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The most litigious society!

I've always known we live in the most litigious society anywhere. But it has absolutely gone too far if the courts allow this suit to be filed! How many of you read about the convicted sex offender up in Maine?

Here he is, already a convicted sex offender, and he is approached by a Deputy to be arrested for a parole violation.

This scion of society...this outstanding citizen, apparently didn't want to go to jail...so he broke and ran into the woods.

Now it's cold in the woods up near Bangor, Maine. Especially in February. It's very cold. And there's lots of snow up in those north woods, too.

Mr. Offender was finally arrested three days later. He spent those three days in the woods, apparently.

His problem, he says from his hospital bed (undoubtedly paid for by tax dollars) is that he suffered some frostbite and lost two or three toes. He didn't know exactly how many toes were gone because he "didn't want to look at them".

Well, this man is threatening to file a law suit against the law enforcement agencies because they didn't catch him quick enough!

That's right. It's the deputy's fault that he fled into the woods and lost some toes.

Mr. Offender is quoted as saying "if the deputy had done his job efficiently, I would have gone to jail that day and this wouldn't have happened!"

Oh, yeah, that's right, it's all someone else's fault!

But what bothers me about this whole story is this. Will he actually find an attorney who will take this case? And will any of the court's time be wasted considering whether or not this is a frivolous lawsuit?

I hope not. I hope we haven't degenerated that far. Law suits with a basis this weak need to be thrown out in a hurry.

And oh, one more thing. Given the fact that this man is a convicted sex offender, I have only one last thing to say.

Am I the only person who thinks it's a shame that it's just the man's TOES that turned black and fell off from frostbite?

Bake Sale is March 30

The Red River County Humane Society will host its Annual Bake Sale on Saturday, March 30, 2002 beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the sidewalk at the Clarksville Wal-Mart Store.

Volunteers for the event are needed as well as bake good donations. Cash donations will also be accepted. To donate a baked good, cash or for more information contact Terri Henneise at 966-2000.

Blood drive is March 21

Stewart Regional Blood Center and East Texas Medical Center and Lennox Health Resource Center will hold a community blood drive on Thursday, March 21 at ETMC in Clarksville from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Lennox Health Resource Center from 2 until 6 p.m.



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Supper/Auction to be held at Sugar Hill Community Center

The Sugar Hill Community Center will host a Stew and Chili Supper on March 9, 2002. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m.

The cost of the meal including drink and dessert will be \$5.00 per adult and \$3.50 per child. Preschool children may eat free.

A pie and cake auction will also be held following the meal.

All proceeds from the event will go to continue interior work on the Community Center. Board member Nelda Logan reports paneling and cabinets have been added

which makes the building interior look wonderful, but, there is still more to do. And though all the labor on the center has been free, materials are very expensive. The center has already been a joy to the community even in its unfinished state. Several suppers have been held, a Halloween Carnival and wedding and baby showers.

Come out for a good meal, purchase a delicious pie or cake and share the fun and fellowship. Your money will be used toward a good cause.

Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club to meet March 18

The Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club will meet on March 18, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the homemaking room at Rivercrest High School.

Plans will be made for the track meet concession stand on April 5, which is the District Meet.

All members or anyone wish-

ing to become members are urged to please come out. The help is greatly needed for this special track meet.

Also under discussion at this meeting will be this year's scholarship awards and the athletic banquet.



Choir working towards fantastic gospel singing!

The clock is ticking for the Bogata community Choir's spring gospel concert. The song books have been prepared. Everyone is tuning up their voices. The first practice is less than two weeks. A list of thirty-three "Greatest Hits" songs have been selected. Tim Wood, the director and Anaya Phillips, the accompanist have been working out the last of details. James Wood, the Host and Master of Ceremonies, has been working on his jokes and monologue.

This is the third concert performed by the choir, and given the success of the prior two, this will certainly be a very special evening of wonderful gospel singing and entertainment for the entire family. There will be no charge for

admission to the concert but it is being done as a benefit for the Bogata Lions club.

The Bogata Lions club provides a variety of service to our community and Bogata has been deeply enriched by the good deeds of both the organization and its members. At the concert cash donations will be accepted for the Lions Club. In addition to valuable cash donations, boxes to collect old eyeglasses will also be positioned at the doors. The eyeglasses are refitted with new lenses and are used to help people that cannot afford to purchase eyeglasses.

The Bogata Community Choir will perform on Saturday, March 30 at 7 P.M.. In the RHS auditorium. We hope to see you there!



MIKAH BASSHAM AND JEFFREY ABERNATHY display their jackets earned and received at the Texas Club Calf Association Heifer Awards held February 22 in Houston, Tx.

Local students attend awards program in Houston

Mikah Bassham of Cooper and Jeffrey Abernathy of Bogata attended the Texas Club Calf Association Heifer Awards reception held in Houston at the Radisson on Friday, February 22, 2002. Mikah finished 5th in the Red Angus breed and Jeffrey finished 6th in the Polled Hereford breed. Both received jackets as members of the top ten.

Mikah is the daughter of Mark and Kim Bassham of Cooper. Jeffrey is the son of Buddy and Cindy Abernathy of Bogata. The parents

made the trip to Houston with their children along with Sam Bettes, Agriculture Teacher at Cooper High School.

On Sunday, February 24, 2002 both Mikah and Jeffrey showed their heifers in the Junior Show. Mikah placed 5th in her Red Angus class and received a ribbon. Jeffrey placed third in his Polled Hereford class and received a ribbon. Every participant received a belt buckle as a keepsake. Congratulations to both Mikah and Jeffrey on a job well done.

Some tornado safety tips

Since Tornado/Thunderstorm season is coming up, the National Weather Service has issued some hazardous weather threats and safety tips.

TORNADO CLASSIFICATION:

Class-Weak, 80% of tornadoes. % of deaths, less than 5, lifetime, 1-10 minutes, wind speeds up to 110 m.p.h..

Strong, 19%, % of deaths, nearly 30, Lifetime, 20 mins. or more, wind speed, 110 to 205 m.p.h..

Violent % of tornadoes, 1%, % of deaths, nearly 70, Lifetime, up to an hour; wind speed, 205 m.p.h. plus.

Tornadoes can occur at any time of the year. In Texas, the peak

tornado occurrence is in March through May.

A secondary tornado maximum can occur in the fall.

Tornadoes are most likely to occur at all hours of the day or night.

The average tornado moves from southwest to northeast, but tornadoes can move in any direction.

The average forward speed is 30 m.p.h. but may vary from nearly stationary to 70 m.p.h..

TORNADO SAFETY TIPS

Before the Storm: Develop a plan for you and your family for home, work, school and when outdoors. Have frequent drills.

Know the county/parish in which you live, and keep a highway map nearby to follow storm movement from weather bulletins.

Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone and battery backup to receive warnings. Listen to radio and television for information.

If planning a trip outdoors, listen to the latest forecasts and take necessary action if threatening weather is possible.

If a Warning is issued or if threatening weather approaches: In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.

If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture.

Stay away from windows.

Get out of automobiles.

Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car; instead, leave it immediately.

Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes and should be abandoned. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that advance warning is not possible. Remain alert for signs of an approaching tornado. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most deaths and injuries.



FIRST PLACE-Shantize Savage won first place at the Rivercrest Track meet in the 2400 Meters. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

Chicken soup luncheon is success

The Talco Sugar Bakers Chicken Soup luncheon was a great success, delivering 148 lunches to Mt. Pleasant, Talco and Rivercrest, despite the horrid weather.

The Calvary Baptist Church al-

lowed them to use their fellowship hall and kitchen and Jerry Brown helped with cooking the soup, along with Nita Hood.

All proceeds from the luncheon went to the American Cancer Society.

CITY OF TALCO NOTICE OF CLOSE-OUT PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Talco will hold a Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2002, at City Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to review program performance and receive citizen comments pertaining to the City's 2000 Texas Community Development Program project (Contract No. 720819). The construction portion of the project is complete. The project involved the installation of approximately 3,720 linear feet of 10-inch and 1,800 linear feet of six-inch sewer line, twelve manholes, and demolition of nine existing manholes. Also included in the project was the rehabilitation of the existing one hundred thousand gallon elevated water storage tank. These improvements included the installation of an epoxy coating system, restoration of the exterior surface, installing a screen vent, upgrading the overflow pipe and replacing the cat and pigeon walks.

All interested citizens are urged to attend the Public Hearing to provide comments related to the project and to receive a report on the final cost and accomplishments of the project.

Flashes.....Massey's Pit Bar B Q

By Jack Ballard

The sign just off Highway 37, "PIT Q", is now old and weathered and partly hidden on one side by a small but growing cedar tree. In years gone by, the sign once proudly proclaimed the roadside home of Massey's Pit Bar B Q restaurant located just about midway between Bogata and Clarksville.

