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What defines your life?

I apologize for last week's negative, overloaded column. You actually have to live through one of those "nightmare" weeks to understand how bad it can get! If I snapped at anyone, I apologize. Things are better this week, except for the prospect of surgery on that torn rotator cuff!

I came in on the tail end of a movie the other night. I don't have a clue what it was called, or about, except that John Travolta was an attorney who had literally lost everything he had over some case.

But what stuck in my mind was the closing scene, where a judge asked him "where did the money, the homes, the cars, the securities and stock portfolios go? In other words, sir, where did the things that define your life go to?" The camera fades away as he simply looks at her.

Well, that set me to thinking, as little things often do.

What do I define my life with?

I can tell you right now it isn't money, or possessions.

Nice cars and clothes are all great. When we can afford vacations they are wonderful, and at least serve the purpose of being a great stress reliever. Huge houses are okay, but I wouldn't trade my frame, country house for any one I've ever seen, because of the birds and wildlife, our cattle and dogs and cats and the joy of a peaceful evening.

No, I define my life by my family and my friends...and what I do for a living.

I am part of my immediate family, my brothers, my sister-in-laws, my nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews.

I am a part of my cousin's life, and she a part of mine.

Then, there are friends. Not the friends you wave a casual "hi" to, but those you can literally phone at 4:00 in the morning when you need them. And, I have several of those, and they are precious indeed.

There are those loyal people who not only work for and with us, but who are our friends also. When things are rough, they throw themselves into the breach and somehow, week after week, together we make it all come out right.

I define myself as a newspaper editor and publisher in small towns. I'm proud of it, prouder than if I worked on a big daily.

And, my volunteer work counts, too. As a First Responder I define myself as someone who wants to help their community. I consider my involvement and support of Volunteer Fire Departments an important part of life in a small town.

And, I consider myself as a of where I live, and all the towns we serve. The well being of each town is vital to me.

No, I don't "define" myself by my car, my house or my income. I am not a financial statement...I am a human who loves people! How do you define yourself? Around here I don't know many people who are their car, or house, or financial statement, do you?

EDITOR'S
QUOTES

What is past and what is to come are so tiny compared to what is inside of us.

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Education Foundation Banquet
to be held Saturday, May 4, 2002

The first annual Rivercrest Education Foundation Scholarship Banquet will be held this Saturday night at Rivercrest Elementary cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to fund scholarships for graduating seniors beginning with the class of 2002.

The meal, catered by Texas Belle, will consist of a choice of herbed chicken over rice or smothered steak with twice baked potatoes, vegetables, salad, roll, desert and tea.

Entertainment will be provided by several Rivercrest alumni including DJ and the Cuthand Bottom Boys; Donna Jo and Stanley

Jessee, Gary Cheatwood and Jim Purviance and Jeff Jackson. Also the Rivercrest band and fine arts department will be providing entertainment for the event.

The Foundation also has approximately 100 items donated by local businesses and craftsmen, which will be auctioned off in the silent auction to be held throughout the evening. There is guaranteed to be something to appeal to everyone present.

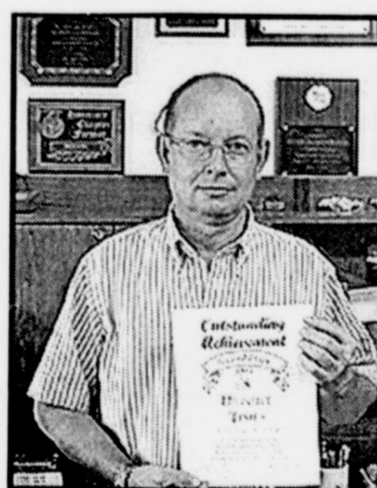
Tickets for the meal \$25 each and may be purchased at Rivercrest High School. Everyone is urged to come out and support this worthy cause.



JO ANSCHUTZ AND GINA GAGE-show some of the items on display at the Talco Guaranty Bank that have been donated for auction at the Rivercrest Education Foundation Scholarship Banquet which will be held Saturday, May 4 at the Rivercrest Elementary School cafeteria. The evening will include a meal, entertainment and the silent auction. All proceeds will go to help send Rivercrest students to college. Everyone is urged to attend and be a part of helping to further educate our Rebels and Lady Rebels. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



FIRST PLACE-Thunder Prairie Publishing won First Place in column writing at North and East Texas Press Association's competition April 20 in Jefferson. Nanalee Nichols' "Nichols Worth" column captured the award.



MIKE FRANCIES of the Thunder Prairie Publishing Staff displays the Second Place - Advertising award the newspapers won at North and East Texas Press Association competition last weekend in Jefferson.

Memory Wall bricks on sale now

The Rivercrest Spanish Club will be selling memory bricks until Wednesday, May 8, 2002. The bricks will be placed with the other ones on the Memory Wall at the football field.

To order a brick please call Pam Hays at the high school, 903-632-5204, during the following times; 8:50-9:40 am or 10:30-11:15 am. If you are unable to call during these hours, please call the

school and leave a message and Mrs. Hays will return your call. The cost of the bricks is \$29 for three lines or \$25 for two lines. There have been bricks ordered with names only, names and dates of graduation and also in memory of friends and family.

Everyone is encouraged to please order bricks by May 8, 2002 so they may be seen during the next football season.



2001-2002 LADY REBELS-softball team and coaches are; (back from the left) Coach Brandon Oats, Casey Hammonds, Stephanie Williams, Paige Boyd, Koren Hawkins, Jill Shirley, Erica Williams and Coach Tammy Case; (middle from the left) Ashley Beers, Kendra Birchfield, Rachel Case, Shari Wisinger, Molly Hare, Danielle Easterling, Kerri Simmons and Leslie Richeson and (front from the left) Tina Carder and Krystal Valenzuela. The team placed 3rd in the District, won their Bi-District game and will compete in the Area competition Thursdy, May 2, 2002 at Greenville, Tx. Go Lady Rebels!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

See Homecoming story inside.....



