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Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
There's only a 8 year
window for perfection

I think we have a problem. We're all getting old. But I don't know how to solve it because there are other problems that come from getting younger employees! You see, all of us here at Thunder Prairie are about the same age. And that age is an age when we begin to have more brain cells die than are replaced. We tend to forget things we used to always remember. We have to make notes where before we just committed things to memory. We throw things away and then have to go back and dig in the trash.

One of us will turn to the other and exclaim, "don't you remember when so and so talked to us that day and said to do such and such". The other then looks blankly back and denies ever having seen "so and so". Then, four or five hours later someone will say "Ohhhhh yeah, I vaguely remember. I made a note of it here somewhere." Then we begin looking for the note, which we have trouble finding.

In our 40s we never had any of these things happen to us.

But, we have two young people working for us. They are good workers...but easily distractible. Their minds are on dates, parties, cruising around town, ball games, anything that qualifies as fun.

Also they don't know much about all five towns. That means they don't know automatically that (for an example) Red River Genealogy goes in all five while other things do NOT go automatically in all five.

So the very young don't make the perfect employee either.

Then, I began recalling what it was like when we were all here and in our 30s. We were pretty distractible too. In our 30s there were gatherings, children, houses to build, many things that kept us from being "perfect" at our jobs.

That leaves our 40s. In our 40s, (yes, some of us are still there, but barely) things all came together. We were dedicated, energetic, never forgetful.

It didn't last long. Now those middle-aged-forgetful-low-energy days stretch out in front of us.

In other words, there is about an 8 year window for perfection!

It looks as if we should have only people in their early 40s working here. But then, they would make ME look old and stupid!

Oh well, I am told by older people that things won't be getting much better. It's taken a little while to learn, but now we make NOTES. If we can remember where we put them.

Bogata VFW to sponsor Valentine dance

The Bogata VFW Post 8187 will sponsor a Valentine Dance on February 12 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at the post located on Hwy 271 south of Bogata.

The Hallmark Country Band will provide music for the event. Also the winning ticket for a dinner for two at Two Senorita's in Mt. Pleasant will be drawn.

Everyone is invited to bring their dance partner and enjoy the evening.

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New air and water regulations may affect Bogata and surrounding area

By Wendell Davis
City Public Works Director

Changes in water regulations and air regulations are coming to the front, being pushed by the TNRCC (Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission). New regulations on air quality in the Metroplex areas are going to start affecting larger areas of Texas that was previously exempt from such regulations and enforcement. Bogata is classified in the same are of the state of Texas as bigger cities such as Tyler, Longview and Marshall.

A more regional approach is being proposed by the TNRCC to combat ozone pollution. Some proposals include expanding the tailpipe vehicle emissions testing from 8 counties in the Metroplex area to a 12 county area. The City of Greenville will be included in this area. This strategy is designed to reduce Nitrogen Oxide-NOx emissions, which come from combustion sources ranging from your vehicle to power plants, are being targeted by the TNRCC. Other recommendations include lower speed limits in the 12 county non-attainment area, cleaner gasoline and even lower sulphur diesel fuel, electrification of ground support equipment at DFW Airport, Love Field, Meacham Field and Alliance Airport and an ozone season ban on early morning operation of heavy duty construction equipment. Other proposals will also include the sale of improved hot water heaters that use natural gas or butane for fuel, as they are also a source of Nitrogen Oxide emissions. A vehicle scrappage program for older vehicles is also being proposed.

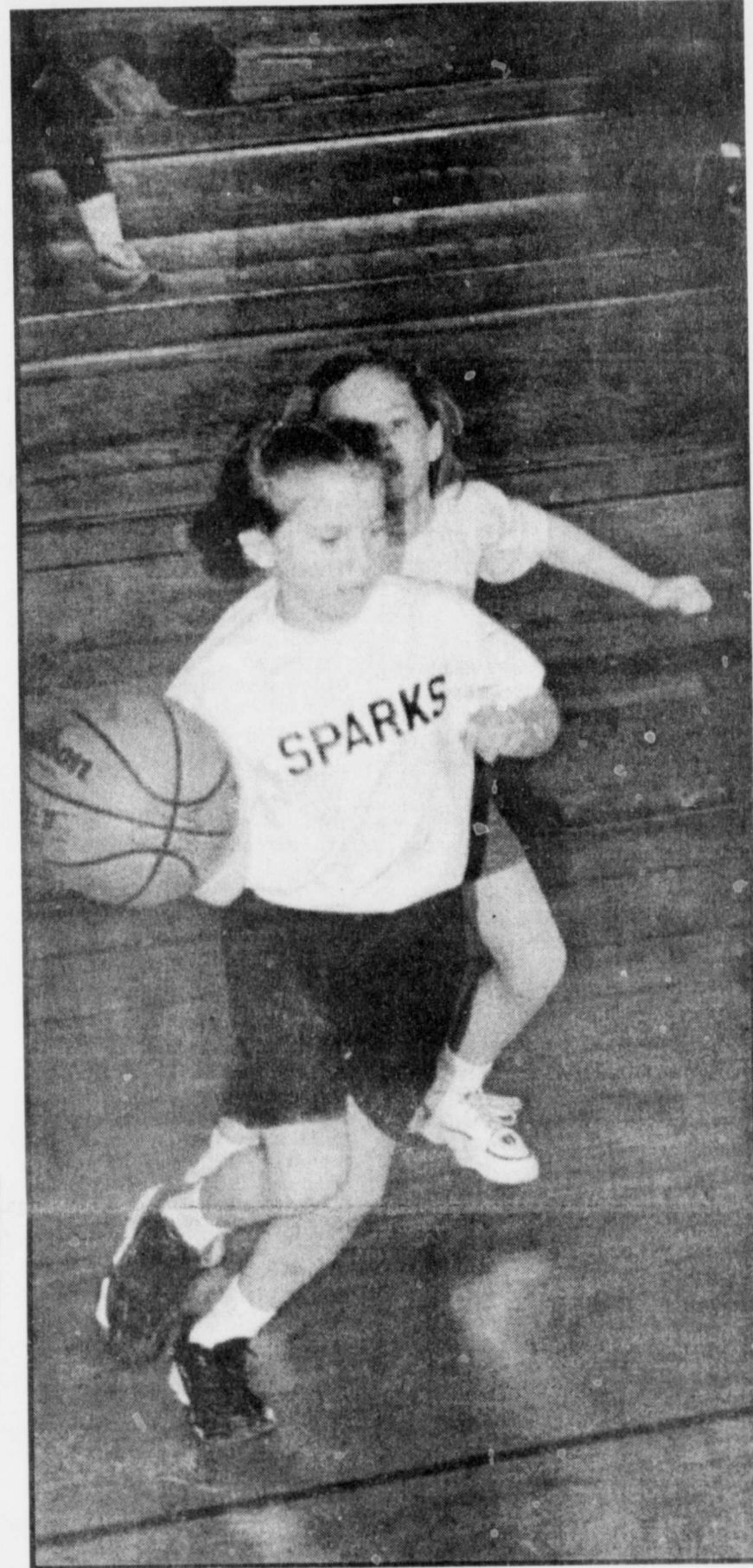
These measures will affect our area sooner than we may have anticipated. A public meeting was held on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 at Longview City Hall. In attendance was Wendell Davis, Bogata Public Works Director, city officials and state representatives from the Tyler, Longview and Marshall areas voiced their concern to mainly the use of a gasoline additive called MTBE, being used as an octane booster. MTBE, which we will cover more in the next update from Bogata City Hall, is very dangerous to drinking water, especially well water, which is Bogata's sole supply. Right now, reformulated gasoline, containing MTBE is only used in the 8 county area in the non-attainment Metroplex area, in a 1 or 2 percent by volume of the gas.

Use of MTBE may go up to as much as 15 percent of gasoline supplies. Contamination of some lakes, such as Lake Lewisville, have already been documented. Prospects for contamination of well water seem

even worse. In lakes, some MTBE may evaporate through the surface, but in an aquifer (water bearing layer) entrapment of the chemical occurs. MTBE being water soluble is difficult, if not impossible to remove. Water contamination of wells in the State of California where MTBE has been used has increased at an alarming rate. EPA has been rethinking MTBE but the TNRCC does not at this time have any restrictions on the use of this chemical. The only thing that seems to be of any value is if contamination occurs in our water supply, the result will be water that tastes like drinking TURPENTINE!

More information on MTBE will be forthcoming in later City Hall updates. Let your elected officials know you do not want your drinking water contaminated. This threat is very real and the amount of MTBE required to contaminate a water source is very small. By example, Lake Cypress Springs contains (when full) approximately 23.8 billion gallons of water. Only 800 gallons of reformulated gas can contaminate this entire amount of water.

Any questions or comments will be welcomed at Bogata City Hall or call 632-5315. We will be glad to answer your questions.



SUSAN SMITH- of the Talco Sparks drives to the goal as she and her teammates met the Bogata Starzz in their first Little Dribbler game of the season on Saturday at Talco. The Sparks who are coached by Charles and Katherine Graf were victorious. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rivercrest Band Booster fund-raiser continues

The Rivercrest Band Boosters are taking orders for Balloon Bouquets for Valentine Day Monday, February 14, 2000.

