



Country Cooking By Liz Irwin



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor, I am writing concerning the proposed Marvin Nichols I Reservoir. I just attended a meeting at Cuthand, Thursday, June 13, 2002. After reading a letter or article published last year in this paper about the "Lake" I was kind of excited.

lack of water; it is because of lack of a good highway system in our areas. Our community is mostly agriculture and timber based.

Obituaries

Mrs. Linda Lou Sartor dies June 17

Mrs. Linda Lou Sartor, age 61 of Bogata, died Monday, June 17 in Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Jack E. Phillips dies June 12

Jack E. Phillips, age 67 of the Lone Star community, died Wednesday, June 12 at his home.

Thursday, June 20, 2002 Blackberry Recipes

Fresh Blackberry Cobbler, Blackberry-Lemon Pie, Blackberry Bake, Blackberry Cheesecake, Blackberry-Oatmeal Cookie Bars

Blackberry Jam Cake, Very Berry Cheesecake

RRC Genealogical Society meets

The Red River County Genealogical Society met June 10, 2002 at the County Library. Mrs. Lois McCoin of Paris, Texas gave an interesting history of quilts.

microfilmed. Various other papers will also be filmed that were not filmed previously.

Bogata V.F.W. News

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Letters to Editor

Dear Editor: I have been wanting to write this letter for the longest time. I just want to say that a few people are rude when it comes to funerals.

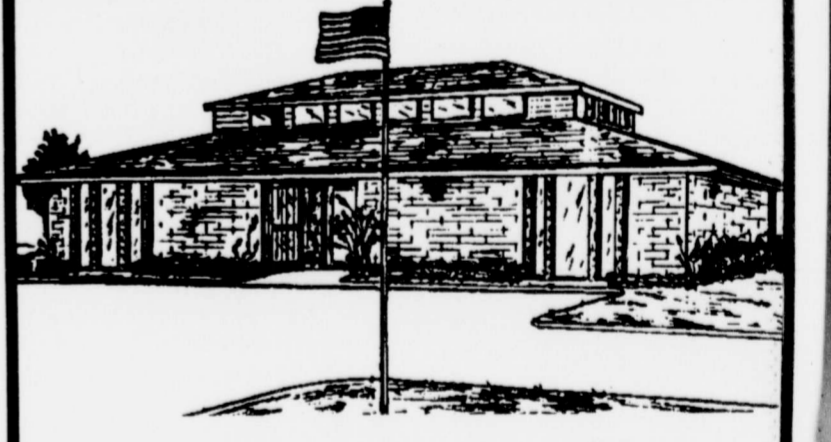
Wood Funeral Homes The James Wood Family 414 N. Main Bogata, TX

under the direction of Mrs. Mattie Griggs from Detroit, Mrs. Betty Ramsey from Bogata and Mr. Eugene Simmons from Boxelder audited the financial books of the society.

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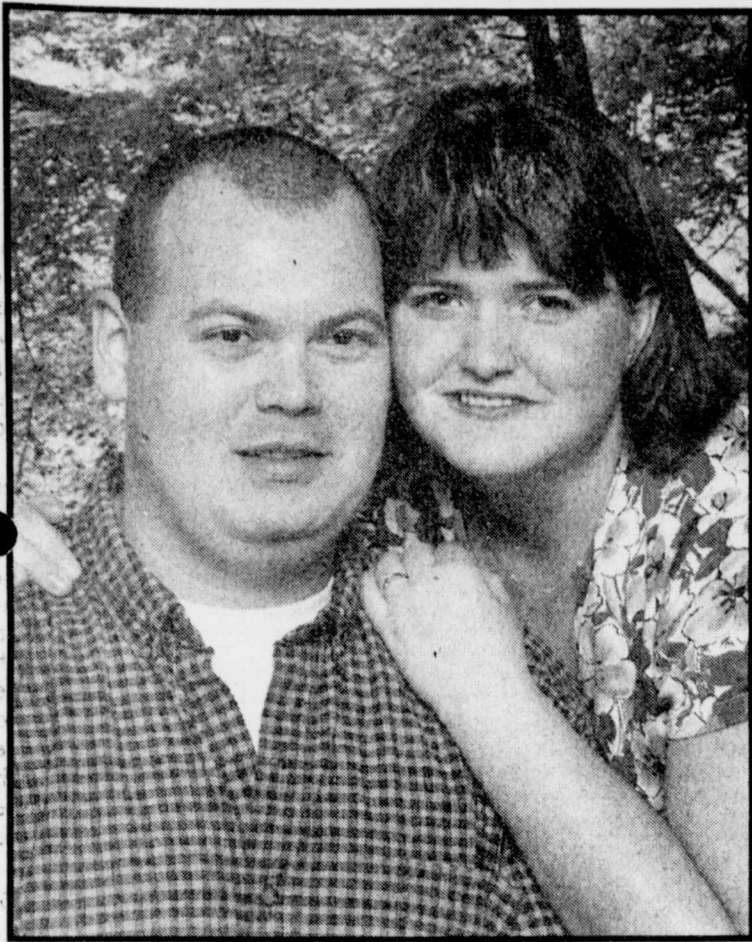
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Jessica Forsyth and Brian Walker

**Jessica Forsyth-Brian Walker to wed**

Pat Forsyth of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Forsyth of Cameron, OK, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jessica Forsyth to Brian Walker, son of Bob and Linda Walker of Rowlett, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ruie Forsyth and the late J.J. Forsyth of Mt. Vernon, Texas and David Stephen and the late Bettie Stephens of Talco. She is a 2001 graduate of Rivercrest

High School and is employed as manager of McDonald's in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Ruby Pipkins of Mt. Pleasant, Texas. He is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and is employed by Lowes.

