly and Brady Kennedy, Marc Anschutz, Brandi Gaddis and Amanda Franks.

Celebrating May birthdays are; Melanie Smith, Misty Deming, Carla Minor, Yvonne Harris, Melissa Fail, Dana McCall, Grace Hearron, Ginger Bruce, Amy Jolley, Barney Tate, Jimmie Lee and Jimmie Fail, Mike

Sloan, Chase Sloan, J.C. Fail, Madeline Jolley, Pete Swarts and Joanie Swarts.

Bill Via was rushed to Mt. Pleasant Regional Hospital and was transferred to a hospital in Tyler this week with a possible heart attack. He is reported in stable but serious condition.

Charles and Katherine Graf enjoyed the Canton Trade Days on Saturday.

The Calvary Baptist Church honored their Senior class members and the entire Rivercrest Senior class on Sunday, May 4 following evening services. Guest speaker, Bertha Better Than You, entertained the group and everyone enjoyed a brisket supper.

The Talco Eighth grade class, parents and friends enjoyed a class trip to Six Flags Over Texas on Saturday, May 3. Each year the Talco PTO provides money to honor the eighth grade class with a trip and party. Small classes are able to do more with their money than large classes but each class appreciates the efforts of the PTO to provide this for them.

Shelly Hollis receives award

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Shelly Elizabeth Hollis of Talco, TX. has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner.

Shelly, who attends Talco Junior High, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The USAA National Honor Roll Awards provide honor roll students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent and ability.

Shelly is the daughter of Robert and Sherry Hollis of Talco. Her grandparents are Wayford and Jaynette Hollis of Welsh, LA. and Sally Peck of Mt. Pleasant.

Robyn Hollis receives award

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Juice & Milk
Lunch
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Milk

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Fruit
Juice & Milk
Lunch
McRib Sandwich
Fritos
Pork & Beans
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Fruit
Milk

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Pancakes & Syrup
Juice & Milk
Lunch
Italian Spaghetti
Glazed Carrots
Salad
Garlic Toast
Peach Cobbler
Milk

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Breakfast
Ham Biscuits, Jelly
Fruit
Juice & Milk
Lunch
Fish
Macaroni & Cheese
Cole Slaw
Purple Hull Peas
Pear Halves
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Lunch
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When I hear somebody sigh that "Life is hard," I am always tempted to ask, "Compared to what?"

—Sydney Harris

Seniors honored at Calvary Baptist

The Calvary Baptist Church in Talco sponsored a senior party honoring its graduates on May 4.

Those being honored as members of the church were Clint Gage, Todd Barker, Katy Connell, Chesley Baird and Kenny Rector.

Other seniors attending were Mike Deming, Dru Denison, Marla Williams, Amber Spencer, Katherine Graf, Teresa Torres, Justin Smith and Jason Sears. Out of town guest was Nicholas Castle.

A good crowd of parents, grandparents and church members attended.

Everyone enjoyed brisket, sandwiches and dessert.

The theme of "Texas Proud Seniors '97" was carried out through red, white and blue decorations including the American and Texas flags and a cake shaped like Texas.

Special guest speaker was "Beulah Better Than You". Clint, Todd and Katy were especially thrilled by her performance. "Beulah" encouraged the seniors to read their bibles daily and live their lives to please Jesus. A great time was had by all.

Regulators hold 2-2 record

The Talco Regulators team, boys 11 & 12 years old, have a 2-2 season thus far in summer league Dixie baseball play.

The team played Clarksville in Talco on Monday, April 21 and took a 5-1 win. Starting pitcher was Joshua Cabell. His pitching stat's were; 6 innings pitched with 15 strike outs, 3 walks and 1 hit. Credited with outs in the field were Ryan Newton and Joshua Cabell. Hitting stat's were; Brandon Godwin took a walk, Shon Gage took the walk and hit a single, Joshua Cabell had 2 triples, 1 in field homerun and a RBI, Kelvin Brown took the walk, Ryan Newton walked and had a fielders choice with a RBI, James Baird took the walk two times, Adam Davis and Clay Craig both took a walk. The team is coached by Marcus Savage and Elliot Pogue. They are sponsored by the Mt. Pleasant VFW.

