



Nichols Worth

Running on Empty

There's an old song and an older expression about "running on empty".

Well, I think everyone I come in contact is doing just that, and no one more so than me.

Is it spring fever? If so, it has reached epidemic proportions.

Everyone I know is just barely shuffling their feet clear of the ground, groaning and moaning as they force themselves to "make an effort".

We had company Monday afternoon, and all six of us ended up out on the deck, parked in chairs with the energy of a bag of sand. Even the conversation was a wee bit soggy and slow, usually the last thing to happen when we get together with friends.

To lazy or exhausted to cook, we snacked around on cheese and chips and dip, a few boiled shrimp (the extent of my cooking that evening) and cookies.

Even the dogs, usually the most active of beggars, simply sat at our feet, half heartedly looking up.

Mind you, this isn't just an "old people's" syndrome, two of our guests are in their early 20s.

On Main Street Tuesday morning I watched as everyone going up or down the sidewalk shuffled along much like a sleepwalker.

As I visited at various businesses, to a man or woman it was "I'm just exhausted" or "I just have to get some energy, I have so much to do, but I worn out".


Uh huh, I know how you feel!

The sad thing about being so spring feverish is that there is invariably so much to do.

Grass and weeds spring up at a rapid rate. Before the intense heat of summer comes on it's time to clean up, paint up, fix up.....but who has the strength to do so!

So, here I sit, with two days work to do because of the Monday holiday....and not enough energy to wade through a regular day. And, the rest of the crew isn't any better off than I am!

Oh well, I don't suppose a massive epidemic of spring fever will prove fatal. But, wow, this one's worse than usual. We're running on empty and that's a fact.



Get ready to dial 10 digits!

Two big changes are around the corner for East Texas residents signaling tremendous growth in the region. VALOR Telecom is informing its customers who live in the 903 area code about the new way to dial a call this summer.. using 10-digits, in preparation for the introduction next year of the new 430 area code.

Valor is notifying their entire customer base about the new changes since the 10-digit permissive dialing period begins July 20th.

Due to the high demand for phone, fax, pager and cell phone numbers, the Texas Public Utility commission (TPUC) last year assigned the new, 430 area code as an overlay to the existing 903 area code. Texas residents living in the 903 area code will be affected by these changes.

The TPUC also designated July 20, 2002, as the beginning of the permissive dialing period. Residents are encouraged to begin using 10-digit dialing to complete a phone call. During the next few months, callers will dial 903-xxx-xxxx, to make a local call to a 903 number. In April 2003, when the new area code is introduced, callers will dial 903-xxx-xxxx or 430-xxx-xxxx to complete a local call. Toll calls from both of these area codes will require dialing 1+ (area code) xxx-xxxx.

Important things for 903 area code residents to keep in mind are: Dialing 911 is not impacted in any way. Existing area codes and phone numbers are not changing, start thinking of phone numbers as 10-digit numbers, start using 10-digit dialing now. Telephone rates will not be affected. Mandatory 10-digit dialing will go into effect on February 15, 2003. New 430 area code numbers will not be assigned until April 2003.

It is also important that parents begin teaching their children about dialing 10-digit calls.

Valor residential and business customers are advised to add 10-digit dialing to: phone equipment such as cell phones, pagers and fax machines, features such as Call Forwarding and Call Blocking, home security systems, business phone systems, business cards, stationary, letterheads, invoices, purchase orders and advertising materials, internet and intranet sites, and personal checks and personal identification items.

Counties in 903-430 overlay include: Anderson, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Freestone, Grayson, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, Leon, Marion, Morris, Navarro, Panola, Raines, Red River, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood.



FRANCES ROZELL is pictured with the Bogata Public Library/Museum's latest item, a 100 year old chest donated by Mrs. Narca Duncan of El Paso. Also pictured on the wall are an oil painting done by Martha Kate Wood and a small water color done by Anna Bell Branson. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Cemetery work day set for June 1

A work day will be held at the Hagansport Cemetery on Saturday, June 1, 2002 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their tools and come help prepare the area for the upcoming Decoration Day. Cancel if rain.

Bake Sale Monday, June 3

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

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

RHS Cheer Camp

Friday, May 31, 2002 Rivercrest High School Cheerleaders will host a Cheer Camp from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at RHS gym.

The final sign-up date was May 20, 2002. Due to the number of students wishing to sign-up late, Lori Franks, cheerleader sponsor has announced that all students who wish to participate may sign-up until the day of camp for a \$10 fee and knowing they will NOT receive a T-shirt.

Shirts must be pre-ordered, so they will not be available to those who sign-up late. All interested in participating in this cheer camp should see Lori Franks at Rivercrest High School this week or call 903-632-5204 to speak with her.

Chest built in 1800's donated to Bogata Public Library/Museum

Frances Rozell stands beside a chest that was built by Mr. William M. Cofield in the late 1800's. Mr. Cofield was born in 1844. He was a young man in the Civil War and fought in the Battle of Gettysburg. He and his family came to Texas from Georgia in 1870. They lived in Mt. Vernon, Halesboro and Rosalie before finding their way to Bogata around 1886. Mr. Cofield worked as a cabinet maker, wheelright, coffin maker and blacksmith. He was a lay Methodist preacher and was one of the founders of the Methodist Church in Bogata in 1887.

The Cofield's daughter, Willie Margaret, married Lemuel Lassiter in 1893. Mr. Lassiter built the first drug store in Bogata when Bogata was located on what is now 3rd Street. The couple had six children: Fauna Virginia who married Bill Wilkinson; Iva Lou who married John Hooker; Hontas who married L.C. McDonald; Britt who married Clemmie (Dude) Ray; Truman Cofield and Mary Kate who never married.

Mrs. Iva Hooker had the chest, built by her grandfather over 100 years ago in her home at the time of her death in 1993.

The chest is donated to the Bogata Public Library/Museum by Mrs. Iva Hooker's daughter, Mrs. Narca Duncan of El Paso. It is very beautiful and the Museum is so pleased to have it.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the Museum to see the chest as well as the other wonderful items of interest. Library/Museum hours are Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Calling all kids: to the library

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

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

It is not necessary to stay the entire 2 hours but all children should try to be at story time. No AR test will be taken during the summer.

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

Hagansport Cemetery Decoration Day to be held June 9

Decoration Day will be held at Hagansport Cemetery on June 9, 2002. A business meeting will be held at 11:45 a.m. under the pavillion at the cemetery, followed by a covered dish lunch and visiting.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite dish and lawn chairs and come for an afternoon of remembering and making new memories. Cancel if rain.

Cemetery donations may be sent to: Hagansport Cemetery Fund, First National Bank, P.O. Box 909, Mt. Vernon, Tx. 75457 or may be given to Deloria Tower. All donations are appreciated.

Willing pleads guilty

On May 28, 2002, Foy Glenn Willing, age 64, of Clarksville, Texas entered a plea of guilty to 3 separate cases of Promotion of Child Pornography. The cases arose during an investigation when a home health nurse observed Mr. Willing viewing child pornography on his personal computer. The Red River County Sheriff Department with the assistance of Val Varley, the Red River County Attorney, initiated the investigation which resulted in the arrest and indictment of Willing.

Willing entered a plea of guilty to all three cases in the 102nd District Court before A Judge John F. Miller and was sentenced to maximum sentence of 20 years in each case. Judge Miller further ordered each term to run consecutively to each other for a cumulative sentence of sixty years.

During the investigation it was revealed that Willing was a foster parent in Bowie County and had been previously investigated for an allegation of Indecency with a Child. He had denied the Bowie County allegations and the investigation had been closed for insufficient evidence. During the Red River County investigation, he admitted that he had lied to the Child Protective Services and law enforcement authorities in the Bowie County Case and that those allegations were in fact true.

It further was determined that Mr. Willing was active in the 15th Street School PTA in Texarkana where he had been President of the PTA during the time period of the Bowie County allegations.

At the present time, an investigation remains ongoing concerning other allegations in Red River County.



DESTROYED BY FIRE-the old Masonic Lodge Building in Talco was destroyed by fire last week. The building which was built in the mid 1930's once housed not only the Masonic Lodge and Easter Star groups but below at one time Westbrooks Grocery and other businesses. In recent years the lower floor has been apartments. The main street in Talco has lost yet another of its historic buildings. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

"Amazon Outfitters on Expedition" is theme for Bible School

"Amazon Outfitters-On Expedition with the One True God" is the theme for the Vacation Bible School to be held June 3-7 at the Talco Baptist Church in Talco.

Built around an Amazon adventure expedition, the week will be full of exciting Bible stories, a lagoon of crafts, fun music in the music festival, and rain forest related refreshments and recreation.

All children, age Pre-K through grade 6 are invited to join the Bible School June 3-7 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Transportation is available within the Talco area. Call the church office at 379-3981 or 572-0653 for registration or more information.

Red Oak Cemetery homecoming is June 2

The Red Oak Cemetery Homecoming will be Sunday, June 2 at the cemetery, 3.5 miles northeast of Blossom on FM1502.

Bring a picnic lunch. Anyone interested in the cemetery is encouraged to attend.

Cunningham Fire Department having Sale and Trades Day

The Cunningham Fire Department will have a Farm Equipment and Trade Day at 10:00 a.m. on June 8th at the Cunningham Center to help pay for the new Fire Station. There will be a concession stand. Everyone is invited to set up a booth, donate items for the Fire Department Garage Sale or Sale Farm Equipment items.

For information call James and Pat Norwood at 652-2672.

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People & Things

June 7 & 8

Talco Baseball/Softball Inc. will host a Tee Ball Tournament on June 7 & 8 at the Talco field. Everyone is invited to come out and watch the wonderful little players from Talco, Avery, Clarksville, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Pleasant and more.

Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



With Memorial Day just past and graduation in the forefront, things are hectic for everyone. This is also the time for weddings and showers, brunches, lunches and other assorted gatherings. The weather has also taken a turn for the better.....well, you must agree that all of that rain did put a damper on things. But anyway, this week, we are thinking fast and cool, so I am including some great salad recipes that will help in this area.

