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Then Don't Complain

I received a cartoon in the mail the other day, that showed a group of people sitting in a meeting and a woman saying "Who ME? Serve as a Volunteer? But that would seriously interfere with my COMPLAINING!". Ahhh, I thought, truer words were never spoken!

To me, volunteering is a way of life. I don't want to hear "I don't have time".....it often seems that those who work so many hours as volunteers are the ones with the least time to spare. I don't want to hear "Well, I just don't know what I can do". Trust me on this, it doesn't take long to find something to do!

And, I especially don't want to hear anyone who doesn't take part in the something gripping about the way it is done!! If you aren't involved, don't complain!

Of course, for me, my first and foremost recommendation is to volunteer for your local volunteer fire department. If you aren't able to fight fire, perhaps you can do the medical training it takes to be a First Responder? After all, from 50% to 70% of most calls are medical now.

But if that is more than you want to bite off, how about helping with their fund raising? It's an expensive proposition to operate a fire department, especially with the medical units. Form an auxiliary to help them raise money.

If the fire departments are not your "cup of tea" show me a church which doesn't need more volunteer workers! If your church doesn't have active fund raisers or fellowship gatherings, help get it in gear!

Volunteer to read to school children, or help with a ball league. If you have small children, please, please be involved in their lives! What a wonderful thing that is.

Now, I'll stop here and digress for a moment. To me, volunteering isn't about dressing up and "being seen" at Hollywood type fund raisers. It always irritates me to see some huge New York or Hollywood event where "big wigs" have raised say, 1 million dollars for AIDS research or something similar. As they are going into the ball room the photographers are snapping away as announcers tell viewers that so and so's dress cost \$12,000! IF they would simply give that amount of money to their charity to begin with, they'd have more money to work with. To me they are making a show, wanting to see and be seen with the "right" people.

No, volunteering means doing something like the service clubs and Salvation Army do at Christmas, standing outside of stores in the bitter cold, collecting money. Or fighting fire in the heat of summer, or coaching kids on a dusty ball field, or sitting on the floor with an elderly fall victim lending aid and comfort.

Now, back on track, I urge you, there IS something you can do. Get out and about and volunteer for SOMETHING. Trust me, it's a wonderful experience. You'll feel better, your community will be better and you'll actually be healthier! Try it, it's great.

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SWORN IN-Red River County Judge Powell W. (P.J.) Peek was sworn in on March 5 by Red River County Clerk Lorie Moose. Peek was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Kathy Cheyne.

Peek appointed Red River County Judge by commissioners

Powell (P.J.) Peek, Jr. of Boxelder was appointed by Red River County commissioners to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Judge Kathy Cheyne.

Peek was sworn in on March 5th at the Courthouse Annex by Red River County Clerk Lorie Moose.

Cheyne had cited personal and family reasons for her resignation. She was appointed county judge while serving as county treasurer when L.D. Williamson resigned to become executive director of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments.

Peek was selected by the commissioners from five applicants who submitted resumes for the position.

The native of Red River County is 59 years old, graduated from Annona High School and Southern Methodist University, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelors Degree in business administration. He attended night

school to earn his degree while working full time and helping his late wife, Annie Lou (Baker) raise a family.

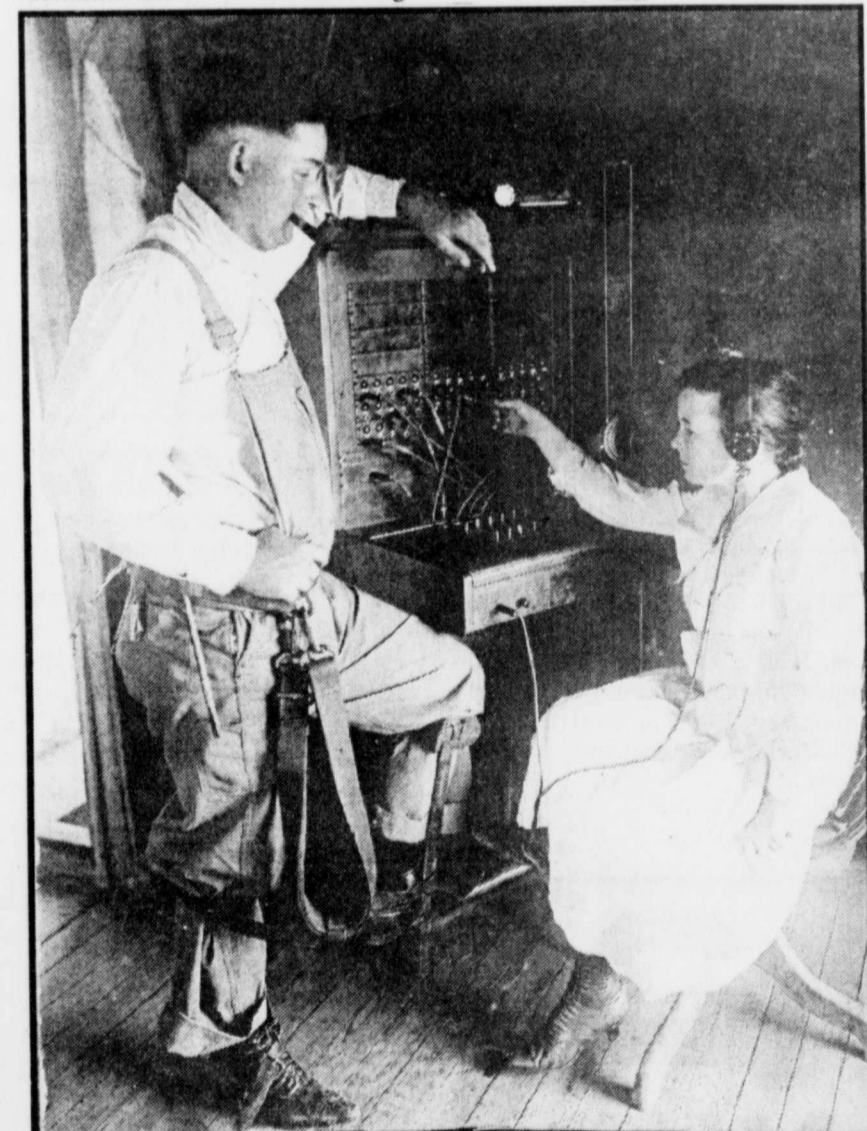
He was an oil exploration executive and vice-president Marine Marketing at Digicourse, Inc. -Input/Output, Inc., before retiring.

Peek has been back in Boxelder since last year making improvements to Peek Farms, Inc. properties and rebuilding the family farmhouse which was built in 1900.

"I think I am qualified to serve as county judge", Peek stated, "but if I am not selected I'll gladly support the person who is appointed".

Peek stresses that county government takes the support of all the residents.

Peek was selected from five applications: his, Margaret Missildine, Michael Garretson, Mac Varley and Charlie Joe Jones.



THE TALCO TELEPHONE-exchange was a busy place in 1917. The business was once located behind the present day Talco Guaranty Bank where also at one time was Sally Gage's Beauty Shop. The couple pictured were the owners, Cathrine (Cattie) Harper and Guy smelser who married when Cattie was 15 or 16 years old. They later owned and operated the telephone exchange in Bogata. The picture is another that can be viewed in the new Talco Historical Museum located in the Talco Court House on Broad Street. Everyone is invited to stop by and see the progress being made on the Museum through the work of the Talco Historical Society.

Fish fry to benefit Lester family

A benefit fish fry will be held by the Hagansport community on Saturday, March 17, for the Vivian Lester family.

The meal will begin being served at 5:00 p.m. Price of the meal is for donations only. A cedar chest has been made and donated by a man of

the community, and will be raffled off during the evening for a \$2.00 donation.

