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The water revolution

Does anyone recall the commercial from last year about the kids in the mountains drinking spring water? One of them says "this stuff is great, maybe we ought to bottle it" and the rest of them make fun of him, telling him you can't charge money for water.

Well, I do wish I'd been in on the ground floor of the water revolution....I'd be rich and you wouldn't be reading my column this week because I wouldn't be around to write it. (Actually, I'd probably still be right here at my desk pecking away, no matter how much money I had).

But bottled water is truly a phenomenon.

I like bottled water. It tastes wonderful and I love an icy cold glass or bottle of it better than anything, even tea.

It's really handy, too. At sporting events, concerts or any type of crowd it is a sanitary, efficient way to stay hydrated. Fire departments love it. Someone can pitch a bottle to a tired fire fighter who can take a swallow, cap it and drink more later. That's a real improvement over the old pour-into-a-paper-cup and spill it routine.

But I never in my wildest dreams envisioned that there were so many names, ways and things to do with water.

There is water from springs, water from glaciers, water from mountains, water from distilling plants and water from just about anything but a boggy swamp.

Coca Cola Company probably sells the most bottled water, since their vending machines are perfect for selling the clear stuff along with the soft drinks.

But there are hundreds of other brands, each claiming to be the purest, springiest, coldest etc., etc.

And now, there is a totally new aspect to the bottled H2O trend...water with vitamins, minerals, flavors and a bewildering variety of additives!

It's almost plain water...but it's not.

Then, there are blatantly flavored waters that make no bones about being carbonated and dressed up. My personal favorite is a delicious cranberry flavored beverage that I have enjoyed for months. One day I read the label and discovered that...are you ready for this...it contained NO cranberry juice!

I'm not sure I understand that one, but it is inexpensive and tasty.

It's a long way from water in a cistern or well to water bought in a plastic bottle, but they both have one thing in common. They taste good!

As I said, I wish I had been the person who had sense enough to begin selling the stuff in bottles....it's sure turned into a lucrative business.

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Talco Times

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A HAPPY VISIT-The Rivercrest Junior High boys were happy to visit with classmate, Heath Parker, who was in a bad car accident during the summer. Heath is still undergoing therapy and may be able to return to school by midterm. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Box Tops for Education being collected at Rivercrest Elementary

The students at Rivercrest Elementary are collecting Box Tops for Education again this year. This is a fund raiser that requires no door to door selling for the children. Our school gets 10 cents for every Box Top collected.

The school is asking the com-

munity to help with this project by clipping the logo off of participating products. If you do not have children, grandchildren etc. to send these to school, they may be dropped off at the Bogata and Talco Guaranty Bond Banks. Your help will be appreciated.

Dummy roping to highlight fair

A dummy roping will be one of the attractions at the Clarksville fair on September 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Age groups are 5 and under; 6-7-8 & 9; 10 to 12; and 13-15.

There will be two girls divisions. Kids interested in entering may do so free of charge.

First place will win \$150.00

and a belt buckle; second place will receive a \$50.00 savings bond and a belt buckle; and third will receive a new rope.

Sign-ups for each event will be accepted up to the time of the event. For more information, call 674-6835.

September 11, 2001 remembered

Bogata United Methodist Church pastor, Joe Gist has announced the church sanctuary will be open all day on September 11, 2002 for a prayer vidual in honor of those whose lives were taken in the terrorist attack on the Twin Towers in New York City.

At 6:30 p.m. a Remembrance

Service will be held. Everyone is invited to visit the church during the day and pray for the survivors, families of those who lost their lives and for our country. And a special invitation is extended for the Remembrance Service at 6:30 p.m.

Talco class of 1957 reunite

by Maxine Harrell

The Talco High School class of 1957 celebrated their 45th class reunion the weekend of August 23, 2002. Eloise and Ottis Hall and Fredrika and David Hudson hosted the out of town class members with dinner at Vaughn's Friday night, August 23. Eighteen exes and spouses attended and had a wonderful time.

On Saturday, Fredrika and David Hudson opened their home to the exes and their spouses for refreshments and visiting. Mrs. Billie Pirtle, the girls basketball coach from the era, Mrs. Gail Blackburn, homemaking teacher and Mrs. Hudson, all from Bogata, were honored guests.

Everyone met at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club Saturday night, August 24, for a buffet and lots of reminiscing. Attending were Barbara (Adcox) Lewis of Daingerfield; Glenda Bise of Dallas; Maxine (Black) and Frankie Harrell of Talco; Ney and Nancy Blackburn of Ennis; Betty (Blalock) Henley of Mt. Pleasant; Marcia (Blalock) DeLaughter of Maybank; Martha (Chapman) and Glen Slaughter of Mt. Pleasant; Skipper and Linda Cole of Longview; Bo and Karen Daughtery of Colorado; Donnie and Rhonda Eberts of Latexo; Allen and Ginny Elkins of Houston; Dora (Gandy) and Charles McDonald of Austin; Zonetta (Gentry) and Weldon Hawkins of Talco; Linda (Haynes) and Cecil Douglas of El Paso; Martha (Johniken) and John Schoofield of Granbury; Annette (Massey) and Bill Harper of Woodston; Thomas and Jackie Neugent of Powderly; Robbie (Parker) and Jack Johnson of DeSoto; Fredrika (Pirtle) and David Hudson of Mt. Pleasant; Myra (Pirtle) and Calvin Permenter of Johntown; Thomas Ritcherson of Dallas; Eloise (Rob-

erts) and Ottis Hall of Mt. Pleasant; Richard and Janet Rothwell of Houston; Patricia (Ryan) and Bill Keesee of Linden; Monie (Smith) and clay Roming of Eddy; Jimmy and Linda Weisinger of Longview; Patsy (Worthington) and Jim Wichman of Mt. Pleasant. Others attending were Bud and Doris Hanks of Mt. Pleasant; Billie and Peggy Ramey of Mt. Pleasant; Preston and Barbara Bridges of Quitman; James and Jerry Via of Talco; Billie and Tommie Sinclair of Mt. Pleasant; Darrell Morris of Mt. Pleasant; Gerald Ben and Kay Morris of Mt. Pleasant; Pat Swarts of Mt. Vernon; David Johnson of Maude; Jerry and Monet Hood of Longview.

Unable to attend were Barbarkana; Douglas Cain of Longview; Glenda (Denton) Moseley of Diana; Nancy (Kelly) Fuller of Leonard; Shirley (Miller) Collins of Royce City; Sylvia (Randell) Cochran of Talco; Gaylon Robinson of California; Jerry Simmons of Talco; Derrell Stockton of Talco; James Stockton of New Mexico; Gay (Talley) Stewart of Houston; Carolyn (Burnham) Sprehe of Louisiana; Jesse (Harper) Whittington of Rockwall and Tessie Harper of Rockwall.

Honored in remembrance were Evangeline Stewart; Dorothy Dyke; Larry Swope; Pat (Logan) Fain and Grady Hawthorne.

Bo Daughtery was host and to the delight of everyone, he entertained all with a rendition of "Danny Boy". All 66 of the class members, spouses and friends had a wonderful time and are looking forward to their 50th class reunion that will be hosted by Monie (Smith) Roming.

RHS Boosters to meet Sept. 3

The Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club will meet on September 3, 2002 at Rivercrest High School.

The meeting will concern making plans for the coming year. All parents/guardians and interested persons are invited to attend. Meeting time will be 7:00 p.m.

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Paper offices will be closed Monday for holiday

The Bogata News office and the Deport Times main office will be closed this coming Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day.

The U.S. Post Office will also be closed on Monday, so please take that into consideration when mailing news articles or advertising.

Anything that does not arrive in the mail in time will run the next week.

Talco Locals

Please call your locals news in to 379-4445

Happy August Birthday to: Kelsey Franks, Jacob Wright, Jana Weatherall Williams and Denise Wood.

Anita Baker is reported doing well following a recent surgery.

Eddie Brown visited his brother, Bobby Jack Brown in Quitman Wednesday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Evie Waldrum.

Justain Norman, Dwayne Sanders, Derek Morris and Laramie Lum are participating in fall baseball league play as part of the Mt. Pleasant boys 13 and under team. The boys traveled to Henderson Saturday where they defeated

Henderson and Longview. Laramie and Justain serve as pitchers for the team, Dwayne and Derek as an outfielder.

Maple Springs Church enjoyed a fellowship lunch following services on Sunday.

Bobby and Kristin Kuhl of Rivercrest visited with Ruby Horn, Jo Horn and other family and friends over the weekend.

Nancy Brown and Quinton Anderson visited Barbara and Carl Smith in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday. On Friday, she and Jaden Brown visited the Smiths.