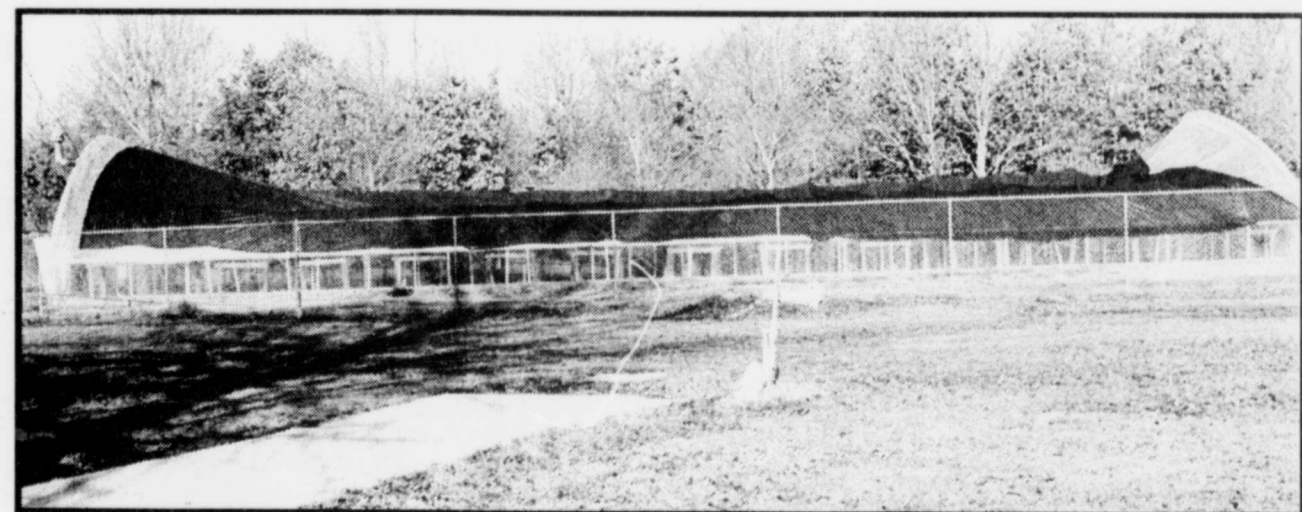
Order forms will be sent home with the elementary and junior high student at both Talco and Bogata Schools. High school students may pick up an order form from the Band Hall or from any band member. The pre-paid orders are due by Friday, Feb. 11, 2000.

The prices for the bouquets are as follows:

1 mylar with 2 latex balloons including a lollipop-\$5.00; or 1 print latex balloon with 2 solid latex balloons including a lollipop-\$3.00 Extra mylar balloons may be added for \$2.00 each or extra latex balloons may be added for \$1.00 each.

The proceeds from the sales will be used to help with the expenses of the annual Band Banquet and other needed items for the Rivercrest High School Band.

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ANOTHER CRASH-The hot house at the Rivercrest School also was a casualty of the ice and snow storm that hit recently. Horticulture teacher, Ken Swinford reported the students will not have their annual plant sale this year since all the plants froze and repairs to the hot house will not be made in time to produce more ready for sale plants. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

RRG to hear from PJC Media Dept.

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society on Monday evening, February 14 at 7:30 in the Red River County Library.

The speaker for this month will be Billy Brown of the Paris Junior College Media Department. His subject will be, the Art of Interviewing. He will also discuss materials that are available to the interviewer to conduct and preserve his interviews.

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

Student council is taking Valentine orders

The Talco School Student Council is taking orders for silk Valentine roses.

The roses are \$1.00 each and must be paid for when ordered. They will be decorated with ribbon and name cards and will be delivered on Valentine's Day.

To order contact any student council member or student council sponsor, Tammie Case.

Rivercrest Band Notes

The Rivercrest Band Booster Club will have its meeting on Thursday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rivercrest Band Hall. The sales of the Valentine balloon bouquets as well as plans for the band Banquet and band playing festival in April will be discussed. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Editor's Quotes
Be not simply good, but good for something
Thoreau

People 'n Things

There will be a bake sale to benefit the American Cancer Society at the Talco Post Office on Friday, February 11 at 8:30 a.m., featuring the best cooks around. Candy, cakes, cookies and pies. Please come!

Talco Church of Christ Calendar of Events

Regular Sunday Services: 9:45 Bible class; Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.; Evening Service: 6:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study hosted by various members weekly: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday regular service: 7:00 p.m. February 23-27: Northeast Texas Bible Lecturship at Talco Wednesday through Sunday daily 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 4-Youth Rally
Brother Bryan Hodge would like to invite everyone to attend. He also reports 2 people from Talco community received Bibles for responding to the quiz in the last issue of House to House. Congratulations! The next issue will be out soon.

People 'n Things

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

First Mondays
NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) Consumers meeting will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church located at 4th and Madison in Mt. Pleasant, Tx. All interested persons are invited to attend.

February 3
The Lady Rebel and Rebel Junior High teams will end their basketball season on Thursday night. The Lady Rebels will host Chisum at Rivercrest and the Rebels will travel to Chisum. Come out and support the teams as they finish their 99-00 season!!

February 11
The Bogata PTO will hold a bake sale on Feb. 11 in front of the Bogata Guaranty Bank beginning at 9:00 a.m. The third grade classes will sponsor this month's sale. Come out and pick up some sweets for your sweetie.

February 12
A Valentine Day dance will be held Feb. 12 at Rivercrest High School for Talco-Bogata students in grades 6-8. The dance will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m. All junior high students in 6th through 8th grades are invited to attend.

February 18

The Lady Rebels 8th grade will sponsor a Bake Sale in front of the Bogata Guaranty Bank beginning at 8:45 a.m. All proceeds will go to help the girls attend the State Basketball Playoffs in Austin.

February 25
The Lady Rebels 8th grade will sponsor a Bake Sale in front of the Talco Post Office beginning at 8:00 a.m. All proceeds will go to help the girls attend the State Basketball Playoffs in Austin.

February 27
Jennifer Allmon, bride-elect of Jack Brown, will be honored with a miscellaneous wedding shower on Feb. 27 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Maple Springs Church. All family and friends are invited to attend.

March 3
The Rivercrest ISD will observe Presidents Day on March 3 instead of the previous set date of February 21. Various school activities forced the change of the date. There will be no school on March 3 at Rivercrest Schools.

March 5
Lois Waldrum, bride-elect of Eric Hall, will be honored with a miscellaneous wedding shower on March 5 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Editor's Quotes
Lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance, but lost time is gone for ever

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

<http://tpp.1starnet.com/>



Our cooks this week come to us from Blossom. They are the officers of the newly-organized ladies auxiliary for the Blossom Volunteer Fire Department. They came together because they saw a need to assist the fire department in any way that they could.

The organization began taking off forming back during the heat of the summer and fall. With several of the ladies having loved ones and friends serving in the department, they felt that they could be of service with food and refreshments, to keep the firemen from becoming dehydrated, especially with the many brush fires that took so much of their time to maintain. They keep them supplied with Gatorade, water and other liquids, calling on neighbors and friends for assistance.

The ladies also want to raise community-awareness for those folks who have lost their homes and belongings due to fires and other disasters. They will take donations of clothing and household furnishings and other belongings needed by families in distress. They also plan to begin a coat drive and other related activities when the need arises.

They will be assisting the firemen at their annual fund raiser this Saturday night at the Blossom Cafeteria. The chili supper is a major fundraiser for the firemen and the ladies urge anyone wishing to donate a baked item or other auction item to contact them or a firm and they will be glad to have it picked up and delivered.

We hope you enjoy these recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

Apple-Mustard Glazed Ham and Broccoli Rice Casserole-Mary Crouch-Mary serves as the president of the group and is also quite a craftsperson. She owns and operates Mary Jane's Crafts in Blossom.

Herb-Topped Fish Fillets and Creamy Italian Cake-Ann Steele-Ann is vice president and her husband Kenneth is a volunteer fireman.

Mandarin Orange Cake and Mexican Chicken-Jamie White-Jamie's brother Jimmie is a long-time member of the fire department.

Corn Salad, Chickpea Salad and Cornbread Sald-Ann Eddins-Ann is Mayor-ProTem of Blossom and urges everyone to become more concerned with the cities activities.

February 10, 2000
Blossom Ladies' Auxiliary-BVFD

Apple-Mustard Glazed Ham
1 cup apple jelly
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 fully cooked bone-in ham (5-7 #s)
whole cloves
spiced apple rings-optional

In a small saucepan combine jelly, mustard, lemon juice and nutmeg; bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; set aside. Score the surface of the ham, making diamond shapes 1/2-inch deep. Insert cloves in each diamond. Place ham on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Bake, uncovered fat 325 degrees for 20 minutes per pound or until meat thermometer reads 140 degrees. During the last 30 minutes of baking, brush with glaze twice. Garnish with apple rings if desired.