Massey's long ago cooked the last pound of beef brisket. The small one room building of light green shingles, three single windows trimmed in white and a white roof is now all but abandoned. No longer does the flapping screen door invite customers to come in and enjoy that special flavor only Massey's knew how to provide. The gravel, oval driveway remains and the pit chimney and two smoke pipes still stand tall on top of the fading building, but the torn curtains hanging from the windows tell you that pit barbecue is there only in memory.

I was only a kid when I made my first trips from Deport to Massey's. It was practically a Sunday morning ritual for me and my daddy to crank up that 1954 Royal Blue Chevy pickup truck and drive the farm-to-market road

through Fulbright to Massey's. If Bud Nobles only knew, at an early age, driver's license or not, it was pretty exciting for me to learn to drive on occasion on that road behind the wheel of that old Chevy.

Anyway, I suppose Massey's was open on other days of the week, but our day for barbecue

was Sunday. I remember pulling into that oval driveway and at times seeing Mr. or Mrs. Massey tripping out of the back door of their house which was located just about thirty paces beyond the carport from the restaurant. Going inside the restaurant front door, you quickly met up with the counter and the old cash register. Behind the counter were the obligatory chip rack and the old Coke wall menu proclaiming beef and pork by the pound or by the sandwich.

Mrs. Massey, grandma-like and always smiling, usually handled the counter and the customer service, while Mr. Massey, always serious about his product, was busy in the pit. You don't find barbecue like the Massey's much anymore. The sauce was a deli-

icious, special clear vinegar based blend of spices and heavy on red pepper. It was sweet, yet with the right spicy bite. It was always

tough to choose between the pork and the beef, so we usually just got both.

What made a trip to Massey's really special was the preparation of the "to go" order. Folks, it was pre-styrofoam times. Then, they packed both the sauce and barbecue in what we know today as those neat, white cardboard Chinese food boxes complete with the little wire handles. Just drop those into a brown paper bag and you were on your way.

Once we got home with barbecue by the pound, Mother would toast "hamburger" buns to perfection with just the right touch of browned edges from an old black iron skillet. Those buns were good for mopping up the sauce that dripped off your sandwich. That was the best part. We just added chips and bottled Dr. Pepper to our Massey's on Sunday. That was all you needed to enjoy an old family tradition--one for days gone by supplied by the Massey's for our house.

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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Our recipes this week deal with Key Limes. Those of you that don't know about Key Limes.....well, here is a short history lesson. There are two principal varieties and they are the Key Lime or Mexican or West Indies Lime and the Persian or Tahiti Lime. The Key Lime was cultivated in the Indo-Malaysian region and made its way all around the Mediterranean by way of Christopher Columbus. Go Chris!

The lime or Citrus aurantifolia; Rutaceae family, was touted as the lifesaver of the British Navy in the 18th century. It was discovered that a daily dose of lime juice reduced the incidence of scurvy which is a deficiency of Vitamin C. Thus they became known as "limeys".

The Key Lime was spread to Southern Florida where it became an abundant crop for farmers, particularly in the Florida Keys, thus the name, Key Lime.

The Florida lime groves were destroyed by hurricanes in the early 1900's and most Key Limes now come from Mexico. They are about the size and shape of a golf ball, with a thin skin and are harvested while immature. This is when the acid is at its highest level. When the fruit turns yellow, the acid levels drop and they become sweeter. It is used for sauces, gar-

nishes, syrups, preserves and the Key Lime Pie.

The Persian Lime is also grown extensively in Florida. The fruit is larger with a thicker skin and is more durable than the Key Lime. This makes it more desirable to commercial growers and is more widely produced than the Key Lime. We hope you enjoy the recipes this week and give some of them a try.....we will see you in the kitchen!!!!!!

KEY LIME PIE-avoid using aluminum pans as the high-acid content tends to give the pie an undesirable taste and can turn it a grayish color!

TROPICAL LIME CAKE-uses a lemon cake mix along with orange and lime juice!

GARLIC LIME CHICKEN-make extra as this is great sliced into chicken salad for later!

LIME SOUP-chicken stock, diced chicken and the juice of two limes makes a light and tasty soup to go along with a sandwich!

LIME BARS-this can also be doubled and made into a 9x13 baking dish!

STRAWBERRY SALSA-recommended for grilled fish, shrimp or chicken dishes!

KEY LIME CHEESECAKE-using Key Limes gives the cheesecake an aromatic and citrusy flavor!

Thursday, March 7
Key Lime recipes

Key Lime Pie

10-inch graham cracker crust
14 ounce can Eagle Brand Milk
1/2 cup Key Lime juice
16 ounce Cool Whip

In large bowl, combine milk & lime juice; mix well. Fold in Cool Whip, mix until smooth. Pour into crust, refrigerate 1 hour before serving.

Tropical Lime Cake

1 package lemon cake mix
1 package lime gelatin
5 eggs

1 cup vegetable oil
3/4 cup fresh orange juice
1/2 cup lime juice

2 cups confectioner's sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, prepare a 9x13 baking dish. In large bowl, stir together cake mix & gelatin. Combine eggs, oil & orange juice in blender and blend for 5 minutes. Gradually add blended ingredients to dry mixture, beat for 5 minutes. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 40-45 minutes or until center is done & springs back. For glaze, combine sugar & lime juice, beat until smooth. Pour over hot cake, let it soak in.

Garlic-Lime Chicken

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 garlic cloves-minced
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon ground pepper

Mix all ingredients except chicken well. Pour marinade over chicken and refrigerate for 30 minutes or more. Drain and discard marinade. Grill until chicken is tender and done throughout.

Key Lime Soup

1 ounce butter
1 onion
1 tomato
1 small green pepper
1/2-1 teaspoon minced chili
6 cups chicken stock
2 limes
7 ounces diced cooked chicken

Finely chop onion and peel and diced tomato along with pepper. Peel the zest or rind off of one lime and squeeze juice out of one half. Slice remaining lime thinly. In large saucepan, melt butter and add chopped onion and sauté for 3-4 minutes. Add tomato, pepper and chili and cook for another 2 minutes. Pour in chicken stock and add the lime peel and juice. Cover and simmer for another 5 minutes. Remove peel. Add chicken and heat through. Serve garnished with thinly sliced lime.

Key Lime Bars

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine

Mix together & cut in butter until crumbly. Spread dough in 8x8 pan, bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes or until lightly brown. While crust is baking prepare topping layer.

2 eggs
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1/2 teaspoon grated lime zest
1 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
4-5 drops green food color

In mixing bowl, beat eggs. Add lime juice, zest, sugar, flour & food color. Mix well & pour mixture over hot baked crust. Bake 20-25 minutes at 325 degrees. Remove from oven, sprinkle with powdered sugar. Cool & cut into small squares.

Strawberry Salsa

1/2 medium red onion-thinly sliced
1 jalapeno pepper-diced
1/2 red bell pepper-julienned
1/2 yellow bell pepper-julienned
1/2 green bell pepper-julienned
1/4 cup finely shredded cilantro leaves
1/2 pint fresh strawberries-sliced
1/4 cup fresh orange juice
2 tablespoon fresh lime juice
2 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
salt and fresh ground black pepper

Place all ingredients in large mixing bowl, toss to combine. Cover & refrigerate at least 2 or up to 4 hours. Fifteen minutes before serving, remove & let dish lose some of its chill.

Key Lime Cheesecake

3 cups graham crackers crumbs
2/3 cups sugar
2/3 cups butter-melted
1 cup fresh lime juice
1/4 cup water
2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
1-1/2 cups sugar
5 eggs-slightly beaten
2 teaspoon grated lime rind
1 stick butter at room temperature
16 ounces cream cheese at room temperature
1/2 cup heavy cream-chilled

To prepare crust stir in first 3 ingredients of crumbs, sugar & melted butter in medium-size bowl. Press over bottom & up sides of 9-inch spring form pan. For filling combine lime juice & water in small saucepan; sprinkle gelatin over top. Let stand for 5 minutes to soften. Stir in sugar, eggs & lime rind into pan. Cook, stirring over medium-heat until almost boiling about 7 minutes or thermometer reads 160 degrees F. Do not boil, remove from heat. Beat butter & cream cheese until well mixed. Gradually beat in lime mixture until well blended. Refrigerate, stirring occasionally, until mixture thickens enough to mound slightly when dropped from spoon, about 45 minutes. Beat chilled cream in small bowl until stiff peaks form. Fold in lime mixture. Pour into prepared crust & refrigerate until firm, 3-4 hours. Run knife around inside of pan & loosen sides. Remove from pan, garnish with whipped cream & lime slices if desired; refrigerate.