Several of these can be made ahead of time to cut down on the kitchen time. They can also be packed easily and carried to the places that you were supposed to be at an hour ago!.....have you ever been caught in that situation?

Anyway, try some of these and see if they are not the best and we will see you in the kitchen!

FOUR STAR HAM SALAD-add a little pasta to this and voila!.....great!

BACON-RANCH POTATO SALAD-this is a wonderful, light meal for anyone!

BACON-PASTA SALAD-bacon, veggies and pasta!.....outstanding!

QUICK BLT SALAD-you like BLT sandwiches?.....you will love this!

EASY EGG SALAD-great on a sandwich or with crackers!

FRUIT SLAW-a little different on the slaw scale, but try it!.....you will like it!

New cardiac triage units available at Christus St. Joseph's

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System has recently purchased a second "Biosite Triage Cardiac System" for use in its emergency rooms, a device that dramatically reduces the time it takes to confirm or rule out suspected heart attacks.

Mark Mallory, RN, director of emergency services for CHRISTUS St. Joseph's, said a Biosite system is now located in the emergency rooms on both the North and South Campuses. "These units are ready for immediate use in the ER when a suspected heart attack victim arrives. Three tests critical to diagnosing a heart attack can be performed right in the emergency room in a matter of minutes."

Previously, suspected heart patients had blood drawn and sent to the laboratory for analysis, a process that took considerably more time. With the new Biosite system, three important basic tests can be completed in 20 minutes.

"The Biosite system allows the ER staff and physicians to begin early intervention therapeutics much sooner, generally within 30 minutes of arrival," Mallory said. "Time is a critical factor in successfully treating those suffering

a heart attack. Quick intervention often leads to shorter stays in the hospital and faster recovery times."

The portable Biosite Triage Cardiac System measures the presence of three cardiac "marker" proteins, typically released into the bloodstream following an acute myocardial infarction, or heart attack. The same device can also be used to conduct yet another blood test associated with diagnosing heart failure, the BNP test. That test measures B-type natriuretic peptide in blood plasma, the circulating blood protein secreted by the overloaded and failing heart.

Mallory said six million Americans visit emergency departments annually suffering from chest pain, yet only 11 percent are ultimately diagnosed as having had a heart attack. "But," he cautioned, "this does not mean that those who have classic heart attack symptoms should not seek immediate medical help." With the addition of the Biosite systems, he added, those suspected of having a heart attack can be diagnosed much faster, treatment can begin sooner, and - hopefully - outcomes will be much better.

Obituaries

Juanita Collins Gibson dies May 21

Juanita Collins Gibson, age 73 of Irving, formerly of Dallas, died Tuesday, May 21 in Baylor Medical Center, Irving.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 24 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel in Irving with burial following in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gibson was born May 5, 1929 in Glendale, the daughter of Corbett Collins and Davie Burns Collins. She was retired in 1996 after 50 years with Southwestern Bell in Dallas in operator service and was the former owner of Gibson Fence Company.

Surviving are a daughter, Vicki Pierce and husband Bill of Irving and Rhonda Espinoza and husband Sal of Irving; a sister, Kathleen Bartlett of Denton; a brother, Wayne Collins of Royce City; grandchildren, Summer Hamilton, Brandon Hamilton, Ashley Pierce, Montana Pierce, Jordan Pierce, Nick Espinoza and Michael Espinoza.

William E. Grant dies May 24

William E. (Billie) Grant, 79, of Blossom died Friday May 24, 2002 at his home.

Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home conducted graveside services at 10:00 a.m. Monday May 27, 2002 at Knight of Honor Cemetery in Blossom with Rev. Buddy Greer officiating. The family received friends at the funeral home Sunday 5-6 p.m.

Billie was born July 6, 1922 in Deport, a son of Joseph A. and Ocie Ellis Grant. He married Viola Davis October 28, 1941 in Deport.

Billie served his country in the Army Air Force during World War II. He retired from Campbell Soup in 1984 after 20 years of service and was a member of the Methodist Church in Deport.

Survivors include a son Tommy Grant of Blossom; a daughter Peggie Anderson and husband Don of Blossom; grandchildren, Tera Kay Anderson, Clark and Melissa Grant; great-grandchildren, Amber and Casey Grant, two brothers, Arthur and wife Bobbie Grant of Paris, Wayne Grant of Fairfield, Calif.; a brother-in-law, Thomas Burnett of Blossom; two sisters-in-law, Mary Grant of Mission and Nancy Reeder of Garland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Viola, who died March 2, 2002 and a brother, B.C. Grant.

Pallbearers will be Clark Grant, DaKota Wright, David Grant, Donnie Grant, Timmy Grant and Bradley O'Brien.

Card of Thanks

Dayna Mauldin and family send a sincere thank you to everyone for the flowers, stuffed bears, prayers, phone calls and visits during my recovery at the hospital and home.

Colleen Slaton

Fulbright News
BY BETTY RODGERS
652-6051

A wedding shower for Bob and Karen Baker Norris was held in the home of Mrs. Viola Long of Paris on May 18. They received many nice and useful gifts.

Betty Rodgers and Melissa Arriaga spent the weekend in Boyd with Bernice Thomas.

Monte and Stephanie Rodgers and Melissa Kelley went to South Texas and visited a few days with Richard and Tonia Gaudet in Humble.

Visitors of Jimmie King were Kutchie King of Reno, Randy Osburn and daughter, Rebecca of Midlothian and Dick King of Paris. Jimmy had dinner Sunday with Kyle and Kutchie King of Reno and Duane and Bobbie King were also there.

Linda Salter of Brady spent the holiday weekend with her parents, Clovis and Katy VanDeaver. Fulbright Homecoming is June 8 at the community center. Lunch will be served at noon.

Sunday visitors of Clovis and Katy VanDeaver were Linda Salter of Brady, Larann and John Denison of Rosalie, Mitzie, Gary and Michael Pirtle of Paris, Gordon, Helen and James VanDeaver and Vivi Avila of Pattonville.

The children of Fulbright Baptist Church had an end-of-school party Sunday afternoon.

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Malone, Jopes & Phipps Reunion to be held

There will be a Malone, Jopes and Phipps Reunion at the Malone Ranch Lake Vasco, Texas in Delta County on Sunday, June 2nd. For more information call 395-4371 or 785-1592 or 652-3193

Attend The Church of Your Choice

PJC to host girls basketball camp

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

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

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.

RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS

This week's query is from Vivian Cogbill, Rt.#2-Box 433-B, Jasper, Texas 75951. She is interested in her husband's family who is buried in the Halesboro Cemetery. Those known to be buried there of his family are: William Washington Cogbill, Francis Marion and Samantha (Patton) Cogbill and W.R. Patton, as well as an aunt, Fannie (Cogbill) Brown. She wonders if W.R.'s wife, Amanda (Ringo) Patton was buried there in an unmarked grave. Amanda was the daughter of Peter Ringo, an early Red River pioneer. Mrs. Cogbill would appreciate hearing from anyone who may have information that would be helpful to her.

If you would like to write to Mrs. Cogbill, do so at the above address. If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send to the Red River Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

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Thursday, May 30, 2002

Four Star Ham Salad

9 ounces baked ham-cut into match sticks
4 ounces Swiss cheese-cut into match sticks
2 cups rigatoni-cook, drain & keep warm

3 scallions-chopped
1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup orange juice
2 tablespoon fruit chutney
2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
2 teaspoons horseradish
1 teaspoon McCormick Brandy Extract
lettuce leaves
1 orange-peel & section for garnish

Combine all ingredients except lettuce and orange and toss well. Line plates with lettuce leaves, add salad and garnish with oranges sections.

Bacon-Ranch Potato Salad

1/2 cup Miracle Whip
1/4 Ranch dressing
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/8 teaspoon garlic salt
3 small red potatoes-cook and drain
6 slices bacon-crisp and crumbled
1/2 cup celery
1/2 cup thin sliced red pepper strips
1/2 sliced green onions

Mix dressing and seasonings in large bowl. Add remaining ingredients and mix lightly. Serve.

Bacon-Paste Salad

8 ounce rotini pasta-cook & drain
8 ounce bottle zesty Italian dressing
6 cherry tomatoes-quartered

2 green onions-sliced
2.8 ounce can bacon bits
Mix pasta, dressing, tomatoes and onions. Refrigerate 2 hours and stir occasionally. Sti in bacon just before serving.

Quick BLT Salad

1 package Suddenly Salad Ranch & Bacon
1/2 cup Miracle Whip
3 cups finely shredded lettuce
1 large tomato-coarsely chopped
1/4 cup bacon bits
Cook as directed on package and stir in lettuce, tomato and mix lightly. Sprinkle with bacon bits over top.

Easy Egg Salad

6 hard-cooked eggs-peel & chop
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon season salt
In medium bowl, combine first 6 ingredients. Cover and chill and top with paprika before serving.

Fruit Slaw

3 cups finely shredded green cabbage
1 cup finely chopped Granny Smith apple
1/4 cup dried cranberries or cherries
8 ounce can crushed pineapple-drain a& reserve juice
2 tablespoon unsalted sunflower nuts

1/2 cup plain yogurt
1 tablespoon honey
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
Mix apple, cabbage,cranberries and pineapple. Set aside. Combine yogurt, 2 tablespoons reserved pineapple juice, honey and mustard. Mix well and stir into cabbage mixture. Serve.



CHECKING FOR HEART ATTACK - Jo Cook, RN in the CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Medical Center, North emergency room, uses the Biosite Triage Cardiac System to confirm or rule out a suspected heart attack.

Wellness Centers to offer free classes

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's wellness centers, RACE For Life and AeroFit, will offer a free "tag team aerobics" fitness class for the public as well as center members on Thursday, June 13.

Activities get under way at 5:30 p.m. at the AeroFit gym, 950 E. Austin St., and will conclude at 6:45 p.m.

"Tag team aerobics is a fun, energetic way to see what kind of classes the fitness centers offer," said Fitness Leader Traci McDonald. "Come ready to try a combination of abs, step, hi/lo, jump jab alotta kick, and we'll cool you back down with stretch -n- strengthen, a new class."

