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You lose some things when you get well!

I have been having a little bit of a problem lately. It will soon be time for Tinsel and Tidings in Paris, and I have very few ornaments painted to sell. I also have two kits for embroidered pillows, plus a little Christmas counted cross stitch kit, all of them undone. In addition there is a slate plaque I've had for a year now, intending to paint, that remains abandoned.

I have been trying to figure out why I can't ever seem to get around to doing these things. Finally, it has hit me. I'm not doing them because they are sedentary things and with two new knees I'm not sedentary any more!

I am reminded of a friend whose dad took up machine applique because he couldn't do anything else. Then he had heart surgery and felt so good he wouldn't do the applique work anymore!

Instead of collapsing in my chair to stitch or paint I am running around, taking photographs, taking a 100 hour First Responder course, going with friends somewhere for the day, working in my yard or swimming. It is astonishing how much work my flower beds and yard needed after being neglected because of my knees!

I don't stay home too much, and I don't spend much time parked in that recliner working on things.

The problem is, I miss the painting and stitching!

But, I'm too happy dashing around with my recovered mobility to stop and paint or embroidery. In fact, reading, my primary relaxation, has even been narrowed down!

I am not complaining, mind you. I figure I'll leave the sedentary pursuits for a later time when I am once more unable to do anything else.

Unfortunately, my new-found ability to get around has come along at a time when most of my friends and family have begun to have problems. So, while they are complaining about joint stiffness, bad knees, necks or shoulders I'm going "come on guys, lets GO".

Hmmmm, well, I guess for ME that's a great thing, isn't it!

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Homecoming queen nominees elected

The Rivercrest High School Homecoming football game will be held October 20, 2000. The crowning of the queen will begin at 7:00 p.m. This year's nominees are: Kara Palmer, Kim Ross, Kasey Crawford and Cassie Cannon.

Kara Palmer is the daughter of Karla Palmer of Bogata and Kenneth and Mary Lynn Palmer of Joliet. She is the granddaughter of Jane O'Neal and the late Claude O'Neal of Cunningham and the late Tommy and Meldina Palmer of Wichita Falls. Kara will be escorted by her father.

As a freshman, Kara was the president of her class and voted most popular. She was inducted into the Beta Club and was a member of the Spanish Club, Student Council, Gifted and Talented and Youth for Christ. She participated on the Number Sense team at UIL and received the American Mathematics High School Award which is awarded to the top two percent of the 18,000 students that took it. She also remained on the honor roll every six weeks of the year.

Her sophomore year, Kara was the president of her class, a member of the Spanish Club, Beta Club, Youth for Christ, Gifted and Talented, Yearbook Staff and Student Council. She received the Spanish II and Algebra II honors awards. She also received the honor of Student of the Month.

As a junior Kara was the president of her class, a member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society, Youth for Christ, Annual Staff, Gifted and Talented, Student Council and the prom committee. She participated in UIL Number Sense and was a part of the first place Math team. She also placed second individually in the math competition advancing to regional competition. She was a nominee for Miss Red River County. She also received the Pre AP Calculus Award and remained on the honor roll throughout the year.

Currently, as a senior, Kara is the president of the Student Council. She remains a member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society, Youth for Christ and Gifted and Talented. She is also the Editor of the Yearbook Staff.

Kara is a member of Life Tabernacle Church in Cunningham. She plans to attend Texas A & M at College Station in the coming fall.

Kim Ross is the daughter of Richard and Kay Ross of Bogata and the granddaughter of Johnny and Wilma Campbell of Mayflower, Arkansas, Kathryn McHoffie of Jackson, Tennessee and the late J.W. Ross.

As a freshman Kim was chosen Most Athletic of her class, was a member of the Lady Rebel District and Bi-District Champion softball team where she received All District 2nd Team Utility Infielder. She was a member of the Spanish Club and Youth for Christ.

As a sophomore Kim was chosen Most Popular of her class. She was again a member of the Lady Rebel softball team which won District and Bi-District Championships and was chosen 2nd team All District Short Stop. She was also a member of the FFA.

As a junior Kim was again a member of the Lady District and Bi-District Softball Champion team and was chosen 2nd team All District Short Stop. She was a member of the varsity Lady Rebels and was chosen 2nd team All District and named Red River Valley Honorable Mention. In the summer she attended the Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo.

As a senior, Kim remains a member of the Spanish Club and Youth for Christ. She is a member of the varsity Lady Rebel basketball team and will be a member of the Lady Rebel softball team.

Kim is a member of the 1998-99 State Champion ASA 16 and under softball team and played in the 2000 National 16-18 in Garland. She enjoys hanging out with her friends, working on the computer and playing basketball and softball. She is a member of the First Baptist Church in Bogata. She plans to attend Paris Junior College or NTCC and hopes to play college softball. She wants to be a basketball/softball coach in the future.

Kasey Crawford is the daughter of Barry and Linda Crawford of Bogata. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Pat Crawford and Gwen and Bob Womack of Dallas and the great granddaughter of Ruth Bell of Dallas.

As a freshman, Kasey was a member of the Student Council where she served as Representative, Beta Club, Lady Rebel Cross Country team and member of the FFA where she was on the state Horse Judging team, state Livestock team, Greenhand Quiz team and FFA Show team and exhibited heifers and rabbits. She received the FFA Achievement Award.

As a sophomore, Kasey was again Student Council Representative, a member of the Beta Club, Lady Rebel Cross Country team which won district and advanced to regionals. She

was a member of the Horse Judging team which placed 2nd at state, Livestock Judging team which went to state, received the Star Chapter Farmer Award and showed heifers, rabbits, broilers, pigs and horses with the FFA Show team. She was Clarksville Rodeo Queen, a member of the Red River Riders and Historian for the FFA.

As a junior, Kasey was in UIL Calculator Applications, was Student Council Representative, Red River County Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, was a member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society and was chosen Christmas Queen of her class. She received the Lone Star Farmer Degree and won State with the Diversified Livestock Proficiency Parliamentary Procedure Team. She was again a member of the Horse Judging team, Livestock team, FFA show team, Lady Rebel Cross Country team which went to Regionals, was chosen Most Intelligent of her class and received the Teamwork Award.

Currently, Kasey is a Student Council Secretary, a member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society, is Chapter FFA Treasurer, a member of the FFA Show team and serves as Paris Rodeo Queen.

Kasey's hobby is showing horses. She plans to attend Texas A & M at Commerce upon graduation.

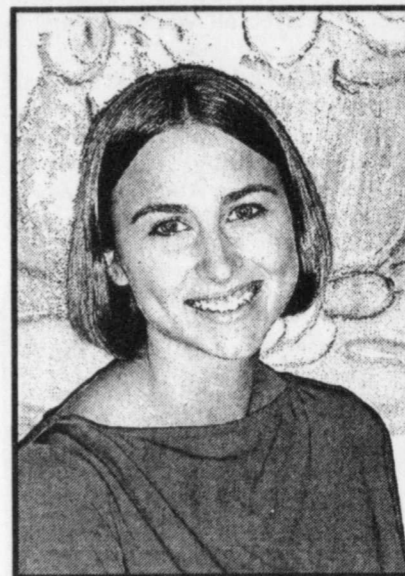
Cassie Cannon is the daughter of Arthur and Jackie Cannon of Cuthand and the granddaughter of Pat and Leon Cannon of Cuthand, Nancy Hammett, Jimmy Speir of Bogata and the great granddaughter of Derrell Smith of Bogata.

As a freshman, Cassie was a member of the Student Council where she served as representative, a member of the FFA where she earned the Greenhand Degree and served as Greenhand Treasurer. She also was a Junior Varsity Cheerleader.

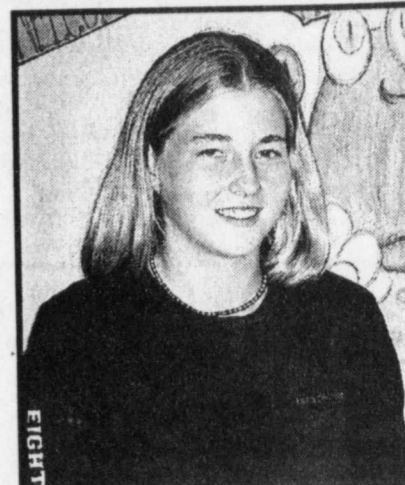
As a sophomore, Cassie was a Varsity Cheerleader, Chapter FFA Treasurer, received the Teamwork FFA Award, was a member of Upward Bound and the Educational Talent Search.

Her junior year, Cassie was President of Upward Bound, received the Leadership FFA Award, Horticulture Award and was elected Most Beautiful of her class.

Currently, Cassie is Student Council Vice President, Chapter FFA President and Paris District Reporter. After graduation she plans to attend Stephen F. Austin University to pursue a career as an Ag. teacher.



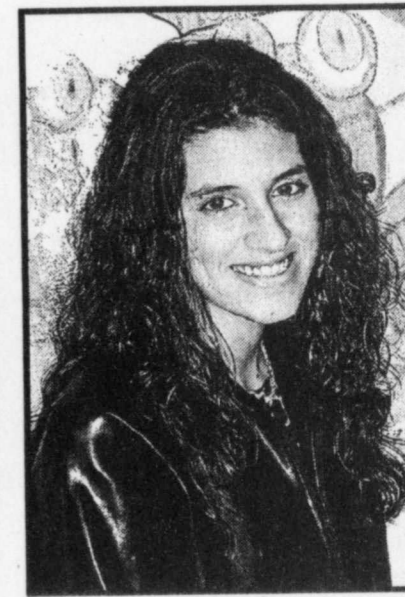
Kara Palmer



Kim Ross



Kasey Crawford



Cassie Cannon

Halesboro-Morris Chapel homecoming is October 21

The annual homecoming for Halesboro-Morris Chapel will be held Saturday, October 21, at the Morris Chapel Community Building.

Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by covered dish luncheon at noon.

All former residents and other

interested parties are invited to attend. The cemeteries at both communities are in need of funds for maintenance.

For further information, call Ina Ward at 632-4357, Barbara Martin at 784-3720 or Juavane Carpenter at 652-4500.

Bogata PTO to sponsor turkey dinner October 29, 2000

The Bogata PTO will sponsor a turkey dinner at the school cafeteria on Sunday, October 29, 2000 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Adult plates will be \$6.00 each and a child's plate will be \$4.00 each. Pre-sale tickets will be available soon.

