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By Nanalee Nichols

Something Different

We recently returned from vacation in California. We had never been in California before, but we were invited by our dear friends, Tom and Midge Foley.

It is a beautiful state, and we saw many diverse things. I have never been in a place where the countryside could change so drastically in such a short distance.

But there was one thing that I did notice. Diversity in shopping seems to be becoming a thing of the past.

Where ever we went there were huge shopping malls. They are truly beautiful, but they are all the same. Not just the same stores in California, but the same store one sees in Dallas, in Chicago, in Washington D.C. and in New York City.

To me, this seems a shame. Part of an area's diversity and difference is the unusual and locally created goods or stores that feature things that are unique.

Yet for the most part it's difficult to find things that aren't mass produced. In other words, at a mall it's almost impossible to find something in California that can't be found in New York City, or Houston. Dillard's, Target, Wal-Mart, Macy's and more are to be found every where now.

Oh, there are souvenir stores that feature tee shirts and toothpick holders, caps and toys emblazoned with the name and location of the tourist area.

But the goods we use, the books we buy, the clothes we wear are standardized from coast to coast, border to border!

I don't guess that is the end of the world, but it sure seems to take some of the fun out of things when shopping!

I'm not one for cookie cutter sameness. It does make me appreciate all the more the individual, cozy shops that have searched high and low for the different, the unusual, the outstanding! They still exist, but with the trend towards national chains it's getting harder and harder to find them.

If they disappear, I for one will miss them a lot.

Co-ed tournament held

The Talco Baseball/Softball Association sponsored a co-ed softball slow pitch tournament at the Talco ball field on Saturday, April 29, 2000. Five teams made up of local residents competed in a fun day of adult play.

The final game came down between Marcus Savage's team and Eddie Norman's team and due to the late hour and the fact that most of the participants were worn out the two teams agreed on a shared 1st place. Both teams will receive tee shirts for their efforts.

The league earned approximately \$500 which will be used to help purchase a new refrigerator for the concession stand.

Everyone who played, worked the concession stand, called games, kept scores and books and attended were appreciated.

Editor's Quotes

If we would read the secret history of our enemies, we would find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.

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Annual Pancake Day to be held May 6

The Bogata Lions Club will be holding its annual Pancake Day on May 6, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Bogata.

All you can eat pancakes, sausage and coffee will be served for \$4.00 per person. Proceeds from the event will be used to finance the annual Lions Club Scholarship and to purchase eyeglasses for needy students in the district.

Early tickets may be purchased from any Lions Club member or see Danny Efav at the Bogata Post Office or Neil Rozell for more information.

The Lions welcome everyone to come out and enjoy a good meal and support this worthy cause.

RHS Athletic Booster Club to sponsor Athletic Banquet May 16

The Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club will sponsor this year's Athletic Banquet at the Rivercrest High School cafeteria on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

This year the meal will be catered by Carlisle Catering and will include fish and chicken with all the trimmings. Tickets for the meal will cost \$7.00 per person and advance tickets

must be purchased in order for the group to provide enough food.

Tickets can be purchased at the school or at Guaranty Bank Bogata or Guaranty Bank Talco. Everyone is invited to come out share a good meal and help the club honor the accomplishments of the Rivercrest athletes this school year.

This Saturday is Trades Day in Deport

Don't miss this Saturday, May 6th in Deport! its their Spring Trades Day and everyone is welcome to come set up their booth (free of charge), to shop for bargains, and to have breakfast or lunch!

The event will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Main Street in Deport. Booth holders may set up on a first come, first serve, space available basis. Garage sales, craft sales, vendors of all kinds are welcome.

Breakfast and lunch will be for

sale by the Deport Volunteer Fire Department with proceeds (money left over after expenses) going to the Deport Volunteer Fire Department. Since much of the food is donated, this is an excellent way to make money for the fire department. The Deport Fire Department and Bucket Brigade will also have a garage sale space, also, and proceeds from those items will also benefit the fire department.

It's a great day for fun and bargains and some good food, come on out and enjoy!

Talco School to host Kindergarten Round-Up May 4

The Talco School will hold Kindergarten Round-Up on May 4, 2000 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. All children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2000 should attend.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, social security num-

ber and immunization records. All new students are encouraged to attend this special day in preparation for the first year of school. For more information contact Principal, Kelly Stansell, at the Talco School, 379-3841.

Revival services to be held at Talco First Baptist Church May 7-12

Revival services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Talco on May 7 through May 12, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Bro. Ron Owen will be the visiting evangelist. Special music will be provided by the Curry Family.

Wednesday night has been set at Youth Night and a pizza supper and fellowship will be held before ser-

VICES at 6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All youth are encouraged to attend.

Bro. Keith Blankenship and the church congregation cordially invited everyone to come out and share the blessings. For more information call 903-379-3321.

**GENERAL ELECTION
(ELECCION GENERAL)
RIVERCREST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE
RIVERCREST)
MAY 6, 2000 (6 DE MAYO DE 2000)**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
(BOLETA OFICIAL)**

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**Board of Trustees, Position 1
(Junta de Regentes, Posicion 1)**

- Nicky Brown
- Johnny Jones

**Board of Trustees, Position 4
(Junta de Regentes, Posicion 4)**

- Joe Rose

**Board of Trustees, Position 7
(Junta de Regentes, Posicion 7)**

- Leslie Johnson Wright
- Ricky Franks



SUE GADDIS SHUMATE, WOODY SANDORD AND VERNON SMITH-enjoyed looking at the old State trophies acquired at the Talco School in the past at the school reunion/homecoming held Saturday April 29, 2000. Over 250 attended the event and shared a wonderful day. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



GROUNDBREAKING- Rivercrest School Board members, Superintendent, Gary Vandever, Principals, Keith Brown, Bill Mabry and Kelly Stansell and representatives of Harrison, Walker and Harper broke the ground on Monday, May 1, 2000 in honor of the new schools which will be constructed at Rivercrest. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

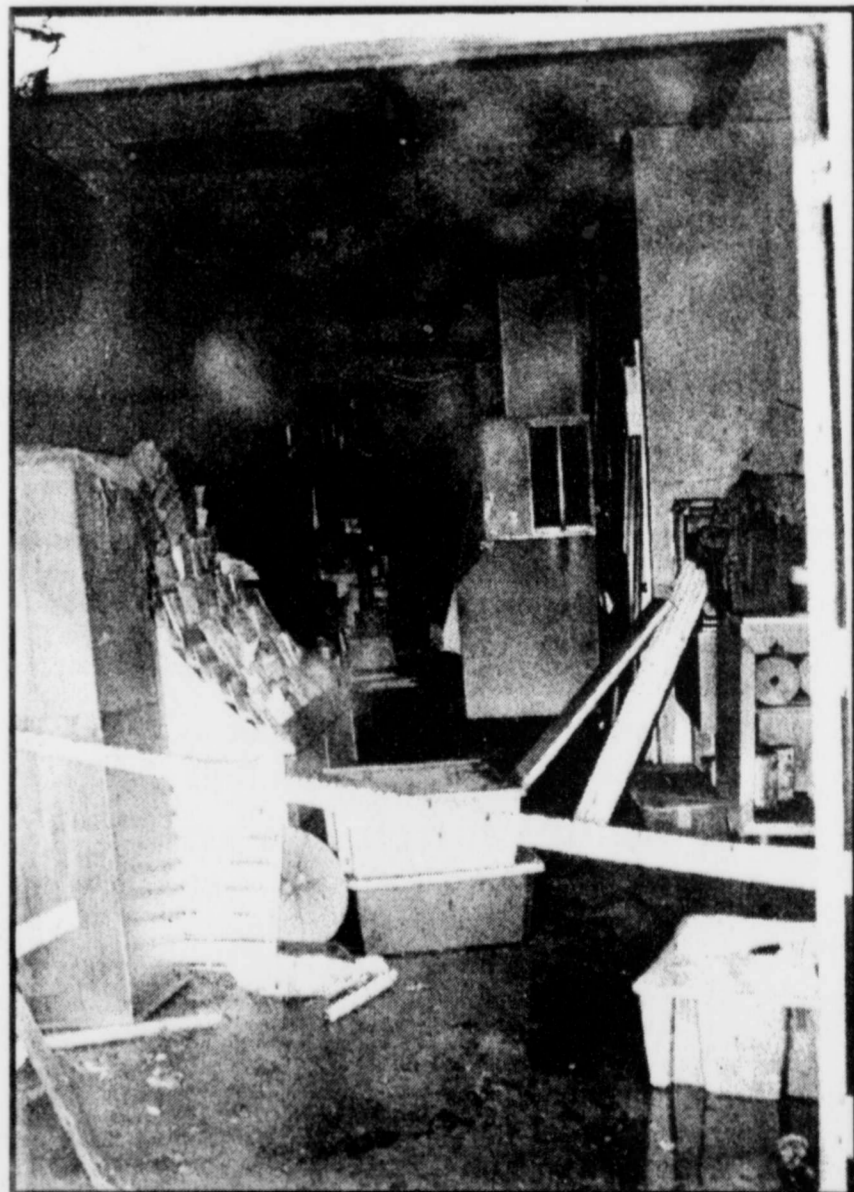
Groundbreaking held at Rivercrest

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at Rivercrest High School on Monday, May 1, 2000 in celebration of the new Elementary and Junior High Schools to be constructed. Dr. Gary VanDeaver welcomed guest and introduced the Bogata Boy Scouts who presented the American and Texas flags. The National Anthem was played by the Rivercrest Band, the students of Talco and Bogata sang America and the Pledge of Allegiance was said followed by the band playing God Bless the USA.