The benefit will help defray medical expenses incurred by the Lester family.

For information, call Minerva Gentry at 632-4248.



CLASS OF 1929-These classmates celebrated their 50th class reunion in 1979 in Bogata in the home of Mable and Travis Hale. Ten out of twenty graduates were able to attend in 1929. Two of the group are not only looking forward to the Bogata Homecoming Saturday April 14th. Your math is correct, these two, Russie Franklin McConnel and Anna Bell Smith Patton graduated 72 years ago! Even more remarkable, they are still very active with their families, their church and in their community. In fact, the two volunteer at the Bogata Library/Museum! Come to Bogata Homecoming and have a good visit with Russie and Anna Bell and other friends. Those no longer with us will be missed. The photo above consists of: Back row-Alvin Wood, Andrew Cox, Marcus (Hoot) Gibson, Ada Elizabeth Wilkinson, Anna Bell Smith, Iola Franklin. Front row: Russie Franklin, Travis Hale, Willie Speir, and Mary Stephenson.

"A Day in the Park" set for March 17 at Talco

Talco and surrounding area residents are invited to attend, "A Day in the Park" March 17, 2001 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Activities planned for the day are a co-ed volleyball tournament, co-ed 3 on 3 basketball tournament, washers and horseshoes for high school and up and many games and competitions for children junior high age and down. All competition winners will be awarded ribbons for various places and T-shirts will be awarded to the volleyball and basketball champions. There is no entry fee for any of the events. During the day gospel music will be performed by Wendy Downey of Houston, Harry Johnson and band and other local talent. Also the Talco Historical Society hopes to have two rooms of the museum ready for view-

ing. At 5:00 p.m. a free bar-b-que supper with all the trimmings will be served and the finals in each tournament will be held following the meal.

Anyone interested in playing volleyball or basketball may contact Shane Wright at 379-7535 for more details or to enter. Volleyball teams should consist of 3 women-3 men and basketball teams should consist of 2 men-1 woman or 2-women-1 man.

Everyone is urged to bring their lawn chairs and participate in the events or simply enjoy watching the children, adults and enjoying the music. If inclement weather occurs the fun will be moved to the Talco School gym and cafeteria.

Community meeting is March 19

Members of the Sugar Hill community will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. All interested members need to be present to discuss possible amendments to the by-laws and the next community fundraiser. For more information, call 379-9420.

Colon Cancer program canceled

"Colon Cancer - Detection & Prevention" with Dr. Jon Tompkins has been canceled. The program had been scheduled for March 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Titus Regional Medical Center, but it will not take place. Titus Regional regrets the inconvenience.

Class of 1961 is planning reunion

The graduating class of Bogata High School, 1961, is planning a class reunion on Saturday, April 14.

Classmates, former teachers and anyone interested in attending is welcome and invited to do so.

For further information, please call 903-632-4780. More details will be announced as the date approaches.

BHS Homecoming is April 14

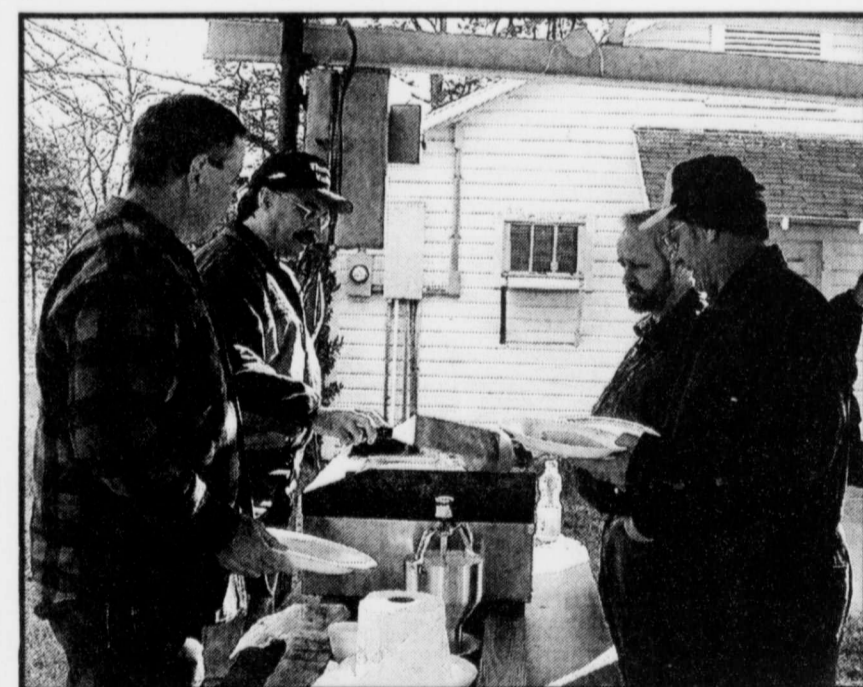
Saturday April 14 is the date for the Bogata High School Annual Homecoming.

Make your plans to attend, visit and reminisce.

The gymnasium will be open at 10:30 a.m. for registration and early visiting. Lunch will be served at the cafeteria from 11:30 to 12:30.

The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. Time will be available to recognize the past years honors and accomplishments of those present. Bring a note about family member, friend or yourself.

Host this year is the Class of 1950. Make your plans to attend and pass the word to any alumnus you know.



COOKS-Bogata Lions who worked cooking delicious pancakes Saturday morning were, from left, Mike Haynes, Joe Rose, Danny Efa and Wayne Williams. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

LifeNet receives accreditation

LifeNet EMS has received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services for their compliance with national standards of excellence. LifeNet became the 80th ambulance service in the country to successfully complete the voluntary review process that included completion of a comprehensive application and on-site review by national experts in emergency medical services. With this achievement, LifeNet became one of only five ambulance services in the state of Texas and only one of two in the

state of Arkansas.

The primary focus of the Commission's standards which not only address the delivery of patient care, but also the ambulance service's total operation and its relationship with other agencies, the general public and the medical community.

LifeNet is a not-for-profit corporation serving the Texas counties of Bowie, Cass and Red River and Arkansas counties of Miller and Little River with advanced life support ambulance and aeromedical services.

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Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Happy St. Patrick's Day! Can you believe it is already the middle of March? Here are some St. Patty recipes that you might enjoy, but first a few trivia facts about St. Patrick's Day!

Did you know that: . . . St. Patrick, c.389-461, the patron saint of Ireland, was a bishop and missionary. He was born in Roman Britain and at the age of 16 was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland. During his captivity he turned to religion.

. . . The shamrock is a common name for several unrelated herbaceous plants with trifoliate leaves. St. Patrick used the shamrock leaf to symbolize the Trinity. A trifoliate leaf of this shamrock is worn by the Irish on March 17 to commemorate St. Patrick's Day.

. . . The Blarney Stone is supposed to endow those who kiss it with the gift of eloquence. It is built into the southern wall of Blarney Castle in County Cork, Ireland.

. . . Leprechaun-in folklore a leprechaun is a preternatural creature that lives on the Earth and may be either helpful or harmful to human beings. They resemble humans, but are usually much smaller and possess powers of magic.

. . . The first St. Patrick's Day Pa-

rade took place in Chicago on March 17, 1843.

. . . The coloring of the Chicago River originally began by the city by placing dye into the river to trace discharges into the river. In 1962, a tradition began of adding 100 pounds of vegetable dye into the river for one week to keep it green. Now, 40 pounds of green food coloring keeps the river green for only a few hours.

We hope you have enjoyed this small tour of Ireland and these recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

Clover Chip Cookies-these are green chocolate chip at its finest!