Volunteers to help work the event are needed. Cake and pie donations are also needed. Anyone wishing to

help or make a donation may contact Judy Speir at 632-1059, Kim Kelsey at 632-4168 or Kathy Thompson at 632-4591.

Proceeds from the event will go toward purchasing playground equipment for the new school. Everyone is encouraged to come out for a good meal and help provide future fun for area students.

Kathy Cheyne appointed Red River County Judge

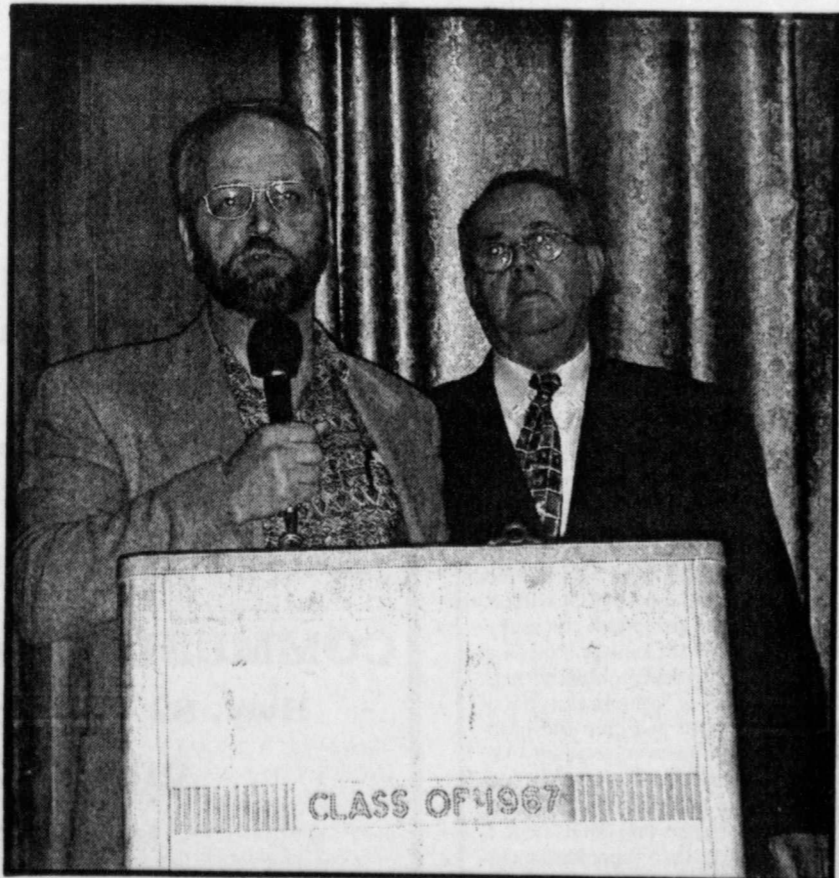
Kathy Cheyne was appointed by the Red River County Commissioner's Court in a special meeting last Friday.

The vote was three to two in favor of the appointment with Judge L.D. Williamson casting the tiebreaking vote.

Ronnie D. James and Rickey Daniels voted in favor of Cheyne and Elmer Caton and Mark Megason voted against the appointment. Caton and Megason have pledged their

support to the new judge, however. Judge Cheyne conducted the meeting of the Red River County Commissioner's Court on Tuesday, October 10. The court elected to accept the resumes for County Treasurer to fill the position left vacant with Ms. Cheyne's appointment.

The court will meet in a special meeting this Friday, October 13th to consider a possible replacement for the county treasurer.



BOGATA LIONS CLUB President Danny Efav, presented James Wood with a \$250.00 donation from the club for the Bogata Library/Museum during the "Harmony Under The Stars" program held Saturday night at Rivercrest. The event was moved indoors due to the inclement weather and all attending had a great time. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



NEW RED RIVER COUNTY JUDGE - Kathy Cheyne was sworn in by Red River County Clerk to serve as County Judge after Cheyne was appointed in a special meeting of Commissioners Court last Friday. (photo by Thomas Nichols)

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Country Cooking with Liz Irwin

Our featured cook this week is Evelyn Raye (Crader) Barnes and she was born in Clarksville to parents Jack and Gertrude Crader. They have a home in Dallas, but reside part of the time near Clarksville.

She grew up in a family of ladies who were good homemakers. They cooked and canned and always had good food.

She loves to cook and loves to see people eat and enjoy what she has cooked. Now that she is retired, she is always doing something in the kitchen and enjoying herself.

We hope you enjoy Evelyn's recipes this week and we will see you in the kitchen!

Instant Banana Pudding-this recipe uses Eagle Brand Milk and instant pudding and Cool Whip. . . and is wonderful! Evelyn said that

she first ate this at a friend's home in Clute in 1982.

Chicken and Rice-be sure to use Minute Rice. She uses a large metal baking pan with about 8 chicken breast. "This is very easy to fix for family gatherings or for the office party," says Evelyn.

Broccoli and Rice Casserole-this recipe is always a favorite of everyone and now that the holiday season is upon us, try it out!

Duck and Dressing-this recipe is for all of you duck hunters out there. . . or maybe all you duck hunters wives!

Cornbread-Evelyn likes to share cornbread and uses a 9-inch skillet and an 8-inch skillet or make two muffin pans full.

Pecan Pie-an American favorite and this particular recipe was given to Evelyn by a friend in 1954!



COOK OF THE WEEK this week is Evelyn Raye (Crader) Barnes of Clarksville/Dallas. She enjoys cooking and sharing with friends. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Obituaries

Mrs. Agnes Alsbrook dies October

Mrs. Agnes Pauline Alsbrook, age 84, formerly of Clarksville, died Thursday, October 5 in Red River Health Care Center in Bogata.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 7 in the chapel of Red River Health Care Center with the Rev. C.G. Renfro and the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery in Clarksville under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Alsbrook was born August 4, 1916 in Red River County, the daughter of Peyton and Ella Grey Rose. She married Wayne Alsbrook on June 27, 1985. He preceded her in death September 27, 1999. She was a retired school teacher. She is survived by one sister, Lou Ada Franklin of Bogata and several nieces and nephews.

Bearers were Bob Rose, Tab Rose, Jack Rose, Mike Rose, Todd Williams and Tracey Williams.

Tildon D. Betterton dies October 9

Tildon D. Betterton, age 84, of Deport, died Monday, October 9 in Deport Nursing Home. Wood Funeral Homes, Deport, conducted chapel services on Wednesday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m. The family received friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time on Wednesday.

He was born in the Madill Community of Lamar County on July 11, 1916, the son of Joseph W. and Hattie V. Ashford Betterton. His wife, Ad Betterton, preceded him in death March 4, 2000. Mr. Betterton was a retired mechanic.

Surviving are sons, Kenneth Betterton of Paris and James D. Betterton of Bonham; his daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Dewey Lan of The Colony; four grandchildren two great-grandchildren; a sister, Al pha Barnard of Deport; and several nieces and nephews.

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Evelyn Raye (Crader) Barnes-

Instant Banana Pudding

- 1 can Eagle Brand Milk
- 1-(3-3/4 ounce) instant vanilla pudding
- 1-12 ounce Cool Whip
- 3 ripe bananas
- vanilla wafers

Cover bottom of dish with wafers; add bananas and then pudding. Keep adding layers until pudding is used. Crush vanilla wafers and sprinkle on top. This will last a week and the bananas will not turn dark.

Chicken and Rice

Salt and pepper skinless chicken breasts and place in a large greased baking dish. In large bowl, mix 3 cups dry Minute Rice with 1/2 cup of melted butter. Then add:

- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup

Mix together and completely cover the chicken. Seal pan with foil and bake for 1-1/2 to 2 hours at 350 degrees.

Broccoli and Rice Casserole

- 2-1/2 cups Minute Rice
- 2 packages chopped frozen broccoli
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1-8 ounce jar Cheez Whiz
- 1 cup cream of mushroom soup
- 1 stick of margarine

Cook rice as directed. Cook broccoli as directed and drain. Saute onion and celery in margarine. Mix all together and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes if desired. Top with grated cheese before serving.

Duck and Dressing

- 1 large duck
- 2 cups cornbread
- 1/4 cup pecans-optional
- 1/4 cup celery
- 1/4 cup green sweet peppers
- 2 tablespoons raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons snipped fresh sage or 1/2 teaspoon dried sage-crushed
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 cup duck broth

Boil duck, but not enough to let it come off the bone; save the broth. Brush with 2 tablespoons cooking oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon paprika and 1/8 teaspoon ground cumin. Combine all ingredients for dressing and mix well. Make a layer of dressing in the roaster and lay duck on it and stuff duck. Bake 375 degrees for 35 minutes; uncover and bake 25 minutes more.

Cornbread

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup meal
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup oil

Sift all ingredients together and all liquids together. Pour liquids into dry ingredients and mix well. Oil 10-inch iron skillet and heat; sprinkle sides and bottom well with meal. Brown well and pour cornbread mixture in. Bake until center is firm; turn and brown top and sides. Bake at 425 degrees for about 15 minutes.

Pecan Pie

- 1 cup pecan halves
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup dark Karo syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup melted butter

Combine all ingredient and bake in unbaked shell for 10 minutes in 450 degree oven and then reduce heat to 350 degrees for 35 minutes.



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Red River County Roots

This week's query is from Betsy Whitaker LeMaster, 306 Ramona Road, Danville, California 94526. She is researching the family of William Hampton "Hamp" Whitaker, born 1842 TN. He married (1) Nancy Martin in 1870 and (2) Mary E. Watson in 1877 in Lamar County, TX. In 1870, one Wiley L. Dunlap Whitaker was living with Hamp and Nancy Whitaker. His father is believed to have been John. Wiley married Sarah Elizabeth Gotcher in 1884 in Red River County and they had eight children. Wiley died in 1917 and was buried in Detroit Cemetery. A possible brother of Wiley, William Bert Whitaker, married Mary Gotcher in 1896 Red River County and they also had eight children. John and William Hampton Whitaker are thought to have been sons of Robert Munroe Whitaker.

If you would like to write Ms. LeMaster, please write her at the above address.

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

Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14

During National Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14, firefighters, fire prevention personnel and teachers will direct attention to the need for fire prevention in the home, on the job and in fields and forests.