Dr. VanDeaver introduced the member of the Rivercrest School Board, Principals, Keith Brown, Bill Mabry and Kelly Stansell and members of Harrison, Walker and Harper, construction managers and architect, Robert Brown.

Following the traditional shoveling of earth, Bogata teacher, Dianne Ross performed a skit for the students and guest. Courtney Brown read a poem she composed about her feeling of the new school and the Talco and Bogata School elementary students who formed a rainbow or red, green, yellow, purple, orange and blue sang under the direction of music teacher, Neva Oats. Balloons of

the rainbow colors were released by the students and the program ended with the singing of the Rivercrest Alma Mater.



FIRE DAMAGE-All Stop in Talco was damaged by fire late Sunday night. The store was gutted near the Deli but damage was contained mostly to that area. The rest of the store did suffer heat, smoke and water damage. The cause of the fire was undetermined at press time. Owners, Mr. and Mrs. David McClanahan of Mt. Pleasant have plans to repair the store. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Editor's Quotes

Preseverance is failing nineteen times and succeeding the twentieth.

Election day May 6

May 6, 2000 is election day and in the Rivercrest ISD School Board election incumbent, Ricky Franks, who holds Position 7 is seeking re-election. Also seeking election to Position 7 is Leslie Wright. Incumbent, Nicky Brown who hold Position 1 is seeking re-election. Also seeking election to Position 1 is Johnny Jones. Unopposed for Position 4 is Joe Rose.

Voters may cast their ballots for the school board at the Talco School and at the Bogata School. All voters in both towns have the right to vote for the candidates from both towns. Vote as you please, but please vote!

Country Cooking



By Liz Irwin

This week's column is dedicated to the wonderful and delicious cheesecake! The lowly cheesecake is often mistaken as a time-consuming effort that needs many special ingredients. Not so with these recipes. Each one has a distinctive taste and there is one for everyone's liking.

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

Cherry Cheesecake-the old standby...but everyone loves them!

Cheesecake-lemon jello gives this

cheesecake a zing!

Banana Caramel Spice Pie-instant pudding with a bit of cinnamon topped with caramel desert topping. Yummy!

Candy Bar Pie-chop up candy bars and add to this pie and it is great!

Chocolate Triple Layer Pie-dark and light chocolate blended and topped with Cool Whip!

Memorial Day Cheesecake-top with blueberries and strawberries to give it that red, white and blue flair!

May 4, 2000 Cheesecake Recipes

Cherry Cheesecake
1 package graham crackers-crushed
2 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
1-3 ounce instant vanilla pudding
2 cups sour cream
1-8 ounce package cream cheese
1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons almond flavoring
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 can cherry pie filling

Combine graham crackers, sugar and butter. Press into 13 x 9 pan. Combine pudding mix, sour cream and softened cream cheese. Whip until smooth. Slowly stir in sugar and flavorings. Pour over crust and spread pie filling on top.

Cheesecake
1 tall can evaporated milk
1 package lemon Jello
1 cup boiling water
2-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 stick melted oleo
1-8 ounce cream cheese
2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla

Freeze milk and beaters until ice crystals form. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Cool to room temperature. Combine crumbs, 2 tablespoons sugar, cinnamon and oleo. Press 3/4 mixture into 13x9x2-inch pan. Beat milk until fluffy. Beat cream cheese and 1/2 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Blend cooled gelatin and vanilla. Add milk to cream cheese mixture. Beat at high speed for 2 minutes. Pour over crumbs. Sprinkle remaining crumbs over top. Chill until firm for approximately 3 hours.

Banana-Caramel Spice Cheesecake
1 large ripe banana
1 shortbread crust
2 cups cold milk
2 packages Jell-o white chocolate or vanilla instant pudding
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tub Cool Whip thawed
caramel dessert topping

Place banana in bottom of crust. Pour milk into large bowl. Add pudding mixes and cinnamon. Beat with wire whisk for 1 minute. Gently stir in whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate for 4 hours until set. Top with caramel topping.

Candy Bar Cheesecake
4 ounces cream cheese-softened
1 tablespoon milk
12 ounces Cool Whip
2 packages chocolate-covered peanut nougat bars-chopped
1-3/4 cups milk
2 packages Jell-o instant chocolate pudding
1 prepared pie crust

Mix cream cheese and 1 tablespoon milk with wire whisk until smooth. Gently stir in 2 cups Cool Whip and chopped candy bars; set aside. Pour 1-3/4 cups milk into another bowl and add pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk for 1 minute. Gently stir in 1/2 cup whipped topping. Spread 1/2 pudding mixture on bottom of crust. Spread cream cheese over pudding mixture. Top with remaining pudding mixture. Refrigerate for 4 hours and garnish with remaining Cool Whip.

Chocolate Triple Layer Cheesecake
2 cups cold milk
2 packages Jell-o chocolate instant pudding
1 graham cracker crust
1 tub Cool Whip

Pour milk into large bowl; add pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk for 1 minute. Spoon 1-1/2 cups of the pudding into crust. Gently stir 1/2 of the whipped topping into remaining pudding. Spread over pudding in crust. Top with remaining whipped topping and refrigerate for 4 hours or until set.

Memorial Day Cheesecake
1-3 ounce package lemon Jell-o
1 8 ounce package cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar
1 large Cool Whip
1 graham cracker crust

Mix jello with 1 cup hot water and set aside to cool. Mix sugar, cream cheese and whipped topping. Add jello and fold in Cool Whip. Pour into graham cracker crust.



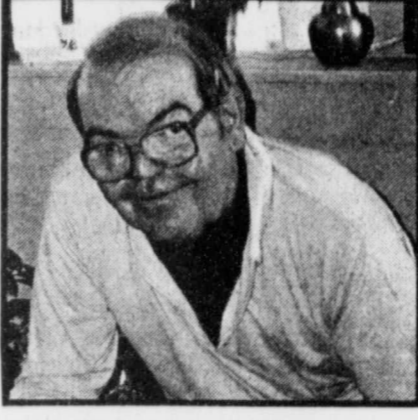
Jennifer Elaine Hampton dies April 17

Jennifer Elaine Hampton, 25, of Bogata died April 17, 2000 after a long battle with cancer. Services under the direction of Brownrigg Funeral Home were held at the Free Hope Baptist Church in Bogata Thursday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. George Rape officiating. Interment was in Turner Cemetery in Fulbright, Tx.

Jennifer was born March 15, 1975 in Paris, Texas to the late Otis Hampton and Nancy Hampton. She united with Free Hope Baptist Church at an early age. She attended Rivercrest High School where she graduated in 1993. She was preceded in death by her father, her brother, Terris Hampton and grandmother, Robbie Lockhart.

Survivors include her mother, Nancy Hampton of Talco, special friend, Billy Joe Stewart Jr. of Bogata, Grandfather, Elbert Lockhart of Bogata, Aunts, Shirley Nickerson of Bogata, Libby Redd of Honey Grove, Ruby James of Dallas and Martha Smith of Houston, Uncle, Porter Brooks of Bogata and a host of cousins and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Benny Wyatt, Quentin Emry, Craig Savage, Jonathan Savage, Lee Edwards and Daryl Bryers.



Richard Neal Chapman dies May 2

Richard Neal Chapman, age 59 of Deport, died at his residence on Tuesday, May 2.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 3 in Highland Cemetery in Deport at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. James Judd officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Chapman was born August 15, 1940 in Binghamton, NY, the son of Clyde and Anna Neal Chapman. On February 14, 1985 he married the former Ruthe Stowe. He worked for Honeywell, Inc. for 18 years in Clearwater, Florida as a computer designer in the Aeronautics Division.