The wedding ceremony will be held July 5, 2002 in the East New Hope Baptist Church at 7 o'clock in the evening. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.



Jamie LeAnn Daniels and John Marcus McGill

**Daniels-McGill to wed August 3**

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Daniels proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jamie LeAnn Daniels to John Marcus McGill.

The couple will be married at 6:00 o'clock in the evening on Saturday, August 3, 2002 at the Bogata Missionary Baptist Church in Bogata, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ricky and Caryn Daniels of Bogata and the granddaughter of Billy and Mary Lou Daniels of Bogata and Don Wilson of Azle, Texas and the late Jean Gable Wilson. She is the great granddaughter of Leon and Claudine Gable of Bogata and D.B. and

Vera Carter of Grand Saline, Texas and the late Fred and Eula Mae Daniels of Fruitvale, Texas. Jamie is a 2001 graduate of Rivercrest High School and is attending Pari Junior College. She is employed by Friedman's Jewelers of Paris.

The prospective groom is the son of Bill and Mary Jo McGill of Clarksville and the grandson of Bill and Sarah Woods of Clarksville and Ruth and the late John McGill also of Clarksville. Mark is a 1999 graduate of Clarksville High School and is employed by J & D Welding in Avery, Texas. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.



Mr. and Mrs. John Rater

**Raters to celebrate 60th anniversary June 23**

John and Ahmoy Rater of Paris will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on June 23, 2002.

The couple and their two sons, Robert John and Jack R. and Jack's wife, Paula and four grandsons, Jeremiah, Orrin, Jedidiah and Elijah will celebrate with a family

and friends gathering on the 23rd. There will be cake and punch from 2 to 4:00 p.m. at the couple's home at 3450 Reno Drive, in Paris.

John Rater and Ahmoy Rosson were married on June 24th, 1942 in Blossom, Texas by Rev. Ritchey.



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bell

**Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bell to celebrate 60th anniversary**

Larry and Virginia Bell were married July 4, 1942 in Cunningham, Texas by the Reverend Mark Malone.

The couple have four children: Linda Ray and husband Larry of Summerville, South Carolina; Ann Thompson and husband Sonny of Blossom; David Bell and wife Denise of Paris and Michael Bell of Dallas.

Larry and Virginia have ten grandchildren: Teri Creamer and husband Waymon; Kathy Lawrence and husband Jim; Tracy Akers and husband Robert;

Kristin Pentecost and husband Michael; Jamie Ray; Rodney Jones and wife Becky; Crystal Richardson and husband Rod; Jeff Jones; Stacey Newberry and husband Jeremy and Hannah Bell. The couple have fifteen great-grandchildren.

A reception in their honor will be hosted by their children on Saturday, July 6, 2002 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the United Pentecostal Church, 5075 Southeast Loop 286 in Paris.

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Kristin Pentecost and husband Michael; Jamie Ray; Rodney Jones and wife Becky; Crystal Richardson and husband Rod; Jeff


**Cpl. Bruce receives certificate**

Marine Corps Cpl. Samantha G. Bruce, daughter of Barbara Knight of Bogata, received a Certificate of Commendation while assigned with Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Pacific, San Diego.

She was recognized for her superior performance of duty, displaying remarkable dedication and initiative and performing her demanding duties in an exemplary and professional manner.

She joined the Marine Corps in October 1996.






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**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**-Bogata Bakery is now open under new management. The new operators and staff pictured from the left are; Keri Bradley, Wanda Bradley, Kristin and Warren Dodge and baby, Kyle. The business offers donuts and more for breakfast and are open from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. On Saturdays the business is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. A daily lunch buffet including main courses, salad bar and desserts is served. The Bradley's and Dodge's invite everyone to stop by for a sweet treat, breakfast or lunch. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**GOOD FOOD AND FUN**-The residents of Red River Healthcare enjoyed a Father's Day cookout last week with the help of local residents. Some residents are pictured enjoying their meal.

**Mary Jane Lowry visits summer library program**

Mary Jane Lowry of Blossom read to those present for the summer library program at Rivercrest Elementary on Tuesday, June 11, 2002. She read "Mrs. McNash Hugs Out Her Wash" and "The Shy People's Picnic" as well as selections from "The Rhyme Bible" and then led in a song about Noah. Everyone enjoyed her presentation.

Mr. Jack Holt of Clarksville brought his hand puppet and banjo for storytime on Tuesday, June 18, 2002.

Ms. Denise Wood will read for storytime on Tuesday, June 25 at 2:30 p.m. This will be the last day for summer library so everyone is encouraged to return any books they have checked out by this day.

**Bogata Locals**

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

Saturday Vicki Tabb, Dixie Stringfellow and Lynne Knight went to Muenster to watch Dee and Maggie Richardson compete in a barrel race. Maggie is a member of a "lead-in" group. They were met there by Danny Tabb and Judi Maddox. Monday Dixie went to Paris to watch great grandson, Josh and Jake Stringfellow play baseball. Their team won their division and are now in a tournament for League Championship.