The annual fire safety observance commemorates the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, but Texans have only to look at the state's record fire siege this year to appreciate the destruction wildfires can cause. The Texas Forest Service estimates that from January through September, fires scorched an estimated 630,000 acres in Texas before being controlled by a combination of local, state and federal firefighting personnel and equipment.

Fire prevention leaders in Texas warn that fire danger has not disappeared from the state. Fire danger remains extreme in the rolling plains, north Texas and the Texas panhandle, and it is rising elsewhere in the state

with each day that passes without significant rainfall. Rain has temporarily lowered fire danger across much of the eastern portion of the state, but drought indices remain in the high to extreme range in most east Texas counties.

Several fire safety precautions have been suggested. Obey local burning ordinances, in some places

PJC to hold free adult GED classes

The Adult Education and Literacy Department at Paris Junior College will hold free adult classes in GED preparation, reading, math, and language at the college campus. Students must attend the required orientation at 8:30 a.m. or 6 p.m., October 16 through 19.

The same classes will be offered at the Educational Resource Center,

PJC to hold free adult classes

The Adult Education and Literacy Department at Paris Junior College will hold free adult classes at the Educational Resource Center, 136 Grand Avenue, in Paris.

The English as a Second Language class will be taught by Gaspar Sanchez, Susan Sanchez, and Jason

Free health screenings for veterans

VA North Texas Health Care System will offer free health screenings for veterans, ChampVA and Tricare beneficiaries at the VFW Post 3990 in Reno on October 18 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

All civilization has from time to time become a thin crust over a volcano of revolution.

—Havelock Ellis

outdoor fires may be illegal. Where burning is allowed, clear wide lines to bare soil around brush piles and burn barrels. Only use trash barrels equipped with a screen on top. Avoid burning on windy days or leaving fires unattended. Keep tools and water handy in case your fire should get away. Always expect and plan for the unexpected for Texas weather can bring just that.

Avoid using spark producing equipment around dry grass, dispose of smoking materials properly and avoid driving vehicles into dry grass.

The soul of a journey is liberty, perfect liberty, to think, feel, do just as one pleases.

—William Hazlitt

FOOT NOTES



FLAT FEET & SHIN SPLINTS

Shin splints are most often caused by the stress of exercise. People with flat feet whose feet pronate excessively are particularly susceptible to developing posterior tibial shin splints. The posterior tibial muscle-tendon unit, which originates on the back of the lower leg bone (tibia), travels down behind the inner ankle and attaches to the top of the arch of the foot. The tendon holds up the foot's arch. In flat-footed people, this muscle has to work much harder than it does in those with a well-developed arch. Pain resulting from the muscle fiber tearing usually begins within two to three hours of exercise and is described as a dull soreness. Later, the pain begins with exercise and intensifies.

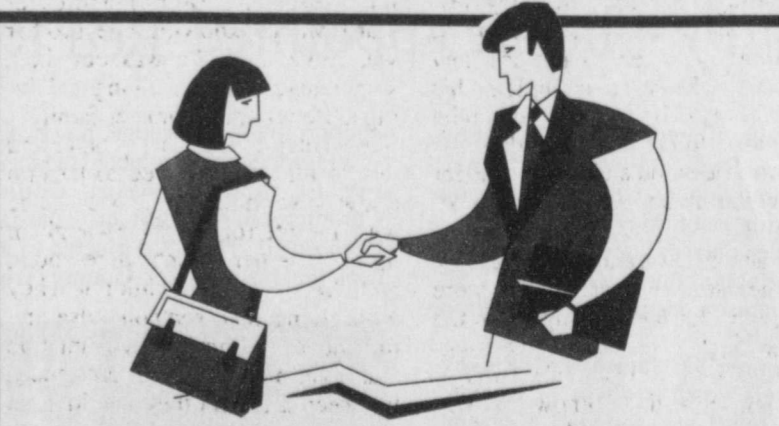
To determine the best treatment for flat feet, shin splints as well as other foot conditions, a podiatrist will examine the foot, perform a gait analysis and look at the patient's medical history, past medical problems, length and frequency of symptoms, types of current activities and pain and problems in other parts of the body. We offer comprehensive care for all foot problems for feet of all shapes, sizes and ages. Please call DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC for an appointment today at 784-5585.

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P.S. Over time, tension on the posterior tibial muscle can actually pull it from the tibia bone.

We thank the Wood family for such a successful benefit for the Bogata Library/Museum. They spent endless hours in preparation and the enthusiasm from the Bogata area was reflected in a resounding response both in attendance and monetary gifts.
**Board of Directors
Bogata Library/Museum**

Card Of Thanks
The James Wood Family would like to publicly say "Thank You" to those beautiful people whose beautiful voices made a beautiful program Saturday night so successful.
To Judy Sherrill whose piano playing was so tremendous, to Jarvis Watson and James Hendricks who played the guitars so wonderfully, and Greg Sherrill who is so gifted on drums, we say "Job Well Done Guys" To Allen Daniels who kept our sound problems to a minimum, you came in so handy.
Most of all, to you who gave your money as a donation to our beautiful Library / Museum. It is money that will be well spent.
Our family was honored to sponsor the benefit and was blessed with the performance and attendance.
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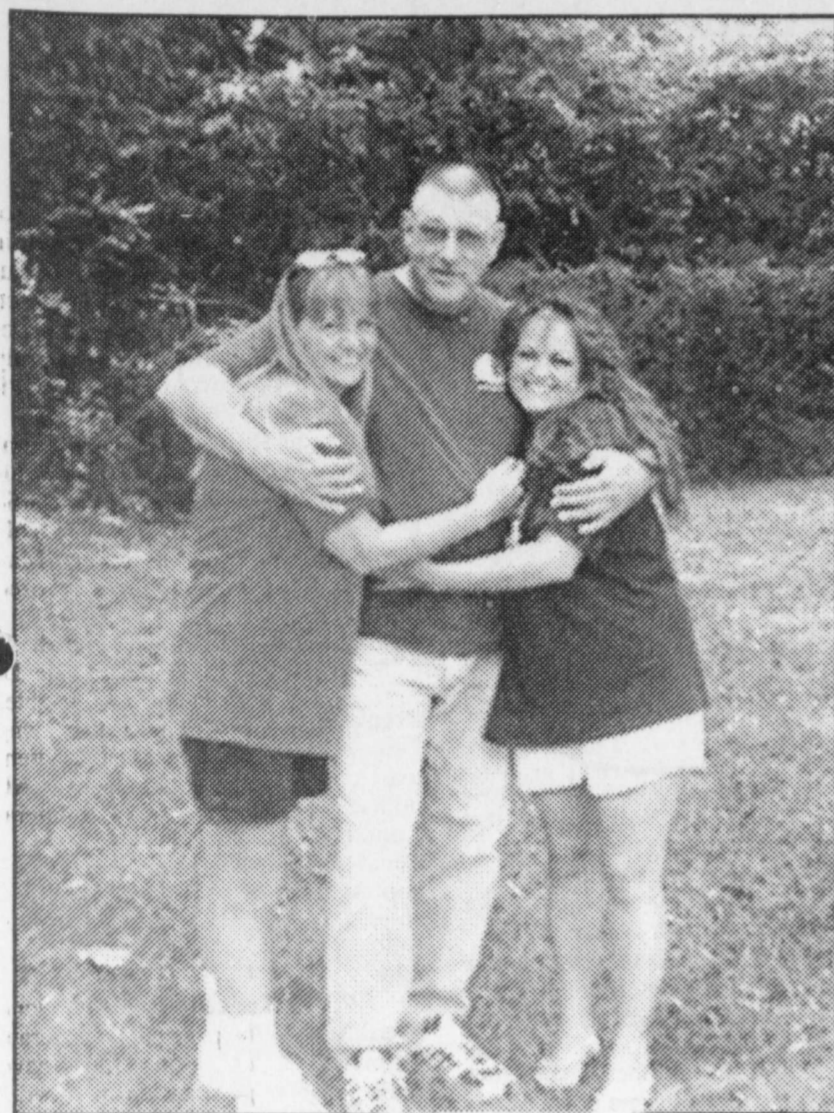
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J.O. Weatherall and new found sisters, Karon and Melody

Family search ends in reunion

J.O. and Roger Weatherall of Talco grew up knowing they were adopted by their loving parents, John H. and Elsie (Maywall) Weatherall. Roger, the younger of the boys was adopted at age 8 and knows his biological family, while J.O. was adopted at 11 days old and the Weatheralls were the only family he has ever known. J.O. stated that he has never dwelled on his biological parents because of the parents who he loved and loved him so. But, he did say he had often wondered about his birth parents and why they had put him up for adoption.

When J.O. began having some health problems, although minor, his thoughts turned toward genetics. He contacted a lawyer in Longview to help him begin his search and a few weeks ago, they started perusing files, looking for an account of his birth. They were looking for what his mother had told him about his birth mother's name which was Netherland. J.O. and his lawyer were unable to find anything under Weatherall or Netherland. He was later to learn that his birth mother had used her maiden name on his birth certificate. J.O.'s mom, Elsie tried to fill in as many facts as she could but without John Sr., who J.O. says will always be his father in his heart, there were facts she did not know. She remembers everything was handled through a lawyer and a case worker. She said, "We just went down there and picked him up when he was 11 days old and we have stuck with him ever since".

J.O. knew he had been born at 4:04 a.m. on March 28, 1949 in Gladewater, Texas to a woman whose name was Netherland. His information ended there.

On Friday before Labor Day weekend, after the search in Longview proved unsuccessful, J.O. contacted his attorney to see what steps they needed to take next to try and find his birth family. The lawyer told him he was going to take some work home over the weekend and would contact him when he had some more information.

That night J.O. and his wife Becky and their sons, Josh and Colton were settling in for the evening when the phone rang. A nervous voice belonging to Karon Wilcher of Carthage, Mississippi said, "I know that you don't know me, but I'm looking for a brother of mine who was given up for adoption. He was born at 4:04 a.m. on March 28, 1949 in Gladewater, Texas. Could you be him?"

J.O. recalls a sinking feeling and after a minute said, "Yes, I could be him". Becky who is Internet savvy and very protective of her husband's vulnerability in this issue, got on the speaker phone and began firing questions to Karon. She repeatedly asked Karon her name and she replied, "Karon Wilcher". What Becky wanted was to hear her say her maiden name. And, she finally did say, Karon Netherland.