Child care will be provided in the AeroFit aerobic room from 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Reservations are required by calling (903) 782-2900.

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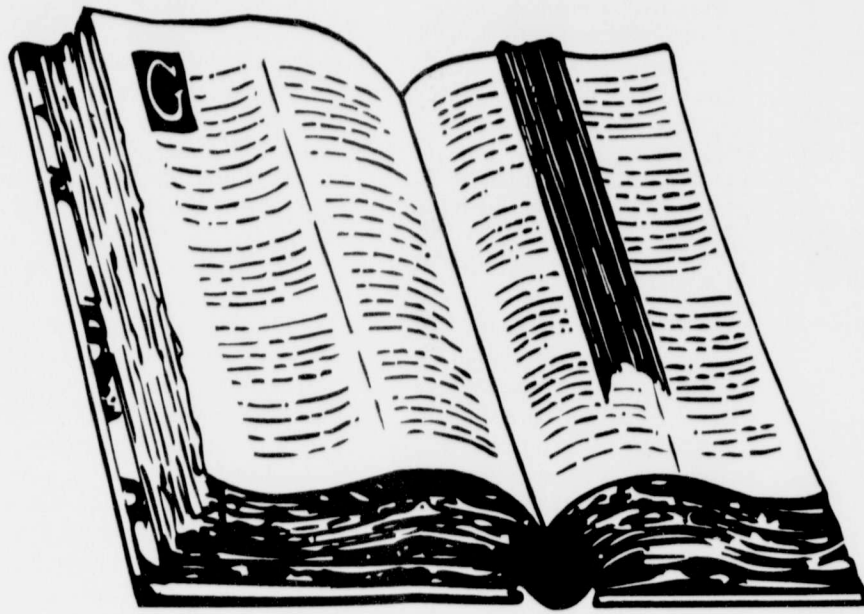
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Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Hwy. 82 W.
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Faith Baptist Church, SBC
Ruth St,
Deport, TX

Pastor, Dr. L.C. Stout
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Class 7 p.m.

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Wednesday 6 p.m.
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Hwy. 271 S, Bogata
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Class-toddlers-5-Christy Cooper
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Children's Church-ages 6-11-Bill Higgins
Teen Class-age 12-18
Young Adult Class * Sr. Adult Class
Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
For Information, 632-4311

First United Methodist Church

202 N. Main, Bogata, TX
903-632-5610
Rev. Joe Gist
Service Times:
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Blossom Church of Christ

640 W. Front St., Blossom, TX
982-5667
Service Times:
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Ministers Evan Butler, 982-6083
David Ballard, 982-7245

Bogata Missionary Baptist Church

Hwy. 271, Bogata, TX 632-9922
Pastor Billy Daniels 632-9948
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Discovery Bible Clubs 6:45 p.m.
Teen Discovery 6:45
Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.
Other Youth Activities as announced

Detroit First Assembly of God

Pastor Claud Plunk
Service Times:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wed.
Whiz Kids 6 p.m.
Bible Study & Royal Rangers

Day Spring House of Prayer

Pastor Buddy Hines
Service Times:
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Service 7 p.m.
115 Church St., Deport

Deport First Presbyterian Church

Visiting Pastors
Service Times:
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

First Methodist Church

Cunningham, TX
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Service Times:
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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Worship 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Wed. Cottage Prayer 7 p.m.
Daycare M-F, 6:30-5:30
Pastor Michael Bolton

Deport First Baptist Church

Pastor Freddy Burden
Service Times:
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship . 10:50 a.m.
Sunday evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

177 Pecan St., Deport, TX
Ted Willis, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.
Everyone Welcome

Cuthand United Methodist Church

Hwy. 1487, Bogata, TX
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Service Times:
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
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First Baptist Church Detroit, TX

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Martin Memorial United Methodist Church

Detroit, TX 674-4455
Pastor Lee Everett
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Robert Holmes, Jeanie Shone, Scott Holmes. Back row: James and Mary Holmes.

Holmes celebrate 60th anniversary

Maj. (Ret.) and Mrs. James R. Holmes celebrated their 60th anniversary May 9, 2002.

The couple, both of Pattonville, married May 9, 1942 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. This union was blessed with three children, Jeannie, Scott and Robert. Jim's career in the U.S. Army took the family to several places including Germany and Japan where Mary always made a happy home. Upon Jim's retirement from the service in 1959, he began his second successful career working for Sommer's Drug Stores. He worked his way up through the company and retired in 1978 as senior vice-president of the company's 43 stores in Austin, San Antonio and Beaumont. The couple has lived in San Antonio since 1967.

A party was held in their honor in Dripping Springs at the home of their granddaughter and grand-

son-in-law, Becky and Scott Davis. Guests enjoyed delicious barbeque, beautiful weather and lively music by the Campfire Cowboys. Friends and family members attending the celebration included brother-in-law, Pat Carbone and family of Dallas, friend Lorraine McFarland of Mineral Wells and daughter Susie Harwell of DeSoto; Jim and Mary's children, Jeannie and Don Shone of Garfield, Scott and Charolette Holmes of Seguin, Robert and Jacqui Holmes of Corpus Christi; grandchildren Becky and husband Scott Davis, Laura and husband Alan Seiler, Kenny Kelly, Cindy and husband Steve Hafner, Richard Holmes and Kyle Holmes and great-grandchildren Kristin, Mary Catherine, Kaitlyn, Spencer, Daniel, Jason and Kayley enjoyed the day with their very special grandparents.



Mary and James Holmes 1942



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Ice cream "Scoop Off" featured at Bogata Frontier Days

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

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

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

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

Beware sun's harmful rays

When heading outdoors this summer, it is essential that special attention be placed on protecting yourself from the sun's harmful rays to prevent skin cancer.

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States; it is estimated that 40 to 50% of fair skinned Americans who live to be 65 years of age will have skin cancer at least once in their lives. An estimated 9,200 people in the United States will die of skin cancer this year.

Knowing the signs and symptoms of skin cancer can assist in early detection and treatment. These include a growth or sore that doesn't heal; a change in the size or color of a mole or other dark colored growth; scabiness, oozing bleeding or change in appearance of a bump; spread of skin color beyond its border; an change in sensation such as itching or pain.

Avoid extended or continuous exposures to the sun longer than 1 hour, during intense sun hours.

Before going outdoors, always apply a sunscreen with sun protection factor of at least 15.

Keep infants and children from extended exposure to the sun. Avoid tanning booths.

Wear sunglasses, hats and other protective clothing.

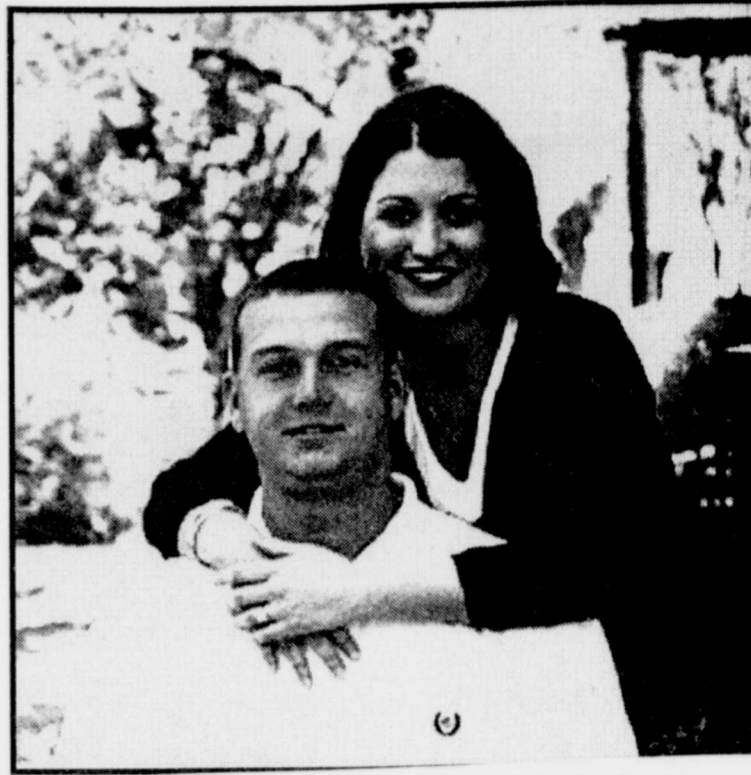
Give yourself a monthly exam for any change in size, shape or color of a mole and see your doctor if you detect any changes.

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"Basics for Starting a Small Business" will be presented Friday, June 7, 9:00 am-12 noon, in the Alford Center at Paris Junior College.

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To register, contact Continuing Education at Paris Junior College at 903-782-0447. For more information on programs and services of the Paris Small Business Development Center, contact Pat Bell at 903-782-0224.



Lauren Shae Farrar and Christopher Andy Gentry

Farrar-Gentry announce engagement

John and Angie Farrar of Mt. Pleasant announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lauren Shae to Christopher Andy Gentry.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Robert J. Deason of Mt. Pleasant and the late Peggy I. Deason and Bobbie Ann Farrar of Lancaster and the late Howard L. Farrar. She is a 1996 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and a 2001 graduate of Dental Hygiene School at Tyler Junior College. She is currently employed with Dr. Guy Waldron, DDS, in Longview.

The prospective groom is the son of Ronnie and Evette Birchfield of Talco and Andy C. Gentry of Mt. Pleasant. He is the grandson of Shirley Holt of Sugar Hi and the late Willie D. Holt, Billy and Doris Gentry of Mt. Pleasant and Faye McGee of Argo. He is a 1996 graduate of Rivercrest High School and is currently employed with Morrison Supply Co. in Mt. Pleasant.

The couple plan to marry August 17, 2002 at Tankersley Gardens in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.



Donna Stockton DUM

Clark graduates from Austin College

Austin College awarded 325 Bachelor of Arts degrees at commencement ceremonies May 19th on the campus.

Actor Henry Winkler offered the commencement address. The student address was presented by graduating senior Tyler Owen of Round Rock.