Broccoli Rice Casserole
1 small onion-chopped
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 package (10 ounces) frozen, shopped broccoli
1 tablespoon butter
1 8 ounce jar cheese spread
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1-5 ounce can evaporated milk
3 cups cooked rice

In a large skillet over medium heat, saute onion, celery and broccoli in butter for 3-5 minutes. Stir in cheese, soup and milk until smooth. Place rice in a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Pour cheese mixture over; do not stir. Bake uncovered at 325 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

Herb-Topped Fish Fillets
Topping:
16 saltine crackers-crushed
2 tablespoons parsley
Fish Fillets:
1/4 cup margarine
1 clove garlic
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 to 1-1/2 pounds fish; cod, sole or orange roughy

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In small skillet melt margarine and saute garlic for 1-2 minutes. Stir in lemon juice. Brush fish fillets with lemon-batter mixture. Place fish in shallow baking dish. Toss remaining lemon-batter with crush crackers, parsley and dill weed. Spoon mixture evenly over surface of each portion of fish. Bake 8-10 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork. Do not overbake.

Creamy Italian Cake
1 stick margarine
2 cups sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
5 egg whites-beaten
1/2 cup shredded coconut
1/2 cup shortening
2 cups flour
1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup pecans
1 teaspoon nutmeg
5 egg yolks

Cream together margarine, shortening and sugar. Add egg yolks. Combine flour and soda and add alternately with buttermilk. Add vanilla, nuts and then coconut and nutmeg. Fold in beaten egg whites. Stir until creamy. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes in three prepared 9-inch cake pans.

Icing:
1 pound powdered sugar
3/4 stick margarine
8 ounces cream cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup nuts

Beat all ingredients for icing on high speed until creamy. Blender may be used in place of beater. Spread icing over each layer, stack and then ice sides.

Mandarin Orange Cake
1 yellow butter cake mix
3 eggs
1/2 cup oil
1-2 cans mandarin oranges
save juice from one can

Mix cake, eggs, oil and juice; beat well. Drain juice from can; empty orange slices into batter and let mixer chop them slightly. Pour into 3 well-greased and floured pans and cook at 350 degrees until done. Cool on wire racks completely before frosting.

Frosting:
1 large can crushed pineapple with juice
1 large box instant vanilla pudding
mix ingredients well. Stir until thick. Fold in 9 ounces of whipped topping. Move may be used if desired. Frost and

keep refrigerated.

Mexican Chicken
12 corn tortillas
4 cups diced chicken
1 cup diced onions
1-1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 can mushroom soup
1 can Ro-tel
3 cups grated cheese

Soak tortillas in chicken broth until wilted. Place tortillas in greased baking dish; lining sides and bottom. Combine chicken, onion, chili powder add garlic powder; place mixture on tortillas. Mix remaining ingredients together and pour over mixture in pan. Top with cheese and bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees or until cheese is melted. Serves 8-10.

Corn Salad
1-10 ounce can corn-drained
3 hard boiled eggs-chopped
3 green onions-sliced thin
creamy salad dressing of choice

In bowl, mix corn, green onions and eggs. Add enough salad dressing to create a smooth creamy consistency. Sprinkle with paprika for color.

Chick-pea Salad with Red Onion and Tomato
1 can chick-peas-drained
2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
2 cloves garlic-minced
1 medium tomato-diced
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon lemon juice
salt and pepper to taste

In large bowl, combine above ingredients and chill for two hours before serving. Taste to adjust seasonings if needed.

Cornbread Salad
1 package cornbread mix-baked, cooled and cubed
1 chopped bell pepper
1 chopped onion
1 chopped tomato
8 slices extra crispy bacon-crumbled
2/3 cup mayonnaise

Mix all ingredients 1 hour before serving. Salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate before serving.

FEATURED COOKS OF THE WEEK this week are the officers of the newly-formed ladies auxiliary of the Blossom Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured left to right is Mary Crouch-president, Ann Steele-vice president, Jamie White-secretary/treasurer and Ann Eddins-historian. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Letter to the Editor:
Dear Readers,
Hi! We are fourth grade students from Hillside Intermediate School in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Our class is studying geography and history of the United States. We would appreciate it if you would send us a postcard from your state so we can learn more about our country. Thank

you for you help.
Sincerely,
Ms. Katsampes's Class
Hillside Intermediate School
844 Brown Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Support group will meet February 14

The Beveared Parents Support Group will meet February 14 at 7 p.m. in the TU Electric Building in Paris.

The speaker for the meeting will be Louise Stuart, a school teacher for 33 years.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Obituaries

James H. Tuggle dies January 31

James H. "Jim" Tuggle, age 76, of Bagwell died January 31 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 3 in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with the Rev. Carl Raleigh and Rev. James Brown officiating. Burial followed in Tuggle Springs Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

He was born in Red River County on June 1, 1923 to Harold and Fannie McDonald Tuggle. He was retired from the Aviation Department at Love Field Airport and was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.

He married the former Jimmie Taylor in Clarksville, TX on July 23, 1949. Two infant sons preceded him in death in 1952.

Surviving are his wife, Jimmie Tuggle; daughters and sons-in-law, Gina and Larry Wright of Aledo and Beverly and Ben Boren of Dallas; sisters, Wanda Davis of Paris and Gladys Brantley of Paris; grandchildren, Stephanie Wright Alexander and Clint Wright, Mindy Boren and Scott Boren; and one great-grandchild, Nathan James Alexander.

Bearers are Rhett Tuggle, Horace Tuggle, Bill Tuggle, Brian Tuggle, Ron Davis, Rick Davis, Lewis Perkins. Honorary bearers were Brian Whitlock, Floyd McGuire, G.A. Hines and Don Thornsberry.

Mae Beatrice Slaughter dies February 3

Mae Beatrice Woodall Maynard Slaughter, age 93, formerly of Bogata, died Thursday, February 3 in the Bogata Healthcare Center.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5 in Wood Funeral Homes chapel with the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

She was born May 4, 1906 in Deport, the daughter of W.R. and Mattie Martha Roberts Woodall. She married Cub B. Maynard on November 6, 1924, he died September 22, 1965. She then married Elmer Slaughter on August 17, 1982 in Amarillo, he died in March, 1988. Also preceding her in death were her parents; two sons, one daughter; and nine grandchildren.

Surviving are 15 children; daughters, Maybelle Bean, Frances Elio, Susie Poindexter of California, Rhoda Whitworth of Tulia, Faye McMiller and Jimmie Boss of Amarillo, Martha Lucas and Stella Wooten Anderson of Blossom, Shirley Abbit of Bogata and Katie Colacoat of Bentley, OK; sons, W.C. Maynard of California, Travis Maynard of Bogata, Cub Maynard of Detroit, Earl Maynard of Frogville, OK and Wylie Maynard of Ben Wheeler; 62 grandchildren; 93 great-grandchildren; 31 great-great-grandchildren; two great-great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-great-great-grandchild; and many friends from Red River Haven.

Eunice Brown dies January 28

Eunice Brown, 78 of Lubbock died Friday, January 28 at his home. Funeral services were held in Lubbock on January 31 with burial in Lubbock.

Brown was born April 27, 1921 in Glendale to Dee and Meadie (Ward) Brown. He graduated from Bogata High School, was in the U.S. service in World War II in Europe. He retired from Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Opal; one daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Andy Calcate; three grandchildren all of San Antonio; one brother, Lewis Brown of Dallas; two sisters, Lorene Leftwich of Odessa and Elsie Ray of Houston; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Marion, Oscar, Sam and Harvey; and two sisters, Ophelia and Mable.

Family attending from the Dallas area were Lewis and Ruthie Brown and Bobby and Joyce Ray.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to our family and friends during the loss of our loved one.

Your calls, cards, visits and especially your prayers were greatly appreciated in our time of need.

Thank you again for keeping us in your thoughts.

The Family of Willie M. LaRue

Card of Thanks


The family of Hazel Barnard Lamb wishes to thank everyone for everything they did during our loss of our loved one. Thanks for the food, the visits, cards and phone calls, and thanks for thinking about us.

May God richly bless you all.
The Donald Barnard Family

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone for the food, flowers, cards, visits, calls and prayers during the loss of our loved one. Special thanks to Wood Funeral Home and Bro. Park Robertson for the nice service.

God bless you.
Louise Bean & Family



Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187
News

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

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

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

*The VFW will be starting a pool tournament on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come out for competition and fellowship.

*The VFW will be hosting a Valentine Dance on February 12 from 8 pm to 12 midnight. The winning ticket for dinner at Two Senorita's in Mt. Pleasant will also be drawn. Music will be provided by the Hallmark Country Band. Come out and share the fun.


Sympathy is extended to Marie and Jerry Barns and Louise Bean.

Thank You

The Deport Ball Association would like to thank everyone in the community that helped support our chili supper. We appreciate everyone that donated pies and cakes and especially thank Mendy Nichols for cooking the chili and James Norwood for being the auctioneer. Thanks to the Deport Times for advertising our chili supper and a big thank you goes to Ina and Nina Sparks for taking up money at the door. We would also like to thank Peggy Parsons for donating a Beanie Baby and James Hulien for donating a portrait sitting for the auction.

Thank you to all the ones that came and ate chili, bought a pie or cake, or donated money.