With that, Becky turned to J.O. and told him this might be his long lost sister and he may have found a missing link to his biological family. They just kept talking and Karon kept saying she couldn't believe she'd found him. In fact, she and another sister, Melody Chipley had come to Gladewater last Thanksgiving to go through documents, newspaper clippings and talk to elderly people on the street who might have known the family. She told J.O. and Becky that they had hit a brick wall at every turn.

She also told him that she was determined not to give up and through the Internet adoption sites, a man from New York responded to a posting telling her he thought he had the name she was seeking. He told her that there had only been one male child born in Gregg County March 28, 1949 and that is what prompted her to call.

J.O. discovered that he has 2 older sisters and six younger brothers and sisters and his parents are still living and all were eager to know about him. He is the third of nine children, all of whom are living. What a shock for J.O!

Karon said her search began when she was watching Unsolved Mysteries one evening and the show aired a family reunion where an adoption had occurred. It made her want to search for their missing brother. She watched other shows that had reunions and every time would sit and think, what can I do to find him?

In 1993, Karon registered with the International Soundex Reunion Registry. She didn't know what was public record, or how to find the adoption agency if there was one, or what her adopted brother's name might be. Then last year, she discovered her mother had used her maiden name of Sistrunk on the birth certificate. J.O.'s mother had not named him, so the only name was Sistrunk. That is where the search ended. For nights and days Karon sat at her computer searching adoption sites. There are so many and the hardest thing to deal with was thinking, how to you find someone with no name?

Karon turned to God to help her. She prayed, "I'm leaving it up to you, Lord, if it's your will for me to find him I will". "The Lord brought him to me" she said. Also a driving force for Karon was not knowing if her brother was alive, or if he was out there somewhere walking, talking and living a life separate from her family's. She wanted to meet her brother and talk to him. She wanted to let him know he wasn't given up because he wasn't wanted or loved. He was given up because her parents were young and already had two children. They were living with someone else and did not have a home to give him. She wanted him to know if circumstances had been different they would have never given him up and their parents are good people. Giving up their son and not knowing anything about him had been a wound that wouldn't heal. Did he have a good life? Did he have a better life than they could have given him? Was he ok? There were all kinds of questions.

Karon said, "I wondered if he was a bum, a weirdo, or rich and famous. Maybe even a movie star? I just thank the Lord he's just like the rest of us. Just a normal person."

After hours on the phone and on the Internet with the Netherland family trying to pull everyone together at one time in Talco, J.O. and Becky decided to go to Carthage. So on Labor Day weekend they loaded up their sons and set off.

They arrived at Melody's hair salon in Carthage a little before 11:00 a.m. They tried to keep a video camera rolling to catch the surprise on her face. What they caught were squeals of delight, tears and a hug between brother and sister that lasted for several minutes. J.O. said, "As I opened the door, she nearly attacked me. She had just finished a hair cut, thank

Pope family

reunion set for Oct. 22

The Pope family reunion will be held on October 22, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center. Visiting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and a covered dish lunch will be served at noon.

All family descendants and friends are invited to bring their favorite covered dish and come to share a day of reminiscing. For more information contact Jean Cameron at 572-4154.

UPCOMING EVENTS For Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club

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On October 17, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. the club will sponsor a "Homecoming Bonfire". Hot dogs will be served at no cost. Elementary students must be accompanied by an adult. The Rebel Band will perform as well as the the Rebel cheerleaders who will help build the homecoming spirit up with a special pep rally. The Talco and Bogata Volunteer Fire Departments will be on hand to ensure safety with the fire. Everyone is invited to attend and help boost the Rebel spirit toward a Homecoming victory.

Mixed scramble

planned for Oct. 28

The Rivercrest High School Golf team will sponsor a mixed scramble on Saturday, October 28, 2000 at Clarksville Country Club.

Anyone interested in participating please call the school at 632-5203 for more information.

Rivercrest school menu October 16-20

- Monday**
Breakfast
Cereal
toast
milk & juice
Lunch
Tunafish sandwiches
pork & beans
chips
fruit
milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast
Oatmeal
toast
juice & milk
Lunch
Chicken nuggets
cream potatoes
green beans
rolls
milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast
Sausage & biscuit
jelly & butter
juice & milk
Lunch
Chili dogs
ranch style beans
pickle spears
dessert
milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast
Cinnamon rolls
peanut butter w/graham crackers
juice & milk
Lunch
Nachos w/meat & cheese
refried beans
rice
fruit
crackers
milk
- Friday**
Breakfast
Waffles w/syrup
juice & milk
Lunch
Cheeseburgers
seasoned beans
chips
salad
ice cream
milk

RWNT meets

The RWNT met Monday, September 25 in the home of Pat Holcolm in Pittsburg.

President Maxine Patton called the meeting to order. Linda Zepeda led the invocation. Rosemary Evetts led in the pledge to the American and Texas flags, and read a poem about prayer.

Sue Evenwel presented the program on "Power vs. Tolerance" and began by showing the video entitled "The Repor" by Peter LaBarba, and "The Gay Agenda" by David Llewellyn.

Claudia Rocha resigned as legislative reporter and Sonia Tate was elected to fill that vacancy.

President Patton reported that the October 23 meeting will be in the home of Carolyn Franks of Pittsburg. The RWNT Retreat will be January 13 at the Selah in Mt. Vernon. There will be no November meeting due to the holidays and the Christmas party will be December 11.

For information, call Maxine Patton in Talco at 379-5171.

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Bogata School accelerated reader/library fund-raiser a success

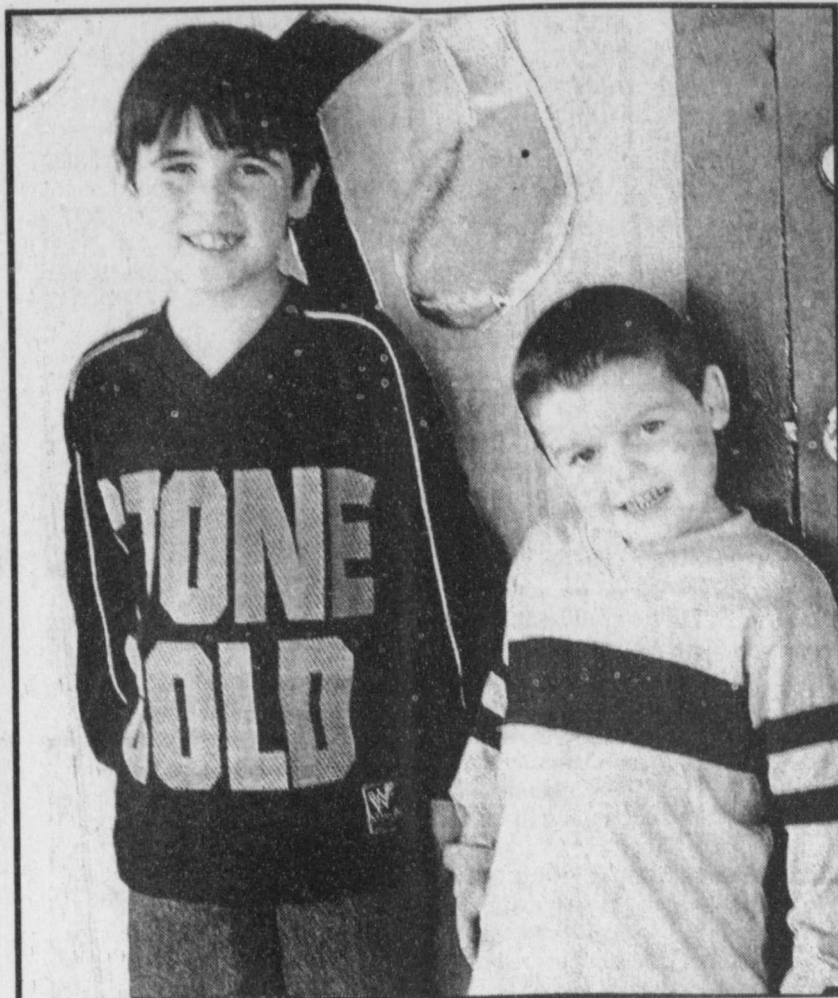
The Bogata School Library recently participated in a fund-raiser with Institutional Financing Services to raise money for accelerated reader prizes for the students and other school library needs. It was a huge success raising \$7,000.00 for the school.

A contest was conducted between the reading classes to see who could sell the most. Mrs. Scott's 5th grade won the competition by selling \$2,467.00 worth of items. They received an inflatable chair to use in their classroom. Mrs. Huddleston's kindergarten was a close second with

\$2,108.00 in sales.

The top two sellers were Colby Howard from Mrs. Huddleston's kindergarten class with a total of \$840.00 in sales and Dillon Cortez from Mrs. Stockton's second grade with a total sales of \$738.50. The boys received prizes which included gel pens, inflatable chairs, a tent and raft, CD player and helmet with zany sounds.

Everyone's help with the project was greatly appreciated. All students who participated received prizes for their efforts.



TOP SALESMEN-Dillon Cortez and Colby Howard received prizes for being the top salesmen in the Bogata School's Accelerated Reader and Library fund-raiser. Colby raised \$840.00 while Dillon raised \$738.50. Great job boys!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

It's time to begin thinking about those veterans stories!

Veterans and their families are reminded to begin thinking about their memories which they may wish to submit to be published on November 9th.

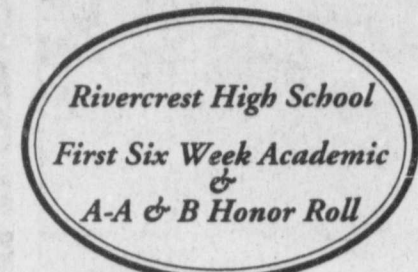
Veterans of all wars and conflicts are encouraged to send in memories about anything that happened to them while in the service.

In the past Thunder Prairie has published stories that were humorous, exciting or sad.

There have been veterans who were in movies, won honors or had unusual duties, as well as having close calls or humorous events.

Please, share these stories with others, they are priceless.

Please submit by mailing to Thunder Prairie Publishing, Veterans Memories, P.O. Box 98, Deport, TX, 75435; or fax to 903-652-6041. If you have questions, call 903-652-4205 or 632-5322 or 982-5829.



