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Worth



**A Special Evening**  
How many special evenings do you have? If you are like I am, there aren't that many that stick in your mind forever.

But, I was treated to one Sunday evening, and I want to tell you about it. It might result in you dropping some broad hints to your family and friends, or in doing something similar.

I don't live in a "fancy" type of world. I'm plain country and never have made a claim to anything else. But, like most people, I enjoy a really nice meal and being made to feel special every now and again.

Our dear friends, Sam and Margie Rice, brought this special evening to completion.

It all began when Sam asked Margie what she wanted for her birthday. She told him that she wanted a catered meal at the Lennox House in Clarksville. He thought she was kidding, but she wasn't.

Plans began, and I was notified that since Margie and I have celebrated our birthdays more or less together for 32 years, I would be included in this very special event.

Arrangements were made. My husband got into the act by getting a long, long limo from Lady Limo in Paris.

Dressed up a little more than usual, Thomas and myself, and Donny and Dawne Darden were whisked to the Dimple woods to pick up Sam and Margie and Margie's sister and niece, Catherine and Kara Hayes.

We were whisked to the handsomely restored Lennox house, welcomed by Rebecca Zehetner and seated in the parlor to visit in the elegance of a by gone era. We enjoyed seeing the beautiful mantles, the classic furniture, the custom created drapes. We were intrigued by the sounds and smells wafting out of dining room and kitchen, but not allowed to peek in!

In a little while we were seated at a table with fresh flowers and beautiful egg-shell-thin china, to be served a delicious, custom created meal.

After chocolate cake with raspberry sauce we laughed and enjoyed opening presents, treasuring the remnants of an evening to remember.

Margie and I are still savoring the memory. It was a wonderful birthday gift, one which Margie generously shared with me. The time and trouble people went to was so flattering. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

It was a treat not to have to cook, or clean up, or worry about a thing for Margie and for me. It was a delight for the whole thing to have taken place in such spectacular settings.

Usually weddings are about the only time people take the time to use a place like the Lennox house. That's a shame, because I don't know of a single person that doesn't enjoy being made to feel special every now and again.

Take the time to do it for someone you love. I think the reward will be tremendous!

Thanks Sam, and Thomas and everyone else who gave us both a memory to last a life time.

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# Talco Times

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SCHOOL STAFF, BOARD MEMBERS AND PARENTS-kept the hamburgers coming at the "Back to School" open house held at the new Rivercrest Elementary Thursday evening. 500 hamburgers were served and those attending enjoyed their meal, touring the new school and meeting teachers and staff. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



AMONG THE FIRST-Kindergarten students to enter the brand new Rivercrest Elementary are students in Mrs. Huddleston's class. They are pictured with their teacher as follows: (back row from the left) Tyler Fondrin, John Georg Frick, Axel Woods, Chris Kennedy, Austin Easley, Regan Anderson, Sam Burge and Taylor Moles and (front from the left) Tristen Taylor, Shelby Fletcher, Mason Haynes, Christopher Hall, Christy Rosson, Kristen Harville and Britney Childers. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



AMONG THE FIRST-Kindergarten students to enter the brand new Rivercrest Elementary are students in Mr. Brown's class. They are pictured with their teacher as follows: (back row from the left) Ralph Guevara, Jacob Thompson, Bianca Savage, Kendall Kelley and Kiessa Pogue; (middle from the left) Austin Brooks, Paden Lum, Melinda Barboza and Ashton Sellers and (front from the left) Shinna Mackey, Brianna Ramsey and Ashlynn Owens. Not pictured is Daiton Belcher. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

## Sugar Hill Community Center to sponsor bar-b-que and opry night

The Sugar Hill Community Center will sponsor its 3rd annual Grand Ole Opry, August 25, 2001 at the Titus County Extension Building located at 1708 Industrial Rd. in Mt. Pleasant.

Bar-b-que with all the trimmings will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. Adult plates will be \$6.50 each; Child plates for 6 years to 12 year olds will be \$3.00 each and children under 6

years old will eat free. A pie and cake auction will also be held during the evening.

Country and gospel music will begin at 7:00 p.m. with lots of local talent. All proceeds will go to the Sugar Hill Community Center. Everyone is invited to come share good family entertainment and home-style cooking. For information call 379-4951 or 379-6250.

## RHS Athletic Boosters to sponsor hamburger supper Aug. 30

The Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club will sponsor a Hamburger Supper at the Rebels first home scrimmage game against Union Grove on Thursday, August 30, 2001 starting at 5:00 p.m.

Hamburger baskets will be available for \$3.75 each and will include burger, chips and a drink or Cheese-

burger baskets will be served for \$4.00 each.

Everyone is encouraged to come out, enjoy the meal and show your support for the Rebel team. All proceeds will go toward various functions throughout the year and toward the senior scholarships provided by the club each year. GO REBELS!!!

## Thunder Prairie Publishing receives Service Award

Thunder Prairie Publishing was recently awarded the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas Distinguished Service Award for newspaper services rendered to agricultural science and education in their community.

This award is designed to commend individuals and organizations that are dedicated and supportive of agricultural education in Texas. Thunder prairie Publishing was presented their award during the Agriculture Teachers Professional Development Conference on Wednesday, August 1 in Corpus Christi.

"This year's conference focused on the necessity for agriculture education to join forces with other academic programs," stated J. Don Barnett, president of the Vocational

Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas. "As we continue to improve public education in our state it is imperative that agriculture education keep abreast of current student trends and that our teachers work with school administrators to ensure that students are afforded the best possible courses that will positively affect their futures," said Barnett.

In Texas, there are over 1,500 agricultural science and technology teachers that impact over 108,000 students who are enrolled in agricultural education classes at the secondary level. The Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas is headquartered in Austin and aims to improve agriculture by teaching.

## Hunter safety course scheduled

A course in hunter education is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, September 10, 11 and 12 from 6-10 p.m. in the Vocational Agriculture building at Mt. Vernon High School. Bruce Hunnicutt, local Vocational Agriculture teacher will be the instructor for the hunter education class.

The course is open to everyone, however, to receive a lifetime certification you must be 12 years of age or older. The course will include instructions in hunter responsibility, wildlife conservation and management, firearm, bow, muzzle loading and handgun safety, wildlife identification, game care, survival and first aid, water safety and hypothermia

and other special concerns in hunter safety.

With dove, deer and squirrel season set to begin this fall, this is a good opportunity for hunters to take the safety course before the hunting seasons get into full swing.

To pre-register, contact Hunnicutt at 903-537-3700 or 903-537-2651 evenings before August 20. For information, contact Hunnicutt or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Law Enforcement Division, Mt. Pleasant at 903-572-7966. Additional information may be obtained from Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunter Education Dept. in Austin at 1-800-792-1112 or 512-389-4999.

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**PRESS**

**People N' Things**

**August 30**  
Plan to attend the Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club "Hamburger Supper" at the first Rebel home scrimmage football game. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m.

**September 9-12**  
Everyone is invited to attend revival services at the Cuthand United Methodist Church September 9-12 beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night.

**Hospice to hold grief workshop**

Cypress Basin Hospice will provide a grief workshop each Tuesday, September 4-October 2 at the hospice office in Mt. Pleasant.

The workshop will provide information about grief and the importance of working through the grief process. There is no charge for the workshop and it is open to the community.

The workshop will cover a different topic each meeting.

