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**How Did they Do It?**

There have been so many terrible stories lately about mothers who have killed their children. It's something I cannot understand. But I really got irritated when I read an article the other day that said "every mother deep in her heart understands . . . At some time she has been to that black verge". I don't think so! I'm not going in to the rights, wrongs, madness verses evil aspect of these killings. What I am going to do is look back a little.

Think of all the people you know who come from big families. One that comes immediately to my mind is Juanita Webster Sparks. She grew up with six sisters. That means her mother had seven children to cook for, as well as her husband and herself. Over a wood stove, I might add. There was no air conditioning, no central heat. There was no running water for many years! That meant no inside bathroom. There were no disposable diapers, paper towels, tissues, or handy dandy little baby monitors. Clothes all had to be washed in a wash pot, hung out to dry and starched and ironed, often with a heated on the stove flat iron.

There were also no vacations, nor were their "Mother's Day Out" programs. They did not expect a break from the duties of raising their family.

They also had to grow gardens, can, and preserve, and frequently did all this after a full day in the fields of cotton or other crops.

They worked hard, killing hours. They went to church on Sundays, and it must have seemed a peaceful and welcome break.

Yet, Juanita has wonderful memories of her childhood. Her parents raised healthy, normal, productive citizens.

We all know people who come from families of six, eight, ten, even thirteen.

I have no doubt that they, and every mother, have wished at times they didn't have children to burden them. They must have put their heads down and wept in frustration, anger or despair.

Today's mothers do the same thing. Yes, I'm sure each and every one of them has days when they wish those children weren't there. I'm sure they have wished for just a few minutes of peace and quiet, without the demands of family.

But these mothers do NOT understand parents who kill their children.

I don't believe it. I believe that the majority of parents today love their children and would fight and die for their offspring. . . . instead of asking their children to die for them!

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## Grandparents home turned into special place for guests

By Nanalee Nichols

There are well kept secrets in the world, and one can be found nestled among the trees, just off of Hwy. 271 in Pattonville. "Bed and Bath" is the dream of a young woman who taken on a challenge of creating a peaceful, pleasant place to stay that will be in keeping with the memories she has of her grandparent's home.

Betty Jo is the granddaughter of Barney and Earline Wilson, long-time residents and business people in Pattonville. They spent many years in a modest white frame house, then in 1959 they built a pink brick house next door to the frame house and moved in to it.

Betty Jo now lives in the brick home, but has turned the frame cottage into a bed and bath for visitors.

She has used her imagination to make some charming touches to the place.

The little house rents to visitors for as little as \$50 per night. That rate is for the whole house, not per person! Guests will be greeted, once they enter the house, with spotless cleanliness, little nosegays of fresh flowers, and dozens of amenities.

If a visitor is looking for highly polished sophistication, they should look elsewhere. But if they are looking for peaceful country living, where the beds are comfortable, the bath tub is huge and the yard is a garden of delights, they are definitely at the right place.

The inside of the cottage has two bedrooms. One is the Honeymoon room, with a light, airy feel and a big bed draped in white gauzy fabrics. A chilled bottle of nonalcoholic cider or juice will welcome guests. The other bedroom is painted black. The twilight room has the constellations, authentically aligned as they are in the heavens, painted on the ceilings. This room steps out into the back yard, and overlooks a pleasant lily

pond.

"I wanted to create a place that I would like to stay in if I were traveling" Betty Jo smiles.

The trim, attractive young woman recalls with fondness how magical her grandparent's home was to her as a child, and how opening a place for people to stay in the house was part of her dream of preserving their memory.

The kitchen is modern, and features a refrigerator with snacks in the freezer, a microwave, sink, washer and dryer and more. All the things for coffee are there, and plates, forks, dish towels and more.

The garden tub room has a huge bathtub, just right for relaxing, plus chairs and a pleasant decor. Bowls of floating candles are scattered around the home.

A basket of soaps, and other necessities, plus lots of big, fluffy towels awaits the visitor in the bathroom.

A game room has just been completed, complete with a pool table and the "totally tacky, but always necessary" prints of dogs playing pool on the wall.

The television comes with a VCR and a box of tapes for viewing.

A further exploration of the property reveals a small pond with two paddle boats, fishing rods, a small gazebo and the most recent addition, a concrete sand castle.

The just-finished castle and keep has a moat around it, and delights old and young alike.

Antique bricks form paths through the garden, and run to the back door of Betty Jo's home, where a parrot can be heard chattering away. Old-fashioned drainage ditches, patterned after the ones found on farms years ago, make sure that the paths stay dry and safe.

"The live entertainment here is the hummingbirds" Betty Jo points out,

as the little jewels flash and fly from blossom to blossom, feeder to feeder.

Swings dangle invitingly from trees, bird houses are surrounded by wire circles to keep the cats from getting near nestlings.

Bird baths abound, and there is a newly planted "secret garden" which Betty Jo hopes will grow into a totally private enclave with two seats and a seclusion from the world.

Old pear trees groan from the weight of their ripening fruit, butterfly bushes feed those flitting marvels of nature they are named for, and even in the heat of summer the entire property is delightful. Most of the hedges, trees and plants are old natives, denizens of this area because they are hardy and suited to the climate.

"There's some misunderstanding about what this is" Betty Jo states. "I think people think it's in my home, but obviously it's not. It's totally private. Vehicles have their own drive way, they just need to check in here at my house or make arrangements with me ahead of time. I don't serve breakfast, so it's not truly a bed and breakfast. But, there are a few things for people in the ice box, and it's easy to wander over to M & M Food Mart or to lay in something to cook in the morning" she explains.

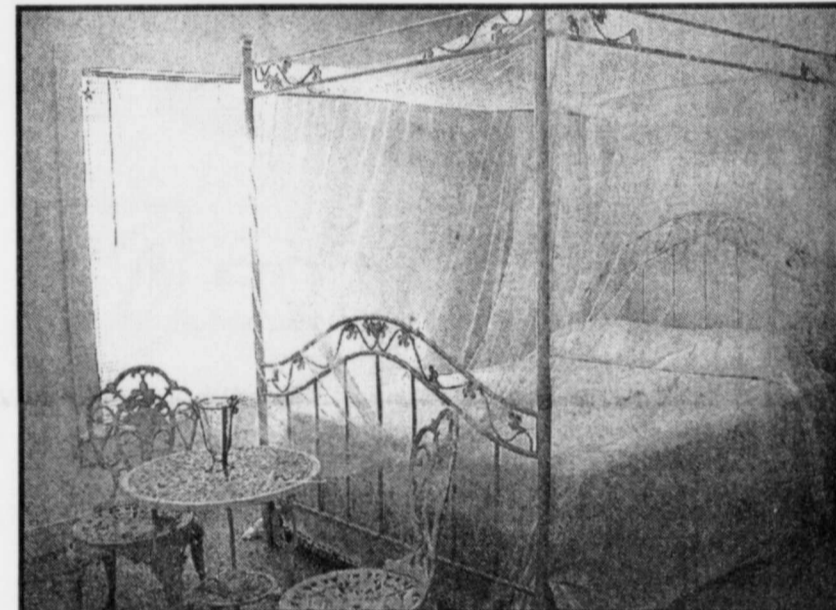
It's a surprising business to discover only a block away from a busy highway, in a town without true tourism. But it's a pleasant surprise, as is the friendly, eager-to-please enthusiasm of a young woman who wants to help preserve a little piece of a simpler, older lifestyle, and the memories of her grandparents and their warm hospitality.

Betty Jo can be reached in the evenings at 903-652-5602 or a message can be left at 903-782-8256.