Students making the first six weeks Academic Honor Roll at Rivercrest High are as follows:

Sophomore-Erica Williams
Junior-Brandon Davis, Robyn Hollis and Melissa Waller
Senior-Kasey Crawford, Jennifer Hays, Shelly Hollis, Mark Jackson, Kara Palmer, Eric Posey and Kim Shirley.

Students making the first six weeks All A Honor Roll were as follows:
Sophomore-Timothy Carder and Shari Wisinger.

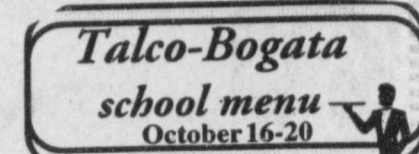
Students making the first six weeks All A & B Honor Roll were as follows:

Freshman-Courtney Boyd, Nikki Burgess, Lance Bush, Tiffani Cooskey, Alex Davidson, Candace Davis, Cody Clark, Chassity Hale, Kyla Harville, Jason Jones, B.A. Middleton, Mindy Riffle, Kristin Simmons, Danielle Varner, Jeremy Ward, Joshua Weatherall, Calan Wilcox, Stephanie Williams and Jamie Wilson.

Sophomore-Ashley Beers, Michelle Bryant, Tina Carder, Stephanie Carroll, Rachel Case, Christie Crawford, Marcus Deming, Danielle Easterling, Alison Foster, Molly Hare, Lacy Harper, Alysa Hildebrand, Heath Hinton, Megan Horn, Dustin Jones, Nicole Jones, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Ashley Kuhle, Kisseryn Munns, Misti Simmons, Anthony Thompson, Clayton Watkins and Ashley White.

Junior-Kevin Bass, Kayla Belcher, Brittany Bull, Ryan Hawkins, Charla Hines, Cassie Perry, Pearl Ponthieux, Steven Shade, Kendall Stansell, Dusty Townes, Misti Tucker, Jerry Ward, Ashley Williams and Chance Wolfe.

Senior-Jamie Andrews, Clinton Cheatwood, Chase Collins, Myron Ellis, Kimberly Exum, Sara Hollands, Joy Madden, Rebecca Stewart and Cassee Wilcox.



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Wednesday

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Sausage & biscuit
jelly & butter
milk & juice
Lunch
Chili dogs
ranch style beans
pickle spears
dessert
milk

Thursday

Breakfast
Cinnamon rolls
peanut butter w/graham crackers
milk & juice
Lunch
Nachos w/meat & cheese
refried beans
rice
fruit
crackers
milk

Friday

Waffles w/syrup
milk & juice
Lunch
Cheeseburgers
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GAYLE ROACH and granddaughter, Rikki Roach presented Tim Wood with a gift of appreciation for his work conducting the area choir which performed Saturday night at Rivercrest. The event was free to all but donations were accepted for the Bogata Library/Museum. Tim did a great job as did those who sang. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

"Harmony Under the Stars" program reported successful

Bogata and surrounding area was treated to an excellent performance of gospel music at the "Harmony Under the Stars" program held at Rivercrest High School Saturday, Oct. 7, 2000. Tim Wood was very professional in directing seventy-two singers and people that accompanied them on instruments. A great responsibility was placed on Judy Sherrill to accompany the choir with such a large variety of gospel hymns. Special thanks is extended to all the people working behind the scenes either in

sound or filming. The Wood family requested singers from Bogata and the surrounding area and they responded in mass.

The large crowd in attendance and the monetary gifts were greatly appreciated. This benefit will enable the Bogata Library/Museum to purchase some much needed items.

The Bogata area is fortunate to have the Wood family and all the people who helped to make this event so successful.

Bogata Locals

Kenneth and Marilyn Welch of Houston visited over the weekend with Billie Welch. They attended the McCrury Homecoming Sunday.

Virginia O'Donnell of Dallas visited her sister, Billie and Bobby Hervey over the weekend.

Happy October birthday to: Steve Corbell, Carol Baker, Billie Welch, Ray Earley, Margie Mayes, Galy Huddleston, Joy White, Ann Duffee and Willie Mae Topping.

Happy October Anniversary to Michael and Sharon Meredith.

Willie Mae Gray will be undergoing heart tests Wednesday at St. Cristus Hospital in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Guerra, Christopher and Jerred in Paris Friday. Donald was honored with a birthday supper. Following the meal Jerred returned home with his grandparents for an overnight stay.

Nancy and Wayne Moore of Norman, OK, visited her sister, Mildred and Bill Eudy over the weekend. Nancy attended Mildred in the hospi-

tal. Mike Screws of Deport visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws Friday morning and had birthday breakfast with his dad. On Sunday the Screws granddaughter, Kara Screws of Deport visited.

George Hobbs of Huntsville spent the weekend with his mother, Helen Williams. He attended the "Harmony Under the Stars" program held Saturday night at Rivercrest and the Hobbs reunion Sunday in Deport.

Visiting Jack and Ruth Couch Sunday were Mr. Jacobson and wife, Margaret and Bobby Lynn Barnard.

Jerry and Gerlyn Gray, Margaret Davis, Jessica and Marli Hines spent last weekend camping at Pine Mill Lake in Oklahoma. The group reported fishing as so-so because of the cold front which moved through dropping the temp. to 36 degrees on Monday morning. The group returned home Monday afternoon and planned to fry up their catch on Tuesday evening.

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Thomas (Tom) A. Nance
Administrator

Annual art/craft show set for Oct. 21

The Xi Upsilon Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Mt. Pleasant, Texas is sponsoring its annual arts and crafts show on Saturday, October 21, 2000 at the Titus County Civic Center in Mt. Pleasant.

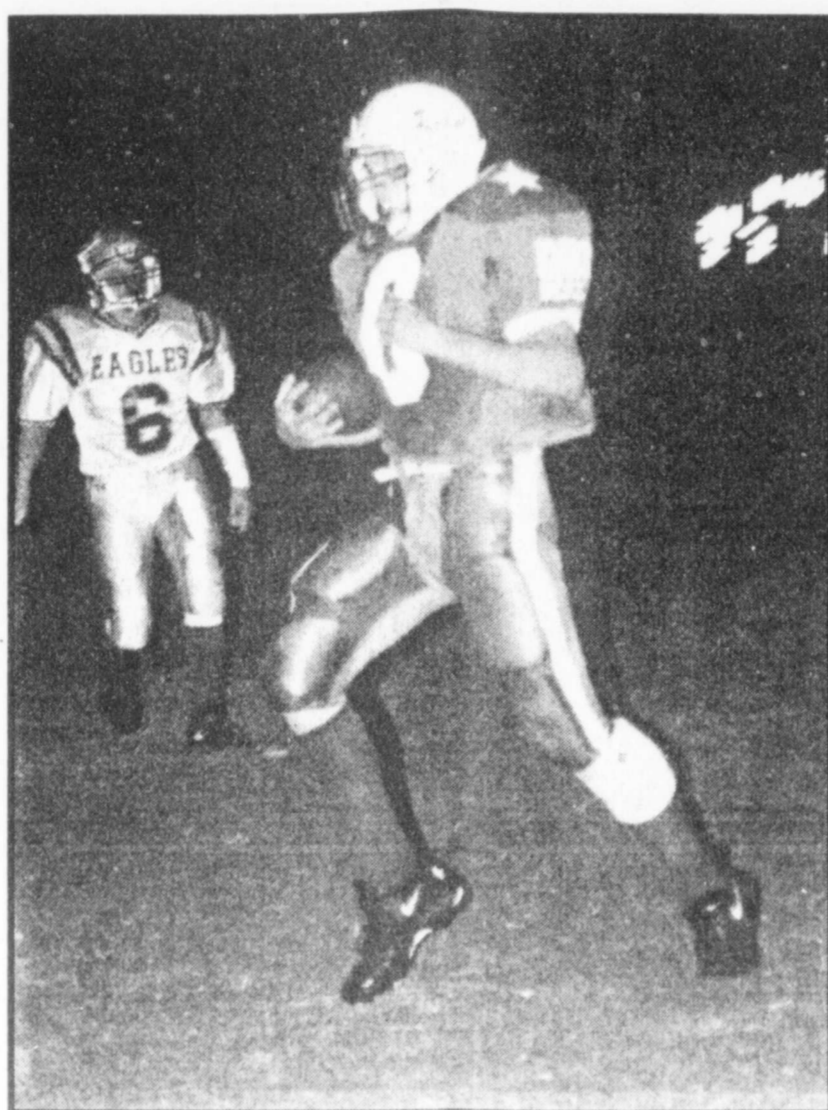
All area craftsman are invited to participate. The show is to benefit local charities and to fund the groups annual scholarship for a graduating senior. To obtain space for a booth contact: Kathy Spann, Rt. 9 Box 1500, Mt. Pleasant, Tx. 75455 or call 903-572-7048.

Cousins reunion set for October 13-14-15

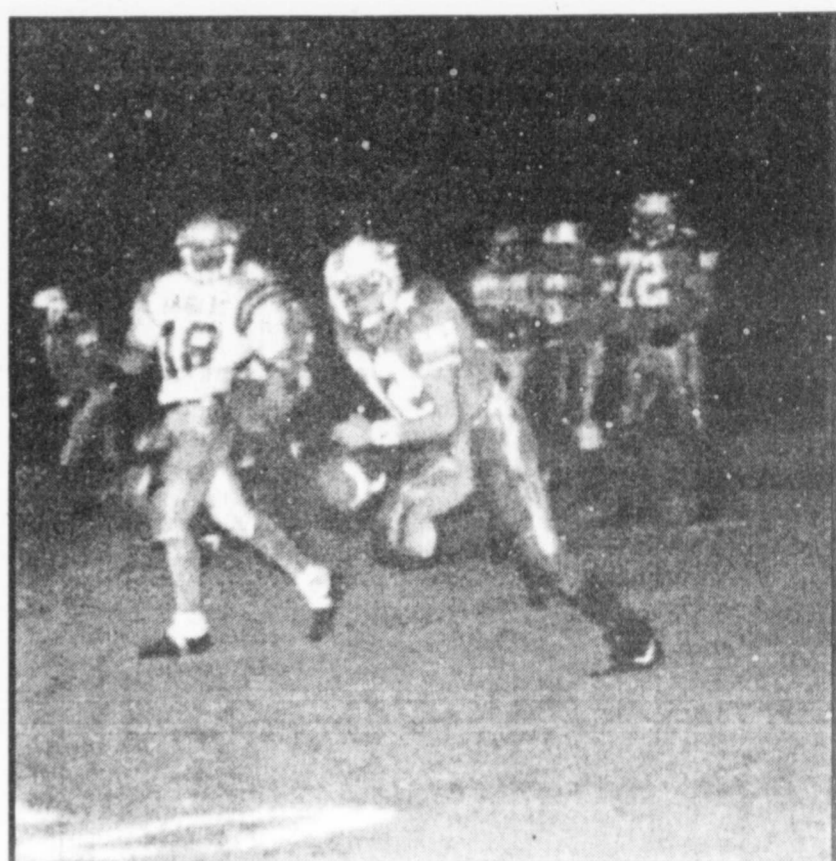
All of the cousins of the J.D. Siddens family are cordially invited to grab your stuff and come out to the Siddens Farm for a family reunion on October 13-14 and 15, 2000. For more information give the Siddens a call.