HONOR CLASS-The Talco class of 1952 was the honor class at this year's reunion. Some members of the class were present but could not be found for the picture. Too much happy visiting going on. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Dayna Mauldin seriously injured in accident

On Saturday night, April 27, Dayna Mauldin, daughter of Derrell and Kelly Mauldin of Bogata wa involved in a one car accident on hwy. 82 W. of Clarksville. She is listed in critical but stable condition in the ICU Ward at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris.

FFA Banquet to be held May 2

The Rivercrest FFA Banquet will be held Thursday, May 2, 2002 at the high school cafeteria and auditorium.

Serving of the meal which will include Bar-B-Que and all the trimmings will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and may be purchased at the Agriculture Department at Rivercrest High School or contact Craig Ingram at 903-632-5989.

Following the meal a program will be held in the auditorium to present this year's awards. Everyone is invited to attend.

People
'N
Things

The Calvary Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 3-7 from 9 a.m. until noon.



BRANDON DAVIS, Rivercrest High School student, recently was awarded the 2002 Youth Tour award in the Texas Co-Op Power contest. Pictured with Brandon is Ginger Foster.

Talco Sugarbakers extend invitation to "Relay for Life"

The Talco Sugarbakers would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" which will kick off on Friday, May 3, 2002 at the Mt. Pleasant football stadium with the first walk of the evening being the "Survivor Walk" at 6:00 p.m. Anyone who has battled cancer and has won are encouraged to make this one lap walk.

At 9:00 p.m. luminaries will be lighted and there will be entertainment throughout the night until the relay ends at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2002.

The Sugarbakers have worked

hard this year sponsoring bake sales and various fund-raisers and they appreciate everyone who has helped with each event in any way. All proceeds from each event has gone to the American Cancer Society to help find cures for all types of cancer and stop this awful disease from taking another life. The fight will be won when no one dies of cancer.

You are cordially invited to attend the "Relay for Life" with the Talco Sugarbaker team. For more information contact Joy Easley (Mrs. Johnny Mack) or Judy Easley (Mrs. Tommie) in Talco.



Vote as you Please...
But PLEASE VOTE!

Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



From time to time, I have calls requesting easy, simple casserole dishes that can be made for the family and do not take a lot of time and preparation. Those are my kind of recipes. I found some that sound really good and might fill the bill.

Ingredients can be substituted to your families liking and now that the gardens are up and growing, fresh vegetables may also be added. Just use your imagination. The Cornbread-Beef Bake calls for black beans, we enjoy the Ranch Style beans more, but just use what your family enjoys.

All call for ingredients that you will have on hand and can easily fit into your budget for easy and economical preparation. Hope you enjoy them and we will see you in the kitchen!

CORNBREAD-BEEF BAKE-this is one that will appeal to all of the guys....its loaded with lots

of rib-sticking ingredients and easy for the ladies to prepare!

KEILBASA-VEGETABLE STEW-this makes a mouth-watering dish with lots of color and flavor....fast too!

LAYERED CHICKEN SALAD-this one will be good when the weather gets warmer and you need something light and filling!

BAKED TACO SANDWICH-quick and easy and all you need for a meal is more cheese, sour cream, lettuce and tomatoes.....can be made ahead and stored in refrigerator for 24 hours!

HAM AND POTATO BAKE-can be spiced up with more red pepper and also made ahead of time for a quick meal in minutes!

ROASTED CHICKEN WITH POTATOES-serve with a salad and your family will love you for it!

RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS

This week's query is from Sandra McDaniel, 10307 Hwy. 43 North, Northport, AL 35473. She would like to contact others working on the McCauley and Langston families of Alabama who married into the Patton family. These families may have moved with the Robert Patton family to Lamar or Red River County. Betsy Patton married John McCauley and Peggy Patton married Thomas McCauley and Sarah Patton married Isaac Newton Langston. They all married in Kentucky and apparently all later lived in northern Alabama. She has not been able to locate them in Alabama records and thinks they may have moved to Texas. Sandra is a descendant of Andrew Patton, younger brother of Robert Patton, who moved to Lamar County and settled in what is now called Pattonville.

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



Bogata V.F.W. News

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

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

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

*The Post has a shuffle board tournament every Saturday beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and share the fun. The board has recently been renovated and is ready for play.

*Make plans now to attend a dance at the VFW on May 18, 2002. The N2K Band will provide music for the occasion. Come out and shake a leg or just enjoy listening and visiting with friends.

Ms. Brodie Bell dies April 24

Ms. Brodie Bell, age 104 of Deport, died in the Deport Nursing Home on Wednesday, April 24, 2002.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 26, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Deport with Reverends C.G. Renfro and Ted Willis officiating. Burial was to be made in Highland Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes has charge of the arrangements.

She was born in Deport, on November 17, 1897, the daughter of Sam H. and Iris Grant Bell. Ms. Bell retired from the Deport Post Office in 1967, after 50 years of service, beginning in 1917 when she worked for her father, who was Postmaster at the time. She was a long-time member of the Deport United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters, Cora Bell on September 6, 1982; John G. Bell on March 20, 1993; Doris Norwood on March 31, 1996 and Reecy Kelsey on January 4, 2001.

