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**Graduation Time**

This week is our graduation edition. It is the 25th graduation edition that I have had the privilege of working on.

I use the word privilege because that's what it has been.

I love seeing all those young, hopeful faces, looking forward to life. I know they have some qualms...who wouldn't.

But their dreams are out there.

One of the things I've noticed over the years is hair styles.

Mercy, have we had some changes in those!

When I first went to work at the newspapers it was the late 1970s. Girls hair was long, fluffy and full of big, fat waves and curls. Boys hair...well, it was long, fluffy and full of big, fat waves!

Yep, those were the days of mustaches, long hair on guys and big, wide ties.

That continued well into the 1980s.

Then, slowly, the "wet look" and tight perms set in for the girls. Air would be washed, left in tight ringlets and hairsprayed to a fare thee well so that it looked wet all day. About that time boys hair cuts began to feature shaved sides and long hair on top. "Bowl" haircuts came back. Then, designs began to be "carved" into the hair! Lines and swirls weren't uncommon at all.

Shortly, in the 1990s, girls hair styles began to vary wildly. There were long, straight styles, short straight styles, and still lots of curls.

Boys began to have short hair...and I do mean short.

Shaved heads were the "in" thing.

Now, things are "in between" The boys don't necessarily shave their head, but they are keeping it very short. Still, I'm beginning to see the changes coming around again. Some of the guys are beginning to grow long hair again.

What goes around comes around.

But hair styles just aren't that important to me. What matters is the face and mind underneath that hair!

And, that hasn't changed much. Those graduating seniors still have hopes and dreams, and ideas to change the world. I hope they succeed, and for the better.

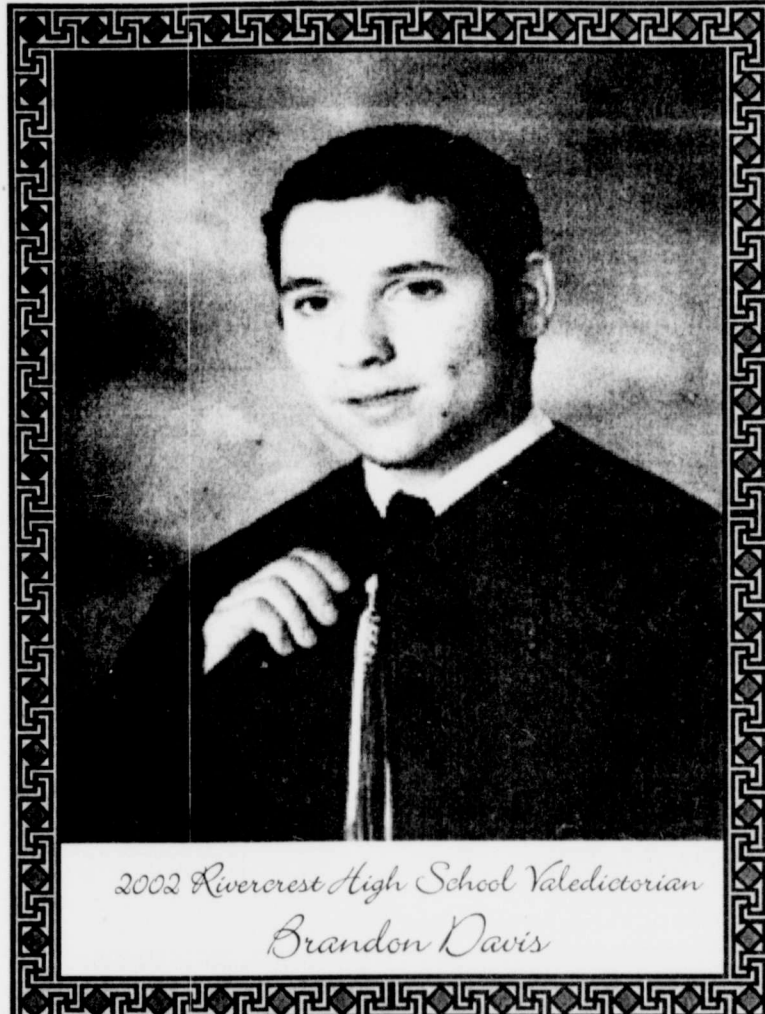
Congratulations, Class of 2002!



**Bake Sale  
Monday, June 3**

On Monday, June 3, 2002 the Rivercrest Spanish Club will host a bake sale to raise money for their annual convention trip.

The group will have a table set up at the Talco Post Office and Guaranty Bnak in Bogata. The students will be there from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Come early to get the best selections! Your purchase or donation will be appreciated.



2002 Rivercrest High School Valedictorian  
Brandon Davis



2002 Rivercrest High School Salutatorian  
Robyn Hollis

**Sign-up time for  
Bogata Rodeo Queen contest**

The 53rd annual Bogata Rodeo will be held June 27-28-29, 2002 with action beginning at 8:00 p.m. nightly and it is time for all the young ladies to sign-up for competition in the annual Bogata Rodeo Queen Contest. Serving as a coordinator for this year's contest is Tina Williams.

This year's winner will receive a "Twister" trophy saddle and contestants will receive "Red

Bluff" buckles which will be sponsored by James Hodge Motor Co.

For more information or to enter the race call Tina at 903-632-4922 or 632-9972. Deadline for entries is May 27, 2002. Young ladies within a 75 mile radius of Bogata are invited to enter. Those outside the radius but having a parent, step-parent or grandparent within a 10 mile radius of Bogata may also enter.

**Cabell family  
honors Virginia Blackwell**

On Saturday, May 11, descendants of the Cabell family honored their aunt and friend, Virginia Blackwell, with a surprise Mother's Day cook-out at the home of her son, Ben Blackwell of Talco.

Attending were Ben and Janice and grandchildren Erica and Tristan Blackwell, Loren, Isabella and Jesslin Rivera, Phyllis Finch and daughter LaDonna, Edward

and Ann Deaton, Dorothy Williams, Mae Cabell, Tony, Rhonda and Devon Collins, Joe, Jessica and Joe Joe Potter, Ed and Mary Ann Miller, Linda Inmon and Glenn Wells.

A meal of barbeque chicken, fried chicken and all the trimmings was enjoyed by all, followed by an afternoon of visitation and picture sharing.

**Rivercrest High School Graduation May 24**

The Rivercrest High School class of 2002 will cross the stage in graduation ceremonies Friday night, May 24, 2002. The class has 30 members. Receiving the Valedictorian position of the class is Brandon Davis. The Salutatorian position was earned by Robyn Hollis. As well as Brandon and Robyn the top eight members of the class are: Kendall Stansell, Kayla Belcher, Brittany Bull, Cassie Perry, Melissa Waller, Charla Hines, Nathan Carroll and Jerry Ward.

Valedictorian, Brandon Davis, son of Mary Meade of Talco and grandson of George and Elizabeth Davis of Jefferson and Jesse and Marie Cameron of Battiest, OK., has been in advanced and honors courses throughout his high school years. As a freshman, Brandon participated in football, gifted and talented, educational talent search and UIL. As a sophomore he was a member of Beta Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, served as sophomore class president, played Rebel football, tennis and ran track, was a member of gifted and talented, educational talent search and UIL. As a junior Brandon was a member of the student council, Beta Club, National Honor Society, gifted and talented, educational talent search and participated in Rebel football and track and participated in UIL. This year as a senior, Brandon was a member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, Educational Talent Search, Gifted and Talented, participated in UIL and was chosen All District for the Rebel football team. In non-school related activities Brandon has volunteered for the after school tutoring program, served as a volunteer member of the Talco Fire Department, was a member of the drama group at Calvary Baptist Church in Talco and has voluntarily mowed lawns for the elderly.

Awards Brandon has received through his high school years are: Freshman class highest GPA and U.S. History award; Sophomore class highest GPA and Algebra II award, regional qualifier in Physics UIL, Science Department award and was Sophomore class president; Junior class highest GPA, regional qualifier in Math-UIL, Academic All District -football, Science Department award, Pre-Calculus award and was Student of the Month in May. This year Brandon has received Most Intelligent of the Senior Class, Treasurer of National Honor Society, 2nd Team All District football, was winner of the Lamar Electric Government in Action Essay contest, place in both Math and Number Sense at UIL and has served as reporter of the Student Council.

Brandon is happy to have received scholarships from the Lennox Foundation; Rivercrest Education Foundation, Minnie Bell Scholarship, Harold Vance Petroleum Engineering Scholarship and Financial Aid in the amount of \$8,000 a year.

Brandon is employed at Talco Food Mart. He plans to attend Texas A & M University at College Station to pursue an engineering career in the fall.

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Robyn's academic achievements and activities have been: Senior class president, National Honor Society President, National Honor Society and Beta Club member her sophomore, junior and senior years, a member of Gifted and Talented from 3rd grade through this year and a member of the Spanish Club her 9th through 11th grades.

Award recognitions Robyn has received are 1 of 2 student selected to represent Rivercrest at the Black and White Ball for area representatives and political of-

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THE FIRST EVER-Rivercrest Education Foundation Scholarship recipients are; (back row from the left) Jerry Ward, Ashley Williams, Steven Shade, Brandon Davis, Ryan Hawkins, Kendall Stansell and Molly Moles; (sitting from the left) Charla Hines, Krisha Allums, Cassie Perry, Brittany Bull and Robyn Hollis and (front) Nathan Carroll. Congratulations students. The people of the area are proud of you and will be watching to see which career each of you choose. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**Calling all kids: to the library**

Rivercrest Elementary will be open every Tuesday during the month of June from 2 pm to 4 pm. Story time will be at 2:30 each day.

Anyone who would like to read this summer is invited to attend. Preschoolers are welcome if accompanied by an adult or older sibling capable of handling them.

It is not necessary to stay the entire 2 hours but all children

should try to be at story time. No AR test will be taken during the summer.

Scheduled readers so far are: June 4-Denise Wood; June 11-Mary Jane Lowrey; June 18-Jack Holt with his hand puppet and banjo; June 25-Linda Gray. Watch the local papers for more details. Mrs. Gray, Elementary Librarian, hopes to see all the students this summer.

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*Country Cooking*

By Liz Irwin



Our cook this week is Jamie Chapman of Blossom. Jamie and husband Les enjoy camping and going to ballgames to watch their daughter, Colby play as well as going to soccer and t-ball games to watch their granddaughter, Trystan play. She enjoys cooking both in and out of doors.

Jamie cooks all the lunches and desserts at the Triple C Gas and Grill in Blossom. She tries to keep a variety of what everyone likes on hand. They serve complete lunches each day also also a variety of sandwiches, salads and snacks.

She and Les have three children and they are Skipper, who is married to Amy and they have a daughter, Trystan and one on the way in August. Valarie is married to Hunter Harp and they have a daughter Gracie. Colby is a sixth grader on the Blossom campus

and keeps Jamie busy with lots of school activities.

Thank you Jamie for providing our recipes this week and we will see everyone in the kitchen!

**CHICKEN SALAD**-this is a great recipe for sandwiches or snacks!

**NEIMAN-MARCUS CAKE**-this copykat recipe is a favorite at the Triple C with customers as well as family members!

**PEACH COBBLER**-this makes a big cobbler and is great with a big scoop of ice cream!

**CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS**-who can resist chicken and dumplings any time of the year!

**STRAWBERRY PIE**-wonderful pie.....might want to eat it alone so you don't have to share!

**MEAT LOAF**-this one has the cheese and dry onion soup mix for that added flavor!



Jamie Chapman

**Crusaders gospel quartet to perform Sunday, May 26**

The Crusaders a gospel music quartet from Garland will sing at 6:00 p.m Sunday, May 26, 2002 at Providence Baptist Church in Paris.

Mike Hatfield, a member of the group is the grandson of Bogata

resident, Zelma Mauldin. He has sang in church since he was 4 years old and continues singing today. Everyone is invited to come for a blessing through song. The church is located 3 miles out on 195 east off of Loop 286 in Paris.

**Malone, Jopes & Phipps Reunion to be held**

There will be a Malone, Jopes and Phipps Reunion at the Malone Ranch Lake Vasco, Texas in Delta County on Sunday, June 2nd.

For more information call 395-4371 or 785-1592 or 652-3193

**PJC to host girls basketball camp**

Paris Junior College will host a girls basketball camp June 10-13. Information on the camp may be picked up at Rivercrest High School Office.

Ages 7th and 8th grades will attend morning sessions and 9th through 12th grades will attend afternoon sessions.

**Patriot Baseball camp set for June**

Rick Connot is holding a Patriot Baseball Camp on June 10, 11 and 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Prairiland. Cost is \$40 and the camp is for grades 3 through 7. For more information please call 982-5834.

**Area residents pinned at ceremony**

Associate Degree Nursing students at Paris Junior College were recognized at a pinning ceremony Thursday before family and friends at the First United Methodist Church in Paris.

Area students receiving their pins include:

- Bagwell: Karen Roberts.
- Blossom: Linda Chappell.
- Clarksville: Christi Brent.
- Detroit: Kristi Hart.

**Appreciation dinner to honor Lamar County First Responders**

An Appreciation BBQ dinner hosted by Paris EMS and sponsored by Christus St. Joseph's Health System, Coston & son ready-Mix Concrete, Paris Medical Supply, and Mike Williams Construction will be held to honor the Lamar County First Responders on tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall of the Red River Valley Fair grounds.

All Volunteer Fire Departments should RSVP on the number of First Responders who plan to attend.

**Obituaries**

**John W. Phillips dies May 16**

John W. Phillips, age 86 of Ft. Towson, OK died Thursday, May 16 in Choctaw Memorial Hospital in Hugo, OK.

Services were held Saturday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. in Ft. Towson Cemetery with the Rev. Mutt Wallace officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Mt. Olive Funeral Home in Hugo.

Mr. Phillips was born March 19, 1916 in Deport, the son of John Aden Phillips and Vera Nixon Phillips. He graduated from Oklahoma A&M in 1948 and he had lived in this area his entire life, working as a farmer and rancher. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Elbert Phillips and V.G. Phillips.