The Deport Ball Association




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The world of funeral service is constantly changing. Many of family owned funeral homes have given way to corporations that for whatever reason fail to give the individual service that has long since been the trademark of the funeral industry. Casket stores and burial societies have tried to place the emphasis on ways of saving you money with no thoughts to service and the personnel that provide them. Long after a funeral is ended it won't be the type of casket or how nice the funeral home was decorated that will be remembered by the family. What will be remembered is the caring service offered by a compassionate staff that allowed the family to express their grief in a way that was healing for them. That is something that you can't put a price on--something that cannot be discounted. The James Wood Family prides itself on service and individuality. We believe that a funeral service is a testimony to the life of the deceased. There is no price that can be put on such a gift. The memory of the loved one should be one of fondness and cherished memories, not hindered by financial stress and worries. We will be most happy to talk with you anytime about the services that we provide for our families. Let us know how we can help.

Wood Funeral Homes
The James Wood Family
Bogata 632-5614 Deport 652-3195

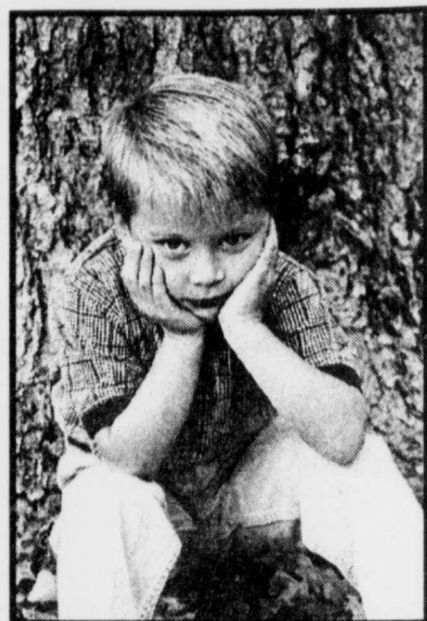


Mr. and Mrs. Bee Scott

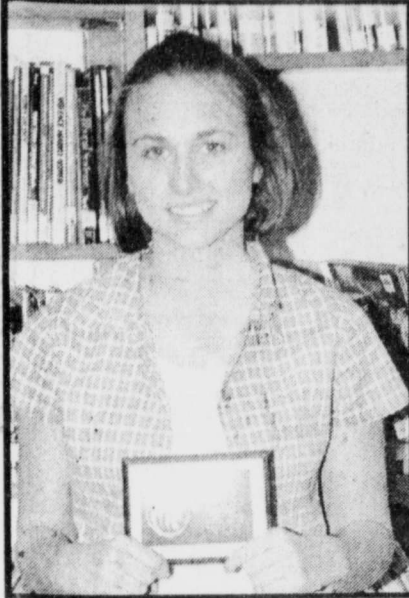
Bee & Audrey Scott celebrate 50th anniversary

Bee and Audrey Scott celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on February 6 with a reception at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Britt and Jackie Scott, co-hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Philip Lightfoot.

Laura Lightfoot. The Scott's were married February 3, 1950 in Paris. She is the former Audrey Mae Nance. Bee served with the Navy Seabees during World War II. They are both retired. They are former residents of Deport and Fulbright and have lived in Burlson the past five years.



FIVE YEARS CELEBRATED- Kellen Lee Stringfellow celebrated his 5th birthday Saturday, February 5 with a Case tractor theme party at his home. Helping Kellen celebrate were his parents, Billy and Kathy Stringfellow, his sister, Kaley, grandparents; Dixie Stringfellow, James White and Jimmy Stringfellow; aunts; Vicki Tabb and Felina White; cousins; Jerica White, Dee and Maggie Richardson and friends; Alvin Rodgers and Bonita, Shane Dodd and friend. Kellen received many nice gifts.



KARA PALMER displays her plaque awarded at the Mt. Pleasant Invitational UIL Meet held on January 21, 2000. Kara, a student at Rivercrest High School, won first place in Number Sense in the competition. Also participating in the meet were Kayla Belcher, Molly Hare, Jennifer Hays, Kayla Sears, Kim Shirley and Jason Thomas. Great job Kara!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

TRIANGLE CARPET

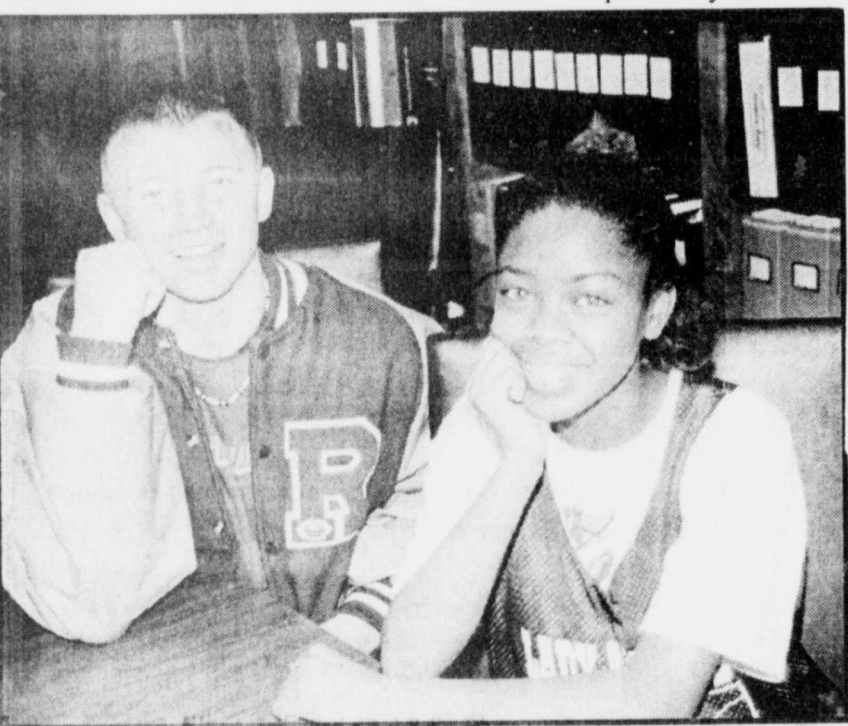
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MOST ATHLETIC- Elected as Most Athletic girl and boy from the Rivercrest Sophomore Class were Charla Hines and Chance Wolfe. Charla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hines of Fulbright. Chance is the son of Ann Francis of Talco and Scott Wolfe of Paris. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Talco-Bogata-RHS school menu February 14-18

Monday
Breakfast Pancakes w/syrup sausage juice milk
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Breakfast Sausage biscuits jelly & butter juice milk
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Thursday
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Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Monte Rodgers, Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga had dinner Sunday evening with Betty Rodgers.

Lloyd Cavender is in rehab in a Dallas hospital in serious condition after a stroke and brain tumor.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Crump have been their son, Duane and wife and granddaughters.

Karen Baker of Mesquite was a visitor in the community on Friday.

Dick King of Paris was a visitor Saturday of his mother, Jimmie King.

Dinah Thomas of Omaha visited Betty Rodgers on Saturday.

Carolyn Irvin is still recuperating at home from surgery. The snow was beautiful. Estimated we had between 10 and 12 inches in our area.

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Commissioners Report for January

By Ricky Daniels

As this report was written, the snow and ice is beginning to melt. From what can be seen so far, our sand roads have been damaged the most and are in really bad condition. Dry weather will allow them to be shaped back up.

In January, two loads of railroad rock were hauled to the yard, seven loads to different roads and five loads off the yard. Also, four small loads were hauled off the yard and 26 loads of state material.

In Commissioners Court this

month we approved audit for Fiscal Year 1999, approved classification of roads in Precinct 1 and Precinct 4, approved burn ban for Red River County, approved authorizing contract to hire Ginger Cook to seek funds to restore the Red River County Courthouse, approved nominees for Salary Grievance Committee for the year 2000 and approved bids on salvage metal guard rail in Precinct 4.