For information or to enroll in the workshop call Marisa Daugherty at 903-577-1510.

*Country Cooking*  
By Liz Irwin



Last week we featured Jack Steed of Powderly who is the Fire Chief for the Powderly Volunteer Fire Department. He contributed his cooking skills to his grandmother, Jessie Steed. He has allowed me to use some of her recipes this week. Jack stated that she was just used a "down-home" style of cooking with the basic ingredients on hand.

The late Jessie Steed was born in Oklahoma before the state was settled as a territory. She came to Lamar County and married E.L. "Whistle" Steed. They made their home and raised their children in Lamar County. Jack learned many things from his grandmother. As he related last week, she was a big in-

fluence in his life and was a wonderful person.

We hope you enjoy her recipes and we thank you, once again Jack, for sharing them with us. We will see you in the kitchen!

Grandma Jessie's Sweet Potato Pie-not a better pie was made than sweet potato.....but that is just my opinion!

Grandma Jessie's Potato Patties-great way to use left over potatoes!

Grandma Jessie's Bread Pudding-another use for leftover bread and this makes a great dessert!

Applesauce Cake-this recipe is a little different in that it uses blackberry jam along with the applesauce, raisins and nuts!

Thursday, August 23, 2001  
The late Jessie Steed, grandmother of Jack Steed

**Grandma Jessie's Sweet Potato Pie**  
1 pound cooked sweet potatoes-drain and peel  
3/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1 tablespoon melted butter  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
3 eggs-beaten  
1-3/4 cup milk

Mash sweet potatoes and mix with brown sugar, butter, cinnamon, salt; mix well and stir in milk and eggs. Pour into a 9" pie shell and bake at 400 degrees for 45 minutes.

**Grandma's Potato Patties**  
2 cups leftover mashed potatoes  
1/4 cup chopped green onions  
1 egg  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
1/2 cup grated cheese  
2 tablespoons butter

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Fry in bacon grease or butter until brown.

**Grandma Jessie's Bread Pudding**  
4 eggs  
2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
4 teaspoon cinnamon  
4 cups toasted bread-crumbled  
1 cup butter  
1 quart milk  
2 tablespoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Blend sugar and eggs together. Add milk and other ingredient; mix well. Bake at 350 degrees until firm for about 35-40 minutes.

**Applesauce Cake**  
2 cups flour  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1-1/2 cups applesauce  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon soda  
1 cup raisins  
3 cups chopped pecans  
3 tablespoons blackberry jam  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 cup shortening  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Sift flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in separate bowl. Cream sugar and shortening; add eggs and stir in soda and applesauce. Combine flour mixture and rest of ingredients. Pour into a tube pan and bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

**Obituaries**

**Katheryn Lavern Curry dies August 14**

Katheryn Lavern Curry, age 78, formerly of Detroit, died August 14 in Denison.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 17 in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. James Brown officiating. Burial followed in Bluff Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

She was born in Red River County on July 27, 1923, a daughter of Carl and Evie Vickers Fodge. She was retired from J.C. Penney and a member of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are sons, Jimmy Curry of Detroit and Larry Curry of Channelview; daughters, Janice Stephens of Denison, Jeanne Riggs of Frisco and Pat Benson of Grand Prairie; a sister, Vivian Patterson of Dallas; a brother, Wilford Fodge of Dallas; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis D. Curry.

Serving as bearers were John Gray, Mark Patterson, Jamie Miller, Bobby Fodge, Joe Stephens and Kenneth Adams.



Martha Cook

**Martha Cook dies August 10**

Martha Cook, age 82, died Friday, August 10 at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

She is survived by one son, Richard Cook of Stephenville; and one daughter, Christi Cook Bruner of Fairfield, CA. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Kimberly Dowell, Bradley Dowell of Stephenville and Ellen Bruner and Kelly Bruner of Fairfield.

She married Fred Cook on June 12, 1950. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, and two brothers and one sister. Martha was born December 22, 1917.

She graduated from Baylor University and began her career teaching at Odessa College. She continued her career teaching English at Permian High School for most of her career. She taught for 42 years and retired in 1991.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church for over 50 years. She took great pleasure in her friends and students and in her family and grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, August 13 at the First United Methodist Church with the Revs. Jimmy Braswell and Bill Heggemeier officiating. Burial was held Wednesday, August 15 in Detroit under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church at 415 N. Lee Avenue in Odessa.

**Sheriff's Posse rodeo is Sept. 1-2**

The Franklin County Sheriff's Posse will be holding their annual rodeo on September 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. nightly at the Sheriff's Posse Arena in Mt. Vernon.

The rodeo will sponsor all seven championship rodeo events, and will include a calf scramble for ages 7-11 on Saturday and ages 12-15 on Sunday and a Mutton Bustin' for kids age 6 and under on both days.

Free booth spaces are available under the pavilion to anyone. Come

bring your wares, set up a booth and sell. No food booths are allowed.

The rodeo is being produced by the Wing Rodeo Company of Bogata. Negative coggins test is required for all horses.

Admission is \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for 12 and under and under five is free.

For information on the booth spaces or on the rodeo, call Charles Williams, Captain, at 632-4770 or Lt. Gary Borden at 588-2381.

**It's a good time to soil sample pastures**

Now is a good time to soil sample pastures where winter forages will be established. A soil test through the Texas A&M University Soil Testing Lab costs \$10.00 per sample. Forms and bags are available free of charge at the County Extension Office. Soil test results will show the soil pH, residual nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulphur, calcium and magnesium. Lime and fertilizer decisions can be based on the results saving money and helping to ensure a proper balance of nutrients are available for the forage crop.

Ryegrass is very sensitive to soil pH. Ideally, soil pH should range from 5.5 to 6.5 for optimum ryegrass growth and development. Fall applications of lime to ryegrass pastures having a soil pH below 5.5 can be

very beneficial and economically justified, especially where stocker cattle are being run.

Residual soil nitrogen levels may be very low on hay meadows and where fertilizer applications were made prior to May and June rainfall. A ryegrass pasture requires 100 to 120 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre over the growing season. Where wheat and rye are part of the system, the required amount of nitrogen increases to about 200 pounds per acre. The investment in nitrogen fertilizer can be split into two or more applications depending on a forage growth and rainfall. One-half the required amount could be applied this fall at planting time and the other half can be applied around February 15 just prior to the spring ryegrass growth.

**Bogata V.F.W. News**

\* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

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

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

\* The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary have begun a project which they can use your help with. They are collecting stuffed animals for the Bogata Nursing home. The goal is to give each patient at the home a stuffed animal friend which they can keep or give to one of their grandchildren. The toys do not have to be new but should be in good condition and clean. Donations may be dropped off at VFW Post 8187 on Hwy. 271 south of Bogata or may be given to any member. Please help us bring a little happiness into the lives of others. All items must be turned in by August 31, 2001.

\*Get Well Wishes are sent to: James Minshew, George and Jean Smith and Bill Eudy.

\*Happy Birthday to: Earlene Miller, Bill Carr and Dana McClelland.



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**Thank You**

Upon my kitchen table are several bundles of sympathy cards and prayers of comfort from more people than I could tell who also have been struck so deeply with the death of wife and mother, Dianne Ross. We are overwhelmed by the display of love and concern. Really overwhelmed.