Surviving is a niece, Martha Glover and husband Duane of Deport; two nephews, Dr. Sammy Kelsey and wife Suzy of Deport and Frank Norwood and wife Eileen of Katy; great-nieces and nephews, Marilyn Glover of Deport, Betsy Chapman and husband Jerome of Deport, David Glover of Deport, Joe Travis Kelsey and wife Kim of Bogata; Connie Dodd and husband Skip of Paris, Mary Elizabeth Anderson and husband Matt of Dallas, John David Norwood and wife Leslie of Orlando, FL and Paul Norwood and wife Kimberly of Kansas; these great-great-nieces and nephews, Ty Merritt, Peyton Chapman, Phillip Dodd, Carter Kelsey, Katherine Norwood, Amanda Norwood, and Mathew Norwood.

Obituaries

John A. McGowan dies April 28

John A. McGowan, age 80 of Oklahoma City, Ok died Sunday, April 28 in Bellview Nursing Home in Oklahoma City.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 at Meadowbrook Cemetery in Paris with Rev. Rick Holeman officiating. Wood Funeral Home of Bogata had charge of arrangements.

Mr. McGowan was born January 7, 1922 in Jasper, TX the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGowan. He was retired from the Curtis-Mathes Company and was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the Battle of the Bulge and Normandy Invasion.

He is survived by his wife, Lavern McGowan of Oklahoma City; one son, Ronnie McGowan of Lovelady; two sisters, Louise Miller of Silsbee and Bernice Ponder of Kirbyville and one brother, Delbert McGowan.

Mrs. Russie McConnell dies April 27

Mrs. Russie Franklin McConnell, age 90 of Bogata died Saturday, April 27 at her residence.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 29 under the pavilion of Bogata Cemetery with Rev. Kenny Dickson officiating. Wood Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. McConnell as born September 6, 1911 in Red River County near Rugby, the daughter of two prominent pioneer families, David Edward Franklin and Lola Roach Franklin. She married John David McConnell May 31, 1931 and he was her devoted husband for 45 years, preceding her in death May 7, 1976.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Leon "Frankie" Hurt in 1993 and a brother, Charles Franklin in 2000.

She is survived by a son, John David McConnell, Jr. of Bogata; two daughters, Patricia McConnell Crockett of Bogata and Barb Bower of Houston; two grand children, Catherine Bower of Austin and Marc Bower and his wife Stacey of Gunter; a great-grandson, Daylan Bower; and a sister, Mrs. Billie Bishop of Bogata.

The family requests memorial be made to the Bogata Cemetery Association.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Louise Mauldin wishes to thank everyone for all of your prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers and thoughtfulness during the illness and loss of our Mother and daughter.

Mauna Kidd and the Mauldin Family

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Card of Thanks

We are most grateful for the many kind deeds done for us upon Vernon Fogleman's death including Clarksville Funeral Home, Rev. Lee Everett's sermon, Dr. Ralph L. Brown's eulogy, the luncheon given in Marsh Fellowship Hall-Martin Memorial United Methodist Church and Woodland United Methodist, the lovely floral tributes, memorials, phone calls and visits all represented genuine love and caring and the kindness demonstrated will always be remembered.

With gratitude,
The Vernon Fogleman Family

Royal Southern Miss & Master Pageant to be held in Bogata, Tx.

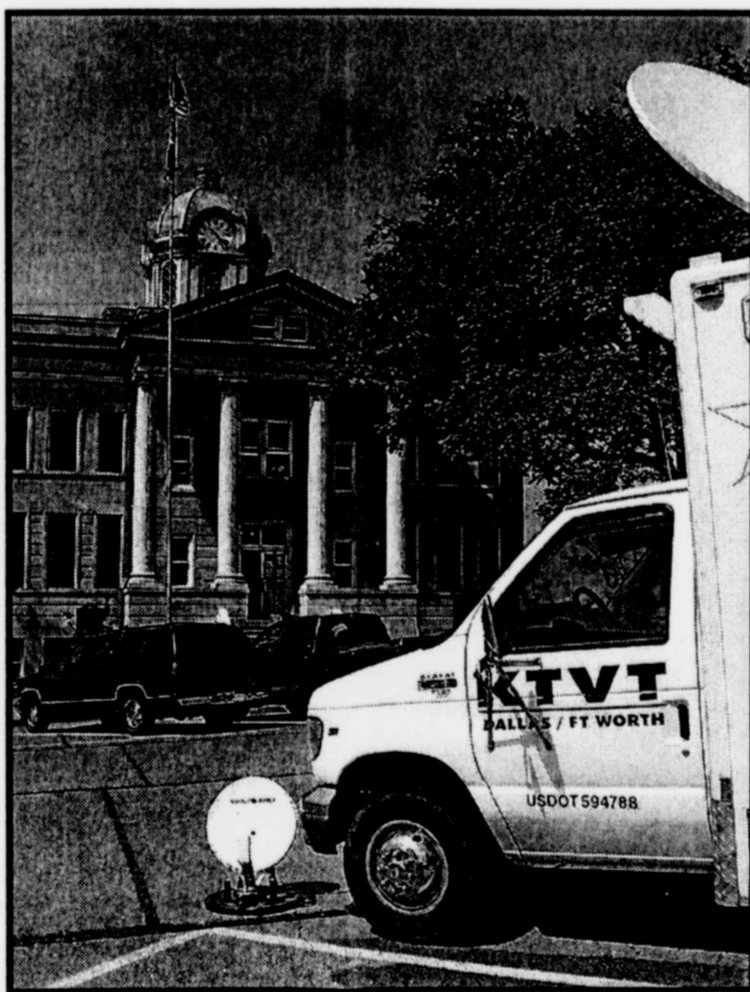
Gale Moats, Director and La Boutique Dress Shop of Paris, Tx. bring the Royal Southern Miss and Master Pageant to Bogata, Tx.