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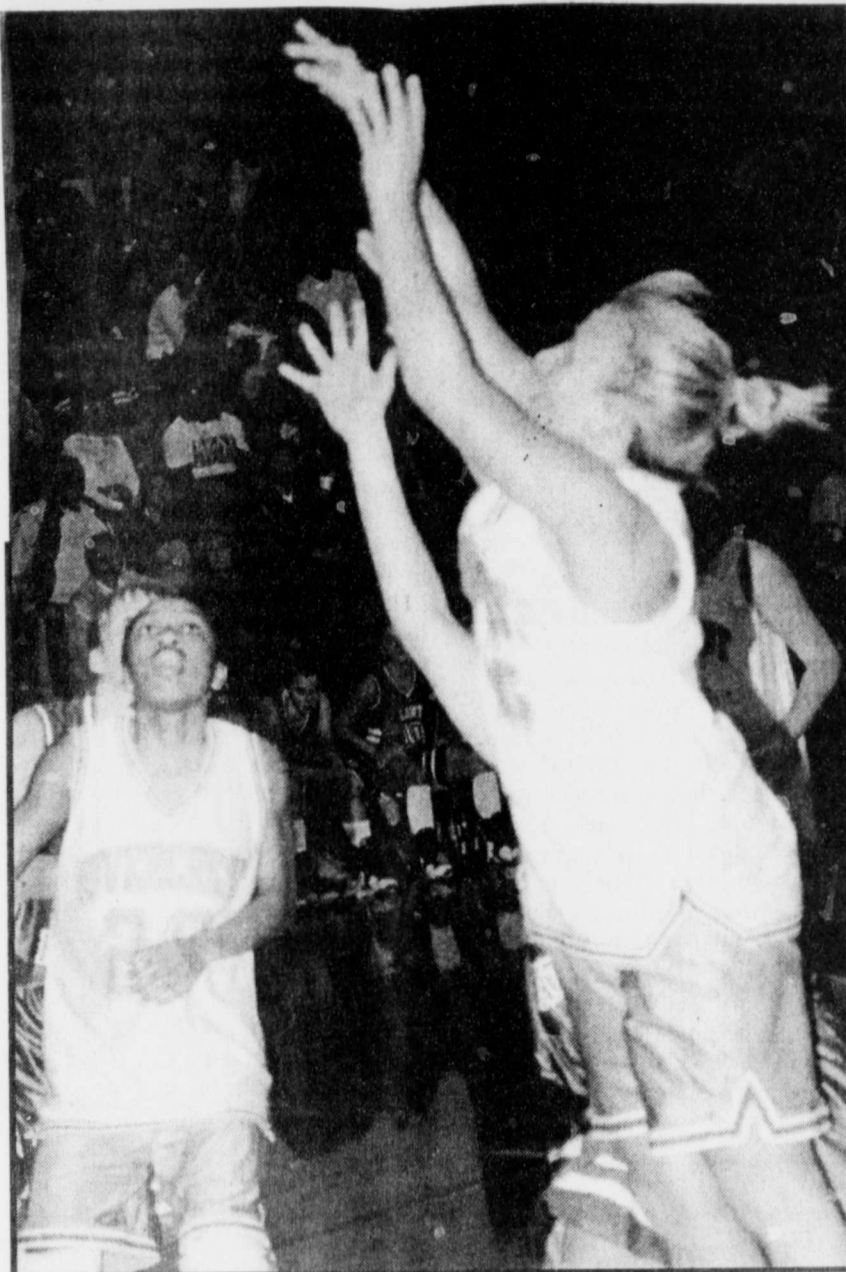
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JILL FOSTER gets her shot off as the Lady Rebels took on the Lady Patriots of Prairiland on Friday night at RHS. The Lady Rebels won the contest with ease. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lady Rebels to vie for playoff position

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels were to play for a playoff spot Tuesday night at Chisum High School in Paris. If the ladies from Rivercrest could get the job done it will be the payoff of the rebuilding process at RHS.

Debbie Williams, Head Coach, has been the Lady Rebel boss for the past four seasons. She obtained a career victory number 200 on December 28 when her team defeated DeKalb. She currently has a record of 206 wins and 99 losses. She was also the East

Texas Girls Basketball Coach of the Year in 1994 when her Canton girls team went deep into the playoffs.

The Lady Rebels are led by Kim Shirley and Kim Ross, a pair of outstanding junior athletes and students along with seniors, Tiffany Prentice, Jill Foster and Missy Carroll, who are also strong athletes and students. The last time the Lady Rebels were in a playoff spot was 1991 under Coach Frank Stubblefield.

Red River Healthcare News

Visiting residents at Red River Healthcare Center this past week were:

Resident, Percy Topping-Carrine Alford, Lucille Pettit, Horvil and Dakota Martin, John Topping.

Resident, Jimmy Guess-Carrine Alford and Doris Strain.

Resident, Irene House-Mary Ellen Kain, Reabeth Abbott, Bernice Beers, Charles House and Jeannette Morris.

Resident, Ann Cody-Mary Ellen Kain and Doris Strain.

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Resident, Dorothy Posey Margaret Smith and Doris Strain.

Resident, Leonard Fuller Irene Fuller, Ruth and Jimmy.

Resident, Mae Slaughter-Marie Serres.

Resident, Pauline Alsbrook-Sue Martin.

Resident, Mary Duke-John and Charlene Duke.

Resident, Billie Hancock-Shirley Smith, Jay Hancock and A.J. Lee.

Resident, Gladys Sykes-Pat and Billie Lindsey and Shawn Roden.

Resident, Stasha Hume-Ina Ward, Weldon and Paul Hume and L.C. Ward.

Resident, Dorothy Stockton-Jean Stockton and Corey Branch.

Resident, Mary Brown-Doris Strain and Eva Watkins.

Resident, Dorothy Watkins-Eva Watkins.

Resident, Oma McKinney-Eva Watkins.

Resident, Melvin Pointer-Daphne Pointer.

Your visits are looked forward to and appreciated by the residents at Red River Healthcare. Please stop by and visit family and friends today.

**Stay In
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JOSH GRIFFIN gets off the floor for the jumper as the Rebels met the Patriots of Prairiland on Friday. The Rebels were victorious maintaining their 1st place standing in the district. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rivercrest teams wind basketball season down

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000 the Rivercrest JV girls and boys and Varsity girls and boys traveled to Honey Grove for district play. Both JV teams were defeated and the Varsity Lady Rebels also lost their game. But, the Rebel Varsity brought home a 70-36 win. Also on Tuesday night Paul

Pewitt, the only district team to defeat the Rebels, was defeated by Chapel Hill and Chisum, another strong contender in the district, was defeated by Prairiland. The losses for Pewitt and Chisum had left the Rebels alone in first place.

On Friday night the Rivercrest teams played host to Prairiland. After only one win at Honey Grove on Tuesday night the Rivercrest team made a turn around.

The JV girls who were almost shut out at Honey Grove played a much better game. In their first meeting with Prairiland the team had lost 31-17 but not this time. After one the Lady Rebels were up 10-6 and left the floor at the half in the lead.

The final quarters saw good Lady Rebel defense and offense to get them a 37-19 win. High scorer for the game was shared by Jessica Rose and Britany Bull. Also scoring were Jazz Barnett, Ashley Beers, Tina Carder, Michelle Bryant and Erica Williams.

The JV Rebels had also lost their

first contest with the Pats but not again. After one quarter the Rebels were up 7-3. The game was a strong defensive one for both teams in the first half but the Rebel held on to the lead 12-8 at the half time buzzer.

In the third the Rebels added scores while keeping up a strong defense. They went ahead with a score of 21-12. The fourth quarter saw Prairiland able to add only 7 points to their score but they also held the Rebels to only 7 points. The third quarter scoring saved the Rebels who took the win 28-19. High scorer for the game was Josh Cabell. Also scoring were Ryan Newton, Dustin Jones, Stephen Shade, Justin Exum and Nathan Carroll.

The Lady Rebel Varsity celebrated Parents Night and prior to the game they and their parents were introduced to the crowd. Seniors playing their last high school home game were Jill Foster, Tiffany Prentice, Missy Carroll and Cara Morgan. Also cheering at their last home game were senior cheerleaders, Jill Foster and Sissy Meredith.

The Lady Pats were no match for the Lady Rebels who led 19-4 after one quarter and went into the half up 39-14.

The senior girls ended their high school home careers on a good note

as they went on to win 73-31. The win continued the teams hopes for a playoff spot. High scorer for the game was Tiffany Prentice. Also scoring were Kim Shirley, Kim Ross, Missy Carroll, Cassee Wilcox and Jill Foster.

The Varsity Rebels and Pats squared off and the Pats were the first to get on the board but the Rebels quickly took control. Keith Hines, Chase Collins, Michael Galloway, Kyle Stansell and Kerry Posey scored with Stansell being the first to get on the board for the team. The entire Rebel team got playing time and the frustrated Pats who had defeated a strong Chisum Mustang team on Tuesday could not break the Rebel press. Quick hands and steals led to scores for the Rebels who drove to a 62-30 win. High scorer for the game was Keith Hines. Also scoring were Chase Collins, Michael Galloway, Kyle Stansell, Kerry Posey and Brandon Bell.

The Rebels are still alone in the number 1 spot in the district. They were set to meet Chisum at Chisum on Tuesday night. The outcome of Tuesday's game was also important for the Lady Rebel Varsity who will go into the playoffs if they defeat Chisum on Tuesday. Go Lady Rebels and Rebels!!!!!!!!!!!!

Texas A&M vets looking into animal pain

COLLEGE STATION - Pain is never pleasant for humans, and it's no picnic for animals, either.