It's all so...large. At times it shuts my senses down. No doubt many who read this can empathize with our loss. But it's to all of you that I am attempting to express my deep, deep gratitude for myself, my children and Dianne's family. Your number is literally in the thousands. The Apostle Paul describes God as the Father of all compassion. He truly is and without knowing it you have been his instruments.

As surreal as it all has been, I have sensed great sorrow for you as well. It has been so evident that you have been deeply hurt by this too. If I could, I would take this burden from you. But I can only be an instrument. Prayerfully, I will attempt to be one now.

Two things I know. Both have been proven through this event. One, God is infinitely wise, infinitely just and infinitely good. As such, He cannot increase in any facet of His nature. There can exist nothing outside Providence. No, the inmates are not in control of this asylum.

Add to that the fact that He is eternal and, as such, all His knowledge and all His purpose is established from everlasting. There is a throne in heaven and I assure you it is occupied. Merciful and kind beyond description is the Lord God Almighty. He makes no mistake. May have dilemmas with such thoughts, but dilemmas are with men. God has no dilemmas and He has no Plan-B.

There are two kinds of hearts. There is the heart Job had and a different kind within his wife. God's word tell us "In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing". Though in grief, he trusted God, all wise and purposeful. Job's wife did not. "Curse god and die", she counseled. Unfounded and unanchored, certainly tossed about from one fear to another, Job's wife screamed back at chaos and happenstance. She fostered a god of her own making who himself was either a impotent spectator or some cosmic grandfather figure pitifully trying to do his best in a world gone insane but evil gets the best of him at times. Her god failed her. I, on the other hand, am comforted only by the knowledge that God is both loving and involved. "In all things", Paul said, "God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose". I can lie down right next to that purpose and sleep like a child for I know "God doeth all things well". A god who is merely a spectator does not comfort me.

Secondly, I hope you will take strength from the demonstrated love publicly made by the hundreds and hundreds who live in our area. We may at times fuss at one another, but when one has a need this family called Red River county comes to the rescue. In so many ways we can count our blessings to live where we do among the kind of people about us. We truly are a family as if we lived under the same roof. I thought of this today as I watched a dozen men spend their weekend with children in the Pee Wee football program. My thoughts expanded to include the many volunteer activities, the churches, schools and just common day to day acts of kindness seen in among rural stock who have not forgotten the rule of a good neighbor. Take heart in what you have seen in response to my loss. That same resource is yours. And please don't confuse the important with the more important.

Thank you all for your generous acts of kindness... I protect the bundles of sympathy cards mentioned above and hope to personally respond. If you want to do something for me, pat my children on the back and remind them that God is good, good, good. Me? It is well with my soul. How is yours?  
Ronny Ross

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LION OF THE YEAR-PDG Dale Halyard presented Pat Spencer with the Lion of the Year Award at the August 16, 2001 meeting of the Bogata Lions Club.

## Red River Valley Fair begins August 28

The annual Red River Valley Fair will begin August 28 and continue through Saturday, September 1 at the Paris Fairgrounds.

The carnival opens each evening at 6 p.m. with the exception of the final Saturday, when it will open at 3 p.m. and run until 12 midnight.

Daily attractions include a Children's Barnyard; the Freddie Prez Show; The Tot's Spot; K-9 Comet's Dog Show; The Wild West Bear Show; Gator the Clown; Showcase of Agriculture; Farmer for a Day; Cato's Antique Cars; Mr. Karaoke; and Antique Tractor Exhibit.

The Farmer for a Day exhibit will help educate children in important farming tasks like gathering eggs, picking apples and digging potatoes, all the while they are seeing, touching and experiencing where their food comes from.

The Tot's Spot is a fenced area designed for children 4 and under; area contains Little Tyke toys and furniture.

Stage entertainment will include The Bolton Trio; Gene Watson; Stacy Musgrove; Blackland Band Janie Fricke; The Jordan Sisters; Wade White and the Plain Label Band and others.

Commercial exhibits open at 6 p.m. daily except on Saturday, when they open at 3 p.m., and livestock showing and judging will take place all during the fair.

August 28 is Family Night with admission being \$1.00 for adults and children under 6 free. Wednesday through Saturday, adults are \$3.00 and children \$1.00, under 6 free. Gates close Tuesday through Thursday at 10:30 p.m.; Friday and at 11:00 p.m.

Special exhibits include TLC Miniature horses; a home and garden showcase; Little Britches talent show; Pedal Power tractor pull; chili cook off; Boy Scout demonstrations; livestock shows; poultry shows; and senior citizen activities.

## Guaranty Bank offering "dinner and a movie"

Guaranty Bank Talco is inviting everyone to drop by the bank the week of August 27 through August 31 and sign up to win a free dinner and tickets to a movie.

The drawing will be at 5 p.m. on August 31. Free popcorn and soda will be available all day long on Friday, August 31.

**Volunteer Fire Fighters Lay It On The Line**



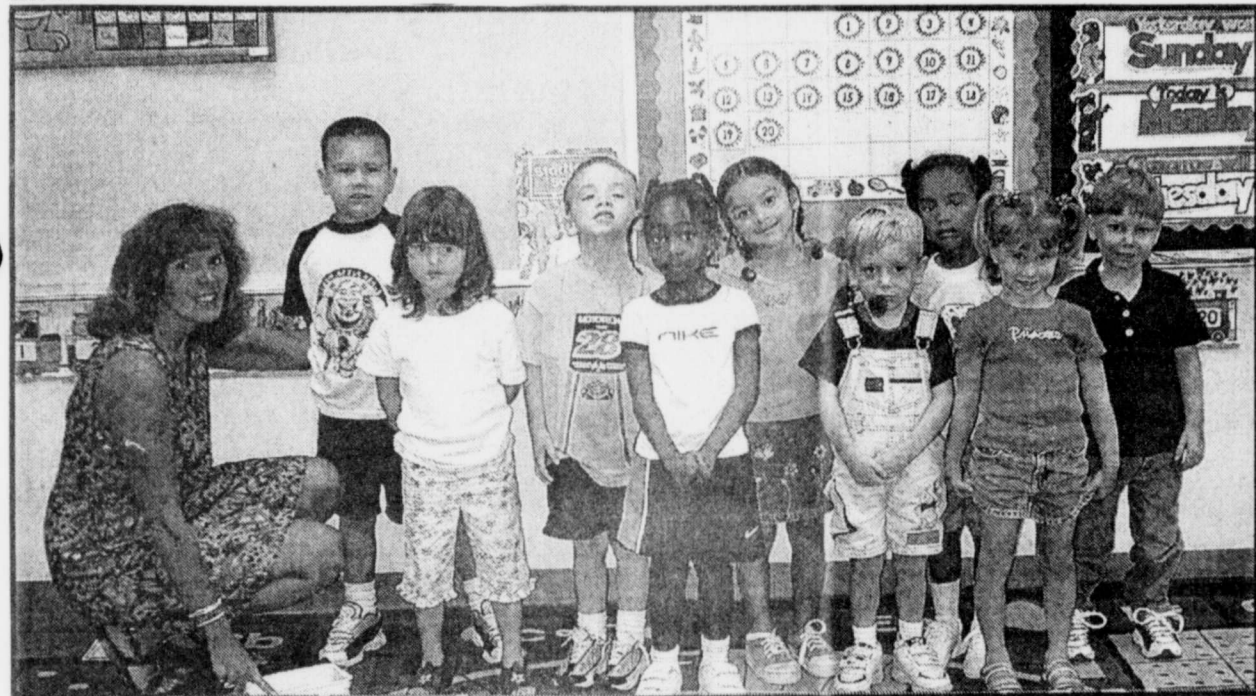
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BRAND NEW-Brand new students in the brand new Rivercrest Elementary this year are the Pre-K morning class. The first year students are pictured with their teacher, Mrs. Lisa Via. They are; (from the left back row) Andrew Munoz, Kory Steen, Kaelon Green, Nicole Norman and Dylan Combs; (front from the left) Nicole Herry, Jada Savage, Richard Forsyth and Caitlin Tidwell. No pictured are Ashlee Wright and Coy Larey. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**2001 RED RIVER VALLEY FAIR**