RIVERCREST-5th grade students, (back from the left) Seton Hawkins, Matthew Hall and Amber Via and (front from the left) Ashleigh Moore and Callie Anderson show off one of the aquariums the class is happy to have. The students are members of Mrs. Ginger Jordan's class.

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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Our cook this week come to us from Paris, formerly of the Detroit area. She is Alma Flippo. She was born and raised in the Midway Community. Attended the Detroit School, graduating from East Texas State University with a Bachelors and Masters. She then taught school at Midway and at Detroit before working for the Extension Service.

Miss Alma is a noted cook, although she says that she doesn't cook that much anymore. We appreciate her allowing us to use her recipes this week and we thank her very much. We will see you in the

kitchen! lizwin@hotmail.com or tpub@1starnet.com
ORANGE NUT BREAD-moist and great with coffee!
REFRIGERATOR COOKIES-a great cookie recipe to add to your collection!
DATE CAKE-easy recipe with only four ingredients!
CHERRY CREAM PIE-takes a little more time, but will be worth it!
SUNSWEEET ICE BOX FRUIT CAKE-don't bake this one and it is a keeper!

Thursday, August 29, 2002
Alma Flippo

Orange Nut Bread

1 cup orange peel
 1/4 cup shortening
 2 cups sugar
 2 eggs-well beaten
 4 tablespoons baking powder
 1 cup sweet milk
 1/2 cup water
 1 cup nut meats
 4 cups flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 Boil orange peel of 2 or 3 oranges until tender; scrape out all white. Either grind through food processor or slice fine. Boil with 1 cup sugar and 1/2 cup water until a thick syrup. When cool, mix all ingredients together. Makes 2 loaves. Better if it is not browned too much. Slice thin.

Refrigerator Cookies

1/2 cup shortening
 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 1 egg
 1/2 cup nut meats
 2 cups flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 Mix all ingredients together and chill for several hours or overnight. Bake in hot oven at 420 degrees for about 20 minutes. Makes 4 dozen.

Date Cake

1 pound chopped dates
 1/2 pound shredded coconut
 1 can Eagle Brand Milk
 1 cup chopped nuts
 Mix above ingredients well. Bake in a well-greased loaf pan about 25 minutes at 300-320 degrees.

Cherry Cream Pie

1 can cherries
 1 cup sugar
 4 tablespoon cornstarch
 1 teaspoon red food coloring
 3 or 4 egg yolks
 1 cup sugar

4 tablespoon cornstarch
 1 cup fresh milk
 1 cup undiluted evaporated milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring
 Combine cherries, 1 cup sugar, corn starch and food coloring and cook until thickened. Set aside. Make cream filling with egg yolks, 1 cup sugar, 4 tablespoons cornstarch, milk and vanilla. Pour the cream filling into a baked pie shell. Pour cherry mixture on top of this and top with meringue and place in oven to brown.

Sunsweet Ice Box Fruit Cake

1 cup candied cherries-cut in quarters
 1/3 cup finely cut preserved orange peel
 1-1/2 cup seedless raisins-washa nd slice
 1 cup orange juice
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 1/3 cup finely cut preserved lemon peel
 3/4 cup finely cut citron
 1-1/2 cup puree made from cooked tenderized prunes
 1 cup puree made from apricots
 1 cup granulated sugar
 1 teaspoon brandy flavoring
 4 tablespoons granulated gelatin
 5 tablespoons cold water
 1 cup walnuts-chopped
 1-1/2 pints whipping cream
 Combine fruits, peels, purees, sugar, orange juice, spices and flavorings; let stand for 1-1/2 hours.

Heat to boiling point and remove from stove. Moisten gelatin in cold water. Dissolve in hot fruits. Cool. Whip cream until thick, but not stiff. Whip cold fruits into cream. Chop walnuts fine and sprinkle over bottom of tube pan. Pour cream mixture over nuts halved and candied cherries may be added. Place in refrigerator or ice box overnight. Do not freeze. Slice to serve.



COOK OF THE WEEK is Alma Flippo of Paris. She is a retired teacher and Extension Agent formerly of the Detroit and Midway area. (Saff Photo)

Cash prize for top "Mutton Buster" at Mt. Vernon rodeo

The Franklin County Sheriff's Posse will be hosting their annual Labor Day Rodeo on Friday and Saturday, August 30-31 at 8 p.m. nightly in Mt. Vernon.

A special Kid's Rodeo will begin at 6:30 nightly, featuring Mutton Buster, Calf Scramble and Stick Horse barrel race. The kids awards will be presented after the bull riding.

As a added attraction, the champion mutton buster will receive a \$100.00 award. This will be presented to the buster with the highest total score over the two

nights of competition. Special events are wild cow milking and scoop race.

Regular rodeo events and activities will begin at 8:00 p.m.

The rodeo is produced by the Wing Rodeo Company of Bogata, TX and negative coggins is required on all horses.

For more information, contact Capt. Charles Williams at 632-4770 or Lt. Gary Borden at 588-2381.

The rodeo is co-sanctioned by the UPRA and CRRA.



* 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 to celebrate Labor Day with your friends at the VFW September 2, 2002 at 12:00 noon. Stew and dessert will be served along with some surprises since the ladies of the post always bring various delicious dishes. Come join in for fun, good food and fellowship.
 * Happy Birthday to Jim Smyth.

Democracy is the art of thinking independently together.
Alexander Meiklejohn

Obituaries

Evie Waldrum dies August 22

Evie Waldrum, age 86 of Talco, died August 22, 2002.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 24 at Calvary Baptist Church in Talco with Bro. Rex Jackson officiating. Burial followed in Bennion Cemetery under the directin of Bates-Cooper Funeral Home.

Mrs. Waldrum was born in New Boston, TX on July 26, 1916, a daughter of Joseph Malcolm and Renner Lou Tefeller. She and her husband were owners of Waldrum's Grocery Store for 50 years, located at Meadow's Curve in Talco. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Her husband, Jesse Thomas Waldrum, preceded her in death, along with a son, J.E. Waldrum; her parents; and three brothers, Rubble Tefeller, Cecil Tefeller and Morris Tefeller.

Surviving are daughters and sons-in-law, Jessie and Robert Tarrillion of Tyler, Jerlene and Tom Riner of Mesquite; a daughter, Joyce Guess of Talco; a daughter-in-law, Yvonne Waldurm of Talco; 21 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Horace Buddy Tefeller of Maude; sisters, Essie Bettis of Redwater, Jewel Tutt of Maude, Vera Proctor of Texarkana and Helen Rowan of Monterrey, CA.

Pallbearers were Todd Barker, Shawn Barker, Jacky Heard, Delbert Heard, Michael Waldrum, Ricky Waldrum and Garry Stauber.

Card of Thanks

The family of Harold J. Williams would like to thank you for the cards, letters, flowers and prayers in our time of sorrow.

The Williams & Shupp Families

Card of Thanks

Our thanks to Dorothy Rogers for the great lunch on Monday! We really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

The Newspaper Gang

Johnnie Coggins dies August 24

Johnnie Coggins, age 95, formerly of Cuthand, died Saturday, August 24, 2002 in Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, August 26 under the pavilion of Cuthand Cemetery. The family received friends Sunday from 7 to 8 p.m. at Wood Funeral Home, who was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Coggins was born August 11, 1907 in Red River County, the son of Lee and Maggie Mauldin Coggins. He married the former Viola Belcher on January 31, 1961.

He was a retired oil field worker and farmer and worked for the Texas Department of Corrections for a brief time.

He is survived by his wife, Viola Coggins of Talco and a number of nieces and nephews.

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Kay Francis Perkins dies August 26

Kay Francis Baggett Perkins, loving daughter, wife, mother, nana, sister, daughter-in-law, aunt and friend. Born February 15, 1953 to Billy Ray and Ruby Baggett. She went to heaven to join her husband Allan Ray Perkins, son Allan Ray Perkins II, father Billy Ray Baggett and grandmother Fat Mama on August 26, 2002.

She left numerous loved ones behind whose hearts will never be the same including daughter Kristi Michelle Perkins, granddaughter, Kaitlan Rhay Perkins, mother Ruby Lee Baggett, father and mother-in-law, Jodie and Odell Perkins, three sisters and brother-in-laws, Linda and Mark Darby of Canton, Jeannie and J.R. Primm of Rosalie, Diane and David Hathcock of Bogata, brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Vickie Perkins of Dallas, five nieces and 6 nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Danny Ray Anderson Jr., Gary Hathcock, Bryan Primm, Michael Darby, David Darby, Chad Darby and Danny Perkins II. Kay was a member at Neew Haven Baptist Church and was a faithful Christian.