On Saturday, May 3 the Regulators met Bogata at Bogata and took an 11-4 win. Starting pitcher for the team was Joshua Cabell. Josh's pitching stat's for the game were; 5 innings pitched with 12 strike outs, 7 walks

and 4 hits. Outs in the field were credited to James Baird, Brandon

Godwin, Ryan Newton and Joshua Cabell. Hitting stat's were; Chase Sloan-3 walks, Brandon Godwin-2 walks, Kelvin Brown-1 walk, Joshua Cabell-1 double, 1 infield home run and 5 RBI's, Adam Davis-1 walk, Ryan Newton-1 single, Mike Bales-1 walk, James Baird-2 walks and 1 single, Clay Craig-2 walks and Shon Gage-2 walks.

On Monday, May 5 the Regulators played host to Clarksville I and were shut out with a score of 15-0. Starting pitcher for the team was Shon Gage. Shon's stat's were; 2 1/3 innings pitched with 6 strike outs, 9 walks and 5 hits. Relief pitching for the team was Chase Sloan who entered the game in the third inning with a score of 9-0. Chase's stat's were; 2/3 innings pitched, 3 strike outs, 6 walks and 3 hits. Assisted outs in the field are credited to Chase Sloan. Outs in the field are credited to Ryan Newton, James Baird and Joshua Cabell. Hitting stat's were; Chase Sloan-walked, Kelvin Brown-walked and James Baird-walked.

The Regulators loss in the first game of the season makes the team's record 2-2 thus far this season. Go Regulators!!!!

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 The file number of said suit being No. 63288.
 The names of the parties in said suit are:

Alma Young Spence vs. Ebb C. Young, Seth B. Ray, Jr., Joe Louis Ray, Jesse Owens Ray, Inez Young Maynard, Ann Nichols, Benita Young Holmes, Ada R. Young, Linda Young, Leroy Young, Elaine Young and Joseph Young.

The nature of the said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: A suit for partition of land situated in Lamar County, Texas being 604.33 acres, a part of the W.K. Revier survey A784, and 97798 acres, a part of the L.W. Tinnin Survey A924. That said real estate be partitioned among such joint owners as provided by law, and that the property be divided, or in the alternative that it be sold, and if the property is sold, that the proceeds be distributed among the lawful owners, and that plaintiff have such other and further relief that she may be entitled to in law or in equity. The interests of each of the named defendants is as follows:
 Ebb C. Young, 1/10 undivided

interest: Seth R. Ray, Jr., Joe Louis Ray and Jesse Owens Ray, each owns an undivided 1/30 interest; Inez Young Maynard, Benita Young, Ada R. Young, Linda Young, Leroy Young, Elaine Young and Joseph Young, each owns an undivided 1/80 interest in the 604.53 acres in the W.K. Revier Survey A784; and Lot No. 6, 8.166 acres, in the L.W. Tinnin Survey is jointly owned by defendants Seth B. Ray, Jr., Joe Louis Ray and Jesse Owens Ray; Lots No. 5, 7 and 8, 73.492 acres, are owned by plaintiff Alma Young Spence; and Lots 3 and 4, 16.332 acres, are jointly owned by Alma Spence, 14/40 interest; Seth B. Ray, Jr., Joe Louis Ray and Jesse Owens Ray, undivided 1/10 interest; and Inez Young Maynard, Ann Nichols, Benita Young Holmes, Ada R. Young, Linda Young, LeRoy Young, Elaine Young and Joseph Young, an undivided 1/80 interest.
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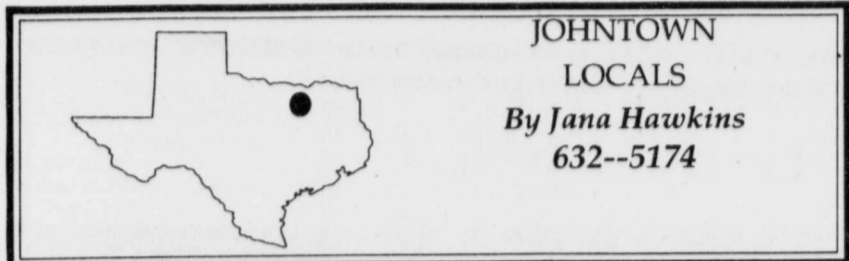
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Gene Hawkins celebrated his birthday on Wednesday with lunch at Grandy's. He received calls from Reverend Bob Bush, Children, Kay and C.O. Magee, Jr. of Galveston, Roger and Suzanne Hawkins of Corpus Christi, other remembrances from granddaughters; Kimberly Magee of San Francisco and Kristin Magee Ward of Houston, nieces; Mary Dryden Stahl of Longview and Cinda Rivers Wright of Oklahoma City.