Haletha and Granville Jones of Commerce and Helen Williams of Bogata visited Patty Barton at Bagwell Sunday afternoon.

Marli Hines visited her Granny and Papa (Gerlyn and Jerry) Gray Tuesday and Wednesday of this week while her mom, Jessica, attends a Math & Science Seminar for elementary teachers in Corpus Christie. Marli and Gerlyn visited Aunt Margaret Davis at Red River Healthcare and Great Grandparents Willie Mae and Jessie Gray.

Vicki Tabb, Lynne Knight, Kenneth York, Doug Hawkins, Michael Tabb and Kellen Stringfellow visited Dixie Stringfellow recently.

Happy June Birthday to: Jayelyn Stowe, Jane Glass, Anita Couch, Steve Hawkins, Kelly Mauldin, Lonny Williams, Tara Neeley, Shirley Whittle, Cody Vickery, Kayla Brown, Lindsey

Fischer, Ollie Ruth Robinson, Nona Branch, Evan Purviance, Jasper Clarkson, Micah Chaloner, Kristin Simmons, Ryan Ballard, Dylan Williams, Kerri Simmons, Tee Green, Jerry Brooks, Mandy Sherrill, Larry Crow, June Young, Shaunda Lewis, Kenny Klein, Peggy Burge, Terry Bull, Misty Earley, Kembre Baker and Randy Kennedy.

Sunday Jessica, Danny and Marli Hines, Judy, Harold, Heather and Heath Holt, Jennifer and Riley Reeder ate lunch and spent the afternoon with their dad and granddad, Jerry Gray.

Happy June Anniversary to: Dale and Dawn Jean; Brooksey and Brenda Crow; Ryan and Marla Ballard; Todd and Tracy Denny; Don and Sandra Stockton; Glen and Alice Ann White; Woody and Ann Duffee; Sonny and Helen Pryor and Todd and Jamie Ward.

Monday evening Jerry and Gerlyn Gray went to Mt. Pleasant and treated friends, Bettie and Art Hill to supper at Two Senorita's. Bettie and Gerlyn are high school friends.

Celebrating Father's Day with Donald, Judy and Tana Screws were Mike, Lila, Kara and Hali Screws and Bren and Taylan Cobb all of Deport and Jerry, Chris Anna, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

The most important things to do in the world are to get something to eat, something to drink, and somebody to love you.  
-Brendan Behan

**Commodity distribution dates**

East Texas Food Bank Commodities Distribution dates in Bogata for the coming months are as follows:

- May 28
- June 25
- July 23
- Aug. 20

The distribution site will be the First Baptist Church in Bogata.

**Avery receives ORCA grant**

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) announced it has awarded a \$65,700 Community Development Fund grant to the city of Avery in Red River County. The grant, from the Texas Community Development Program, will be used as the required 25 percent match for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program award previously given to the city as a result of a tornado that struck Bowie County in May 1999. Counties contiguous to a federally declared disaster county may receive funds for mitigation activities approved by FEMA. The grant will be used to complete a project for a safe shelter to benefit low-to moderate-income persons.

State Representative Tom Ramsay, a co-author of the legislation that created the Office of Rural Community Affairs, was pleased by the grant. "It's very rewarding to see Avery benefit from this grant. When the legislature created the Office of Rural Community Affairs, this is exactly what we envisioned-helping rural Texans," he said.

"The Office of Rural Community Affairs is pleased to be able to assist the citizens of Avery in their efforts to provide safe shelter in their community," said Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen, MS, Executive Director of the Office of Rural Community Affairs. "We cannot prevent acts of nature, but we can offer assistance in protecting residents from them. This assistance allows our state government to reach out to support local citizens in their efforts to clean up, recover, and move forward. It is



**FLAG CEREMONY**-To celebrate Flag Day on June 14, Danny Efav presented a flag raising ceremony at Red River Healthcare in Bogata. Mr. Efav raised the flag and read a poem entitled "Ragged Old Flag" and closed the ceremony with a word of prayer.

**Local student named to Dean's list**

Cindy Mellissa Ristich of Sumner has been named to the Texas Tech University's Dean's list.

A student must carry 12 or more qualifying hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 to be named to the Dean's List.

**Local student named to Dean's list**

Aubrey Clark, daughter of Charlotte and David Rozell of Bogata and Gary and Susan Clark of Azle has been named to Austin College Dean's List for the 2002 spring semester.

A student must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.70 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for the list.

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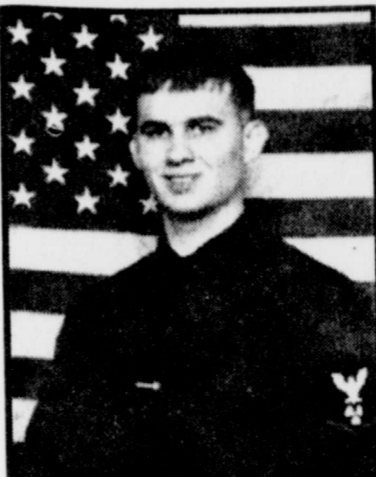


# Ryan Case returns home from sea

Upon his return to San Diego, California on May 28, 2002, MM3 Ryan H. Case could say he had traveled around the world. Ryan, son of Bruce and Tammie Case of Talco joined the Navy after his 2000 graduation from Rivercrest High School. Completing his nuclear training in Saratoga Springs, New York in December 2001 Ryan and his wife, Lisa, spent the Christmas holidays with family and friends before Ryan's reporting date in San Diego. After reporting in San Diego, Ryan was then flown to Norfolk, Virginia and then to his ship the John C. Stennis on January 21, 2001. Before September 11, 2001 the USS John C. Stennis was only preparing for their deployment set for January 2002, but, as the events unfolded that day the carrier and its battle group were deployed early for the North Arabian Sea. On December 15, the Stennis arrived where she would spend the next four months operating in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation ANACONDA.