She was retired from AT&T after a career that lasted over 20 years. She loved reading and collecting all flowers. From Kaitlan, "I love you nana". Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Anderson-Clayton Funeral Home in Mesquite with Bro. George Weldon officiating. Interment followed in Laurel Oaks Memorial park. My dear mama, go with God, I love you. My heart will forever be broken. Your daughter Kristi Michelle Perkins.

THANK YOU
DOROTHY ROGERS
You're A Special Lady!
The Paper Gang



Happy Birthday my darlings with all my love and pride... because when you see this...I will have to go away and hide... Your Brother

Stew cookoff is September 7

The annual Red River County Stew Cookoff will be held Saturday, September 7 at the fairgrounds in Clarksville.

The cook-off is a major fundraising activity for the County Fair and is open to all organizations, clubs or individuals residing in Red River County. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. Plaques will be awarded in Showmansip and also for the best skit.

For a copy of the rules or if you would like to register to cook, contact the County Extension office at 402 N. Cedar or call 427-3867.

October 9 & 10 set for Alive 55 Class

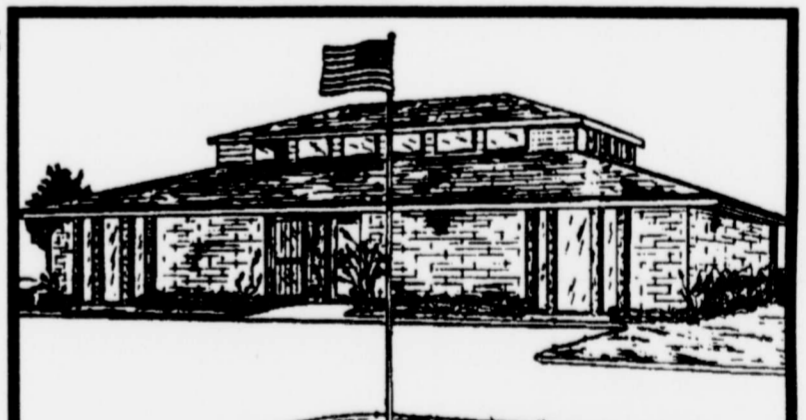
There will be a driving class for Alive 55 on October 9 & 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

The class will be held at the Bogata Community Center. A fee of \$10.00 will be required. The event is being sponsored by the Bogata Lions Club. For more information call 903-632-5668.

McCrury Cemetery Assoc. to meet

The annual McCrury Cemetery business meeting will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2002 at the cemetery beginning at 2:00 p.m.

All with loved ones there are urged to attend.



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Jainaha "Pumpkin" Srikumar, the daughter of Dr. and Dashina "Nada" Srikumar, celebrated her fifth birthday on August 24. The rowdy-celebration was held at McDonald's in Mt. Pleasant. The party was given in her honor by James and Dee Wood. Attending were Pumpkin's mother and sister, Anjana; Shaunda, Niki, and Breann Lewis; Julio, Rosie Torres and their son, Julian; Tony Jasso; Kelly and Rainey Cortez; Jamie, Jaelee and Jacob Ward; Dee, Juliann, and Denise Wood. The guests enjoyed Happy Meals and cake. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon together. Pumpkin received many wonderful gifts from her guests.



Mrs. Clinton Paul Gage

Bynum, Gage wed

Heather Marie Bynum of Mt. Pleasant and Clinton Paul Gage of Talco were united in marriage at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 27 at Trinity Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant. Tommy Oglisby officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Tony and Brenda Bynum of Mt. Pleasant. She attended Mt. Pleasant High School and Stephen F. Austin State University. She is employed with Designs to EnJoi of Longview as a decorator assistant.

The groom is the son of Stephen and Gena Gage of Talco. He attended Rivercrest High School and Northeast Texas Community College. He is employed with Berco of America as warehouse manager.

The bride and groom stood beneath a decorative arch of the bride's chosen flowers, accented with soft candlelight from fountain candelabras and two standing coach lanterns.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Chris Reese, who sang "I Know How the River Feels" and "Go There With You".

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a princess cut, formally white, royal satin gown with a beaded bodice. The back bodice was designed with a peplum, leading to a semi-cathedral train. She carried a cascading bouquet of enchantment lilies, light blue Bella Donna delphinium and marjan roses.

Kristin Bynum of Mt. Pleasant, twin sister of the bride, and Holly Kincaid of Mt. Pleasant, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kellie Biggs of Kilgore, Lizeth Ordenez of Mt. Pleasant and Natalie Pimberton of Daingerfield, all

friends of the bride. The bridal attendants wore A-line satin and crepe gowns of iced blue. They carried bouquets of long-stemmed marjon and skyline roses.

Barry Gage, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Mike Deming of Brentwood, TN, Jay Barnwell of College Station, Todd Barker of Longview and Eric Martin of Paris, all friends of the groom. Ushers included Sam Pimberton of Daingerfield and Jarrod Miller, uncle of the groom. Audrey Smith of Rowlett, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl with Connor Gage of Talco, nephew of the groom, serving as ringbearer. Candle lighter was Andrya Smith of Rowlett, cousin of the bride.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a reception at the church, which included a buffet with silver appointments. The bride's cake was four-tiered spiral cake with fresh flowers and a flowing fountain underneath. The groom's table featured a German Chocolate cake.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the church on Friday, July 26.

Several showers and luncheons were thrown for the bride including a lingerie shower/swim party, hosted by the bride's sisters on Saturday, July 13; a miscellaneous bridal shower held Sunday, July 21 at the home of Linda Smith; a bridal luncheon, hosted by Designs to EnJoi at the Pinecrest Country Club of Longview on Wednesday, July 24; and a bridesmaid luncheon, held at the home of Cathy White on Friday, July 26.

The couple traveled to San Antonio for their honeymoon and returned to make their home in Longview.



Jonandrea Lynn Crane

Crane accepted at Grayson College

Jonandrea Lynn Crane, granddaughter of former Postmaster of Bogata, Jack Crane and Jackie Crane was accepted at Grayson College in Denison, Texas.

She received a scholarship and grants to study psychology and counseling of children of alcohol and drug addicted parents.

Jonandrea attended Rivercrest High School and was a member of the band and flag corp which won recognition in competition across Northeast Texas. She was also active and a great help with Bogata Lions Club fund-raisers. Congratulations, Jonandrea!

Support Group meets

The Bogata Ladies Grief Support Group met August 22, 2002 for dinner at Furr's Restaurant in Paris. Attending were Anaya Phillips, Neoma Goodman, Ola Bryson, Ruth Reynolds and Jane Tisdell.

The next meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Bogata Methodist Church Library on September 5, 2002. The group meets every other Thursday at the same place. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. For more information call Anaya Phillips at 903-632-5596 or Ruth Reynolds at 903-632-5781.

Class of 1972 to reunite in 2002

The 1972 graduating class of Rivercrest High School will reunite for their 30 year class reunion in 2002 at the Bogata Community Center. The official date will be announced soon.

A special invitation is extended to the classes of 1971 and 1973 to join in the fun. Help is also needed in contacting all the classmates. If you have telephone numbers or addresses please contact Sue Ann Monte Bennett at 903-643-9489; Monte Smith at 817-297-3909 or Larry Harville at 817-430-9046. Please plan to come, bring your family, old pictures and memorabilia of the Rivercrest High School days of 1972.

Eudy family reunion date changed

The family of Mose and Rose Eudy's annual reunion previously held in August will change to a more comfortable date.

Starting in 2003 the Eudy family reunion will be held on the second Sunday in June at the Bogata Community Center in Bogata, Tx. All family and friends are urged to mark the date on their calendars and plan to attend.



Courtney Bynum and Tee Green

Bynum-Green to wed October 12

David and Micki Bynum of Mt. Pleasant would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Courtney Michelle to Tee Jay Green the son of Robbi and George Marshall Jr. of Bogata and Robert and MaryAnn Green

of Mt. Vernon. The wedding will be held at the home of Mrs. Virginia Priefert on Hwy. 271 South in Mt. Pleasant on October 12, 2002 at 6 o'clock in the evening. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend.



Savanna Jo is the name given to the daughter born to Jody and Amy Stanley of Hagansport.

She weighed 8 3/4 lbs. and was 19 inches long. She was born at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital in Sulphur Springs.

Grandparents are Dan and Deaneth Stanley of Hagansport and Joe and Pat Anderson of Sulphur Springs. Great grandparents are Helen Stanley and Martha Hare. Great-great granddad is Dean Dickson of Mt. Vernon.