Charles Dryden of Longview visited Gene and Lydia Hawkins Friday evening.

Visitors over the weekend with the Gene Hawkins' were Roger and Suzanne Hawkins. They were here for the Vaughan-Hawkins reunion on Saturday. Everyone enjoyed being together, the weather was beautiful, lots of delicious food and lots of reminiscing and picture taking.

Gene and Lydia Hawkins enjoyed having Reba Cecil, Steve and LaDonna Cecil of Silver City, New Mexico for dinner on Monday. Reba is moving to Silver City this week after selling her home in Talco. Reba grew up in Johntown and has many friends who will miss her as well as friends in Talco.

Sunday lunch guests of Robbie Hawkins were Kathy, Ryan, Koren,

Seth and Seton Hawkins, Brother Bobby and Chessie Clark, Mark, Jana Haley and Heather Hawkins.

James and Clara Gaddis and Drue and Billie Pirtle enjoyed a trip to New Orleans Monday through Wednesday of last week.

Lana and Clay Pirtle were home for the weekend.

Tommy Lee and Joyce Cox visited Don Wilson of Bogata Monday afternoon.

Patty and Ladona Couch of Paris visited Victor Lynn and Patsy and Dustin Cox Sunday.

Lucille Childers and Doug Hawkins attended the Vaughan-Hawkins reunion on Saturday.

Toni and Butch Combest visited and attended church Sunday with Lucille Childers.

Clay Pirtle's friend, John, from Rockwall spent the night Saturday.

Vance Pirtle, Stephanie and Lindsey Fischer and their friend, Heather, were Sunday lunch guests of Drue and Billie Pirtle. Afternoon swimming guests were Jana, Heather and Heather Hawkins.

Visitors of Drue and Billie Pirtle were Chad and Erin Martin, Jared Guest, Donna Strain and Robbie Hawkins.



CARE 1ST INC.-employees are pictured in front of the "Think Child Safety" sign on North Howison Street in Bogata. The sign was purchased by the company and donated to the City of Bogata.
Staff photo Judy Screws



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE LADIES from Johntown, Jana Hawkins, Billie Ruth Pirtle, Jerry Ann Richardson and Kathy Hawkins, held a bake sale in front of Guaranty Bank-Bogata on May 2. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)

From Here To There
A Series About Day Trips from This Area To Places of Interest



By Dawne Darden

Most of you have been to or through Mt. Vernon. It's not really a full "day trip" from most of this area, but it is a pleasant town and there is more to see and do there than one might imagine.

Mt. Vernon, in Franklin County, lies on Hwy... 37 South and is very close to Interstate 30.

The area was settled in 1830 by Joshua T. Johnson and named Keith's for Stephen Keith, who donated 24 acres for a townsite when a post office as established. Two years later the name changed to Lone Star in reference to the nickname of Texas, but some confusion developed with a community of the same name elsewhere. At the first commissioner's court meeting held in J.E. Brook's barn, after the county was established in 1875, saloons, gambling and racetracks were outlawed and a new name, honoring George Washington's home in Virginia was selected, thus it became Mt. Vernon.

Mt. Vernon is the county seat of Franklin county and has an attractive square and a colonial styled courthouse in keeping with it's namesake. One of the most charming things about the town is a project undertaken some years ago that has small signs in the front yards of older homes with historical interest. These name the original builders, or identify how the house is known, and list the current owners and the date the house was built.

There is a driving tour (the chamber of commerce can give you a brochure and map) of homes, and many of them are worth seeing.

There is a small library, a nice little fountain, a museum in the old depot building that has lots of farm equipment, and some very attractive shops. Antique shops, ice cream parlors, old fashioned soda fountains and a pizza place or cajun cafe make a walk around or just off the small square delightful.

Out towards the interstate there are more good eateries, and there is the added attraction of miles of beautiful country roads, especially pretty during the spring. Watch for the jewels of small blue birds darting along fences rows.

Dairy cattle are in evidence there, as well as beef cattle, and nearby Lake Cypress Springs is surrounded by tall pines. Bass fishing, boating, jet skiing are really good on the lake.