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**Stroke Warning Signals**

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Warning signals often precede a stroke. These signs include dizziness; weakness of a hand, arm, or leg on one or both sides; feeling of numbness, tingling or burning sensation in fingers or toes; slurring of speech; difficulty in remembering things; visual disorders such as double vision or loss of vision in one eye, and changes in personality. These warning signals can be a developing stroke in themselves or, if the symptoms last less than 24 hours, they may be what is medically termed a "transient ischemic attack" (TIA). However, many strokes occur without warning.

By knowing the warning signals of stroke and reporting them to your doctor, you may be able to avoid a major stroke.

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## East Texas wildfire threat growing

The Texas Forest Service reports that East Texas wildfires are increasing in number and size, as hot, dry weather persists across much of the region. Agency officials attribute the increase to rapidly drying vegetation and the failure of people to realize how rapidly fire conditions are deteriorating.

Summer heat is baking the moisture out of vegetation and increasing its flammability, and people aren't taking the outdoor fire safety precautions warranted by the drying vegetation. Most East Texas wildfires result from carelessness, primarily connected with burning trash, brush piles and other debris.

In the absence of precipitation, the region will face an increasing threat of dangerous wildfires, a threat made greater by the presence of abundant vegetation prompted by winter and spring rains.

The presence of storm damaged and downed trees across much of northeast Texas only adds to the fire risk. Increased observance of outdoor fire safety precautions is absolutely necessary.

Residents living immediately adjacent to or within storm damaged areas need to act quickly to implement safety precautions around their homes and other improved property before a wildfire arises in their area. Residents should exercise utmost caution with all potential sources of wildfire ignition. Where possible establish firebreaks; keep vegetation mowed closely and grass from under overhanging power or telephone lines and trim overhanging branches.

Above all compliance with outdoor burning restrictions is necessary. As important as home fire safety precautions are; keeping wildfires from starting is even more important.

## Keep it cool for older people

Older people are at high risk for developing heat related illness because the ability to respond to summer heat is less efficient with advancing years. Fortunately, the summer can remain safe and enjoyable for everyone who uses good, sound judgment and learns about preventative measures as described in the National Institute on Aging's AgePage on hyperthermia.

Heat stress, heat fatigue, heat syncope, heat cramps and heat exhaustion are all forms of hyperthermia, the general name given to a variety of heat related illnesses. Symptoms can include headache, nausea, muscle spasms and fatigue after exposure to heat. If you suspect someone is suffering from a heat related illness, get the victim out of the sun and into a cool place, preferable one that is air conditioned; offer fluids but avoid alcohol and caffeine. Water and fruit and vegetable juices are best; encourage the individual to shower or bathe, or sponge off with cool water; urge the person to lie down and rest, preferable in a cool place.

Heat stroke is especially dangerous for older people and requires emergency medical attention. A person with heat stroke has a body temperature above 104 and may have symptoms such as confusion, combativeness, bizarre behavior, faintness, staggering, strong rapid pulse, dry flushed skin, lack of sweating, possible delirium or coma.

The temperature does not have to hit 100 for a person to be at risk for hyperthermia. Both an individual's general health and/or lifestyle may increase the threat of heat related illnesses.

Lifestyle factors also can increase risk, including extremely hot living quarters, lack of transportation, over-dressing, visiting overcrowded places, and not understanding weather conditions. Older people, particularly those at special risk, should stay indoors on especially hot and humid days, particularly when there is an air pollution alert in effect. People without fans or air conditioners should go to shopping malls, movie houses, and libraries. Friends or relatives might be asked to supply transportation on particularly hot days. Many communities, area agencies, religious groups and senior centers also provide such services.



## Forest tree trunks are available

The Texas Forest Service has recently created Forest-Tree Trunks for teachers, scout leaders, camp staffs, foresters, nature centers and other educators who would like to teach young people about forestry. The traveling trunks are 45 gallon

containers which include a leaf identification kit, tree biodiversity kit, cross section of trees, samples of various wood species, children's books, posters, videos, CD roms and other resource material. The material covers a variety of topics and includes information and activities about trees,

forest, urban forests, forest products and careers. Thirty-one trunks are located throughout the state at Texas Forest Service urban forestry offices and East Texas field offices. To borrow a trunk, contact Jason Guinn, New Boston office at 903-628-2711.

## Tips from an insider on applying to college online

As more and more admissions departments are allowing, even encouraging, students to fill out online applications, applying to college can seem almost as easy as sending e-mail.

You can go straight to a college's Web site to apply, rather than waiting for a form to arrive in the mail. You don't have to worry about your messy handwriting or inability to use a typewriter. And neatness is no longer a concern, you can't accidentally spill a cup of coffee on an online application. Still there are some pitfalls to watch out for, warns Ted O'Neill, Dean of College Admissions at the University of Chicago and a nationally known admissions expert.

Electronic communication is characterized by both speed and informality. It seems very ephemeral, but a college application is not an ephemeral document. Thinking of it that way can hurt your chances of admission. Before hitting the "send" button here are some key points to consider from O'Neill:

**Do** take the application essay seriously. You will probably need to write several drafts before your essay is ready to submit. Remember, it is not an e-mail, so don't be tempted to use sentence fragments or colloquial language.

**Do** proofread your work carefully. Even minor proofreading errors make

a poor impression on admissions officers. Since it can be difficult to spot errors on screen, print your completed application and proofread the hard copy.

**Don't** limit your communication to electronic media. If you need to ask questions or discuss special problems, feel free to contact the admissions office by phone or letter.

**Don't** submit the same application to a number of different colleges. Just as every company is different, every college is different. "When students apply to the University of Chicago, we want to know they are writing us", said O'Neill.

**Don't** wait until the very last day to submit your application. Online communication may be instant, but not if your computer crashes or the server is down.

**Don't** worry about whether your application was received. Many colleges will issue you a password so you can check the status of your application online.

**Don't** rely entirely on the Web for information, choosing the right college is much too important. Be sure to request a college brochure, known as a viewbook, which will include more information than the college's Web site. Even better, visit the college that interests you. A virtual tour is no substitute for a real tour.