The pageant will be held Sunday, May 5, 2002 at the old Bogata School gym located at the corner of North Howison and N.W. 2nd St. in Bogata. Registration will be at 1:30 p.m. with the pageant beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Registration forms may be picked up at the following locations:

La Boutique Dress Shop in Paris, Tx.; Guaranty Bank Bogata, Rivercrest Elementary and High School Offices.

Admission to the event will be \$5.00 per adult, \$2.00 per child over 6 years of age. The admission fee will be awarded to the contestants in the pageant. Girls and boys of all ages are encouraged to participate. For more information contact Roland Screws in Bogata.



MAJOR TRIAL-Mt. Vernon has been busy this week as the trial of one of the infamous "Texas Seven" member, Michael Rodriguez continues. All the major networks have been on hand, as well as Associated Press and many others to cover the trial. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:
from Dr. James Presley

I spoke at Talco City Hall on Monday, April 22, 2002 about the Marvin Nichols Reservoir.

Here are excerpts of what I said there.

Let's talk about language. Language is more than communication. It also can be a weapon. It has already been made a weapon by the promoters of the Marvin Nichols reservoir.

Their idea: if you control the language, you control the issue. When you control the language you also limit the way people think about the issue. Well, that can work both ways. If we recognize what they're doing, we can protect ourselves and use it against them.

Let's clump the reservoir schemes all together and call them Lake Pork Barrel, designed by the Water hogs, who are really Money Hogs. This is not about water, it's about money. About who gets contracts, who controls the pursestrings, who stands to profit.

They've been spreading the words, "done deal", as if we, the public had no business interfering with their scheme to take your land, your heritage, your community and destroy it so that a few men could make tons of money.

The words "done deal," have no validity. Sure, it's a deal they want done, but you have the power to make it an undone deal.

There's another phrase "undeveloped water resources" in talking about the Sulphur river basin.

"Undeveloped water re-

sources" refers to your property that they want to destroy to build Lake Pork Barrel. I seriously doubt that you want it destroyed.

They already have more water developed than they are using.

When they say "this is where the lake will be" we are being inaccurate. Let's put it like this. "This is where the lake would be if it ever went in."

Let's say it our way "The lake won't be, because we are going to fight it fiercely and successfully".

They try to pin labels on us. They throw out terms like "radical environmentalists" and "extremists".

This is another scare tactic and cheap propaganda to divide, to scare off. Is there something radical or extreme about fighting for your home?

The real radicals and extremists are those trying to take away your land to build Lake Pork Barrel, to pipe unneeded water to Dallas.

Let them know their words will become boomerangs.

The Sulphur river Basin Authority has tried to shut out public comment on Lake Pork Barrel, disregarding their own established rules and practices, to keep the people from participating freely.

Words are important. Recognize when they are aimed at you, and use them to your advantage. When you use them right, you are powerful too.

James Presley, Ph D
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PROVIDING MUSIC for the Talco School Homcoming were Fred Foeh, Jeff Tidwell and Ralph Parsons. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



VOLUNTEERS-at Red River Healthcare in Bogata were honored April 23 during National Volunteer Week. Pictured are; (front row) Evelyn Enox, Judy Marshall, Mary Ellen Kain and Martha Maynard and (middle row) Mary Margaret Vaughn, Ann Barnard, Molee Huddleston and (back row) Glenn Moon and Cub Maynard.

Volunteers honored at Red River Healthcare

During National Volunteer Week, April 21-27, Red River Healthcare honored their volunteers with a reception on Tuesday, April 23, 2002.

There were several volunteers in attendance and names were drawn for door prizes. A time of fellowship, food and fun were enjoyed by volunteers, staff and residents.

RRH appreciates all of their

volunteers and are always looking for people who enjoy spending time with the elderly, to join their volunteer program.

If you would like to become a volunteer contact Red River Healthcare and you will be put to work at one of the most self-satisfying and self-rewarding projects you may ever participate in.

Old Jr. High trophies available

David Rozell has reported in cleaning out the old Bogata Junior High gym several trophies were found. Should anyone from one of the teams who earned them like to have one Mr. Rozell would be happy to get it to them.

- Those found are as follows:
- 1969-CJS boys 1st place
 - 1965-girls championship
 - 1968-boys 3rd place at Talco Jr. High tourney
 - 1966-1st place NET Jr. High football
 - 1969-Deport Inv. girls
 - 1971-NET Jr. High girls track 2nd place
 - 1974-NET Jr. High boys basketball 3rd place
 - 1975-boys Talco Jr. High Inv. consolation
 - 1972-Rivercrest Jr. High girls basketball
 - 1991-girls RHS Inv. tourney 1st place
 - 1996-girls Chisum Inv. tourney 1st place
 - 1991-NET Track boys 1st place 400 m relay
 - 1997-girls Chisum Inv. tourney 2nd place
 - 1996-girls 7th grade Chisum Inv. tourney 2nd place.

If you are interested in having any of these please contact David Rozell in Bogata.



Spring

May CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Childbirth Education Classes* Session begins Thursday, May 2. Classes on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m to 9:30 p.m. (You must register for Childbirth Education Classes at least a week in advance at 577-6201.)

Big Brother/Big Sister Class Saturday May 18, 2002, 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. (You must register at least one week in advance, call 577-6201)

Adult Diabetes Support Group Tuesday, May 7, 2002, 6 p.m., TRMC cafeteria. Topic: Heart Disease and Diabetes, Presented by Dr. Ronald Van Buskirk. Call 903-577-6542 for more information.

Better Breather's Club Wednesday, May 22, 2002, 1:30 p.m., TRMC Auditorium. Call 903-577-6588 for more information.

American Heart Association Stroke Support Group Monday, May 13, 2002, 200 p.m., TRMC Auditorium. Call 903-577-6299 for more information.