Bachelor of Arts degree candidate Aubrey Anne Clark of Bogata graduated Cum Laude, Psychology. She is the daughter of Charlotte and David Rozell of Bogata and Gary and Susan Clark of Azle.

Donna (Stockton) Lammon graduates from LSU May 20, 2002

The Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine conferred 78 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees at its 26th annual Veterinary Medicine commencement exercises Monday, May 20, 2002. Dr. Steven L. Marks, former LSU faculty member, gave the commencement address at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

After the degrees were conferred, the graduates recited the Veterinarian's Oath, adopted by the American Veterinary Medical Association in 1969. Dr. Kevin Lynn Dickey closed the ceremony with the benediction. Among the graduates was Donna Michelle Stockton Lammon, Small Animal Internship, Veterinary Referral Center, Mandeville, La. Donna, a former resident and Rivercrest High School graduate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stockton of Bogata and

the granddaughter of Dorothy Stockton of Bogata and the late Cecil Stockton and Rufus and Mel Ward. The Stockton's joy is double, Donna's graduation and announcement that there will be a new arrival in the family in the spring. Donna and her husband, Matt will make their home in Mandeville, LA. where Donna will do a one year internship. Congratulations Donna on both events from all you family and friends in Bogata and Talco.

Attending the commencement exercises were; Don and Sandra Stockton, Bill, Shirley and Callie Anderson all of Bogata, Mark, Sandra and Matt Lammon of Baton Rouge, LA., Stan Anderson of Destrahan, LA., Amber Wieniewitz of Baton Rouge, LA., Madeline Wilkie of Luling, LA. and Johnny and Nina Couch of Welsh, LA.

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Sympathy is extended to the family of Nina Gentry.

John Graf and John Ed spent the holiday weekend visiting in Ft. Worth.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown Sunday were Jack, Jennifer and Jaden Brown of Powderly. Jennifer, Jaden and Nancy attended a wedding shower in honor of Tonya Hawkins, bride-elect of David Grider at the Maple Springs Church in the afternoon.

Arthur, Patsy, Russell and Melaine Smith traveled to Marshall Thursday to see grandson, nephew and cousin, Josh Smith graduate from Elysian Fields High School. Following the ceremony they and 16 family members and guest enjoyed supper at the Japeleno Tree in Marshall.

Happy May Birthday to Carolina Prado.

Happy June Birthday to: Cheryl Griffin, Monica and Monique Savage, Laura Smith, Robert Caul Rhoades, Jason Dean Graf and Christopher Smith.

Chad Smith of Elysian Fields is spending the summer with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith and Melanie.

Marta Rhoades and Tina Nolen traveled to Fairfield to visit Pat Wright Monday.



PATRICIA TAYLOR OF BOGATA and JEFF GRISSOM OF MT. PLEASANT were among those receiving an associate degree in nursing at NTCC in Pinning Ceremonies held May 10, 2002 in the Whatley Center for the Performing Arts at NTCC. Pictured are; (seated from the left) Patricia Taylor of Bogata, Kami Cobb of Naples, April Blease of Paris, Heidi Murphy of Winnsboro, Patti Clifton of Omaha, Mellisa Dunavant of Winnsboro, Jennifer McClain of Lone Star and (standing from the left) Verronica Sears of Pittsburg, Jeff Grissom of Mt. Pleasant, Teresa Lively of Campbell, Cassandra Self of Saltillo, Vicki Cooper of Mt. Pleasant, Kristie Wisdom of Jefferson, Kelly Whiddon of Quitman, Sherri Mead of Pittsburg, Melissa Vissering of Lone Star, Joely Henderson of Cookville, Terri Drabble of Mt. Vernon and Jean Hardman of Marshall. Patricia is the daughter of Ann Rahdolph of Bogata. Jeff is the son of Daniel and Jan Grissom of Mt. Pleasant. Congratulations to Patricia and Jeff and all the graduates!!

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-Thomas Jefferson

2001-2002 donations to RHS Library

The following books were donated to the Rivercrest High School Library during the 2001-2002 school year:

The Day John Died by Christopher Andersen-in memory of Carolyn Simmons by Ronald and Susan Simmons.

Another Season: A Coach's Story of Raising an Exceptional Son by Gene Stallings and Sally Cook-in memory of Dianne Ross by Bill and Shirley Anderson.

The Cross and the Switchblade by David Wilkerson in memory of Dianne Ross by Mr. and Mrs. Berney Huddleston and family.

The Nazi Officer's Wife: How One Jewish Woman Survived the Holocaust by Edith Hahn Beer-in memory of Dianne Ross by Gail, Zachary and Jeremy Ward.

Overdrive: Bill Gates and the Race to Control Cyberspace by James Wallace-in memory of Dianne Ross by Kathy, Keith, Carli and Kayla Brown.

Chasing Down the Dawn by Jewel Kilcher-in memory of Dianne Ross by Margaret & T.J. Fowler.

The Life of Elizabeth I by Alison Weir-in memory of Ennis Moore by Gail, Zachary and Jeremy Ward.

UFO: The Government Files by Peter Brookesmith-in memory of Cecil Stockton by Gail, Zachary and Jeremy Ward.

The Encyclopedia of Motorcycles: The Complete Book of Motorcycles and Their Riders by Roland Brown-in memory of Junior Hare by Gail, Zachary and Jeremy Ward.

A Pictorial History of the U.S. Presidents by Clare Gibson-in

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The Men of Brewster Place by Gloria Naylor- in memory of Melba Reed by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hare and girls.

Mr. Capone by Robert J. Schoenberg-in memory of Maricano (Luis) Marquez by Lila Simmons.

Seven From Heaven: The Miracle of the McCaughey Septuplets by Kenny an Bobbi McCaughey-in memory of Mildred Stansell by Mark and Debbie Hare.

Scared Hoops: Spiritual Lessons of a Hardwood Warrior by Phil Jackson and Hugh Deelehanty-in memory of Rufus Merritt by T.J. and Margaret Fowler.

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John Wayne, My Father, by Aissa Wayne and Steve Delsohn-in memory off Rufus Merritt by Gail, Zachary and Jeremy Ward.

Just As I Am: The Autobiography of Billy Graham by Billy Graham-in memory of Dr. E.L. Miller by Lila Simmons.

Trauma Room One: The JFK Medical Coverup Exposed by Charles a. Crenshaw, M.D.-in memory of Rhea Epps by Lila Simmons, Terry Simmons, Bobby and Anne Simmons and family.

Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War by Mark Bowden-in memory of Francis Carpenter by Lila Simmons, Terry Simmons, Bobby and Anne Simmons and family.

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Claude Debussy: His Life and Works by Leon Vallas-donated by Steven Shade.

The Master Musicians: Tchaikovsky by Edward Garden donated by Chance Wolfe.

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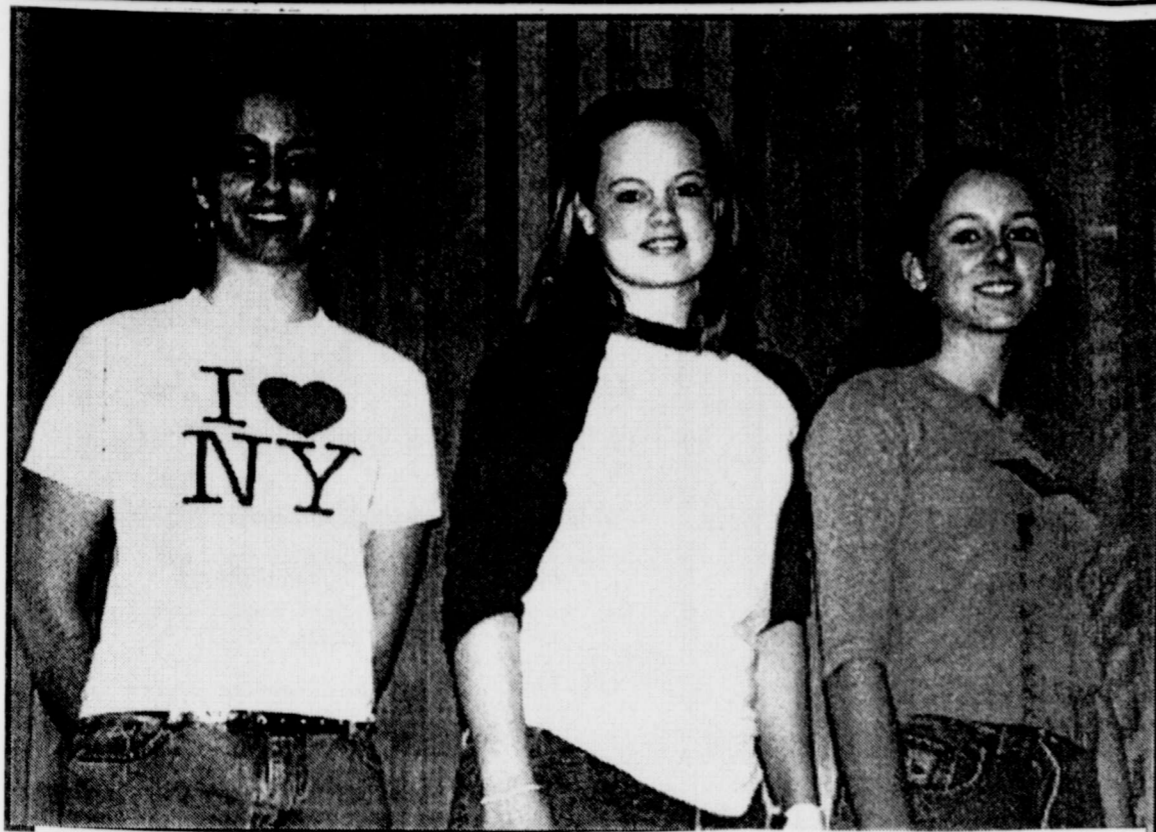
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OFFICERS OF 2002-2003-Chosen as officers for the Rivercrest Rebel Band in the coming year are: (from the left) Kristy Riffle-Assistant Manager and Captain of the Rebel Flag Corp; Kristin Simmons-Flag Corp Captain and Kacey Van Deaver-Drum Major for the Rebel Band. Kacey is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Van Deaver of Johntown. Kristin is the daughter of Bobby and Anne Simmons of Johntown and Kristy is the daughter of Gary and Pauline Riffle of Cuthand. Congratulations girls!