Lucky Chocolate Chewies-these are frosted, yummy, chewy, chocolate cookies that are great!

Shamrock Sugar Cookies-cut these sugary cookies out into the shape of shamrocks, frost them and give them as your lucky charms!

St. Pat's Pinwheel Cookies-this recipe takes green dough and white dough layered and cut into slices and they bake up as green and white pin-wheels!

Chocolate Mint Bars-this is a bar cookie recipe and easy to make in minutes with a mint flavor!

Leprechaun Oatmeal Cookies -every little leprechaun you know will love these cookies!

Red River County Roots

This week's query is from Betsy (Whitaker) Lamasier, 306 Ramona Road, Danville, Ca 94526. She is researching the Gotcher family who lived in Red River County. Louise D. Gotcher, born 1835 in AL or SC, married Sarah M. about 1864, probably in AL. Their children were Sarah Elizabeth "Bettie", William, James, Martha, Mary Louise, Robert and Georgia. Sarah Elizabeth "Bettie" Gotcher married Wiley Whitaker in 1884 in Red River County. Their children were Mary, Nimmie, Hattie, Dow, Loy, Oliver, Lillie and Scott Whitaker. Mary Louise Gotcher married William Bert Whitaker in 1896 in Red River County and their children were Margaret, Nellie, Sherman, Loula, Birt, Jessie, K. George and Willie Whitaker.

If you would like to write Mrs. Lamasier, please write her at the above address.

If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426



HAVE A NICE WEEK-END

Obituaries



Mrs. Carolyn Sue Simmons dies March 10

Mrs. Carolyn Sue Simmons, formerly of Cuthand, died Saturday, March 10 in Lubbock.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 13 in Cuthand Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

She was born December 26, 1950 in Abilene. She attended Lubbock Coronado High School and was a bookkeeper for a plumbing company in Hale Center.

She is survived by her husband, Tommy Simmons of Plainview; one daughter, Shelaphon Spann of Mt. Pleasant; one son, Ronald Simmons of Hale Center; her parents, James and Thelma Newton of Lubbock; two sisters, Lisa McCandless of Lubbock and Denise Stamper of Kentucky; and five grandchildren.

She is also survived by her mother-in-law, Lila Simmons of Cuthand; two brothers-in-law, Terry Simmons and Bobby Simmons and his wife Anne. She was preceded in death by one sister, Debbie Newton; her father-in-law, Bob Simmons and a brother-in-law, Perry Simmons.



Ruth Hull Vaughan dies March 11

Ruth Hull Vaughan, age 92, died Sunday, March 11 in Paris.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 in Fry-Gibbs Funeral Chapel with Rev. Bob Bush and Rev. Kenneth Short officiating. Interment followed in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home.

Mrs. Vaughan was born November 24, 1908 in Halesboro, TX to John M. Hull and Maggie Luella Pope Hull. She was a member of the Christian Church in Memphis, TX and was employed at The Parisian and Clyde's of Paris before retiring.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Madgie Lou Francis Stinson, February 13, 1970, her parents, an infant sister, Ruthie Hull, brothers Johnny M. Hull, Maxey Hull, Wayne M. Hull, Hazen M. Hull, sisters Lina Hull Young and Inez Hull Butler, half-brother, Elbridge Hull and half-sister, Vera Hull.

She is survived by a son, James C. Francis and wife Jeannie, Wilton, AR; two daughters, Martha Vaughan Evans of Paris, Nina Vaughan Barber of Corsicana; grandchildren, Kerry James Francis, Amy Francis Rhodes, Donald Wayne Evans, James Michael Evans, Pamela Dean, Laura Gay Barber-Wendt and Stephen Ray Barber; twelve great-grandchildren; brother, Hugh M. Hull and wife Hazel of Durant, OK; two sisters-in-law, Dessie Vaughan Dunsforth of Sanger, CA and Annie Vaughan Garren of Mesquite; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts may be made to Bogata Library and Paris Public Library.

Bearers were Kerry James Francis, Donald Wayne Evans, James Michael Evans, Stephen Ray Barber, Steve Rhodes and Jerry Don Stone.

Mrs. Mildred White dies February 20

Mrs. Mildred White, age 88 of Big Spring and Odessa died Tuesday, February 20 in a Big Spring nursing home.

Graveside services were held Friday, February 23 in Big Spring at the Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. White was the daughter of the late James C. and Roxie East. She grew up in the Bogata area and attended Bogata schools. She married D.A. White in Big Spring in 1949. He preceded her in death in 1997. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one brother, Glenn East and wife, Mary of Ft. Worth; a niece, Karen Brahn and her husband Mark and their daughter, Michelle of Weatherford.

Card of Thanks

There is little one can do to assuage grief, but we want you to know that your visits, cards, calls, flowers, food, donations and your prayers helped us to bear the loss of our loved one, Holland Bell.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. Nothing is more comforting than to be reminded of the sympathy and affection of friends.

A special thanks to Rev. Glynn Renfro for his "short and sweet" remarks which Holland had requested, to the nursing staff on third floor west at McCuiston Hospital, who cared for him so tenderly, to Lana Prichard for the beautiful music, to the bearers and to Bright-Holland employees for their compassion and courtesy.

Elizabeth H. Bell
Harvey and Jean Bell
Harold and Dorothy Bell
Mabel Pearson
Sam and Mary Ann Pearson
Jim and Cathi Pearson
Mel and Beth Stutzman

Card of Thanks

I want to thank my family and friends for their prayers, calls and concern for me while I was in the hospital and since I have returned home.

Eldon Chaloner

Card of Thanks

Thank you for all the cards, calls, flowers, visits and prayers before, during and after my stay in the hospital. I'm home now and doing well.

Thanks again,
Bruce Sparkman & Family

Tuesday 42 Club meets

The Tuesday 42 Club met March 6 with hostess Jimmie King.

There were seven members present. Lucy Fowler won high score. Bobby King was visitor.

A delicious refreshment plate was served.

The next meeting will be March 20 with Alma Scuff as hostess.

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Clover Chip Cookies

1-1/4 cups firmly-packed brown sugar
3/4 cup Golden Crisco
2 tablespoon milk
1 tablespoon vanilla
1 egg
1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1-1/2 cups green candy-coated chocolate pieces

Preheat oven 375 degrees. Combine brown sugar, shortening, milk and vanilla in large bowl. Beat at medium until well blended. Beat egg into creamed mixture. Combine flour, salt and baking soda. Mix into creamed mixture at low speed just to blended. Stir in candy. Drop by rounded teaspoonsful 3 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Remove and cool completely.

Lucky Chocolate Chewies

1-1/2 cups firmly-packed brown sugar
2/3 cups Crisco shortening
1 tablespoon water
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup cocoa
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups mini chocolate chips

Frosting:
1/4 cup Golden Crisco
2 cups icing sugar
3 tablespoons milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
green food color

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine sugar, shortening, water and vanilla in large bowl. Beat at medium until well blended. Beat eggs into creamed mixture. Combine flour, cocoa, salt and baking soda. Mix into creamed mixture at low speed just until blended. Stir in chips. Drop by rounded teaspoonsful 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Cool completely. For icing, combine ingredients into bowl and mix at low speed until well blended and smooth and creamy. Add coloring. Frost top of cookies.