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Animals dumped at local cemetery

A mother dog and seven puppies were recently dumped at a remote Red River County cemetery. The female adult dog is black and tan, rather small and has a cropped tail. The puppies are: one light cream; one golden and five black and tan with special facial markings, some have white feet and toes. Animal abandonment and cruelty is now a felony offense in Texas. Anyone having information about this incident or any other is urged to call the local Humane Society representative at 903-427-5435 or the Sheriff's Department at 427-3838. If you could provide a good home for any of these animals, please call 427-5435. The puppies have been wormed, had their first Parvo shot and will be spayed or neutered free of charge by the Humane Society.

West Nile Virus not found

Donnette Parrot of Talco was recently reported a suspected victim of the West Nile Virus. Mrs. Parrot had symptoms of the virus and tests were sent off to determine her illness. She received results last week which indicated viral meningitis, which is a serious virus on its own, but no West Nile virus was found. Mrs. Parrot is at home and improving daily. We are glad to hear her illness was not West Nile and glad the serious viral meningitis was treated successfully.



GALA COLOR - Judy Parks, left, member of the decorations committee, and Sandy Keith, gala coordinator, display some of the many colorful decorations to be used during this year's CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System Gala, planned Oct. 5 at the Love Civic Center. The theme of this year's gala is "Some Enchanted Evening," with a South Pacific theme. Each guest will receive one of the Hawaiian leis, shown in the foreground. Proceeds from this year's gala, sponsored by the CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Foundation, will go to nursing scholarships for local students.

Annual McConnell reunion to be September 21

Descendants of Annie Waddell McConnell and Will McConnell will hold their annual reunion on Saturday, September 21, 2002, at the Community Center in Bogata. Family and friends are invited to the covered dish meal at noon and the family history program that will follow. A few history books are still available that were compiled and published in 2000. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell lived at their home place in the Maple and Cuthand area for more than fifty years. The land was originally homesteaded in the late 1880's by Mrs. McConnell's parents, Sarah Jane Horne Waddell and J.C. Waddell, who came to Texas from Peachland, Anson County, North Carolina. The Home Place is currently operated and owned by Sam and Sammie McConnell of Bogata. In 1987, the Texas Department of Agriculture accepted the Waddell-McConnell Home Place into the Family Land Heritage Program to honor farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100 years or more. For more information on the Land Heritage Program, contact Texas Department of Agriculture, Family Land Heritage Program, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Tx. 78711, phone: (512) 463-2631.

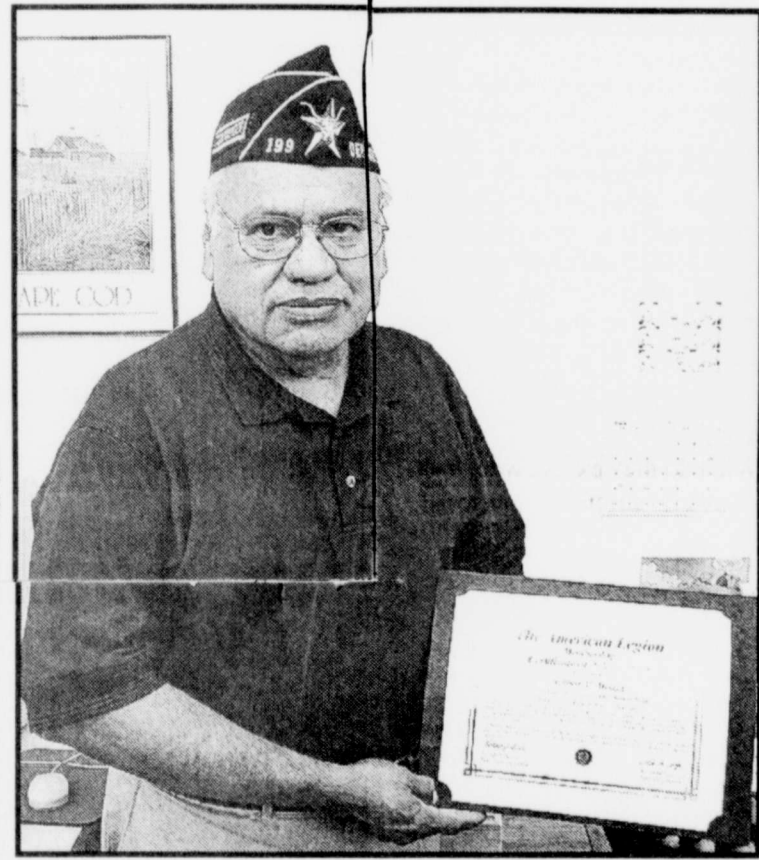
Council holds budget workshop

The Bogata City Council met Monday, August 27 in a special meeting. All councilmembers were present except Brian Strickland. They voted to have North St. John paved by Dean & Sons of Texarkana. The performance of N. St. John Street will be evaluated over the winter months and possibly another street on the south side of the City will be paved next year. Council voted to sign and accept the compromise, settlement and release agreement from TXU Gas company. The City will receive a settlement amount of \$2683.54. They also voted to pass an ordinance to amend the existing gas franchise between the city and TXU Gas Company leaving the franchise fee at 2% of the gross revenues from all classes, including service charges. The special meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. and the council then held a budget workshop. Another budget workshop will be held Friday, August 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at which time they will hear a proposal for employee insurance.

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NATIONAL CERTIFICATE- Gilbert Arriaga, who has just finished a term as Commander of the Deport American Legion Post, has received a certificate of achievement from Richard J. Santos, the National American Legion Commander. He has achieved the status of one of "Ric's Retrievers" by reclaiming fellow post comrades and adopting new members, surpassing the designated goals assigned by the department.

People 'N Things

Deport American Legion Warren Teague Post meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

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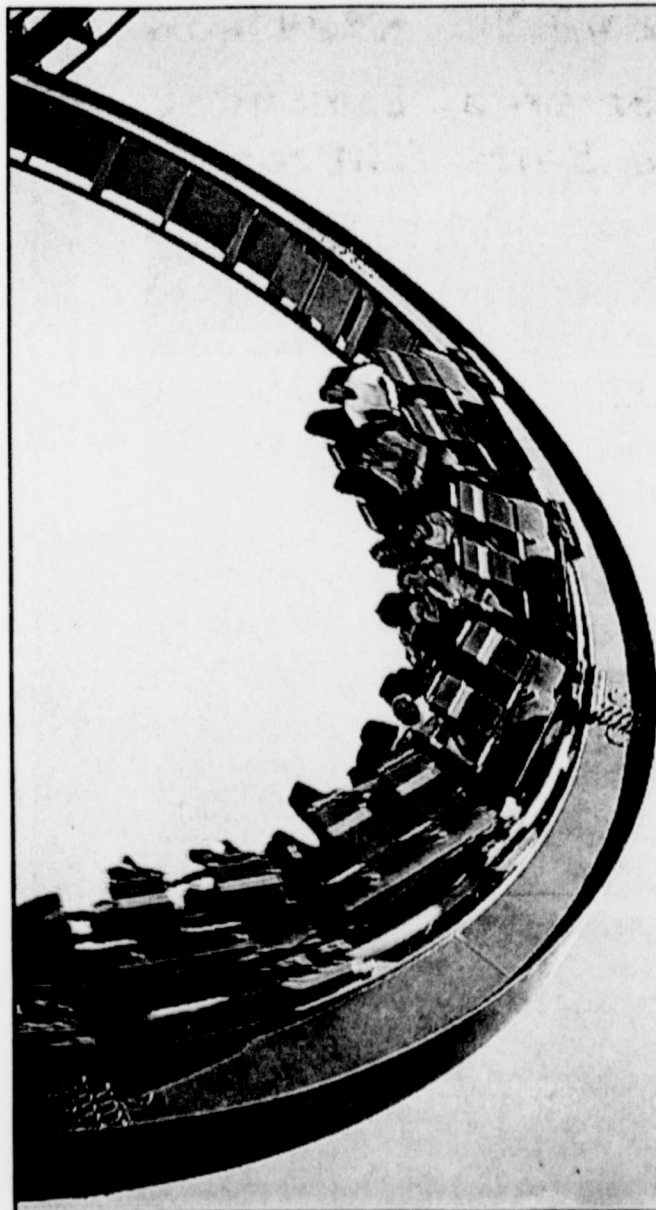
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I attended the Region D North-east Texas Planning Group meeting at the Gilmer Civic Center on August 21, 2002. I am proud to say there was a pretty good showing of people from the area. There were plenty of seats left, so I urge all that can, to attend the next meeting on September 18 at 2:00 p.m. in Gilmer, TX.

There are 23 members on the Board. They stated their names and whose interest they represented. Small business, power companies, water planning board member, Texas Park and Wildlife and various other interests. They were from Dallas, Greenville, Paris and surrounding towns from our area. There is not one member from Red River County. There were two members that owned property that would be affected.