Learning more about animal pain, what to do about it and how to treat it are the subjects of a research project by Dr. Gwendolyn Carroll in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

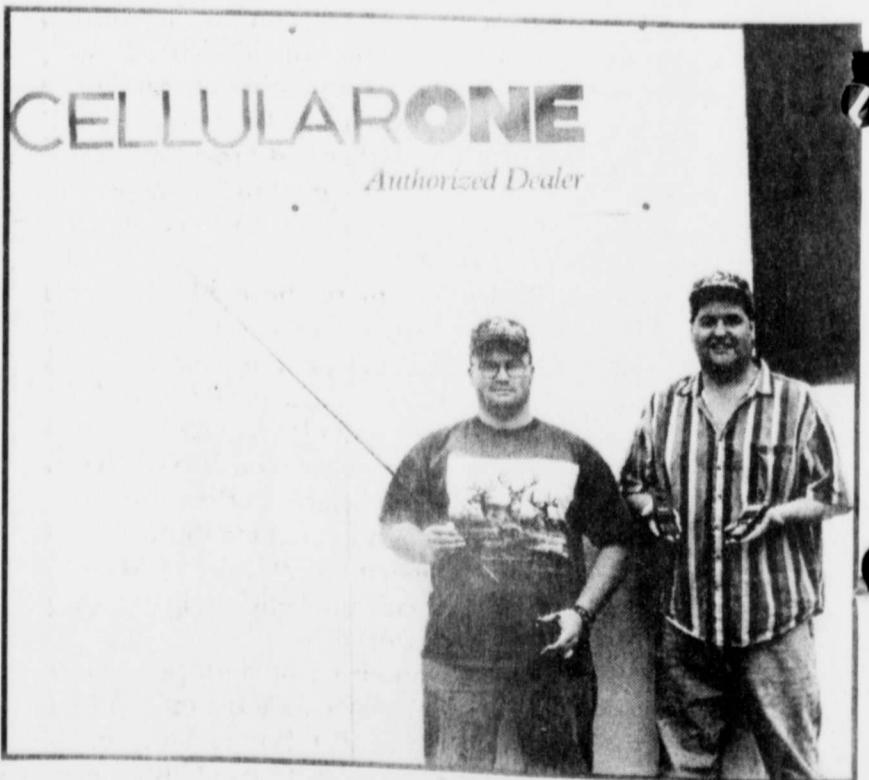
Carroll is looking into ways of reducing animal pain, specifically in cats after they have been declawed, a common procedure requested by many pet owners.

While the surgery is not serious, it can be very painful to the animal, with removal of a claw and associated bone from each front toe.

"Often, animals get just one shot for pain after surgery, and that's about it," Carroll explains.

"That may not be enough. We're examining one analgesic to see how it performs and if it's effective in relieving pain for several days."

The analgesic is butorphanol, and Carroll says it is being tested with injections and oral dosage. The drug is not new but has not been widely used for extended pain relief among veterinarians, Carroll says.



BOGATA AUTO PARTS PLUS now has two new businesses included at the same location. Owner/Manager Randy Lemme and Parts Specialist, Lonnie Hider are now authorized Cellular One dealers plus Backroads Hunting and Fishing Supply is located in the back of the store. Randy and Lonnie will be happy to help you with all your automotive supplies, hunting and fishing equipment and set you up with your own cell phone. The business is located on Hwy 271 S. in Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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THIS SNOW LADY who smilingly sat in the front yard of Charley Lewis on South Bryson St. in Bogata was built by Brittany and Leah Bull, Donita, Donnie and Niki Lewis, Dana Brown and Misti Garretson. Also helping but not pictured was Betty Sue Brown. The ladies took advantage of the snow day on Thursday, January 27, 2000 the first snow of the millennium. (Please Print this one in Bogata, Talco and Deport)

Bogata Locals
call 632-5322

Jennifer and Riley Reeder came home Sunday afternoon. After having lunch with Jerry and Gerlyn Gray, Margaret Davis, Jessica, Danny and Marli Hines, Jennifer, Riley, Jessica and Marli visited Judy, Heather, Heath and Hayden Holt. Hayden was feeling well and he and Marli enjoyed a fun time while the older children played outside. The Reeders returned home Sunday evening.

Zelma Mauldin is reported home and doing well following heart surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris last week.

Happy February birthday to Larry Garretson.

Vicki Tabb, Maggie Richardson and Lynne Knight visited Friday with Dixie Stringfellow. Sunday visitors

with Mrs. Stringfellow were Billy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow.

Christopher and Jerred Guerra spent the night with their grandparents, Donald and Judy Screws Friday. On Saturday the boys parents, Jerry and Chris Anna Guerra came for them and enjoyed lunch with the Screws.

Judy and Hayden Holt and his nurse will be in Dallas one day this week for Hayden's check-up with his neurosurgeons. Your prayers for a good report will be appreciated.

Visiting Ed and Loyce Huddleston Saturday were their son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Faye Huddleston of Cornith.



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Area artists to be featured in pottery showing in Mt. Vernon

Three area artists, Cindy Kent of Mt. Vernon and David Daniel and Sandra McCurry of Pittsburg will be featured in a special pottery showing beginning in February at the L.H. Nelson Art Gallery in Mt. Vernon.

The Spring Clay Show will begin with a reception at the gallery on February 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The gallery will be open during regular business hours for the public to view their work.

Talco Locals

By Nancy Brown

Call in Your News To 379-4445 or 632-5322

Patsy Smith, Doyle and Sharon Price traveled to Arizona Friday through Sunday to attend funeral services for their brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown enjoyed lunch at El Chico's in Paris on Thursday.

J.P., Laura and James Paul Kernan visited over the weekend with the Wright family and other friends.

Kim Anderson and Quinton and Nancy Brown shopped in Clarksville and Paris on Friday.

Marta and Robert Caul Rhoades, Shane, Leslie, Alex and Jacob Wright, Jesi Navia, John D. Wright and Michael Johnson enjoyed supper at Two Senorita's in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Kari Jones is visited her uncle, aunt and cousin, J.P., Laura and James Paul Kernan in Dallas Sunday through Wednesday.

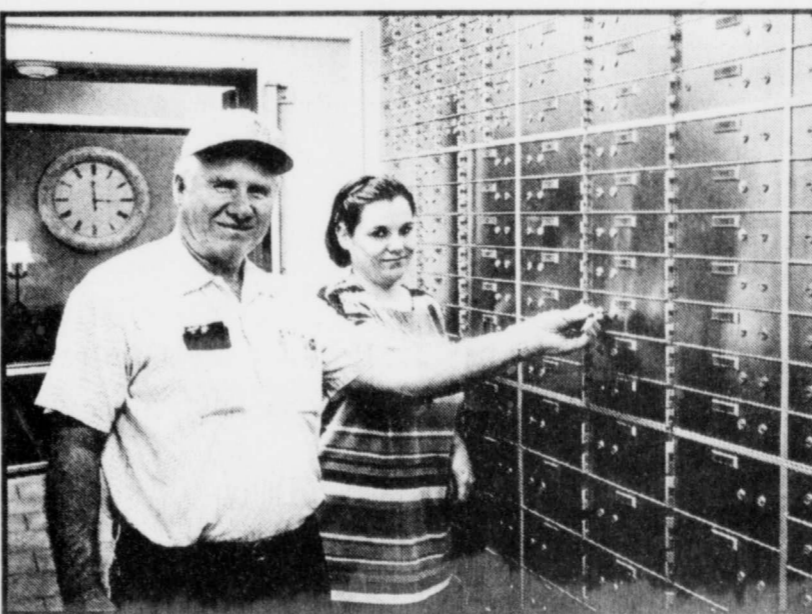
Malorie Wright, daughter of Wade and Donna Wright of Talco, attended dance competition in Plano Saturday.



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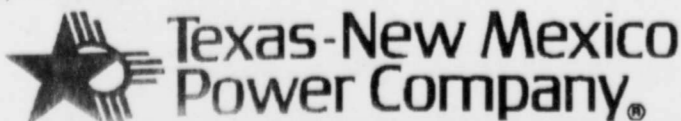
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A BUSINESS SEPARATION PLAN

On January 10, 2000, Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP) filed its application for approval of its Business Separation Plan filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission). A summary of the application follows.

The Commission has established Docket No. 21955, entitled Application of Texas-New Mexico Power Company For Approval Of Business Separation Plan to address TNMP's Business Separation Plan application. In addition, in Order No. 1, the Commission severed matters from TNMP's Business Separation Plan pertaining to Competitive Energy Services. The Commission has established Docket No. 21986, entitled Competitive Energy Services Severed From Application Of Texas-New Mexico Power Company Business Separation Plan, Docket No. 21955 to address these matters related to Competitive Energy Services.

The application was filed pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) 39,051, which requires electric utilities to (1) separate its business activities from one another into a power generation company, a retail electric provider, and a transmission and distribution utility; and (2) separate from its regulated utility activities its customer services business activities that are otherwise already widely available in the competitive market. TNMP petitions the Commission for approval of its business separation plan filed pursuant to PURA 39.051 (e), identifying competitive energy services, and petitioning to provide certain competitive energy service(s).

Persons who wish to intervene in either or both proceedings or comment upon the actions sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711, or call the Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512)936-7120 no later than February 22, 2000. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at (512)936-7136.



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JOHNTOWN NEWS

By Jana Hawkins

Robbie Hawkins left Friday morning for a trip to Arkansas. She will be spending a week there. Her sister, Mary Bellofatto from Florida and her brother, Wilson Hickam of Maine will also be there along with her other two brothers, Willard, Billy and Floyd Hickam who all live in Arkansas.

Heather and Haley Hawkins visitors through the week were Jill and Chris Shirley, Koren Hawkins, Lindsey Robertson, Sarah Jean, Mary Jane Tate and Dustin Cox.