The Stennis was the fifth carrier in the region but the first to launch strikes into Afghanistan. During the operations the crew had a constant reminder of the Twin Tower attacks as it flew an American flag found in the rubble of "Ground Zero". The ship conducted flight operations for 111 days, flying 10,600 sorties and dropped 275,000 pounds of ordnance. The ship conducted 30 underway replenishments, which was twice as many as the previous two years combined. The ship and its crew sustained 100 days of continuous operations with only 4 days liberty in Bahrain, allowing the ship to anchor only once. While in Bahrain, Ryan and the other sailors enjoyed being on solid ground and found their way to a Hard Rock Cafe for "real" food. They were also exposed to a different kind of culture and landscape. Back at sea, the Stennis had 33 distinguished visitors, which included Vice President Dick Cheney and the Chief Of Naval Operations. NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw also reported from the ship about the duties and op-

erations of the Stennis and what it was like to be a ship at war. On their way back to the United States, the Stennis visited Perth, Australia and Hobart Tasmania. Ryan reported that both places were beautiful, with very friendly people. The sailors enjoyed playing golf, shopping, eating at restaurants and sleeping in full sized beds and taking a long soaking bath before returning to the ship. Their last stop before returning to the mainland was Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The ship moored across from the USS Arizona Memorial. Ryan was able to tour the memorial, which gave him a deeper appreciation of the sacrifices made by the sailors of WWII. The ship was met by thousands of family members, friends and well-wishers as it returned to homeport in San Diego. Among those waiting for Ryan were his wife, the former Lisa Shirley, his parents, sister Rachel and grandparents Buster and Sis Case. Ryan is also the grandson of Durwood and Shirley Hare of Sulphur Bluff and great grandson of Jesse and Dorothy Haley of Mt. Vernon.



Ryan Case

## Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Layton Norwood, Lisa Drinnon, Stacy Musgrove and Jarvis Watson.

The Cunningham VFD fish fry was a big success. Thanks to everyone for their participation.

Life Tabernacle Church honored fathers on Sunday with gifts and lunch. J.D. Polk was the oldest father in attendance, Reece Blevins had the most children present and Brandon Oats was the youngest father.

Rachel and Brad Watson's son, Gavin Lee Jathan Watson was dedicated at Life Tabernacle Church Sunday. He had a host of family members present. Special guests were great-grandparents, Marie Watson and Jane and J.D. Polk.

Talma Norwood's Side Street Grill and Grocery has put new life in Cunningham. Everyone enjoys a place to gather and eat.

Sunday gust of Johnny and Nelta Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Lynn and Betty Holeman and Rick and Teresa Manis.

Mendy, Kelby and Lacy Cole ate with James and Pat Norwood Sunday.

Canard and Delores Norwood ate with Jamie and Teresa Smith Wednesday. They went to DeKalb

Friday to watch Haley Norwood play ball. Delores had all her family Sunday for a Father's Day supper.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood attended an anniversary party Sunday in Rockwall for Richard and Darlynn Nix.

Geneva Norwood and Jane O'Neal went on a bus trip to Shreveport Saturday. Geneva sang at Paris Nursing Home Monday and had a Father's Day party in Mt. Vernon Thursday and Sterling House in Paris Friday.



RYAN AND TAMMIE CASE-are pictured being interviewed by NBC News as the Case family met Ryan who was a sailor aboard the USS John C. Stennis which docked after several months at sea.

## Case family travels to California to meet incoming ship

Bruce, Tammie and Rachel Case and Buster and Sis Case have recently returned from their vacation in San Diego, California. The families were there to watch the USS John C. Stennis return to port after several months at sea. Aboard the carrier was their son, brother and grandson, Ryan, who had joined the ship in January. While waiting for the ship, Tammie was interviewed by NBC news. Later the news crew returned to place a micro-

phone on Tammie and followed the family until Ryan was given liberty from the ship. They concluded their interview with Ryan.

The family interview was picked up by the Dallas station and was viewed by several friends from the area. During the visit with Ryan and his wife, Lisa, the family celebrated Buster's birthday. The group loved the cool weather, everyone except Rachel, who said it was too cold for the beach and beautiful scenery.

## Stories about local couple sought

Denise Isbell is asking for stories about one or both of her parents, the late Jimmy and Raelene Spann Isbell, to include in a "book" for her relatives.

If anyone has a story to share, please call her at 427-5616 or FAX at 427-3068 and ask for Denise.

## Mary Kain hosts 84 Club

Mary Ellen Kain was hostess to the 84 Club Thursday at her home. A delicious luncheon was served after which two tables were arranged for the games.

Members attending were; Maurine Mankins, Bertha McCall, Shirley Allums, Donnie Smith, Wootie Harville, Molee Huddleston, Willie Clark, Jimmie King, Maggie Lee, Helen Williams, the hostess and one guest, Ashley Kain. The next meeting will be July 16 with Donnie Smith as hostess.