These folks are appointed, not elected, and are the people looking out for our best interests. It was asked of the board, "What are you all getting out of this?" One member stood up and said he was getting nothing. No one else answered. If nobody is getting anything out of this lake project, then why is this proposition even on the table? I suggest we do our homework and follow the money trail. It seems like someone is awful quick to want to give our land and water up for nothing.

After the business of the meeting was over, the public in attendance, were given a chance to make statements. I thought everyone did well and brought up some very good points. They asked some very good questions also, most of which, were not answered. There was a representative for our local politicians, Rep. Sandlin, Rep. Homer, Rep. Telford and Rep. Glaze, who, on their behalf,

brought forth a statement asking that Marvin Nichols I Reservoir be taken off the agenda. This is bad news. Unless he has changed his mind, Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff still supports the lake. This is bad news. Remember folks, there is an election in November. Please get out and vote, and, keep in mind who our representatives are. This includes our local politicians from County Judges to Commissioners.

The process of taking the lake off the agenda, we were told, will take 60 days. That will be after the elections, so we need to keep putting pressure on our politicians. Be sure you know where they stand. Keep writing those letters and making those phone calls.

The Sulphur River Basin runs right through the middle of our district. This is some, if not the best, hardwood river bottom in Texas. Water, like oil, gas and electricity is a powerful asset. To give up our control of these water rights to the DFW area or anybody else, would be ridiculous, even suicidal to our area. This river system is the heart, soul and the lifeblood of our area. Folks, this is our water, our property, our jobs, our businesses and our very way of life, that we are being told that we may have to sacrifice, and for what? Think about this. I, for one say, NO. I do not want to give up my property, do you? I say, NO, to those who would ever consider squandering our precious commodity. Please join in this fight. Our public outcry has made some politicians take notice and think about doing the right thing. There are too many unanswered questions about this project. For this kind of sacrifice we deserve to have all the cards on the table. I challenge any of our local or Re-

gional State politicians to come forward with all the facts. I challenge them to have meetings in the small towns and communities and provide information and answer all the questions. I challenge them to come out in our newspapers and list the economical benefits we are to enjoy. If this lake is so important to our area, why don't we build it and retain our water and water rights and reap the benefits ourselves? Keep the money in our area. This is not a Corp of Engineers lake.

We, in the Bogata and Talco areas are just finishing a new, outstanding school campus. It is nearly on the bank of Sulphur River. What will happen to it? Whether you own property directly affected, or, you are just a resident in the surrounding area, you will be affected by higher taxes and the loss of jobs.

I look now, with our politicians asking that Marvin Nichols I Reservoir be taken off the agenda, that we are making a difference and moving in the right direction. There are five different lake projects proposed for our Sulphur River Basin. We must keep up our efforts and keep fighting for what is rightfully ours. The water and water rights belong to us. Please do not let us be bullied into giving them up.

I would like to thank the folks from the Sulphur River Oversight Society. Without their public meetings in our towns and small communities, many of us would still be in the dark. They have worked very hard and tirelessly gathering information and conducting these meetings. Thank you.
Lindy Guest
Bogata, Texas

The citizens of Bogata expressed their support for a Crime Prevention District when they voted by a large margin to have a one-half cent sales tax. The Crime Prevention District Board budgets this revenue to provide needs for the police department including purchase of a patrol car. Future patrol cars will be purchased with this revenue.

The following are a few benefits the city has due to the police department:

1. Less vandalism at Thomas Park, at the cemetery, post office and businesses;
2. Control of speeding traffic through the city;
3. Comfort in knowing there will be a quick response to emergencies, such as traffic accidents, medical emergencies, family violence, sexual assaults and child abuse calls;
4. Fewer unlawful drivers on our streets to endanger our citizens;
5. Promoting good relations with the youth of our community through school programs, Easter and Halloween events, etc.

The presence of a police department is a deterrent to the growth of drug problems and violence in our community. A police force promotes more involvement with the drug task force and other law enforcement agencies.

The members of the Crime Prevention Board want the citizens of Bogata to know that we support our police department and it's chief officer, Charlie Clegg. We are fortunate to have someone with his experience to build a police department and guide the on-going efforts toward crime prevention in this community. This board appreciates his integrity, determination and dedication to the people of this community during some very trying times. At all times Chief Clegg has maintained his vision for the police department and its' important role in this community's future.

We encourage our citizens to express their appreciation to Chief Clegg and other officers of the Police Department.

- Rick Holman
- Donna Rozell
- Gina Allen
- Michael Garretson
- Charles Skaggs
- Kevin Binion
- Wayne Martin



Prostate cancer

support group to meet

Richard L. Flournoy, Ph.D., will discuss the emotional impact of learning you have cancer with members of the local chapter of Us Too!, the national prostate cancer support group, when they meet Thursday, September 5 at 7 p.m. in Classroom B of the Titus County Regional Hospital.

Dr. Flournoy is currently in private practice in Mt. Pleasant with

28 years of professional experience including work in the public sector as a psychologist at Abilene State School, chief psychologist at Wichita Falls State Hospital and teaching classes at both Midwestern State University and Northeast Texas Community College.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

NO VARSITY FOOTBALL! This is a real shame for the Senior and Junior boys who wanted to play, but there is more what about the Varsity Cheerleaders, the Band and the Community? As a parent of a Senior football player I would like to say that I have all the respect in the world for Kasey Easley, Josh Cabell, Ryan Newton, Zach Perry, Heath Hinton, Matt Ross, Chance Crawford, Jessica Westerman, Cody Cheatwood and Keith Perry. As for the others who made a choice not to play, I am truly disappointed. You have made a choice for all the other students and our community that only a few of you wanted. This decision of yours will affect your "friends" forever. I have heard all the excuses (which as you know, everyone has one):

1. It is too HOT. Yes it was and still is hot, but what happens when you get out in the real world and it is hot, not a better work?

2. I have a go to work for a scholarship in something else. Who is to say that any one will give you that chance if they find out how little respect you have for your own community.

3. I don't like the coach. How in the @#% do you know, this was to be his first year as head coach.

4. I am hurt. This is true for some, but let me just tell you this, Joshua had his wreck on June 6 which caused injury to his lower back and guess what, he still practice every day of two a days and played in the only scrimmage they got to play. Yes, on Monday after

doing the deadlift his back was bothering him again so he did not practice Monday or Tuesday so he could ice his back. On Wednesday, after treating his back during athletics and treating it at home, he went to the field house thinking he along with the others would be ready to play ball. This did not happen--instead they were told that there would be NO VARSITY TEAM. I fell sure that this does not bother some readers, however, it has been very upsetting to those of us who do care.

The youth of today are the future of tomorrow. What is the future going to hold? It scares me to think about it. As adults if we are allowing these children to do things like this today, where will the excuses stop? When they are grown and "it is too hot" and "I do not like him/her" or "I do not feel all that good" what are they going to be told? "It's ok, you do not have to work, let someone else work and support you". This is no more ridiculous than what they have done now.

To the Sophomores and Freshmen-I also have all the respect for each and every one of you who are working so hard to get the opportunity to play. Hopefully, Austin will not penalize you as Juniors and Seniors for 2002-2003 have done.
Leah Cabell

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On the serious note, Dr. VanDeaver had in the Bogata Newspaper about the effort to restore the school spirit, the school is like a college campus, students come get their lessons and go home.

What do they expect when the teachers give so much homework? The children are expected to read a book or two a week. Some of these children get off the bus at 4:30 p.m. and later. Upon arriving home it is time for homework, then home, they do NOT have time for extracurricular activities. If all the students were "All A Students" and did not have to study it would be different.

I am 100% FOR extracurricular activities, lets get the teachers involved and ask them to remember when it is ball game night, band, FFA meeting/activities or whatever is taking place at night. Ask the teachers to give them time to do the home work and help them at school. Then everyone could be involved.

Why can't it be like the "Good Ole Days", when you could go to school, Loved your teacher, participated in ALL extra activities, it didn't matter if you read 100 books or not. The important thing was keeping your work done at school and staying up with your classroom studies. Everyone enjoyed school and no one was scared of their teacher. Come on, let's have a good year teachers! You can show team spirit and maybe the students will too.