Shamrock Sugar Cookies

1-1/4 cups granulated sugar
1 cup Golden Crisco
2 eggs
1/4 cup corn syrup
1 tablespoon vanilla
3 cups all-purpose flour + 4 tablespoons

Chocolate Mint Bars

1/2 cup Golden Crisco
2/3 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup cocoa
1 egg
1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour

Topping:
1-1/2 cups flaked coconut
1 cup sliced almonds
3/4 cups mint Hershey chiplets
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1/2 teaspoon mint extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream shortening, sugar, cocoa and eggs until smooth. Stir in flour, mixing well. Press firmly into 13x9-inch pan. Bake for 10 minutes or until dry. Combine coconut, almonds, candy and sprinkle over base. Combine milk and mint extract. Pour evenly over top. Return to oven and bake 20-25 minutes longer. Cool and cut into bars.

Leprechaun Oatmeal Cookies

3/4 cup Golden Crisco
1-1/4 cups firmly-packed brown sugar
1 egg
1/3 cup milk
1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups quick-cooking oats
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup golden raisins
1 cup coarsely ground chopped walnuts

Frosting:
1/4 cup Crisco
2 cups icing sugar
3 tablespoons milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1-1/2 cups sweetened coconut
green food color.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine shortening, sugar, egg, milk and vanilla in large bowl. Beat at medium until well blended. Combine oats, flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Mix into creamed mixture until well blended. Stir in nuts and raisins. Drop by rounded teaspoonsful on to greased baking sheets 10-12 minutes or until done. Combine frosting ingredients and frost cookies when cool.

divided
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
Icing:
1 cup icing sugar
3-5 tablespoons water
green food color

Combine sugar and shortening in large bowl and beat at medium until well blended. Add eggs, syrup and vanilla. Beat until fluffy. Combine 3 cups flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add gradually to creamed mixture at low speed. Mix until blended. Divide dough into quarters. Wrap each in plastic and refrigerate. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spread 1 tablespoon flour on large sheet of waxed paper. Place one quarter of dough and flatten slightly with hands. Roll out and cut with shamrock cookie cutters and bake until done. Cool. For icing, combine ingredients and beat until smooth and creamy, adding color to desired shade. Frost

St. Pat's Pinwheel

1-1/4 cups granulated sugar
1 cup Golden Crisco
2 eggs
1/4 cup corn syrup
1 tablespoon vanilla
3 cups all-purpose flour + 4 tablespoons divided
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
green food color

Combine sugar and shortening in large bowl and beat at medium until well blended. Add eggs, syrup and vanilla. Beat until fluffy. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add to creamed mixture at low speed until blended. Place one half into medium bowl. Add peppermint extract and food color. Wrap both halves into plastic wrap and refrigerate. Place one half onto floured board and roll out into 14 x 9 rectangle. Set aside. Repeat procedure with other half. Invert plain dough onto green dough and line up edges. Roll layers together lightly. Trim to form rectangle with clean edges. Starting with long side, roll dough in a jell-roll fashion. Chill until firm. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Slice refrigerated dough into 1/4-inch slices and bake 7-9 minutes and cool completely.

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GATHERING-Cornerstone Fellowship in Cunningham saw a huge gathering with people from four foreign countries and 32 states worshipping in the newly restored building March 3, 4 & 5. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Cornerstone Fellowship welcomes people from around the world

By Nelta Musgrove

There is a scripture that reads "Remove not the ancient landmark which they fathers have set." Proverbs 22-28.

In the early years of 1900 a Pentecostal Church was established by our forefathers in Cunningham, Texas. The landmark was set. From this place many left and established more churches of the same, but their roots are still in Cunningham. Missionaries also went from the church to foreign countries and hundreds can call this their first or "home" church. The church remained active until 1990 when it was supposedly closed forever. The building fell into decay and looked like it would be almost impossible to restore.

A year ago, in March of 2000, the church was purchased and restoration began. First a new foundation

was taken care of, then all kinds of work was done.

In September of 2000 the work was completed and on October 21, 2000, the church was dedicated with a large crowd of 153 attending. The new name? Cornerstone Fellowship.

Last week, on March 2, 3 and 4, a convention was held in this building. It was probably the largest crowd ever attending the little structure. There were people from 32 states and four foreign countries. 325 people came from around the world to this tiny little spot on the globe.

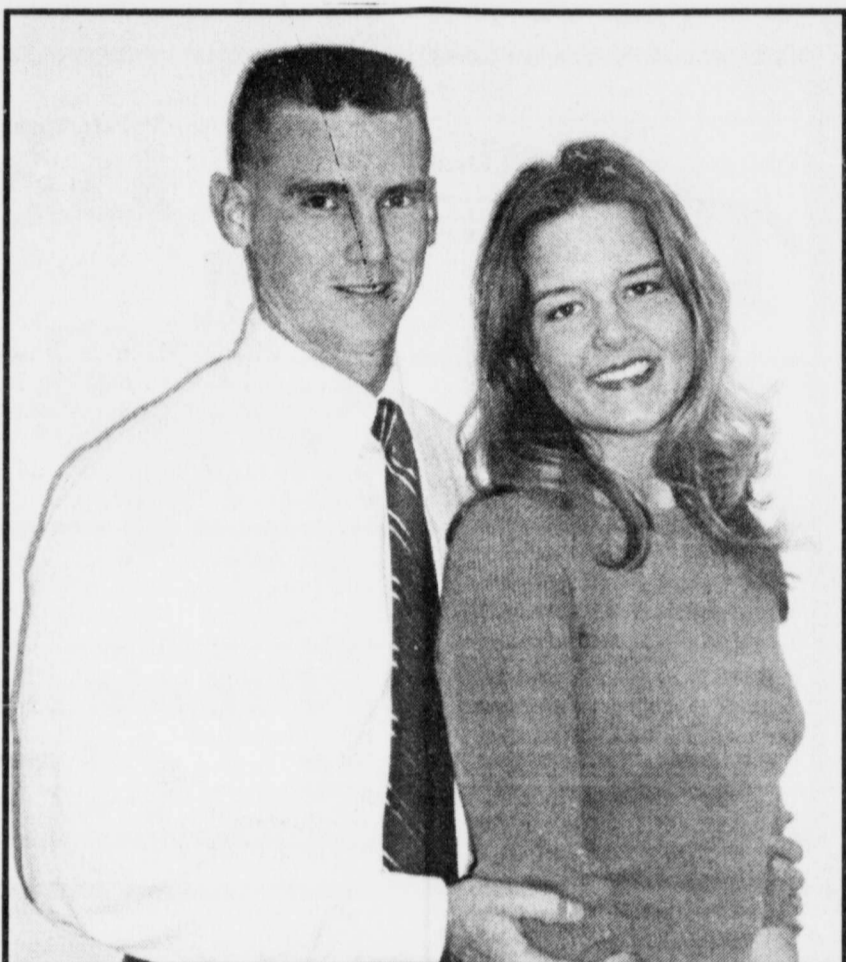
This next week, March 16, 17, & 18 Lynn Hiles from Berkeley Springs, West Virginia will be ministering and another crowd is expected.

Everyone is welcome to come. The ancient landmark has been set and the cornerstone has been laid!



GRADYN LAENSHERRILL celebrated his first birthday at the home of his grandparents, Mike and Mollie Williams. The theme was "Baby Farm Animals". Cake and ice cream were served to guests. Attending were Grady's parents, Greg and Mandy Sherrill, grandparents Donnie and Judy Sherrill and Mike and Mollie Williams, John and Mikel Haynes, Matthew and Mason, Marla Williams, Robin Harville, Justin and Lisa Roach and Jacob. He received many nice gifts.

Cornerstone Fellowship
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Robyn Cherie Johnson and Shawn Edward Roden

Johnson-Roden engagement announced

Robyn Cherie Johnson and Shawn Edward Roden will be married Saturday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bogata. The Rev. James Martin will officiate the ceremony.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ed and Dorothy Johnson of Cuthand and the granddaughter of Lou Mechler of Bogata and the late J.L. Mechler. She graduated from Lake Chapel Christian School.