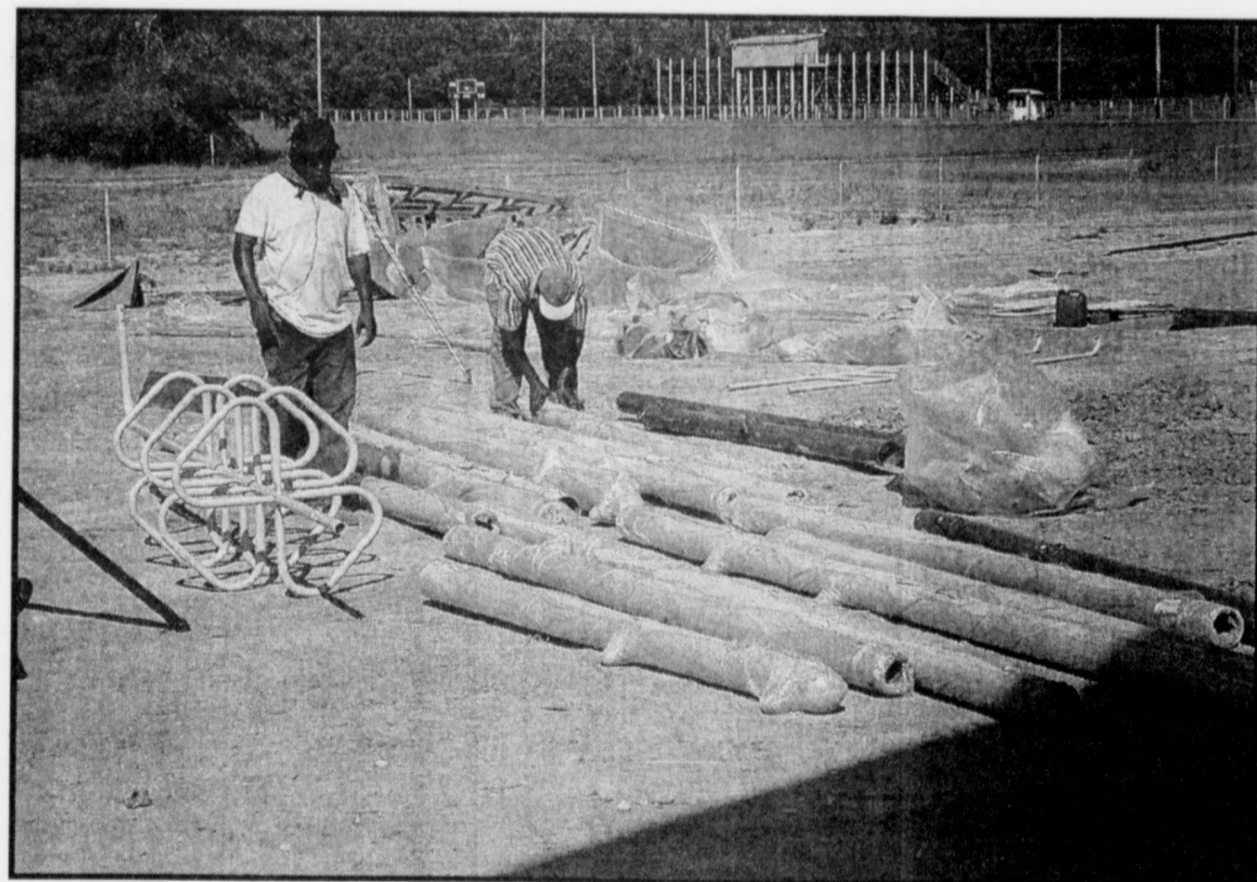
In the meantime, her dream is helping others have pleasant dreams of their own in a simple, unassuming frame farm house.



CASTLE IN THE SAND-Betty Jo Taylor stands by the "sand" castle she has built on the pond at Bed and Bath to please visitors, both young and old. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



MISTY BEDROOM-this "honeymoon Room" at Betty Jo Taylor's Bed and Bath is draped with misty netting, a pleasant set of chairs and tables, and all the comforts. Betty Jo is turning a pleasant farm cottage into a bed and bath for travellers and visitors. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



THE MOST IMPORTANT part of the new elementary, as far as the students see it, is the playground and workers were busy putting up the new playground equipment last week. The students, staff, parents and community have worked hard to earn funds to give the children an extra fun place to play. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**One Time Pee Wee Cheerleader sign up set**

There will be a one-time Pee Wee Cheerleader sign up on Sunday, August 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Rivercrest High School Cafeteria.

Cost is \$60 per child, grades two through sixth are eligible.

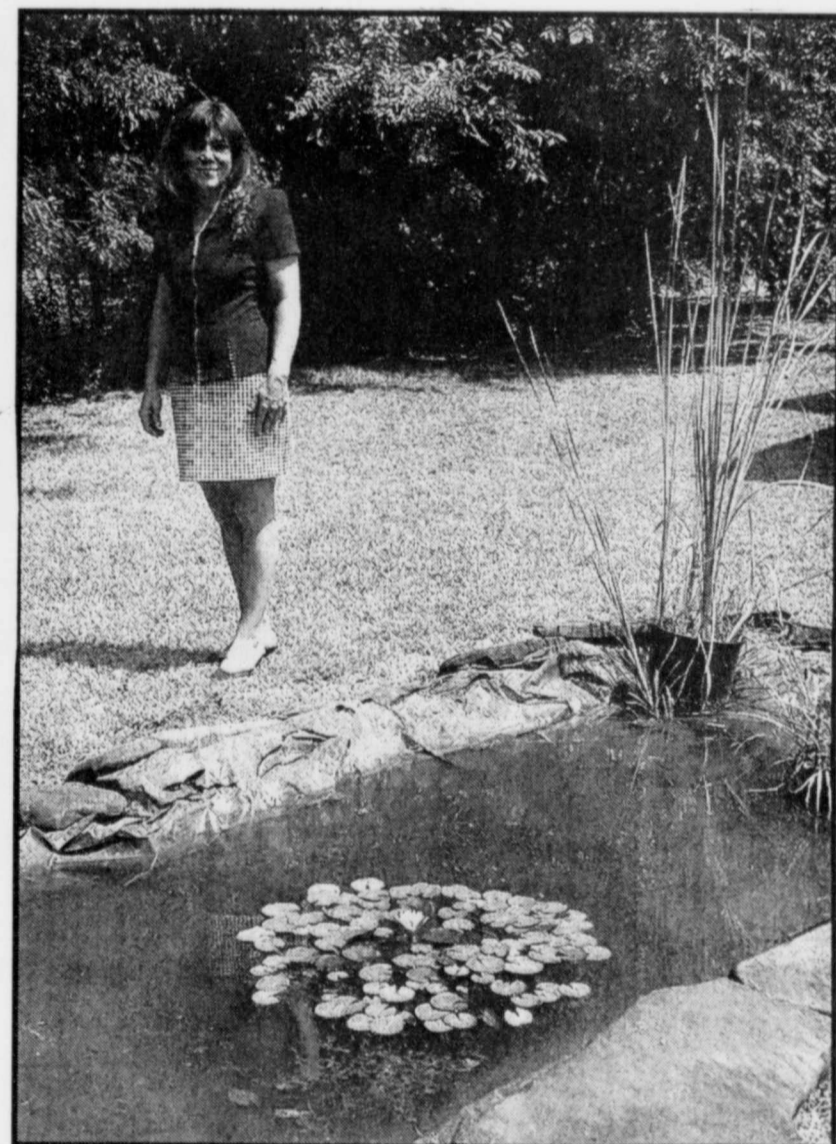
There will only be this one sign up. For more information call Sandra Mauldin at 632-5732.

**Cuthand church to sponsor blood drive**

The Cuthand United Methodist Church will sponsor a blood drive on Sunday, August 12 from 11 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Stewart Regional Blood Center will have their mobile unit set up in

front of the church. Everyone who is 17 years of age or older is encouraged to give blood. Everyone donating blood will receive a free T-shirt.