I am only a Granny! I'd like to hear from some of the other parents and see if it's just me OR if they feel the same way I do OR am I just from the old school and don't know what I'm talking about!
Granny D,
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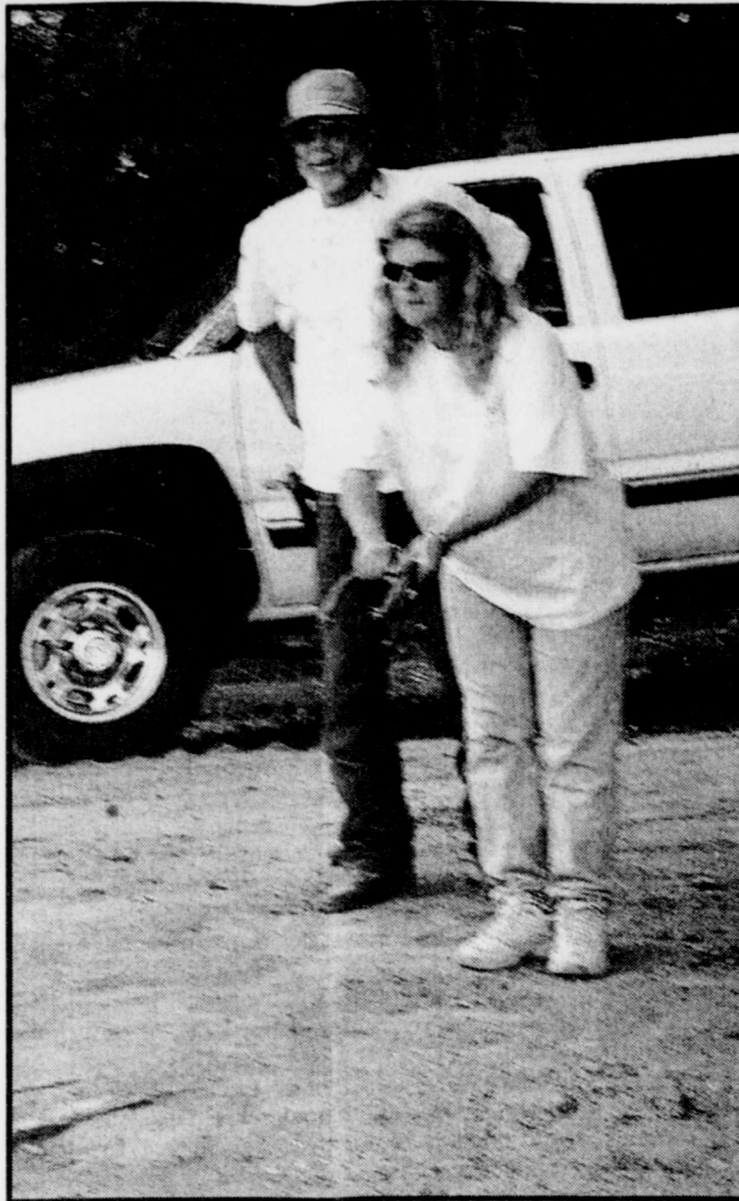
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SHARI WISINGER had the coolest job at the Maple Springs AWANA youth group carnival held on Saturday afternoon in the dunking booth. Shari went down on a regular basis but really didn't mind. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



EVEN THE ADULTS enjoyed games at the AWANA youth group carnival held Saturday at Maple Springs church. Lynn Douglas and Cecil Bevell are pictured in a competitive game of horse shoes. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



The Gospel Chimes

"The Gospel Chimes" to perform

Southern/Country gospel music group, "The Gospel Chimes", will be in concert at First Assembly of God in Bogata, Texas Sunday, September 1, 2002. Services will begin at 10:45 a.m. No ad-

mission will be charged but a free will offering will be accepted. The church is located on Hwy 271 S. of Bogata and everyone invited to attend.

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AWANA Carnival successful

The Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church youth group, AWANA's hosted a free carnival for all the youth of the area on Saturday, August 24, 2002. Approximately 100 youth and adults attended the event which included a dunking booth, balloon dart board, prize walk, water gun shoot, basketball, free cokes and more. Even though the heat was bad the children and adults had a wonderful time. The group will begin regular meetings on Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Maple Springs Church. All youth from Kindergarten through Senior students are invited to attend. The group will be led by Bro. David Snelson.



Regan and Rue Anna Bell

Bells celebrate 30th anniversary

Regan and Rue Anna Bell celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary August 11, 2002 with a surprise party at Chili's in Paris hosted by their children, LaTonya and Jarrod Miller; Crystal and John Davidson and Brandon Bell. The couple received many nice gifts including a 2 night getaway at the cabin resort of their choice from their children. There were 29 close friends and family members present to help the couple celebrate their joyous occasion.

Rivercrest School District/Charter School
 National School Lunch/Breakfast Program
 School Year 2002-2003

The Rivercrest ISD school serves meals each school day. Elementary children may buy lunch for \$1.20 and breakfast for 65¢. Children who qualify under U.S. Dept. of Agriculture guidelines may get meals free or at a reduced-price of \$.40 for lunch and \$.30 for breakfast. All meals served must meet nutrition standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If a child has a disability, as determined by a doctor, and the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed there will be no extra charge for the meal. Please note, however, that the school is not required to make a substitution for a food allergy, unless it meets the definition of disability. Please call the school for further information; telephone number 632-5204. (Rivercrest High School lunch \$1.50 and breakfast for \$.65. Reduced are \$.40 and \$.30.) Your child can get free school meals if you get food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Depending on your income, your child may be eligible for either free or reduced price meals.

To get free or reduced-price meals for your child, you must complete an application for Free and Reduced Price Meals form and return it to the school.

Households getting food stamps or TANF. You only have to include your child's name and case number, and an adult household member must sign the form.

Households that do not get food stamps or TANF. If you do not have a case number, you must include the names of all household members, the amount of income each person received last month and where the income came from. An adult household member must sign the form and include his or her social security number, or indicate that he or she has no social security number.

Households with a foster child. You must include the child's name and the amount of "personal use" income the child received last month, and an adult must sign the form.

Will the form be verified? Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send written evidence that shows that your child should get free or reduced price meals.

Can I appeal the school's decision? You can talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your form. You also may ask for a fair hearing by calling or writing to: Gary VanDeaver, Superintendent, 903-632-5205 at Rt. 1, Box 253, Bogata, Texas 75417.

Must I report changes? If your child gets free or reduced price meals because of your income, you must tell us if your household size decreases, or if your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your child gets free meals because your household gets food stamps or TANF, you must tell us when you no longer get these benefits.

Will information on my form be kept confidential? We will use the information on your form to decide if your child should get free or reduced price meals. We may inform officials with other child nutrition, health and education programs of the information on your form to determine benefits for those programs or for funding and/or evaluation purposes.

Can I apply for free and reduced price meals later? You may apply free and reduced price meals at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or TANF, complete another form then. You will be notified when your application is approved or denied.

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4	23,530	33,485	1,961	2,791	453	644
5	27,534	39,183	2,295	3,266	530	754
6	31,538	44,881	2,629	3,741	607	864
7	35,542	50,579	2,962	4,215	684	974
8	39,546	56,277	3,296	4,690	761	1,083
9	43,550	61,975	3,630	5,165	838	1,193
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Reed and Rhett Randolph

Randolph brothers celebrate

Reed and Rhett Randolph, sons of Randy and Lorry Randolph of Caddo Mills, celebrated their birthdays with friends and family at their home on August 17, 2002.

Reed turned 6 years old on August 15 and Rhett turned 3 years old on August 17. A sports cake, ice cream and pizza were served to the guest.

People
 &
 Things

RIVERCREST ISD PHONE NUMBERS

Phone numbers for the three campuses of Rivercrest ISD are:

Talco School Rivercrest Junior High-903-379-3841

Rivercrest High School-903-632-5204

Rivercrest Elementary School-903-632-5214

Tuesdays

BAM (Bogata Area Moms) playgroup for stay at home moms and their children meets Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Call Kelly for more information at 903-632-4493.

August 29

School portraits will be taken at Rivercrest Elementary August 29, 2002.

September 2

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A Day to Remember.

The American Legion Posts are working nationwide to sponsor special ceremonies and remembrances of and on September 11.

Every post has a packet offering event planning and promotional products as well as a memorial service.

It is hoped these ceremonies will take place at noon nationwide.

Key message points for "Day to Remember":

■ As a free people, we must never forget that those innocent victims of the September 11 attack in America did not die in vain.

■ We stand united as a nation and committed to wiping out terrorism and those who plot the murders of innocent civilians throughout the world.

■ The American Legion asks all Americans to honor the ultimate sacrifice of U.S. military personnel who gave their lives on and after September 11 by contributing to the September 11 Memorial Scholarship Fund to provide their children with an education.

■ We must remain committed to supporting the young men and women of our armed services who go in harm's way on our behalf. Write them, pray for them and thank God they serve America with honor, courage and commitment.

■ The men and women serving in the U.S. military today in the war against terrorism are our nation's newest veterans.