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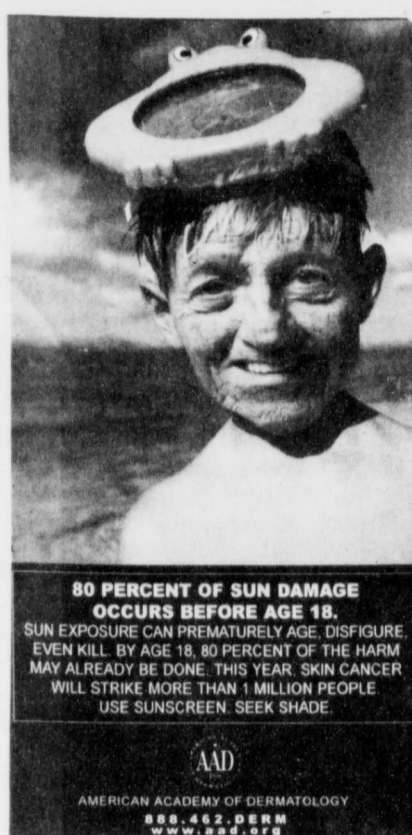
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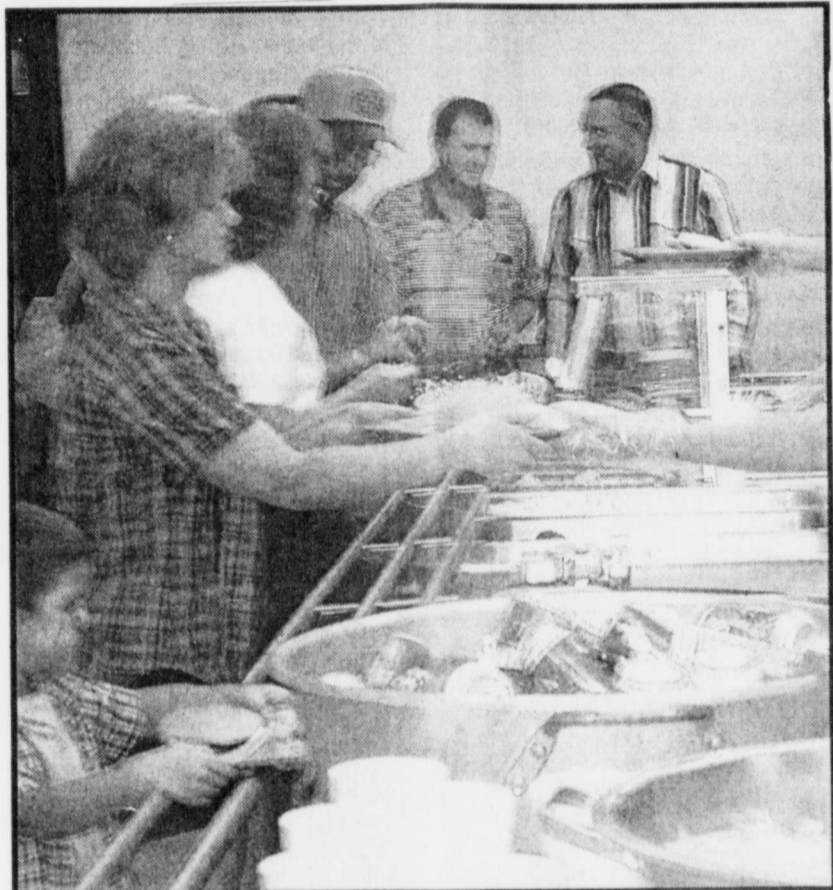
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**ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL**-Bill Mabry and PTO member, Lori Franks welcomed guest to the open house, "Back to School" night held at the new Rivercrest Elementary Thursday night. Lori had PTO memberships available and reports the membership drive a success. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**LONG LINE**-Guests at the Rivercrest Elementary "Back to School" and open house night Thursday enjoyed a hamburger supper sponsored by the PTO but had to wait in a long line to be served. The turnout for the event was wonderful and 500 hamburger suppers were served plus guests enjoyed touring the new school and meeting teachers and staff. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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*Genealogy-  
Unlocking Our Past  
By Travis Cope*

Following an injury which required two surgeries and considerable recovery and rehabilitation time, I needed something to help pass the days which previously had been filled with the regular 8 to 5 workday. Being homebound, but unwilling to sit in front of the television for any length of time, left me searching for a way to fill the days and stimulate my mind. Having a natural inclination towards history and research, I found what I sought in genealogy.

Genealogy is the study of one's ancestors, or family tree. The study may be as broad or narrow as one makes it. Some choose to research everything they can on all of their ancestors, while others concentrate their efforts on one particular branch of a family. My own experience is that these projects tend to grow beyond original plans. Those searching will find more information than expected. My intention with this article and those to follow is to give some insight and encouragement to anyone interested in beginning their own project. If you have ever wondered about your ancestors and what their lives were like, I hope you find this article helpful.

To unlock the past, it is a good idea to start with the present. Using paper and pen, jot down what you already know: names, relations, places, dates, births, deaths, marriages, maiden names, occupations, church affiliations, etc. Sources for this type of information can be family bibles, scrapbooks, journals, diaries, photographs, etc. Explore through attics and cedar-chests. Check out any items passed down from previous generations. Remember the stories and their significance. Make notes.

with your notes in hand, contact living relatives and explain what you are doing. Share what information you have. Ask politely for information they might add. Older relatives are the living links between today and yesterday, and repeat visits help form bonds of friendship and trust. Allow your elders time to reminisce and wander in their memories. Be a respectful listener. Ask questions and make notes.

This will get you started. Later, I will give you some ideas on how to use the information collected to uncover more pieces of the past. Until then, collect what information you can, search through items you already have, contact relatives and make notes, make notes!

### NOT A DENOMINATION

The church which is revealed in the New Testament is not a denomination. It is composed of those who heard, believed and obeyed the truth (Acts 2:37-47). When men and women did what God said, they became members of the church. They did not have to "join the church" (a human act) because they were "added" by the Lord (a divine act.) They were added when they were baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:27). Jesus Christ is the author of eternal salvation until all those who obey Him (Hebrews 5:8-9).

No one believes that New Testament Christians were a part of any denomination. In fact, denominationalism, such as we have today, did not exist in the first century. Disciples then were just Christians, members of Christ's church, with no denominational affiliation. Why can we not be the same today?

The plea of the church of Christ is to return to simple New Testament Christianity, to be undenominational, to be just what early disciples were, nothing more, nothing less. This is what is meant by "restoration: or the restoration plea."

It is a plea to restore New Testament Christianity, to go back to God's original plan. It is not a plea for one denomination over another; rather, it is a plea to abandon all denominational divisions, differences and distinctions, and to return to the church revealed in the New Testament, which was not a denomination.

When the 3,000 souls on the day of Pentecost heard the Gospel, believed, and were baptized for the remission of their sins, did they join a denomination? NO, none at all. Yet they became Christians, they were added to the church, they were everything God wanted them to be. Suppose today that we preach the same gospel message and that people obey the same gospel message in the same way. Some say that puts them into a denomination. Why? If individuals could hear, believe, and obey the gospel in the first century, and become Christians and be added to the church, all without ever joining a denomination, why can we not do the same today? The answer is that we can. This is our plea.

To learn more about the church of the New Testament, join us for worship services: Talco Church of Christ: Sunday mornings: Bible class-9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesdays-7 p.m.

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Church; the Reverend Julie Halstead, Associate Pastor First United Methodist Church, Sulphur Springs; the Reverend Bert Palmer, Pastor Calvary United Methodist Church, Paris and the Reverend Tommy Brummet, Pastor First United Methodist Church, Bonham.

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### Rivercrest Rebel 2001 Varsity Football Schedule

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

#### CUNNINGHAM NEWS

Happy Birthday to Bill Page, L'Wanda McKnight and James Cannon. James loves to get mail. If you would like to send him a birthday card, his address is P.O. Box 297, Cunningham, Tx. 75434.