Her fiance is the son of Gerry and Ann Roden of Florida and Al and Patricia Edmunds of Georgia and the grandson of Pat and Billie Lindsey of Bogata. He is a graduate of St. John's River Community College in Criminal Justice and served six years in the U.S. Marines. He is employed by the Red River County Sheriff's Department.

All family and friends are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

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GAVIN REANNE STRICKLAND celebrated her third birthday on March 10. Seventeen party guests enjoyed snacks and cake. Gavin received many nice gifts.



Jacob Cole Ward
Jacob Cole Ward was born February 10 at Medical City in Dallas, weighing 7 lbs. 10 1/2 oz. and 20" long. He joins sister Jaelce Renae Ward. Parents are Todd and Jamie Ward of Bogata. Grandparents are Junior and Jeannie Primm of Bogata and Barbara and Bill White of Bogata and the late Dean Ward.

Luck 'O The Irish!



GAME WINNER-Susan Smith was the lucky winner of a Monopoly Game given away by Red River Healthcare on National Monopoly Day, March 7, 2001. Pictured is Red River Healthcare Director of Nurses, Vicki Bryant who present Susan with the game and Alex Wright who drew Susan's name from among the Talco 5th and 6th grade students names. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Shower honors Robyn Johnson

A bridal shower honoring Robyn Johnson, bride-elect of Shawn Roden, was given Saturday, March 3 by her friends from the Lake Chapel Church. The event was held in the Century Room of the First National Bank on the square in Mt. Vernon.

Tables were decorated in the spring colors complementing Robyn's selections of dishes and linens.

Hostesses for the occasion were Michelle Babb, Rhonda Myrick, Shirley Babb, Leann Burks, Amy Wafford, Ronda Cox, Jami Stephens and Robin Cannon.

Robyn received a lovely array of household items from the friends, relatives and out-of-town guests attending.

Prejudice is the reason of fools.

---Voltaire

84 Club meets with Maurine Mankins

The March meeting of the 84 Club was held Thursday afternoon with Maurine Mankins as hostess at her home.

Two tables were arranged for the games.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Jimmie King, Wootie Harville, Donnie Smith, Ethel Epps, Bertha McCall, Helen Williams, Maggie Lee, Bess Ruthart and the hostess.

The April meeting will be with Helen Williams at her home.

Association members attend luncheon

Wayne and Karen Beard, Agnes Breedlove, Eleanor Chapman, Gail Clarke, Dorothy Coker, Anna Davis, Juanita Davis, Dan and Patsy Gose, Alva Lee Jordan, Ray and Iva Lee Kennemer, Judy Martin, Edythe McIntosh, Clara Nance, Peggy Parsons, Ophelia Payne, Virginia Reed, Margaret Rheudasil, Freeman Safford, Sarah Smith, Nina Sparks, Henry and Marchita Thielman, Elaine Townsend, Elizabeth McGee, Juanita

Bowman and Earline Pool attended a luncheon Wednesday, given by Chisum School District during Texas Public School Week.

They were welcomed by Supt. Harvey Hohenberger, Asst. Supt. Diane Stegall, principals Lynn Patterson and Mike Erwin and Johnny North. Band director Frank Garza and the Chisum Jaza Band performed for the group.

RRV Softball Association meeting held Feb. 28

The Red River Valley Softball Association met Wednesday, February 28 at the Bogata Community Center. President David Duley called the meeting to order and began with congratulations to the Red River Valley Belles who traveled to the World Series in Virginia and received the Sportsmanship trophy at the State and World Series levels and to the Red River Valley Ponytails who won second place in the District play offs

and the Red River Valley Darlings who also won the Sportsmanship trophy at District play. Mr. Duley also reported that from our district the Mt. Pleasant Ponytails and Mt. Pleasant Debs went on to play at the State and World Series levels which represents our district well in Dixie Softball.

Mr. Duley reported there were no fee changes for the girls teams this year and changes for the coming year will be; yellow balls must be used by

the Belles this year (girls 13-14-15) and two more brands of equipment may be used, the Bomb Bat and D. Moreno bats.

The floor was opened for nominations of this year's officers and elected were; David Mauldin of Bogata-President; David Duley of Detroit-Vice President; Nancy Brown of Talco-Secretary; Connie Giles of Bogata-Treasurer; Niece Herrington of Clarksville-Representative and Rusty Anderson of Deport-Representative.

Under new business the group discussed Avery who has had a hard time keeping teams in play. They will be allowed to participate if possible. The Blossom teams were discussed and it was voted to play those teams although the games played will only count for Blossom. Kathy Thompson reported on an All Skills Softball Clinic to be held in Mt. Vernon March 24, 2001 and open to all ages of Dixie Softball players. A registration form may be picked up at the Bogata News Office or by contacting Joe Kuhl in Mt. Vernon. This year's closing ceremonies will be held in Clarksville. The time and date will be set at the next meeting which was set for March 14, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bogata Community Center. Team rosters and fees should be turned in and paid at this meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2001 renditions is April 16. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be post-marked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 16 deadline.

Where do you file?

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Rivercrest Baseball Schedule

15-16-17	TBA	There	Maud Tourney
*20	4:00	Here	DeKalb
*23	4:00	There	Chapel Hill
*27	4:00	Here	Chisum
*30	4:00	There	Prairiland
April			
*3	4:30	Here	Pewitt
*6	4:30	Here	Hughes Springs
*10 (SB)		Bye	
*13 (SB)	6:00	There	DeKalb
*17	4:30	Here	Chapel Hill
*20	4:30	There	Chisum
*24	4:30	Here	Prairiland
*27	4:30	There	Pewitt
*District Games SB-Spring Break			

Lady Rebel Softball Schedule

16		Maud	Away	4:30
20		*Hughes Springs	Home	4:30
23		*Prairiland	Away	4:30
27		*Chapel Hill	Home	4:30
30		*Paul Pewitt	Home	4:30
April				
3		*DeKalb	Away	4:30
6		*Chisum	Home	4:30
10		BYE		
12		*Hughes Springs	Away	4:30
17		*Prairiland	Home	4:30
20		*Chapel Hill	Away	4:30
*District Games				

Rivercrest HS Track & Field

March			
9		Paul Pewitt	Boys and Girls
16		Rivercrest	Boys and Girls
24		Rains	Boys and Girls
30		Mt. Vernon	Boys and Girls
April			
12		Paul Pewitt District	Boys and Girls
20		TBA Regional Qualifiers	Boys and Girls
27-28		Palestine Regionals	Boys and Girls
May			
4		TBA State Qualifiers	Boys and Girls
11-12		Austin State	Boys and Girls

Junior High Track & Field

March			
16		Rivercrest	Boys and Girls
23		Hughes Springs	Boys and Girls
April			
3		District Hughes Springs	Girls
6		District Rivercrest	Boys
Coaches: Terry Hill, Debbie Williams, Derek Bowman and Tammy Case.			

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school menu
March 19-23**

Monday

Breakfast
Oatmeal
toast w/jelly
juice & milk
Lunch
Corn dogs
macaroni & cheese
seasoned beans
pickle spears
crackers
milk

Tuesday

Breakfast
Pancakes w/syrup
juice & milk
Lunch
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
salad
peas
crackers
chocolate cake
milk

Wednesday

Breakfast
Sausage biscuit
jelly & butter
juice & milk
Lunch
Bar-b-que weiners
potato salad
baked beans
fruit
cornbread
milk

Thursday

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

Friday

Breakfast
Cereal
toast
juice & milk
Lunch
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BREAKFAST-Nanalee Nichols visited with Kenneth Jeffery and Neil Rozell at the Bogata Lions Pancake breakfast last Saturday. A good crowd turned out for pancakes and sausage with all the trimmings. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Bogata Locals

Granville and Haletha Jones of Commerce visited her mother, Helen Williams, on Tuesday.