Every year the town has Festiv'All, a Fine Arts and Ethnic East Texas event, always held the weekend after July 4th. There is an art show, courthouse concert, historical reenactments, exhibits, ethnic food booths, car show, evening street dance and much more.

There are three bed and breakfasts, all of which will do dinner by reservation, all in charming houses.

Take some time to explore this pretty small town. The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce can be called at 1-800-265-3195 or 903-537-4365. This time, don't just pass through Mt. Vernon, stop and enjoy!

Happy Mother's Day

<p>Huddleston DRAWING \$50 in Groceries Saturday-5:00 P.M.</p>		<p>HUDDLESTON'S GROCERY</p>				<p>SPECIALS GOOD EVERY DAY; Thurs-MAY 8 THRU WED.-MAY 15</p>		<p>We Honor Manufacturing COUPONS</p>					
<p>Bogata</p>		<p>632-5624</p>				<p>7 Days A Week</p>							
<p>CURED HAM Tip Top BUTT HALF \$1.39 Lb. SHANK END \$1.59 Lb. WHOLE - Lb. \$1.39</p>		<p>STEAK TIPS Tenderized - Lb. \$1.99</p>		<p>RUMP ROAST - Lb. \$1.99</p>		<p>BACON Decker 12oz. Pkg. \$1.49</p>							
<p>ICE CREAM Blue Bell 1/2 Gallon All Flavors \$2.99</p>		<p>SALMON Honey Boy 14 1/2oz. Can \$1.39</p>		<p>GROUND MEAT Fresh- Lb. \$1.49</p>		<p>SAUSAGE Jimmy Dean Reg. & Hot 2 Lb. Roll \$3.89</p>		<p>CHEESE Kraft Velveeta 2 Lb. Box \$3.99</p>		<p>EGGS Grade A Large -Dozen 79¢</p>		<p>MILK Golden Royal Homo & 2% Gallon \$2.39</p>	
<p>CORN Kounty Kist Whole Kernel 3/\$1</p>		<p>PEAS Kounty Kist Sweet 3/\$1</p>		<p>CORN Kounty Kist Cream Style 3/\$1</p>		<p>GREEN BEANS Kounty Kist 3/\$1</p>		<p>ICE CREAM OAK FARMS 1/2 Gal. All Flavors 2/\$5</p>		<p>TUNA Star Kist 6oz. Can 59¢</p>		<p>PORK & BEANS Showboat 15oz. Can 3/\$1</p>	
<p>POTATO CHIPS Lays Reg. \$1.59 99¢</p>		<p>TOSITOS CHIPS Reg. \$2.99 2/\$5</p>		<p>Starburst JELLY BEANS Candy 3/\$1</p>		<p>GRAPE NUT CEREAL Post 24oz. Box \$1.99</p>		<p>CORNY DOGS State Fair 6 Ct. Pkg. 2/\$3</p>		<p>VIENNAS Libby's 5oz. Can 2/89¢</p>		<p>BISCUITS Parade 4/\$1</p>	
<p>TOWELS Parade Reg. Size 2/\$1</p>		<p>TIDE Laundry Detergent 42 Load \$6.69</p>		<p>CORNBREAD MIX Jiffy 8 1/2oz. Box 4/\$1</p>		<p>Parade CRANBERRY JUICE 1/2 Gallon Bottle \$2.29</p>		<p>Pace PICANTE SAUCE 16oz. Jar \$1.69</p>		<p>BROWN & SERVE ROLLS Fresh Bake 69¢</p>		<p>BREAD Fresh Bake & Family Style Large Loaf 69¢</p>	
<p>BANANAS 39¢ Lb.</p>		<p>POTATOES 99¢ 10 Lb. Bag</p>		<p>CRISCO OIL 48oz. Bottle \$1.89</p>		<p>MARGARINE Blue Bonnet 4 Sticks 2/\$1</p>		<p>PEPSI & Diet MOUNTAIN DEW 2 Liter Each 89¢</p>		<p>PEPSI-MT.DEW & DIET PEPSI 12 Pack Cans 2/\$5</p>			
<p>APPLES 59¢ Lb.</p>		<p>GREEN ONIONS 4/\$1</p>											
<p>ORANGES 39¢ Lb.</p>		<p>YELLOW ONIONS 29¢ Lb.</p>											