Surviving is one brother, James B. Phillips of LaPorte; several other cousins and relatives.

**Card of Thanks**

Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for your prayers, calls, cards, visits, food and flowers while I have been recovering from my open heart surgery. Your thoughtfulness means so much to me.

Colleen Slaton

**William H. Brown dies May 16**

William H. (Happy) Brown, age 74 of Bogata died at his residence Thursday, May 16.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18 in the Bogata Church of God with Sister Ethel Elrod officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Brown was born April 1928 in Franklin County, Texas, the son of Harmon Hughes and Josie Staten Kelley Brown. He married the former Mildred Elrod on December 25, 1953 in Bogata. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and was a retired logger.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Jeffery Brown and William H. Brown, Jr. of Bogata; two adopted grandchildren, Rhonda Brown and Jeffery Dwayne Brown, both of Bogata; one brother, M.L. Brown; two sisters, Marie Crafts and Pearlina Buchanan, all of Bogata; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Harmon Dwayne Brown on May 11, 1974.

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**Thursday, May 23, 2002**  
**Jamie Chapman, Blossom**

**Chicken Salad**  
1 whole chicken  
3 stalks celery  
1 small sweet onion  
1 cup sweet relish  
1 cup chopped pecans-optional  
2-1/2 cups Miracle Whip  
3 tablespoons sugar  
Boil chicken for 45 minutes and de-bone and chop in food processor. Chop celery, onion and pecans and combine with chicken. Add sweet relish and Miracle Whip and salt and pepper to taste. Serve with crackers or on crescent rolls.

**Neiman-Marcus Cake**  
1 yellow cake mix  
4 eggs  
2 sticks butter  
8 ounce package cream cheese  
1 box powdered sugar  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix cake mix with 2 eggs and 1 stick melted butter. Batter will be thick. Pat batter into a 13x9 pan sprayed with Pam. For top layer cream together cream cheese, 2 eggs and powdered sugar and 1 stick of melted butter. Pour over cake batter and spread evenly. Bake for 35 minutes and cool and slice into bars.

**Peach Cobbler**  
Crust:  
2 cups flour  
1 cup Crisco  
water to moisten dough  
Combine flour and water and add enough water to moisten dough. Work dough with hands into a ball and place on floured board to roll paper thin. Cut into 1-inch wide strips as long as your deep dish baking pan.  
Filling:  
3 large cans freestone peaches in juice  
3 cups sugar  
3 sticks butter  
cinnamon to taste  
vanilla to taste  
Place a layer of crust in baking dish and add a layer of peaches. Top with cup of sugar and sprinkle with cinnamon and 1 stick of sliced butter. Add another layer of crust and follow the same order. When last layer of crust is added, pour one cup water over the top of the crust and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar and another stick of sliced butter. Bake at 350 degrees until top crust is brown and crispy.

**Chicken and Dumplings**  
2 whole chickens  
salt and pepper to taste  
3 can cream of chicken soup  
1 stick butter  
In large pot, cook and cool chickens. De-bone and remove skin. Save broth and strain. Set aside until dumplings are prepared.  
Dumplings:  
3 cups self-rising flour  
1 cup Crisco  
1-1/2 cup milk  
Combine flour, Crisco and milk to form a ball. Roll out on floured board. Cut into 1-inch squares. Let dumplings air dry about 30 minutes on board. Heat broth until rolling boil; turn to low temp and add 3 cans cream of chicken soup to broth and 1 stick of butter stir while adding dumplings into broth one at a time. When all are in pot cover and cook about 30 minutes stirring as needed. Salt and pepper to taste.

**Strawberry Pie**  
2 deep dish pie crust  
1 small container of frozen strawberries  
2-8 ounce packages Cool Whip  
1 teaspoon almond flavoring  
1 box powdered sugar  
1 small package strawberry jello  
Bake crust until light brown, cool. Combine cream cheese, powdered sugar and beat with a mixer and pour into crust. Place in refrigerator until firm.  
Filling:  
Combine strawberries and flavoring with jello and pour onto of cooled pies and chill until served.

**Meat Loaf**  
3 pounds ground chuck  
1 small onion  
1 small green pepper  
1 can tomato paste  
1 cup shredded cheese  
1 cup dry bread crumbs  
3 eggs  
1 cup milk  
1 package dry onion soup mix  
salt and pepper to taste  
Place into a large bowl, chuck, onion and green pepper. Add eggs and tomato paste; mix well. Add bread crumbs, soup mix, salt and pepper and milk. Mix well; add cheese. Work mixture until all ingredients are well mixed. Place in 13x9 pan and cook at 350 degrees for 1 hour. After meat loaf has cooked for 30 minutes, drain off all fat and combine 1 cup catsup and 1 tablespoon mustard and 1/4 cup brown sugar. Place on top of meat loaf for remaining cooking time. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing.

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**Cunningham Fire Department having Sale and Trades Day**  
The Cunningham Fire Department will have a Farm Equipment and Trade Day at 10:00 a.m. on June 8th at the Cunningham Center to help pay for the new Fire Station. There will be a concession stand. Everyone is invited to set up a booth, donate items for the Fire Department Garage Sale or Sale Farm Equipment items.  
For information call James and Pat Norwood at 652-2672.





**MARILYN MONROE**-also known as Bobbie Cawley visited the 1950's "Sock Hop" held at Red River Healthcare in Bogata Thursday evening. All enjoyed Marilyn's appearance.



**ELVIS "wowed"** the crowd at Red River Healthcare on Thursday evening with his appearance at their 1950's Sock Hop.

**RRH enjoy special guest Thursday**

Red River Healthcare residents and staff enjoyed a special performance by "Elvis" at the Sock Hop held last Thursday night and a surprise appearance was made by Marilyn Monroe.

The crowd was in awe of her smooth and sultry voice as she sang for them. Elvis out did himself with his songs and movements only Elvis can make.



**Veterans at Detroit Autobody School, 1940's**

*By Henry Lee Somerville*

Every now and then, some politician asks that the Red River Ordinance at Texarkana be closed down to save money. Because of this, I think what happened in 1948 at Detroit should be made a written record. That was when I took 3 or 4 veterans to the Ordinance and came back with jobs for more than 100 veterans due to the good show by these Detroit area vets.

I do not remember every one of those vets' names now, almost 48 years later and need the survivors to write the Detroit Weekly telling what happened then.

In the 1940's, after a long, long war, veterans came home to Detroit area to no jobs, but home, home, home. We were all homesick. I came back as principal, Detroit High School. Then I took the job as Director, Detroit Autobody School. It was a veterans school owned by Col. Chewning of Paris, along with other businesses in Detroit. The only reason some veterans went to these type schools was they were paid to attend and there were no jobs here. Veterans were homesick and wanted to stay home for a while.

Some veterans, last name Vickers and from the Bagwell area, came to me and said the Ordinance needed autobody repairmen, but had a five years experience requirement for jobs there.



**TOP TEN**-The top ten students at Rivercrest High School for the 2001-2002 school year are; (1-5 front from the left) Valedictorian, Brandon Davis; Salutatorian, Robyn Hollis, Kendall Stansell, Kayla Belcher and Brittany Bull; (back row from the left 6-10) Cassie Perry, Melissa Waller, Charla Hines, Nathan Carroll and Jerry Ward. Congratulations students, may your successes continue!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**WE WILL MISS YOU**-next year! Senior athletes and cheerleaders of Rivercrest High School are; (back from the left) Jeremy Grissom, Steve Shade, Zach Ward, Ryan Hawkins and Brandon Davis and (front from the left) Nathan Carroll, Charla Hines, Brittany Bull, Dusty Townes and Chance Wolfe. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**Springfest is Saturday!**

It's Springfest time in Clarksville. The Red River County Springfest will be this Saturday, May 25 on the historic downtown Clarksville square from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., followed by a Saturday night street dance.

This year's Springfest will be better than ever with an opening ceremony including a special remembrance of the country and the county's honored dead, followed by all day stage entertainment on the main stage near the courthouse annex.

One addition to the main stage is Little Miss and Mr. Springfest Contest at 11 a.m.

There will be vendors galore, offering foods and drinks plus arts and crafts and sale items of every description.

The downtown merchants will be joining in with many once in a Springfest sales of their own.

Also new this year is Kiddie

Carnival to be held north of the Library and a photography booth by Cynthia Moran of Nature's Beauty.

Also included will be domino, 42 and checkers tournaments and a 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

The Wolf Pack Indian Dancers from Oklahoam will be performing in the afternoon, dancing authentic tribal dances in handmade costumes.

The street dance will culminate the day's activities with entertainment under the leadership of Boyd Hurt and his Springfest Band.

Limited tours of the courthouse will be sponsored by the Red River County Historical society.

For information, call the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce at 427-2645.

Walk-up entries for the competitions are open until May 24 along with vendor booths.

**June 2 is Charles Foster Appreciation Day**

Sunday, June 2 is designated as Charles Foster Appreciation Day in Deport.

A ceremony will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Deport from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

L.D. Williamson President of Ark-La-Tex Council of Governments will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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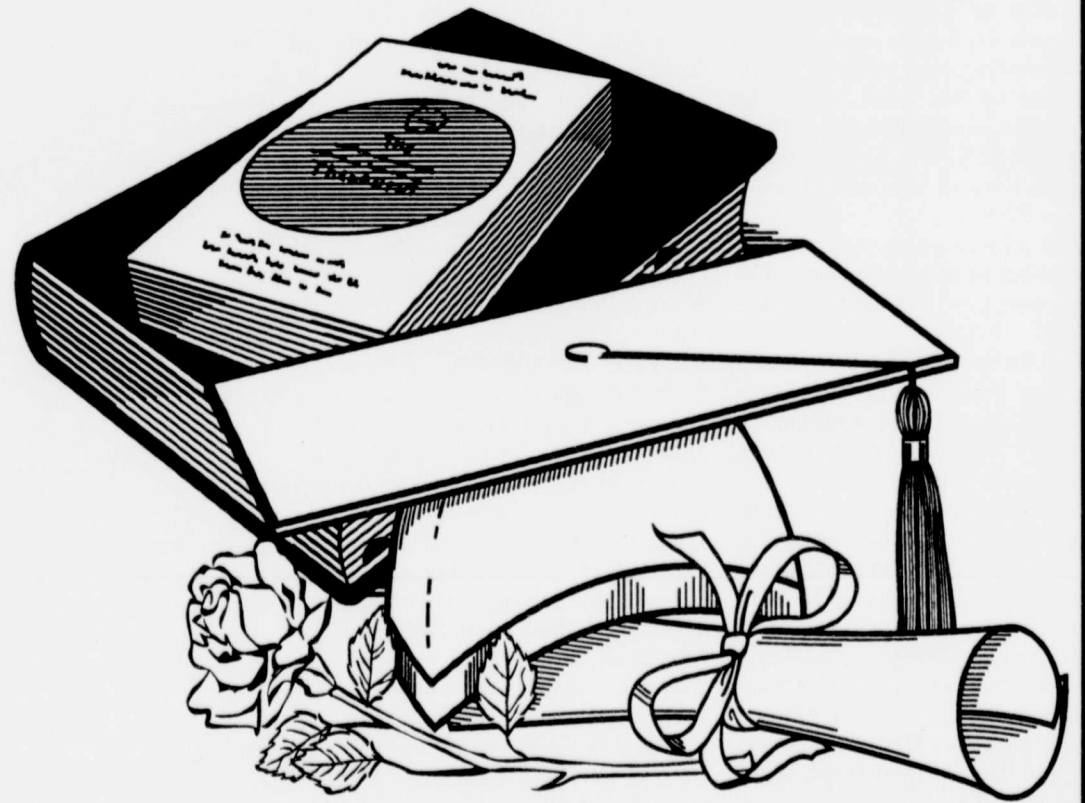
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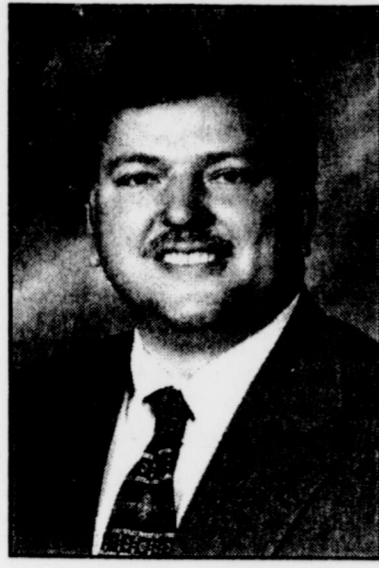
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## Movie trip

On Wednesday, May 15, students of Rivercrest Elementary who met the reading goal set by their teacher each six weeks were treated to the movie, "The Rookie" at Southside Cinema in Mt. Pleasant.

These students had to reach a certain number of points by taking tests on the books they read for Accelerated Reader as well as maintain an average of 80 or above. They also had to be sure the books they read were within the appropriate reading level for them. One hundred and seventy students enjoyed the movie with popcorn and soft drinks.



Stacy Holland, new ETMC Administrator

## Holland completes first month as new ETMC administrator

Stacy Holland, a hospital administrator with several years' experience managing small community hospitals, began working as the new administrator at ETMC Clarksville at the beginning of April.

"I have really enjoyed becoming acquainted with the employees and medical staff at ETMC Clarksville," Holland said. "I am very excited about the possibilities we have for providing our service area with excellent healthcare, and am looking forward to meeting the members of this community. My door is open to any community member, and I encourage them to share their thoughts with me regarding ways we can better serve our patients." He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla., receiving a bachelor of arts degree in 1990 in Business Administration with an emphasis in healthcare. Holland is currently pursuing a master's degree in Healthcare Administration from Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Already, Holland has secured both screening and diagnostic mammography services for ETMC Clarksville. Details of this

service will be announced soon. In addition, the facility now offers MRI services one day each week, for the convenience of Red River County residents.