Gussie Mussick is home from a visit in Houston and Ft. Worth, following illness and a fall. She is doing well.

Anita Stubblefield, Betty Puckett and Mary Kathryn Cotten attended a Bernina sewing group over the weekend to make turbans for cancer patients. The group finished 47 turbans for the Paris Regional Cancer Center.

Kerry Posey's name was inadvertently left out of the article last week regarding the graduating Rebel seniors. We apologize for the omission.

Visitors of Johnny and Willie Mae Topping were Kerri Selman and Kristi Hill of Lufkin, Della Ann Brown, Colton, D.J. and Grant of Como, Anjannette and Carmie Acevedos of Paris, Leslie and Gina Allen, Esther Tillman, Buddy Damron and Betty Sue Watts, all of Bogata.

Garlin Burris is doing some better. He is still in the hospital. He had three of his girls visit from Tennessee, Glenda, Cindy and Lindy and Tina from Kentucky, two sons from Tennessee, Wayne and Jeff and a brother, Dwight from Missouri.

On March 11, Jessie Gray celebrated his 88th birthday with his family, Willie Mae, Jackie, Linda, and Jody and Willie Gray. Linda fixed a big lunch for Jessie and everyone enjoyed visiting and eating. On Sunday, Jessie was surprised with birthday cake and ice cream. The cake was baked by Jessie's great-granddaughter, Heather Holt, who is just seven. Willie Mae, Jerry and Gerlyn Gray, Jessica and Marli Hines, Judy, Harold, Heather and Heath Holt enjoyed the cake and ice cream and visiting.

Willie Gray has been a patient in Titus Regional Medical Center in Mt. Pleasant this week. He is being treated for a blood clot in his leg.

Ed and Lois Huddleston visited with their son in Corinth. Saturday night he had a dinner for their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Annetee and Mark Hudson and family, Mike and Tina Huddleston and son, Amanda and Jeff Blair and Daughter, all of Lake Dallas; Andrew and Jeff McKenzie of Lake Whitney.

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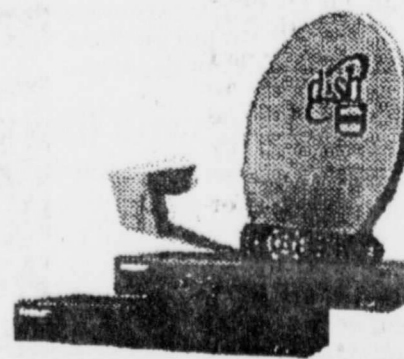
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Council hears superintendent reports

The Bogata City Council met in regular session Monday, March 12 with Mayor Crane presiding. Four councilmembers were present as well as five employees and approximately eight visitors.

Council heard from W.F. (Babe) Higgins of Clarksville, who spoke about Economic Development and asked the council to consider a resolution giving full endorsement and cooperation to the Texas Rural Development Council Resource Team who will come to Red River County in May, to work with the communities in assessing the strengths, problems and goals of the towns.

Council heard from Mark Hare and voted to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Rivercrest ISD to mow the baseball field at the school's request. After hearing from James Blanton, District Operations Manager of TXU Electric & Gas, council voted to approve a "Favor Nations" letter, which confirms agreement with TXU's proposed rate changes, and pass an ordinance providing the proposed rates which will not be implemented until after July 5, 2001. Customers in the city will not be surcharged for any rate case expenses should an appeal to the Railroad Commission of Texas be filed by another city.

Minutes, bills and final water bill accounts were approved. Council heard from Police Chief Clegg who reported 1,426 actions in year 2000. He reported that Jim Gresham is the new non-paid officer and that he has acquired a narcotics canine.

Water Superintendent Wendell Davis reported eighty-five work orders which included six leaks, two cutoffs repaired, six sewer stops, bids were opened for construction on new grant and he has ordered a new chlorinator, cost \$1295.00.

Fire Marshal Randy Lemme reported eight medical calls in February and an assist on a structure fire. A fundraiser will be held on May 5 to replace some operating money which was used in the recent ice storm emergency.

Council voted to adopt an ordinance to establish a hot check policy and to raise the returned check fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00. The drug policy was tabled until more information is received.

They voted to cancel the Municipal Judge's pager service, since the Municipal Judge said he really didn't need it. They voted to hire a new employee for water/street work contingent upon passing a drug test.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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.

Free commodities are distributed on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bogata.

Every 1st Sunday monthly
The Bogata Church of Christ invites everyone to enjoy lunch with them following morning services every 1st Sunday each month. Following the meal every 1st Sunday, services are held at Red River Healthcare beginning at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Bogata Public Library/Museum
The Bogata Public Library/Museum is open each Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A library card is available to all citizens of Bogata and the surrounding area. Come by and enjoy the museum and check out a good book for your reading pleasure.

March 17
Everyone is invited to celebrate spring at the Talco Park with "A Day In The Park" which will begin at 1:00 p.m. March 17 weather permitting. There will be various games for children, a co-ed volleyball tournament, co-ed 3 on 3 basketball, washers, horseshoes and a free bar-b-que meal beginning at 5:00 p.m. Come out and join family and friends for a fun day. If rain the event will be held at the Talco School gym and cafeteria.

The Jowntown Opry will re-open Saturday, March 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Country, gospel and bluegrass music will be enjoyed. Everyone is invited to come join in the playing, singing or just to listen and visit. A \$3.00 donation will be requested to help with expenses.

March 30
Group/class portraits will be made at Bogata School on Friday, March 30.

March 31
On Saturday, March 31 Cheerleader tryouts will be held to choose Rivercrest Cheerleaders for next year at Rivercrest High School. For more information contact Lori Franks at 632-5204.

Fulbright News

by Betty Rodgers
Call 652-6051

The children in the community are enjoying spring break from their schools.

Visitors of Betty Rodgers were Monte Rodgers, Melissa and Gilbert ARriaga, Betty and Roy Smith, Pete and Hazel Yberra and Scott LaRue.

Caitlin Holbert spent several days with grandparents Marla and Preston Crump last week while her mother, Charity was ill. She and Bailey are staying this week during spring break.

The Crumps were lunch guests of Leon and Fannie Lamb at Sirlain Stockade recently.

Marla Crump went to visit her parents, J.T. and Lois Lane in Alvarado, with J.D. and Charity Holbert and family Sunday.

Preston and Marla Crump visited with his sister, Lezette and Frank REMmers, Dean REMmers and Jonathon and Clint Mills of Wills Point at the home of Leon and Fannie Lamb of Deport Friday.