The 2001-2002 school year has begun. Students and teachers are getting back in the swing of another fantastic year.

The Cunningham Baptist Church had a "Lock In" Friday night. 25 young people were in attendance. Speakers were Bill Page, Jody Vandaveer and Micky Oats.

Life Tabernacle Church enjoyed a "Back to School" supper Wednesday night.

Fran Patterson won 2nd place in a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament in Oklahoma City over the weekend.

Wendy, Carlos and Cord Ordorica and Linda Anderson visited with Carlos' family in Del Rio and Cancun, Mexico for a few days.

Taylor Ladd was honored Sunday for his 91st birthday at the Cunningham Community Center. Those attending were: T.L., Carol, Brigitte, Brittney and Swede Ladd, Melba Baker, Danielle Syrus, John, Jamie, Jennifer and Landon Syrus, Bobby, Shelby, Jeff, Cindy, Taylor, Asa, Heath, Missy, Laykner and Laytner Kennedy, Shirley Ladd, Tuttle Whitely, Kristi and Anna Baker, Brantley Morris, Kayleigh Sawyer, Emily Wallis, Steve and Carolyn Ladd, Shelly and John Landers, Kathy Emmiabby, Baily Gant and Scooter Bills. Happy Birthday Taylor!!!

Eating with Nelta and Johnny Musgrove Sunday were Ray and Shelia Knight and Tim Wauktonbrown

### McCConnell family to reunite

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

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

### Rivercrest Rebel JV & Junior High 2001 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
September 6	Alba-Golden	JV	Alba	5:00 p.m.
13	Como-Pickton	JH/JV	Como	5:00 p.m.
20	Honey Grove	JH/JV	Rivercrest	5:00 p.m.
27	Maud	JH	Maud	5:00 p.m.
October 4	Detroit	JH/JV	Rivercrest	5:00 p.m.
11	DeKalb	JH/JV	DeKalb	5:00 p.m.
18	Prairiland	JH/JV	Rivercrest	5:00 p.m.
25	Hughes Springs	JH/JV	Hughes Springs	5:00 p.m.
November 1	Paul Pewitt	JH/JV	Rivercrest	5:00 p.m.
8	Chisum	JH/JV	Chisum	5:00 p.m.

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# Mosquitoes are causing problems

By day, the hovering needle-nosed pests attack silently, evidenced only by a bloody "splat" or ugly welt. In darkness the mosquitoes dive bomb, their high-pitched drone cutting a swath through slumber. In late summer 2001, however Texas health officials are the ones losing sleep because of mosquitoes. While most of the time, the pests are just unpleasant and troublesome, this year mosquitoes are threatening the health of humans and livestock. Staff members from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency, are pooling resources to prevent, track and alert Texas about cases of mosquito-borne viruses.

In mid-August, West Nile Virus (WNV) was detected in a dead bird in a suburb of New Orleans, meaning this virus, first discovered in the US in 1999 in New York City, has made significant progress in its migration toward Texas. The disease, common in Africa, Middle East and West Asia, was not documented in humans or animals in the Western Hemisphere until 1999. This year, a dozen states and the District of Columbia have detected WNV in mosquitoes or birds: New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana.

"WNV will eventually come to Texas," said Dr. Joe Garrett, veterinary epidemiologist for the Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division, which tracks animal diseases which can affect humans. "As soon as it is detected in Texas, state agencies will alert veterinarians and physicians so they can be prepared to recognize the disease in their patients."

"WNV is carried by at least 54 species of wild birds that die from the disease," explained Dr. Garrett, who is also a former TAHC epidemiologist. "After mosquitoes feed on affected birds, they're then able to

transmit the virus to people or other animals." He said most WNV-infected humans will have no symptoms of illness. However, a small number of victims develop fever, head and body aches, skin rashes and swollen lymph glands. Fewer than one in a hundred infected persons may develop inflammation of the spinal cord, known as meningitis, or encephalitis, a swelling of the brain. Symptoms may involve coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. Since 1999, 85 persons in the US have been diagnosed with West Nile Fever; nine have died. This summer two persons hospitalized in Florida and another in New York were diagnosed with the disease. "Anyone experiencing symptoms compatible with West Nile Fever should see their physician as soon as possible," advised Dr. Garrett. West Nile Fever is not spread by human or animal contact. And, although there is no evidence that dead birds can transmit infection, Dr. Garrett urges that gloves be worn when handling wild dead birds or animals that may have been exposed to the virus.

"Horses affected by WNV usually don't have signs of illness. Like human victims, however, a few may develop acute illness, and may stagger, become weak, be unable to rise and eventually, could die," he said. The TAHC and TDH are testing equids, such as horses, mules, donkeys and asses. TAHC field personnel are collecting an extra blood sample for WNV when they draw specimens from equids suspected of being infected or exposed to equine infectious anemia (EIA), an unrelated viral disease that does not affect humans. (The extra blood sample will be tested for WNV in the TDH laboratory.) The owner's names will remain confidential, and only the county names will be reported as part of the federally funded study.

Also being diagnosed are various other forms of encephalitis, also

known as "sleeping sickness."

Dr. Garrett said at least nine persons in Louisiana have been hospitalized with encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain, caused by a virus carried from birds to humans by mosquitoes. Doctors have not yet determined the virus which has caused this outbreak. In 1998, said Dr. Garrett, one person died in Louisiana from ailment that causes fever, nausea, vomiting, confusion and speech and vision impairment.

TAHC officials are urging Texas equine owners to have their animals vaccinated for "sleeping sickness," after a horse in Henderson County and another in Jasper County tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Also two horses in northwest Louisiana have tested positive for the disease. A horse in Titus County, in northeast Texas, has tested positive for Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE).

Dr. Logan said private veterinary practitioners can administer an effective "two-way" vaccine that protects equine against both Eastern and Western Encephalitis. She suggested that producers in South Texas consult with their private practitioners about using a "three-way" vaccine that also will protect the animals from a foreign form of the disease, known as "Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis," or "VEE."

"VEE has been diagnosed in Colombia, South America, and on occasion, there have been cases reported in Mexico. Protecting equine in South Texas against VEE makes good sense," said Dr. Irby. "On the other hand, if an equine is destined for international shipment, use only the 'two-way' vaccine, as the animal could have a 'false-positive' result on VEE tests that may be required prior to movement."

Encephalitis vaccines for horses require two injections, 30 days apart. To remain effective, a 'booster shot' is needed annually or biannually. He said some veterinarians also employ the vaccines in an off-label use to protect raites, such as emus, rheas and ostriches.

"Whenever we see encephalitis diagnosed in equine, it is an indication that infected mosquitoes are in the vicinity," commented Dr. Garrett. "To protect human and animal health, destroy breeding grounds for mosquitoes and protect yourself and your animals with insect repellent."

Be sure to use only insect repellents and insecticides that are approved for use on and around animals, and follow label instructions," said Dr. Irby. "A product containing synthetic pyrethroid compound, such as permethrin, may offer the best protection."