Overnight guests of Donald and Jane Barnard and here for the funeral of his sister, Hazel Barnard Lamb, Tuesday through Saturday were Wanda and Julian Wilson of Clifton. Joey Wilson of Houston also spent Wednesday through Friday, Thresa, David and Lesa Bishop of Pattonville visited Tuesday through Thursday, Michael and Courtney Worthman of Irving spent Thursday night and David, LaDonna, Tabitha and Lyndia Travis of Mexico visited Tuesday and Wednesday.

Visitors in the home of Donald and Jane Barnard and here for the funeral of Hazel Barnard Lamb were; Bobby Lamb of Sunnyvale, Rohonda Robinson of Dallas, Michael and Courtney Wortham of Irving, Tony and Jonathn Wortham of Sunnyvale, Carolyn Fox of Dallas, Mike Clarkson of Dallas, Barbara Bernad of Houston, Lynne Knight of Pittsburg, Llyodene DeBerry of Bogata, Billy and Geraldine Ogg of Bogata, Julian and Wanda Wilson of Clifton, Joey Wilson of Houston, Thresa, David, Lesa and Runt Bishop of Pattonville, Stephanie and Eddie of Dallas, Mrs. Loren Fox of Dallas, the Lewis Fox family of Dallas, Harold and Ricky Parker of Dallas, David, LaDonna, Lyndia and Tabitha Travis of Mexico, Eddie Barnard of Johtown, Rev. James Martin, Jamie, Joseph and Julie of Mt. Vernon.

Services held

at Thedford Homes
A church service was held February 1, 2000 at Thedford Homes in Bogata. Due to the weather conditions, the group was low in number, but not in spirit. The dinner was abundant and delicious, the gospel singing fervent. Special songs were presented by Lauryn Kilmer, Dorothy Johnson, Ashlyn Owen and Sarah Fleming.

Bro. Wilson Weed, pastor of the Talco Assembly of God Church, preached a sermon from Psalm 51, "Have Mercy Upon Me, O God." He and his wife sang an original composition, "Where Could I Go" that expresses their personal testimony.

The next service is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 12:00 noon. A Valentine theme is planned and Karen Forsythe will be the guest speaker. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

8th grade Lady Rebels need help

The Talco-Bogata eighth grade Lady Rebels are "Austin Bound" the first weekend in March to watch the girls State Playoffs. The trip will be an inspiring and educational one for the group but they could use your help.

The trip will cost approximately \$300 per Lady Rebel. Their parents will be sponsoring bake sales and will raffle off retired Beanie Babies and will be selling chances on a \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Certificate to earn funds. Your purchases will be greatly appreciated along with cash donations from local individuals and businesses.

The first bake sale will be held in Bogata on Friday, Feb. 18 beginning at 8:45 a.m. in front of the Bogata Guaranty Bank.

On Friday, Feb. 25 beginning at 8:00 a.m. a sale will be held in Talco in front of the Talco Post Office. Raffle tickets will be available at both bake sales or call Deana Boyd at 632-4820 in Bogata or Sue Wilson at 379-3741 in Talco or see any 8th grade Lady Rebel parent to purchase a chance or make a donation.

Help send the girls to Austin and someday be proud to see Rivercrest have a playoff team at Austin.

Bogata Homecoming to be held Saturday, April 8

The Bogata Homecoming will be held on Saturday, April 8 and is planned around lunch. Lunch will be served from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

The gym will be open at 10:00 a.m. for those who wish to meet before lunch. Following lunch there will be a program, business meeting and visiting in the school gym. Hosts for this

year are classes of 1952 and 1953. For more information you may call; Mary Ann Alsbrook Williams at 632-4013, Frances Mayes Rozell at 632-5752 or Mary Margaret Barnard Vaughan at 632-5221.

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AUDRA (SISSY) MEREDITH signs a letter of intent to Coach Wade White of Tyler Junior College as her parents, Michael and Sharon Meredith, her coach/superintendent, Gary VanDeaver and principal Keith Brown look on. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Audra (Sissy) Meredith signs letter of intent to TJC

Rivercrest's Audra (Sissy) Meredith signed a letter of intent to play golf for the Tyler Junior College Lady Apaches next fall. Sissy has been playing in golf tournaments since the age of nine. She is a member of the four Junior Associations in which she entered thirteen tournaments last summer winning three first place medals, one including the Four States Junior Championship, six top five finishes, qualifying for the NTPGA East Texas Championship and the Ark-La-Tex Area Championship where she finished fourth and ninth respectively. Sissy

traveled to Houston to play in the qualifying round of USGA National Girls Championship, where she competed with girls from the US, New Zealand and Mexico. Sissy is the daughter of Michael and Sharon Meredith of Rosalie, the granddaughter of James and Barbara Meredith, Ted and Beth Grant, Charlie and Sue Jones and the great granddaughter of Nell Whiteman all of Clarksville. Sissy's coach at Rivercrest is Superintendent, Gary VanDeaver. Her coach at Tyler will be Wade White. Good Luck Sissy!!!!

Terry is named administrator

Brenda Terry, former manager of outreach and community services for the 5-Obad United Regional Health care System in Wichita Falls, has been named administrator of Occupational HealthNET at Christus

St. Joseph's Health Center, Paris. Terry is a native of Paris and she and her husband, Mark, attend Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. They have two children, Sabrina Parker and Danielle Terry.

Organization trying to locate former members

The USS Saint Paul CA 73 and USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul SSN-708 will hold its 10th reunion on August 22 in Colorado Springs, CO. The organization is trying to locate former crew members. Your help will be appreciated. For information, please contact George M. Takis, Jr., Secretary, 125 Spalding Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30328.

Arts Festival takes new name

The Paris Art Fair will get a new name this year. It will become the Paris Arts Festival, according to Cynthia Burnham, chairman.

The 2000 Paris Arts Festival will be on Saturday, May 6, at the Red River Valley Fair Grounds. The YWCA of Paris and Lamar County sponsors the festival.

Burnham, who will chair the festival, is a staff accountant for Christus St. Joseph's. She has been a member of the YWCA Board of Directors for two years.

"We want to give the event a new name this year, because we are at the beginning of a new century and a new millennium," said Burnham.

"We think that the words reflect more of the flavor of the event," she said. "We will continue to encourage and solicit fine arts for competition,

show and sale. But when children's activities, performing arts, delicious foods, the fun run and other activities are added in, it really is more of an Arts Festival."

The theme for the festival is "Art for a New Millennium", said Burnham.

The YWCA is currently soliciting art which can be used for promotion of the Arts Festival, such as for T-shirts or a poster," Burnham said.

"We will accept original works of art from now through March 1," said Burnham. Winning works of art will be used to create this year's festival t-shirt as well as the 2000 Arts Festival poster.

Artists interested in submitting work should contact the YWCA at 903-785-5221.

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Titus Regional Medical Center is having their annual "React Quicker, Save Your Ticker" Health Fair on February 19 from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

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POWERLIFTERS-Participating on the newly formed Rivercrest Power Lifting team are; (back row from the left) Marcus Deming, Zach Ward, Ryan Hawkins, Chance Wolfe, Heath Hinton, Brandon Davis and Hollis Grimes; (front row from the left) Coach Gary Schultz, Cole Warren, Krista Allums, Misti Joe Tucker and Coach Jimmy Rogers. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Power Lifting new sport at Rivercrest

The Rivercrest ISD has added a new sport for students under the guidance of Coach Gary Schultz and teacher, Jimmy Rogers.

At their first every meet on Thursday, February 3 at Honey Grove the team had a tremendous showing. The meet was a tri-meet between Honey Grove, Rivercrest and Dennison JV and the results were very pleasing to the RHS coaches especially for the first meet.

Team members who participated Thursday were Hollis Grimes, Cole Warren, Chance Wolfe, Heath Hinton, Marcus Deming, Ryan Hawkins, Scotty Goodwin, Brandon Davis, Zach Ward, Misti Joe Tucker and

Krishna Allums.

Misti and Krishna finished 2nd and 4th respectively in the girls 148 pound class. The boys results were; Hollis Grimes-2nd, in the 132 pound class, Cole, Chance, Heath and Marcus finished 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively in the 148 pound class. Ryan Hawkins finished 3rd in the 165 pound class. Scotty Goodwin finished 1st in the 181 pound class. Zach Ward finished 1st in the 242 pound class and also won Overall Champion with a 3 lift total of 1145 pounds.

The team will continue to work hard and achieve higher weight totals and will compete again soon.

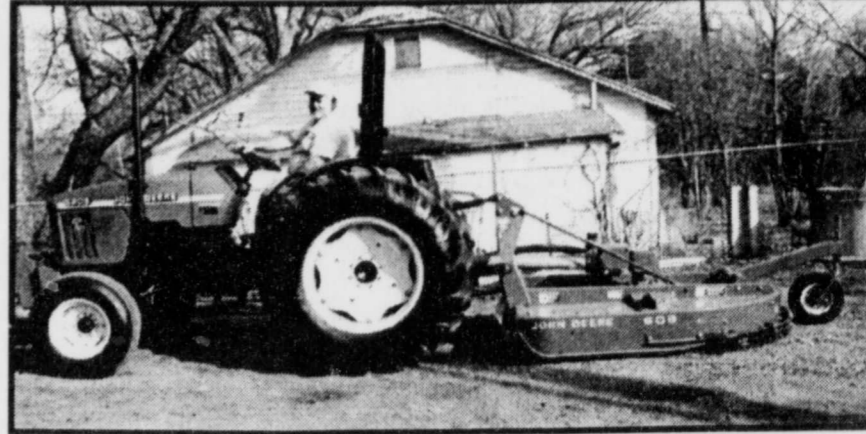
Rivercrest class of 1985 plans reunion

The Rivercrest High School class of 1985 is planning their 15th year reunion. It will be held May 20 at the Bogata Community Center.