Prior to his employment at ETMC Clarksville, Holland served as the chief executive officer at Clay County Memorial Hospital, a 38 bed facility in Henrietta. He served as chief executive officer of Haskel County HealthCare System of Stigler, Okla., from November 1996-August 2000. He has also served in administrative capacities at three other Oklahoma hospitals early in his career.

ETMC Clarksville is part of the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System, which is a not-for-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life in communities throughout East Texas.

Other ETMC facilities include hospitals in Athens, Carthage, Crockett, Fairfield, Gilmer, Jacksonville, Mt. Vernon, Pittsburg, Quitman, Rusk, Trinity and Tyler. For more information about the services available through the ETMC system, please visit on the Internet, [www.etmc.org](http://www.etmc.org) <<http://www.etmc.org>> .



## Dee Ann Gaddy with fiance Clayton Ray Huddleston Gaddy-Huddleston to wed

Dee Ann Gaddy and Clayton Ray Huddleston will be married Saturday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lynn Gaddy of Longview. Rev. Don Shovan will officiate the ceremony.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Curtis and Mary Gaddy of Longview and the granddaughter of Loretta Doyle and the late Joseph Doyle of Henderson and the late Curtis O. and Ida Mae Gaddy. She is a graduate of Texas A&M

University-Commerce and is employed by Kilgore Independent School District as a middle school teacher.

Her fiance is the son of Berney and Jamie Huddleston and the grandson of the late Alton "Tebo" and Hazel Peek of Annona and Bonnie Huddleston and the late Gilbert Huddleston. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University-Commerce and is employed by Thurman Russell Trucking.

## Hagansport plans school reunion

The Hagansport School reunion will be held June 1 at the community center beginning at 11 a.m. Hamburgers, chips and drinks will be served at noon at a cost of

\$6.00 per person. Reservations should be made by May 25. Contact Sharon Godfrey Martin, 903-632-4300, Rt. 1, Box 72C, Talco, TX 75487.

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LINDA CHAPPELL of Blossom received her Associate Nursing degree from Paris Junior College at a ceremony last Thursday.



\* 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.

\*May 18 there will be a benefit "Cook Out" at 12:00 noon. All proceeds from the lunch will go to Betty Mullin. Come out and eat lunch, spend the afternoon and attend the dance in the evening.

\*The VFW will honor the veterans of the area on Monday, May 27, 2002 starting with a memorial program at Red River Healthcare at 11:00 a.m. After that flowers will be placed and a wreath at Memorial Park. At the Post officers for next year will be installed and lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited to come out and help honor our veterans at all events.

\*Get Well Wishes are sent to: Phyllis Duffer and Bill Carr. \*Happy Birthday to: Richard Rainy and Rich Killen.

## 84 Club meets

The 84 Club met Thursday afternoon with Wootie Harville as hostess. Games of 42 were enjoyed on two tables.

Refreshments were served to the following: Bertha McCall, Maurine Mankins, Shirley Allums, Bonnie Smith, Maggie Lee, Bess Ruthardt, Mary Ellen Kain, Helen Williams and the hostess.

## Hawkins-Grider to be honored May 26

Tonya Hawkins, bride-elect of David Grider will be honored with a miscellaneous shower on Sunday, May 26, 2002 at the Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Selections may be seen at Dillard's (on-line) and Wal-Mart. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.

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## Associates honored at Christus St. Joseph's

More than 120 CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Associates were recognized on Monday, May 13, during CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System's Annual Service Awards Banquet at Paris Junior College.

Honorees included service award recipients, the past year's Associates of the Month, Associates of the Quarter, Associate of the Year, and Leader of the Year.

Pennie Golightly, supervisor in food service, was selected as Associate of the Year, and Mike McBride, chief operating officer for CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System, was voted Leader of the Year.

The awards banquet was one of a number of activities planned in observance of National Hospital Week.

Those honored for 30 years of service were: Linda Cole, post partum; Grace Gaffney, outpatient surgery and Shirley Williams, laboratory.

Twenty-five year service pins went to: Maxine Ellis, med-surg; Jack Gibson, lab; Rhonda Ground, patient care services; Barbara Huether, med-surg; Caron Hundley, surgery; Terri McLaughlin, materials; Dorothy Meeds, nutrition services; Norene Rose, surgery; Benny Skinner, lab; and Paul Swasko, community relations-advocacy.

Other honorees: 20 years - William Cody, Charles Edwards, Amy Fisher, Philip Fletcher, Shirley Jones, Mildred Peacock, Susan Risinger, J.W. Turk and Romona White-Tobacco. 15 years - Rhonda Backus, Patricia Butler, Rhonda Cody, Edna Coutts, Ida Dixon, Debbie Drake, Cleopatra Fuller, Jay Grizzle, Diana Hardin, Robbie Henson, Debbie Hindman, Debbie Hohenberger, Wilma Hunter, Rosalyn Lane, Carol Maddox, Jennifer Manous, Barbara Morrell, Ricky Partridge, Donna Scott, Doris Townsend, Sonja Wade, Vonda Wallace, Tricia Washington and Althea West.

## "Fun Run" is May 25

Pilgrim Bank's annual "Run For Your Life" charity fun run will be Saturday, May 25.

Registration will be held between 8:15 and 9 a.m. on Saturday to register for the one mile event; 7 to 7:45 to register for the scenic 3.6 mile loop into Dellwood Park. Both runs begin at Pilgrim Bank's south location

on US 271. In addition to trophies and ribbons for runners placing in the event, all participants get the free T-shirt. A police escort and medical team will be on hand for the run. For information, call 903-575-2158.

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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.

**May 22**

The Rivercrest Elementary Pre-K through 2nd grade end of year Music Program will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Neva Oats beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to attend.

**May 23**

The Rivercrest Elementary 3rd through 5th grade end of year Music Program will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Neva Oats beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to attend.

**May 23**

The Rivercrest Junior High Graduation Ceremony will be held at Rivercrest High School Auditorium beginning at 8:00 p.m.

**May 24**

The Rivercrest High School Graduation Ceremony will be held in the auditorium beginning at 8:00 p.m.

**Johntown News**

Dan and Mary Kathryn Cotten were in Weatherford Sunday for a first reunion of the Davis family, (Mary's father's family). The group met at Holland Lake Park.

On Friday Elmer and Maxine Patton, Jimmy Haynes and Dan and Mary Kathryn Cotten attended a Mobil Retirees gathering at Hideaway Lake in Lindale, Tx. They enjoyed seeing former Talco residents Ed Loyless and Bob Kimberlin.

**RRH preparing early for July 4th**

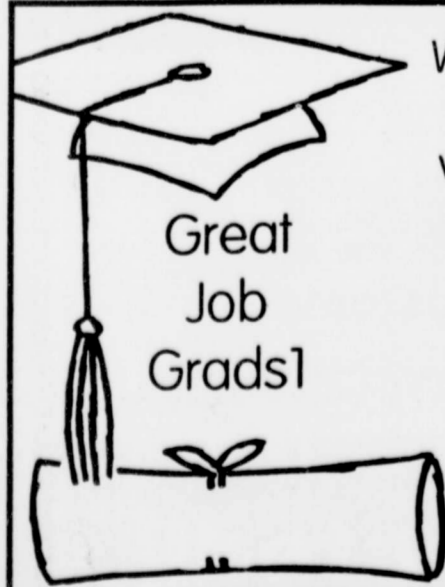
Time is swiftly passing by and the 4th of July is right around the corner. Red River Healthcare will once again be sponsoring their annual Fireworks Display on Thursday, July 4, 2002 at dusk.

The display is made possible through the donations of area businesses and residents of Bogata. Donations are already being taken toward this year's display. Your donation will be appreciated to help make this year's display better than ever.

Donations may be sent to Darnell Davis, Red River Healthcare, P.O. Box 790, Bogata, Tx. 75417 or call 903-632-5293 and someone will be glad to pick up your donation. Red River Healthcare and the community appreciate your kindness and generosity.

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*Casey Baker, Athens 2002 Valedictorian*

**Baker leads Athens 2002 graduates**

Casey Baker, daughter of Billy and Carol Corbell Baker of Athens is the Valedictorian for the 2002 graduating class in Athens. She has a GPA of 12.5, is a National Merit Scholar and has been in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" two years in a row. She is the recipient of the Girl Scouts Gold Award, placed second in State Sons of the American Revolution essay contest and won Best of Show in the Youth Art Month art show two years in a row. She placed third in district in extemporaneous speaking, was named to the All Area Band, was a state qualifier in flute trio and quartet and won second

**Bogata resident recognized at A&M**

Bonnie Phillips of Bogata was recognized at the 50th annual Honors Day Luncheon at Texas A&M University, Commerce, with a Joe B. Hinton Scholarship and a Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship. The senior business administration major is the daughter of Anaya Phillips of Clarksville and a 1998 graduate of Rivercrest High School.

**Memorial Day Holiday is Monday**

Readers and Advertisers are reminded that there will be a Holiday this coming Monday, May 27th in honor of Memorial Day. All news and ads going through the postal system must be mailed early in order to assure arrival.



in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. She has been active in Drama, Math/Science UIL, National Honor Society, Art Club, First United Methodist Youth Fellowship, Pridelite, Calculus Club and Girl Scouts of Texas Council.

Casey plans to major in civil engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. She has received highest ranking graduate, Athens Academic Renaissance Organization, the Speech and Drama Fan Club, National Merit, College of Engineering and Texas Exes scholarships.

She is the niece of Chrystine Baker and Tommie and Glenda Corbell of Bogata.

**PJC announces president's and dean's lists**

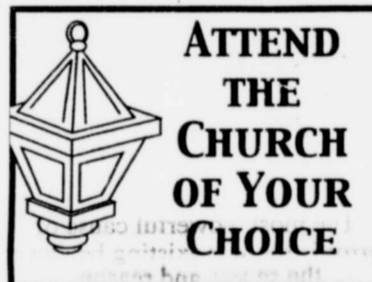
Paris Junior College has announced students named to the president's and dean's list for academic achievement during the spring semester.

To be eligible for the president's list, students must earn a 4.0 grade point average (straight A's) on a minimum of 15 semester hours. Those on the dean's list must have a minimum of 3.5 grade point average on at least 15 semester hours and have no grade lower than a "C".

Students named to the

president's list include:

- Bogata: Kasey A. Crawford, Sammy McGill Glosson, and Edward L. Wagstaff
- Clarksville: Donna Kay Smith
- Detroit: Thea A. O'Neal
- Students named to the dean's list are:
- Bogata: Rebecca A. Stewart and Sherry G. Williams
- Brookston: Jennifer Ann Wolf
- Clarksville: Zachary Benjamin Bartley, Jonathan R. Freyer, Tevis I. Ricks and Diana Rosser
- Detroit: Trista Dawn Reves



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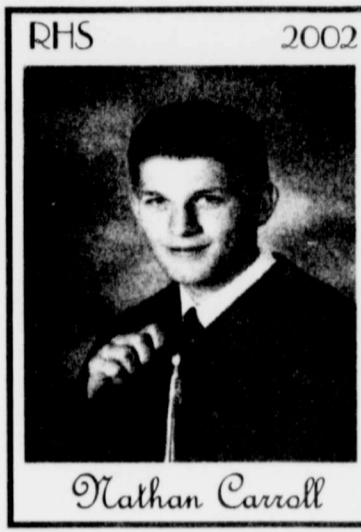
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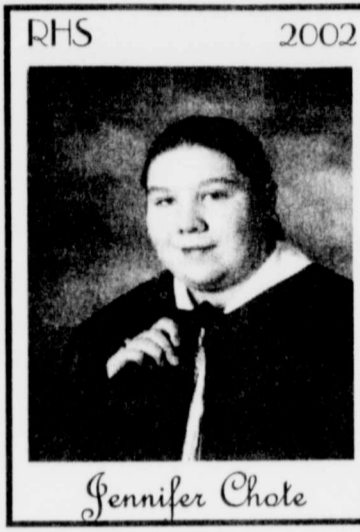
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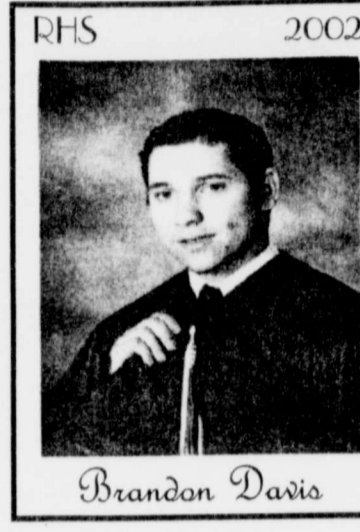
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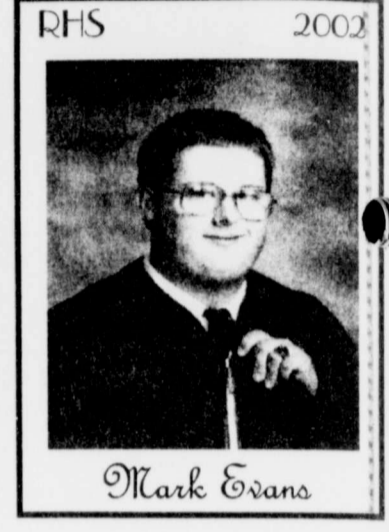
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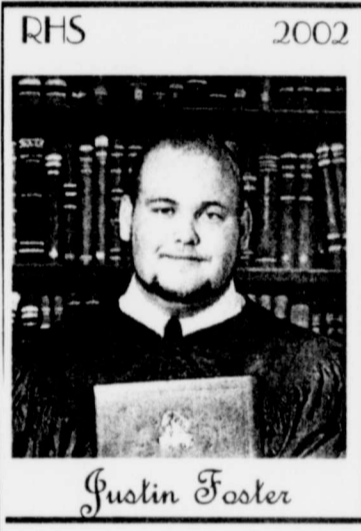


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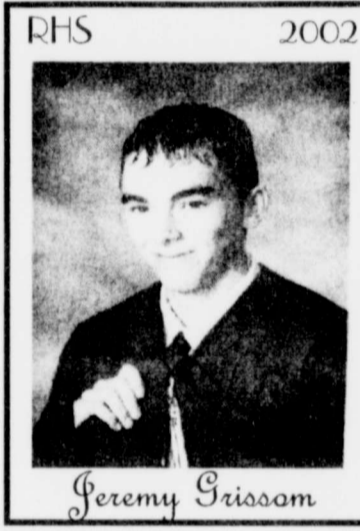
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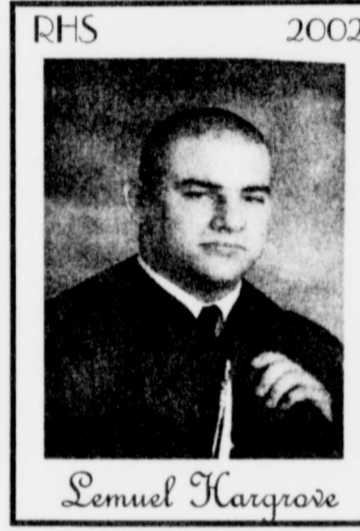
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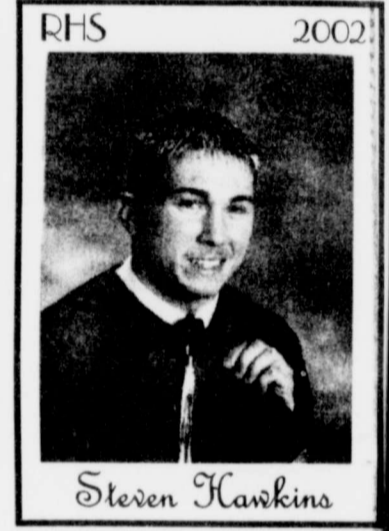
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The saint is the man who walks through the dark paths of the world, himself a light.