Dr. Garrett said birdbaths and troughs should have fresh water, and optimal chlorination should be maintained in pools. Flowerpots and other

## Rivercrest Elementary, Junior High & High School Menu Aug. 27-31

### MONDAY

**Breakfast**  
Assorted cereals  
toast  
condiments  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
Chicken patty on a bun  
lettuce/tomato  
spicy potato wedges  
mixed fruit  
milk

### TUESDAY

**Breakfast**  
Waffles w/syrup  
assorted cereals  
condiments  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
BBQ franks  
cream potatoes  
broccoli  
cornbread  
milk

### WEDNESDAY

**Breakfast**  
Cinnamon rolls  
assorted cereals  
condiments  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
Chicken spaghetti  
green peas  
crackers  
chilled peaches  
milk

### THURSDAY

**Breakfast**  
pancake  
sausage on a stick  
condiments  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
Steak fingers w/gravy  
black-eyed peas  
turnip greens  
rolls  
milk

### FRIDAY

**Breakfast**  
Sausage & biscuit  
Assorted cereals  
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condiments  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rivercrest ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:00 PM, August 30, 2001 in Rivercrest High School Board Room, Hwy 271 South, Bogata, Tx.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.23780	\$0.21900	* \$1.45680	\$1,780	\$4,571
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.05390	\$0.01980	* \$1.07370	\$1,522	\$4,818
Proposed Rate	\$1.23781	\$0.23569	* \$1.47350	\$1,908	\$5,061

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.



Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$22,070	\$24,543
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$7,070	\$9,543
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.45680	\$1.47350
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$103.00	\$140.62
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$37.62

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.50981. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.50981.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$316,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$37,621

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Early registration will be August 23 & 24 from 12:00-5:00 at the Public Works Office, 50 W. Hickory.  
Late registration will be Saturday, August 25 at North Lamar High School Gym at 8:00 a.m.  
(Add \$10.00 if registering late)  
A cheerleading clinic will be Saturday, August 25 from 9:00-12:00 at the North Lamar High School Gym. Parents must be present for registration but not for the clinic.  
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### Pictures in of RHS 2001 grads

The pictures made of the class of 2001 at Rivercrest High School during graduation ceremonies are in and ready to be picked up. All students who had pictures made should stop by the Rivercrest office as soon as possible to get their photos. For more information call Kay Griffin at 632-5204.

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### RWNT to meet

The Republican Women of Northeast Texas will meet Monday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandee McCann in Mt. Pleasant. Debe McGuire, guest speaker, will discuss planning for the future and retirement, using financial instruments like insurance, bonds, annuities and a special savings account and how taxes can be used to your advantage. For information, call Maxine Patton in Talco at 379-5171.

### Red River County Sheriff's Report

August 12-17

August 12: One arrested on charge of aggravated assault; one arrested on charge of driving knowingly without a license; inmate released for time served; inmate released for payment of fine; inmate transported to county on warrant for burglary; inmate released on \$5,000 bond; inmate released with time to pay on fines and \$5,00 bond.

August 13: Report of criminal mischief; one arrested for issuance of bad checks; one arrested on warrant for indecency with a child; inmate released with time to pay fine; one arrested on charge of stalking; one arrested on charges of no operators license and operate a vehicle without insurance; report of activated alarm in Avery; report of domestic disturbance in Detroit.

August 14: One arrested on Lamar County warrants for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and evading arrest; inmate transported to Lamar County; one arrested for failure to appear/bail jumping; one arrested for parole violation; report of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in Jolntown; report of criminal trespass on FM2118; report of shot cow on FM410.

August 15: Report of scam in Bogata; report of family disturbance on FM2118; report of assault on FM1487; request for welfare concern check; report of theft of service.

August 16: Inmate transported to another facility; report of theft on Hwy. 37 north; report of burglary in Bagwell; request for welfare concern check on CR4650; report of unauthorized use of motor vehicle in Jolntown; report of animal complaint in Casa Linda.

August 17: Report of unattended vehicle in Detroit; one arrested for violation of probation; one arrested for no drivers license and a hold for INS; inmate transported to county on bench warrant.

Red River County Jail has 48 inmates.

### Bogata Locals

By Nancy Brown  
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Happy August Birthday to: Eva Weisinger, Denise and Julie Wood, Jerry Ann Richards, Trevor Ellison, Misty Garretson, Kara Screws, Anita Holt Fox, Bonnie Phillips, Glen Baird, Earlene Miller, Bill Carr, Dana McClelland and Chad Barnes.

Donald and Mary Jo Porterfield enjoyed camping over the weekend at Guthrie Park on Lake Cypress. On Monday they traveled to Dallas where Donald had a doctor's appointment for a check up.

Visiting with Dixie Stringfellow during the week were Buddy Stringfellow, Jan McCuller, Jimmy Stringfellow, Vicki Tabb, P.W., Lindsey, Payton and Natalie Stringfellow, Kenneth York, Felina White, Casey York, Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow and Marcie Rains.

Corey Martin of Bismark, AR, recently visited with his grandparents, Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer. Last Monday the Duffer's and Zelma Mauldin took Corey to Texarkana to meet his mother Tricia Bradley to

return home. Bill Eudy recently underwent heart by-pass surgery. He is reported doing well. Yvonne Powell of Carrollton recently visited with Margie Garrett and James Minshew. Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer, Todd Duffer, Richard and Tricia Bradley, Corey and Casey and Zelma Mauldin recently enjoyed a weekend in the Dallas area. The Duffer's and Bradley's visited Lorene Duffer in Irving and Mrs. Mauldin visited Jerry and Belinda Mauldin in Hurst. Trevor Ellison was honored for his 5th birthday Sunday by his mom, Misty Rodden, with a party at the Paris Bowling Lanes. Eleven guests including Trevor's grandmother, Pam Fenner and Aunt Jessica enjoyed refreshments and bowling. Trevor received many nice and fun gifts. Visitors this week with Donald, Judy and Tana Screws were Chris and Bren Cobb of Paris and Kara Screws of Deport. Congratulations to James and Berniece Beers who celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary August 22nd.

### Stew Cook-Off is September 8

The annual Red River County Stew cook-off will be Saturday, September 8 at the Clarksville fairgrounds. The cook-off is a major fundraising activity for the County Fair. It is open to all organizations, clubs or individuals residing in Red River County. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners. Plaques will be awarded in the Showmanship Division and also for the Best Skit. If you would like a copy of the rules or would like to register to cook a pot of stew, please contact the County Extension office at 427-3867.

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Orange) may participate in the VA's Agent Orange Registry examination program and may be eligible to apply for service connected disability benefits. Generally, the only other veterans eligible for the Agent Orange Registry examinations program even if they might have been exposed to herbicides elsewhere during military service are U.S. Military veterans who served in Korea in 1968-1969, when Agent Orange was used there. For compensation purposes, VA presumes that all U.S. service members who served in Vietnam were exposed to Agent Orange. This policy makes it unnecessary to "prove" Agent Orange exposure by any tests. However, herbicides were used by

the U.S. military to defoliate military facilities in the U.S. and in other countries as far back as the 1950's. Even if a veteran did not serve in Vietnam or Korea, the veteran can still apply for service connected disability benefits if he/she was exposed to an herbicide while in military service and the exposure caused the veteran to be injured or to develop a disease which is on the list of diseases which the VA recognizes as being associated with Agent Orange. Vietnam veterans interested in receiving the Agent Orange Registry examination are advised to contact the nearest VA medical center or clinic or contact the VA toll free number at 1-800-827-1000 to request the examination. Participating in the VA Agent Orange Registry does not automatically result in consideration for the possible service connected disability compensation. Veterans who wish to be considered for a disability compensation must file a claim for that benefit. To apply for service connected benefits associated with exposure to Agent Orange, the veteran should send the VA Regional Office a letter stating that the veteran has a specific health problem and that the veteran's claim is due to his/her exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam. This is called an informal claim and will set the effective date for the veterans' benefit payments, if the claim is granted. The VA Regional Office will send the veteran an application form, which must be filled out and returned to the VA. The VA requires veterans to furnish evidence to support their claims for service connected disability. This includes medical diagnosis of a disease which the VA recognizes as being associated with Agent Orange; competent evidence of service in Vietnam or offshore in adjacent water; and competent medical evidence that the disease began within any deadlines established by the VA. The VA Regional office's address can be obtained by calling 1-800-827-1000.