Eneere H. Phifer dies March 2

Eneere H. Phifer, age 83 of Detroit, died Saturday, March 2, 2002 at Christus St. Joseph's Hospital South.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 at the Martin Memorial Methodist Church in Detroit with Rev. Don Shovan and Rev. Ray Starnes officiating. Burial followed in East Post Oak Cemetery under the direction of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home.

Mrs. Phifer was born March 3, 1918 in the East Post Oak Community to Lonnie Martin and Velma Eunice Dowell Rodgers. She graduated from Detroit High School and married Otis Fay Phifer September 25, 1937 in Detroit, he died July 3, 2001. Mrs. Phifer was the lunchroom supervisor for the Detroit School for over 20 years. She was a member of the Martin Memorial Methodist Church in Detroit.

She is survived by two children, Bobby Phifer and his wife Charlotte of Gilmer and Neita Denison and husband Carroll of Detroit; seven grandchildren, Melissa Taack and husband Keith of Nacogdoches, Margie Burns and husband Billy of Newport, NC, Shane Phifer and Micah Phifer, both of Paris, Heather Oney and husband Harold and Tiffany Phillips and husband Benjamin, all of Detroit and Josh Paul Phifer of Gilmer; six great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Ilene Rodgers; a sister and brother-in-law, Anita and Elvin Bangs; sisters-in-law, Pauline Rodgers and Beatrice Phifer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Buel Rodgers; and a sister, Doris Rodgers.

Pallbearers were Charles Fry, Seneca Cowan, Jr., Paul Coleman, James R. Miller, Russell Carpenter and Morris Pratt.

Josephine Mankins dies February 28

Josephine Virgie Andrews Mankins, age 84 of Mt. Pleasant, died Thursday, February 28, 2002 at Titus Regional Medical Center in Mt. Pleasant.

Services were held March 3 at 3:00 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco with Bro. Glenn Connell and Bro. Rex Jackson officiating. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Mt. Pleasant under the direction of Bates-Cooper Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mankins was born August 19, 1917 in Titus County, a daughter of Jodie Bell and Hattie Vestie Johnson Andrews. She married Eugene Breaton Mankins on October 13, 1938. He preceded her in death August 21, 1987. She was also preceded in death by her parents; and seven brothers and sisters. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Talco for 48 years and was a homemaker.

Surviving are daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara Jean and Jerry Russell of Mt. Pleasant, JoAnn and Donald Ray Gipson of Farmersville; grandchildren and their spouses, Joe Don and Alicia Gipson of Wylie, Greg and Tracy Russell of Mt. Pleasant, Jerilyn and Greg Goolsby of Mt. Pleasant; great-grandchildren and spouses, Heath and Caitlin Gipson of Wylie, Riley and Allie Russell of Mt. Pleasant and Rustyn Goolsby of Mt. Pleasant; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were O.B. Goolsby, Roger Dale Simmons, Tommy Franks, Bobby Fitch, Craig Ingram, Alvin Scooter Parish, Steve Hall, Russell Foxworthy, Dean Leake, Shane Wright. Honorary bearers were the men and ladies of the Calvary Baptist Sunshine Club.

Clay Melton Stafford dies February 21

Clay Melton Stafford, age 83 of Paris died Thursday, February 21 at his home after a long illness.

A memorial service will be held in the chapel of Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 1 with the Rev. Jim Hollingsworth officiating. A private burial was held in Detroit Cemetery.

He was born January 29, 1919 in Detroit, a son of Otto and Lillian Melton Stafford. He married Kathleen Morris on July 26, 1939. He graduated from Detroit High School and was a life-long member of the First Christian Church.

He owned and operated an automotive repair shop in Detroit where he was a founding member of the Detroit Volunteer Fire Department. He loved his hometown and was active in civic and church work for 38 years before moving his family to Midland in 1957. In Midland, he continued working in the automotive industry as a service manager and later as a salesman for Hargrove Automotive Wholesale Supply Company. He was instrumental in the start up and development of the young company into a regional supply company. He helped expand the company's operation throughout the vast West Texas and Southern New Mexico area. After 22 years of dedicated service he retired as vice-president and sales manager. He and his wife returned to Paris in 1988 after 31 years in Midland.

He is survived by his wife of almost 63 years, Kathleen; a daughter, Brenda McDowell and husband Crosby of Tucson, Az; a son, Bob Stafford and wife Gail of Waxahachie; a grandson, Ryan McDowell and wife Julie of Colorado Springs, CO; two nephews, Porter Griggs of Manchester and Edward Simpson of Dallas; niece Maxeene Brooks of Garland; cousins Jack Ellison of Austin, Joyce Covington of Detroit, Marjorie Strain of Hurst and Bobbie cook of Anchorage, Alaska.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Wilma Griggs.

If desired, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Christus St. Joseph's Home Health and Hospice, 820 Clarksville St., Paris, TX 75460 or the First Christian Church, 780 20th N.E. Paris, TX.

Mrs. Velsie May Jones dies March 2

Mrs. Velsie May Jones, age 91 of Mt. Pleasant died Saturday, March 2, 2002 at Titus Regional Medical Center in Mt. Pleasant.

Services were held March 5 at 2:00 p.m. at the Talco Assembly of God Church with Rev. Don Malone officiating. Burial followed in Talco Cemetery under the direction of Bates-Cooper Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jones was born March 13, 1910 in Heavener, OK. She was a nurse's aide and a member of the Talco Assembly of God Church. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Jones; a daughter, Billie Jean Jones; her parents, Henderson Stanley and Ada Ealey; one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas Floyd and Frankie Jones of Greenville and Charles James and Betty Jones of Mt. Pleasant; daughters and sons-in-law, Bobbie Jean and Flint Hendricks of Talco and Juanita and Lloyd Westmoreland of Oklahoma; 15 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and 27 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Card of Thanks

I thank the doctors and nurses at Clarksville hospital and Red River Healthcare Center for their care and kindness to my brother, Pinky Langston.

I thank my friends and mine for their visits, cards, flowers and plants, memorials, food and many acts of kindness like lugging chairs, love and prayers.

I thank Brother Lee Everett and Brother Danny Robbins for their support and their part in the service.

I especially thank my church family at Martin Memorial United Methodist Church for always being there for me. May God bless you.

Ella Woody

Card of Thanks

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Bogata VFW & Ladies Auxiliary for the benefit dinner held in honor of my mother, Mary Elrod. Special thanks to Ross Griffin.

God bless you all.
Mary Duke & Family

Albert Roach

dies February 27

Albert Roach, age 84 of Bedford, formerly of Paris, died Wednesday, February 27, 2002 in Parkwood Community Healthcare Nursing Home in Bedford.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2 in the chapel of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home with Jimmy Newman officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Howard Holmes, Wayne McFadden, James Paul Miears, J.A. Sparks, Buddy Taylor, Jay Spencer, Gene Stallings and Leston Maggard.

Mr. Roach was born January 2, 1918 in Minter community to Thomas Abner and Lillie Gunter Roach. He attended Freed-Hardeman College and East Texas State University. He married Ruby Terry Edwards from Metcalfe County, KY on November 24, 1938. She died December 24, 2001. They lived in Lamar County until October 2000 when they moved to Irving to be close to their daughter, Terry Ann.

Mr. Roach was a member of the Church of Christ preaching for 20 years for the Cunningham, Deport, Bogata and Detroit congregations. He also taught Bible class and was an elder at the Lamar Avenue Church of Christ for many years. Mr. Roach served as teacher, principal and high school basketball coach for the Cunningham schools during the 1940's. He had served on the board of trustees for the Deport School and was chairman of the board of Paris Milling Company. In 1956 he was named Outstanding Conservation Farmer and had been a recipient of the Texas Bank and Trust Company Area Award. He earned a Lone Star Farmer Degree from the FFA. He served as a representative to the Resource and Conservation District RC&D. Among other awards he was given, he was awarded the

Viola Grant dies March 2

Viola Grant, age 80 of Blossom, died Saturday, March 2, 2002 at Christus St. Joseph's Hospital South.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 at the Knights of Honor Cemetery in Blossom with Rev. Buddy Greer officiating under the direction of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home.

Mrs. Grant was born April 27, 1921 in Blossom to Onie and Lona Kyser Davis. She married William E. (Billie) Grant on October 28, 1941 in Deport. Mrs. Grant was a homemaker and member of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Grant is survived by her husband, Billie of Blossom; two children, Tommy Grant and Peggy Anderson and her husband Don, all of Blossom; two grandchildren, Tera Anderson of Blossom and Clark Grant and his wife Melissa of Paris; two great-grandchildren, Amber and Casey Grant; one sister, Nancy Reeder of Garland and several nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Bradley O'Brien, Curtis Garrett, Dakota Wright, Clark Grant, Willis Monroe and Mike Wright.