LILY IN BLOOM visible from the back door of Bed and Bath, Betty Jo Taylor's lily pond features cat tails, real lilies in bloom and the occasionally frog. She has turned her beloved grandparents home into a special place for visitors to stay. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

**Talco First Baptist Church Pastor moving**

Talco First Baptist Church Pastor Kenny Blankenship resigned Sunday, effective August 19th.

He and his family will be moving back to Pittsburg where they will care for his grandparents.

**Eating disorder support group founded**

A new support group is forming for persons with eating disorders.

The initial meeting will be Thursday, August 9 at 7 p.m. at Titus Regional Medical Center auditorium in Mt. Pleasant.

Information will be available to help you and your family understand and cope with these disorders.

Meet with professionals who can help you find the answers. For more information, call 577-6579.



## Christus St. Joseph's to acquire hospital from Texas Health Resources

Christus St. Joseph's health System in Paris has signed a definitive agreement to purchase the buildings, equipment and certain services of McCuiston Regional Medical Center, also in Paris, from Texas Health Resources, effective August 5. With the acquisition, Christus St. Joseph's and McCuiston will consolidate services of the two Paris hospitals into one system.

"Our primary goal is to meet the health care needs of Northeast Texas and Southeast Oklahoma residents, patients, physicians and employees in the most efficient and effective way possible," Monty McLaurin, chief executive officer of Christus St. Joseph's said. "Like hospitals across the country, the Paris hospitals have been faced with an increase in the number of uninsured and underinsured patients and a decrease in reimbursement from the government and managed care plans. To continue to operate two hospitals separately in a community of 25,000 residents would not work long term and would not be in the best interests of the community."

"McCuiston is a valuable asset and resource for the community" said Douglas D. Hawthorne, president and chief executive officer of THR. "I am pleased that we have been able to complete this transaction with Christus St. Joseph's. This will enable the residents of Paris to continue to receive outstanding health care services in their community. Through a long term affiliation

agreement with THR signed with Christus St. Joseph's Health System, we will continue to work together to improve the health of those served by Christus St. Joseph's."

The two organizations announced their intent to consolidate in February and have spent the last five months working through the details of the transaction, according to McLaurin. "We have had teams of Associates working to ensure that the transition taking place today is as seamless and as smooth as possible. Our next step is to work closely with our physicians and clinical staff to determine how to coordinate and consolidate services to best meet the needs of our community while eliminating as much duplication as possible."

As part of the agreement between Christus St. Joseph's and THR, Christus will invest some of the proceeds in a not for profit foundation designed to improve the health of the communities served by Christus St. Joseph's.

"The Christus mission calls for us to reach out to communities in need to ensure that quality health care is available and accessible," said Thomas C. Royer, M.D., president and CEO of Christus Health. "We have been an important part of the Paris community for many years, but recent challenges in reimbursements, coupled with an increasing number of uninsured and underinsured patients, have made it increasingly difficult to remain viable there. The plan

to combine our health care services there into one system will be a great benefit for the community, and Christus is pleased to have the opportunity to work with THR to make that happen."

THR has committed to invest approximately \$3 million in the construction and operation of the Lamar Women's Health Center, a 4,700 square foot ambulatory surgical center located on the second floor of McCuiston Regional Medical Center. The center, which will operate as a separate, 5.01(c)(3) not for profit

corporation, will be licensed separately, governed by its own board of directors, managed by an independent management team and have its own separately credentialed medical staff.

Christus St. Joseph's has been part of the Northeast Texas community for more than 100 years. McCuiston Regional Medical Center has served health care needs of the residents of Paris and surrounding communities for 87 years.

Headquartered in Dallas, Christus Health is one of the largest Catholic health systems in the country, employing more than 25,000 people with total assets of \$3.4 billion, with a mission to extend the health ministry of Jesus Christ, Christus Health comprises more than 40 hospitals and long term care facilities, as well as dozens of other health services, in more than 70 communities in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Utah and Mexico.

Texas Health Resources, based in Irving, serves 32 counties in North Central Texas and southeast Oklahoma with 12 acute care hospitals, two behavioral health facilities, a retirement center, senior health centers, a medical research institute, fitness centers, an air ambulance program and a transitional care facility. THR was formed in 1997 with the merger of Ft. Worth based Harris Methodist Hospitals, Dallas based Presbyterian Healthcare System and Arlington Memorial Hospital. THR employs more than 15,500 people and has more than 4,500 physicians with privileges on its medical staff.



LEADERSHIP-among those leading the new CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System are, from left: Mike McBride, chief operating officer; Arthur Tiajerina, M.D., President of the Medical Staff; Steven Rowlan, M.D., Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Jo Ann Parkman, who chairs the board; Monty McLaurin, President and Chief Executive Officer.

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*Country Cooking*  
By Liz Irwin



Our recipes this week deal with something cool to eat that is light in calories and some others that will be good for lunches or after-school treats. School will be starting next week at all area schools and although students enjoy the nutritious lunches served, some still enjoy taking their lunch to school.

There is something about the first week of school that has everyone wanting a new lunchbox to take and having mom get up a little earlier so that she can pack all the "good stuff" in it! By the time rolls around, lunches are usually traded around, because someone else's always looks better. Stores are loaded with all types of displays that catch the eye (and the kids too) and urge parents to buy for their child's lunch, so that they can have a delicious and nutritious noon meal. Be sure to check the labels though. Most of these are misleading and can lead to the kids having loads of sugar and other things that are not very good! Which can

lead to teachers having very bad afternoons!

Enjoy the recipes and we will see you in the kitchen and in school next week! NOTE: in last week's column the Buttermilk Cake needs 1 cup of buttermilk and the Baked Spaghetti needs to bake at 375 degrees. For questions or comments, contact me at: lizwin@hotmail.com

**Crystal Lite Lemon Pie**-uses low-fat cream cheese, low-fat Cool Whip and Crystal Lite for a lite, cool dessert!

**Lite Strawberry Pie**-use sugar-free Jello and Sweet n' Low instead of sugar. Makes a great dessert!

**Apple Bars**-kids will love these for lunch or after school!

**Corn Flake Peanut Butter Bars**-you can use Rice Krispies instead of corn flakes if you like!

**Easy-Cheesy Lemon Bars**-cake mix and frosting mix makes these delicious bars!

**Pecan Pie Bars**-easy and simple to make and a little different than a pie!

**Obituaries**

**Audrey Dell Warren dies August 1**

Audrey Dell Warren, age 91, died August 1 at East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 4 at Lone Star Methodist Church with Rev. Don Shovan officiating. Burial followed in Lone Star Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mrs. Warren was born June 16, 1910 in Bagwell, the daughter of Jody Lee and Addie Lee Halbert. She was a member of the Lone Star Methodist Church and a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marshall A. Warren on May 19, 1960 and one grandson.

Surviving are two sons, Donal Warren and his wife Eileen of Grapevine and Royce and his wife Frances of Grand Prairie; sisters, Ruth Jackson of Clarksville and Trilby Reese of Palisade, CO; a brother, Vernon

Halbert of Bagwell; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Bearers were Russell Warren, Brad Wheatley, Jerry Ward, Michael Warren, Jim Childress and Top Elrod.

*Card of Thanks*

Thanks to my friends and neighbors for the phone calls, prayers and cards during the loss of my brother, Leon Tuck and my son-in-law, Harold Shull. May each of you be blessed in your time of need.