He is survived by his wife, Ruthe Chapman of Deport; three stepdaughters, Sherrie Judd, Karen Grossman and Kathy Simmons, all of Deport; four granddaughters and one great-grandson; a sister, Thelma Schneider of Nichols, NY; one brother, Kent Chapman of Andrews, NC; an aunt, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith of Port Charlotte, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Audrey Rodgers dies April 29

Audrey Rodgers, age 77 of Bogata died Saturday, April 29 at her residence.

Services were held Monday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m. in the Bogata United Methodist Church with Rev. Bob Posey officiating. Burial followed in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rodgers was born August 23, 1922 in Lockesburg, AR, the daughter of Robert Thomas and Mary Humes Saunders. She married Fred Rodgers on October 7, 1950 in Deport. He preceded her in death on December 27, 1974.

She is survived by a son, Alvin Rodgers of Bogata; three daughters, Rita Ginn of Clarksville, Elaine Morgan and Mary Joplin, both of Bogata; two brothers, Harold Saunders of Ft. Worth and Leonard Saunders of Okemah, OK; two sisters, Elizabeth Tye of Burleson and Dorothy Kennedy of Kennedale; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Justin Strawn, Robert Lewis, Berny Huddleston, Shane Joplin, Paul Kennedy and Rusty Lawings.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Ella McFadden Hospice of St. Joseph Hospital.

Special meeting of RRV softball held

On Sunday, April 30, 2000 a special meeting of the Red River Valley Dixie Girls Softball League's Board was called. Under discussion was a girl who had played illegally last year (outside her own town) with the knowledge of some of last year's officers. This year the young lady has played in her proper place in her home town and the decision had to be made whether by Dixie Rule she belonged to the other town in which she had played.

The board found with the help of Dixie Director, Louise Yates that the young lady will remain in her home town and all games that she has participated in are legal. However, she or no other girl may ever play in another town if there is a team in their age group at their home town, unless they qualify for Dixie Softball Hardship Clause or unless they move.

The board also discussed the closing ceremony for this season. It will be held on June 13, 2000 in Avery beginning with a 7 & 8 year old All Star game. Following the game a 8:00 p.m. all awards will be given to the remaining teams; 9 & 10; 11 & 12; 13-14 & 15; 16-17 & 18.

Red River Valley Dixie Girls Softball Board members are; David Duley-Detroit, Chuck Williams-Clarksville, Connie Giles-Bogata, Nancy Brown-Talco, Curt Woodwall-Deport and Rebecca White-Avery.



ETMC installs MRI

East Texas Medical Center Clarksville has expanded its radiology services with a new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit.

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Obituaries

Homer Austin dies May 1

Homer Austin, age 82 of Clarksville died Monday, May 1 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

A military memorial graveside service was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 at Warner Memorial Cemetery in Warner, OK with Rev. Jim Merritt officiating. The family received friends at Wood Funeral Home in Bogata from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday.

Mr. Austin was born May 27, 1917 in Annona, the son of Roy and Lida Evelyn Dunlap Austin. He married the former Lillie Faye Merritt on May 20, 1944 in Warner, OK. She preceded him in death in 1991. He was also preceded in death by a son, Douglas in 1998 and a granddaughter, Monica in 1983.

He was retired from the U.S. Army, retiring after 20 years in 1960 at the rank of Master Sergeant. He worked for Montgomery Ward from 1961 until 1964, later going to work for Bell Helicopter, where he retired in 1982.

He is survived by his two sons, Stan Austin of Watauga and Stephen Austin of Marietta, Georgia; three sisters, Opal Severt of High Point, North Carolina, Edwina Sparks of Clarksville and Jacqueline Jones of Ardmore, OK; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Lelan H. Stringer dies April 30

Lelan H. Stringer, age 78 of Tyler died April 30 in Tyler.

Services were held Wednesday May 3 at the Lloyd James Funeral Home Chapel in Tyler with Rev. Karen Morris officiating. Burial followed in Edom Cemetery in Edom, TX.

Mr. Stringer was born in Pine Bluff on December 25, 1921, a son of Ebbi and Carlisle Stringer. He had lived in Tyler since 1945. He worked for Apache Phillips 66 after retiring from Hickson-Ellis and was a veteran of World War II serving as an Army Air Corps tail gunner. He was a member of the Cedar Street United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Opaleen Stringer of Tyler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia Burkett of Mixon and Corene and John Roach of Deport; a sister, Lillian Lane of Brownsboro; three grandchildren, Michael Roach, Jenny Asbery and Anita Burkett and one great-grandson, Josh Burkett.

Bearers were Kelly Easley, Matt Rowan, Bobby Stringer, Jack Stringer, Jerry Stringer and Glenn Taylor. Honorary bearers were Donald Stringer, Larry Patterson, Fred McPhail, O.J. Willis, Don Stringer, Eugene McCloskey and O.J. Willis.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 130577, Tyler, Tx 75713.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Roy Stringer; and two grandsons, Marty Burkett and Casey Roach.

Lillian Delene Sparlin dies April 30

Mrs. Lillian Delene Sparlin, age 76 of Bogata died Sunday, April 30 in Christus St. Joseph Hospital in Deport.

At her request, no formal funeral services were held. Cremation was under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Bogata.

Mrs. Sparlin was born October 28, 1923 in Red River County, near Cuthand, the daughter of Jessie and Jeffe Barnett Mauldin.

She is survived by her daughter, Dorothy Burns of Carlsbad, NM; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Marie Roberts of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Ada Phiffer of Bryson and Mrs. Eula Martin of Bogata.

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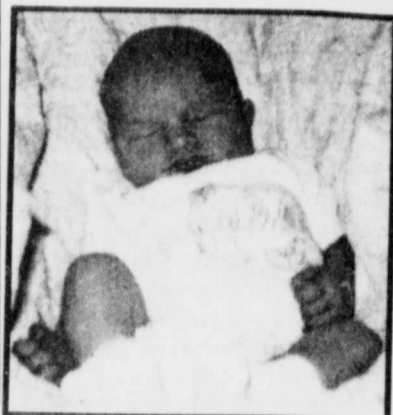
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Prairiland High School
Week of May 8

8 NHS Induction Ceremony, 8:30
9 Band Spring Concert, 6:30
10 Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m. Cafeteria
11 Ag Banquet
12 State Track Tournament
..... Sports Banquet



Births

Doris and Andy Cooper of Bogata and Alice Emeyabbi of Paris would like to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Bettye Sue Nycole Emeyabbi who arrived April 24, 2000 weighing 8 lbs., 4 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Lucinda Godfrey of Bogata and Jimmy Emeyabbi of Paris. Bettye joins sister, Tyler Michael Godfrey who will be 2 years old in August.

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New Arrivals

Kaleigh Rae Duffie arrived April 14, 2000 weighing 8 lbs. 12 ozs. at Trinity Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. Parents are Gary and Heather Duffie of Addison, Texas. Grandparents are Joe and Lorretta Hammond of Longview, Texas and Gene and Dianne Duffie of Colorado.



JAROD DAVIDSON-proudly shows his award for 1st place received as 4-H Class C Shooter. Jarod and his teammates competed in Brownwood.



4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM-The 4-H Livestock Judging team traveled to Stephenville recently to compete. Members of the team are; (front from the left) Jesse Hanna, Payden Franks, Johna Ingram, Lisa Somerville and Lillian Baird; (2nd row from the left) Chris Cannon, Micah Upchurch, Mandy Mabry and Robie Somerville; (3rd row from the left) Jennifer Nolen, Wendy Stewart, Brandie Holt, Benji Holt and Matthew Ross and (top row from the left) Amy Holt, Toni Phillips and Zack Ludkett.

RHS class of 1985
to hold 15 year reunion

The class of 1985 will have its 15 year reunion on Saturday, May 20, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center. Classmates, their families and teachers of the class are invited to arrive around 11:00 a.m. and to bring their picnic lunch for the noon meal. The evening event for those who have reserved a meal will start at 7:00 p.m. A program will begin around 8:30 p.m. and for this class of 85' invites upper and lower classmates to join in celebrating the memories and good times. Donations will be accepted to help defray expenses. Remember to bring your favorite music and a humorous high school story. A \$25.00 gift certificate will be awarded for the best tale.

Commissioners report for April
by Ricky Daniels

April has been another good month. We were able to get several small jobs done. 3 culverts were installed, 1 load of white rock was hauled to the yard and 3 loads of railroad rock and 1 load of oil sand were also hauled to the yard. 30 loads of state material and 14 load of railroad rock were hauled to different locations for repairs. 9 small loads of white rock were hauled off the yard to different roads for repairs.