Hobletzelle Award for contribution to Advancement of Texas Rural Life, and Most Unselfish Service to soil Conservation by the Ft. Worth Chamber of Commerce State Award.

Memberships include the Lions Club of which he was a former director; the Chamber of Commerce of Lamar County of which he also served as director; Trustee on the board of Christian College of the Southwest; the Knife and Fork Club; the Soil Conservation Society of America; Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board; chairman of the State Soil Stewardship Committee; and a member of the National Terentaise Association serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas-Oklahoma Tarentaise Association. In 1975, Mr. Roach was listed in Who's who in the South and Southwest; Men in Achievement; Who's Who in Ecology; and Who's Who International. He served as an executive member of the Arkansas-Texas council of Governments and the Texas Feed and Fertilizer board.

Mr. Roach is survived by his daughter, Terry Ann Roach Voelke of Irving; a granddaughter, Lynnette Voelke Magee and husband Kelly of Irving; a grandson, Al Voelke and wife Rhea of Grapevine; two great-grandchildren, Jan and Thomas Magee, both of Irving; a sister-in-law, Lora Louise Edwards Davis of Frankfort, KY; and two nieces, Helen Marie Roach Norman of Paris and Deanie Roach Merritt of Houston.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Hubert Roach on March 4, 1990.

Memorials may be made to the Latch Key Program of the Lamar Avenue Church of Christ 3535 Lamar Avenue, Paris, Texas 75460.

Elizabeth Luce Moore, dies February 9

Elizabeth Luce Moore, who was active in many philanthropic and educational organizations, died on Feb. 9 at her home on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. She was 98.

She was a sister of the publisher Henry R. Luce, who died in 1967.

Mrs. Moore retired in 1999 after 63 years on the board of the Henry Luce Foundation, which finances projects in Asian affairs and other fields.

The organizations in which Mrs. Moore served included Wellesley College, her alma mater, and the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.

She was the first woman to serve as board chairman of the State University of New York. She was chairman of the National Council of the U.S.O. during World War II, and a member of the Advisory Committee to the Marshall Plan.

Her husband, Maurice T. Moore, a partner in the law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, died in 1986. She is survived by a son, Michael Moore of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

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Claire Richardson on stage March 16-17

Claire Richardson will be opening the season for the Performing Artists Repertory Company when she will appear March 16 and 17 at the Old Church Theater in Clarksville.

You might remember her as Mary Claire Johnston Richardson, who was Choir director at Clarksville High School in the 70's. She also played "Mame" in the first Paris Community Theatre Musical production.

After leaving the Clarksville Area, she ventured to Washington, DC area where she—Sang with the Choral Arts Society directed by Norman Scribner (Choral Director for the Kennedy Center) Sang with the Washington Opera Company in several Operas Sang concerts directed by Leonard Bernstein; Sang Contralto solo with Rostopovich conducting at the National Cathedral and at

Carnegie Hall in New York on Rachmoninof's Vespers. Sang seven times on Christmas in Washington TV program; and has played several piano bars in the Washington area

The last few years, Claire has lived in Branson, where she has accompanied the Lennon Sisters on two programs; played for John Davidson to sing God Bless America; played Piano with the Glenn Miller Orchestra; played piano in the Bobby Vinton Show Orchestra; Plays several nights a week at the Chateau Hotel Bar; and Teaches Piano at College of the Ozarks.

Her old friend and former Paris resident, Bill Lancaster will join Claire for a few numbers.

The Company is excited to bring her back to the Old Church Theatre to kick off our new season.



Claire Richardson performing at Old Church Theater

Series of lessons to be held at Rivercrest High/Talco

Everyone is invited to a series of lessons on Evolution vs Creation at Rivercrest High School and the Talco Church of Christ April 5 through April 7.

The lessons will be conducted by Dr. Bert Thompson, a graduate of Abilene Christian University, where he earned a B.S. degree in biology. He is also a graduate of Texas A & M University, where he earned both M.S. and Ph. D. degrees in microbiology. Dr. Thompson is a former professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A & M University, where he taught for several years. While at Texas A & M University, he served as Coordinator of the Cooperative Education Program in Biomedical Science. Currently, Dr. Thompson is the Executive Director of Apologetics Press, and adjunct professor of Bible and science at Southern Christian University in Montgomery, Alabama.

Support Group to hold round table discussion

The March 11 meeting of the Bereaved Parents will be a round table discussion focusing on healing after the loss of a loved one. Members will share coping mechanisms that helped them through each minute, hour, day, week, month and year.

The group meets the second Monday of each month at the TU Electric Building in Paris at 7 p.m.

Dogs have more love than integrity. They've been true to us, yes, but they haven't been true to themselves.
---Clarence Day

REFI meeting held February 25

The Rivercrest Education Foundation, Inc. board of trustees met on Monday, February 25, 2002 at Rivercrest High School. Officers for the coming year were elected. They are: President-Virgil Jones; First Vice President-Joe Kelsey; Second Vice President-Kip Stansell; Secretary-Debbie Hare and Treasurer-Gena Gage.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships to qualified Rivercrest graduates to attend college or vocational school.

Virgil Jones informed the trustees that the Internal Revenue Ser-

vice has approved the tax-exempt status for the foundation. The trustees voted to give the president the authority to open an account at Guaranty Bank to receive funds for the education foundation. Memorial donations may be made through this account

A scholarship banquet is being planned and will be held at Rivercrest Elementary cafeteria. The event is tentatively set for Saturday, May 4, 2002. The next meeting of the board of trustees will be March 18, 2002 at Rivercrest High School.

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A Blood Drive will be held March 21, 2002 in Clarksville, Tx. The Mobile unit will be in the parking area of ETMC Clarksville, 3000 Hwy. 82 W. from 9am to 1pm.
From 2pm to 6pm the unit will be on the square in Clarksville at the Lennox Health Resource Center, 114 N. Walnut.
All donors will receive a T-shirt. Please come by one of the locations and "Give the Gift of Life".

New Arrival
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Roberts on February 17, 2002 at 7:10 p.m. at Arlington Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs., was 19 1/2 inches long and has been named George Alton. He joins his 3 1/2 year old sister, Molly. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts of Talco and Dr. and Mrs. Herman Schaffer of Abilene.

Bogata V.F.W. News
* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. 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 Post has a shuffle board tournament every Saturday beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and share the fun. The board has recently been renovated and is ready for play.
*The Post would like to thank everyone who worked in such bad weather conditions to make the benefit lunch for Mary Elrod a success. The food was delicious and the help appreciated.
*Happy March Birthday to: Georgia Hudson, Brenda Vickers, Linda Crow, Carla Belcher and Ray Butler.
*Get Well Wishes are sent to: Georgia Hudson, Steve Knowles, Bill Eudy, Betty Mullin, Daphne Pointer and Mary Elrod.

Friday, April 5 the lessons will be held at Rivercrest High School beginning at 7:00 p.m. and will be: The Creation/Evolution Controversy: The Case for a Creator.
On Saturday, April 6, the lessons will again be held at Rivercrest High School beginning at 1:00 p.m. with the Creation or Evolution: Which? (part 1). At 2:30 there will be a question and answer session. From 3:00 to 3:30 there will be a refreshment break. Beginning at 3:30 p.m. Creation or Evolution: Which (part 2) will begin.
On Sunday the lessons will be held at the Talco Church of Christ beginning at 9:45 a.m. with Scientific Evidences for the Inspiration of the Bible and at 10:45 a.m., The Effect of Evolution on the Home, Church and Nation.
For more information please phone 379-2582 or 379-2113.

Notice
Red River Valley Dixie Girls Softball Association is searching for girls to form a 16-18 year old team for the league from Avery, Bogata, Blossom, Clarksville, Detroit, Deport and Talco.
Any girls interested in playing are urged to contact John Carlisle, coach for the team at 903-632-0572.

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March CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Childbirth Education Classes* (Classes begin February 28. You must register for Childbirth Education Classes at least a week in advance at 577-6201.)
Thursdays, beginning February 28, 7 p.m.- 9:30 p.m., TRMC Board Room
Big Brother/Big Sister Class (You must register at least one week in advance, call 577-6201) Saturday, March 2, 2002, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Adult Diabetes Support Group Tuesday, March 5, 2002, 6 p.m., TRMC cafeteria. Dr. Jonathan Lockhart, Psychiatrist Call 903-577-6542 for more information.
Better Breather's Club Wednesday, March 19, 1:30 p.m., TRMC Auditorium. Call 903-577-6588 for more information.
American Heart Association Stroke Support Group Monday, March 11, 2002, 200 p.m., TRMC Auditorium. Call 903-577-6299 for more information.
Why Weight? Weight Management Support Group Monday, March 4, 6:00 p.m., TRMC Cafeteria. Membership is free. Call 903-577-6299 for more information.
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Genealogical society to meet

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society on Monday evening, March 11, 2002 at the 7:30 in the Red River County Library.