Why Weight? Weight Management Support Group Monday, May 6, 6:00 p.m., TRMC Cafeteria. Membership is free. Call 903-577-6299 for more information.

* Childbirth Education Classes include Big Brother/Big Sister Class. To register for these classes, call 577-6201 at least one week in advance.

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BARBARA MANKINS RUSSELL-was proud to present the 2002 Talco Homecoming Scholarship to Mollie Moles, the daughter of Pat and the late Jeff Moles at the annual homecoming on Saturday, April 27, 2002. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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BONNIE PHILLIPS of Bogata was honored as one of the Top Ten students in the College of Business and Technology at Texas A&M University-Commerce. Dr. Hal Langford, Dean of the College of Business and Technology, presented the students with certificates at the 22nd annual awards banquet. Phillips, a business administration major, is the daughter of Anaya Phillips of Clarksville.

Benefit fish fry to be held May 5

A benefit fish fry will be held May 5, 2002 at the Hagansport Community Center in honor of Franklin County Sheriff, Chuck White.

The event is being sponsored by the Franklin County Law Enforcement, Fire Departments and elected County Officials and will

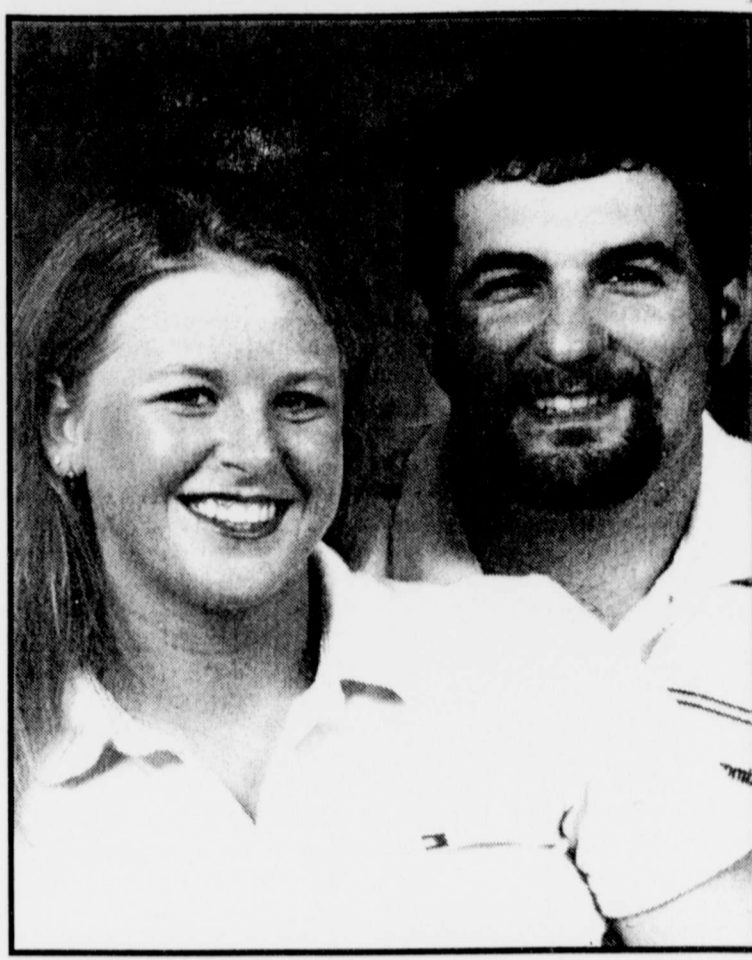
begin at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Fish and all the trimmings will be served and donations will be appreciated. All proceeds will go to Sheriff White who has been very ill. Come out and help the community help the Sheriff who has dedicated himself to helping others for so long.



LOUISE COKER was on hand at the Talco School Homecoming for the first time this year. Mrs. Coker and her late husband owned a variety store downtown Talco until 1960. She is a healthy and happy 93 years young. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CHARLA HINES daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hines of Fulbright placed 3rd overall at the 2001-2002 Regional Track and Field Finals held last weekend. Charla competed with 21 athletes in the 400meter run and earned her position with a time of 62.2. Congratulations Charla on a great season!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



Tanna Simpson with fiance Clay Pirtle
Simpson-Pirtle to wed

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Terrell proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tanna Michelle, to Clay Jason Pirtle.

College to begin in the summer. Clay is the son of H. Drue and Billie Pirtle and the late Tommie Joy Pirtle of Bogata. He is the biological son of Judy Attaway of Shreveport and Carmelo Grenier of Oregon. He is the grandson of the late M. E. and Loree Roach of Bogata and E.V. and Ruby Pirtle of Bogata. Clay's biological grandparents are Gene and Geneane Creech of Shreveport. Clay is a 1994 graduate of Rivercrest High School. He is a 1999 graduate of University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Arts in Exercise and Sports Studies. He is currently coaching and teaching at Winfield I.S.D.

The couple plan to marry on Saturday, June 8, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Daingerfield.

Jeremy Grissom honored with senior survivor party

On Saturday, April 26, 2002 Jeremy Grissom was honored with a Senior Survivor Party given by Heath and Kendra Rester and Jeff and LeAnn Grissom. Smoked brisket and grilled chicken with all the trimmings were served to guest as well as Dirt Pudding for dessert.

The group played games in which three teams competed to be the surviving team. Sling-socks were thrown toward a target. Dangling apples had to be eaten to the core by each team without using their hands and blind man hide and seek and blind man wheel barrow obstacle races were enjoyed by the teams.

Sixty minnows were poured in a kiddie swimming pool. Each team had to try to catch the most

minnows using only their hands. After the minnows were counted the contestants had an opportunity to make extra points by swallowing a live minnow. Nathan Carroll downed one for his team to put them on top.