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\* The 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. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

\*The Ladies Auxiliary will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

\* The VFW men will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

\* The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary have begun a project which they can use your help with. They are collecting stuffed animals for the Bogata Nursing home. The goal is to give each patient at the home a stuffed animal friend which they can keep or give to one of their grandchildren. The toys do not have to be new but should be in good condition and clean. Donations may be dropped off at VFW Post 8187 on Hwy. 271 south of Bogata or may be given to any member. Please help us bring a little happiness into the lives of others.

\*Get well wishes are extended to James Minshew, Margie Garrett, Melvin Pointer, George and Jean Smith.

\*Happy Birthday to George Smith.  
\*Sympathy is extended to the family of Cobbie Eudy and Howard Ed Bryson.



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"The thing I've learned first hand about success is that it's built around satisfied customers," Michael said.

Presently acting as sales manger, Michael will become the dealership's general manager pending formal approval from Chrysler Corporation. His wife Jonette is a school teacher and coach in the Chapel Hill School District. Members of Trinity Baptist Church, Michael and Jonette have two children, Jordyn, 5 and Jillian, 1.

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Combine first three ingredients and pour into graham cracker crust and refrigerate to chill.

**Lite Strawberry Pie**  
1-1/2 cup water  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
1 small package sugar-free strawberry Jello  
4 packets Sweet n' Low  
1-1/2 cups diced strawberries  
graham cracker crust  
Combine water and cornstarch and thicken. Add Jello and Sweet n' Low. Mix well and add strawberries. Pour into crust and chill before serving.

**Apple Bars**  
1-1/3 cup sugar  
1 cup oil  
3 eggs  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 cups grated apples  
1 cup pecans  
Beat sugar, oil and eggs together. Mix in flour, cinnamon, soda and salt. Fold in apples and pecans. Pour batter into deep cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Ice with 1/4 cup melted butter, 2 cups powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons milk and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Ice while warm.

**Corn Flake Peanut Butter Bars**  
1 cup corn syrup  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
3/4 cup peanut butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
6-7 cups corn flakes-slightly crushed  
Bring syrup and brown sugar to boil in microwave. Add peanut butter and cook 30 seconds. Stir will; add vanilla and corn flakes. Stir thoroughly and quickly. Spread into a buttered 9x13 pan. Cut when cool.

**Easy-Cheesy Lemon Bars**  
1 package Pillsbury Plus Lemon cake mix  
1/2 cup melted butter or margarine  
3 eggs-divided  
1 package Pillsbury Rich n' Easy frosting mix  
8 ounce cream cheese-softened  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease bottom of 13x9 pan. Combine cake mix, butter and 1 egg. Stir until moist. Pat into pan. Blend frosting mix into cream cheese; reserve 1/2 cup for frosting baked bars. Add 2 eggs to remaining frosting mixture. Beat 3-5 minutes at high speed. Spread over cake mix. Bake 30-40 minutes. Cool and frost. Cut into bars. Refrigerate leftovers. Makes 36 bars.

**Pecan Pie Bars**  
2 cups flour  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup butter  
1/2 cup margarine  
1 cup light Karo  
5 eggs  
3/4 cup sugar  
dash salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup broken pecans  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour and brown sugar. Cut in butter until coarse crumble. Press into 9x13 pan. Bake 10 minutes until golden. Combine Karo, eggs, sugar, salt, vanilla and pecans. Pour over baked crumb mixture in pan. Bake at 275 degrees for 50 minutes or until center sets.  
3/4 cup peanut butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
6-7 cups corn flakes-slightly crushed  
Bring syrup and brown sugar to boil in microwave. Add peanut butter and cook 30 seconds. Stir will; add vanilla and corn flakes. Stir thoroughly and quickly. Spread into a buttered 9x13 pan. Cut when cool.

**DPS reminds motorists to watch for those kiddos!**

As the school year starts, the Department of Public Safety reminds motorists to slow down around schools and to watch for children who may be exiting school buses. Drivers also should be aware that children may cross streets without watching where they're going.

"The first few days of school, it's easy to be distracted," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Make sure you're paying attention when you're driving, especially in and around school zones or near school buses. You don't want to become part of a tragedy."

More than 1.3 million Texas children a day ride school buses, which continue to be the safest form of highway transportation--fewer than 1 percent of traffic crashes in the state involve them.

The most common time for collisions is when school buses are loading or unloading students. According to the National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey, most children injured or killed while getting on or off buses are under the age of 10. All students should be taught to follow safety rules and to watch for traffic

before crossing streets.

Texas law forbids vehicles from passing a school bus while its alternately flashing red warning lights are activated. Motorists can be fined up to \$1,000 for passing a school bus while the warning lights are activated. Subsequent violations can lead to suspension of a driver license for up to six months.

"Stopping for school buses is the law. DPS has zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses; if you pass a stopped school bus, you will receive a ticket," Davis said.

In 1999--the latest year for which statistics are available--two children were killed in separate incidents when they exited school buses in Travis and Rusk counties.

In other incidents across the state, 1,348 bus drivers or occupants were injured in school bus crashes and 18 were injured while loading or unloading school buses.

For more information on school bus safety, please contact DPS School Bus Safety Program Administrator Charley Kennington at 254-867-4611 or the Public Information Office at 512-424-2080.

with Gilbert and Melissa Arriaga. Katy and Clovis VanDeaver and Bro. Mark Richey and family attended services at Liberty Cemetery on Saturday. Mrs. Sullivan is recuperating from surgery at the home of her daughter and family, the LaRosses.

**Fulbright News**

By Betty Rodgers  
652-6051

Marla and Preston Crump visited her parents over the weekend and helped celebrate her mother's 82nd birthday.

Dale sulsar had knee surgery last week and is doing alright.

Betty Rodgers had lunch Monday

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**Red River County Sheriff's Report**  
July 29-August 4

July 29: Report of disturbance in Avery; report of assault in Caneywell; report of shots fired in Caneywell; report of incident in Fulbright; report of aggravated assault in Harts Bluff.

July 30: Report of missing person in Clarksville; inmate released to Lamar County; inmate transported to another facility; male arrested for reckless driving.

July 31: Male arrested for operating a vehicle with expired license plate; inmate transported to another facility; inmate released for time served; inmate released after paying fines; report of theft in Detroit.

August 1: Report of assault on FM1159.

August 2: Inmate transported to county on charge of no drivers license; inmate transported to Hunt County; fatality report on FM1159; inmate released for time served; male arrested on charge of displaying different license plates on vehicle.

August 3: Inmates transported to another facility; report of molestation in Bagwell; female arrested on warrant for tampering with government records; female arrested on warrant for delivery of controlled substance; inmate released on bond; inmate transported to county on bench warrant; report of assault on FM2118; motor vehicle accident in Detroit; male arrested on two Lamar County warrants; 911 violation in Detroit.

August 4: Inmate transported to county on charge of driving while license suspended and three Lamar County warrants; report of loose cattle on FM2825; inmate released after paying fines; inmate transported to county on charge of public intoxication.

Red River County Jail has 52 inmates.

**Red River Healthcare**

Visitors with Red River Healthcare residents recently were:

Resident Kathryn Presley-Ronnie and Marilyn Presley. Mary Ann Clancy, Cecil Presley, Pat Smith, Charlotte Brumalow and Jim Presley.

Resident Vivian Fail-Marilyn and Ronnie Presley, Patsy and Clarence Watts, Lynn, Ann and Jimmie Fail and Mary Ann Clancy.

Resident Dorothy Stockton-Derrell and Jean Stockton.

Resident Ovie Patterson-Richard Swarts, Gene and Lydia Hawkins and Kay H. Magee.

Resident Gladys Tucker-Clifton Tucker, Nelda Maynard, Erica and Ethan Tucker, Roger and Shirley Tucker, Rick and Donnie Tucker.

Resident Opal Cross-Ted and Jeanne James, J.B. and Margaret Holley, Marcell and Christine Cross, Bob and Dorothy Cooper and Sharon Healy.