The speaker for this month will be Marynell Bryant of Sulphur Springs whose topic will be "De-

ciphering Old Handwriting". Mrs Bryant is a former president of the Texas State Genealogical Society and conducts genealogical workshops on a regular basis.

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

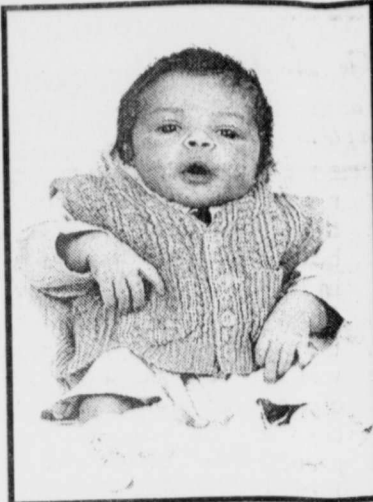
Shipmates sought for reunion

The Texas Chapter LST/Amphibious Association is looking for all amphibious personal for reunions.

The next reunion will be held in Kerrville, Texas on April 4-5 & 6,

2002 at the Best Western Sunday House Inn.

For more information contact Bob Garner LST 461; HC 52 Box 362; Hemphill, Tx. 75948 or email: TexasLsts@AOL.com



ALEXANDER TYLER SMITH arrived at 7:50 a.m., January 30, 2002 weighing 6 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Alexander is the son of Craig and Millissa Smith of Paris. Grandparents are Linda Sartor of Bogata and Martha Smith of Houston, Tx.



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MOUNTS FUND DRIVE. Members of the Red River County Genealogical Society, from left, Sharon Black, Johnnie Lee, Miriam Stephenson and Gale Hervey, are asking for donations to preserve area newspapers. (Photo courtesy of Clarksville Times)

County Extension office to hold open house

The staff of the County Extension Office invites everyone to an open house on Friday, March 22

from 3 until 5 p.m. at their new office located at 402 N. Cedar, Clarksville.

Lozoya wins scholarship

Patricia Lozoya, who is earning her master's degree in counseling and student services from the University of North Texas, will study language, history and culture of Peru. A 1996 graduate of Rivercrest High School, she has received a \$25,000 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru in Lima during the 2002-2003 academic year. She plans to study Latin American literature, history and anthropology as well as Quechua, the language spoken by Peruvian Indian tribes.

She said the scholarship is an honor to represent the Rotary Club and the United States in a foreign country where she can aid the community in humanitarian services.

She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from UNT in 1999. She was selected for Psi Chi psychology honor society and Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Delta Kappa academic honor societies. She received her bachelor's degree magna cum laude and a graduate fellowship to earn her master's in counseling and student services. After graduating from UNT this August, she will spend her year abroad before entering graduate school to earn her doctoral degree in educational administration.



Have A Nice Weekend

Help needed for newspaper preservation

Red River County Genealogical Society began a newspaper preservation project last year with a grant received from the Lennox Foundation.

Thirty-nine years of the *Deport Times* were preserved on microfilm as were numerous copies of the Clarksville Times. A collection of previously filmed Detroit and other local papers were purchased by the society and made available to local researchers.

Though *Deport* is located in Lamar County, researchers found a total of 2,784 Red River County obituaries. Of this total, only 183 were interred in Lamar County.

Upon learning that it would not be receiving a grant from the Lennox Foundation this year, the genealogical society decided to begin a fund drive to continue

work on the restoration project.

Copies of the Bogata News, beginning in 1909, have not been filmed and are currently stored in the attic of that paper's building. The older copies are already yellow and brittle with age. A miscellaneous collection of papers from various years has also been gathered from individuals and libraries and are ready to be filmed. Numerous years of the Clarksville Times no longer exist, however, other small town papers often reprinted items from the paper so some news from the last years may be salvaged.

The society does not currently have enough money to film these papers and they will continue to deteriorate until the money is forthcoming. The genealogical society has no funding other than

its yearly membership dues which is used to print and mail its quarterly publications for the most part.

The Red River County Genealogical Society was established in 1986 and has been a tax exempt organization since 1991. All donations to the society are tax deductible. A separate fund has been created for donations that are made to the newspaper preservation project and those funds may not be used for any other purpose. A request for donations that was recently sent out via e-mail has already resulted in several donations.

To make a donation, send to Newspaper Project, RRCTGS, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, TX 75426.

Rivercrest Relays held Thursday, February 28

Rivercrest Rebel Boys Track Coach, Terry Hill reported the Rivercrest Relays were a success for the Rebel team who edged Detroit out by 1 point to receive the 1st place trophy.

The Junior High teams as well as the Lady Rebel and Rebel High School teams competed in 45 degree weather with 10-15 mile per hour winds. The Lady Rebels, although a small group, made their presence know in every event they entered. The Junior High teams also did well with the Lady Rebels taking 2nd place in the meet. Teams competing came from: Detroit, Cumby, Chisum, Trenton and North Hopkins. Individuals from Rivercrest placing in each division were as follows:

- Junior High Girls: High Jump-Torrie Grissom 1st and Mandy Crawford 2nd.
- 400m relay-Rivercrest team 1st.
- Discus-Monique Savage 1st; Tiffany Giles 3rd and Misti Richeson 6th.
- 100m hurdles-Courtney Merchant 1st and Kirby Needham 4th.
- 100m-Whitney Savage 2nd and Kirby Needham 5th.
- 800m relay-Rivercrest team 1st.
- Long Jump-Mandy Crawford 4th.
- 400m-Kaitlin Moore 3rd and
- 800m-Brooke Hale 2nd and Rachel Smith 6th.
- Shot Put-Tiffany Giles 2nd; Monique Savage 3rd and Misti Richeson 6th.
- 100m hurdles-Courtney Merchant 1st and Kirby Needham 4th.
- 100m-Whitney Savage 2nd and Kirby Needham 5th.
- 800m relay-Rivercrest team 1st.
- Long Jump-Mandy Crawford 4th.
- 400m-Kaitlin Moore 3rd and

- Torrie Grissom 5th.
- 300m hurdles-Courtney Merchant 1st and Katie Ward 2nd.
- 200m-Cassandra Norman 3rd.
- 1200m-Brooke Hale 4th and Ashley Shew 6th.
- 1600m relay-Rivercrest 2nd.
- Junior High Boys: Shot Put-Adam Horn 2nd.
- 400m relay-Rivercrest team 3rd.
- High Jump-Troy Morris and Andrew Deaton tied for 5th.
- Discus-Bradley Rollen 4th.
- 800m-Jake Needham 1st.
- Long Jump-Bradley Rollen 2nd.
- 110m hurdles-Bradley Rollen 2nd, Jeremy Moore 4th and Cole Birchfield 5th.
- 100m-Williams Vaughn 5th.
- 400m-Andrew Deaton 3rd.
- 300m hurdles-Bradley Rollen 2nd and Jeremy Moore.
- 200m-William Vaughn 5th.
- 1200m-Aaron Palmer 2nd and Troy Morris 6th.
- 1600m relay-Rivercrest team 2nd.
- High School Girls: Discus-Danielle Varner 3rd.
- Shot Put-Danielle Varner 3rd.
- Long Jump-Charla Hines 1st.
- 100m hurdles-Cassie McCuller 2nd and Kendra Birchfield 4th.
- 400m-Charla Hines 1st.
- 300m hurdles-Kendra Birchfield 2nd and Cassie McCuller 3rd.
- 1600m relay-Rivercrest 2nd.
- High School Boys: High Jump-Chance Crawford

- 3rd and Heath Hinton 4th.
- Long Jump-Heath Hinton 5th.
- Shot Put-Zach Ward 1st and Robert Jones 5th.
- Pole Vault-Cody Cheatwood 1st.
- Discus-Josh Cabell 2nd and Chase Sloan 3rd.
- Triple Jump-Jordan Edge 5th and McKenzie Ellis 6th.
- 400m relay-Rivercrest 3rd.
- 800m-Brandon Buchanan 1st and Keith Perry 2nd.
- 110m hurdles-Chance Crawford 3rd and Heath Hinton 4th.
- 100m-James Rolfe 4th.
- 400m-Brandon Buchanan 3rd and Keith Perry 4th.
- 300m hurdles-Chance Crawford 1st.
- 200m-James Rolfe 5th and Jonathan Ridens 6th.
- 1600m relay-Rivercrest 1st.
- Coach Terry Hill said, "L.A. Stewardson of Detroit ran a 5:41 1600 meters, an excellent time for this time of the year. Stedham of Chisum metaled in 5 events and the Rivercrest Junior High girls took 2nd place behind North Hopkins. We saw some really good competition at this first meet of the season and expect the see the Rivercrest students, as well as their competitors, steadily improve".
- The Rivercrest High School teams will compete at Paul Pewitt March 9. Come out and cheer our Lady Rebels and Rebels on!