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TERESA TAYLOR will be serving as the Rivercrest Principal's secretary next year in the place of Kay Griffin who will be moving from the area. Teresa has worked as a teacher's aide at Talco Elementary and Rivercrest Elementary for several years. She is a Rivercrest graduate herself. She and her husband, David have one daughter, Laci. The couple reside in Talco. Welcome Teresa and Good Luck Kay! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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GINGER FOSTER was awarded the 25 year Athletic Booster Club plaque at the Athletic Banquet held last week at Rivercrest High School. Mrs. Foster is not only a Lady Rebel and Rebel fan but is the high school English teacher. Congratulations Ginger! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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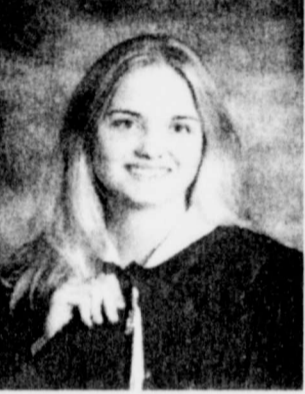
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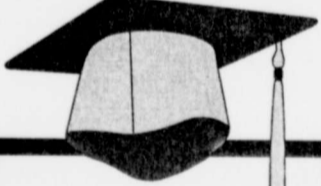


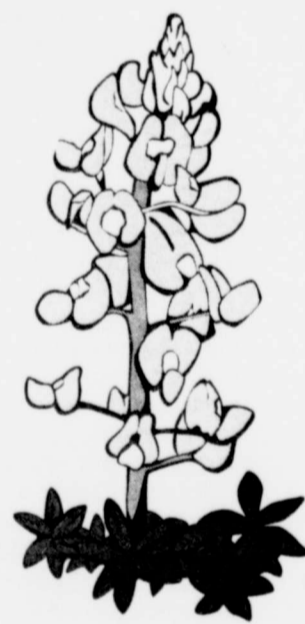
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## Largest crackdown ever takes aim at unbelted teens

This Memorial Day weekend during Operation ABC Mobilization, a nationwide law enforcement effort to protect teens and young adults from the leading risk they face, traffic crashes, will be held. With more than 50,000 seat belt check points, saturation patrols and special enforcement activities, the Mobilization is proven to save lives.

According to the new data from NHTSA's Fatal Analysis Reporting Systems, 4,437 teens, ages 16-19 died and thousands more were injured in traffic crashes in 2000. Fatality rates for teens are twice that of older drivers and the risk of crashes for teens are four times that of older drivers. This year, approximately 8,000 Americans, adults and children, will die in crashes because they failed to buckle their seat belts.

The weeklong enforcement wave, which runs from May 20-27, will be supported by more than \$8 million in federal funding for advertising to ensure the buckle up message reaches those least likely to obey the law and use seat belt including teens and young adults. The Congressionally mandated program expands a proven model of high visibility enforcement, which is credited with increasing

belt use by 8-12% on a state and regional basis.


While young drivers between 15 and 20 years old account for just 6.8% of licensed drivers (12.7

million) they represent 14% of all drivers involved in fatal crashes and 17% (1,885,000) of police reported crashes.


In 1999, 63% of youth ages 15-

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# Local Evangelist completes mission to India

by Bryan Hodge, Pastor Talco Church of Christ

Facts About India-India has more people in it than all of North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean Islands combined. About 40% of the world's population lives in just two countries: India and China. India is the largest democracy in the world. It is number two of all countries in population and closing very, very quickly on China (the USA is number 3 in world population). It is number 7 of all countries in land territory (the USA is number 3). It is about the size of the portion of the United States east of the Mississippi River. India has 28 states. Almost every state speaks a different language than that of its neighbor. English helps to bridge the language barrier.

Living Conditions-In the area of the city I stayed, most people lived in small blocked homes with hard tiled floors and little (if any) furniture. The houses had electricity that would occasionally go out each day. They did have running water and indoor plumbing, but not like ours (I'll go no further). No toilet paper or towels were used. The raw sewage ran into ditches between the house and the street. Animals were every where; dogs, cows, water buffalo. The animals ate the waste and the garbage thrown out on the streets. Some people sleep on the road sides, as well as the cattle, goats and other animals.

In the countryside areas that I visited most people lived in banana leaf huts. These huts had no electricity, no running water, no indoor or outdoor toilet facilities. But, the government did pay for each village to have one T.V. The T.V. was in its own special hut large enough to protect it from the elements and the people sat on the dirt under the stars to watch TV.

In the city most men wore dhotis (a long dress, usually down to the feet), or American (western) clothing. The women wore beautiful dresses and other garments of silks and other nice materials. Most wore sandals and kicked them off before going into any building.

In the country, dress varied. The men typically wore a dhoti. Some wore not much more than a loin cloth. The women dressed often modestly, but in poorer materials than their city sisters. Others were topless. Many lived on about the equivalent of 25 of our cents per day in the country (in the city the middle class might live on 5 US dollars per day). Those in the country often did not own shoes or sandals.

Life Span/Appearance-Their life span is very short. I am told that most die in their 50's.

At 14, most youth look about 9 or 10 years of age. At 20, most look about 14 or 15 years of age. But, by the time they are 40 or 45 they look very old and weathered.

Many looked very Asian. Others looked very African or perhaps like the Australian Aborigines. I am considered above average height in India. (Editor's note: For those who do not know him, Bro. Bryan is probably 5'6 or 5'7). The women in the family I stayed with were about four feet tall, the man was about 5'5.

Transportation-Transportation was interesting at times. We traveled by every conceivable means. We traveled by steam train, taxis with seven men in the back seat of one taxi. We traveled in caravans of mopeds and small motorcycles with three or four men on each at one time. I saw people travel by elephant. We traveled by ox-cart. At one point, one man asked me, "What type of animals do you use in America to get around on?"

One man that was baptized had just one leg. He owned a small bicycle repair shop. He made his own bicycle which he could pedal with his hands to get around.

The only time I really feared anything while there was when traveling in traffic on the streets. At times the cars seemed to be within one handbreadth of another. Lanes mean nothing. One way streets mean nothing. Passing is treacherous. More than once I thought we would have a head-on collision. The space they use to pass in is much, much smaller than what we are used to. It definitely makes central American traffic look mild. But I am still in one piece. Cows and goats sometimes laid in the middle of the busy streets. The air pollution is the thickest I've ever seen in the big cities. Los Angeles has no air pollution problems when compared to there. People are everywhere and busy as ants.

Crops/Food-Their major cash crops were: coconuts, sugar cane, bananas, rice, teakwood, tea, dates, figs and pineapples. Their hot tea was extremely good to the taste.

The Distance-From DFW to London is 9 hrs. and 37 minutes real flight time (forget the time

zone changes) and 4, 754 miles. From London to Madras is 9 hrs. 31 minutes real flight time (forget the time zone changes) and 5, 123 miles. Once in madras, it is another 8 hrs. by train to Erode, India. Considering the time zone changes, Madras clocks read 11 hours and 30 minutes ahead of the time at Talco, Texas. Round trip approximately 20,000 miles. Total travel time by plane and train-54 hours!

Typical Day-My typical day began about 5:30 a.m. by waking up to Hindu music coming from the local Hindu temple through my unglazed windows. My typical day always ended after midnight. Once at 2:30 a.m. after baptizing in the midnight hour.

During any break period the host had an open door policy when

people could come into my room any time one by one or two by two to ask questions. This was strange. Once I woke up from a nap to find two people standing outside my room to come visit with me about something they wanted to know more about.

Religiously-India is by far the most populous country for Hindus in the world. They worship perhaps 300 million gods. Deceased ancestors can become gods to a local community. The ancestor's favorite pet might well be sacrificed to the various temple sites to be offered. There are temples everywhere. One for fertility; another to go to if you want to be blessed with a job; another to protect against evil spirits-bring your gift and you can be blessed.

India is also either the 2nd or 3rd largest Muslim community in the world (depending on which list you look at). Indonesia is first, some put Pakistan second by numbers and then India. The Muslim community is a very small part percentage-wise of India.

My Lessons-68 of my lessons were presented during the day to member of the church, mainly, but not exclusively to men. These lessons were on: study of Titus; the qualifications of shepherd and deacons; the work of and relationship of shepherds, deacons, preachers and members; personal evangelism; church discipline; current issues there in the church (they gave to me); and a Question and Answer session. Many took the entire period off from their work to attend these leadership classes. Many traveled great distances to be there. 60 men and women completed all the leadership classes, all these received a graduation certificate. The church at Erode, after prayer and fasting, appointed two elders and six deacons. One of the leaders is retiring from his job early so that he can shepherd full time. Other churches in the area were also selecting and appointing men.

I was scheduled to have 12 "open air meetings". I envisioned speaking to hundreds or perhaps thousands each night. What actually took place was somewhat different than expectations. They took me each night to some small banana-leaf hut village, I spoke to a tribal group of perhaps 15 or 20 or 30 souls each night. I went to a different village each night. I sometime spoke under the stars while they sat on the ground. At other times I would sit on a chair in a one room house; they would sit on the ground from my feet and out the door. These lessons were aimed at winning souls to Christ.

The results: (1) There were 66 baptisms (63 of the 66 were Hindus, 3 were denominational people tired of denominationalism, they simply wanted to be New Testament Christians, nothing more or

less); of these, 39 were men and 27 women. The ages broke down this way; 3 were in their sixties; 1 was in his fifties; 7 were in their forties; 13 were in their thirties; 24 were in their twenties and 18 were in their teens. (2) One new church was established. One of the men from Erode has agreed to work with this newly planted church and help them mature. (3) A building up on the brethren's faith in the power of the Word. To God be the glory! The Gospel will change people when preached (by the way, if you are wondering the percentage of Christians there that remain faithful is much higher there than here! I understand that the retention there is between 70 and 80%. The retention rate here is between 40 and 50%. People take their decision very serious there, to obey the Gospel means being shunned from family and sometimes persecution).

The Blunders-Blunder one: I backed very hard into a policeman, so hard in fact, that I knocked his billy club out of his hand! He had a machine gun in the other hand!! But no difficulty occurred. He just smiled and let me go. Blunder two: I shook hands with the ladies.

Only their husbands are to touch them in such a way. You are to bow to greet them. Before it was over the husbands told them it was okay to shake hands with me. No difficulty, what a relief.

The Sad-Many sad things occur in India. Many of these things concern the women. It is illegal, but it still happens that when a husband dies the wife is sometimes drugged and placed on the funeral pyre to die with his cremation. Another sad practice, though also illegal, is also concerning women. A dowry is to be given away when a girl marries, and it is to be given by her parents. If a family has many daughters, and since the dowry could equal as much as five years wages, the murder of daughters sometimes occurs. The government has had to make sonograms illegal because so many were using this to selectively abort if the unborn be female. Also, some place cow urine and dung upon themselves to receive blessings from the gods (they worship the female cow).

They are a superstitious people that believes that earthquakes are caused by their god holding up the world, getting tired and having to shift hands. They believe if an elephant's snout touches the head of a person, that person is blessed. They worship the elephant.

The Barber Shop-The barber shop was interesting. They cut everyone's hair with the same scissors without sanitizing them between cuts. They shaved every face and every man's underarms (that's right-underarms!) with the same razor blade, then wiped the blade off and went on to the next customer. They did shave me with a new blade however.

While I am speaking of the barber shop, a young Hindu was in the middle of a hair cut, when he saw me come in. He got up and wanted me to go first because I was an American and a guest in his country. But, I insisted that he finish.

When one gets his hair cut, he must thoroughly bath with water and change clothes before entering any home of a Hindu. The hair clippings, to them represent evil spirits. They think if such clippings get into their home that bad things will happen to that home.