Each team received a group picture and their team bandana as a party favor.

Attending were: Nathan Carroll, Cassie McCuller, Steven Shade, Kyle Stansell, Kendall Stansell, Zach Ward, Heather Hammond, Alison Alexander, Erin Parker, Mike Seale, Aaron Huffman and Brandon Turner.

Jeremy is the son of Daniel and Janice Grissom of Mt. Pleasant. He is a senior at Rivercrest High School.

Don't thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.
---Benjamin Franklin

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Brooke McKenzie
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Brooke McKenzie was recently selected as an All American Scholar. This is an important national honor recognizing her hard work and commitment to academic excellence. Brooke was also nominated for International Foreign Language Award, American Character and Citizenship Award and National Science Merit Award.

Brooke is an honor student at Whitney Middle School. She recently completed cheer tryouts for Miss Tammy's All Star Company in Cleburne. NCA cheerleaders judged the tryouts. Miss Tammy's group has won over 40 National titles. Brooke's team won first place at Regionals in Burleson and eighth place at Nationals in Corpus Christi.

Brooke is the daughter of Jeff and Andrea McKenzie of Whitney, the granddaughter of Jimmie and Nadine McKenzie of Lewisville, the late Ronald and Gayle Mankins of Lewisville and the great granddaughter of Nip and Bea McKenzie of Lewisville and Ed and Loyce Huddleston of Bogata.

Rivercrest class of 1982 to reunite

The Rivercrest High School class of 1982 will hold its 20th class reunion at their old stomping grounds, in the RHS cafeteria on May 11, 2002.

A come and go lunch has been scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. where sandwiches and snacks will be provided.

An invitation is extended to the classes of 1981 and 1983 as well as any parents or faculty members.

Please bring the entire family to join in on this special event. Night time activities for the adults will be planned for that evening. For more information contact: Jean Bivins Upchurch at 903-632-5341 (daytime) or Mary Lynn Vaughan Palmer at 903-632-4217 (daytime).

BHS class of 42' reunite April 13

Members of the Bogata High School class of 1942 reunited April 13, 2002. It was the 60th reunion of their high school senior class. Attending were; Dorothy Branson Lowry of Gladewater, Nina Ruth Bryson Fuller of Garland, Fay Green Robinson of Malakoff, Marjaree Wilkinson Glover of Bullard, James Grayson of Houston, Ann Clifton Barnard, A.D. Stephenson, Marjorie Hancock Myers and Roy Marris of Bogata. The group received a phone call

from Inez Bolen Mikolchek of Minneapolis, Minnesota. All had a wonderful time.

Following the reunion the class received news from Austin that the Texas Library Association, which is celebrating 100 years, has designated the late Sam G. Whitten (class of 1942) and his wife, Virginia as some of the heroes of the libraries system. Each class member and the community are very proud of the Whittens.

Lady Rebels headed for Area playoff

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels softball team placed 3rd in the district this season.

The team competed in the Bi-District playoff last week where they won over Harmony.

Thursday, May 2, 2002 the

team will travel to Greenville to compete in the Area Championship vs Grandview.

The game will begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Lady Rebels on the road to State.

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MARY KATHRYN DAVIS COTTEN-presented special certificates of appreciation to Kay Morris and Norma Clark, wives of former Talco students, Gerald Ben Morris and Tilmon Clark, for their hard work helping their husbands get this year's reunion together. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Loan funds available in Red River county

In June of 2001, Red River county received a Rural Enterprise Grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the USDA to be used as revolving loans for Red River County businesses. To date, no applications have been received for loans and the USDA has advised that the grant will be rescinded unless loans are made within the next sixty days. Loans made under this program will have a favorable interest rate. Basic conditions of the program are as follows.

*The maximum loan per project is \$40,000 which will not exceed 40% of project equity.

*Must be recognized economic enterprise.

* Must be located within, or have imminent plans to locate in,

Red River County.

* Must demonstrate financial viability.

* Must operate within the laws of the State of Texas.

* Must commit to the retention and/or creation of a certain number of jobs, the majority of which will be for County residents.

Board members who will evaluate applications are: County Judge Powell W. Peek, County Auditor Shirley Anderson, Joe Rose of Guaranty Bank, Jimmy Peek of Annona Mfg., and James Martin of Martin Construction. The Red River County Commissioners Court will have final approval of any loans. Applications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office at the Red River County Annex, 200 N. Walnut St., Clarksville, TX. 75426.

Bogata Locals

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



Happy April birthday to: Mallory Modesitt, Asley Johnson, Heather Hawkins, Haley Green, Sandra Stockton, Opal Green, Cindy Coffin, Amy Martin, Joan Smith, ty McCarley and Felina Kay White.

Happy April Anniversary to: Vandy and Elaine Morgan.

Doyle and Nina Smith of Denton and Billie Welch of Blossom visited with Christine Baker Sunday. They all enjoyed lunch at the 909 Diner in Bogata.

Visiting Helen Williams Sunday and helping celebrate her birthday were Patty Barton of Joneswell, Haletha and Grantville Jones of Commerce, Bill and Joyce Barton of Munster. They enjoyed lunch at the 909 Diner in Bogata. Mrs. Williams also received birthday calls from her niece, Martha Wilkinson of Lufkin, her grandson, Larry Jones of New York, her sister, Mary Campbell of Lemesa, her son, George Hobbs of Huntsville, gifts, cards and lots of local calls from family and friends.

Visiting last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gray were Mrs. Gray's cousin and wife, Norman and Ester Parker of Iona, Missouri. They also visited with their aunt, Margaret Davis while here.