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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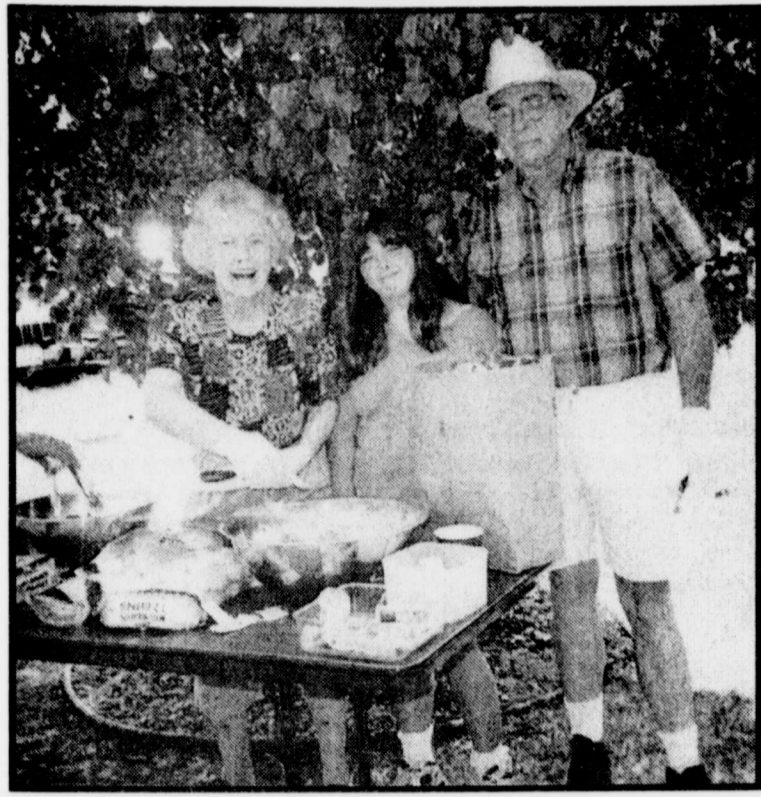
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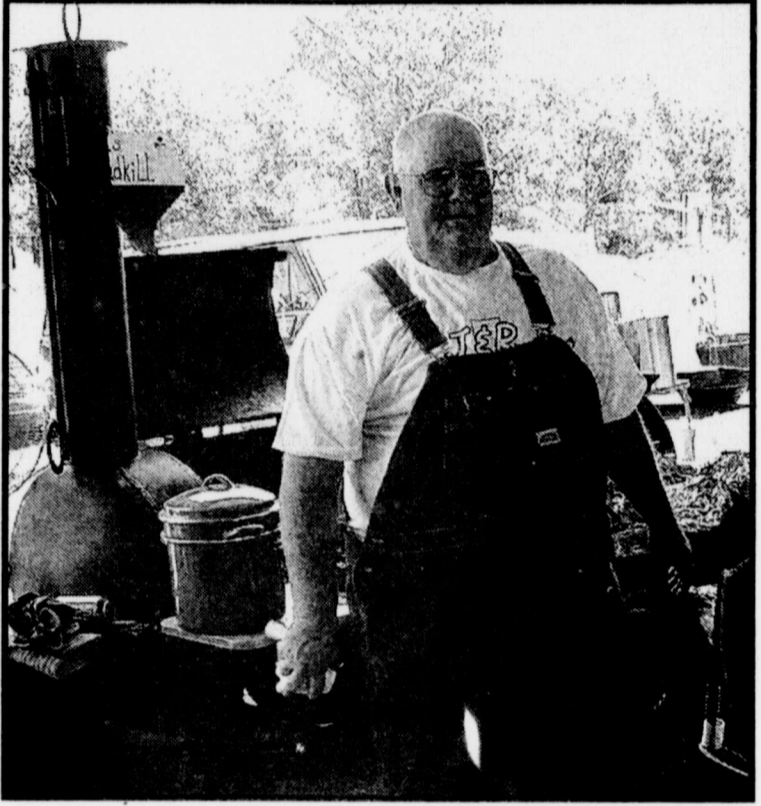
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COOKOUT VOLUNTEERS-Frances Rozell, Valerie Vaughn and Neil Rozell are pictured serving residents of Red River Healthcare at their Father's Day Cookout. The three were among several others who helped with the event.



RAY PARSONS-is pictured at the smoker at the Jesse Mays Smokey-eyed Bar-B-Q held in Mt. Pleasant Saturday. Ray placed in the event and it was probably due to his special help, little granddaughter, Hootie Mae also known as Makayla. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

### Rivercrest class of 1983 to reunite

There will be a meeting on Sunday, June 23, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Leah Bull at 432 S. Bryson St. in Bogata to discuss the date and plans for the upcoming Class of 1983 twenty year class reunion next year. If you would like to be involved in planning the reunion please come to the meeting or call Leah Bull at 903-632-9625 or 632-9520.

The class representatives will also be looking for lost classmates and collecting current pictures and information on each classmate and their families so that they can put together a 20 year Class Reunion Annual that each member of the class may purchase for the cost of printing. If you know a member of the class and their address please contact Leah at the above phone number or address or email lrlewis@1starnet.com

### People Things

#### RIVERCREST ISD PHONE NUMBERS

Phone numbers for the three campuses of Rivercrest ISD are: Talco School Rivercrest Junior High-903-379-3841 Rivercrest High School-903-632-5204 Rivercrest Elementary School-903-632-5214.