Interesting Notes-While on the plane returning to London, an Indian man now living in the US asked me what we believed. I told him. He said I need to find out about the Syrian Christians. He said they simply referred to themselves as Christians, but all others call them Syrian Christians. Supposedly, they fled Syria in the first century A.D. due to the persecutions. They traveled by ship down the Persian Gulf and ended up in Western India, in what is now Cochin. He said that they seem to worship and practice as we do, though there are not very many of them. He said their history goes back to the first century A.D. and that they have continued to worship there ever since.

Another tidbit, did you know that there is good evidence that the Apostle Thomas took the Gospel into Persia (Iran), Parthia (corresponds to Iran and Turkmenistan) and India? In fact, there is a monument erected for him in Madras, India. The Thompson chain-reference Bible says, "Tradition says he labored in Parthia, Persia and India suffering martyrdom near Madras at Mt. St. Thomas."

Honor and Persecution-Each state is different and city to city the treatment of Christians is different as well. I heard of people being evicted from their homes and yes, an occasional death due to Hindu persecution in some areas. The persecution does not come from the Indian government but from the people themselves. It is illegal in India for a foreigner to baptize an Indian. I did not find that out until I had baptized many. After finding out, I usually let an Indian do the baptizing.

But I was never treated harsh. In fact, I was honored as a special guest at their harvest festival (the equivalent of our county fair). I was given the equivalent of the city keys, due to the influence of my host. Moreover, I signed autographs for the people on that occasion. They even provided special entertainment just for me. I think they really wanted to please American. You see, they need help with Pakistani terrorism. They really wanted to treat me with honor.

Sunday-Their typical Sunday service starts at 10:00 a.m. From 10 to 11 they sing; from 11 to 1:30 preaching occurs; from 1 to 1:30 someone speaks on the meaning of the Lord's Supper; from 1:30-1:40 the Lord's Supper is taken; from 1:40 to 1:55 a member gives a lesson on giving; from 1:55 to 2:00 the collection is taken up.

Then, usually, all eat together. Transportation to services (by bus), lunch and even the building

itself is almost entirely provided for by one family.

The last Sunday I was there they had a special service to install elders and deacons before we ate lunch. This lasted from 2 pm to 3:30pm. So services that day were 5 1/2 hours before lunch! No complaints. The people couldn't get enough. Attendance is usually 30-35, but this last Sunday attendance soared to 172. Inside the building and maybe 30-40 outside listening.

Names-One man that was converted was named Nagarajan. His name honored a Hindu god; the King Cobra. He asked about changing his name. I told him of men in the Bible that did not change

their pagan names; Epaphras; Epaphroditus-both show honor to Venus or Aphrodite. He was told that instead of changing his name it was more important that he wear the name "Christian". He still insisted and changed his name to Paul.

In another case, a young mother asked me to give her newly born daughter a Bible name. I selected the name Priscilla. She was thrilled.

Illness/Living as they do-I was the first American to go work with these people in some time. They were well pleased. They said that many Americans want to stay in American hotels, eat American food, only preach at the church buildings, and then return to the hotel. But, I lived as they did. Such pleased them. Paul said, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some". I've even heard stories of Americans showing up and seeing the conditions and leaving immediately. Such is a shame. These souls are precious and hungry for the truth.

Living conditions were interesting at times. The day they picked me up they brought me bottled water to spare me from drinking their polluted water. I took a sip. The next man grabbed the bottle and sipped. They passed it around and then back to me to drink again. They thought they were doing me a favor.

I did drink much unsanitary water in people's homes. I ate things that, I didn't know what it was. The mosquitoes were very thick. One of my host contracted malaria while I was there. They did erect a mosquito net for me. But I tell you all this to say I don't know what I contracted. It could be a result of bad water and unclean conditions. They also are having an epidemic of malaria, yellow fever and typhoid. I thought maybe I had malaria, I guess I didn't. I am almost back to normal.

Hospitality-I found the people to be overly hospitable, way beyond their duty. When I showed up at the airport, my plane was 4 hours late due to engine trouble and a change of plane, those men that picked me up, had waited all that extra time outside in the rain, in the dark, with no shelter, waiting for me. When they took me to the airport to fly back home, twelve members of the church took off

work and escorted me the eight hour trip by train to see me off. The day that I was to leave from the airport they rented a bus and took me around sight-seeing. I don't think that a day went by without their placing a rose lei around my neck. They brought me flowers of different kinds. They put a sandalwood lei around my neck and brought me more food than I could have ever eaten. They were always smiling and very gra-

cious. One of the men I baptized spun and wove a blanket for me with my name on it.

Conclusion-Would I do it again? In a heart beat. If one truly loves souls and believes the Gospel, how could he do otherwise? They have invited me to return in 1 1/2 years from now. They want me to bring 3 or 4 other preachers with me at the time. I do have plans for other possible future trips to Jamaica, Ghana Africa and Russia.



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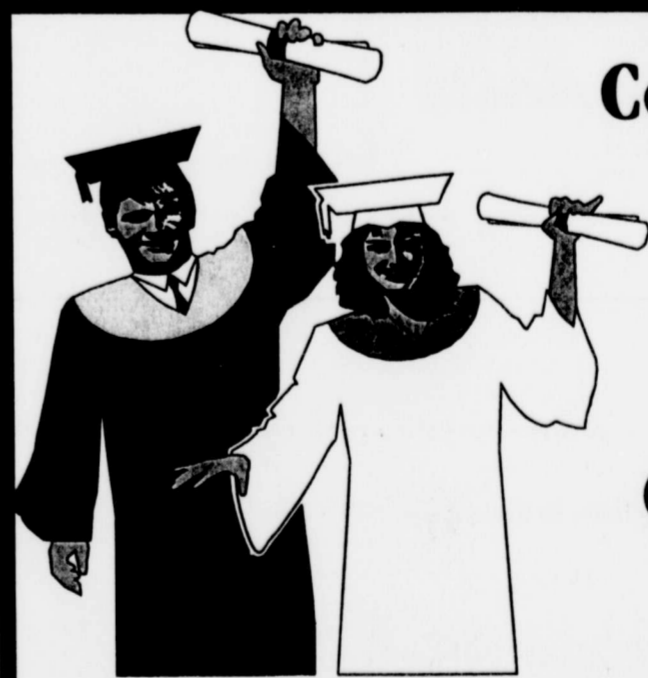
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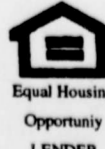
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# Car Seat Check-up is June 5

A car seat check-up will be held June 5 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Paris Wal-Mart parking lot. The event is being sponsored by the Paris EMS.

The Car Seat Check-up Program was developed by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Health due to the growing number of injuries and deaths of infants and toddlers. National studies have discovered that infants and toddlers were restrained improperly in car seats.

Those same national studies reflected that at least 8 out of 10 car seats are incorrectly used. The studies revealed that correctly installed car seats are 71% effective in reducing deaths for infants, 64% effective in reducing toddler deaths, and reduced the need for hospitalization by 69%.

Paris EMS became involved with the Child Safety Seat Program last year when the studies were brought to the attention of local Paramedics. One of the goals at Paris/Lamar County EMS is injury prevention. Citizens need to know that injuries are prevented if infants and children are properly secured when riding in a vehicle.

A 32-hour training program developed through the efforts of the DOH & the DOT to educate individuals to become Child Passenger Seat Technicians. This 32-hour training program consists of learning: Basics of injury prevention, Crash Dynamics, Federal Safety Standards, Identifying Vehicle Occupant Protection Systems, Correct Installation of Car Seats, Selecting and Securing the right car seat for each child, and how to set up a Car Seat Check-

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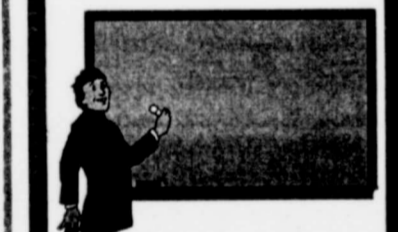


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# Woodland News

by Renate McCoin 674-2381

Greetings and salutations to all! Christ is risen... Christ is risen, indeed. And how in the world are 'ya all? Me, I'm doing just fine. It is Tuesday already. So much for trying to get a head start on the week. Just now I finished reading all my e-mail. Well, not all of it. There were 33 new messages in there and I was just toodling along and eliminating those I did not want to look at when something happened and about 15 of the little buggers just up and disappeared. Don't know where they went. I think they just fell off. There has been a message for quite some time warning me that I was running out of storage. Seems to me that message has been given to me in one form or another several times lately.

The other day I decided to make a dish that required chicken. So I started looking in the freezer compartment and in the deep freezer. The latter seemed to be running out of space in particular. Well, I found two bags of ice, one large turkey and a big bag of salmon or some other kind of fish that my sister Brigitte brought me which they brought from Alaska from her daughter Connie. Found hamburger meat from January and a package of ribs that were supposed to be sold before July 2001. But no chicken. And lots of vegetables, particularly okra, also from Brigitte. I took out the ribs and decided to do something with them.

I mean they were sealed in plastic that would be guaranteed to survive the next ice age and had never been not frozen since I bought them. And they had a recipe on them which for me is very important. I am not much of a cook. I freely admit that I need all the help I can get in that department. I can count on three fingers the times I got excited about a recipe.

So there I was. Thawed out ribs and recipe. And I set to work. Season meat with garlic powder and ground ginger. Put in large baking pan, cover with foil and bake for 1 1/2 hours at 300. No big deal. And I was doing just fine. Then comes "season to taste with salt and pepper". How? Do I take the foil back off? And even if I do that, how am I supposed to taste it. I've never made this before and besides even if I had, just how is raw meat with garlic powder and ginger and salt and pepper on it supposed to taste? And furthermore, (isn't that a lovely word?) do you lick the meat or just put your fingertip to it and then lick that? Or is this all just a phrase to confuse people like me who are cooking and taste bud impaired. Despite all the confusion the ribs turned out well and tasted good even though I completely forgot to put the salt and pepper on. So much for season to taste.

The Jolly Gems met last Tuesday afternoon at the house of Marie Wright for their monthly get-together. It was lovely. Good food and good company.

Little business was discussed. Primarily the White Elephant sale scheduled for July. Once again we will invite the ladies from Dimple and Midway and feed them. Eloise will be the hostess for that event. Those attending were: Eloise Calabria, Nona Brown, Dorothy Dawson, Eva Jeffers, me, Pat Currin, MaryAnn Leach, Jeri Harris, JoAnn Reddell and Shirley Wright. We had two guests: Ella Clanton and Murle Ervin. We enjoyed their company and hope that they will come back. We missed Deedell. She is still

not well and Dorothy Powers was also missing because she was on vacation. Melba Spears is now in the Colonial Retirement Home in Paris and doing better. But we still

miss her at our meetings. Someone at the meeting mentioned that they and some friends and their mother were making blankets and quilts for the Paris Pregnancy Crisis Center (I may not have the name quite right) and I thought "What a wonderful idea!" This is right here close to home. So ladies, if you need some creative outlet, there it is. Maybe even the hospital auxiliary could use some help in that regard. Every baby should have a new blanket or quilt when they leave the hospital. Think about it.

The next meeting will be at the home of JoAnn Reddell in May.

My appointment with my doctor went ok. Blood pressure is fine, heart is still beating and the weight is down some. They took blood and now I am waiting for the results. If it was that important to do it why do they not call you when they have the results. And if it isn't getting any better why do it all. Enough griping.

Wednesday's quilters in Woodland were at it once again. When I got there both frames were empty and we had to put in a new quilt. This one belongs to Betty Jo Swindle and was pieced for her by Dell Garrett. It is a variation of the nine-patch. Somehow that does not sound too creative or original. So I call it nine-patch on the half-shell. Those quilting were Margie Fleming, Betty Jo Swindle, Jeanette Burton, Ysleta Gatlin, Ted Yoakum, Calvin and Joyce Gibson, Frances Lee, Desso King, Ruby Ross, Helena McCoin, me, Dell Garrett, and Bill and Jean King who came late and only to visit.

There was a really lively discussion going on about tractor tires, watermelon and a video about a birthday party given several years ago for Desso King and Aunt Mahnon. It apparently was a hoot. With singing and dancing and costumes and who knows what else. We were all invited to come to Aunt Desso's house to watch it that afternoon. However, we put our work before our pleasure and stayed and quilted. And we drew numbers for the new sequence of quilting. And guess who got # 1? Yep, yours truly.

We noticed that there were a lot of cars in front and around Rhonda Cronin's house on Mothers Day and I mentioned that fact to Betty Jo. She said that all of her grand-children except Ryan and Donetta and all of the great-grand-children were there to celebrate. The food was all over the place and they all had a wonderful time. All in all about 30 people gathered....

She also told about the wonderful program the choir and other members of the congregation put together at the church for Mothers Day. Some of the ladies portrayed women of the Bible from Eve to Mary. Frances said she was Jezebel and when reminded that she was not in church that day she responded with "of course not, Jezebel would be busy somewhere else" or something to that extend. And Dr. Ralph Brown read a special poem he had written in honor of his mother, Mrs. Dixie Brown.

Our prayer list this week includes Gary Lewis, Jimmy Shelby, Dana Moulden, Lawrence and Irene Lyons, Jorene Carpenter, Charles and Dana Sharp, Dorothy Hinderleiter, Arthur Castleman and Alton Langston. And Phyllis and her family. She lost her mother. And as always our leaders and all other leaders, and our friends and neighbors and me. Let's pray for us all.

This Sunday is 5th Sunday and we will be celebrating at Assembly of

God Church in Detroit. As always there will be good music, good fellowship and uplifting preaching going on. So come and join us!

The Lions Club met last night and it was a good meeting. The program was given by Reba Martin Mason and that lady knows a lot about hummingbirds. Really interesting. Just a little side note. Last Thursday we had a message on our answering machine that just said "The chickens are gone". I don't know who left it but it means that the Lions will not feast on chicken and dumplings in the near future.