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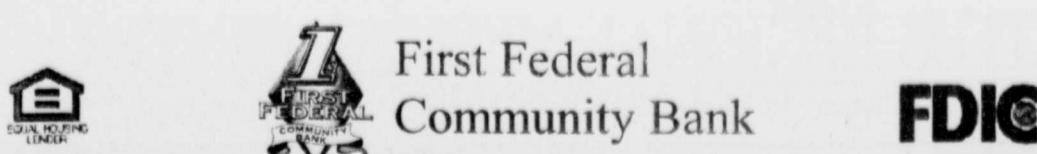


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M*A*S*H puppets to visit Rivercrest Elementary School

The Rev. Bill Higgins and his M*A*S*H puppets will visit the Rivercrest Elementary School on Friday, March 8, 2002 giving 3 performances of "Don't Cry Over Spilt Milk". A performance will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to bring their pre-school students to any of the performances.

Rev. Bill Higgins has worked in children's ministry for over 20 years. He has ministered in churches and at church camps in the United States and Mexico. For

the past 2 years, Rev. Higgins has conducted puppet shows at state and county fairs throughout the United States with the "Grandpa Cratchet Puppet Show".

Prior to this, he served for 8 years as the Children's Pastor at Paris Church of God in Paris, Tx. He currently is administrator of "KidsPowerTeamMinistries" and director of M*A*S*H Puppets. His goal is to incorporate the use of puppets while teaching values (Manners, Attitudes, Safety and Health) to children.

Talco Locals

Please call your locals news in to 379-4445

Sympathy is extended to the family of Velsie Jones.

A welcome to the community is sent to Mindy Chase who recently moved to Talco and is attending Rivercrest Junior High.

Happy February Birthday to Weldon Hawkins.

Jimmy Via was taken to Titus County Regional Hospital Thursday and transferred to Tyler Medical Center with an undiagnosed illness. He is reported doing much better and requesting to come home.

Bruce Case underwent back surgery last week. He is reported doing well.

Dianne Duffie of Colorado visited with her mother in Mt. Pleasant last week. Visiting with them were Marta Rhoades, Nancy Brown and Cindy Watts.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Michael Todd West.

Happy March Birthday to: Kimberly Anderson, Rachel Smith, Carl E. Smith II, Katy Cabell, Tracy Galloway, Dillon McQueen and Kayla Morgan.

Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown visited Jack and Jaden Brown in Powderly. They all met Jennifer Brown for lunch at the Sirlain Stockade in Paris.

Patsy and Cindy Watts enjoyed

lunch at the Sirlain Stockade in Paris Thursday.

In some of the Little Dribbler action this past week the Rivercrest Rattlers took a slim win in an exciting game at Harts Bluff Saturday. The team is coached by Kip Stansell and Nicky Brown. The Rivercrest Starz won on Friday night but were defeated on Saturday. The team is coached by Nancy Brown and Chuck Graf. The Rivercrest Shooters lost on Friday in a very exciting game by only 2 points. The team is coached by Cleveland Cannon. The Rivercrest Lady Rebels were defeated Friday night. The team is coached by Bobby Thompson and Charles Don Lewis. These teams plus the 3rd and 4th grade girls and boys still have several games left in their season as a part of the Chapel Hill/Harts Bluff and Winfield League. Everyone is invited to come out on Friday nights and Saturdays and support the Rivercrest teams. Next weeks games for 5th and 6th graders will be played at Chapel Hill.

Doris Parker and Charlotte Brumalaw enjoyed lunch at the Sirlain Stockade in Paris Thursday.

Paul and Kim Anderson enjoyed shopping in Paris Sunday.

Visiting Joy Easley Thursday and Friday was her sister, Mary Staton of Foreman, AR. Mary came to help Joy and Judy with the chicken soup luncheon.

Bogata Locals

(Call your news in at 903-632-5322. If the machine is on please leave a message)

Happy March Birthday to: Renee Waters, Cheryl Hamilton, Ethel Epps, Kathryn Corbell, Karen Miller, Tommy Childres, Wesley McCall, Ursy Williams, Ralph Cawley, Layth Eldaher, Farah Eldaher, Brad Allison, Jake Raulston, Bobbie Damron, Brittney Viers, Tom Love, Jean Upchurch, Larry Neeley, James Martin, Melena Callahan, Lena Young, Haley Griffin, Aubrey Clark, Miller Modesitt, Jamie Ward, Bobby Will Davis, Katelyn Van Deaver, Christina Williams, Buddy Stringfellow, Coletta McMikel, Jim Stewart, and Katie Williams.

Wednesday Billie Welch of Blossom visited with Chrystine Baker.

Tana and Judy Screws enjoyed shopping in Plano Thursday.

Tommy Corbell visited with Chrystine Baker on Saturday.

Pam Winton took Chrystine Baker to Paris Friday where she had a doctors appointment.

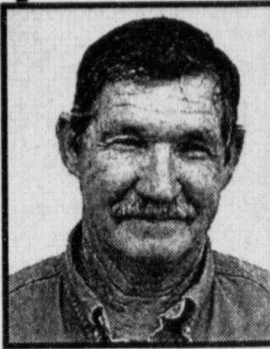
Dan and Mary Kathryn Cotten

received word from their son Larry that his late wife, Jerri Cotten, will be honored through a softball field in Frisco, the Jerri Cotten Field. Jerri was a counselor at Rogers Elementary School in Frisco and was beloved by her students. She died after a 2 year fight with cancer. Larry and his family are very proud to have the field named for Jerri.

Doris Parker and Charlotte Brumalaw enjoyed lunch at the Sirlain Stockade in Paris Thursday.

Happy March Anniversary to: Russell and Elizabeth Rozell; Tommy and Julie Childres; Dameon and Denise Driggars and Sam and Ann Barnard.

Visiting with Donald and Judy Screws recently were Mike, Lila and Hali Screws of Deport, Taylor Cobb of Deport, Jerry, Chris Anna and Jerred Guerra of Paris.



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Tuesdays

BAM (Bogata Area Moms) playgroup for stay at home moms and their children meets Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Call Kelly for more information at 903-632-4493.

Purchase Early

Sales of \$1.00 chances on a special Easter Basket to be given away at the annual Talco Park Easter Egg Hunt will begin January 14. The fund-raiser is sponsored by the Talco 4-H. Chances may be purchased form any member or at the Talco Guaranty Bank or Gotta Have It located downtown Talco.

March 9

Dustin and Susie Hearron will be honored with a baby shower on Saturday, March 9, 2002 from 2pm to 3:30 pm at the home of Tiffany and Craig Easley in Talco. Family and friends are invited to attend. The couple have made selections at Wal-Mart, Mt. Pleasant; Toys R US and Kasseigh's Kollage.

March 10

Kevin and Jana Williams will be honored with a baby shower on Sunday, March 10, 2002 from 2-4 pm at the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco. All family and friends are invited to attend.

March 11-15

Rivercrest ISD students will enjoy Spring Break March 11-15. Make plans for a fun week now!

April 16-19

Rivercrest students in grades 3rd through 8th will take the annual TAAS test April 16-19. All classes 3rd through 7th will test Tuesday and Wednesday while the 8th grade class will test for all 4 days. Parents and Guardians are urged to see that their students get plenty of rest the nights before the test and eat a good breakfast prior to school on test days.

The Grief Support Group For Widows meets twice a month. The group will be eating out this Thursday, March 7, meeting at the Bogata United Methodist Church at 5:30 pm to go to the China Star Restaurant in Paris. The next meeting after that will be Thursday, March 28 at 3:30 pm at the Bogata United Methodist Church. Anyone interested in the meetings or having questions, please call 632-5596 or 632-5781.

A dessert theater production of "Grace and Glorie" will be presented Friday, March 22 at the South Jefferson Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant with proceeds going to build a church in the City of Moscow.



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I am Debra Bowen, 39 year old lifelong resident of Titus county and a candidate for the position of District Clerk. John "Pete" and Linda Roach Bradford are my parents. I am married to Kevin Bowen and am the mother of Michelle Patton. After graduating from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1980, I attended Tyler Commercial College, graduating with honors in accounting. I have worked in the District Clerk's office for 20 years, becoming Deputy Clerk, and then Chief Deputy Clerk for the late Bobby LaPrade. When Bobby retired, he recommended me to succeed him. I was appointed to the position by both District Judges. Since becoming District Clerk I have integrated all funds, child support and civil and criminal cases into the computer system, working after hours and some Saturdays to do so. I sincerely believe I am the best qualified candidate for District Clerk. Your consideration and vote in the March 12, 2002 Democratic Primary Election will be greatly appreciated. If elected, I will continue to serve the citizen so Titus County to the very best of my ability.