#### 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.

#### June 15

Lyndsay Pickard, bride-elect of Carey Gable will be honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower June 15, 2002 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the home of Jane Holmes in Talco. Family and friends are invited to attend.

#### Summer basketball

Come out on Monday evenings in June and enjoy summer league basketball at Rivercrest High School gym. Boys from 7th grade through 12th grade from Rivercrest, Saltillo and Hughes Springs are enjoying the summer action.

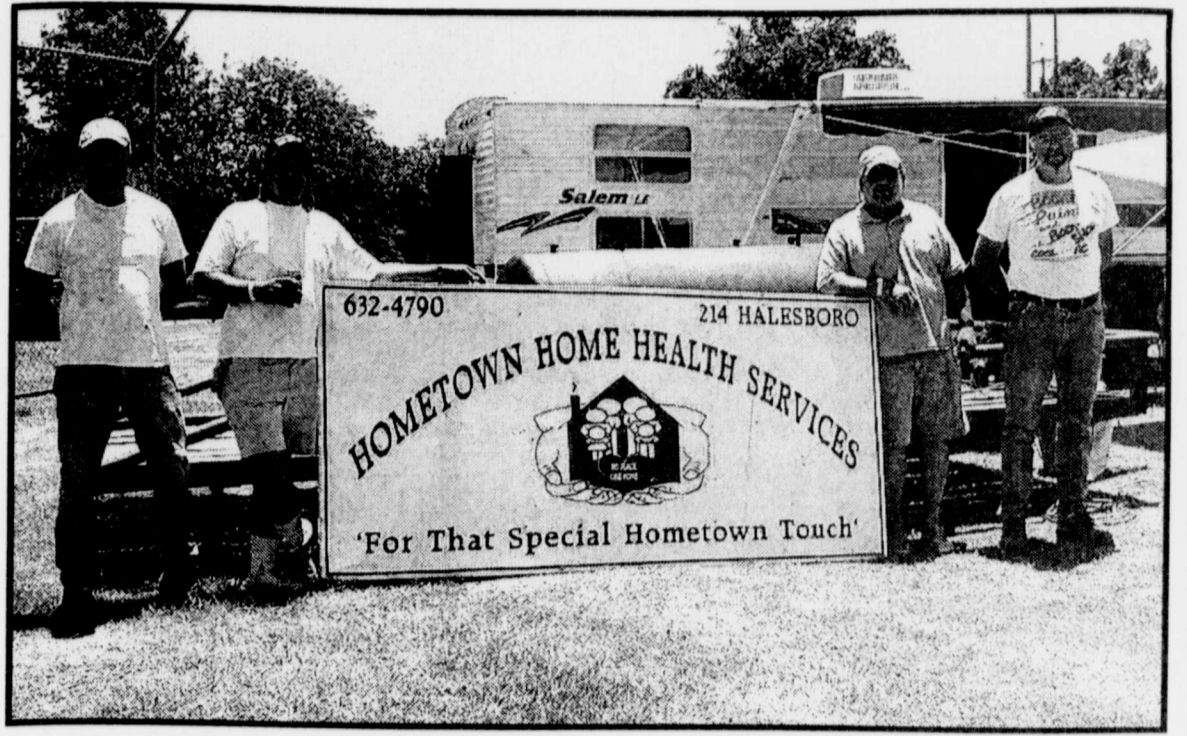
### Memorial golf tournament to be held

The second annual Travis Fleming/Ricky Randle Memorial Golf Tournament will be held June 29 at Pine Ridge Course in Paris. The tournament is named for two area men.

Travis Fleming, born and raised in Kanawha, graduated from Detroit High School and married Brenda McCoin. He was the son of Ownby and Audrey Fleming of Kanawha and his mother-in-law is Odell McCoin Wortham of Detroit. He taught and coached at Detroit High School for a number of years and later taught and coached at Paris High School where his track team won the State championship. After retirement he served as Paris Teen League Baseball Commission for 10 years and was a Dixie District Director at the time of his death. He devoted the last 13 years of his life to the Paris Teen League Baseball Organization and the youth of the Paris area. He was a leader, role model and mentor as a coach, commissioner and district director. He fulfilled his goal as a commission in

1992 by bringing the Dixie Pre-Majors World Series to Paris. The Flemings have two sons, Craig and wife Sheila of Lewisville and Chad and wife Wendi of Cooper. They have three grandchildren, Chelsea Beth, Peyton Nichole and Parker Travis Fleming. Travis died December 18, 1998 at age 58. The Paris Teen League gives an annual scholarship in his honor.

Ricky Randle began his involvement with Delta County Kid baseball 20 years ago. He coached his two sons through their Pee Wee, Little League and Pony League careers. He was always involved and ready to help in whatever athletic event he could and worked hard toward helping kids in their understanding and achievement of good sportsmanship. He was married to Martha Chandler and they have two sons, Blake and wife Bree and Benton, whom Chad Fleming coached his senior year at Cooper High. Rickey died December 12, 2002 at age 48. Cooper High School awards a senior a scholarship in his honor.