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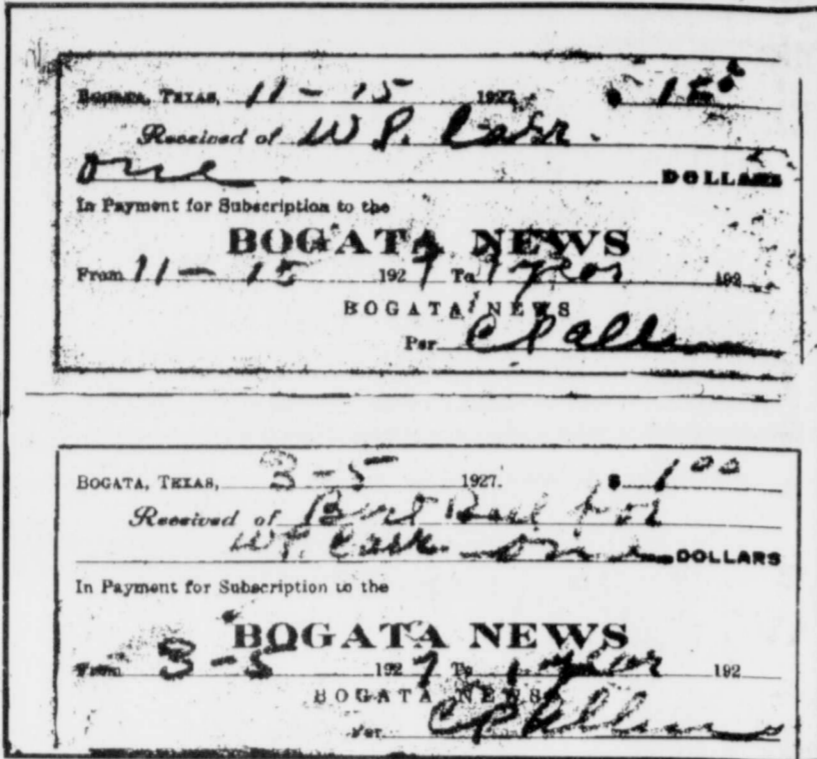






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OLD RECEIPTS-these receipts for the Bogata News were found in some old papers by Duane Benson. They are for a year's subscription to the Bogata News back in 1927. The year cost \$1, and were for Bert Bell and W.P. Carr. Taking the money was a veteran newspaper man C.P. Allen. Before anyone starts comparing prices...consider how much that dollar bought back then compared to now!

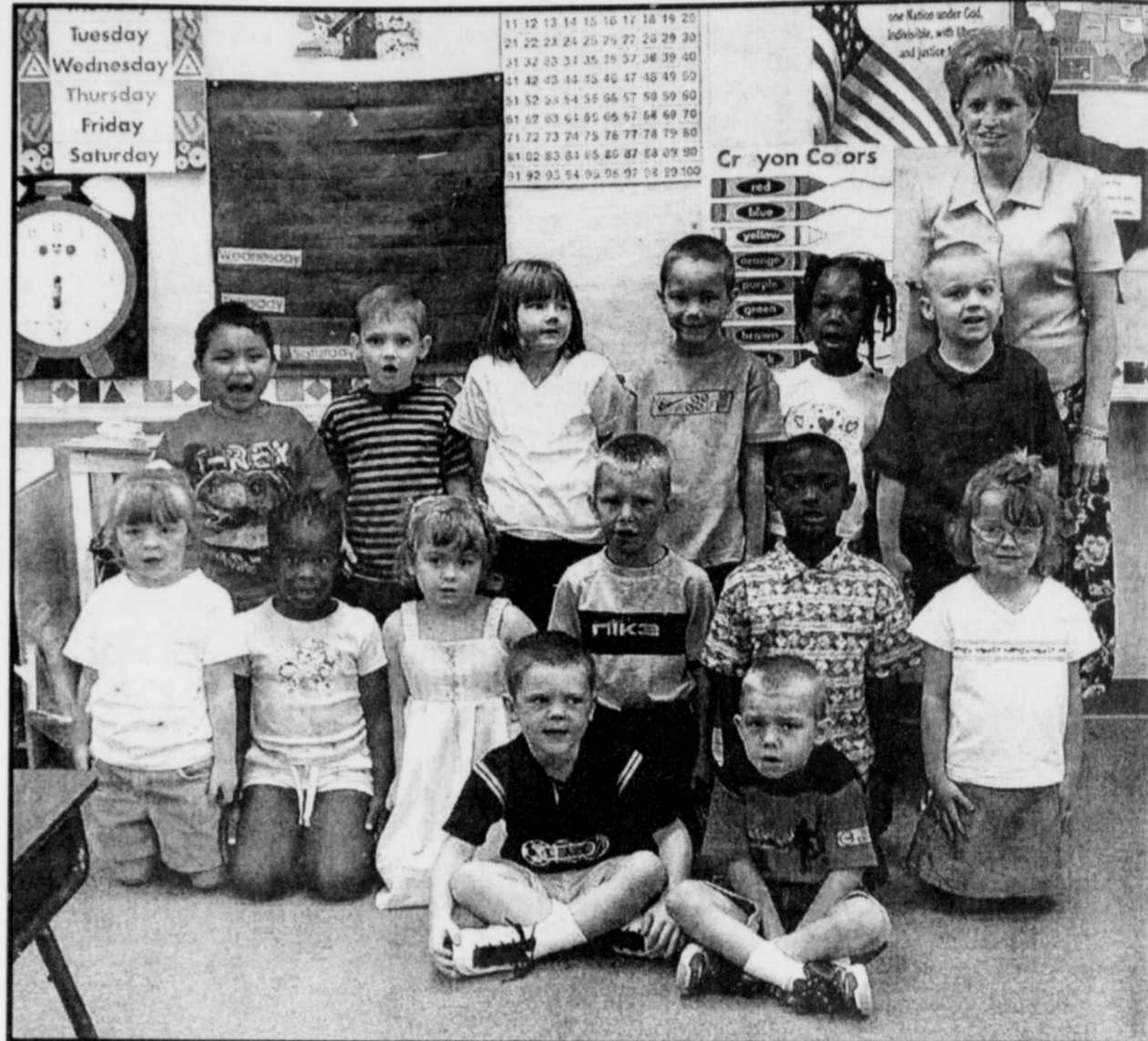
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Within the first few months I discovered that being a president is like riding a tiger. A man has to keep riding or be swallowed.






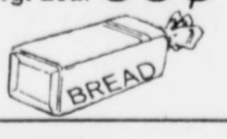
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