Resident Georgia Miller-Dorothy and Odell Scruggs, Paul Miller, Toni Miller and Rev. Bob Freeman.

Resident Melvin Pointer-Daphne Pointer.

Resident Nina Hudson-Fredrika and David Hudson, Billie Bishop and Sidney W. Hudson.

Resident Geraldine Ogg-Leah Merritt and boys, Sherea Roach, Jerod Smith, William, Alex and Brandy Brown, Tonya Tucker, Jackie Watson, Gerry Genung and Hal Jake Potter.

Resident Doris Glover-Sue Henry, Billie Bishop, Vashti Hood, Weldon and Joyce Smith.

Resident Maxine Topping-Rusty and Grace Damron, Nellie Jackson, Martha Richardson, Robert and Kay Reasoner, Courtnee and Tyler Damron.

Resident Sheila Gibson-Betty Gibson and Sharon Healy.

Resident Inez Henson-Richard Swarts.

Resident Dorothy Watkins-Tony Watkins and Lucille Mead.

Resident Mary Duke-John and Charlene Duke.

John and Virgie Cason-Sue Hoffman.

John and Willie Topping-Sue Hoffman, Gina Allen and Della Ann Brown.

Holding church services and visiting with residents were Bertie Fields and Bro. and Mrs. W.S. Weed of Talco.

Visiting all the residents were children from Vacation Bible School.

Resident Vernona Young-J.W. Young, Carol Young, Betty Brock, Kate and Kim Matthews, Gina Allen, Erica McDonald and Jalen Foster.

Resident George Hancock-Betty and Buck Ramsey.

Resident Juanita Fisher-William, Alex and Brandy Brown.

Resident Stasha Hume-Weldon Hume and Ina Ward.

Resident Bob Guess-John M. Howison.

Resident Eleanor Foxworthy-Betty Foxworthy, Shelbi Roberts.

Resident Oma McKinney-Connie Luehke, Travis Haley, Garvis Haley, Neoma Goodman and Jean Lindsey.

Resident Doris Skaggs-Frances Dearborn.

Resident Jean Burgess-Frances Dearborn.

Resident Beulah Pierce-Arlene and Jayne.

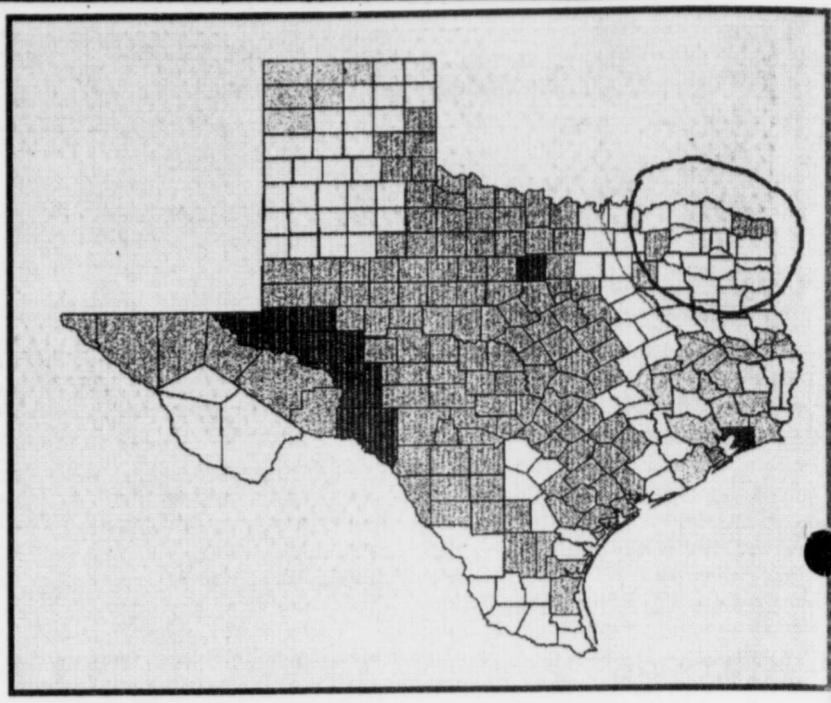
Resident Gladys Garretson-Durward Garretson.

Residents Floyd and Bonnie Elson-Reba Bell, Gussie Musick, Nancy Brown, Opal Benson, Ronald and Dorothy Benson.

Resident Carolyn Mason- Dale, Lena and Estle Goodin, Danielle Carter, Myrissa Owen.

Resident Lelia Whitehead-the Bullards.

Resident Robert Ashford-Bobby Kennedy.



**FIRE DANGER**-Fire Danger is set in Northeast Texas including Lamar, Red River and Titus Counties. There is moderate to extreme fire danger at any weather station in the region, and a high to very high fire occurrence. Multiple fires per day are common, there are occasional night fires and or fires exceeding one burning period. There are safety concerns such as long hours and fatigue for fire fighters and the region maybe in for long term severity. This level is set and used by the State Forestry Service for use as a planning and staffing tool. Fire danger is very high, and anyone doing any outside burning should first check to see if there is a fire ban, and use extreme caution.

**Rivercrest Rebel 2001  
Varsity Football Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
August 24	James Bowie	Simms	5:00 p.m.
31	Union Grove	Rivercrest	5:00 p.m.
September 7	Alba-Golden	Rivercrest	7:30 p.m.
21	Waskom	Waskom	7:30 p.m.
28	Maud (HC)	Rivercrest	7:30 p.m.
October 5	Detroit	Detroit	7:30 p.m.
12	*DeKalb	Rivercrest	7:30 p.m.
19	*Prairiland	Prairiland	7:30 p.m.
26	*Hughes Springs	Rivercrest	7:30 p.m.
November 2	*Paul Pewitt	Omaha	7:30 p.m.
9	*Chisum (P.N.)	Rivercrest	7:30 p.m.
16	Bi District	TBA	7:30 p.m.

\*District games

**Rivercrest Junior High  
orientation to be held August 17**

Orientation for the Rivercrest Junior High students, grades 6-7-8, will be held on Friday, August 17, 2001 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Talco School.

The program will begin in the school auditorium followed by each group of students being given a tour of the building and meeting their teachers. All students and their parents are urged to attend.

The dress code for the junior high will be the same as it is for high school except for footwear. Junior High students will not be allowed to wear any type of flip-flop shoe; sandals must have straps and all slid type shoes must be worn with socks. These rules are to help prevent injury due to the number of stairs in the Talco School.

The tardy bell will ring daily at 8:10 a.m. and school will dismiss at 3:22 p.m. daily.

**Red River County  
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Red River County Sheriff's Department is requesting your help with the following case.

On Thursday, August 2, between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. on FM1159 two miles north of Clarksville U.S. Hwy. 82, a vehicle struck and killed a black male, age 17.

Red River County Sheriff's Office is investigating these offenses. If you have any information, contact the Sheriff's Office at 427-3838, Clarksville PD, Crime Stoppers at 427-TIPS or the Highway Patrol at 427-3271. Your call will remain anonymous and you do not have to testify in court.

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REBEL GYM will be ready by the time basketball season arrives according to contractors. The new structure will be a source of pride for coaches, students and members of the communities. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



ALMOST READY-Teachers and staff of the Rivercrest School District were busy this week moving into the new elementary school located on Hwy. 271 near Rivercrest High School. The school will hold an official open house soon. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

### Rivercrest Bus Routes 2001-2002

All Rivercrest school bus routes will stay the same as they have been in the past this year with 2 exceptions. There will be one new route and a change in an old route.

The new route will begin picking up students at 6:45 a.m. on Patterson St. in Bogata. It will run down Circle Drive back to Patterson and up Howison St. From Howison it will go down South Main and up Bryson St. returning the South Main and traveling down to Roach Town Road and on to the school.