Johnny is still working on his kit-car, otherwise known as a Pontiac Fiero. I think he has taken the motor out at least five times and put it back in. But, and this is a BIG BUT yesterday he drove it out of the shop building and down the driveway and around the yard several times. Today he is taking out the motor again. I am so proud of him. I would have given up in that thing a long time ago. Perseverance could be his middle name. Of course the car still needs a windshield and the sun roof and the hood is not on nor the back deck and most of the times it has not tires either. But he is making progress and it keeps him trim and well. Except of course for the bruises and lacerations and scrapes and aching muscles. I am really not knocking it. I just hope he gets it fixed soon because I have a lot of other things in my "honey do list".

Memorials for the Lions Club Tabernacle Fund are coming in. One at least came in because the donor read this column. Do you think I should get a commission from that? So far this, my latest idea of getting rich, has not been received with a lot of enthusiasm. Maybe I need to change my sales technique.

Ysleta Gatlin has a birthday on May 25 and Honey Gibson will be a year more mature on May 23. And Leslie Suzanne Harp Young will be 29 tomorrow and her husband Rocky will be 31 no 32 on Thursday. And Wyatt Vickers will be 22 tomorrow, too. Happy birthday to all.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, two out of five women in America dye their hair... a tuna can swim 100 miles in one day... In New York state it is illegal to shoot at a rabbit from a moving trolley car... Every citizen of Kentucky is required by law to take a bath once a year... In Alaska it is illegal to look at a moose from the window of an airplane or any other flying vehicle... Women were not allowed to vote in France until 1944... In downtown Lima, Peru there is a large statue dedicated to Winnie-the-Pooh... Sound travels fifteen times more swiftly through steel than through air... and finally... the moon weighs 81 billion tons and more than 1 million earths would fit inside the sun. Those were the last of the trivia pursuit tidbits I wanted to share with you. Now go out and play.

Well, that about sums it up for today. Somewhere in the back of my mind there is this little niggle thought that says I am forgetting something. Maybe it will come while I proofread this epistle. If not, well never mind. So be good. Hug the kids and get ready for summer break. Smooch your spouse like you mean it and just for a change behave like you did when the two of you were courting. Resolve to spend one day, just one day, in the coming week without complaining, even if just to yourself and let's see how much better that day goes. Until we come together again: Meet me in church on Sunday.

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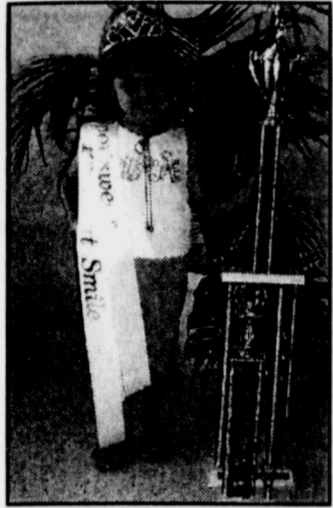
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Red River County Genealogical Society met May 13, 2002 at the Red River County Library. At the board meeting it was voted to name Cynthia Samples as Web Site Editor. Ms. Samples has created a site for the society and has maintained the Gen Web Site for Red River County for some time. This is a site for every state and most counties in the United States. Mr. Eugene Simmons has done extensive work typing new labels for the family files of the society. Twenty-five were in attendance to hear an outstanding speaker. The scheduled speaker notified the society the day of the meeting

that she was ill. Mr. Larry Banks, with a few hours notice, showed slides and spoke to the spellbound audience. He showed some slides of the local area and told of artifacts that have been unearthed. Mr. Banks is a retired government geologist.

The society has a variety of wonderful programs and has great attendance at the meetings. Members and visitors are welcome to attend the second Monday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. during the summer at the Red River County Library.

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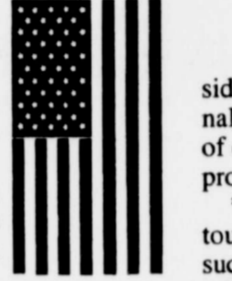
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Proper display of the flag when hanging flat on a wall or in a window.

day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-mast until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff.

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\*\*The flag, when it is in such condition that it no longer is a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferable by burning. Contact your local American Legion or VFW post for information on flag-burning ceremonies, which are often held on June 14, which is Flag Day.

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**PJC Cosmetology department holds first pinning**

The first pinning ceremony ever held by the Paris Junior College Cosmetology Department recognized its largest class of graduates ever at a ceremony conducted in the PJC Student Center. The class of 28 students received their pins and certificates of completion from coordinator and instructor Essie Moore.

Alice Davidson received the valedictorian award, and Irene Nickerson was named salutatorian of the class. Christina Wiggins received the Excellence Award, and Kristi jSmith received an award for team spirit.

Miranda Arnold received a Letter of Recognition from the State Board of Examiners in Austin.

Graduates of the PJC Cosmetology Program are now eligible to apply for the State Board examination, according to Moore and instructor Mary Ann Jasper.

Students certified from the program and their hometowns were:  
Bagwell: Dustin Smith  
Blossom: Angie Taylor, Carlie Vickers, Elaine Bebee  
Bogata: Angela Wilson, Nicole Johnson  
Clarksville: LaKeshia Turner, Leticia Cole

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Leon and Molee Huddleston had Ania Rust and Buddy Rogers of Allen, Tx., Archie and Ruth Sparks of Paris Saturday as lunch guests.

Casey York received a broken thigh bone in a fall Friday on the lot behind the bank in Bogata. He is a patient in St. Joseph's South in Paris. He underwent surgery on his leg Saturday and was able to be up a few minutes on Monday. Dixie Stringfellow, a cousin, has been attending him along with his sister, Fern Bowen, of Garland. Other cousins visiting have been Vicki Tabb, Anita and Jackie Couch and Kenneth York. His nieces, Cindy Bowen and Roynda and Robert Storey all of Allen

visited with him on Friday.

Happy May Birthday to: Anaya Phillips, Amanda Middleton, Niki Lewis, Peggy Belcher, John Ross, Ruby Pirtle, Joanie Swarts, Chad Martin, Christopher Guerra, Jessica Rose, Brian Keith Strickland, Jelu Binion, Macey Dodd, Jennifer Coffin, Misti Fair, Latrisha English, Allix Brunson, Tonya Willis, Don Crawford, Barbara Branch, Melanie Gideon, Josephine Harrison and Ginger Jordan.

Happy May Anniversary to: Clint and Sharon Greer, Mark and Karen Beers, Donnie and Shirley Smith, Eddie and Nancy Denny, Sam and Cleavie Coffin.

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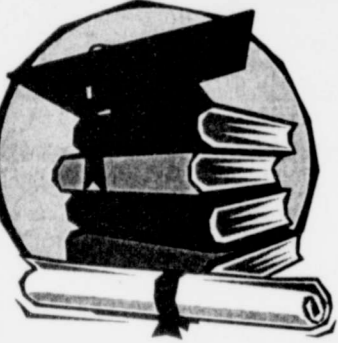


CASSIE PERRY was proud to receive the Stanley Tate Davis Memorial, Rebel Band Booster and Home Town Home Health Scholarships at the Rivercrest High School awards ceremony. Cassie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Perry of Bogata. Congratulations Cassie!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



ROBYN HOLLIS-Salutatorian of Rivercrest High School was proud to receive the People's Telephone Scholarship and Rivercrest Education Foundation Scholarship at this weeks award ceremony. Robyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hollis of Talco. Congratulations Robyn!!

**Good Job Grads! Keep up The Good Work**



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**American Cancer Society drive to begin**

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to elementary cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service. This is the mission statement of the American Cancer Society.

May and June are the months to contribute locally to your American Cancer Society. A volunteer will call during these months. Look for the American Cancer Society shield on their name tag when you are called upon to be sure the caller is from the society. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by many.

Cancer patients of all ages, their families and caregivers, were reached this year with service and rehabilitation programs provided through local volunteers in every Texas community. These include information delivery, education and support groups, survivor to patient/family visitation and tangible services such as transportation and home equipment.

Cancer prevention and the importance of early detection are the forces of educational efforts in schools and businesses and for the community organizations and healthcare facilities. Areas of special emphasis are: cancers of the lung; heart; colon, rectum, prostate and skin and nutritional guidelines.

Thanks to the invaluable assistance of over 2 million volunteers, about 200,000 of them in Texas, more than 80% of the money contributed by the public is used for research, patient services and educational programs. This means only 15% goes into fund-raising and 3% into administration.

If a dog will not come to you after he has looked you in the face, you should go home and examine your conscience.

-Woodrow Wilson  
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ZACH PERRY, LEAH CABELL AND JOSH CABELL-all received awards at the Rivercrest Athletic Banquet held last week. (from the left) Zach was named Offensive MVP in Rebel football; Leah received the Athletic Booster of the Year award and Josh received the Baseball MVP and Basketball Freethrow award by shooting 70 % from the line. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**Tire burglary is Crime of Week**

You can earn up to \$1000.00 in cash, by providing Crime Stoppers with the information that will lead to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for committing the following felony crime. Sometime during the weekend of Saturday, May 5, unknown suspects forced entry into Bill Bass Tires at 1240 S. Church in Paris. Once inside the store, suspects stole several different brands of tires valued at over \$17,500.00. If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by May 27, an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at (785-8477).

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**Talco Locals**  
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Ralph and Ruth Wilson have returned home from a trip to visit and sight-see in North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. They report the wildflowers along the roadways beautiful at this time of year.

Jackie Ashley and Nancy Brown shopped in Mt. Pleasant Friday and enjoyed lunch at Catfish King before returning home.

Kari Jones of Oklahoma visited with her grandparents, Johnny and Karen Jones last week.

Eddie Brown and Bobby Jack Brown of Quitman attended the Ragsdill family reunion Sunday. Sunday church services were enjoyed in the Rosalie Church with lunch and visiting following in the community center. Also attending from Tulsa, OK, were the Brown's aunt, Margie (Sister) and Joe Don Kenworthy.

Donna Newman was honored with a surprise birthday supper at the Western Sizzlin' Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening. She enjoyed her party and received many nice gifts including amoney tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Antone, Aaron and Madysen of Arizona

arrived Tuesday to visit with Lee Antone, Princess, Javiar and Travis and with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lawrence and family in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf and Katherine enjoyed lunch at Catfish King in Mt. Pleasant Friday.

The Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church has enjoyed revival services this week.

On Friday, Elmer and Maxine Patton, Jimmy Haynes and Dan and Mary Kathryn Cotten attended a Mobil Retirees gathering at Hideaway Lake in Lindale, Tx. Others attending who are former Talco residents were Ed Loyless and Bob Kimberlin.


Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown enjoyed watching the Talco 7 & 8 year old boys play baseball vs the Bogata 7 & 8 year old boys at Bogata Friday night. Following the game they and Justain Norman traveled to Mt. Pleasant to shop and have supper at Burger King.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Gene Goates and Sylvia Cochran attended graduation ceremonies for their nephew and great nephew in Shreveport, LA.

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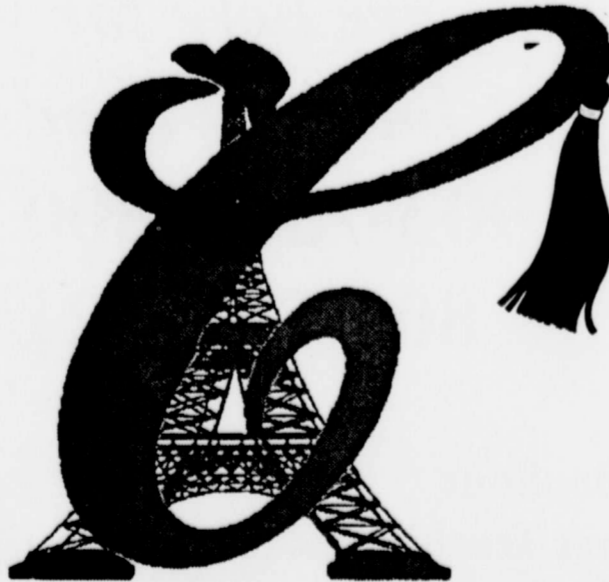
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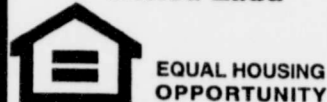
**Graduation**

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**ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS**-this year went to: (back from the left) Ryan Hawkins, Nathan Carroll, Steven Shade and Zach Ward and (front from the left) Brittany Bull and Charla Hines. Congratulations students!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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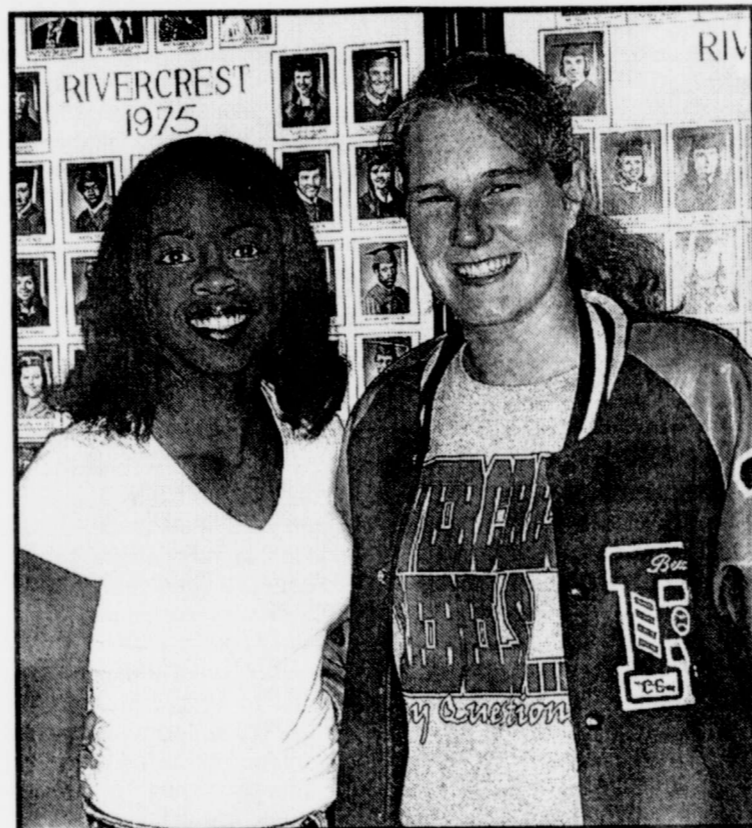
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A great selection with lots of color are expected. Animals may be previewed on June 21 between 1:30 p.m and 5:00 p.m. Applications are required and animals will be adopted by competitive bid the minimum being \$125.00. Admission is free. For more information call 1-88-274-2133 or (601) 977-5400.