In Commissioners Court this month bids were approved for road materials, fuel and hauling of road materials; approved bid for police package car for the Sheriff's Office, approved purchase of bush hog for Prec. 3 and approved continuing hours of education for County Auditor, District Clerk, County Clerk and County Judge; approved sale of struck-off property; approved County Auditors Second Quarter Investment Report; approved deputation of Rodney Phelps for Sheriff's Office. If you have any questions or comments, please call or come by. I also have some information on the Independent Living Center called Orchid Gardens at the office for anyone who might be interested.

Callie Easley celebrates 3 years

Callie Easley celebrated her 3rd birthday on Sunday, April 9, 2000 at the Talco Park. Attending were her parents, Craig and Tiffany Easley, grandparents, Tommie and Judy Easley and Linda Parish, aunts, uncles and cousins, John, Regina, Tyler and Austin Easley, Phillip, Staci, Heath and Lacie Hinton, Chad, Krista and Sarah Parish, Tim Easley, Tommie D. Williams of DeSoto and great grandfather, T.J. Williams of Kilgore. Friends attending were; Shawn, Nicki, Shelby and Hunter Roberts, Nichole, Mason and Ashley Blalock, Jose, Shelia, Claire and Jacob Johnson, Darla and Faith Easley. Callie had a wonderful time and received many nice gifts.

RRGS to host Larry Banks of Detroit

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society on Monday evening, May 6 at 7:30 in the Red River County Library. The speaker for this month will be Larry Banks of Detroit. He is a well-known archeologist and a Red River County resident. His subject will be Caddo Indians and will be based on evidence found at sites excavated in and around the Red River County. All interested persons are encouraged to come and enjoy the program.

Liberty Huddleston is honored

A birthday party was given for Liberty Huddleston at the home of Yuba Sparks on Friday, April 28. After dinner, Happy Birthday was sung to Liberty and a "money tree" was given to her with little green bags of money tied to the tree with gold ribbons. Other gifts were also given. Attending were her mother, Mary Ericsson; her sister, Crystal Baker and son, Dexter; aunts, uncles and cousins, Alta Fangio, Ernie and Rita Sparks, Lisa and Philip Hutto, Tiffany Hughes, Duane and Kathy Fangio, Tamara and Brittany Bean, Chris, Teena and Courtney Sparks, Wade, Karen, Savana and Cade Sparks, Camille, Justin and Shelby Click; her husband Randy and daughter Charity Huddleston; her sister-in-law, Amy Osborne and her three sons, Drew, Colin and Trent. A good time was had playing cards and fellowshiping together.

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.
*On April 20 a bar-b-que meal will be served at the post with all proceeds going to the Ladies Auxiliary. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. Following the meal at 7:00 p.m. 42 will begin. This is also a birthday party for those with April birthdays. Please make plans to attend for good food and fellowship.
*April is election of officers for the next year. All members are urged to attend the April meetings. Every member will be needed to have a strong VFW and Auxiliary. Please contribute your support and help keep Bogata's VFW strong.

Wanted, Cooks!
Liz Irwin, our cooking columnist, needs cooks to interview anywhere in this area. Please call her at 903-982-5829, or the Bogata News at 632-5322 or Deport Times at 652-4205 or Talco Times at 379-4445 and tell us about a good or unusual cook of any age that you would like to see featured.

FOOT NOTES

FOOT FRACTURES
Several foot bones are vulnerable to fractures. Fractures in and around the ankle often occur when the ankle rolls in or out. These can be serious if not treated quickly; almost all fractured ankles need to be casted. Metatarsal fractures, involving the middle of the foot, often result from excessive walking, overuse, or sudden, severe impact. The two sesamoid bones, located under the big toe's metatarsal bone, may fracture with running, long walks and sports like basketball and tennis, where a person may land too hard on the ball of the foot. Toe fractures are common, especially when walking barefoot. Big toe fractures seem to be the most serious, causing more pain, swelling and bleeding than other toe fractures. You may know your body and how it reacts better than anyone, but we've been specially trained to diagnose the fractures, strains, sprains and other problems that can happen to your feet. Don't rely on home diagnosis to determine what's wrong. Turn instead to those who have had years of education and experience treating injuries, conditions, diseases and deformities. That's what we do best. Call DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC today at 784-5585. OFFICE LOCATED AT 3605 N.E. LOOP 286 STE 1800 PARIS, TEXAS P.S. Serious foot fractures sometimes require surgery to prevent permanent disability.

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Rivercrest Rebels compete well in district track and field

The Rivercrest Rebels participated in the district track and field meet at Paul Pewitt recently. Placing for the team were:

High Jump-3rd place, Michael Galloway with a jump of 6' 4".

Long Jump-3rd place, Keith Hines with a jump of 20' 8 1/2 inches.

Pole Vault-3rd place, Scotty Goodwin with a jump of 10' 6" and Kris Hall-4th place with a jump of 10' 6".

400 meter run-3rd place, Scotty Goodwin with a time of 54.78 and Chance Wolfe, 6th place with a time of 58.0.

400 meter relay-5th place, C.A. Middleton, Keith Hines, Myron Ellis and Brandin Jones with a time of 49.17.

110 hurdles-4th place, Cody Wolfe with a time of 18.31 and 5th place, Heath Hinton with a time of 18.53.

Shot Put-4th place, Zach Ward with a throw of 43' 8 1/2 inches.

Michael Galloway, Keith Hines and Scotty Goodwin were Regional Alternates in these events.

Regional Qualifiers were: Triple Jump-2nd place and breaking the Rivercrest High School record, Keith Hines with a jump of 41' 9 1/2 inches. The old record in this event was previously held by Eddie Williams Jr. and was set in 1993.

400 meter run-1st place, Hollis Grimes with a time of 53.46.

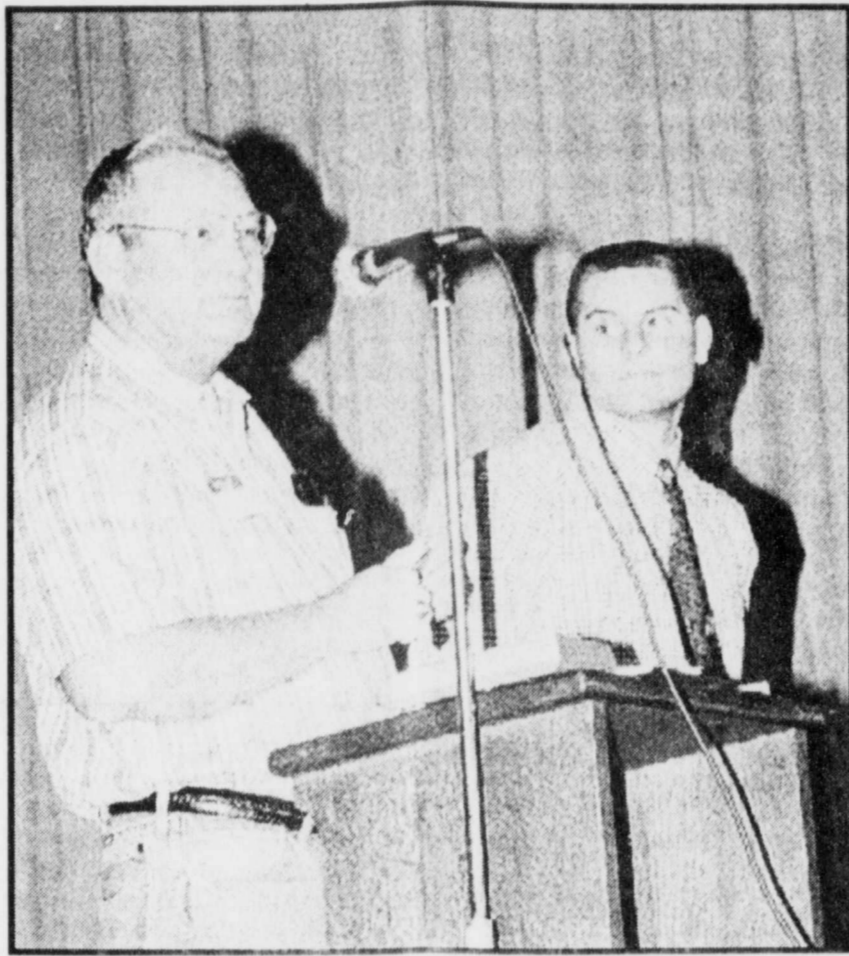
800 meter run-1st place, Hollis Grimes with a time of 2.06.

300 meter hurdles-2nd place, Cody Wolfe with a time of 43.2.

1600 meter relay-2nd place, Keith Hines, Cody Wolfe, Hollis Grimes and Scotty Goodwin with a time of 3:40.6.

District teams results were: Cooper-170 points; Paul Pewitt-126 points; Rivercrest-92 points; Chapel Hill-73 points; Honey Grove-49 points; Prairiland-34 points and Chisum-12 points.