CLINTON CHEATWOOD-and his Detroit Eagle defender get to their feet after Cheatwood carried the ball to first and goal for the Rebels before being brought down. Cheatwood had a fantastic night on the field making several interceptions and gaining Rebels yards. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



REBEL C.A. MIDDLETON-has wide open spaces as he carries the ball downfield for the Rebels in their contest Friday night with the Detroit Eagles. The Rebels plucked the Eagles 48-0. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



OVERTHROWN PASS-Rebel Chase Collins #32 was in position to defend this Detroit Eagle pass which missed its target. But, the miss throw also avoided an interception by Collins. The Rebels defeated the Eagles 48-0. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rivercrest CC runners compete in Saltillo October 7

Coach Debbie Williams took her Rivercrest cross country runners to compete at Saltillo on Saturday, October 7, 2000.

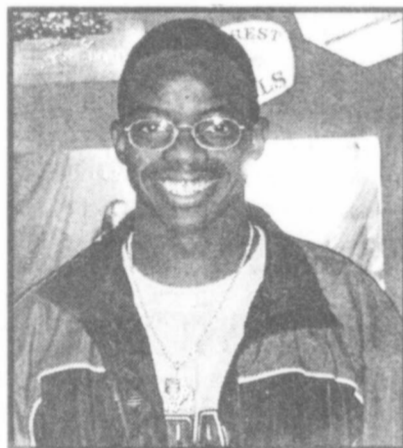
In the Junior High girls division there were 102 runners. Lady Rebel runners, their times and place were: Jill Shirley-18th place with a time of 15:36; Mandy Crawford-34th place with a time of 16:18 and Crystal Howerton-39th with a time of 16:40. Coach Williams said, "We really had a good time in the junior high division. The 3 Lady Rebels ran hard throughout the race".

In the High School girls division there were 50 runners. Lady Rebel runners, their time and place were: Kim Shirley-1st with a time of

14:46; Tina Carder-14th with a time of 16:05; Danielle Easterling-19th with a time of 16:15; Rachel Case-28th with a time of 16:46; Krystal Valenzuela-29th with a time of 16:53 and Nikki Jones-30th with a time of 17:07. The girls netted 91 team points.

In the High School boys division Rebel runner Brandon Buchanan took 13th place out of 91 runners with a time of 22:42.

The High School teams will compete in their District meet on Monday, October 23, 2000. Coach Debbie Williams said, "Our high school times really need to come down for district. We will continue to work hard until the district meet."



DR. PEPPER PLAY OF THE DAY-This week was made by Rebel Myron Ellis for his 46 yard touchdown reception and "shake and bake" movetoscore. Myron is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Joe Ellis of Talco.

Rebels cage the Eagles 48-0

The Rivercrest Rebels put the Detroit Eagles to the test Friday night at Rebel stadium and the Eagles failed to stop the running Rebs on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. The final score was 48-0 Rebels.

Official stats for the game were:
 Defensive: Rushing-17 attempts, 8 yards, no TD's; Passing-5 completions, 17 attempts, 45 yards and 3 interceptions. Detroit's total offensive production-53 yards.

Interceptions-Clinton Cheatwood-3; Fumbles recovered-Cheatwood-3; Kris Hall-1 and Myron Ellis-1; Fumbles caused-Cheatwood-1; Passby Guest-2, Chance Wolfe-1; Passes broken up-Michael Galloway-1; Tackles-Chase Collins-9 solo, 4 assist; Chance Wolfe-3 solo, 3 assist; Dustin Jones-2 solo, 2 assist; Colby Guest-3 assist; Myron Ellis-2 assist; Kris Hall-1 solo, 1 assist; Keith Hines-1 solo; Josh Cabell-1 solo; Ryan New-

ton-1 solo; Ryan Hawkins-1 solo; Joey Hanna-1 solo; Zach Perry-1 assist and C.A. Middleton-1 assist.

On the Offense: Rushing-38 attempts for 277 yards; Passing-Keith Hines was 4/8-76 yards and 2 TD's.

Rushing-Michael Galloway-16 attempts for 159 yards and 3 TD's; Josh Cabell-12 attempts for 45 yards and 1 TD; Chance Wolfe-1 attempt for 1 yard and Ryan Newton-6 attempts for 32 yards and 1 TD.

Receiving-Myron Ellis-1 catch for 44 yards and 1 TD; Chase Collins-1 catch for 24 yards; Clinton Cheatwood-1 catch for 7 yards and Michael Galloway-1 catch for 7 yards.

The Rebels will enter their District play on Friday, Oct. 13 when they travel to meet the DeKalb Bears. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Fans are encouraged to come out and support the team as they attempt to Tame the Bears! Go Rebels!!!



FAN OF THE WEEK-If you are the circled person in this picture call the Bogata News Office at 903-632-5322 and identify yourself to win a free Rebels seat cushion courtesy of the Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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BURN THE NOTE-Hubbard McDuffie, Brother James Brown, Red River County Sheriff Bob Edrington LD Williamson, Ben Storey, Lane Duncan, Tommy Corbell, and James Carson were on hand to burn the note on the new Red River County jail last Friday. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



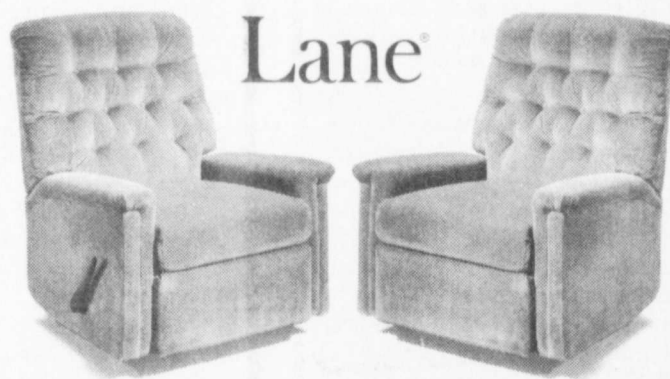
Dear Editor,
The reward of a thing well done is to have done it. That old proverb is true enough. Never the less, a little recognition and honest praise is sometimes in order. That is why Naomi and I want to openly express our appreciation and thanks to Bogata's First Responders emergency team for its excellent response to our recent emergency. Within five minutes of our calling, four young men from First Responders were inside our house and attending to our need. They could not have been more professional, more thoughtful or more kind. Even after our emergency had passed, these fellows stayed on longer than required, making sure that all problems had been resolved and that our safety was secure.

At a time when concern is often expressed, especially among senior citizens, about the quality of both private and public services, it is important for all Bogata people to know that we can depend on first rate emergency assistance from such an organization as First Responders. Naomi and I want to urge the people of this community to support this much needed and worthwhile organization.

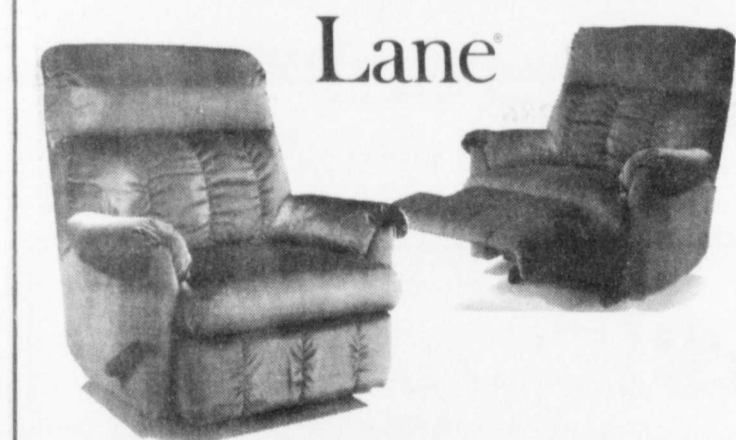
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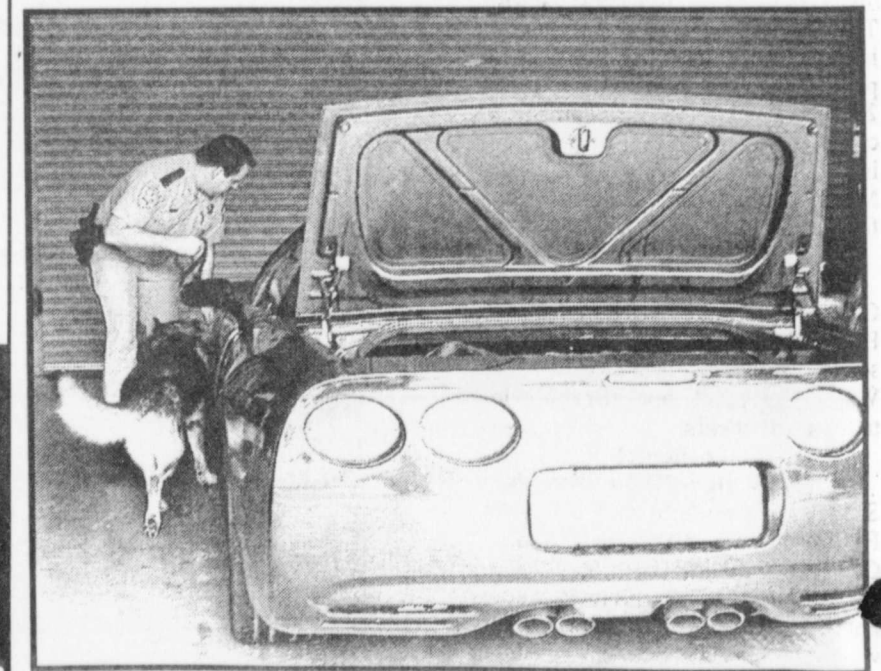
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TIM WOOD-conducts choir members who participated in "Harmony Under the Stars", a program held at Rivercrest Saturday night. The gospel music program was free to the public but donations were accepted with all proceeds going to the Bogata Library/Museum. People from Paris, Clarksville, Bogata, Talco, Johntown and more participated in the event led by Tim. The put in several hours of practice and the outcome was a blessing for those who attended. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CHECKING FOR DRUGS-Franklin county deputy Chris Mars and drug dog "Jasper" checked out this 2000 Corvette from Oklahoma City last Friday. The driver was arrested by Chief deputy Larry Spangler for possession of a controlled substance last Thursday night in Detroit. (Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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Regular council meeting cancelled

The regular council meeting of the Bogata City Council, scheduled for October 9 was cancelled due to no quorum and will be held Monday, October 23 at 7 p.m. with the same agenda.