■ The banner under which all of America's military forces have fought and died has no protection from those who would desecrate it. Congress should restore legal protection for the flag as a symbol of our compassion for those who have suffered in the September 11 attacks, and as a statement of our resolve to show no mercy to those who hate us and would destroy our freedom.

■ Talk with your U.S. Senators and strongly urge them to pass Senate Joint Resolution 7, the flag protection amendment, as tribute to those Americans who lost their lives on September 11.



COACHES FOR REBEL-football this season will be; (back from the left) Coach Karl Whitehurst, Jody Burns, David Pasternak, Steve Weddle and Terry Hill and (front) Head Coach, Gary Schultz. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Labor Day weekend

The Texas Department of Public Safety will join other state police agencies across the nation in promoting traffic safety through Operation CARE during the upcoming Labor Day holiday.

Operation CARE-Holiday Accident Reduction Effort-focuses on strict enforcement of speed limits, alcohol and drug-related offenses, and occupant restraint laws. The increased presence of law enforcement on the state's highways will run from Friday, August 30 to Monday, September 2.

"During holidays, people sometimes think that, tragedy won't strike them or their loved ones, but it can," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "If you're speeding, driving while intoxicated or not properly restrained, you put your life and the lives of others at risk."

Holiday drivers are sometimes

tempted to drink and drive. They justify their illegal behavior by believing that their actions won't affect themselves or others. Drivers must remember that even one drink can diminish driving ability and there are no quick ways to "sober up."

DPS has a zero-tolerance policy for drunk driving. Vehicles that are being driven in a manner that indicates the driver is intoxicated will be stopped in every case, and appropriate action will be taken. Drunk drivers are a hazard to themselves and everyone who shares the roadway with them.

"We realize that not every driver will follow our suggestions for safe driving," said Col. Davis, "and that's why our troopers and agencies across the state are stepping up holiday enforcement. We'll do our best to make the roadways safer for Labor Day weekend travel."

Fire training classes to begin

Fire training classes will begin in Reno on Tuesday, September 10.

The Fire and Emergency medical Service Training Program at Texas A&M in Commerce will offer the classes. This is the first time for the classes to be held in Reno through a cooperative arrangement between A&M, the Reno VFD and the City of Reno.

Classes will be taught two nights a week and every other weekend. It will take approximately nine months to finish the

training. Students must complete 480 hours of fire training and pass a state written and skills test to become a certified Texas firefighter.

Loans through lending agencies are available to help pay for costs of attending the training.

For information on the training and about fees, refer to www.tamu-commerce.edu/extendeduniv/ and click on the public safety link or call 888-334-9449 toll free.

PJC sets continuing education classes

Paris Junior College's Continuing Education Department has scheduled a wide selection of classes for the month of September, according to Robbie White, Director.

The EMT Basic class meets from 6-10 p.m. September 3 through December 13. This class is an introduction to the level of EMT Basic. It includes all the skills necessary to provide emergency medical care at a basic life support level with an ambulance service or other specialized services.

An EMT Basic Refresher class will be held from 6-10 p.m., September 3 through December 13. Theory and skills necessary to meet national and state requirements for certification are covered in this class. Participants must be EMT-B or EMT-B Completion status and hold a current CPR card.

The Paramedic II class will meet from 6-10 p.m. (2-3 nights per week) Sep. 2 through Feb. 3. Additional advanced curriculum and skills include an Advanced Cardiac Life Support course, patient assessment, pharmacology and all National Standard curriculum. Classroom and clinical hours are being expanded.

PrimeTime Computing for the Senior Adult (55+) Christus St. Joseph's PrimeTime and Paris Junior College join in offering computer classes for the senior adult. Step 1, Understanding Personal Computers, will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday/Thursday, Sep. 10-17. An alternate class meets from 1-4 p.m. on the same dates.

Step 2, Understanding Windows, is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday/Thursday, Sep. 19-26, with an alternate class from 1-4 p.m.

A Hyper Speed Reading class will be held from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Sep. 3 and 5.

Exploring Your Whole Potential - Career Search will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sep. 14.

Exploring Your Whole Potential - Job Search will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sep. 28.

The CPR for Health Care Providers (Course C), approved by the American Heart Association, will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sep. 13.

CPR Recertification for Health Professionals will be held from 6-10 p.m. on Sep. 13. This class is certification by the American Heart Association and is a review and update for current CPR cardholders.

The First Aid/CPR class, approved by the American Red Cross and recognized by OSHA, will meet from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sep. 21.

The Real Estate Principles I class will be held September 16-22. Saturday/Sunday sessions are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday sessions run from 6-9 p.m.

The Introduction to QuickBooks class will meet from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Sep. 10-19, and from 6-8 p.m. on Sep. 24 and 26.

A Small Business Tax Workshop will be presented from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sep. 11. This workshop will help you make taxes less taxing.

How to Sell to the Government is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Sep. 12.

The Basics for Starting a Small Business will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Sep. 20.

The 200-hour class at the Sulphur Springs Technical Center provides students with the skills and knowledge necessary to take the Commercial Drivers License (CDL) exams. The class meets from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, September 2-27. The next class begins September 30 and runs through October 25.

A Nurse Aide will be held from Sep. 9-25. Monday through Thursday sessions are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday sessions are from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Nursing Home Activity Directory class is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., each Tuesday, Sep. 10 through Dec. 3.

A Medication Aide Update will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sep. 21.

A Personal Financial Planning class will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Sep. 17.

Defensive Driving is offered by Paris Junior College #067 in accordance with the standards established by the National Traffic Safety Institute of Texas, Inc., license #C0297, and consists of 6 hours of classroom instruction. The class meets from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sep. 7. An alternate session will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Sep. 16-17.

The Driver's Education class, approved by the Texas Department of Public Safety, is open to students at least 15 years of age. Classes meet Monday through Friday, 4-6 p.m., Sep. 9-30.

A Beginning Golf for Women class will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Sep. 23-26.

The Kids Hurt Too seminar will meet from 6-9 p.m. on Sep. 3. The alternate seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sep. 14.

Private violin lessons for beginning or intermediate students will be offered from Sep. 3 through Oct. 25. The class consists of eight 30-minute lessons to be scheduled individually with the instructor.

Many other classes on available on-line. Contact the Continuing Education Department for a complete schedule.

To register for Continuing Education classes call (903) 782-0447 or 782-0445.

Rivercrest Schools Menus September 3-6

MONDAY
NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY

Breakfast
Sausage & biscuits
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Pizza
corn
salad
fruit
milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast
Cinnamon rolls
cinnamon toast
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Steak fingers
cream potatoes w/grey
green beans
hot roll w/honey
milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast
Oatmeal
toast
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
salad
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garlic sticks
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A course in hunter education is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, September 9, 10, 11 from 6-10 pm in the Vocational Agriculture Building at Mt. Vernon High School. Bruce Hunnicutt, a local vocational agriculture teacher will be the instructor for the hunter education course.

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

safety. With dove, deer and squirrel season set to begin this fall, this is a good opportunity for hunter to take the safety course before the hunting seasons get into full swing. Hunnicutt said, "I urge everyone who is not certified to take this opportunity to do so".

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

Bogata Library/Museum report

During the month of August the Bogata Library/Museum received a monetary donation from Mr. Wendell Reader of the Armadill Country Store. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hare gave two new book in memory of Ms. Neatha Garrett and Toby Sears during the month.

The library has no source of income except the donations of interested citizens. The library has to pay a local business phone bill and any other small expenses each month.

A number of volunteers work at the library re-shelving books and doing other necessary work each Tuesday afternoon. The library is open Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. You are invited to visit the museum and check out books.

The publis is asked to make monitory donations in memory of friends and loved ones. This small gesture will enable the Library/Museum to continue giving good service.

Power outage affects 1,800

According to Barry Bonds, Customer Relations Manager for Texas-New Mexico Power Company, power was lost to the communities of Cunningham, Pattonville, Blossom, Sylvan, Detroit and Bagwell at 11:40 a.m. on

Tuesday, August 20 and restored on the same day at 11:52 a.m. 1,800 customers were affected.

The cause was due to contract tree trimmers accidently letting a tree fall into TNMP's main feeder circuit for these communities.

Small things can make you day

by Nancy Brown

Monday is the day of the week everyone dreads. It is the beginning of the work week, school week etc. and I am no different. Of course, I enjoy my job, but, like everyone else it is a job. So, on Monday afternoon I was procrastinating to myself, not wanting to do anything but with a desk full when a lady called. She asked me if I had the paper from last week in a sweet, upbeat voice. I told her yes in a dull, routine manner when she said "There was an article in there about a family who lost their home and I have some things for them".

I found the story and gave her a possible place to call for information and since she unknowingly brightened my day, I told her, "You will be rewarded for your kindness someday". In reply she told me she was so busy but the story had touched her heart and she made time to gather things for a family she doesn't know.