Mr. Gray's route will stay the same except it will now be coming down

North Main for student pick up. Pre-Kindergarten students in the morning class may ride the bus to school but arrangements must be made to pick the students up at noon.

Pre-Kindergarten students in the evening class must have arrangements made to bring them to school but may ride the bus home in the afternoon.

Bus drivers and bus driver substitutes are still needed. If you have any questions are would like to apply for a bus driving position or sub-bus driving position please call Ricky Moore at 379-4961 or 632-5204.

### "Back to School Night" to be held at Rivercrest Elementary

Rivercrest Elementary PTO will sponsor a "Back to School Night" on Thursday, August 16, 2001 at the new Rivercrest Elementary. Students will have the opportunity to bring their school supplies, meet their teacher and see the new building.

The PTO will have a hamburger supper that night as a fund raiser. A hamburger or hot dog plate with beans, chips, dessert and drink will be \$5.00 for adults. A hamburger/hot dog plate with beans, chips, dessert and a drink will be \$3.00 for children.

The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. Students and their parents will go to

their classrooms according to the following schedule:

- Pre-Kindergarten-6:00 p.m.
- First & Second grades-6:30 p.m.
- Third and Fourth grade-7:00 p.m.
- Fifth grade-7:30 p.m.

PTO membership drive will start on this night. Fees will be \$2.00 per person. The public is invited to come and support the PTO, enjoy supper and tour the new building. A formal dedication for the new Rivercrest Elementary will be held at a later date. For more information you may contact Bill Mabry at 632-5214 or 632-4354.

### Genealogical group to meet

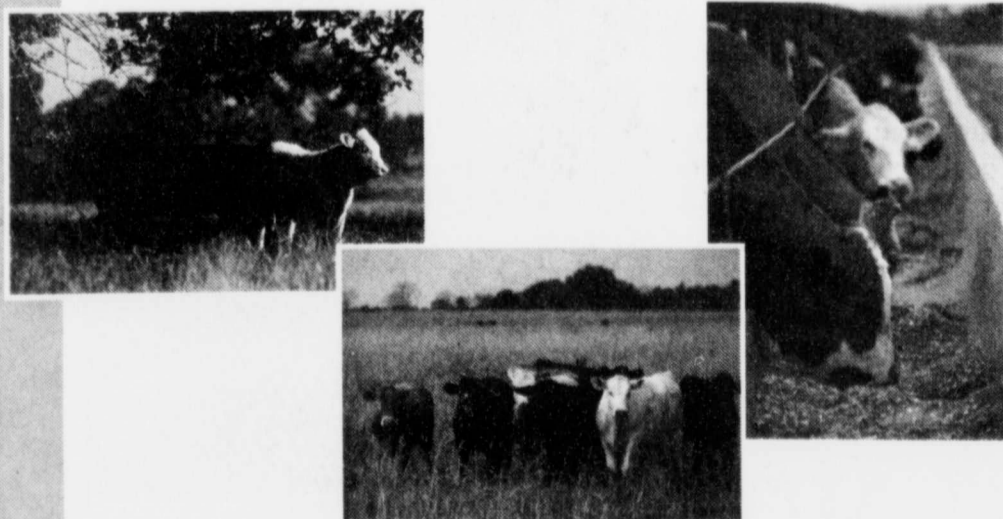
Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society on Monday, August 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Red River County Library.

The speaker for this month will be Robert High, Paris High School his-

tory instructor and member of the Lamar County Genealogical Society. His subject will be African-American History in the Red River Valley from slavery to the present.

All interested persons are encouraged to come and enjoy the program.

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### Important Upcoming Events at Rivercrest High School

**Tuesday August, 14**  
Freshman Orientation will be held Tuesday, August 14, 2001. All freshman and students new to the district are encouraged to attend the orientation with their parents. Class schedules will be distributed to students at this time, important high school information will be discussed and students will tour the high school facilities. The orientation will begin at 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 15**  
Rivercrest High School class schedules will be available Wednesday, August 15 at the main office of the school as follows:

- Seniors-8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
- Juniors-9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
- Sophomores-10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Students may also fill out a schedule change request at this time.

**ACT Registration**  
Students who wish to take the ACT Test September 22 will need to come by the counselor's office at Rivercrest High School to pick up a registration packet. The deadline to register for the test is August 17.

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"Considering the dramatic drop in interest rates and subsequent margin pressure, Guaranty performed well during the quarter. Our next interest margin dropped 20 basis points compared to the same quarter last year, while our net earnings per share increased 9.1%. We think that is a very positive accomplishment," said Art Scharlach, President of Guaranty Bancshares.

Shareholders equity was \$30.56 million at June 30, 2001. Total Tier 1 capital was equal to 8.34% of average assets. For the second quarter ended June 30, 2001, on an annual-

ized basis, the company realized a return on equity of 9.50% versus 10.04% for the second quarter ended June, 2000.

As of June 30, loans increased 14.0% to \$300.3 million. During the same period total assets increased 9.8% to \$428.1 million. Total deposits increased 12.4% to \$380.9 million.

"Our asset quality continues to compare favorably to industry standard and based on today's earning asset levels, our net interest and the likelihood of future rates cuts, we currently expect 2001 earnings to be

a significant improvement over year 2000 earnings" said Scharlach.

Guaranty Bancshares paid a semi-annual dividend of \$0.13 per share on June 15, 2001 to shareholders of record on June 8, 2001.

The company currently serves seven Northeast Texas counties with ten locations and Pecos County in West Texas with one location in Fort Stockton.

### People N' Things

Commodities will be distributed on July 3, 2001 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bogata.

Beginning the first of August, 2001, commodities will be distributed at the First Baptist Church in Bogata every 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 9:00 a.m.

**August 10-11**  
**The First Baptist Church in Talco will host the District GMA girls with a House Party. Also a trip to Chuck E. Cheese in Tyler is planned for the children under 12 years old soon.**

### Public Notices

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
The Detroit Independent School District is receiving bids for the 2001/2002 school year for the following: gasoline, diesel, fuels & oil.  
Bid specifications are available at the school Superintendent's Office located at 210 Garner St., Detroit, Tex.  
Bids to be submitted to Detroit I.S.D., Attention: Stacey Sharp, Business Manager, Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, TX 75436 on or before noon on Monday, August 13, 2001.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Prairiland Independent School District has reduced priced and free meals for the 2001-2002 school year available to students from households that meet the federal income guidelines. Application forms can be picked up at the school offices. Parents should fill out the forms and return them to the school office.  
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### Stew Cook-Off is September 8

The annual Red River County Stew cook-off will be Saturday, September 8 at the Clarksville fairgrounds.

The cook-off is a major fundraising activity for the County Fair. It is open to all organizations, clubs or individuals residing in Red River County. Trophies and cash

prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners. Plaques will be awarded in the Showmanship Division and also for the Best Skit.

If you would like a copy of the rules or would like to register to cook a pot of stew, please contact the County Extension office at 427-3867.

### Talco Locals

Happy August Birthday to: Kevin Bass, Troy Morris, Tina Jackson, Sheila Baker Johnson, Shari Wisinger, Rocky Stephenson, Becky Linthium, Nancy Brown and Kelsey Franks.

Karen Jones, Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul, Jesi Navia and Alex Wright enjoyed shopping in Dallas Wednesday.  
Nancy Brown and Trisha Pittman spent Sunday in Oklahoma.  
Kim and Paul Anderson enjoyed a trip to Louisiana Saturday.  
Jack, Jennifer and Jaden Brown spent Sunday shopping in Sulphur Springs.