Pol. Adv. Paid For by Debra Bowen,
Rt. 1, Box 2230, Mt. Pleasant, TX, 75455

Council announces agenda

The Bogata City Council will meet Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Bogata Community Center. The preliminary agenda includes the following:
 Staff reports; ordinance concerning unattended big trucks parked in City Limits; bids received concerning two security lights at each end of the community center; renew/extend contract with B&B Equipment for another five years; consider proposal for solid waste collection from Duncan Disposal; either repeal the standard plumbing code, 1994 edition referenced in Ordinance 95-05 which was approved De-

ember 11, 1995 or employ a plumbing contractor inspector; pilot (payment in lieu of taxes) from Bogata Housing Authority, last payment Sept. 2000 for year ending 9/30/99; allow Kay Neading, Asst. Sec. to work five days a week for four weeks preceding Father's Day to make up days she will be off; appoint election judges and set rate of pay; purchase new computer system for court clerk; define terms of renting community center.
 In Executive Session, the council will discuss acquiring abstract A0560, Tract 222, W.G. Miller Survey.



4 GENERATIONS-Four generations of the Gordon family celebrated Christmas together in Collinsville, Virginia. Pictured are: (from the left) Lori Gordon Robertson, Chay Robertson Shrewsberry and George (Gabby) Gordon and newest addition, Tanner Blake Shrewsberry. The family had a wonderful holiday together.



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Dr. Carl Bush

Bogata class of 1962 to reunite

The Bogata High School class of 1962 will be holding their 40th reunion on Saturday, April 13, 2002 at the home of Martha Jo (Smith) and Duane Bryson in Rosalie, Tx.
 The reunion will start at 9:30 a.m. and all classmates, teachers and friends are invited to come by and visit.

Fulbright Baptists in revival

The Fulbright Baptist Church will hold a weekend revival March 15-17 with Bro. Karl Bush preaching each evening and Sunday morning services. Friday and Saturday services will begin at 7 p.m., Sunday morning service will be at 10:50 a.m. and Sunday evening will be 6 p.m.

was pastor of the Bagwell Baptist Church and was teaching at Prairiland High School. Everyone is invited to attend each of the services.

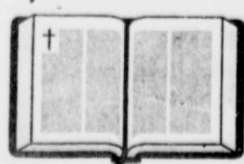
Bro. Bush and family are on furlough from the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. They have served as missionaries to Mali, West Africa. Before serving with the Foreign Mission Board, Bro. Bush

Bogata 1949 class reunion planned

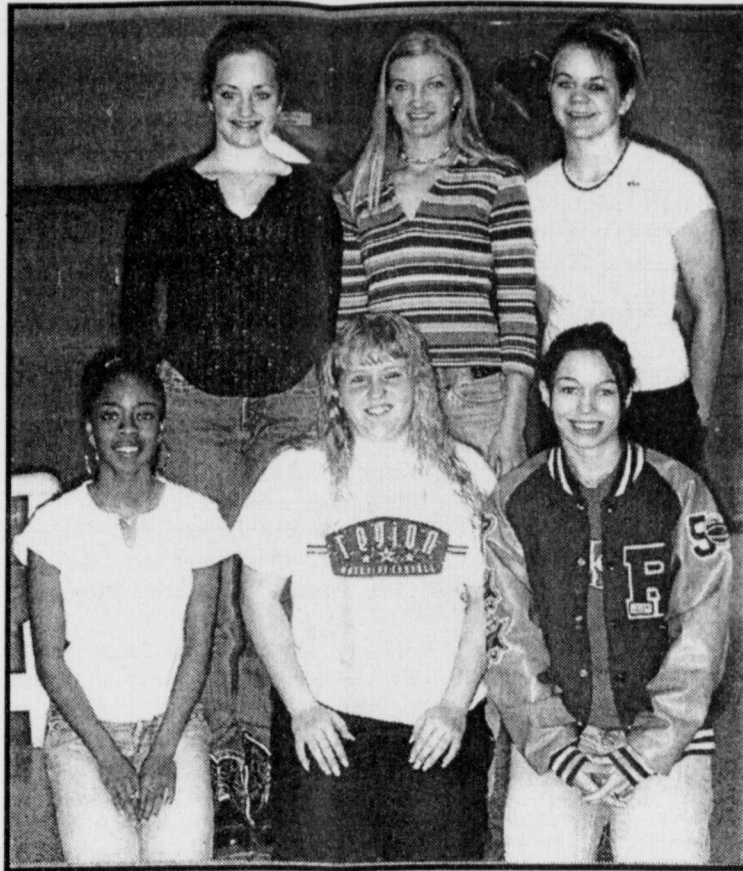
The Bogata High School graduating class of 1949 is planning a reunion at the April 13, 2002 homecoming.

A committee met for a planning session recently. All graduates, students that attended at any given year and teachers of this class will be sent an information sheet to complete. The sheet will be used to compile a booklet to be given at the class reunion.

All attending the homecoming are reminded that a 12:00 noon catered luncheon will be held and all activities are held during the day. Please make plans to attend and spend a wonderful day of good food and fellowship.



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RIVERCREST LADY REBEL track team members, back row, Paige Boyd, Kendra Birchfield, Cassie McCuller and front row, Charla Hines, Danielle Varner and Nikki Jones, competed in the Rebel Relays held last Thursday and took two first place, three second place, three third place and one fourth place medal and ribbons. The team was short due to a Lady Rebel softball game scheduled at the same time. However, the six pack did a great job. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



FIRST PLACE-Zach Ward of Rivercrest won 1st place in the Shot Put at the first track and field meet of the year held at Rivercrest last Thursday. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



GET DOWN-Leslie Richeson hits the dirt as the Lady Rebels played Linden-Kildare for the championship in the Chapel Hill hosted softball tournament held last weekend at Hertiage Park in Mt. Pleasant. Leslie, a freshman at RHS and a first time Lady Rebel softball player not only scored in the game but contributed on the defense from her short stop position. Leslie is the daughter of Susan and Keith Thompson of Talco and Mark Wade and Missy Richeson of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Housing Authority of the City of Talco, Texas will accept bids until Thursday at 12:00 noon on March 21, 2002 at the Talco Housing Authority, 802 E. Wilson, Talco, Texas for lawn care during the seven month period from April 1, 2002 through October 31, 2002. The successful bidder must furnish all equipment and labor necessary to accomplish this work.
 Specifications and scope of work may be obtained at the office of the Housing Authority, phone 903-379-2841, FAX 379-4020 or e-mail talcaha@1starnet.com. 3-7

the right to accept/reject all submitted bids. 3-7

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ORDER OF ELECTION
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For additional information, please contact Mike Farris, transportation director, at 903-674-2434 or to arrange to inspect the buses. All bids are to be mailed to Curtis B. Barnett, Superintendent, Route 1, Box 370, Detroit, Texas 754536.
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 The Board of Trustees reserves

CITY OF BOGATA ORDER OF ELECTION
 An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 4, 2002, for the purpose of electing two council members to two year terms.
 A special election is hereby ordered to be held on May 4, 2002, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two council members to fill unexpired terms of one year. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 128N. Main, Bogata, TX between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 17, 2002, and ending on April 30, 2002.
 Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Anita Couch, P.O. Box 400, Bogata, TX 75417. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2002.
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 Randy Kennedy, Mayor 3-7

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for District Clerk

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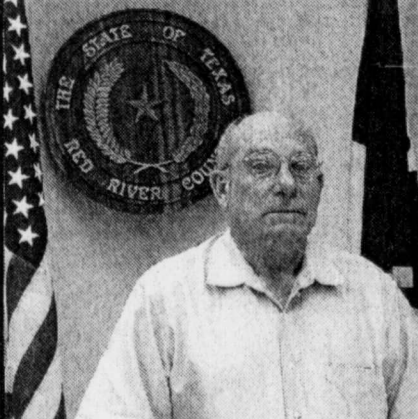
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FOR SALE: 1994 Lincoln Mark VIII, 75,000 actual miles, \$6,000 or best offer. After 5 p.m. 903-652-3612, only if interested. MA 3-14

FOR SALE: 1999 Ford Escort LX. 57,000 miles, 4-dr., one owner, \$6,000 OBO. 903-379-4201/nights; 632-0574 days. MA 3-21

Pets
FOR SALE: Boston Terrier puppies for sale. Call 903-632-0051 after 5 p.m. MA 3-14

JACK'S TREE SERVICE: Insured with reasonable rates, trees trimmed or removed. Brush clean-up and stump grinding. Edna & Jack Tucker, Detroit, TX. Home 903-674-4945, mobile 903-491-8321. MA t/c