Happy May Birthday to: Russell English, Justin Roach, Jackie Lynne Watson, James A. "Jim" Kain, Marty Woodall, Mark Moreno, Sharon Duffee, Miranda Mauldin, Cheyenne Provence, Vickie Rector Tabb, Delane York, Gerlyn Gray, Jessica Bassett, Debra Janes, Anissa Primm, Reba Bell, Pat Cox, Freda Jean and Ressee O. Crow.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana were Mike, Lila, Kara and Hali Screws and Bren and Taylan Cobb all of Deport and Jerry, Chris Anna, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

Happy May Anniversary to: Richard and Mary Ann Ward, Clay and Chasity Francis and Kevin and Jana Weatherall.

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Judy Easley spent Monday and Tuesday visiting her father, T.J. Williams and sister, Tommie Williams in Kilgore.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown and Jaden and Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Boutwell enjoyed Saturday, April 20 through Friday, April 26 vacation in Durango, Colorado at the home of David and Sue Currey and family. They enjoyed trout fishing, shopping and sight-seeing while there. The best sight of the trip was a herd of 46 elk grazing peacefully on the edge of town.

Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Temples of Mexia visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cox and family. While here they attended the Talco School Homecoming on Saturday. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Graf and family, Nancy Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith.

The Maple Springs Church congregation enjoyed a covered dish

luncheon following services Sunday morning.

Happy May birthday to: Mason Blalock, Melanie Smithe, Miranda Mauldin, Moanie Swarts and Pete Swarts.

Scott, Nicole, Mason and Ashley Blalock spent April 21 through April 27 at Disney World. They enjoyed lunch with Winnie the Pooh and friends while there, fire works shows and more but the highlight of the trip for Mason and Ashley were seeing Buzz Lightyear and Woody.

Wanda Graf is reported home and improving following a recent hospitalization and surgery at Titus County Regional Hospital.

Former Talco residents, Gene and Dianne Duffie spent their twentieth wedding anniversary shopping and dining near their home in Aspen, Colorado.

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RHSTAAS results 2002

Rivercrest Sophomores took the Exit level test in February. The results are as follows:
93% passed Reading
95% passed Writing
100% passed Math.
44 students were tested and the results were:
22 Mastered all objectives in Reading.
5 Mastered all objectives in Writing.

4 Mastered all objectives in Math.
10 students received Academic Recognition in Reading.
1 student received Academic Recognition in Writing.
4 students received Academic Recognition in Math.
Congratulations to all the students and the teachers who prepared them.

Senior parents seeking donations

The parents of Rivercrest Seniors will be collecting donations for the after graduation lock-in held annually.
This year the school is not sponsoring the lock-in and the parents need your help to furnish gifts, games, food and fun for the lock-in.

Each year many high school graduates are killed traveling to or from parties, some where alcohol and drugs are supplied. Please help these parents keep their children safe by giving them a sponsored party where fun and food are the main items of the evening.

UM ARMY to be doing repairs this summer

The United Methodist Action Reach-Out mission for Youth (UM ARMY) will return to Clarksville Sunday, June 16 for another week's stay. The Texas Department of Human Services and United Methodist ARMY has partnered since 1979 to improve the quality of life for clients. UM ARMY's youth and sponsors have provided repair and construction work for needy Texas homeowners. Plans for the summer of 2002 call for 4,000 UM ARMY assisted throughout Texas. Last summer UM ARMY assisted 1,329 client families. Thousands of homes received repairs and peoples' lives were touched, volunteers as well as service recipients.

led organization and will enjoy not just the repair work being done, but the new people they will meet while they are here.
They will be staying on McKenzie Memorial United Methodist Church, where they will sleep, help prepare their own meals and clean the facility daily. Each day, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 P.M., a team of five youths and one adult will work in the community and after a shower at Clarksville High School they will have an evening program and reflect on the day's work and what it meant.
The organization will be in Red River County to paint, do yard work, house cleaning, porch and step construction, window screen replacement, hand railings, weather-stripping, minor roof repairs, window pane replacement and other needed repairs for owners of property who are in a financial condition which hinders them from doing the job themselves or

hiring others to do it for them. You must own or be buying your own home to be eligible for these services. UM ARMY wants to help at least 50 people in the area. The homes must be located with 50 miles of McKenzie Memorial United Methodist Church. Presite visits will be made in May to determine the jobs they will be able to handle. They often receive referrals from the Department of Human Services, United Way, senior citizens agencies, visiting nurses, Meals on Wheels and other community organizations.
Referrals can also be made by completing the form in this paper and mailing it to Texas Department of Human Services, 308 N. Cedar, Clarksville, TX 75428, or by calling (903) 427-8874 and speaking with Charlotte Rozell, Ellie Wolf, Kevin Davis or Pam Limbok. All referrals need to be in by May 1st. Any other information concerning UM ARMY can be obtained there also.

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Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten round-up May 3

Rivercrest Elementary will hold Pre-Kindergarten/ Kindergarten Round-Up on May 3, 2002 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

For Pre-Kindergarten: If your child will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2002 he/she may register for pre-kindergarten.

Parents should bring their child's official birth certificate, social security card, shot record, proof of household income and parent/guardian's driver license. These records may be copied at the school on the Round-Up day

but, having them previously copied and ready to turn in will speed up the registration process. Children will not be considered registered until all records are turned in. Classroom space is limited and places cannot be reserved.

For Kindergarten students: If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2002, they need to register for Kindergarten.

During registration, children and parents will have the opportunity to meet kindergarten teachers and visit the classrooms. Activities will be planned for children while parents fill out the necessary forms for registration.

Parents should bring their child's official birth certificate, social security card, shot record and a parent/guardian's driver's license. These records may be copied at the school on the day of Round-Up, but having them previously copied and ready to turn in will speed up the registration process.

If you are unable to attend, please call the school at 632-5214 and give them your child's name. Please help the school get an accurate class count for next year.