Brady Kennedy, son of Kelly and Ricky Kennedy of Jowntown is reported doing well after breaking his wrist when a horse bucked he and cousin, Colby Chitsey off. Colby received scrapes and bruises but escaped serious injury. He is the son of Marc and Cynthia Anschutz of Maple Springs.

Jack Brown will graduate from Texas A & M University Commerce August 11, 2001 where he was among the students making the Dean's List. He will be teaching Biology/Science at Mt. Pleasant High School this year. Jack is the son of Eddie and Nancy Brown of Maple Springs.

Arthur, Patsy and Melanie Smith have returned from a weeks vacation in the Houston/Galveston area. They visited with Arthur's sister, Eunice Carter and family and enjoyed seeing a Mets-Astros baseball game in the new Eron Stadium. They report the Astros lost. Other places they visited and enjoyed were Moody Gardens, the San Jacinto Monument, the Houston Zoo, the Battleship Texas, NASA and of course enjoyed the beach at Galveston.

Enjoying swimming and hot dogs, chips, cookies and coke with Katherine Graf, Rachel and Susan Monday were Nancy Brown, Kim and Quinton Anderson, Patsy and Melanie Smith, Marta Rhoades, Robert Caul and Jesi Navia, Colby Chitsey, John Ed Graf, Troy, Derek and L.B. Morris, Cassandra Norman, Justain Norman, Dewayne and Tyrone Sanders and Alex Savage. Cynthia Anschutz and Aly visited for a short time also. All had a wonderful time.

Happy 30th Birthday, Craig.  
The Circle of Friends met in Omaha at the Cajun Cowboy Cafe in July for their monthly get-together. They had a good meal and exchanged Friendship Bags afterwards. Those attending were Nita hood, Lou Hall, Joy Easley, Rhonda Brown, Jelu Binion, Jackie Thompson and Judy Easley. Cecelia Smith and Rachel Ward were unable to attend, but they were thought of during the evening.  
Wayne and Jelu Binion visited with his sister, Sandra and Randy Skinner

### Resource Association to meet

The Red River County Community Resource Association will meet August 16 at 8:30 a.m. at the Lennox Health Rsource Center in Clarksville.

These monthly meetings are for area agencies/organizations who cover Red River county and have an interest in the health and well being

of county residents.  
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### Serotinous Cones

In the summer of 2000, thousands of acres burned in the western United States. A map was displayed during a TV news broadcast, a map that highlighted where each fire was. It seemed as if almost every state west of Texas was included, how were forests to survive?

The bible proclaims, "For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so they are without excuse" (Rom. 1:20 NASB). God's wisdom of design is seen in His creation. (By the way, I believe there to be Divine wisdom, and physical need, purpose and design for wildfires-But, we'll not develop this right now). Let's examine coniferous, or cone bearing trees.

Many trees (such as the giant Sequoia and various pines) produce a certain number of serotinous cones. These are cones that are scaled up by a resin that is sensitive to high heat. They open normally only after a fire. A man I know visited Yellowstone National Park after its great fire several years ago. He was amazed to see the abundant growth in areas that had been scorched. He was told of serotinous cones!

What a design! God provided a way for reforestation to occur. He provided a special cone that both protects the seed from intense heat and releases seed for regrowth, just when needed most, following a fire.

Did this just happen? Did it happen by chance and random mutation? Did it not take a mind for such design? But, trees have no mind. There must have been a mind, an intellect for such a design to be in place, for if there is design there must be a designer. The bible says, "every house is built by someone, but he who built all things is God" (Heb. 3:4 NKJV).

The Talco Church of Christ, invites you to services at 5th & Lide in Talco. Sunday mornings: Bible class-9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesdays-7 p.m.



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### Rivercrest High School Dress Code 2001-2002

Parents and students will be shopping for school clothes soon and in order to help them avoid buying items which can not be worn to school Rivercrest Principal, Keith Brown has announced this year's Dress Code for Rivercrest High School Each student at Rivercrest High School must comply with the following dress code: The principal shall have the authority to prohibit the wearing of any article not specifically mentioned in the dress code if in his opinion the article is distracting from the educational setting:

1. Clothing that is extreme (revealing, tight, baggy, excessively long pants, etc.) will not be permitted. This includes failure to wear an article of apparel, as well as inappropriate articles or both.
2. No type hat, sunshades or cap will be worn in the building or classrooms during regular school hours.
3. All articles of apparel and exposed tattoos must be free of disruptive, suggestive, obscene or objectionable words, phrases, advertisements or pictures.
4. Open-mesh or fishnet blouses or shirts are not permitted.
5. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned within one button of the throat. All shirts which are designed to be worn

6. Students dressed for athletics (cheerleading, physical education, etc.) must remain in their designated areas.
7. See through, bare midriff, halter, tank tops or sun blouses are not permitted. Shirts, blouses and t-shirts must have sleeves.
8. Shorts will be allowed provided they are knee length. Walking style shorts, athletic shorts, bicycle shorts, cutoffs etc. shall not be permitted. Shorts must be hemmed, must be loose fitting, not tight or revealing.
9. Girls dresses and skirts must be knee length.
10. Hair must be maintained in a neat and clean fashion and should not obstruct the student's vision.
11. Beards and mustaches must be neatly trimmed.
12. Any clothing, jewelry or other ornaments that depict, advertise or glorify Satan or satanic rites or that indicates a preoccupation with death, sadism or evil is prohibited.
13. Body piercing jewelry is allowed in ears only.
14. Shoes must be worn.
15. Shoes with cleats or metal taps are prohibited.
16. Baggy clothing is prohibited.

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Hanna Abshier

**Hanna Abshier turns one year old**

Hanna Abshier, daughter of Josh and Connie Abshier of Bridge City, TX celebrated her first birthday on July 17, 2001.

The party theme was balloons and was carried out in her birthday cake and decorations and was hosted by her Aunt Lana. Family and friends enjoyed celebrating with Hanna and she received many fun and useful gifts.

Hanna is the granddaughter of Carol Laing of Talco, Cliff Abshier of Orange, TX and Charles and Dorothy Price of Bridge City, TX.



McKynzi Nicole Harper

**McKynzi Harper celebrates 2nd year**

McKynzi Nicole Harper celebrated her second birthday July 15, 2001 at her home in Bogata. Guests were served "Winnie the Pooh" birthday cake and ice cream.

McKynzi is the daughter of Howard and Deanna Harper and has 3 sisters; Danielle, Kacy and Lacy. She is the granddaughter of Ruth and the late Dugan Varner, Helen and the late Howard Harper and Sheila Gallagher of Dallas and great grandmother, Margaret Gallagher of Dallas.

Helping her celebrate were her parents, grandparents, Nancy, Micheala and Dakota Phillips, Charles and Barbara Harper and Linda Gray all of Bogata, Joyce Bright of Clarksville and Gene Morrison of Dallas.

McKynzi received many fun and useful gifts.

**Mabry-Freeman wed August 4, 2001**

Mandy Melaine Mabry of Bogata and Justin Blair Freeman of Ben Franklin were wed in a double ring ceremony on August 4, 2001 at First Baptist Church in Clarksville. Brother Rick Holeman officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mabry of Bogata. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Dorothy Terry of Clarksville, the late Billy Bob Poag, the late Martin Joe Terry, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Matt Mabry of Clarksville.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Freeman of Ben Franklin and Mrs. Linda Ryan of Paris. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. O.R. Freeman of Ben Franklin and Mrs. Irene Fuentes of Cooper.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore an elegant Italian white satin princess gown with a pearl trimmed halter neckline. Beaded Alencon lace highlighted the bodice, skirt and chapel train. She wore a fingertip veil with a beaded headband borrowed from Crystal Davidson. She also wore a strand of pearls which was a gift from the groom. She carried a French colonial bouquet of bridal white roses, Stephanotis and caspia.