Coach Terry Hill said, "We competed well and we got 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in 9 of the 16 events".



VIRGIL JONES introduced this year's recipient of the Talco School Homecoming Scholarship, Coleman Brown, at the Homecoming meeting held Saturday, April 29, 2000. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rebels compete in Regional finals

The Rivercrest Rebel track and field Regional qualifiers traveled to Stephenville last week to compete. The Rebels placed well against stiff competition. Placing were:

Triple Jump-9th place, Keith Hines who broke his own Rivercrest High School record of over 41 feet with a jump of 42 feet 2 inches.

400 meter run-11th place, Hollis Grimes with a time of 52.9.

300 meter hurdles-16th place, Cody Wolfe with a time of 47.4.

800 meter run-12th place, Hollis Grimes with a time of 2:11.0.

1600 meter relay-11th place, Scotty Goodwin, Keith Hines, Cody Wolfe

and Hollis Grimes with a time of 3:35.8.

Heath Hinton and Chance Wolfe traveled with the team as alternates. Coach Terry Hill said, "We competed well and for the most part improved from district. The mile relay ran a respectable 3:35 and beat cooper who had beaten them at district. Keith Hines had a 42 foot 2 inch Triple Jump and if his hand had not gone back, he may have been going to Austin. he broke his own school record of 41 foot 9 1/2 inches set at the district meet. I am very proud of this year's team's accomplishments".

Clarksville highway department receives award

The Texas Highway Department in Clarksville received a 25-year institutional award for dedicated service as a National Weather Service Volunteer Observer at Clarksville.

A citation for service and a letter of appreciation from the National Weather Service and U.S. Department of Commerce was presented by Marin Kuykendall, Data Acquisition Program Manager, from the Shreveport NWFO.

The department has an official national weather service station consisting of a Fisher Porter raingage and an automated tipping raingage for collecting and recording data. Reports of precipitation are telephoned into a touch tone computer system at the Shreveport office whenever warranted while a summary of daily observations are sent to the Shreveport office each month. The data is then processed and sent on to the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, NC where it is computer processed, archived and published in the Texas Climatic Data Publication for Clarksville.

The work done by Texas Highway Department and other volunteers across the nation make it possible for government agencies and private enterprise to make in-depth studies of weather trends and to forecast flooding during violent storm periods.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Weather Service congratulates them on a job well done.



KAREN JONES is pictured with some of her first customers, Mr. and Mrs. Flint Hendricks, at the J & K Cafe which opened on Friday of last week and is located downtown Talco. Plans were for the Jones' to serve smoked brisket, ribs, chicken etc. on Friday's only. But, the couple have decided to open from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 6 days a week. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Orders can be called in at 379-6091. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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BOGATA CHEERLEADERS-Jill Shirley, Casey Hammonds, Mandy Crawford and Bailie Spencer are busy earning funds for next year's activities. The girls are selling antenna balls with the Rivercrest logo on them for \$1.00 each. To purchase one see any of the girls or stop by the Bogata School office. Proceeds will help the girls purchase necessary supplies for next year. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata Locals
call 632-5322



Attending funeral services for Curtis M. Kidd in Dallas Monday were Gaston and Roberta Puckett, Johnny Puckett of Paris and Debbie Dunham of Commerce.

Donald and Judy Screws visited with their daughter and family, Chris Anna, Jerry, Christopher and Jerred Guerra in Paris Sunday.

Betty Joy Puckett of Denton spent several days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Dodd and Mr. and Mrs. Mac McCuller in Mt. Pleasant returning home on Tuesday. While here she attended the Talco School Homecoming on Saturday and on Monday, she and sisters, Lucille Childer, Dixie Stringfellow and Edna Earl Dodd enjoyed an outing and lunch.

Mildred Eudy received word of her step-mother's, Ida Stevens of Norman, OK, death last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Eudy and Shelia Howison attended funeral services for Ida Stevens in Norman, OK, last week.

Visiting with Bill and Mildred Eudy was John David Hudgeons.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws enjoyed a Chinese food lunch and shopping in Paris on Friday.

Visiting during the week with Dixie Stringfellow were Vicki Tabb, Dee and Maggie Richardson, Michael Tabb, Suzann Holland, Danny Tabb, Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, William and Annette Cooper, Edna Earl Dodd, Betty Joy Puckett. Dixie visited Thursday with Lorene Bogie.

Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson of Talco visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Anderson and Anthony overnight Friday.

Talco-Bogata-RHS
school menu
May 8-12

Monday

Breakfast
Cereal
cinnamon toast
juice & milk
Lunch
Corn dogs
macaroni & cheese
peas
applesauce
crackers
milk

Tuesday

Breakfast
Pancakes w/syrup
cereal
juice & milk
Lunch
Chicken & spaghetti
salad
corn
cake
crackers
milk

Wednesday

Breakfast
Sausage & biscuit w/jelly
juice & milk
Lunch
Pinot beans & ham
fried okra
diced potatoes
cornbread
ice cream
milk

Thursday

Breakfast
Cinnamon rolls
peanut butter/ graham crackers
juice & milk
Lunch
Steak fingers w/gravy
green beans
cream potatoes
rolls
milk

Friday

Breakfast
Cereal
toast
juice & milk
Lunch
Hamburgers
seasoned beans
salad
chips
ice cream
milk



HONOR CLASS-The Talco Trojan class of 1950 was the special honored class this year at the Talco School Homecoming held April 29, 2000. Those attending report having a wonderful time. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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THANK YOU

I want to thank all of you who have supported me so faithfully during my tenure on the Rivercrest ISD school board. Your words of encouragement and support have meant so very much to me. Serving on the school board for the last nine years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I appreciate the opportunity I've had to serve with my fellow board members and the school administration. Although I will no longer serve as a board member, I will continue to support the school, the board and faculty. Our district has some of the greatest teachers, the finest students, and the most loyal supporters and I'm very proud to be a part of Rivercrest ISD.

Mollie Williams

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Charles Nichols, who lives near Cunningham, stands in a "light" snowfall in front of the University Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska. He has been donating his time and labor to build the addition directly behind him onto the existing church.



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Nice
Weekend

Talco Locals

By Nancy Brown
Call in Your News To
379-4445 or 632-5322



Nancy Brown and Patsy Smith enjoyed shopping in Paris Friday.

Jonathan Grissom and Haley Shumate are reported home and doing well following their stay in Trinity Mother Francis Hospital in Talco. The children along with their sister, April and babysitter, Michelle were injured in a one car accident week before last. Jonathan and Haley were air lifted to Tyler as was Michelle. Jonathan suffered road rash after being thrown clear of the vehicle and a broken collar bone. Haley suffered several cracked bones, the worst being her pelvic bone, cuts and bruises and Michelle suffered a broken back and underwent surgery. April, who was also in the vehicle suffered the least damage with only cuts and bruises. The children and their mother, Rhonda Shumate and father, Scott Shumate appreciate all the calls, visits and gifts they have received.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown were in Dallas on Friday, Troy, the son of Tina and Harold Jackson of Talco and Troy Morris Sr. was injured in a 3 wheeler accident in the fall and is undergoing repairs to the injured leg. He is reported doing well.

Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul, Logan Wright, J.D. Wright and Donnette Parrot enjoyed the Canton Trade Days Sunday afternoon.

the concession stand. On Sunday, they visited with Jerry, Trisha and Mike Pittman before returning home.

The Talco Church of Christ enjoyed a covered dish lunch following morning services Sunday. In the afternoon the group shared a 5th Sunday singing.

Kim and Quinton Anderson visited overnight with parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith enjoyed the Canton Trade Days on Friday. Jim Cuper was uninjured in a two vehicle accident in Mt. Pleasant on Monday.

L.D. Richeson underwent surgery in Tyler on Monday. There was no report on his condition at press time.

Happy May birthday to: Misty Deming, Melanie Smith, Miranda Mauldin, Pete Swarts, Joanie Swarts and Carla Minor.

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Charles Nichols answers
call by using building skills

By Nanalee Nichols
Charles Nichols "retired" from farming some years ago. His retirement has taken a shape that few people would think of as restful.

Charles helps to build Baptist Churches. He does not do this in conjunction with any organized group, although he has occasionally worked with the Baptist Men's Builders.

But, mostly, Charles hears of a need and goes to help meet that need, bearing all expenses himself.

He has recently returned from working on an expansion project at the University Baptist Church in Anchorage Alaska.

He worked on the church last September and again this past March.

"I didn't like Anchorage as much as I have some other places," Charles smiles. "It was really cold and snowy, with a hard freeze every night, but just enough of a warm up during the day to melt the snow into miserable slush."