Sign-up time for Bogata Rodeo Princess contest

It is time to sign-up for the Bogata Rodeo Princess Contest for the upcoming rodeo. Qualifications are: girls must live in a 50 mile radius of Bogata; ages 5 through 12 are eligible and contestants should call Robbi Marshall at 903-632-49668 or 632-0105.

The last date for sign-up is May 31, 2002.

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 ---PEARL S. BUCK

Bogata Locals
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James and Joyce Ward celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary May 28, 2002. The couple were married May 28, 1955 at the Talco Church of Christ. Happy Anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Ward!

Visiting Sunday with Dixie Stringfellow were Jimmy Stringfellow, Kenneth York, Joe and Misty Stringfellow, Vicki Tabb, Maggie Richardson, Billy, Kathy, Kaley, Kellen and Kason Stringfellow, Betty Joy Puckett, Jean Robinson, Charlie Riggs and Cody Webb. Monday visitors were Jimmy Stringfellow, Kenneth York, Billy Stringfellow and Jan McCuller of Mt. Pleasant.

Happy May Anniversary to: James and Joyce Ward, Scott and Diann Branch and Stuart and Sherry Williams.

Jacob York of Grapevine spent Saturday night with his grandfather, Kenneth York. They visited Dixie Stringfellow Saturday.

Maggie Richardson of Muenster is visiting with her grandparents, Dan and Vicki Tabb.

On Thursday May 23, 2002 Zelma Mauldin, Phyllis and Kenneth Duffer went to Bismark, AR. for their grandson and great grandson's 8th grade graduation. Corey Martin received four certificates. One for promotion, one for advancement in Ag., one for the honor of helping his teachers and one for being voted by his classmates as the Most Popular boy. Also attending the graduation were his mom, dad and sister, Tricia, Richard and Casey Bradley of Bismark, AR.

Betty Puckett and Jean Robinson of Denton came Sunday and attended services at Johntown Baptist Church and surprised Betty's relatives there. Lucille Childers of Pittsburg spent the weekend at her Johntown home and also attended church services there. Betty and Jean also visited sisters, Dixie Stringfellow and Edna Earl and M.J. Dodd and brother, Kenneth York.

Casey York returned to his home at Red River Healthcare Center Thursday after a few days at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Weekend visitors with Phyllis and Kenneth Duffer were Mike, Jill and Maddi Hatfield of Garland. Also visiting was Zelma Mauldin and Margie Garrett of Bogata.

Enjoying a delicious fish supper Monday at the home of Joe and Misty Stringfellow of Paris, co-hosted by Billy and Kathy Stringfellow were the hosts and children, Tyler, Darrin, Brent, Josh, Jake, Kaley, Kellen and Kason, Kenneth York, Jimmy Stringfellow, Dixie Stringfellow, Chris, Cindy, Chandi, Colton and Christopher Cole, Melanie and Colt Moore.

Happy May Birthday to: Rick Cheatwood, Sandra Moreno, Marty Williams, Roney Garret Cortez, Marlin Foster, Melissa Edge, Ethan Williams, David Bull, Callen Morgan, Buddy Abernathy, Donna Hildebrand, Brandon Bell, Breanna Bryson, Angela Kyle, Julie Childers and Marla Williams.

Sunday night Zelma Mauldin, Margie Garrett, Linda Gray and Phyllis Duffer went to Providence Baptist Church in Paris to enjoy the Crusaders Quartet gospel singing. The quartet is based out of Garland and one of the singers, Mike Hatfield, is Zelma Mauldin's grandson, Margie Garrett's great nephew and Phyllis Duffer's nephew.

We ought to do good to others as simply as a horse runs, or a bee makes honey, or a vine bears grapes season after season without thinking of the grapes it has borne.
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A GIFT FROM Liechenstein-this 1981 Chevy van was built in the good old USA and shipped to Liechenstein where it was custom fitted to be used as a fire truck. It has been used as a volunteer fire department truck since 1981. This month, the Chevy came home to the USA and was delivered to Brushy Creek Farms east of Cunningham, Texas. David Basinger, shop foreman for Brushy Creek Farms, said that when he took delivery the truck was still equipped with red flashing lights. The compartments used for fire fighting equipment now house tools for repairing farm equipment. And the kicker is, the truck only has 9,000 miles on it since 1981!




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EDDY DENNY, member of the First Baptist Church of Bogata, works on a Texas Baptist Men Retiree Builders construction project near Paris, building a home for an 11 year old girl and her family.

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Local man helping building "Courtney's House"

The staccato pounding of nails and whirring of circular saws ripping lumber echoed through the post oaks near Hopewell. And, Eddy Denny of Bogata is one of the "Baptist Builders" who were helping to run these carpentry tools.

The Texas Baptist Men Retiree Builders began work May 14 on the home for the family of 11-year-old Courtney Akard. The sixth grade honor student with a beaming smile has been confined to a wheelchair since a car wreck five years ago injured her spinal cord.

The Retiree Builders typically build churches or facilities for Baptist camps. They seldom build private residences.

But the volunteers agreed to make an exception for "Courtney's house" after Debbie Drake called the Texas Baptist Men office at the urging of her pastor, Randall Scott at Immanuel Baptist Church in Paris.

Drake, a registered nurse, explained that an auto accident had left Courtney unable to walk and with severely limited use of her hands and arms. She lived with her mother and two teenaged brothers in a one-bedroom rent house.

Their home on a busy highway north of Paris lacked insulation, and Courtney could barely maneuver her electronic wheelchair through it's narrow hallways. All the countertops and fixtures were beyond her reach.

Courtney's mother had worked as a home health care provider before her daughter's accident. Since then, she has scraped together a living for her family by selling advertising and promotional fund-raising items, painting houses and doing other part time jobs during school hours.

"God is good. He let me have a roof over my head and I'm not complaining. I'm still proud to have it. It could be worse," Dianne Akard said.

She managed to buy a 1.3 acre lot in the Hopewell community and she and her sons cleared a site by hand on the heavily wooded property where she dreamed of building a home for Courtney.

But, she soon learned that the government considered any property that was currently unoccupied to be a financial asset. Until she moved on the property or sold it, Courtney was ineligible for any state or federal financial assistance or medical benefits.

Akard struggled with the decision, but she chose to hold onto the land and give up government benefits until they could build a house. She saw it as Courtney's security into the future. And, she dreamed of a handicapped accessible home that would provide her daughter the opportunity to regain a degree of independence.

"I'm getting older. There's going to be a point in my life when I can't pick up Courtney", Akard said.

She looked forward to the prospect of a home where her daughter could bathe herself, cook her own meals and learn other independent living skills.

Courtney's mother contacted Chris Whitaker, a local homebuilding and layman at First Baptist Church of Paris. He worked with a PJC architect to draw plans for a house that would be fully handicapped accessible and he secured many donated building supplies. But the project could not be completed without volunteer laborers to coordinate it.

"A lot of people were willing to come out and help, but it just wasn't enough. We all have to work for a living, and people have to provide for their won families", Akard said.

The Texas Baptist Men Retiree Builders met the challenge. "I think we should step out occasionally and take on tasks that are outside the norm of church building" said James Griffin of Seven Oaks Baptist Church in Wills Point.

Members of churches related to the Baptist General Convention of Texas help support the TBMRB through their gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions. The builders live in their own RVs and donate their labor, the missions offering provides them a fully equipped tool trailer and local churches provide meals.

The Retiree Builders agreed to frame the house, put sheeting on the outside and install the ceiling joists. The contractor will install rafters and decking. Volunteers form Immanuel Baptist Church will roof the house and a local bricklayer already agreed to donate his time.

It is hoped that Courtney will be in the house by the time school begins next fall.

The new house is three times the size of the rent house where the Akards currently live in. Dianne Akard finds it hard to express the depth of her gratitude for the Retiree Builders' role in what she calls "Courtney's House".

"We're just so happy and grateful people care. You know how the world gets; sometimes you wonder how things really are. But there's good people still around" she said.

Every day Courtney's mother brought her to the building site. While her mother wheeled her around the slab, Courtney stretched her arms as wide as she could, showing how spacious the hallways would be. "Oh, momma, I won't be scraping my elbows against the walls," she said.

Courtney turns twelve next month, looks forward to the independence her new handicapped accessible home will provide.

The Dragon Slayer

by Bobby Maddox

As I drive around this area there are things that always catch my eye. One of these is the rusty scoreboard at the north end of what was once the Bogata football field. Now the location is occupied by a softball field. I was witness to many football games on that field between the Bogata Bulldogs and the Deport Tigers. Farther east is also the remains of another football field, the home of the Talco Trojans where I also saw several football games in the late 1940's.

A year or so ago, my wife Sherri and I stopped at the Talco School during the summer months and met the principal, Kelly Stansell. She kindly consented to allow us to take another look at the football field and gym where I once played basketball for Deport Elementary School in 1948-49. There wasn't much left of the field. There were slight traces of the asphalt track around the field and the concrete bleachers on the east side were still there and probably always will be.

To prove what a small world it is, I found that Mrs. Stansell's father-in-law is Gerald Stansell, a friend of mine when I attended Paris Junior College in the mid 1950's. When we were getting in the pickup I said to Sherri, "When I went to school I never had a principal as attractive as Mrs. Stansell."

At Deport, sadly, there are no traces left of the two football fields I remember there. The oldest field was on the gin lot just across Mustang Creek on land now occupied by a large warehouse used by Blackland Prairie Gin. This field never had lights and seemed to get very muddy on the southern end. The baseball diamond was located on the northeast part of the lot. Recently Larry McGill and I recalled the game in which his older brother, Gaylon, while batting, was struck by a bean-ball. The im-

print of the ball's stitches were clearly visible on Gaylon's head for quite a while. This was before batting helmets were used. At this time, the coach at Deport was my father, R.L. Maddox.