Keitha Bevins of McKinney, cousin of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Crystal Davidson of Deport, Tamara Smith of Detroit and Leslie Waggoner of Clarksville. The bridesmaids wore navy satin A-line dresses and carried clutch bouquets of fresh burgundy roses interspersed with lilac fantasia. Morgan Ernest of Paris and Mayzee Purviance of Bogata served as flower girls.

The best man was Randy Freeman

of Ben Franklin, father of the groom. Groomsmen were Judd Murray and Jason Murray of Cooper and Jason Hughes of Mt. Vernon. Serving as ushers were James Welch of Paris, Alan Gooding of Dallas, Tad Eudy of Clarksville and Cord Bevins of McKinney. The ring bearer was Hunter Westbrook of Clarksville. The scripture reading was done by Darek Sanchez of Arlington.

Music was provided by Mona Pitts of Talco on the piano and Neva Jean Oats of Cunningham at the organ. Mikel Ann Haynes of Bogata sang "The Rose" and "There is Love". Joe and Angela Rose of Bogata sang "You and I". Candle lighters were Ali Ryan of Paris and Lauren Lamonoto of Longview.

Presiding at the registry were Menden Perkins and Angela Mabry of Clarksville. Programs were distributed by Whitley Speight of Ben Franklin and Katelyn Van Deaver of Bogata. Don Eudy of Clarksville and Gregg Slakey of Cooper were in charge of the sound and music room. Videographer was James R. Jackson Jr. of Paris and wedding director was Linda Adams, aunt of the bride, of Clarksville.

A reception was held following the ceremony in the fellowship hall. Members of the house party were Marla Ballard of Bogata, Talisha Alsop of Avery, Andrea Slakey and Leslie Young of Cooper and Christie Welch and Mandy Hale of Paris. Bird seed bags were distributed by Chaney Speight of Ben Franklin, McKinzie Massey of Pittsburg, Laramie Lamonoto of Longview and Lucchese Gordon of Clarksville.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Randy Freeman at Magel's Restaurant in Paris.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Clarksville High School and earned her bachelor's degree in Ag. Business from Texas A & M University Commerce in 1999. She is employed as an assistant vice president of AgriLand, Farm Credit Services in Sulphur Springs.

The groom is a graduate of Cooper High School and attended Texas A & M University Commerce. He is a self-employed rancher and order buyer.

The couple were honored with a shower at First Baptist Church Clarksville, hosted by Ann Eudy, Marleah Drew, Sharon Conway, Vicki Perkins, Edna DePriest, Janice Gooding, Fawna Boggs, Jorene Carpenter, Linda Van Deaver, Shirley Marr, Tona Wilson, Tina Lynch, Lorene Bush, Vicki Stratton, Nell Stratton and Karen Bomer.

A shower was held at First Baptist Church in Bogata hosted by Rue Anna Bell, Kay Brooks, Julie Childres, Linda Eilers, Debbie Hare, Jamie Huddleston, Martha McCall, Wanda Ragsdill, Nelda Screws, Dianne Williams, Mollie Williams, Paul Speir and Kay Lynn Gordan.

A shower was held at Ben Franklin Community Center hosted by Gwe Moore, Barbara Gammon, Linda Waller and Tammy Crutcher.

A Mexican dinner and a personal shower was hosted by Rue Anna Bell, Marla Ballard, Julie Childres and Crystal Bell at the Bell home. Bird seed bags were also made.

A honey-do shower and dinner for the groom was hosted by Lou Ann, Judd and Jason Murray at the Murray home.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will reside in Cooper.

**Letter to the Editor**

**Letter to the Editor:**  
 Dear Nanalee,  
**Three cheers for your July 26th Nichols worth. Friends who think the country is going to the dogs should remind themselves that a couple of generations back, people remembered that it is the U.S. Constitution that has made us great! OK, maybe it just allowed us to become great--same thing.**

Of course we should criticize acts of government to make government better, but I am pained to hear self-styled patriots bashing government in words that in the past would have caused the FBI to investigate them.

Having seen a few other governments, I believe we are fortunate to have ours.

**John Howison, Bogata**

**McConnell family to reunite**

Descendants of Annie Waddell McConnell and Will McConnell will hold their annual family reunion on Saturday, September 15, 2001 at the Community Center in Bogata's Thomas Park. A covered dish meal is scheduled for noon; it will be followed by a family history program. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell came to Red River County with their respective parents in the 1880's. They married in 1900 in the Maple Community, where they lived for more than 50 years before they moved to Bogata.

They were married for 71 years. Six of their remaining children live in the area; Gracie McConnell Bankston, Nettie McConnell Moore, Nadie McConnell Reid and Sam McConnell, all of Bogata; Edmond McConnell of Clarksville and Vernon McConnell of Talco. Today Mr. and Mrs. McConnell's immediate descendants number more than 350. For more information, contact Melanie McConnell Klein at 903-839-3260 or mmk@tyler.net <mail to: mmk@tyler.net>.

**Agenda released for council meeting**

The Bogata City Council will meet Monday, August 13 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Items to be discussed include hearing from visitors Mr. VanDeaver, Talco-Bogata Schools, and the Rivercrest seniors scholarships.

Staff reports from Charles Clegg, Police Chief, Wendell Davis, Water Superintendent and the Fire Marshal will be heard.

In new business, items to be discussed for possible action include: junk cars and high grass; asking Crime Control Board to pay 75% of monthly revenue from State Comptroller on police car due City; giving court clerk, Angie Burgess, a raise due to attending school and certification; raising cost of Community Center rental from \$40 to \$50, due

to increased utility costs, etc.; entering into a contract with Omni to collect outstanding fines due the City; approving an ordinance to tax telecommunications; approving a resolution to appoint Wyatt Bush as local rabies authority; approving appointments by Crime Control Board to fill vacancies for members whose terms expire September 1, 2001; setting policy for memorials given by the City to the Bogata Library in the future; passing an ordinance declining five year vesting in Texas Municipal Retirement System; paying off Fire Department Rescue vehicle; budget for year ending September 30, 2002 and set another budget workshop; selling 1967 Galion road grader.

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**RHS Class of '81 to reunite Aug. 11**

The Rivercrest High School Class of 1981 will be having their 20th class reunion on August 11, 2001 at the Bogata Community Center and Thomas Park.

The class needs addresses for all classmates who are out of town. If you know an address for any out of town member please call Juana Valenzuela at 903-632-4464 or Kathy Hawkins at 903-632-4233.

**Pictures in of RHS 2001 grads**

The pictures made of the class of 2001 at Rivercrest High School during graduation ceremonies are in and ready to be picked up.

All students who had pictures made should stop by the Rivercrest office as soon as possible to get their photos. For more information call Kay Griffin at 632-5204.

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**August CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



**Childbirth Education Classes\*** (Classes begin August 4. You must register for Childbirth Education Classes at least a week in advance at 577-6400.) Saturdays, beginning August 4, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., TRMC Board Room

**Adult Diabetes Support Group** Nutritional Bingo. Bring your favorite dessert and the recipe. Tuesday, August 7, 7:00 p.m., TRMC Cafeteria. Call 903-577-6542 for more information.

**Better Breather's Club** Mini-Health Fair. Wednesday, August 22, 1:30 p.m., TRMC Auditorium. Call 903-577-6588 for more information.

**American Heart Association Stroke Support Group** Tricia Blalock, Physical Therapist at TRMC, Treatment Strategies to Improve Function. Monday, August 13, 2:00 p.m., TRMC Auditorium. Call 903-577-6299 for more information.

August is **World Breastfeeding Month**. Stop by our table in the TRMC mall for information on breastfeeding and supporting the breastfeeding mother and baby.

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