**LADY REBELS**-Charla Hines and Erica Williams were named the Lady Rebel and Fighting Lady Rebel of the year at the annual Rivercrest Athletic Banquet held last week. Charla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hines of Fulbright. Erica is the daughter of Lee and Fred Booker and Brian Williams of Bogata. Congratulations girls! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**All The Best TO OUR GRADUATES**

Our sincere best wishes to all our local graduates for a happy and bright future.

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Conduct periodic drills so everyone remembers what to do when a tornado is approaching.

Stay tuned for storm warnings. Listen to your local radio and TV stations for updated storm information. Know what a tornado WATCH and WARNING mean.

When a tornado WATCH is issued, listen to local radio and TV stations for further updates. Be alert to changing weather conditions. Blowing debris or the sound of an approaching tornado may alert you. Many people say it sounds like a freight train.

When a tornado WARNING is issued, if you are inside, go to the safe place you picked to protect yourself from glass and other flying objects. If you are outside, hurry to the basement of a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low lying area. If you are in a car or mobile home, get out immediately and head for safety.

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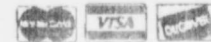
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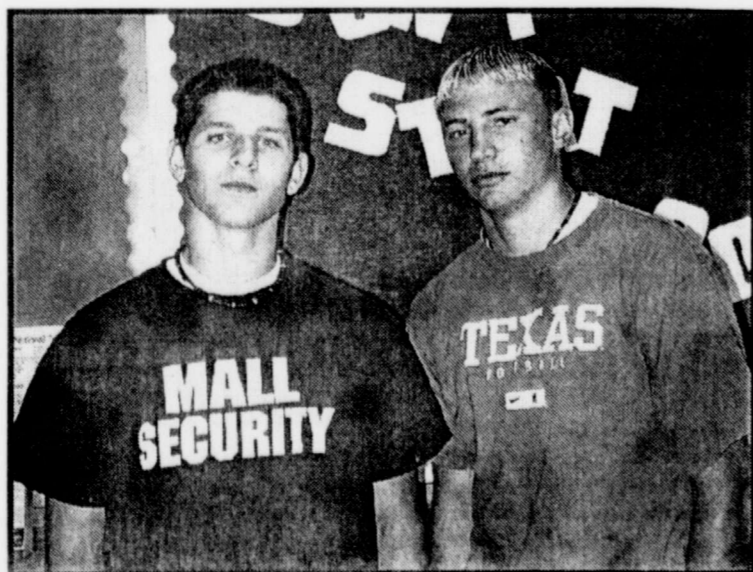
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**FIGHTING REBELS**-(from the left) Nathan Carroll and Chance Wolfe received honors at the annual Rivercrest Athletic Banquet held last week. Nathan received the Gary Sam McConnell award and Chance received the Track MVP and Fighting Rebel award. Congrats boys!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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**Flashes.....Bumper Stickers**

by Jack Ballard  
 Bumpers on cars just are not what they used to be. These days what passes for the term "car bumper" is nothing but wrap around formed painted rubber. When you get a scratch or bump, you pay dearly to replace the whole painted rubber wrap around. Gone are the days of shiny chrome bumpers front and rear. Now you only find those real bumpers on SUV's and pickup trucks.

I spend a lot of time on the interstates and I have noticed that no longer having real bumpers on automobiles has also impacted another item in our culture—the bumper sticker. It is a rarity to see a full blown bumper sticker. Today, those who want to share a road warrior traveling message are often attaching those messages to the rear windows of their vehicles.

You can visualize the mostly white formulations on the rear windows of "Fear This... (my favorite, Fear This...God)". Of course, those who are from the two big state institutions of higher learning are always proclaiming "Longhorn Dad" or "Aggie Mom". Also popular is the "Proud Parent of an A Honor Roll Student". The back window is also the usual place for those who want everyone to know what kind of

music they listen to on the radio. We frequently see those who are promoting the call letters of Mix 102.5 and Kicker 98.7.

Remember when the Dallas Cowboys were winning Super Bowls? Didn't every car in Texas have a Cowboys decal on the bumper? Where are they now? I guess one of the oldest bumper stickers still around is a faded one I recently saw on a pickup truck, "I Didn't Vote for the Dope from Hope". Sadly, from the 1960's, all the old smiley face stickers are about gone. Now and then you will see a version of "My Other Car is a Porsche".

The bumpers of yesteryear carried a number of environmentalist's messages and women's rights agendas. In that spirit I recently saw the combination on a bumper of "Practice Random Acts of Kindness" and "Senseless Beauty" combined with "Real Men Read the Instructions". There is still an occasional "Don't Drink and Drive" out there.

There is also a category of window stickers today that somewhat reflect the nature and purpose of bumper stickers of long ago—those "in your face" attitude stickers. Some of the best on the road today are "It Took Me 40 Years to Look This Good" and "Yes, As a

Matter of Fact I am a Rocket Scientist!" From a four-door pickup truck with a gun rack I found on the window "Saddle Up or Shut Up!" Some are a little scary like the Dixie Chicks inspired bumper sticker "Earl Is in the Trunk".


The best bumper/window stickers are the ones that make you smile like "Organ Donors are Better Livers" and "Driver Carries No Cash—Wife and Kids Have It All".

By far the most abundant "bumper/window messages" of today are related to the September 11th tragedy. It seems that almost every other vehicle on the road now displays some version of the American flag or the flag and eagle with mottos such as "These Colors Don't Run", "We Will Never Forget", "Pray for our Troops", or "God Bless America". My personal favorite from this category is Let's Roll!"

Let's hope if future automobile engineers change the rear windows on cars so that even "window stickers" fade out that we will still find a place to stick our traveling messages. Otherwise, we will all have to spend more time on the highways actually paying attention to driving rather than reading bumpers and windows.



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**Sandlin, Homer to be  
 guests at hospital meeting**

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System will host a mini "Town Meeting" on Wednesday, May 29, with U.S. Representative Max Sandlin and State Representative Mark Homer as guest speakers.

The public is invited to attend the forum, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Medical Center, South, 820 Clarksville St. Discussions will center on health care and the issues it faces.

The forum is expected to last no more than one hour, according to Paul Swasko, director of advocacy and community outreach for CHRISTUS St. Joseph's.

"There are a number of issues pending that are critical to the fu-

ture of health care, including decisions that will have a direct impact on CHRISTUS St. Joseph's," Swasko said. "These areas include the rates of reimbursement for Medicare and Medicaid patients, liability issues, and increasing regulatory controls."

Sandlin and Homer are also expected to be guests when the CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Board of Directors meets earlier in the day and, time permitting, to tour portions of the hospital.

"Both Representatives Sandlin and Homer have been keenly interested in health care issues, and each has been a strong advocate," Swasko added.

**Martha Hare attends Dairy  
 Farmer quarterly meeting**

Martha Hare of Franklin County began serving a two year term as a board member for the Southeast Area Council of Dairy Farmers of America.

Appointed in June, 2001 to serve the remaining six months of the term of I. H. Hare, her late husband, Mrs. Hare was elected to her own two year term on the council.

This week she is attending the quarterly meeting of the board in Knoxville, Tenn., where her husband of 50 years died in 2001. She represents the northern portion of Franklin County and a portion of Hopkins County.

The Southeast Area Council represents 4,390 member dairies, which produce seven billion pounds of milk annually on their farms. The council includes dairies in all or part of 17 southeastern states. The council is one of seven councils that make up Dairy Farmers of America.

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Mrs. Hare, the daughter of Dean Dickson of Mount Vernon and late Beatrice Williams Dickson, began a dairy operation with her late husband in 1953.

With 76 acres and a handful of cows, the couple began selling Grade B milk. Soon they constructed a Grade A barn, one of the first in Franklin County.

Mrs. Hare supplemented the family income with work at the Wells-Lamont factory in Mount

Vernon, producing leather gloves, and later at the Lee's Jeans factory in Sulphur Springs.

With time out to have three children, Deaneth, Mark and Marcia, Mrs. Hare still found time to serve as secretary / treasurer of a steering committee formed in 1968 to pursue establishment of a rural water supplier.

The result was the North Franklin Water Supply Corporation, where she served as a board member and officer for 30 years.

Mrs. Hare served on the county's centennial committee, Chamber of Commerce and the war on drugs committee.

Meanwhile, the family dairy operations continued to grow and expand. Today, the Hare Farms include about 1,091 acres with another 400 under lease, milk around 355 head of cows in three separate barns, maintain an average of 55 dry cows and heifers, graze 100 head of beef cattle and raise and bale most of the grass hay necessary for their farming operations.

Mrs. Hare is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, second vice-president of the Franklin County Historical Association and president of the Franklin County Genealogical Society, which she helped found in 1997. She is a member of the Mount Olive Baptist Church at Hagansport. She is also a member of a number of other area historical and genealogical related organizations.






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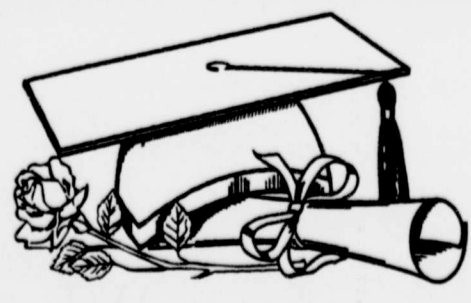
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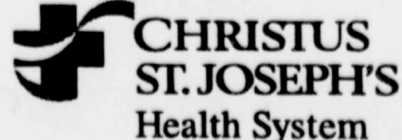
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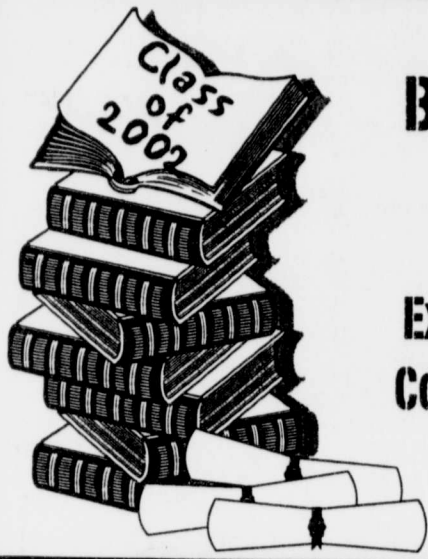
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**Bogata Police Department report**

by Chief Charles Clegg  
 Grants applied for during this period are as follows: Office of National Drug Control Policy; Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center and Technology Transfer Program. Various devices to enhance our ability to detect drugs and will upgrade our target goals.

National Center For Rural Law Enforcement-Internet Project. This will provide the police department with free Internet service and offer more ways to resource police related issues and services.

We are seeking direction for ways to fund another police car as our older one is down and we have no back up. The addition of another unit would allow us to more fully utilize our Narcotics K-9. I am actively pursuing the

Homeland Security and USDA for possible funds for various projects. I have also applied for a Wal-Mart grant that would provide funds for equipping our new car when we are successful.

Residents should know that we receive daily updates that concern Homeland Security and we always monitor anything that might affect our community. We are a small department, but, we will, to the best of our ability, take all steps to see that our city is secure should anything occur.

Remember to Buckle Up for Memorial Day as enforcement will be a target issue. Think about your children and think what they would do without you? Be Safe, Kindest Regards, Chief Clegg, Bogata P.D.



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The Bogata Frontier Days will have a new event this year. The Community Fund of Bogata will host the first ever homemade ice cream contest called the "Scoop Off". Individuals, groups, families or anyone may enter their favorite homemade ice cream recipe to compete for prizes and the coveted title of "Best Ice Cream in North East Texas". Trophies will be awarded for "Best Vanilla", "Best Chocolate", "Best Strawberry" and "Best Original". Following the judging, all ice cream entries will be donated for \$1.00 per bowl with proceeds support-

ing the Bogata Community Charity Fund. The Community Fund assists residents of Bogata area who occasionally have needs for groceries, gas or utilities.

If you love homemade ice cream make sure to come early to Bogata for "Frontier Days", Saturday, June 29, 2002. Frontier Days is sponsored by Bogata Lions Club.

For further information or to receive a registration form call the Bogata United Methodist Church office at 903-632-5610. All entries must be in by Friday, June 21, 2002.



Recent visitors with residents of Red River Healthcare were:

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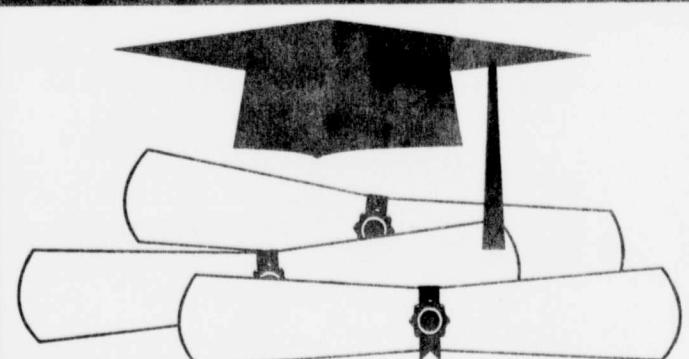
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RIVERCREST YOUTH BASKETBALL-scholarships went to (from the left) Kendall Stansell, Nathan Carroll and Charla Hines. Kendall participated from Litte Dribbler years through junior high and into high school. Nathan and Charla played from Little Dribblers, Junior High and all 4 years of high school Congratulations students!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

 **Cunningham News**  
*by Neva Jean Oats*

Happy birthday to Marlin Foster, Logan Norwood, Leonard Ford and Kelby Cole.