The other football field was on land now occupied by the City of Deport Housing Authority. This field had lights and metal bleachers on the north side. Deport High School could now have night games at home. A few weeks ago, I stopped by the Housing Authority and had a very interesting conversation with the administrator, Melba Ladd, her husband Carlos, and Kenneth Gifford. Melba found some old photographs, and one of them showed the remains of the metal bleachers just before construction of the Housing authority began.

We moved to Powderly just before I began my freshman year, so I never had the opportunity to play high school football, but I did my share of playing baseball in high school at the Paris Boys' Club and in the Lamar County League. I was never a good hitter and didn't have a strong enough arm to make a hard throw from third or shortstop, but I could catch a ground ball fairly well and considered myself to be an adequate second baseman.

Some of the earliest games I remember playing in were against Pattonville in the late 1940's. When we played in Pattonville, we played on the baseball diamond located in an pasture just east of town and had some very exciting games there. We didn't have a coach. We just organized ourselves with the older boys usually playing the key positions. As I recall, southpaw Cotton Anderson, did most of the pitching for Pattonville. We were lucky to have two or three baseballs and a few bats, some of which had tape around the handles to cover the

cracks.

In the summer of 1950, I played in a league at the Paris Boys' Club. The league I played in had a team for each Ward School in Paris. I played for the Graham Crackers and was issued my first baseball uniform. I don't remember the age group, but the league was between the Soda Pop League for 12-year olds and the American Legion.

When we were organized, we found that nobody wanted to play catcher. I knew just the person. My good friend, Donnie Bryson from Deport, was just what we needed. Donnie had the skin between his forefinger and middle finger on his right hand split by a foul tip while playing for Deport High School, a few weeks before. He taped these two fingers together and continued to play that summer for the Graham Crackers. I'll never forget the time that Donnie and I were in Deport with no transportation to Paris on game day. We put on our uniforms and walked down to the highway. With our baseball shoes in hand, we hitchhiked to Paris, played the game and came back to Deport the same way. We enjoyed playing baseball very much and had no intention of missing the game. I'm glad we went because for the first and only time I got three hits in a game. I think organized baseball is a great way for a boy to spend the summer.

A few weeks ago, as I was about to leave the house to go for a ride, my wife said, "Where are you going?" I replied, "Oh, I don't know, just driving around." She continued, "What are you going to do?" I paused a moment and answered, "I may find a goose that can lay golden eggs, or a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. If I feel real energetic I might even slay a dragon." As I walked out the door, Sherri just stood there shaking her head.



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Rivercrest Elementary announces final 6 weeks honors

Rivercrest Elementary has announced the names of students making the final six weeks honor roll. They are:

Mrs. Hudson's First grade-All A: Morgan, Cox, Jessica Lewis, Hannah Rhoades, Bailey Rhodes and Cody Williams.

A & B: Destiny Anderson, Brady Guest, Paige Vandever, Rob Ward and Chase Wilson.

Mrs. Moles' First grade- All A: Nidia Alvarado, Hope Bivins, Allix Brunson, Wesley Davidson, Aaron Eudy, Eli Hale, Emily Hale, Candace Stansell and Emily Ward.

All A & B: Russell Jimenez, Dakota Parrott and Valerie Rhoades.

All B: D.J. Phipps.

Mrs. Miller's First grade-All A: Carli Brown, Hailey Brown, Destini Geese, Lucchese Gordon, Jonathan Moore and Dustin Rose.

All A & B: Monica Bassett, Matt Earley, Rebekah Jones and Kevondrick Savage.

Mrs. Stockton's Second grade-All A: Brooklyn Bishop, Carter Kelsey, Blake Richardson, Jake Sheffield and Jordan Thompson.

All A & B: Camen Calvin, Jacob Harville, Chloe Hodge, Heath Holt and Trevor Jessee.

Mrs. Grissom's Second grade-All A & B: Jed Burge, Darian Smith, Jordan Smith, Shelby Steen and Marley Tidwell.

Mrs. Weddle's Second grade-All A: Jacob Wright.

All A & B: Tyler Easley, Lauren Healy, Niko Perez, Haley Strunc, Raven Travillion, Edward Waymire and Joey White.

Mrs. Reeder's Third grade-All A: Brandon Budro, Haley Lemme, Sarai Martinez, Alison Mauldin, Sammy Newsom, Jesse Ross, Kari Taylor and Jordan White.

All A & B: Kolton Benson, Tamara Moore and Kelsi Thompson.

Mrs. Kennedy's Third grade-All A: Carmen Allen, Haley Bivins, Kyle McCuller, Colton Phipps and Haley Steen.

All A & B: Shala Ridens, T.J. Stahley, Ashley Thuresson, Haley Hall, David Atkins and Taylor Landreth.

Mrs. Ingram's Third grade-All A: Brady Kennedy and Taylor Stafford.

All A & B: Amanda Lee, Dillon Cortez, Davey Cruise, Mary Henley, Loren Rivera, Jessica Smith, Amber Whitney, Logan Wright and Kevin Yeatman.

Mrs. Purviance's Fourth grade-All A: Callie Anderson, Kelsey Franks, Jessica Jessee, Jordan Jones, Clay Rose, Garrett Sheffield, Kaley Stringfellow and Brandi Via.

All A & B: Aaron Burns, Dustin Gentry and Michael Strunc.

Mrs. Holeman's Fourth grade-All A: Ashley Savage.

All A & B: Lacey Bryan, Dakota Earley, Seton Hawkins, Heather Story and Valerie Vaughan.

Mrs. Ballard's Fourth grade-All A: Brittany Littrell.

All A & B: Kassie Anderson, Josh Moore, Alec Moreno, Hailey Screws, Amber Via and Jerica White.

Mrs. Gable's Fifth grade-All A: Cheyenne Williams.

All A & B: Sarah Ashley, Niki Lewis, Kayla Whitney, Justin Bryan and Stephen Jackson.

Mrs. Scott's Fifth grade-All A: Tara Cunningham.

All A & B: Jessica Bassett, Corey Branch, Joshua Budro, Jarod Davidson and Jimmy Schmidt.

Mrs. Jordan's Fifth grade-All A: Matthew Haynes and Kaimbri White.

All A & B: Ty Brown, Bud Douglas, Tara Raulston, Jesslin Rivera, Jillian Sloan and E.J. Via.

Cunningham News

Happy Birthday to Dean Watson and Neal Baker.

Happy Anniversary to Brandon and Marsha Oats, Ricky and Linda Anderson and Scotty and Treda Norwood.

Linda Anderson went to Prairiland Saturday to watch Marty Anderson play basketball.

Charles Nichols spent last week in Elk Point, South Dakota working on a church.

Bobby and Shelby spent Saturday and Sunday in Garland watching Laytner Kennedy play baseball.

Stacy and Linda Musgrove honored Johnny and Nelta Musgrove's 46th Anniversary with a supper Friday night. Others attending were Marie Watson, Shane and Zarinska Morton and Brad, Rachel and Gavin Watson Sunday visitors of Johnny and Nelta Musgrove were Billie Smith from Paris, and Bill and Beverly Phillips from Columbus, Ohio.

Zarinska and Shane Morton and Stoney Musgrove went to Oklahoma on a canoe trip Sunday.

James and Pat Norwood spent Saturday and Sunday in Shreveport watching Lacy Cole play softball.

John Darold Walker spent the weekend with Darold and Ida Mae Norwood. Phillip, Del and Zak Walker joined them for lunch Sunday.

Joyce and Haley Yazell and Andrew Brazhaw spend Saturday night with Billie and Leonard Ford.

Billie and Leonard took Lillian King to Ruby Sanford's birthday party at Jerry and Marlene Smith's Saturday. Joyce took David Ford to Temple for treatments Monday.

Frankie and Julie Norwood honored Logan Norwood with a party to celebrate his 14th Birthday Friday night at the Cunningham Community Center. About 50 friends and family enjoyed hot dogs, cake, ice cream and fun. Logan received many nice gifts.

Teresa Smith went to Bay City Thursday to attend the graduation of her godson.

Brad and Georgeanna Nutt spent the weekend in Dallas.

Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Amber Norwood, Matt and Dusty Gallo-way, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats and Kaylee Lane spent Saturday at Geneva Norwood's cabin on Lake Bob Sandlin. Joining them Sunday were Scotty, Treda and Spur Norwood, Billy Ray and Oats and Geneva Norwood.

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Rivercrest students awarded Accelerated Reading T-shirts

This year at Rivercrest Elementary, participation was began in a new program called Reading Renaissance. Each teacher set goals for their students in three areas: points earned, book reading level and percentage correct. All students were required to achieve at least 80% as an average on the books read. The program did not begin until the second six weeks. Students who met the requirements set for them for the second, third, fourth and fifth six weeks were rewarded with a T-shirt. The shirts are blue and say AR Star, Rivercrest Elementary, 2002.

Students who earned shirts are as follows:

First grades: Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Moles' classes: Destiny Anderson, Hannah Rhoades, Bailey Rhodes, Cody Williams, Chase Wilson; Monica Bassett, Carl Brown, Hailey Brown, Logan Domer, Matt Earley, Destini Geese, Faith Gentry, Lucchese Gordon, Heath Holt, Rebekah Jones, Johathan Moore, Joshua Newsom, Dustin Rose, Kevondrick Savage, Aaron Whitney; Nidia Alvarado, Hope Bivins, Allix Brunson, Wesley Davidson, Aaron Eudy, Dakota Parrott, Candace Stansell and Emily Ward.

Second grades: Mrs. Grissom, Mrs. Stockton and Mrs. Weddle's classes: Jed Burge, Angel Douthitt, Marley Tidwell, Britany Walesiak; Brooklyn Bishop, Chris Books, Camen Calvin, Jacob Harville, Chloe Hodge, Heather Holt, Trevor Jessee,

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Fourth grades: Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Holeman and Mrs. Purviance's classes: James Harper, Alec Moreno, Chase Richards, Decota Sanders; Seton Hawkins, Heather Story, Robert Tully; Callie Anderson, Travis Emeyabbi, Jessica Jessee, Jordan Jones, Kaley Stringfellow and Michael Strunc.