MONOPOLY GAME WINNER-Kristen Clark is pictured with Becky Rolan of Red River Healthcare in Bogata. Mrs. Rolan presented Kristen with a Monopoly Game in honor of National Monopoly Day Wednesday, March 7, 2001. Kristen's name was drawn from among all the Bogata 5th grade students names. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Letters To Editor

Dear Editor:

Two weeks ago on Tuesday, February 20, our hearts were broken. I arrived home from work at about 5:00 in the afternoon to discover that my dog, B.D., was not at home. This was not totally unusual, but it was rather late for her to still be out exploring as she did everyday with her friend, the black dog, who had adopted her and us as his family, too. I called for her several times, but she didn't come home. When my husband got home at 6:30 (after dark), he drove around the area looking for her, but to no avail. He called his brother to see if he had seen B.D., he hadn't seen her at all that afternoon. By this time, we are realizing that something bad has had to have happened to her. All along we knew we should have chained or penned her up, but she was such a free spirit. We had asked people if B.D. bothered them or their animals and the answer was always no. At about 10:00, the phone rang and it was my husband's brother calling to say B.D. was at his house, but she appeared to be seriously hurt. We jumped in our car and drove the quarter of a mile as quickly as we could. When we arrived, B.D. was sitting in the front yard soaking wet and unable to move her back legs. We picked her up and placed her in the back seat, where I held her head and dried her off. She was shivering from the cold and from fear. My husband immediately called Dr. Stewardson and he said he could meet us at his office in Clarksville. By the time we arrived at the vet's office, B.D. had calmed down some. The vet checked her over and said she had probably been hit by a car, but didn't know whether she would be able to walk again. He gave her a shot and started an IV to help with the swelling. We left her at midnight at the vets. The next day we were to call to see how B.D. was doing. My husband called at noon, hoping that B.D. was able to walk, but the vet told him he really had some bad news. The x-ray showed

B.D. had not been hit by a car, but had been shot with a .22, which had severed her spinal cord two inches above her tail. She would never walk again.

I was anxious to hear from B.D., but I wouldn't call, my husband was to call me as soon as he knew something. He called and as he told me the news, my heart broke for I knew what we would have to do. I could not stand the thought of not seeing her again, and I could not let her die without her family being there. We drove to Dr. Stewardson's at 5:00 on Wednesday, February 21 to be with B.D. for one last time. The doctor and his assistants had to place her on the exam table, a table that just the day before she could have easily jumped on all by herself. We talked to her, stroked her, and cried for her in the last few minutes of her life. Her eyes seemed to be saying why? Why can't I walk? Why are you crying? She had been an ever present joy in our lives for the past 2 1/2 years ever since she jumped in my car at my friend's and would not get out. She apparently had been dumped on the side of the road and adopted us as her family. We buried her Thursday, February 22. It is not the same at my house or in Rosalie since B.D. is gone.

B.D. didn't understand what had happened to her and we don't understand why. The person who shot B.D. left her to suffer and die. It took her five hours to drag her

self to the closest home of someone she knew would help her. She was not just a dog, she was full of life, very intelligent and special.

Please help us to find out who shot B.D. before a senseless act like this happens again. She was a black and white, 30 lb. and wore an orange collar. If you have any information, please call 632-5847. he was black and white, 30 lbs. and wore an orange collar.

B.D.'s loving family,
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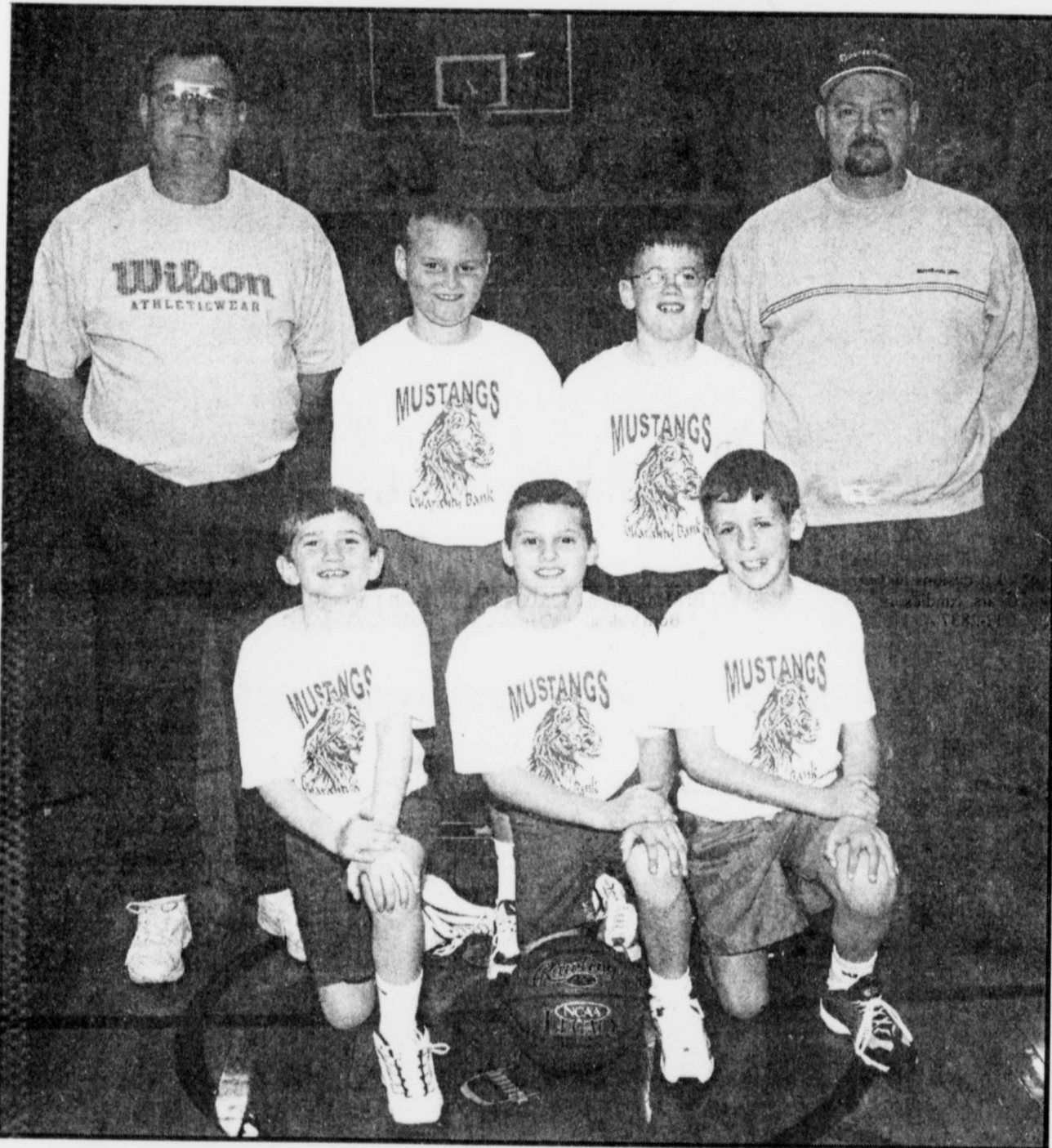
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Red River Healthcare News

Visiting residents at Red River Healthcare this week were:
 Resident, Geraldine Ogg-Jackie Knight and Tony Merritt, Brandy Brown, Loydene DeBerry.
 Resident, Mary Brown-Eva Watkins.
 Resident, Dorothy Watkins-Eva Watkins.
 Resident, Kathryn Presley-Pat Smith, Mary Ann Clancy, Ronnie and Marilyn Presley.
 Resident, Vivian Fail-Ronnie and Marilyn Presley, Ann and Lynn Fail.
 Resident, Inez Henson-Richard Swarts.
 Resident, Ova Lee Patterson-Richard Swarts.
 Resident, Gladys Tucker-Donnie, Nelda and Clifton Tucker.
 Resident, Nina Hudson-Sidney W. Hudson, Gary and Penny Swaim, Brigitte and Hayden and Fredrika Hudson.
 Resident, Eleanor Foxworthy-Alma Davis, Darran Cowley, Russell and Betty Foxworthy.
 Resident, Shelia Gibson-Betty Gibson.
 Resident, Georgia Miller-Velma Paris.
 Resident, Grady Williams-Danielle Caudle, Doug and Dolly Ingram.