HOMETOWN Home Health participated in the Jesse May Smokey-Eyed BBQ cookoff in Mt. Pleasant recently. (Staff Photo)



Wayne Binion and "crew" participated in the Smoke-Eyed BBQ cookout at Mt. Pleasant recently. (Staff Photo)

When I was a boy, a friend and I went fishing. I told him I wanted to be a major league baseball player. My friend said that he'd like to be president. Neither of us got our wish. -Dwight Eisenhower

### Ballards to host open house

Ryan and Marla Ballard would like to invite you to come and see their new home. They will host an "Open House" on Sunday, June 23 from 1 to 3:00 pm. The couple asks that you bring no gifts, please. Directions: Turn at Roadside Park outside Bogata on Hwy. 271 South. From Bogata this will be a left turn, from Talco turn right. This is County Road 1436--Humble Lake Road. Follow that road approximately 1.5 miles. The Ballard's home is on the right. Balloons will be tied to the mailbox. Ryan and Marla hope that everyone will come enjoy their new home with them!

### Father's Day celebrated at RRH

Red River Healthcare honored their fathers with a cookout for Father's Day. Hamburgers and hot dogs were cooked by Larry Evans and Leslie Allen of Bogata Volunteer Fire Department and Red River Healthcare's own Maintenance Supervisor, Bobby Simmons. The meal was served out front of the nursing home by staff and

many wonderful volunteers. A time of food, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all attending despite the heat. Heartfelt thanks is extended to Larry Evans, Leslie Allen, Dorothy Gill, Ann Barnard, Mary Margaret Vaughn, Valerie Vaughn, Lou Ada Franklin, Tana Guest and Neil and Frances Rozell.

It seems quaint to us that our ancestors used clamshells and beads for money, but then I wonder what they'd think about a wallet full of little plastic cards. -Burton Hillis

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### Neighbors.....Velma Westbrook

by Jack Ballard

Velma Mae Westbrook was born seventy-four years ago in Cuthand, Texas. She was one of eleven brothers and sisters, including her identical twin sister, Thelma. Her family also includes her son, David Brooks, and his wife Nicki and their daughter Brandi, all of Paris.

Velma's early years growing up in a large family in the Fulbright area saw her spend a lot of time in supporting the family in cotton farming. She remembers that her family moved to Deport many years ago when they located to the Charlie Barnard place to farm.

Velma smiles when remembering her days in Fulbright. One of her favorite things to do was to go to the traveling picture show. In the mid 1950s once a week a "theater" would be set up in one of the old Fulbright downtown buildings for the showing of a motion picture. She recalls paying about ten cents admission. Her favorites were the westerns starring heroes Gene Autry, Tex Ritter and Roy Rogers.

Velma married the late Bill Brooks in 1951. Bill was a mechanic from Mt. Vernon. They moved to Deport in 1956 after having lived for a while in Milton. Bill worked in Deport and Paris as a mechanic for Ford and Chevrolet dealers. For a number of years he and Velma had their own auto repair shop on Main Street in Deport.

Those were good years. Velma has lived in her current home since 1961. She reminisces that most afternoons at that home young son David would eagerly hop off the school bus, throw down his school satchel in the ditch, and immediately start flipping and turning summersaults in the yard. She smiles at the memory and says he usually was having so much fun she would have to fix him sugar cookies to entice him to come in the house.

Bill passed away in 1974 and Velma had never really worked outside the home. But since February 1975 Velma has worked at the Deport Nursing Home. She says, "One of the best things to ever happen in Deport was the nursing home. It put a lot of people to work."

In 1977, local farmer and carpenter Octavis "Tater" Westbrook

and Velma were married. Tater passed away in 1991, but Velma fondly thinks about how he was handy with his hands. She tells how he liked to build stuff, that he was always working on cabinets and shelves and that he would do a good job with anything he tried.

Velma's family always enjoys getting together at Christmas and, since about 1975, probably the most exciting time of the year for Velma has been the Varner Family Reunion. Usually there are between fifty and one hundred family members getting together for good times.

One Christmas, her twin sister Thelma's son, Ray expressed the real meaning of family and caring. His Grandma Varner shared her special gift for Ray and the other grandchildren as she presented holiday wrapped buttered cornbread. As he left for home thinking about all the things he had in the world while appreciating the cornbread, Ray said, "I am so thankful for all my blessings."

When asked what she would like her grandchildren to remember about her, she has quite a story to tell. Her young granddaughter Brandi used to love to look into the refrigerator. So, when Brandi was small Velma would get a bar of chocolate candy and wrap a quarter around it and place it in the refrigerator for Brandi to find. This little "hide and seek" activity has been a joy to Grandmother and Brandi over the years. Brandi has recently graduated from Paris Junior College and Grandma Velma now laughs that Brandi coyly requests a dollar to be wrapped around the refrigerator candy bar.

One of the most disappointing times in the past for Velma was when the Deport First Methodist Church burned. She recalls, "It had the most beautiful stained glass windows. Pastor Hensley was there for a while and we enjoyed Mr. John Crabb, the former variety store owner, who played the violin." Velma's favorite hymn is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

The farthest Velma has ever been from Deport is Ulysses, Kansas. She went there to visit one of her brothers. Her dream vacation

would be to go to Hawaii. She has seen the beautiful pictures, but she says with a wink of the eye, "I won't get there. At my age, it is too far away from my doctor. I would have to walk to Hawaii too. I have never flown and I am afraid of planes and trains now."