Fifth grades: Mrs. Gable, Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Scott's classes: Clayton Gurley, Ricky Reeves, Donald Rivera, Joshua Walker; Emily Rector, Jesslin Rivera, Jillian Sloan, Kaimbri White, Blake Kelley, Nathan Taylor, Billie Rae Reeves, Renee Asagba and Amanda Sloan.

Public Notices

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS

May 31, 2002
 Office of Bogata Housing Authority
 The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires the Housing Authority of the City of Bogata to prepare a Five Year Plan and an Annual Plan covering operations of the Public Housing and Section 8 Programs. On May 31, 2002 at 9:30 a.m., the Board of Commissioners for the Bogata Housing Authority will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Housing Authority's Five Year Plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place at the business office of the Bogata Housing Authority on Thedford Street in Bogata.

The draft Plans and all supporting documents are available to the public for viewing at the administration office of the Housing Authority located at 100 Thedford Street on weekdays during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. May 31, 2002.
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"When a cat stops eating for any reason, the body begins to use muscle and stored fat for energy," says Dr. Polly Peterson, a resident in medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

"Hepatic lipodosis occurs when the liver becomes clogged with fat droplets and ceases normal function. The normal liver processes nutrients for the body, filters out toxins and bacteria, and makes roteins and sugars."

Hepatic lipodosis accounts for about 40 percent of liver disease in cats, making it the most common liver disease in cats, adds Peterson.

"This disease can affect cats of all ages and weights, but is more common among overweight and middle-aged to older cats," she explains. "These cats exhibit anorexic behavior, vomiting and may have a yellowing of the whites of the eyes, gums or inside the ears."

Peterson says it is not fully understood if hepatic lipodosis always caused by other disorders, or if other disorders cause hepatic lipodosis. It is likely a combination of the two. Stress, changes in diet, and illness are factors that may cause a cat to stop eating.

But hepatic lipodosis causes stress, anorexia and illness. Whatever the cause, if a cat stops eating veterinary care should be sought and food given as soon as possible since hepatic lipodosis may become fatal if left untreated.

If your veterinarian suspects hepatic lipodosis, he or she will perform a series of blood tests to determine if it is secondary to another condition. If so, the primary disease will be treated along with the hepatic lipodosis.

Treatment begins with food. In mild cases, an appetite stimulant or even exposure to a smellier food may be all that is needed. In severe cases, cats may require hospitalization and a feeding tube.

Treatment can last from one to eight weeks.

While there is no way to guarantee your cat will never develop hepatic lipodosis, Peterson recommends a few measures you can take to lower the risk.

"Provide your cat with an easily digestible, high quality, high protein diet," she says. "Help your cat avoid becoming overweight to begin with and then monitor its weight for fluctuations. When possible, minimize stress to your cat. Also, offer several small meals a day instead of just one or two. This may help your cat maintain a healthy metabolism."

Helping your cat lose excess weight has other benefits as well. Obesity in cats can cause pain in the hips and joints of an arthritic cat, can aggravate heart disease and even lead to diabetes.

Be aware that other diseases, such as lymphosarcoma (liver tumor) and bacterial liver infection can cause symptoms similar to hepatic lipodosis. For this reason, it is important for a veterinarian to diagnose and prescribe the appropriate treatment specific to each cat's condition. In any case, Peterson says if your cat refuses food, even for a day, promptly seek the advice of a veterinarian.

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On Monday May 6 the Bogata Stars (girls 7 & 8 years old) traveled to Blossom where they played the Lil Angels.

Camen Calvin was the first batter for the Stars and she hit to make it to first base. Brittany Walesiak moved Calvin and Brooklyn Bishop hit but was put out at first but gained an RBI scoring Calvin. Heather Holt came up to bat and busted a home run scoring Walesiak and herself! Following a strike out, Haley Lemme made base on a hit only to be left as another Star struck out. In the bottom of the inning the Stars held the Lil Angels scoreless to end the inning 3-0.

In the second the first Star batter struck out followed by Haley Strunc who got a 3 base hit. Another strike out and Hannah Rhoades gained first on a hit and scored Strunc. Strunc was left on base when the next Star batter struck out. The Lil Angels came to bat and the first batter up hit a home run! A strike out, a 3 base hit, 2 batters getting hit with the ball loaded the bases. Strike outs left the bases loaded and the Stars in the lead 4-1.

The third inning the Stars first batter struck out, then Brittany Walesiak hit a home run! Brooklyn Bishop got a 3 base hit, Heather Holt scored Bishop and herself with her second home run of the game! Emily Ward got a 3 base hit followed by Haley Lemme who flew out and Ward was caught off base for the final out. The Lil Angels started off good with a hit followed by 2 strike outs. Another hit was put out at first to end the inning and the game. Stars 7, Lil Angels-1.

On Thursday May 9 the Stars hosted the Lil Angels of Blossom. In the first inning the Lil Angels had 2 good hits but scored no runs. For the Stars Camen

Calvin made first base on a hit followed by Brittany Walesiak who also made base. Heather Holt came up and busted a home run to score all three! Brooklyn Bishop was up next and made first on a hit, a strike out and Emily Ward took base after being hit by a pitched ball. Haley Lemme moved Bishop in with a hit and Allix Brunson took base after being hit with the ball. With bases loaded and 1 out, two Stars struck out to end the inning Stars 4-Lil Angels-0.

The second inning saw the Lil Angels score no runs while at bat the Stars, Haley Strunc got a one base hit followed by Faith Gentry who was hit by the ball and Crissy Hume who hit to load the bases. Camen Calvin scored Strunc, Brittany Walesiak scored Gentry, Hume and Calvin on a 2 base hit. A Star strike out came next followed by Brooklyn Bishop who got a 3 base hit and sent Walesiak home. Raven Travillion got a one base and sent Bishop home and then another Star strike out came. Haley Lemme, who was the 10th batter hit the ball but the age group has a 10th batter rule which ended the inning when the Lil Angels tagged home plate.

In the top of the third inning the Lil Angels were unable to score and the game was called with the Stars posting another win, 10-0.

The Stars final game of the season was played May 20, 2002 as the team traveled to Blossom to play the Lady Bugs. In the first inning Heather Holt lead off with a home run! Brittany Walesiak got a 1 base hit, a Star strike out came and then Brooklyn Bishop got a 3 base hit to score Walesiak. Another strike out and Emily Ward got a 3 base hit scoring Bishop. Hannah Rhoades knocked a home run to score Ward

and herself! A Star strike out ended the drive. The Lady Bugs came to bat with the first batter being hit by the ball. Three good hits followed that scored 2 runs before the inning ended 5-2 Stars.

In the second the Stars first batter struck out, Haley Lemme got a 2 base hit followed by Crissy Hume who was thrown out a first but sent Lemme in for the RBI. Faith Gentry got a 1 base hit followed by Heather Holt who got a 3 base hit to score Lemme. Brittany Walesiak followed with a home run scoring herself and Holt! Another Star strike out came for the final out and the Lady Bugs came to bat. The first two Lady Bug batters struck out followed by 2 good hits and a strike out. Score 9-2 Stars.

In the third inning Brooklyn Bishop was the lead off batter for the Stars and boy did she lead off! With a home run! Raven Travillion followed with her own home run! Emily Ward grounded out to first and a Star strike out came next. Allix Brunson got a 2 base hit followed by Haley Strunc who got a 3 base hit and scored Brunson. Haley Lemme got a 2 base hit scoring Strunc. Faith Gentry was up next and got a 1 base hit followed by Heather Holt who slammed another home run! Three Star runners scored! Brittany Walesiak was the 10th batter and almost made it home on a good hit but the Lady Bugs tagged home plate to stop Walesiak's score. At bat the Lady Bugs had 4 good hits, but, only scored 1 run. The game was called with the Stars taking a 16-3 win in their final game of the season.

The Stars played a total of 12 games this season of which they won 10! Their coaches, parents, family and friends are very proud of their season. Way to Go Stars!!!



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Garage Sale: Thursday and Friday, May 30-31, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No early sales. Doris Smith, Theford Apts. #21, Bogata. Multifamily, furniture, clothes, misc. 5-30
Garage Sale: Friday & Saturday May 31-June 1, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Roadtown Road (shop by Bill Pirtle's home). Toys, household items, linens, clothes and more. Rain or shine. 5-30
Garage Sale: Glassware, pictures, mirrors and some furniture, lamps and Home Interior. Saturday, June 1, 8 to 12 at Cowboy Denny's on Hwy. 271S, Bogata. 5-30

Lost & Found
REMEMBER, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.
LOST DOG: Black Lab female, missing since Saturday, answers to "Sadie". Call Michael and Kim Fields, 632-2024 or 632-5834. 5-30nc
Automobiles
FOR SALE: Morris Minor, body only, \$125.00 obo. 903-652-9986.
FOR SALE: 1983 Ford F250, heavy duty 3/4 ton, one owner, 61k miles, \$3,500. Randall Mayes, 903-632-5466. *MA 5-30*
FOR SALE: 1993 Holiday Rambler camper. 33', good condition. 903-379-4121. *MA 5-30*
FOR SALE: 1997 XL heavy duty F250 4x4; 66,000 miles, excellent condition, \$12,000. Buddy Damron, 903-632-5361. *MA 6-13*

Real Estate
FOR SALE: Meadowbrook Gardens Cemetery, Lot 90, Section F, spaces 3 and 4. Both lots for \$500.00. 903-652-6052. *t/cnc*
FOR SALE: 25 acres, 3 miles east of Deport on FM410. Road frontage, 903-784-2870 or 982-5270. *MA t/c*
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FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3BR, 2B frame & brick on 3 lots in Bogata. Hwy. 271 frontage. Also chest type freezer and Star Spinnet piano. June Stanley, 903-632-5441, please leave message. *MA 5-20*
COUNTRY LIVING: Furnished room, meals, all bills paid, only \$500 a month. Maxine, 903/966-2310. *MA 6-6*
HOUSE FOR RENT: Large corner lot, partly fenced. N. Main, Bogata. Two bedroom, covered parking. Separate wash house/storage building. 903-427-2644. *MA 6-13*
FOR RENT: 3BR, 1B frame, storm shelter, large yard. 903-379-3491. *6-6nc*