Donations received for rescue vehicle

Donations have been received from the following persons for the new ambulance fund in Bogata: Mr. and Mrs. Leon Huddleston, Kenneth A. Love, Myriam and Alois Frick, W.R. Swarts, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Huddleston, East Texas Medical Center, Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Shirley Vickers and Mary Ann Harbison.

The list of donors is growing. The First Responders is a very worthy cause and everyone who is able to give is asked to contribute.



RYAN CASE-was welcomed home with a bar-b-que super Satur day night in his honor at the home of his parents, Bruce and Tammie Case and sister, Rachel. Pictured are (clockwise) Mark Hare, Bruce Case, Ryan Case, Tammie Case, Rachel Case and Molly Hare. Everyone attending enjoyed the wonderful meal and visiting with Ryan. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CELEBRATING HIS FIRST-birthday October 1, 2000 was Cody Lane Murphy, son of Michael and Cami Murphy of Bagwell and grandson of James and Linda Eilers of Cuthand and Mike and Paula Murphy of Bagwell. Cody was honored with a party which carried an Elmo theme at his home in Bagwell. Twenty-five guest attended and enjoyed seeing Cody eat his first birthday cake. Cody received many nice and useful gifts. He is pictured with his grandpa, James Eilers.

People 'n Things

Third Tuesday of each month
Bogata Lions Club sponsors Bingo at Red River Healthcare Center. Lions Club members should volunteer to help when they can.

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

Tuesdays
BAM! (Bogata Area Moms) play group for stay-at-home moms and children will meet weekly beginning in September. All interested should call Kelly at 632-4493.

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

Bogata Parade of Homes
The Bogata Missionary Baptist Church will host the "Parade of Homes" during the 2000 holiday season. The event is set for Dec. 7, 2000. Watch your local paper for more details as time nears.

October 12
A new Weigh-Down Workshop Session will be held at the Bogata First Methodist Church Thursday, October 12 beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Anaya Phillips at 632-5596. Everyone is invited to attend.

October 20, 2000
A drawing will be held for an afghan and a quilt to be given away at the Harvest Dinner to be held at East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville. The hospital's auxiliary is selling tickets for the drawing at \$1.00 per ticket. The proceeds from the ticket sales will be used for the Odessa Parnell Nurse's Scholarships which are presented annually.

October 29
Sunday, October 29, 2000 will be High Attendance Sunday at the Mt. Olive Church in Hagansport. Everyone is invited and members are urged to attend and be a part of this high attendance day.

The Johntown Opry will be held on October 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the old Dodd store on Hwy. 271 S. at Johntown.

Guests will enjoy gospel, country and bluegrass music. All pickers and singers are invited to come and perform. Everyone is welcome to come and perform or just listen. There is no charge but donations will be accepted.

Red River Healthcare News

Visiting residents at Red River Healthcare this week were:
Resident, Leonard Fuller-Jimmy and Ruth Hurt.
Resident, Irene House-Bernice Beers.
Resident, Gladys Tucker-Donnie Tucker, Clifton, Erica and Nelda Tucker.
Resident, Gladys Garretson-Dovie Garretson.
Resident, Oma McKinney-Dovie Garretson and Ercelle Gooding.
Resident, Jerry Allums-Dovie Garretson.
Resident, Vivian Fail-Marilyn Presley.
Resident, Eleanor Foxworthy-Betty and Russell Foxworthy, Alma Davis, Darren Cowley, Mary Schoknecht, Kristi, Kayla and Keylee Clemmons, Nicki, Hunter and Shelbi Roberts., Misti and Alan Wilkerson.
Resident, Percy Topping-Jack and Lucille Pettit, Carrine Alford, Linda Williams, Melissa Williams, Nita Simmons, Johnny and Willie Mae Topping.
Resident, Inez Henson-Richard

Swarts.
Resident, Vernona Young-Carol Young, J.W. Young and Jerry Kellogg.
Resident, Pauline Alsobrook-Sue Martin, Vanessa and Tabitha Henry.
Resident, Shelia Gibson-Betty Gibson.
Resident, Billie Hancock-Shirley Smith, Sandra Benson and Colton Benson.
Resident, Ruth Wood-Jim and Tedd Grayson.
Resident, Melvin Pointer-Lucille and Jack Pettit and Daphne Pointer.
Resident, Beulah Pierce-Ronnie Pierce, Theresa Pierce and Neronica Davis.
Resident, Ann Cody-Janette Brooks.
Resident, Marie Legate-Reuben Jarman.
Resident, Ovie Lee Patterson-Loyce Rhodes and Daphne Clowers.
Resident, Georgia Miller-Paul Miller.
Your visits are looked forward to and enjoyed by the residents of Red River Haven. Stop by and see relatives and friends as often as possible.

As a general thing, people marry most happily with their own kind. The trouble lies in the fact that people usually marry at an age when they do not really know what their own kind is.
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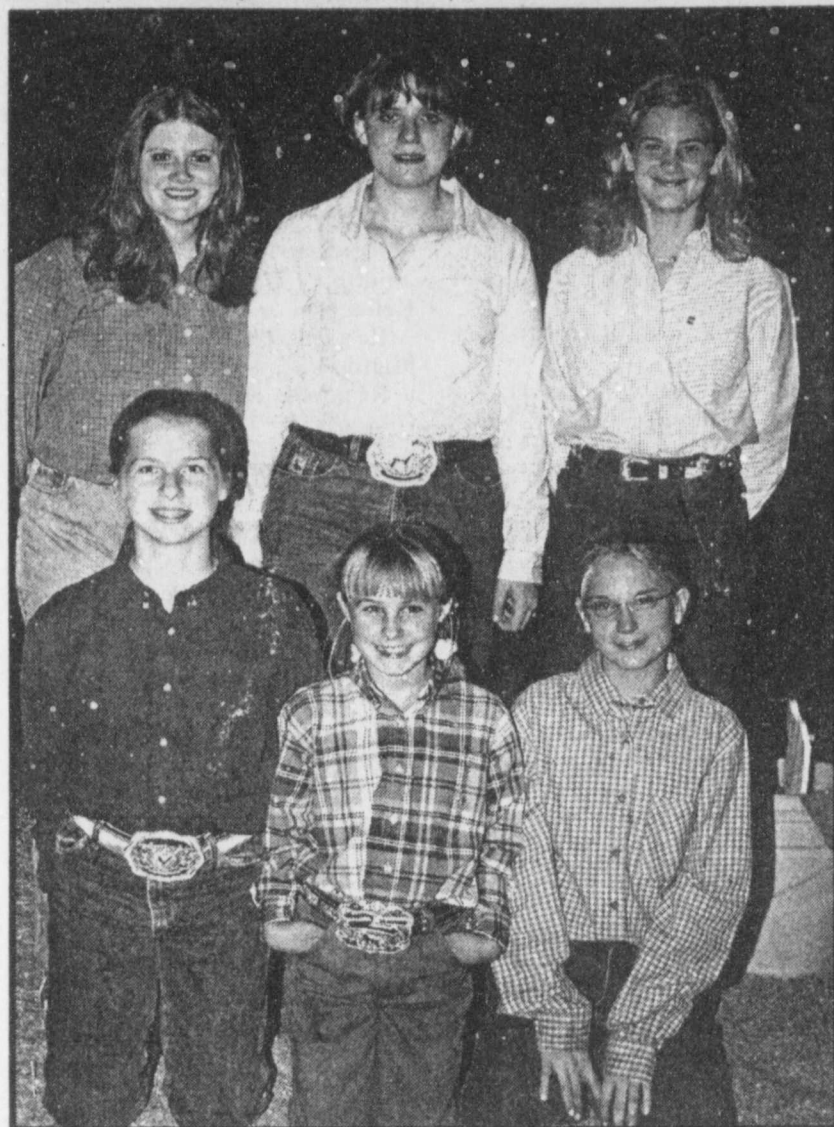
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SHOWING ANIMALS-at the Titus County Fair were; (back from the left) Kristen Jackson, Mollie Moles and Taylor Phillips and (front from the left) Laci Hinton, Kelsey Franks and Alex Wright. Kristen showed a lamb and made the sale, Mollie showed a lamb which also made the sale. Both girls are students at Rivercrest High School. Laci showed a heifer which placed 1st and she also showed chickens which made the sale. Kelsey showed a pig which made the sale and a goat which received the Grand Champion award and made the sale. Alex showed a lamb which made the sale and Taylor showed a lamb. The girls are all students at Talco Junior High. The girls represented Talco and their schools well.



MIRACLE-gospel singing group made up of Lorrie Halyard Lemme, Randy Lemme and Teresa Harmening will perform Sunday, October 15, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Bogata. On Sunday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. the church will welcome guest speaker Donnie L. Williams. Everyone is invited to attend both services.

Johntown News
by Jana Hawkins

Buford and Gale Hervey have recently returned from Jackson, Mississippi where they attended the eleventh reunion of the USS Cimmaron. Some of the highlights of their trip were a tour to Mississippi's Agricultural and Forestry/National Agricultural Aviation Museum in Jackson, where they also toured the pre-Civil War Fortenberry-Parkman farm and visited a reconstructed 1920's to 1930's small Mississippi town, followed by a steak cook-out in the park. A guided tour of the Governor's Mansion was provided. Other bus tours included Vicksburg National Military Park and traveling the Natchez Trace Parkway, stopping to take a walking tour in Historic Canton. A luncheon was held, following the business session, where members were welcomed by Mississippi's Secretary of State, Eric Clark. A banquet was held the closing night of the reunion.