The Tuff E Nuff 14 and under softball team won 3rd place in the Cartridge tournament this past weekend. The team consist of back Row: Brittney Williams (Clarksville), Whitney Shackelford (North Lamar), Lacie Cole (Prairiland), Cortney Merchant (Rivercrest), Megan Lackie (North Lamar), Kayleigh Griffin (North Lamar), Dambri Mitchell (Prairiland), Front Row: Miranda Mauldin (Rivercrest), Hall Srey (Prairiland), Kalee Graham (Prairiland), Hailey Norwood (Prairiland), and Tavior Gates (Paris).

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Red River Valley Dixie Girls Softball Association is searching for girls to form a 16-18 year old team for the league from Avery, Bogata, Blossom, Clarksville, Detroit, Deport and Talco.

Any girls interested in playing are urged to contact John Carlisle, coach for the team at 903-632-0572.

Talco School Homecoming huge success

The crowd started early, but many were still coming in when the program started at 11:00 a.m. Those registering had to stop and attend the meeting. Hopefully, ex's will arrive earlier next year. The group likes to get all who were there registered. On Friday night there were at least two gatherings; one was at Western Sizzlin in Mt. Pleasant and the other was a dutch treat fish dinner at Vaughan's on Lake Bob Sandlin. 117 people signed the sheet there.

A special surprise visitor to the homecoming was 93 year old Louise Coker. The Cokers owned a variety store in Talco until 1960. Many of the ex's bought their first 10¢ comic books there. Mrs. Coker came from Ft. Worth along with her daughter, Betty Coker Reece. Neither had ever attended the homecoming before this year. Also, Coach Bill Hudson, from the early 40's was on hand to greet his student athletes.

The Homecoming program started with a welcome by the president, Gerald Morris. The presentation of colors was very impressive with Dale Watts presenting the US flag and Sam Barnard the Texas flag. Pledge of Allegiance, Star Spangled Banner and Talco School Song were led by Claude Boyd. The president recognized classes, special recognition was given to first year attendees of which there were 14. Other special recognition was given to the Hearron family who had 9 brothers and sisters attending and to Mrs. Coker.

The 50 year class always has special recognition and Ann Seay Roberts spoke about her class and called the roll. She was the contact for the class throughout the year, encouraging each one to come home.

Another special recognition and made by Mary K. Cotten who presented Kay Morris and Norma Clark certificates of appreciation. Neither lady is a Talco ex but they are married to ex's and have worked along with their husbands to make the reunion great.

Homecoming business was conducted. President, Gerald Morris announced that he has been told the building would no longer be available. The Mt. Pleasant and Civic Center will be the site for the reunion next year on April 26, 2003.

Barbara Mankins Russell, Scholarship committee president, spoke to the group about the scholarship program and announced the amount given this year was \$1000. Of the application received Mollie Moles, daughter of Pat Moles and the late Jeff Moles was chosen to receive the award. Mollie and her mom were on hand and she accepted with gratitude and told the group of her plans for the future. A generous amount was raised again this year toward the scholarship program. Appreciation is expressed to all who donated.

Bob Parker is the keeper of the Memorial List and he recognized each person lost in the past year. Silver Taps was played by Fred Foeh and Jeff Tidwell. Ralph Parsons joined them in their music; America the Beautiful and Battle Hymn of the Republic.

The closing prayer was given by Rev. Charles Russell, after a short talk and reciting his favorite poem.

A catered lunch was enjoyed following the meeting. The crowd was so large there had to be two seatings for the meal.

Everyone is urged to keep the 2003 date posted and be ready, since the homecomings will not end with the school closing Re-member APRIL 26, 2003 at the

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From Kenna, NM.; John and Jenny Clemmons.

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From Pescadero, CA; Gene and Donna Richeson.

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A wonderful day was enjoyed by all present and the Talco Homecoming Committee hopes to have everyone who came and more attend next year's reunion. Everyone who helped with the event in any way are greatly appreciated.



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The increase in earnings for this quarter compared to one year ago was due primarily to an increase in net interest income of \$824,000 or 26.4% offset by an increase in non-interest expenses of \$225,000 or 6.9% and a decrease in gain on sale of securities of \$229,000.

Net interest income increased \$824,000 or 26.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2002, compared to the same quarter in 2001. Interest income component of net interest income decreased to \$7.1 million for the three months from \$7.6 million for the same quarter in 2001, a decrease of \$536,000 or 7.0%. This decrease in rate was offset by an increase in volume as average earnings assets increased to \$423.1 million for the three months from \$376.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001, an increase of \$46.8 million or 12.4%.

Non interest income, disregarding the gain on sale of securities of \$37,000 and \$266,000 during the first quarter of 2002 and 2001, respectively, was \$997,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002 compared to \$992,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2001, an increase of \$5,000 or 0.5%.

Non interest expense increased \$225,000 or 6.9% for the three months ended March 31, 2002 over the same quarter of 2001. Salary and benefits expense increased to \$2.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2002 from \$1.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001, an increase of \$187,000 or 9.7%. Full time staff equivalent increased to 193 in March 31, 2002 from 191 at March 31, 2001. In addition to the small staff increase, benefit such as insurance, retirement and taxes also showed increases of \$56,000 or 8.7% during the two comparable quarters. Occupancy and other operating expenses remained steady for the two comparable quarters due to cost controls established and put into force by the Company.

Shareholders' equity was \$232.6 million at March 31, 2002. Tier 1 capital was equal to 8.02% of assets. For the three months ended March 31, 2002, on an annualized basis, the Company realized a return on assets of 0.86% and a return on equity of 12.20% versus 0.72% and 9.90% respectively for the three months ended March 31, 2001.

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