He slept in the church basement most of the time, or occasionally with a couple who lived nearby.

The days were long and hard, averaging ten to twelve hours daily spent, but still, Charles feels like it was a great experience.

Food in the grocery store he found to be very expensive, but eating out wasn't too much higher than it is here.

Charles started his own, personal program to help churches that were poor and/or had small congregations a number of years ago when he was working for a man in Elkpoint, South Dakota. The man's family was working on the restoration of a church the congregation had just purchased, and Charles began helping. In fact, his friend's son in law and daughter are members of the Anchorage church Charles has been working on lately, which is how he found out

that the facility needed an expansion project.

He says that the worst job he ever took on was at Elkpoint, when they had a wall removed and it came a huge rain.

"The basement was filled with mud. It took us three days of hauling it out of there in five gallon buckets to get it cleaned out again."

He has helped with a number of churches in the South Dakota area.

Charles' wife, Cindy, goes with him sometimes. She went to Alaska with him in September. Sometimes she helps the women of the church cook, or paints.

The church members furnish most of the tools for these projects, and of course the building materials.

"I've learned a lot about carpentry since I began doing this" he says, "I do finish work, frame in windows and doors, pretty much whatever needs doing".

One of the first things that happened when he flew into Anchorage this last month was an earthquake.

"I was really tired. I slept right through it, even though it was a 4.7!" He enjoyed casseroles made from moose meat.

"Up in Alaska they go on moose hunts like we go deer hunting here" he reports.

When asked why he spends hard earned money on working churches all over the nation he replies

"This is something I just felt called to do. I think it is something the Lord wanted me to do".

He also says these churches are always in need of physical or financial help. "Anyone who feels called to do this can", he says, "It's just something you make up your mind to do".

Charles Nichols felt called, made his mind up, and has certainly followed through, devoting countless hours of work to his chosen ministry.

House family reunion held April 22

Family and friends of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.D. House met at the Bogata Community Center April 22, 2000 for a reunion. Dinner was served at noon and everyone enjoyed the meal. Easter eggs were hidden for the children and a drawing was held for a quilt which Mama House had embroidered and the girls had quilted. The lucky winner was Doug Bond.

Those attending were: Michael Couch of Bogata, Junior, April and Christian of San Antonio, Tresa, Ray, Dillan and Shannon Hill of Cason, Russell and Clorinda Mauldin of Ft. Worth, Anita Jones and Mildred Jones of Monroe, LA., Carl and Beanice House of Bogata, Gerald and Patsy House of Pittsburg, Jettie Bond of Bogata, Linda and David Reynolds

of Cason, Kimberly Jones of Hughes Springs, Angela and Tony Crow of Cason, Carla and Sara Elliott of Longview, Lee Ann McCuller, Molly and Eri of Mt. Pleasant, Dale and Sharon House of Bogata, Charles House, Ualker House, Donna and Shandra House all of Allen, Doug Bond, Vickie English, Reabeth Abbott all of Bogata, Dr. Keith House of Paris, David, Marcie and Hayle Bond of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Morris and son of Hubbard, Joe Cierrie of Texarkana, Bill and Judy Ruthardt of Atlanta, A.J. and Sabre Alderete of Wichita Falls, Jennetta Morris of Hubbard, Angelena Morris of Grand Prairie and Bess Ruthardt of Bogata.

Talco class of 1945 has special meeting April 28

A 55 year reunion was held by the Talco High School class of 1945 on Friday night April 28, 2000 before the Talco Homecoming Reunion which was held on Saturday. The group gathered in the home of Mary Jerene Chapman Flanagan, with Dan Cotten as co-host. Two letters were sent by the hosts prior to the meeting. A baked potato bar was served and those who enjoyed the meal were; J.R. Cole, Fayetteville, AR., Bertha Frugia Gable, Talco; Clyde Hahn and grandson, Calep, Franklin, LA., Joe and Jane Rosson, Kinder, LA., Sue Rosson Lewis, GrandPrairie, Eddie Chapman

McCarty and Mary Flanagan, Mt. Pleasant and Dan and Mary Kathryn Cotten, Johntown. Others who visited were; Edward Dixon, Deer Park; Gene Dixon, Houston; Ralph Parsons, Longview; Jeff Tidwell, Duncan, OK.; Fred and Ellanora Foeh, Hawkins; Gerald Foster, Longview and Bund and Blanca Welborn, San Antonio. Letters were circulated from Bob Sosbee's wife, Bob is in a nursing home; Bill Dunagan; J.W. and Catherine Traweek France.

People 'n Things

Relay for Life Team Captain's meeting is May 4 at noon at Western Sizzlin' in Mt. Pleasant. Relay for Life will be Friday, May 12 with opening ceremonies at 6 p.m and closing ceemonies at 12 midnight. at the Mt. Pleasant High School Track. Cancer survivor's walk begins at 6:15 and the candlelight ceremony at 9 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

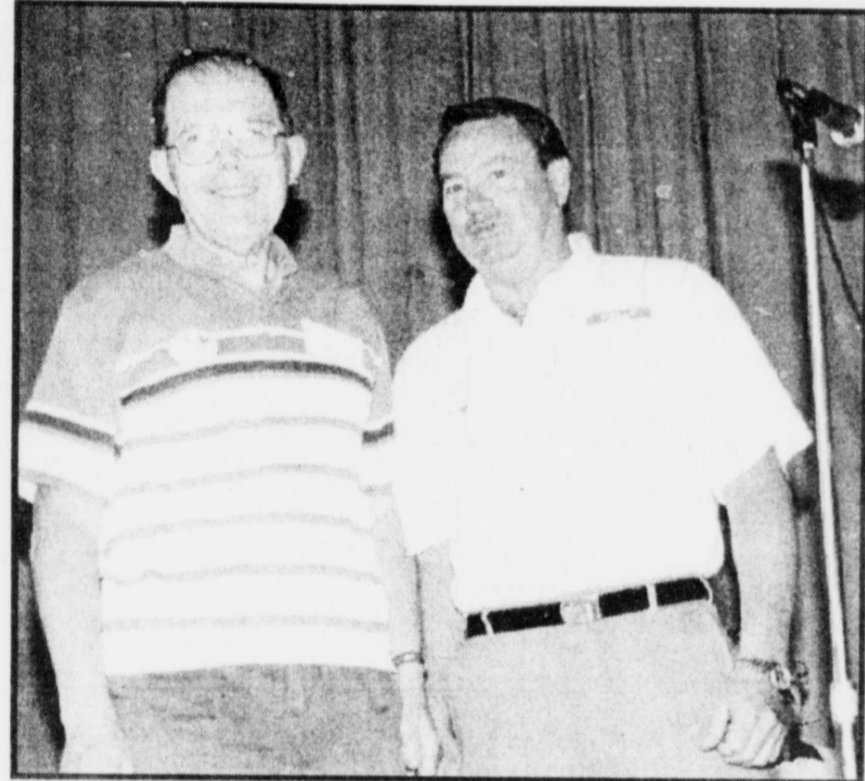


SLIVERTAPS-was played in honor of those who have passed away this last year and for those who the Talco Homecoming Committee have learned are deceased at the program held at the Homecoming on Saturday, April 29, 2000. Doing a wonderful job playing were ex-students, Jeff Tidwell and Fred Foeh. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Fairview Cemetery memorial homecoming to be held May 7

The board of the Fairview Cemetery in Franklin County has set Sunday, May 7, 2000 for the annual memorial homecoming to be held at the Fairview Church. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. there will be a short business meeting. The president will present to the membership the numerous improvements accomplished during the past year. The treasurer will give a financial report which will include the status of the perpetual care fund. Reverend James Martin will con-