It will be a two event reunion with families meeting around noon and bringing a picnic lunch. Later in the evening, the adults will meet for a meal, a program and their favorite music from the early 80's.

The class does need help finding some of their classmates. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following people, please contact Greg Russell at 903-463-3532.

- Susan Baker
- Becky Burkley
- Penny Hanes
- John Jones
- Melissa Varner
- Donna Unruh
- Christy Brown
- Kyle Roland
- Nancy Smith
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NEW EQUIPMENT-Wendell Davis Public Works Director for the City of Bogata displays a new John Deere tractor and 6 ft. bushhog recently purchased by the city. Mr. Davis said, "The bushhog is a heavy duty one and should last for a long time. It is large enough for big jobs but still small enough for mowing ditches and in small areas". The new tractor and bushhog will be put to use very soon. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Please read and sign the following consent statement:
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ORDINANCE No. 00-004 REGULATIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS

An ordinance repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances or amendments thereto, that conflict with the terms or conditions of this ordinance, and enacting a new ordinance providing for laws and policies regulating plats and the establishment of subdivisions in the City of Blossom, Texas and its extraterritorial jurisdiction; providing for enforcement of the ordinance; providing for punitive sanctions for the violation of the ordinance; providing for a severability clause; declaring an emergency.
WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2312, local Government Code (LGC) the governing body of the City of Blossom, Texas, has determined that plats, subdivision of land and development of subdivisions within the City, and its extraterritorial jurisdiction, should be subject to regulation by ordinance; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Blossom, Texas, that the following rules and regulations governing plats, land subdivisions and development of subdivisions within the City of Blossom, Texas, and its extraterritorial jurisdiction are hereby adopted.

ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS
 A. Except as specifically detailed within this ordinance, Chapter 212, Subchapters A & B, L.G.C.s hereby adopted by reference, as though it were fully copied herein, as the rules and regulations governing plats, subdivision of land, and development of subdivisions within the City Limits of Blossom and its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

B. The City's comprehensive plan is hereby adopted by reference, as though it were fully copied herein, as the standard for approval for all development plats.
APPROVAL AUTHORITY
 Pending the appointment of a municipal planning commission and the designation thereof by amendment to this ordinance, the governing body of the City of Blossom shall be the municipal authority responsible for approving plats and the subdivision of land.

PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT
 A. Failure to properly apply for approval of the City Council for any proposed plat, subdivision of

land, or subdivision development within the City's jurisdiction or violation of any section of this ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) each day of any violation shall constitute a separate offense.

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

ORDINANCE IN IMMEDIATE EFFECT/ EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

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

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Blossom, Texas, convened in public session of the City Council chambers, City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas, this 3rd day of February, 2000.
Ed Hudson, Mayor
 Attest: **Sylvia Lewis, Acting City Clerk**
 2-10

PUBLIC NOTICE

A summary of the ordinance detailed below is published pursuant to Sec. 52.001, L.G.C.

ORDINANCE No. 00-005 "Regulation of unauthorized signs of City's public right-of-way"
 An ordinance of the City of Blossom, Texas, regulating and prohibiting the placement of unauthorized signs, political or commercial, placed on the public right-of-way within the city; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with terms or conditions of this ordinance; providing for enforcement of this ordinance; providing for a severability clause; and declaring emergency.

Emergency Clause: In order to protect public safety, health and general welfare of its citizens, the governing body of Blossom, Texas, hereby declares that this ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

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NEED PART TIME person to teach two senior citizens how to use a computer for their mail order business. Prefer college student. Hours and pay negotiable. 903-652-2328. MA 2-10

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HELP WANTED: The City of Blossom seeks part-time temporary bookkeeper payroll clerk. Must be experienced and proficient with Peachtree Accounting System; payroll and tax reporting; financial statements. Salary dependent upon qualifications. Contact Tony Chance, City Administrator, 903-982-5900, Blossom City Hall, 1240 W. Front St., Blossom, Texas 75416. 2-10

RED RIVER HEALTHCARE CENTER is looking for caring individuals who would be interested in becoming state certified nurse aide to work in our facility on the 2pm to 10pm shift and the 10pm to 6am shift. The new class is planned to begin February 28. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Vickers at 903-632-5293 or come by our facility at the intersection of highways 37 and 271 in Bogata, Texas. This is your opportunity to prepare yourself for employment in a great profession where the possibility to advance is always present. MA 2-24

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Letter to the Editor:
 On February 7, I received three letters from the City of Bogata stating that I was in violation of the City Ordinance (junk vehicles or parts thereof).

This vehicle is not junk, it is not to be parted out. It belongs to my daughter. She is a student in high school. My wife and I are trying to teach her the responsibility of owning a vehicle. This vehicle is in tip top shape and is in running condition. My wife and I are going to have our daughter to help with the expense of registering and insuring this vehicle. By doing this, I feel that depending on Mom is not accepted in our family. I do not want her to live with Mom and depend on her mother's car for her transportation.

Upon receiving this letter I was not very happy. I talked to the Chief of Police and he told me that I was in violation of City Ordinance 98-09 and if I did not comply that I could receive a citation for the above. I also talked to the water and sewer superintendent and he apologized he stated that he was only doing what the Mayor had told him to do. He also stated that the Mayor had him to take binoculars and get the information from my daughter's car.

This car is parked in my backyard. I confronted the Mayor, he denied knowing anything about this letter. I do not feel that I am being picked on but I do feel that it is odd for taxpayers money to be spent paying employees to drive around with binoculars looking in citizen's backyards trying to find vehicles that could be in violation, when right beside of the fire station there is a 2 1/2 ton truck that does not display a current registration or inspection.

Lyle Williams



Dear Editor,

I was sitting in my living room listening to my scanner during the ice and snow storm we had recently and was so thankful that I wasn't out in it, but as I sat there I thought of all the men and women who put their lives in danger to protect and serve the people of the community and they spend countless hours doing so. When you see someone who worked during these times take the time to thank them for all that they do. A few of them are the policemen, dispatchers, first responders, firemen, paramedics, utility company workers and highway department employees. If I left someone out please consider yourself thanked.

Thank You,
 Linda Eilers

Dear Editor,

I'd like to take a moment to thank the Bogata First Responders. A few nights ago, I became ill. At one o'clock in the morning, I needed help quickly. The First Responders were at my home in a matter of minutes. They left their families, drove in the ice and snow to come to my side. I truly believe if it were not for the First Responders, I would not be able to write this letter today. I want to publicly thank them for all that they do.

Sincerely,
 Robert L. Lewis

Dear Editor,

Someday soon, we Texans may walk into an auto dealership and be told we could not buy a full-size V-8 pick-up truck or a Suburban. Why? If Texas adopts an emissions standards program equivalent to that of the State of California, as the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is considering, these new state regulations may preclude the sale of such vehicles.

Texas is a vastly different state from California, and Texans use their vehicles in vastly different ways. For example, Texas ranchers depend on powerful trucks and SUV's to haul feed and cattle and to travel off-road to perform normal daily ranching chores. Boaters, campers, hunters and other outdoorsmen need a vehicle that can tow a boat or camper and carry all the gear that is required for their favorite recreational activities. These Texans will be among the hardest hit if the TNRCC adopts the California standards.

Even if these big vehicles remain available, adoption of the California standards would add \$500-\$600 to the cost of a truck in Texas. That is a pretty hefty increase for some farmers and ranchers to bear, particularly when it is not necessary. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) already has issued tough new nationwide tailpipe emissions standards that will sharply reduce emissions for all vehicles; cars, pick-ups, mini-vans and SUV's alike. These new standards should adequately address

any air quality problems we face in Texas.

We don't need California setting the standard for what we do here in Texas. Why, the California regulations ultimately would require us to drive vehicles that don't have any emissions at all! Can you imagine how small a truck that would be?

It is true that some of Texas' larger metropolitan areas are facing daunting air quality concerns, but solutions exist that not only are less disruptive to our life-styles, but that also are better suited to our specific problems. For example, late last year, the American Automobile association (AAA) released a study entitled "Cleaning the Air" that showed that Houston's air quality problems stem largely from industrial sources, rather than from vehicles, as in California. According to the AAA, less than 30% of Houston's nitrous oxide emissions come from cars and trucks, a percentage that is expected to continue declining over the next few years.

So, on behalf of ranchers across Texas, and all Texans who value their rights to choose the types of vehicles they drive, let us send a strong message to the TNRCC: Reject the California emission standards policy and preserve Texans' rights to buy and drive the vehicles of our choice.

Sincerely,
 Charles Carter
 Executive Director, Independent Cattlemen's Association Member, Texas Coalition for Vehicle Choice

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