CLEAN OUT GARAGES-storage sheds, make rent property ready, A to Z. Call Junior, 739-0819, 783-9452, Paris, TX. MA 3-28

FOR INCOME TAX SERVICE, call Bonnie Huddleston for appointment at 601 Tanglewood, Bogata, TX 903-632-5238. MA 3-21

SMALL CABIN for sale on Lake Cypress. Levelled & refurbished inside & out. Looks like doll house. Perfect for older couple or single person. 903-588-2696 or 860-2682. MA 3-7

EDGE OF DEPORT: 2 bdrm/1 bath brick w/recent carpet, ceramic tile, ch/a unit and paint. 15x20 metal shop, 10x15 animal barn, storage building, on over 3/4 of an acre. Located on quiet street. \$54,900. owner will help w/closing costs. owner/Agent 652-5414. 3-14

WANT TO BUY: Chest type deep freeze, reasonably priced. 903-652-3705. MA 3-7

FOR SALE: 14x60 2BR/2B mobile home. \$5,500.00. 903-674-4573, 903-674-3000. MA 3-21

HAPPY JACK SKIN BALM: Relieves hot spots & scratching. Promotes healing & hair growth on dogs & cats without steroids. Available at Buckman Drug, 125 N. Main, Bogata, TX. t/c

HOME HEALTH ATTENDANTS needed in Bogata; one 10 hrs. and one 12 hours a week. Call Red River Health Care, 785-4070 for more information. MA 3-7

Real Estate
FOR SALE: Meadowbrook Gardens Cemetery, Lot 90, Section F, spaces 3 and 4. Both lots for \$500.00. 903-652-6052. t/cnc

FOR SALE: 25 acres, 3 miles east of Deport on FM410. Road frontage, 903-784-2870 or 982-5270. MA t/c

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FOR SALE: 1994 New Holland round baler, mod 650/netwrap (4x6); Ford 582, twin square baler; N-H 1495 SP swather, cab & ac/radio, 12 ft, Perkins 4 cyl diesel, new tires; N-H 114 swather 12 ft; Hesston 1014 swather 12 ft; Hesston 1014 parts machine; N-H 489 swather 9 ft, used very little; N-H 260 hay rake, right hand; Two N-H 256 hay rakes; N-H twin hitch for 9 ft, used very little; LH & RH rakes; FAHR hay tedder; Hay van w/4 bale trailer; Hay va LH rakes; N-H "V" hitch for LH & RH rakes; 3-pt bale spear; 3-pt hay fork; Bale spears for Farm Hand/Oliver loader; Bale fork with hyd clamp for Farm Hand; ten 5-gals hay preservative

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Last chance to order Girl Scout cookies

This is the last week to purchase your favorite Girl Scout cookies. Girls will continue to deliver orders and conduct community booth sales and cookie caravans through March 10.

For those who have not yet ordered their Girl Scout cookies, or would like to add to their original order.

If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout and wish to place an order, you may call the Girl Scout office at 903-784-0803 or 1-800-987-0975, or your local cookie managers, Susan Grantham in Red River County at 632-4997; Carla Filkins in Deport at 652-4702 or Audra Lane in Blossom at 982-6489.

God-Is He Or isn't He?

"In the beginning was matter, which begat the amoeba, which begat the worm, which begat the fish, which begat the amphibian, which begat the monkey, which begat man, who imagined God. This is the genealogy of man." So stated Charles Smith, former president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, in his booklet, *Godless Evolution*.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." So stated Moses in the first chapter, the first verse, the first book of the Bible-Genesis 1:1.

Who is right? Is there a God, or isn't there? Is Exodus 20:11 correct when it asserts: "For in 6 days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day..."? Or did organic evolution, the result of spontaneous generation billions of years ago, produce all that you see before you today? What is the answer?

This is a situation of intense proportions and tremendous magnitude. Either there is a God, or there is not. There is no middle ground. Any attempt to remain neutral is automatically synonymous with unbelief. Whatever decision you reach, it is an important one, and who among us makes important decisions without first gathering, sifting, examining, scrutinizing and weighing all the facts of the case? The question then arises, what is the evidence offered for God's existence? Who is right? Is there a God, or isn't there?

If there is a God, then there is an eternal heaven to be gained and an eternal hell to be avoided. If there is a God, then nothing else really matters; if there is no God, then nothing matters at all. If there is no God, then the atheistic creed of life, with the grave as the end and a life to be filled with pleasures of the moment is entirely satisfactory. If there is no God, there is nothing to stop us from living by atheism's golden rule: "Do your own thing; if it feels good, do it." On the other hand, if there is a God, and if the Bible is His inspired word to man as Christians claim it to be, then we are faced with an entirely different situation. Suddenly we come face to face with the stark realization that mankind was created with a purpose, and a lifetime to fulfill that purpose. To succeed means joy forever with God in eternity; to fail is to fail throughout all eternity.

If you would like to examine the evidences of God's existence, we invite you to attend a three day seminar titled *Science & Nature: Two Views for God*, being held Friday, April 5, 7-9 p.m.; and Saturday, April 6, 1-5 p.m. at Rivercrest High School Auditorium; and Sunday, April 7, 9-45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at the Church of Christ in Talco. The seminar will deal with such issues as scientific evidences for God's existence, a scientific examination of the theory of evolution, the Bible's inspiration, and many others.

There is no charge whatsoever for the seminar, all sessions are free. Numerous handouts will be made available, free of charge to each participant. The speaker is Dr. Bert Thompson, former professor in the college of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, and currently professor of Bible and Science, Southern Christian University in Montgomery, Alabama, everyone is invited.

Notice

To the parents of girls who played on the 7 & 8 year old Bogata girls softball team, "Stars" in the 2001 season: If you have not yet turned in your daughters uniform (shirt, shorts, socks), please bring it to the Bogata Community Center on Sunday, February 24, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.

A \$25.00 fee must be paid for all uniforms not returned in order for the team to get replacement uniforms for the upcoming team. For more information call Jim Ann Ward at 903-632-0237.

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Fertility testing set March 20

The Red River County Extension office and the Extension Beef & Forage committee will sponsor a bull fertility and management clinic Wednesday, March 20 in cooperation with the Animal Hospital located on Hwy. 82 west in Clarksville. Bulls will be tested from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Cost of the testing will be \$20.00. Ivomec wormer for all bulls tested will be provided by Merial. In order to better serve clinic participants, producers are limited to bring no more than 25 bulls.

Lunch will be served at noon, sponsored by AgriLand Farm Credit and Lone Star Land Bank. At 12:30, participating sponsors will have the opportunity to discuss product information.

All area producers are invited to bring bulls and/or attend the program.

I THINK THE NEXT BEST THING TO SOLVING A PROBLEM IS FINDING SOME HUMOR IN IT.
---FRANK A. CLARK***

PTO to meet

The Rivercrest PTO will meet Tuesday, March 5th at Rivercrest Elementary.

Plans will be made for a spring fund raiser. Please plan to attend.

ECONOMY 30 h.p. Compact Diesels New Holland

Model	Down Payment	60 Months
TC30 2wd Gear Transmission	\$975.00	\$170.00*
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Rebel golf umbrellas on sale

The Rivercrest Junior High Cheerleaders and Pep Squad are taking orders for Rivercrest Rebel umbrellas. The umbrellas are a large 60 inch arc with a metal shaft and wooden handle. They are blue and white and will have the Rivercrest emblem on them. The cost will be \$12.00 each.

Order forms will be sent home with all Rivercrest students and

the form and money must be turned in by Tuesday, March 19, 2002 to Becky Carlisle, Junior High Cheerleader sponsor, at the junior high campus. All proceeds will go toward items needed for the junior high cheerleaders and pep squad. Your purchase will be appreciated. For more information contact Becky Carlisle at Rivercrest Junior High 903-372-3841.

PRAYER IN SCHOOLS
Governor Rick Perry is interested in finding out what Texans think about putting prayer back into Texas school. You may call Governor Perry's office at (1-800-252-9600) and let them know if you support the idea of putting prayer back in Texas schools. You have to hold for a minute, but you will speak with a live person! It is fast and easy.
If you support this pass it on and please call today.

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*Seeks & Support More funds For All Volunteer Fire Departments & 1st Responders.
*Seek State & Federal Grant Money
*Clean Up Our County & Attract Growth, Jobs & Tourism
*Provide Community Service Workers To Clean Neglected Cemeteries & Other Productive Work
*Provide Justice & Equal Treatment, Fair & Firm Judgements in County Court.
Pol. Adv. Pd. For by Michael Garretson, Rt. 1, Box 509, Bogata, TX. 75417

Huddleston DRAWING \$50 in Groceries Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

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