Yet, Velma has gotten around somehow. She is somewhat of a collector. She has dozens of dolls, ceramic bells and hundreds of ceramic salt and pepper shaker sets. In fact, she displays a variety of over three hundred fifty sets of salt and pepper shakers she has collected since about 1965. She is proudest of the Elvis shaker set. While she never met Elvis, she surely enjoys his sacred music recordings.

When asked what she would do if she won the lottery, Velma comments she would put it in the bank, sit back and look at it a while. If she had to, she would spend some of the winnings on a new car, because she always had one that somebody else has worn out.

Velma's favorite food is coconut. She likes it in and on just about anything. But, you will never catch her eating chocolate. Nor will you catch her going to a dance hall. She laughs, "I wouldn't be in a dance hall because the Lord wouldn't be able to find me there."

Velma likes simple, homespun fun things. Her best skill is quilting. Her mother taught her, but she doesn't find time to do it much these days. Her favorite quilt she ever made was a Dutch doll pattern. Oddly, one thing she doesn't do is sewing. All her sisters are good seamstresses and she too would have loved to sew clothes. She doesn't garden much anymore either. She loved it though, and her canning skills have kept her busy over the years. She tells that her sweet cucumber pickles are the best.

When she thinks back on the best advice she ever received, it was from her daddy. He would ask her, "Do you need it or do you want it?" She recalls he taught us to respect and to love each other and to do what was right. One thing she has learned is to treat all people like she wants to be treated. Anybody who knows Velma can tell you that she lives that every single day.





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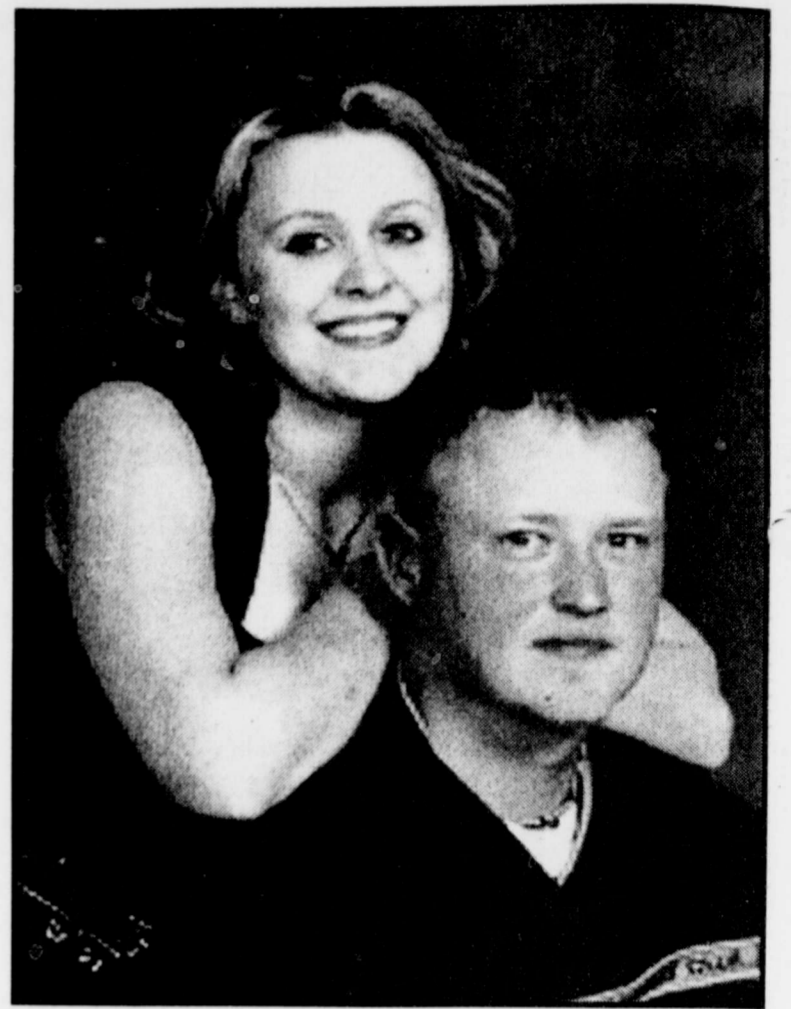
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**No fireworks display this year**

The annual Talco Park Fourth of July Fireworks Display will not be held this year due to the park committee members being unable to sponsor the event. However, any organization which would like to gather funds and hold a display in the park is welcome to do so. For information on getting the display together you may call Karen Jones at 903-379-2083 or Judy Sloan at 903-379-7621.

**Petty Officer Ellis completes course**

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Richard D. Ellis, son of Nancy Ellis of Hooks and Stephen M. Ellis of Talco recently completed the Navy Nuclear Power Training Unit Course at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Goose Creek, SC. He received instruction on nuclear theory, chemistry, physics, reactor operations, safety and security. He was designated a nuclear propulsion plant operator. He joined the Navy in April 2001.



Lacey Michelle Gresham with fiance Donnie Mitchell Gregg

**Gresham-Gregg to exchange wedding vows**

Randy and Gloria Gresham of Manchester, Texas announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Lacey Michelle, to Donnie Mitchell Gregg of Paris. Her fiance is the son of Danny and Debbie Gregg of Antlers, OK. The couple will be married at seven o'clock in the evening on Sunday, June 23, 2002, at Bywaters Park in Paris. Ken Ruthart will be performing the ceremony. Family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony and reception afterwards.

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