MAVERICKS-Members of the Talco Mavericks Rivercrest Youth Basketball team (boys and girls ages 7 and 8) this year are: (back from the left) Coach Shane Wright, Haley Steen, Abby Godwin, Callie McGee and Coach Leslie Wright; (middle from the left) Jordan Smith, Kyle McCuller, Shelby Steen and Jacob Wright and (front from the left) Loren Rivera and Isabella Rivera.



MUSTANGS-Members of the Rivercrest Youth Basketball Talco Mustangs team (boys 3rd and 4th grade) are: (back from the left) Coach Jimmy Via, E.J. Via, Chris Nolen and Coach Nicky Brown; (front from the left) Josh Moore, Ty Brown and Cody Cox.

Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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 Water and Wastewater System Improvements
 City of Deport

Sealed bids for the unit price general construction contract for water and wastewater system improvements will be received by the City of Deport at the office of City Hall until 3:00 p.m. March 29, 2001 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following places:
 City Hall, 201 Main Street, Deport, TX 75435
 Hayter Engineering, Inc., 4445 SE Loop 286, Paris, TX 75460, Telephone 903-785-0303
 CMD/Texas Contractor, 11101 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75229

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Hayter Engineering, Inc. at the above address upon the payment of \$65 (payable to Hayter Engineering, Inc.) for each set. The ENGINEER shall refund \$25 per complete set of Contract Documents that are returned in good condition to the ENGINEER within 30 days after the date bids are received.

The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Each BIDDER must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided for in the Information for Bidders.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and as set forth in the Contract Documents, must be paid on this project, and that the CONTRACTOR must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

All bids submitted shall be good for 90 calendar days and no BIDDER may withdraw his bid within 90 calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

City of Deport
 March 8, 2001
 3-15

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

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 5, 2001, for voting in general election to elect two trustees, for the Rivercrest ISD.

Location(s) of polling places:
 Talco Elementary
 Bogata Elementary Cafeteria
 Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Rivercrest High School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 18, 2001 and ending on May 1, 2001.

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

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of

ORDER OF ELECTION
 An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 5, 2001 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to elect two (2) school trustees for Talco ISD.
 Location of polling places:
 Bagwell Community Center
 Detroit High School
 Manchester Fire Department
 Woodland Methodist Church

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each week day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Administration Office at 210 Garner, Detroit, TX from April 18, 2001 through May 1, 2001. Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Anita Whitley, Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, TX 75436 no later than Friday, April 27, 2001.
 3-15

ORDINANCE NO. 01-06
 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 89-02 Establishing A Returned Check Policy and Raising The Fee for a Returned Check from \$20.00 to \$25.00

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend Ordinance No. 89-02 to establish a returned check policy in order to treat all customers fairly;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOGATA, THAT THE FOLLOWING BE AMENDED OR ADDED AS THE CASE MAY BE:

SECTION 1.
SECTION 9. RETURNED CHECKS
 Change the entire paragraph to:
 If a customer gives a check to the City of Bogata, and it is returned by the bank for non-sufficient funds, the customer will be notified and given ten (10) days to take care of the check. If, after ten (10) days, the customer does not come in and take care of the returned check and the returned check fee of \$25.00, service may be terminated and a reconnect charge also (\$20.00) will be charged before service will be reconnected.

If a customer gives a total of two (2) returned checks to the City of Bogata within a six (6) month period, payments from that customer must be on a cash or money order-only basis for the next year.

SECTION 2.
 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 3.
 This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after date of publication, or April 16, 2001.

Passed and adopted this 12th day of March, 2001.
 Jack Crane, Mayor
 3-15

ORDINANCE #170
CITY OF DETROIT, TEXAS
 An ordinance approving the general service rates including rate adjustment provisions and miscellaneous service charges to be charged for sales and transportation of natural gas to residential, commercial and industrial consumers in the City of Detroit, Red River County, Texas, providing an effective date therefore, and providing for the manner in which such rates may be changed, adjusted and amended.
 3-15 This ordinance was passed and approved on March 12, 2001

Upcoming Events at Rivercrest High School

A Rivercrest senior parent meeting will be held following the Financial Aid Seminar Monday, March 19 to discuss Project Graduation Celebration. The meeting will begin approximately at 8:00 p.m. in the homemaking room at RHS.

Pre-registration for next year's Rivercrest Seniors will be Tuesday, March 20, 2001. Wednesday, March 21, 2001 next year's Rivercrest Juniors pre-registration will be held and Thursday, March 22 next year's Rivercrest Sophomores pre-registration will be held.

Pre-registration for next year's Rivercrest Freshman class will be held Monday, March 26, 2001 at Talco and Tuesday, March 27 at Bogata.

The RPTE (Reading Proficiency Test in English) will be given to all limited-English speaking students in grade 3-12 on Wednesday, March 28, 2001.

For more information on any of the March events contact Tiffany Easley, Rivercrest Counselor.

The past always looks better than it was. It's only pleasant because it isn't here.
 ---Finley Peter Dunne (Mr. Dooley)

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Talco Locals

Saturday Jerry and Gerlyn Gray went to Paris to Camper Dan's annual camper show where Jerry won a door prize.

Sunday Judy, Harold, Heather and Heath Holt, Jessica, Danny and Marli Hines ate lunch and visited Jerry and Gerlyn Gray and Margaret Davis.

Nancy Brown, the Talco and Bogata Editor, was hospitalized this weekend and unable to collect news. She is home now, and improving. Please feel free to call locals or anything else in to the main office at 652-4205 or leave a message at the Bogata Office at 632-5322. We appreciate your patience.



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The ardent zeal of devoted servants of the Lord emblazoned a noble page in the volume of ancient history. The spiritual army of the Lord made many valiant conquests for the Captain of their salvation (Hebrews 2:10). Shining as lights in the midst of a perverse generation (Philippians 2:15) early Christians took seriously the task of "living soberly, righteously and Godly" (Titus 2:12). The simple organization of the Lord's church made clear its autonomous government. Adhering strictly to divine principles of self governing procedures set forth in Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5-6, Acts 20:28, 30 and 1 Peter 5:1-4 there was no need for earthly headquarters, bureaucracy or Hierarchy.

In Philippians 1:1 we read simply of elders, deacons and all the saints. Worship in the first century church of our Lord was to be conducted in "spirit and in truth" as John 4:24 clearly stated. Reverently, as the Scriptures directed, the body of Christ "continued steadfastly" in the homage the apostles taught (Acts 2:42). The first day of the week was especially set aside for the Lord's Supper and the contribution (Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2). Nineteen centuries ago the church Christ established, by His shed blood, was strong in its exposure of error (2 Timothy 4:2-4), as well as its proclamation of truth (1 Timothy 3:15) and especially in ardent evangelism.

Acts 5:42, 8:4 and 12:24 tells us of the daily teaching that caused "the Word of God to grow and multiply." Christians of that era prayed boldly and fervently (Hebrews 4:16, James 5:16) even as they joyously sang praises unto God (Acts 16:25; Colossians 3:15-17). Christianity was not a church house religion to them. It was not "a way of life," it was life! Paul said: "For me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21).

This message is brought to you from the Talco Church of Christ. Please join us for services: Sunday Bible class 9:45 a.m., worship hour 10:45; evening worship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible class at 7:00 p.m.



NATIONAL MONOPOLY DAY - Red River Healthcare observed National Monopoly Day by holding a drawing from the Talco 5th and 6th gradestudents names to win a Monopoly Game. Pictured drawing the winning name is Alex Wright with Red River Healthcare Director of Nurses (and by the way Alex's grandmother) Vicki Bryant on Wednesday, March 7, 2001. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Of late I appear / To have reached that stage / When people look old / Who have reached my age.
--Richard Armour

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