Monday, Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins and Pauline Gibbs enjoyed shopping and eating in Paris. A ham dinner was served in the home of Randy and Barbara Gibbs on Friday night. Homemade rolls were prepared by Pauline Gibbs and were enjoyed by all. Attending were Sonny and Lauren Gibbs of Tyler, Mark, Jana, Haley and Hana Hawkins, Ally Gibbs and James and Pauline Gibbs.

Saturday supper guest at the home of Mark and Jana Hawkins and children were Jame and Pauline Gibbs. On Sunday Robbie Hawkins joined the family for lunch.

Have A Great Weekend!

Accounts opened for Willie D. Holt

Accounts have been opened in the name of Willie D. Holt at the Guaranty Banks of Talco and Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Holt who is a life time resident of Sugar Hill and better know as "Chainsaw Willie" is suffering with cancer. Your donation will help the family off-set mounting medical expenses. All donations are appreciated by the family.

RISD yearbook to go on sale

The 2001 Sabre yearbook will go on sale November 7 at Rivercrest Elementary School in Bogata; on November 8 at Rivercrest Elementary in Talco and November 9 at Rivercrest High School. Price of the book is \$35.00.

If a student's name is printed on the cover, the cost will be an additional \$6.00. All books ordered after November 9 will be \$40.00.

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Hickam family reunion held in Maine

Robbie Hawkins and son, Steven Hawkins and wife, Kathy drove to Monticello, Arkansas where they met three of her brothers, Billy and Merle Hickam, Floyd and Sue Hickam and Willard and Sue Hickam. The group drove to Memphis, TN. and caught a flight to Boston, Massachusetts where another brother, Wilson Hickam and wife, Nita met them at the airport. They drove for 3 hours to their new home in Biddeford, Maine. A sister, Mary and husband, Paul Bellofatto of Naples, FL. also joined the group in Maine for a family reunion and to celebrate brother, Wilson's new home.

Some of the family enjoyed going out on a lobster boat seeing how they are caught and processed for sale. They brought back 65 pounds of fresh lobster and all enjoyed a lobster feast that night.

A lot of sight-seeing and shopping was done which included President Bush's vacation home located on Walker's Point. The men in the group enjoyed fishing even though the weather turning cooler slowed the catching. 70 degree days and 50 degree nights were enjoyed along with table games around the fireplace at

night. All enjoyed the Hickam's deck which overlooks the ocean.

Wilson and Nita's 4 children and their families also visited throughout the week. It was the first time some of the family had ever met. Even with 5 bedrooms the upstairs den looked like a dormitory with all the family gathered. Kathy Hawkins and Wilson Hickam celebrated their birthday while the group were together giving all an opportunity to eat cake and ice cream. On the flight back the family joked and prayed maybe a little that their flight did not go down. It would have taken nearly the entire Hickam family!

Prior to leaving for Maine the Hickam family took their 90 year old mother, "Mama Doris" out to eat fish. She was unable to make the trip to Maine as she now lives in the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home in Monticello, Arkansas.

The week was wonderful and the number of family members may never be able to travel the distance to be together again but the special time together will always be remembered through the many pictures taken.

Annual Rosalie Halloween hayride set for October 28

The Annual Rosalie Halloween Hayride will be held Saturday, October 28, 2000 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rosalie Store. Free refreshments of coke and cookies will be served to guest and the hay ride will leave for parts unknown between 7:00 and 7:30

or whenever dark arrives. Admission this year will be \$3.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. This year's ride promises to be the best and the scariest yet! Everyone is invited to come out and share this Fright Night event.

School reunions planned for Oct. 14

Cuthand, Maple, Mauldin, Mt. Livingston and Turner Lake Schools will hold their annual reunion on Saturday, October 14, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center.

All Exes and friends are urged to attend. There will be a covered dish luncheon served at noon. All paper plates, cups, ice and eating utensils will be furnished. Just bring your favorite dish, a good appetite and join everyone in a good ole fashion get together!

Serving as Chairperson this year is Annie Moore. Serving as Co-Chairperson is Elaine Baird. For more information contact Annie at 903-378-7086 or e-mail AMoore75703@yahoo.com

Theford Homes enjoy service Oct. 3

A good time of food and fellowship was enjoyed prior to the mid-week church services at Theford Homes on October 3, 2000. There were 21 in attendance.

A special offering was taken to help with the expenses of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner in November. Prayer requests were taken and many special numbers were sung.

Bro. Bobby Freeman, Church of God pastor, played the guitar and sang a beautiful old song entitled, "Scarlet Purple Robe". He then preached a message from II Peter 1:4 on "Exceeding Great and Precious Promises." The next service is scheduled for October 17, 2000. All residents and friends of Theford Homes are cordially invited to attend.

First Annual Parade of Homes to be held in Talco December 9

The first annual Parade of Homes will be held in Talco December 9, 2000.

The event is being sponsored by the Talco Baseball/Softball Inc. A limited number of tickets will be sold at a cost of \$20.00 each. The tour will begin at 6:00 p.m., leaving from the front of the Talco School. Refreshments will be served at each house visited and some homes will have Christmas craft items for sale.

Homes to be visited are: Mr. and Mrs. Shane Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson,

Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Goolsby and Mr. and Mrs. James Via.

The tours will be set to also view some of the most outdoor decorated homes in the area. Those interested in attending are encouraged to purchase their tickets early. Tickets will be on sale at Talco Guaranty Bank located downtown Talco and at Wright Construction located on FM. 71 east of Talco beginning October 23, 2000. Ticket sales will close November 17, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. Plan to attend for a fun evening that will surely put you in the Christmas spirit.

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Mark Richardson, Bogata
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Grand Champion-Pediatric Clinic, Mt. Pleasant (3)
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Powder Puff football game to be held at RHS

The Rivercrest High School senior girls will match up against the Rivercrest junior girls in a Powder Puff Football Game on Tuesday night, October 17 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Rebel stadium.

The game is sponsored by the Lady Rebels and the Rivercrest Student Council. This contest will be held prior to the annual Homecoming Bonfire scheduled at 7:00 p.m.

Junior and senior boys will serve

King will be chosen. Special half-time entertainment will be provided by the Rivercrest marching band as they proudly present their marching drill for the UIL contest to be held the following day.

Admission to the game will be \$2.00 per person. Please come out and cheer for your favorite girls football team, support the band, the Lady Rebels, Student Council and attend the bonfire and help build the Rebel spirit for the Homecoming game.

Births

Wayne and Jelu Binion are happy to announce the arrival of their second grandchild, **Hannah Nicole**. She was born Sept. 18, 2000, weighing 7 lbs. and 13 oz. Her proud parents are Kevin and Julie Binion. She has a three year old brother, Hunter Cole. Her other grandparents are John and Nina Stoner.

Megan Lane Watson arrived at Titus County Regional Hospital on Wednesday, October 4, 2000 at 10:48 a.m. weighing 8 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Parents are Dale and Brandi Watson of Talco. Grandparents are Elaine and Sam Weaver of Sulphur Springs and Lisa and Wade Smith of Marshall and John Gaddis of Talco. Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cox of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Richeson of Talco and Ms. Inez Bolin of Talco.

St. Jude's Walk-A-Thon set for October 21, 2000 in Thomas Park

On October 21, 2000, a Walk-A-Thon for St. Jude Childrens Hospital will be held at Thomas Park in Bogata beginning at 10:00 a.m. This Walk-A-Thon is not just for children but is for all ages who would like to help raise funds for this worthy cause. Linda Eilers, coordinator of the event, said, "I would like to encourage everyone to help with this cause. I know St. Jude Hospital is a long way from Bogata and I hope we never have a child who needs their services but I like to know "if" we did have a child in need the hospital is available and will take those whose parents do not have insurance or the cash funds for

treatment. St. Jude's is doing research daily looking for a cure for the various types of cancer. These local fund raisers help to finance that research. When the walkers in Bogata come by asking for donations please be as generous as possible. If someone does not contact you and you would like to make a donation call Linda Eilers at 632-4530 or send your donation to Linda Eilers, Rt. 1 Box 135, Bogata, Texas 75417. Help let the people at St. Jude know what a caring town Bogata, Texas is and even though it is a small town its people are capable of great things.

Fall clean-up is October 19-20

The City of Bogata will have their fall clean-up on October 19 and 20. Please call City Hall at 632-5315 by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19 for pickup of large items.

Please remember: no hazardous waste, no paint, no oil, no tires, no batteries, no refrigerators or air con-

ditioners or anything containing freon unless freon has been removed and appliance is tagged by licensed technician, and no leaves or yard waste.

You can also bring your large items down on Saturday morning, October 20, behind City Hall.

Talco Locals

call your news in to the Talco Times at 379-4445

Nancy Brown, Kim Anderson and Quinton enjoyed shopping and lunch in Mt. Pleasant Friday.

Jerrica and Jessica Weatherall of

Dallas visited over the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nolen.

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Kuhl, Kasey and Brason of Snyder visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Linden Horn and other family and friends.

Tonya D. Hawkins underwent surgery at Titus County Regional Hospital last week. She is reported home and doing well.

Carol Laing and Bill Newman visited Mr. and Mrs. Josh Abshier and Hanna in Bridgecity over the weekend. On Saturday they visited with Cliff and Jeremy Abshier in Orange. Jeremy treated them to dinner before they returned to Josh's home.

Happy October birthday to: Jennifer Brown.

Maple Springs Church received word that their pastor Leslie Rhea's son was killed Saturday morning in a car crash. Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown Sunday were their children, Kim, Paul and Quinton Anderson and Jack and Jennifer Brown of Paris and nieces, Katherine Graf, Rachel and Susan Smith.

Attending the Texas State Fair Monday in Dallas were: Wanda Vickers, Randy, Tina, Destry and Christopher Nolen, Bro. Brian and Melinda Hodge, Jasmine, Jasper and Chloe, Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul, Mayra Clark, Luke and Jesi, Donna Wright, Morgan and Malorie, Camill Wright, Jacob Wright. All reported a nice time.



MRS. SCOTT'S-Bogata School 5th grade class received an inflatable chair for their classroom by selling \$2,467.00 worth of items in the school's recent fund-raiser for the Accelerated Reader program and the school library. They are pictured with their teacher and their new chair. Congratulations students on a job well done! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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