Happy anniversary to Wendy and Carlos Ordorica, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy, Canard and Delores Norwood, Lisa and Dewayne Drinnon, Nelta and Johnny Musgrove and Billy Ray and Neva Oats.

Linda Anderson went to Deport Saturday to watch Kerrie Anderson play softball. Linda and Wendy Ordorica attended a shower for Clay Coy and Tracy Mahon in Paris Saturday.

Wendy and Carlos Ordorica ate at Red Lobster in Greenville to celebrate their anniversary.

L'Wanda McKnight attended a business meeting in Dallas last week.

Sunday guests of Bobby and Shelby Kennedy were Jeff, Zak, Gartett, Heath, Laytner and Layker Kennedy.

Johnny and Nelta Musgrove attended a bail bond school at St. Edward's University in Austin last week. They enjoyed eating at the County Line on the lake while they were there. Their Sunday guests were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Lynn and Betty Holeman and Rick and Teresa

Manis. Pat Norwood went to Detroit Thursday to watch Kelby play baseball.

Canard and Delores Norwood took Frances Franklin to the Fish Fry for Mother's Day.

Teresa and Jamie Smith went to a Smith family fish fry at Michael and Jeanna Smith's Saturday. Thirty-five family members enjoyed an evening of eating and playing music.

Geneva Norwood, Scotty, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Neva Oats, Brad and Georjeana Nutt, Talma Norwood and Pam McKee attended the wedding of Tonya Houchins and Audie Early at Cuthand on Saturday.


Scotty, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood went to Wister, OK Sunday to watch Matt Galloway ride in a rodeo.

Leonard Ford spent last week in Temple with David while he had treatments. Billie stayed here with Lillian King who was in the hospital last week because of a fall. She is home and doing better.

Several in the community attended the Prairiand Sports Banquet Thursday night and the FFA Banquet Friday night.

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**PET TALK**

If it seems your horse has a frog in its throat, the culprit may be *Streptococcus equi*, or "strangles." This contagious bacterial infection affects young horses with cases ranging from only mild swelling to severe respiratory distress.

"Strangles is a contagious and very common disease in horses aged one to three years," said Dr. Peggy Marsh, a veterinarian in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

"*Streptococcus equi* is in the same family of bacteria as the organism that causes strep throat in humans. In horses, it creates abscesses in the throat, swelling of the lymph nodes and nasal discharge."

Strangles is spread through direct contact with sick horses, or through contact with infected equipment, such as water buckets, brushes or blankets. Traveling stock are particularly at risk, as they are most likely to mingle with horses from other herds.

Marsh says prevention is the best way to keep strangles out of herd. Be sure to quarantine new horses away from the established herd for three to four weeks. In addition, she says you may opt for vaccines, which can be administered by injection or delivered through the nasal passages.

However, Marsh cautions that no vaccine is one 100 percent effective. Young foals are usually less susceptible to strangles since they are protected by the mare's immunity gleaned through nursing.

If strangles does make its way into your herd, it is important to consult your veterinarian when symptoms surface. Marsh says a horse's appetite is not a good indicator of the presence or absence of strangles, as a horse may eat well in spite of minor pain and swelling, noted Marsh.

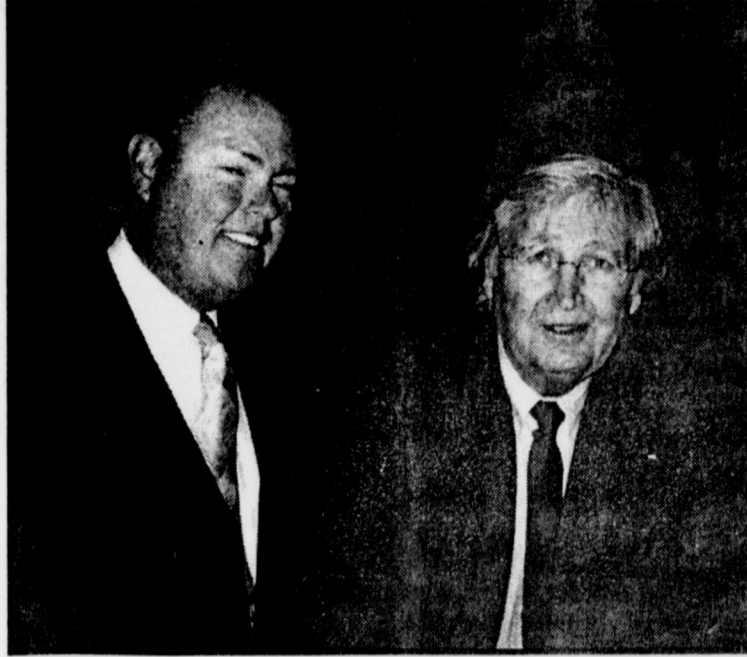
Most cases are not considered emergencies, but some cases can quickly escalate into respiratory distress. Your veterinarian will be able to prescribe a treatment appropriate for your horse's condition, which may include antibiotics and local, surgical drainage of any abscesses.

In very rare cases, strangles may cause one or more complications. These horses may develop pneumonia, myopathy (muscle swelling), purpura hemorrhagica (generalized swelling caused by the body's own immune response), and/or abscesses in various other places, such as the abdomen. Most cases of strangles are curable, with only rare exceptions in which the bacteria "hides" in the guttural pouches, resulting in chronic shedding of the bacteria.

"The most important part of avoiding and treating strangles in your herd is to isolate sick horses and contaminated equipment from the rest of the herd," said Marsh. "When traveling, carefully monitor your horses' exposure to unfamiliar trailers and equipment. And, if symptoms do appear, it's best to seek the advice of your veterinarian."



**DAVY, DAVY CROCKETT, king of the wild frontier.....Fess Parker, the Hollywood star who portrayed Davy Crockett in Disney movies, is featured on the cover of the exhibit depicting the life and times of Davy Crockett at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin.**



**FESS PARKER, at right, spends a moment with Jack Ballard, son of L.C. Ballard of Deport, during Ballard's recent trip to the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. The museum was featuring an exhibit on the life of Davy Crockett, and Parker was on hand for the opening of the exhibit. Parker portrayed Crockett in the 1950's Disney movies and will forever be remembered as the one and only "Davy Crockett, King of the wild frontier..."**



**MOLLY HARE-recently received 3rd place in the Regional Soil & Water Conservation Essay Contest. Molly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hare of Bogata. Congratulations Molly !! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)**

**Road Trip.....Davy Crockett**

by Jack Ballard

The Alamo fell on March 6, 1836, as the Republic of Texas was being born. The legend of the Alamo and the heroes grew in history, myth and legend. As any Texan will tell you, Tennessean David Crockett was among those heroes.

At one of the newest architectural jewels in Austin, the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, an expansive exhibit *Sunrise in His Pocket: The Life, Legend and Legacy of Davy Crockett*, is open through August 18, 2002.

Fess Parker, who was featured in the role of Davy Crockett on television's Disneyland in 1955, was recently on hand at the museum exhibit opening celebration. Parker, a Texas icon now in his seventies, is retired and living in California. Parker grew up in San Angelo, attended the University of Texas for a short time, then headed to Hollywood in the early 1950's to seek stardom.

Parker and Disney made three Crockett television features which led to the first full-blown fad for the generation that would come to be known as the "baby boomers". Bill Hayes, who for years has starred on the daytime drama, *Days of Our Lives*, recorded *The Ballad of Davy Crockett* in connection with Disney series. The record sold over two million copies in six months. In the 1950's, that was unheard of. Can't you just hear it, "Davy, Davy Crockett, king of the wild frontier..."

The museum exhibit is a mixture of Hollywood and actual his-

tory. As you enter the exhibit, you are transported into a 1955 living room complete with a black and white television booming out the Disney series and then into a typical kid's room overflowing with a Davy collector's merchandise bonanza. You will remember the coonskin caps, old Betsy rifles, bedspreads, lunch boxes, cups, posters, games and puzzles, records and books. Disney's Davy was clearly the fledgling forerunner of the merchandising craze we see today with Star Wars at the McDonald's and Burger Kings.

You will be amazed at all the stuff they were able to put "Davy" onto. While the 20th Century Hollywoodized version of Davy Crockett is fun (lots of movie posters and even stuff with John Wayne as Davy in the 1960 movie *The Alamo*) the heart of the museum exhibit is the historical Davy.

You will find one of Crockett's first rifles, antler knives, flintlock muskets and other personal items such as a snuff box, a crockery whiskey jug and a bench from his home. Actual Crockett historical books and letters (including literary nuggets such as the Crockett motto: "Be sure you are right, then go ahead!") are exciting to view.

The legend and myth of the early Crockett years is explored through a large, stuffed bear and features about his famed hunting skills. In fact, other famous "hunter heroes" have items in the exhibit. In display cases, there are buckskins and guns from General

George Custer, Annie Oakley, Buffalo Bill and Teddy Roosevelt.

Yet, some of the most fascinating items in the exhibit come from the time of David Crockett as a Congressman. For example, on hand is the actual election tally sheet showing his defeat for a fourth term in the U.S. Congress. He lost by 252 votes of approximately 9,000 votes cast. Following his loss, he gave his famous and rousing farewell speech, "I told the voters if they would elect me I would serve them to the best of my ability; but if they did not, they might go to hell and I would go to Texas. I am on my way."

So it was in 1835 at 49 years of age, David Crockett of Tennessee resolved himself to a new start. Historical maps record that his trip to Texas on his way to a hero's death at the Alamo took him on a trail right through this region of Lamar and Red River Counties. At the exhibit in Austin, throughout this summer, you now have the opportunity to view Davy Crockett historical artifacts, and additionally, visit the museum's Texas spirit Theater where a storytelling presentation featuring a one-man show of Davy is alive.

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum is located just a couple of blocks north of the State Capitol Building at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and North Congress Avenue in Austin. For information visit <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com> or call 512-936-8746.

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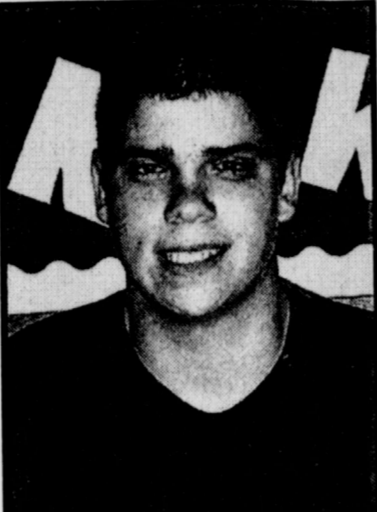
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**JERRY WARD**-received the first ever, First Baptist Church Diane Ross Memorial scholarship, as well as being a member of the first ever Rivercrest Education Foundations scholarship recipients. Jerry is the son of Jerry Ward and Judy Ward of Bogata. Congratulations Jerry!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)




**AWARD WINNERS**-Brittany Bull, Kayla Belcher and Steven Shade received awards at the annual Rivercrest awards ceremony held this week. Brittany received the Masonic Lodge Scholarship, Athletic Booster Scholarship and Education Foundation Scholarship; Kayla received the Lamar Medal and Education Foundation Scholarship and Steven received the Lamar Medal, Athletic Booster Scholarship and Education Foundation Scholarship. Congratulations students!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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As family arrived on Sunday for a cookout, they noticed signs along the lane leading to the house that read "No Parking, Terrapin Eggs." much to everyones surprise, they were informed that the terrapins had hidden the Easter Bunnies eggs.


Those enjoying the cookout,

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**MARK EVEANS**-biography and photo has been accepted for publication in Who's Who Among American High School Students 2001-2002. Mark is the son of Larry and Jo Ann Evans of Bogata and the grandson of the late C.L. Mitchell and Mrs. Doris Mitchell of Talco and the late George (Dub) Evans and Mrs. Ellrose Evans of Mesquite. Mark plans to attend NTCC in the fall, he also is going to auctioneer school that will begin June 3, 2002. Congratulations Mark!!

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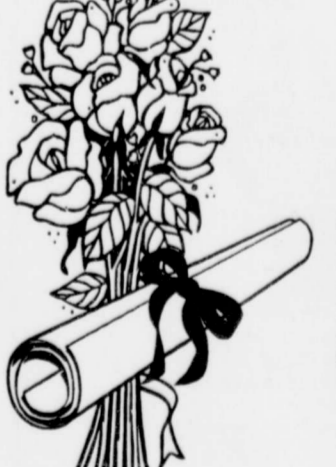


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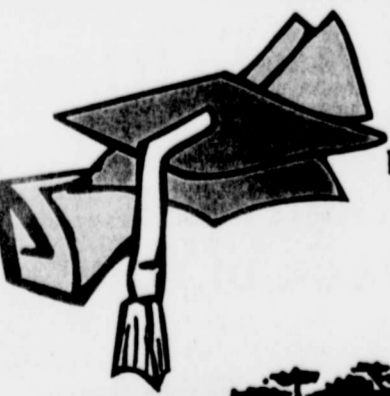
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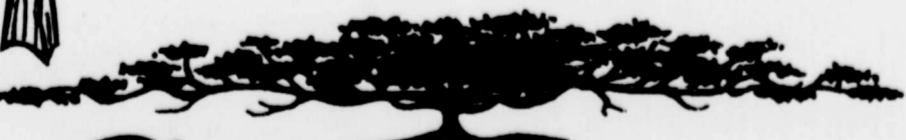


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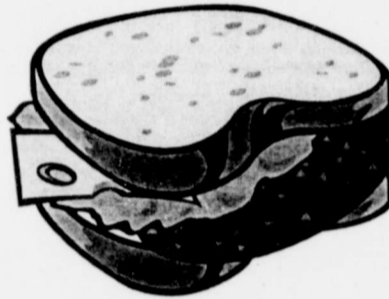
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