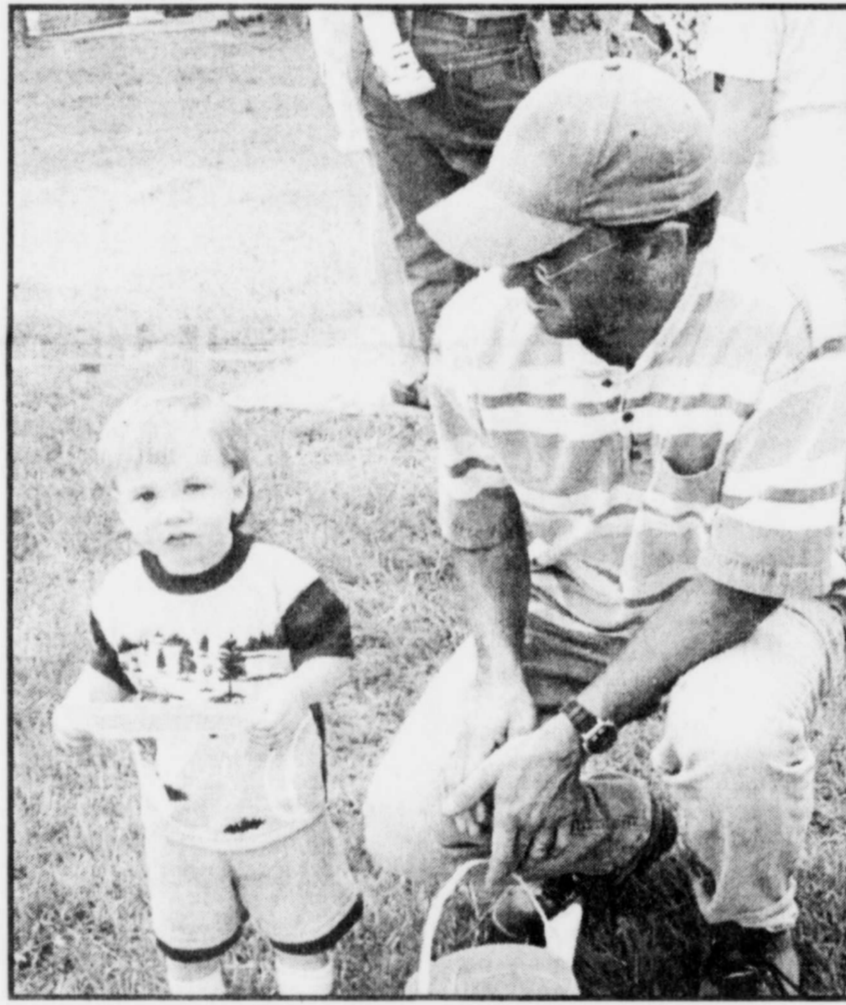
duct the memorial service following the business meeting. His family will have special part in the service. John Fitch and the Gospel Airs will present their gospel music and lead the singing in the afternoon. Bring your food and join us with a basket lunch at noon. Donations to Fairview Cemetery may be sent to: First National Bank, Mt. Vernon, Texas 75457 or to Mattie Stubblefield, Rt. 1, Box 28, Sulphur Bluff, Texas 75481.



NEW OFFICERS-elected at the Talco School Homecoming to serve for the next two years are, (from the left) Vice President, Bob Parker, President, Gerald Ben Morris and not pictured Secretary/Treasurer, Johnny Gable. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



STORM DAMAGE-Storms that moved through the Talco area last week took down some large trees. The one pictured is in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith just south of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



SCOTT STANSELL-shows his dad, David Stansell this piece of paper he found in an Easter Egg. While Scott was looking for candy what he found was a Savings Bond donated by the Talco Guaranty Bank. He doesn't know it but he is a lucky boy! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



SNO CONES FOR ALL-Christine Hallford and Jane Cox work frantically to make every child's favorite color sno cone at the Talco Park Annual Easter Egg Hunt held Saturday. The sno cones were free and were provided by the Park Committee to every child and adult who wanted one. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



LITTLE CUTIE-The Talco Park was covered with egg hunters on Saturday at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Park Committee. This little lady came fully prepared to hunt and looking like an angel. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



GUESS WHO GETS THE BUNNY-Camen Calvin drew the winning ticket for the chance box her grandmother, Lou Hall, held on a live bunny rabbit donated to the Talco Sugar Bakers by Philip Leake. Money from the chance sales will go to the American Cancer Society. The winner was Ty Brown, son of Nicky and Linda Brown of Talco. Ty's mom, Linda, was so HAPPY! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



KELSEY FRANKS-releases the ball as she and her teammates of the 7 & 8 year old Talco Dixie girls played last week. The ladies from Talco took yet another win. The team is coached by Ricky and Lori Franks and Chad White. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



JOAN WEATHERALL HOLDS THE CHANCE BOX- while Rhonda Brown hold the basket being drawn for as Jerica White pulls out a winning name. The Talco Sugar Bakers gave away 2 Easter baskets for \$1.00 per chance and the winning names drawn were Jillian Sloan and Mary Sloan who really are no relation but were both lucky. The money earned from the chance sale will go to the American Cancer Society. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



PATSY SMITH-holds the box with the names of those who bought chances on the Talco Baseball/Softball Inc.'s Wal-mart Gift Certificate give away. Dakota Parrott, Candace Stansell and Chloe Hodge were on hand to draw the winning name at the Talco Park's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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After 45 years of service to the Red River Valley, Slaton's Furniture will be closing. The remaining inventory of New Home Furnishings will be offered to the public along with 250 pieces of quality antique furniture.

NEW FURNITURE: Electric Chair Lift, Cottingham Corner Sectional, Bushline sofa & Chair Sets, Jackson Sofa & Loveseat, Quality 7 pc. Dinette Sets, Shilo Gun Cabinet, Living Room Table Sets, Teane Iron Works Table-Chairs & Coat Rack, 6 pc. B & B Bedroom Suites, TV Entertainment Center, Frisco King-Queen Size Head Boards, Brass Twin size Head Boards, Iron Twin Head Boards (pink, blue, black), Twin/Full Bed (Blue) Complete With Innerspring Mattress, Comfort Master Sets Of Mattresses & Box Springs, Show Elegance Mattress & Box Springs, Full Roll-Away Bed, Silver Corner Chino Cabinet, Quality Chino Cabinets, Plus Lots Of Assorted Lamps, Tables, Flower Arrangements, Frames, Pairs, Oak Magazine Rack, Beds, Desk, Recliner, And Much More!

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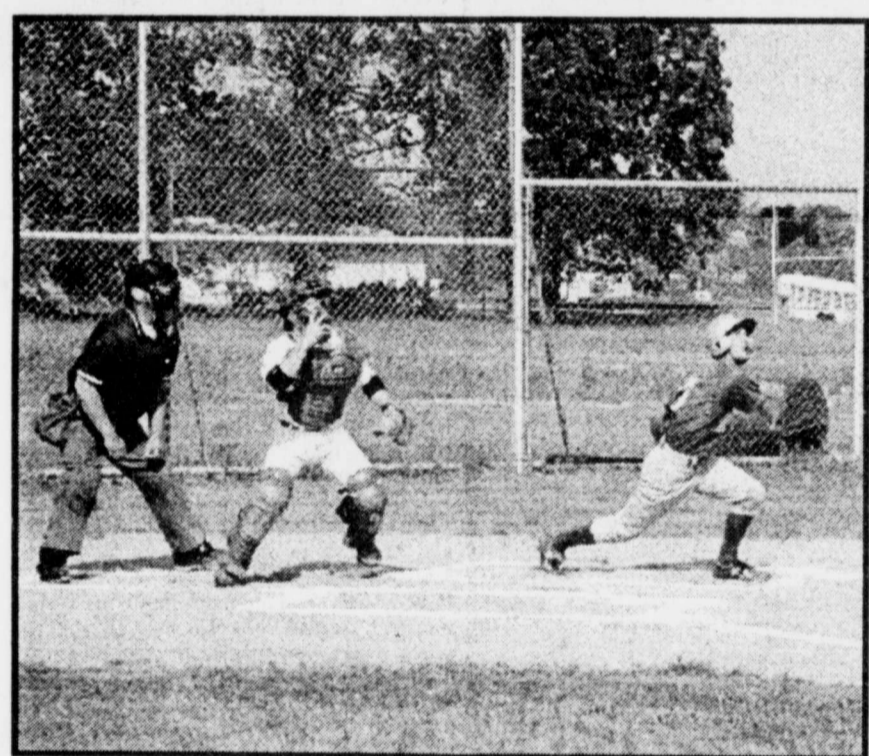
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Class of 1990 is planning reunion
The Rivercrest High School class of 1990 is having their 10 year reunion on Saturday, June 17 at the Rosalie Community Center.
A hamburger lunch with all the trimmings is planned for noon with visiting, dominoes, cards, volleyball, horseshoes, washers and more planned for the afternoon.
All classmates are encouraged to bring their families and spend an afternoon reminiscing. Please RSVP to Tonya Hawkins at 379-5021 or Kevin Binion at 632-4623. The planning committee needs a count in order to prepare enough food.
Efforts have been made to contact all alumni of 1990, however, help is needed in locating the following:
Amy Gladden
Jason Lankford
Bobbie Merchant
Jeffery Paxton
Brad Waller
Royce Williams
Donald Combs
John Hudgeons
If you have any information about these ex-students please contact Kristi Purviance at 632-4469.

JOHNTOWN NEWS
By Jana Hawkins

Roger and Suzie Hawkins of Coropus Christi visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hawkins, on Saturday. They were here to help celebrate Gene's 81st birthday.