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FREE to a good home. Neutered Male Cat, declawed, loves kids, must go because of allergies. Call 652-3520 ask for Kay Rector.
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FREE: Ivory and golden fuzzy male puppy. Please call 903-652-4121. 5-30nc

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 For Jon Flanary
Antiques & Collectibles
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China, Pottery, Glassware, Ceramics: numerous pieces including Fiesta ware, Shawnee, Rayson, Hull, Frankoma, Puritan, Gilmer, McCoy, Cronin, Harker, Mexicana, La Hacienda, Anchor Hocking Fire King, Camark, Royal Bavarian, Fenton, Currier & Ives, Red Wing, Art Deco, Amber glass, Carnival glass, Venetian glass, Cranberry glass, Depression glass, Milk glass, Stoneware, Knowles, Vaseline dishes, etched glassware, lead crystal, China sets, Cobalt, Coca Cola glasses & bottle opener, Jug Chief & other pop bottles, banana split bowls, vases, Chinese deco dish, little brown jug, Italian relish dish, salt & pepper sets, casseroles, candle holders, cake plates, fruit bowls, pie plates, decanters, sugar & creamer sets, crockery, platters, copper tea kettle, cookie jars, tins, teapots, canning jars, dessert plates, silver plate, stainless silverware in mahogany box, crock churn

Household & Miscellaneous: kitchen & table linens, crocheted handwork, metal scales, iron bracket, water can, funnels, meat grinder, Longhorn door knocker, thermos irons, hames, level, scythe, hasp, screw driver, glass chicken feeder, Cream of Wheat thermometer, wooden box, crystal door knobs, pictures & prints, framed 1950 calendar, boxing gloves, pure Castile soap, saw blade, antique campaign buttons, clay pots, doors, light fixtures, books including cookbooks, harmonica, money banks, cigar sets, ashtrays, shaving mug with razor & brush, Avon cologne chess pieces, boxed chess set, miniature kerosene lamps, tin signs, wall plaques, child's iron stove, antique cards, box of dominoes, weight bench

Furniture: Duncan Phyfe drop leaf table, oak & other buffet, dining room suite chairs, dinette w/6 chairs, blue bead board shelf, barn wood shelves, what not shelf, old pine cupboard, Hoosier cabinet, barn wood tile inlaid table & 2 chairs, barn wood display case, barn wood coffee table, end table, white cabinet w/glass doors, glass top coffee table, assorted lamps, 4 drawer chest w/mirror, library style table, antique oak dresser w/mirror, antique fireplace mantle, glass show cases, old paper roll holder, mirrors, small red rocking chair, old trunks, antique armoire, imported armchairs, old vanity w/mirror, leather seat chair, round side table w/marble top, quilt box, several pieces that need refinishing including: sofa table, dining table, hutch, sideboard, silverware table

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Rivercrest A.M. Aikin Reading Awards trips enjoyed by 3rd-4th and 5th grades

On Tuesday, April 30, 2002 students from Rivercrest Elementary who earned their A.M. Aikin Jr. Reading Achievement Award for the first time toured the Aikin Archives Building and the Learning Center at Paris Junior College. Mrs. Daisy Harville, archivist, gave an interesting tour of the Archives and the replica of Senator Aikin's office, showing many of the awards given to the senator as well as sharing interesting facts about his life. Mrs. Lulane Caraway, director of library services, gave a tour of the learning center with emphasis on how much technology has changed college life.

This award can be earned by reading ten books of certain types and passing an Accelerated Reader test on each book. The books are: 5 fiction; 2 biography; 1 American history; 1 Texas history and 1 nonfiction. Students in 3rd through 5th grades are eligible. Students who earn the award have their names placed in a book in the Archives Building. Each year students are given a certificate at the awards assembly at the end of the school year. The second year they earn the award, they are also given a blue ribbon. The third year, their names are inscribed on a plaque which hangs in the library. Each year after that, a star is inscribed beside their name. This program also continues into junior high school.

After the tour, students returned to the Bogata Park for a picnic lunch and a fun afternoon of playing.

On Thursday, May 9, 2002, fourth and fifth grade students who earned their Aikin award

were treated to a tour of the TXU coal mines. After enjoying lunch at Burger King and Dairy Queen in Mt. Vernon, students enjoyed a guided tour given by Mr. Bruce Case and Mr. Gordon Hall. Sights of many of the massive machine used to mine the coal and descending 220 feet into the pit were highlights of the trip.

Students receiving the A.M. Aikin award were:

Third grades, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Reeder's classes who had 100% participation and were all first year participants: Amanda Ashworth, Dillon Cortez, Davey Cruise, Becky Galyean, Minnieola Gurley, Mary Beth Henley, Brady Kennedy, Jerry Martin, Loren Rivera, Jessica Smith, Taylor Stafford, Amber Whitney, Logan Wright, Kevin Yeatman; Carmen Allen, David Atkins, Haley Bivins, Haley Hall, Nataly Hernandez, Taylor Landreth, Jarrid Lyles, Kyle McCuller, Colton Phipps, Shala Ridens, T.J. Stahley, David Stringer, Haley Steen, Ashley Thuresson; Kolton Benson, Morgan Buchanan, Brandon Budro, Haley Lemme, Sarai Martinez, Alison Mauldin, Miranda Miller, Tamara Moore, Sammy Newsom, Miriam Ramirez, Jesse Ross, Kari Taylor, Kelsi Thompson, Ryan Walker and Jordan White.

Fourth grade student: Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Holeman and Mrs. Purviance's class who had 100% participation; 1 year students: Kattie Anderson, Garrett Carroll, James Harper, Decota Sanders, Alan Smith, Amber Via, Jerica White; Troy Brooks, Lacey Bryan, Lance Henley, Ashley

Savage, Robert Tully; Miguel Alvarado, Kelsey Franks, Jordan Jones, Fernando Lopez, Ashley Stinson and Brandi Via.

Two year fourth grade participants: Matthew Hall, Alec Moreno, Hailey Screws, Chase Richards, James Don White; Dakota Earley, Seton Hawkins, Ryan Kennedy, Heather Story, David Waymire; Callie Anderson, Aaron Burns, Travis Emeyabbi, Dustin Gentry, Jessica Jessee, Clay Rose, Garrett Sheffield, Kaley Stringfellow and Michael Strunc.

Three year fourth grade participant; Valerie Vaughan.

Fifth grades, Mrs. Gable, Mrs. Jordan's class who had 100% participation and Mrs. Scott's class:

One year fifth grade participants: Justin Bryan, Amber Chote, Clayton Gurley, L.B. Morris, Donald Rivera, Chaz Smith; Kayla Birchfield, Ty Brown, Bud Douglas, Chris Nolen, Emily Rector, Jesslin Rivera, Jillian Sloan, Saul Vasquez, E.J. Via; Joshua Budro, Terrance Cannon, Heather Clifton, Cody Cox, Taylor Guilleams, Jasper Hodge, Amanda Sloan and Damien Wilder.

Two year fifth grade participant: Josh Bryson.

Three year fifth grade participants: Ricky Reeves, Joshua Walker, Staci Whitaker, Kayla Whitney, Cheyenne Williams; Seth Hawkins, Matthew Haynes, Blake Kelley, Tara Raulston, Billie Rae Reeves, Nathon Taylor, Anthony Watkins, Kaimbri White; Renee Asagba, Corey Branch, Tara Cunningham, Jarod Davidson and Jimmy Schmidt.



RIVERCREST Third graders enjoyed a trip as part of the A.M. Aikin Reading awards recently.



Paulyne Gibbs of Bogata is a very busy lady. She loves to garden, and her garden is currently filled with gorgeous doubled ruffled poppies. (Staff photo by Nancy Brown)

Milton Homecoming is June 2

Milton's annual Homecoming will be Sunday, June 2 with lunch at noon under the Pavilion on the cemetery grounds.

It is hoped that all interested parties will bring a dish and lawn chair and come for a visit. In case of bad weather, the affair will be moved to the Deport School Cafeteria.



Navy Fireman Apprentice

Christopher J. LaRue

June 2 is Charles Foster Appreciation Day

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

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

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

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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RIVERCREST ISD PHONE NUMBERS

Phone numbers for the three campuses of Rivercrest ISD are: Talco School Rivercrest Junior High-903-379-3841

Rivercrest High School-903-632-5204

Rivercrest Elementary School-903-632-5214.

Sailor had role in Operation Enduring Freedom

Brockton's Christopher J. LaRue, who is aboard the USS Dubuque, attached to the USS Carl Vinson Battle Group, had a

job during Operation Enduring Freedom, to ensure the 15th MEU elements embarked on Dubuque were able to perform their mission. The 15th MEU is a special operations capable task force made up of 2,100 personnel, including both sailors and marines.

Navy Fireman Apprentice LaRue is a damage control specialist. He ensures personnel are properly trained to combat fires and other emergencies and is the son of Jeffery and Cheryl LaRue of Brockton.

"I felt we played our part in taking the Marines out to perform their missions, we were like a taxi service," said LaRue, a two year Navy veteran.

On November 26, 2001, Marine aboard Dubuque were launched into Afghanistan and landed near the city of Kandahar. They subsequently provided security for the airfields where U.S. Forces were operating.

When done with their mission in late January, they reboarded the ships and headed to liberty ports in Australia. "Getting paid is a rewarding part of my job," LaRue said.

the perks of being aboard a ship also come with long work day needed for mission accomplishment. The kind of commitment and dedication the sailors demonstrated aboard the Dubuque has contributed to the success of OEF.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The week of May 13th the residents of Deport Nursing Home released about sixty bright red balloons filled with helium. Each had an address of the nursing home inside it. The week of May 23rd, the nursing home received the following letter:

Deport nursing Home
Deport, Texas

I thought you might like to know, I found your four red balloons and red ribbon floating on our farm pond on Saturday, May 18, 2002. Three of them had burst, but the one with your address in it was almost flat. I was surprised to see how far it had come.

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