Have A Spring Weekend



LONG SHOT-This Rivercrest Rebel takes a look at his hit as does the umpire and catcher for the opposing team. The Rebels played their last game of the season at RHS on Tuesday of last week. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Something To Think About
Try this quiz:
1. Name the 10 wealthiest people in the world
2. Name the last ten Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last ten winners of the Miss American contest
4. Name eight people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize
5. How about the last ten Academy Award winners for best picture
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.
How did you do?
The point is, none of us remembers the headliners of yesterday. These are not second-rate achievers, they are the best in their fields. But, the applause dies, the awards tarnish, achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.
Here's another quiz:
1. Think of three people you enjoy spending time with.
2. Name ten people who have taught you something worthwhile.
3. Name five friends who have helped you in a difficult time.
4. List a few teachers who have aided your journey through school.
5. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.
Easier?
The lesson?
The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the credentials, but the ones that care.

After prom party held at Bell home
An after prom party was held at Regan and Rueanna Bell's home. Those attending played volleyball, basketball, ping pong and enjoyed watching movies.
The following were in attendance; Sam Stanley, Julie Smith, Bre'Ann Stroud, Brandon Bell, Jennifer Hays, Wendy Gentry, Joey Taylor, Coleman Brown, Megan Horn, Joey Hanna, Duree Williams, Molly Hare, Colby Guest, Kyle Stansell, Marlea Key, Clinton Cheatwood, Heather Sulsar, C.A. Middleton, Kyle Mauldin, Ryan Case, Lance Black, Kim Ross, Jamie Andrews, Kim Exum, Sissy Meredith, Ashlei Moles, Cara Eudy, Jill Foster, Chase Collins, Jamie Daniels, Ryan Drew and Josh Griffin.
Door prizes were given to all who were in attendance at 4:30 a.m. The winner of the tans from Nails by Nelda was Sissy Meredith. \$50 savings bonds were won by Josh Griffin, Sam Stanley, Brandon Bell and Coleman Brown. \$10 of gas from G & S was won by Jennifer Hays. Bre'Ann Stroud won a computer styled am/fm radio, C.A. Middleton won an am/fm radio headset, a hair cut from Masterpieces was won by Kim Ross and a tan from TNT was won by Jamie Andrews. Many other prizes were given throughout the evening.

Public Notices
PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Deport
Texas Community Development Program
The City of Deport will hold a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. on May 8, 2000 at Deport City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Charles Foster, Mayor, at City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aides or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
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GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Bogata is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for management, administrative, and planning services required by the City for implementation of the Texas Community Development Program. This project is being financed with Federal funds from a grant received by the City from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs under the Texas Community Development Program.
In order to be considered, proposals must be submitted prior to 10:00 a.m. on the 15th day of May, 2000. The City of Bogata is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and individuals or firms, submitting proposals will not be discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, mental or physical disability, marital status, parenthood or age.
The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all management consultants or firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.
A complete Request for Proposal outlining services required by the City, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain copies of this Request for Proposal by contacting the person below:
Box 400
Bogata, Texas 75417
903-632-5315
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
Notice is hereby given that the Wallis Health Facilities Development Corporation (the "Issuer") will conduct public hearings (the "Hearings") at 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 19, 2000 in the City of Wallis, Texas, at the City Council Meeting Room at City Hall, 114 South Third Street, Wallis, Texas 77485 and at 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 19, 2000 in the City of Deport, Texas in the Administrative Office at the Deport Nursing Home, Highway 271, Deport, Texas 75435, on the proposed issuance by the Issuer of two series of health facilities development corporation revenue bonds (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 and will be issued for the purpose of financing the costs of acquisition, renovation and equipping of the Deport Nursing Home, a 102 bed nursing home facility located at Highway 271, Deport, Texas 75435, to be owned by the Trousdale Foundation of Deport, Inc. (the "Project").
All interested persons are invited to attend and express any comments that they have orally or in writing, regarding the proposed issuance of the Bonds and the Project to be financed thereby. Any interested persons unable to attend the Hearings may submit their views in writing to Mr. James Dibala, President of the Board of Directors, Wallis Health Facilities Development Corporation, 114 South Third Street, Wallis, Texas 77485, prior to the date scheduled for the Hearings.
This notice is published and the above described hearings are being held in compliance with the requirements of section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, regarding the public approval prerequisite to the exclusion from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds.
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RALPH PARSONS-presented Mary Kathryn Cotten with a corsage and expressed the Talco Homecoming Committee's appreciation to her for all the work that she does with the group at the Homecoming program held Saturday, April 29, 2000. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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4-H SHOOTING SPORTS-team members are (front) Jarod Davidson, (middle from the left) Micah Upchurch, Amy Holt, Jennifer Nolen, Brandie Holt and Sheridan Jones and (back) coaches Ricky Holt and Jean Upchurch. The team traveled to Brownwood, Tx. for the District 4-H Shooting Sports recently. Jarod Davidson won 1st place Class C shooter. Amy Holt and Sheridan Jones tied for 7th and 8th place, Jennifer Nolen placed 14th, Micah Upchurch placed 15th, Jarod Davidson placed 16th and Brandie Holt placed 19th. The placing was of 380 participants in the meet.



THREE FINALISTS for the Rotary Four-Way Speech Contest spoke at a Rotary luncheon in Clarksville. Pictured left to right is Abbey Allen of Clarksville who received \$25 savings bond for third place; Phillip Rolan from Rivercrest was awarded a \$100 savings bond for first place and will advance to the regional competition; and Heather Smith of Detroit who received a \$50 savings bond for second place. (Staff Photo)

Lady Pats Vball camp scheduled

The Lady Patriot Volleyball Camp will be held on June 5-8. Junior High Camp fee (4-7th grades) is \$50 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 8th grade and freshman camps will be \$35 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Campers will need to bring knee pads, gym shoes, cool, loose clothing and socks. For more information, contact Coach Frankye Sessums at 903-982-5935 or 903-652-5681.

New Arrivals

Riley Dean Russell of Denison announces the birth of his sister, Allie Jean who arrived Wednesday, April 12, 2000 in Sherman weighing 8 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 20 inches long. She is the daughter of Greg and Tracy Russell and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell of Talco.

Class of 1950 meets

The Talco High School Class of 1950 met at Western Sizzlin' in Mt. Pleasant on Friday, April 28 for dinner and fellowship.

They met Saturday morning at THS campus with other classmates for the years 1937 through 1965 for more fellowship, program and lunch.

Attending were Bobby and June Watts, Sheeney Blalock, Ft. Worth; Claude Boyd and Jean Hanks Boyd of Mt. Pleasant; Neal Hahn and Betty Belcher Hahn, Pleasanton; Pierce and Ann Hendrix, Longview; Bill and Mary Blackmon, Ennis; James and Clara Warren, Weatherford; Donal and Geraldine Blalock Berry, Dal-

las; Bill and Opal Smith Albright, Garland; Gene and Norma Lightsey Harrell, Coppell; Ron and Noasha Adcox Nelson, Cottage Cove, MN; Edward and Judy Frye, Marshall; Everett Blalock, Seagoville; Betty York Puckett, Denton; James and Bonnie Dunagan Burkett, Houston; Flint and Bobbie Jones Hendricks, Arther and Patsy Smith, Laverne; Joice Tower, Minerva; Easterling Gentry and Robert Frye, all of Talco.

Class spokesman was Bobby Watts; memory books, Betty Puckett; name tags, Patsy Price Smith; activities coordinator, Minerva Gentry.

Homecoming will be July 1

Cunningham Homecoming will be Saturday, July 1 at the Community Center.

A barbecue meal will be served at 6 p.m. at the cost of \$6.00. You may make reservations by sending money to Jane O'Neal, Rt. 1, Box 63-A5, Deport, TX 75435 or calling 652-6062 or call Pat Norwood at 652-2672.

Please call everyone in your family or friends that might be interested in attending.

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<p>CHARMIN TISSUE PAPER 12 Roll \$2⁹⁹</p>	<p>FAMILY STYLE BREAD Large Loaf 79¢</p>	<p>GOLDEN ROYAL MILK Gal. 2% & Homo \$2⁷⁹</p>	<p>NABISCO RITZ CRACKERS 1 Lb. All Kinds \$2⁴⁹</p>	<p>ORA IDA GOLDEN CRINKLES 5 Lb. Bag \$3⁴⁹</p>	<p>QUAKER OATS 3 Minute & Old Fashioned 18 Oz. 89¢</p>	<p>PARADE BUTTERMILK BISCUITS 4/\$1</p>	<p>BLUE BELL ICE CREAM 1/2 Gal. ALL FLAVORS \$3⁴⁹</p>							
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