She took the time out of her busy schedule, called for information and will probably deliver her gifts. God Bless her and all of those who still have a wonderful soft heart. They help and brighten not only those they give to, but, to those who know someone helped someone else, no strings attached.



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Date set for Rivercrest High School class of 83' reunion

Representatives of the Rivercrest class of 1983 have set the date for their 20 year reunion for July 19, 2003. The place and time, as well as activities, are still being planned. More information will be available at a later date. Mark your calendars and plan on coming back to visit with those you have not seen in decades.

The group are also collecting information for the "20 Year class reunion annual". If you are a member of the class of 1983 please send a recent picture of you and your family as well as a little biography of what you have "been up to" in the last 20 years; college, family, jobs, hobbies etc. The Reunion Annual will have addresses, phone numbers, emails, pictures and information on each of the class members. You can mail your photos and information

to Leah Lewis Bull, 431 S. Bryson St., Bogata, Tx. 75417. You may also email your information and pictures if you have the capabilities to lrlewis@1starnet.com. All photos will be promptly returned within a few days of receiving them. The reunion annual may be purchased before or during the class reunion next year. The price of the annual will cover copying and binding only and the cost will be \$7.00-\$10.00 each.

An invitation is also extended to the classes of 1982 and 1984 as well as any parents, faculty or friends to come reminisce and reconnect with old friends. You may contact Leah Lewis Bull at 903-632-9520; Joe Corbell at 903-509-3027; Kathie Williams Thompson at 903-632-4591 or David Rozell at 903-632-5617 for information.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to Local Government Code, 102.006, the City Council of Blossom, Texas hereby gives notice of a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the City's General Fund and Utility Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2002/2003.

The meeting will be held Thursday, September 12, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers, Blossom City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas.

The City intends to adopt above budgets at a Public Meeting to be held immediately after above Public Hearing.

The public is encouraged to attend and to participate. For additional information, call 982-5900. 8-15

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Detroit ISD is requesting bids for the following items for the new high school, which will be completed November, 2002. Only those bidders need to apply who can guarantee delivery on the listed items no later than October 25, 2002. Delivery and set-up charges need to be included in the cost of the item bid.

1. Classroom furniture for all classrooms except (2) computer labs and science laboratory.
2. Computer furniture and accessories for two classrooms.
3. Office furniture and furniture for teacher's workroom.
4. Furniture, shelving, circulation desk, office furniture and all accessories associated with a media center (library).

Bids on the above mentioned items will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2002 at the Detroit Administration Office located at 210 Gamer Street, Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, Texas 75436. For additional information or generic bid specifications, please contact Curtis Barnett, Superintendent, or Greg Jones, Business Manager for the Detroit ISD at 903-674-6131. Bids will be opened and tabulated after 4:00 p.m. on September 9, 2002 and all bids will be submitted to the Board of Trustees at the regular scheduled September meeting on September 9, 2002. Successful bidder will be notified immediately. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 9-5

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No varsity football at Rivercrest High School

by Nancy Brown

A press release was issued August 22, 2002 stating there would be no varsity football at Rivercrest High School for the 2002/2003 season.

The release received from Rivercrest Athletic Director/Principal Keith Brown went as follows:

I would like to thank you for your interest and coverage of Rivercrest Athletics. The positive articles that your paper produces serves as a motivator for many of our youth in your distribution area. I would also like to thank all of you for the positive professional way that you have handled our athletic program in the past ten years. I personally have worked with all of you in my various coaching assignments in boys and girls athletics.

I must inform you today that we are experiencing a very sad day in Rivercrest ISD. We are announcing that we are canceling our varsity football schedule for 2002. We will be playing our JV schedule as we notified all of you as scheduled.

The letter went on to say Mr. Brown would be answering any questions concerning the matter and again he thanked the papers for their interest and stated he would be looking forward to

working with the press for the year.

The reason behind this action was simple, no players. When I spoke with Coach Brown this week his position was one of disappointment. The team was in trouble right away with few boys coming out to play, but, they were hanging in there and planning to play varsity until at the end of the week, the quarterback quit and injury took out another boy. The team was faced with using its youngest players on the field against veteran varsity players. Coach Gary Schultz along with his staff and Coach Brown felt it was in the best interest of the young boys to play JV only. This does leave the remaining seniors without a chance to letter or be looked at by college scouts. It does leave the varsity cheerleaders with no team to cheer for and does leave the band wondering, when will we play?

The answers thus far are; the seniors boys can't be helped; the varsity cheerleaders will share cheering duties with the JV cheerleaders and the band will play just as proudly at the JV games. The school has not yet received notification from the UIL as to what to results of not having a varsity

team will be. The possibilities are; no varsity team for 2 years which would include this season and/or having to go to Austin to give the reason for canceling this season and plead the school case. As soon as word is received the school will announce its answer.

As a reporter must say I talked with the boys who came out for football and to some who did not. There were various reasons for not playing and I'm not saying I like them any more than anyone else, but, the bottom line is you can not make students participate. I am sorry for those who wanted to play and I am sorry for those who didn't whatever their reasons. But, Rivercrest is a strong school with good students and they will survive and overcome. The coaching staff will do their best with their teams and will prepare for another day. And, I like most of the Rebels loyal fans will be out to support our junior high who has 52 members and our JV team who will compete even stronger than ever.

Homecoming has been a question and I am pleased to say I am the first to receive the new Rivercrest Football Schedule including the Homecoming date. Go Rebels!!

Rivercrest Rebel Junior Varsity/Junior High 2002/2003 Schedule

September 5- JV	Paris High	Here	5:00 pm
September 12- 7, 8, JV	Union Grove	There	5:00 pm
September 19- 7, 8, JV	Wolfe City	There	5:00 pm
September 26- 7, 8, JV	Detroit (7) Chisum (8 & JV)	Here	5:00 pm
October 3- 7,8, JV	Maud (7) Bowie (8) Paris (JV)	Here	5:00 p.m
October 10- 7,8, JV	(HC) *Cooper	Here	5:00 pm
October 17- 7, 8, JV	*Honey Grove	There	5:00 pm
October 24- 7, 8, JV	*Prairiland	Here	5:00 pm
October 31- 7,8, JV	*Chisum	There	5:00 pm
November 7-7,8, JV	*Clarksville	Here	5:00 pm

HC denotes Homecoming

* denotes District games

Head Coach, Gary Schultz and coaches, Karl Whitehurst, Terry Hill, Steve Weddle, David Pasternak, Jody Burns
Athletic Director, Keith Brown
Cheerleading Sponsor-Lori Franks
Band Director-David Terry

September CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Childbirth Education Classes* Sessions begin Thursday, September 5, 2002. Classes are held on Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (You must register for Childbirth Education Classes at least a week in advance, call 577-6201.)

Big Brother/Big Sister Class Saturday, September 21, 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, September 3, 2002, 6 p.m. Topic: *Suprise Speaker.* Call 903-577-6542 for more information.

Better Breather's Club Wednesday, September 25, 2002, 1:30 p.m., TRMC Auditorium. Call 903-577-6588 for more information.

Stroke/Brain Injury Support Group Monday, September 9, 2002, 2:00 p.m., TRMC Auditorium. Call 903-577-6299 for more information.

Why Weight? Weight Management Support Group Monday, September 9, 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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RIVERCREST ISD is looking for substitute teachers for the 2002-2003 school year. Persons interested in substituting for grades PK-12 should fill out an application at the Rivercrest ISD business office located in Rivercrest High School. Persons must have at least a high school diploma to be eligible to substitute. *MA 9-5*

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 Age & Gender: 42, male
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 Victim Age/Sex: 9, female;
 16, female
 Street Name: S. Sulphur
 City: Bogata
 Zip Code: 75417

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Tocomite a la ley estatal Tx. Rev. Civ. Stat. Art. 6252-13C.1, el Departamento de Policia de la Ciudad de Bogata es requerido a publicar la siguiente informacion perteneciente a un adulto a quien culpabilidad de una ofensa sexual contra un menor de edad se a sido probada y esta persona se traslado a nuestra ciudad. Esta es la unica informacion que se es permitida por ley, publicar. Informacion de esta ofensor se ha dirigido al Superintendente Escolar del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Rivercrest.

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Plan focuses on "high risk" animals

Texas livestock health officials have presented a compromise plan to the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) that, if approved, would eliminate a federal regulation requiring steers to be identified with approved ear tags, and feeder heifers to be tagged and tested for cattle tuberculosis (TB) when they leave Texas after January 1, 2003. The "Texas Cattle Tuberculosis (TB) Action Plan," which is under review by the USDA, would instead target surveillance on "at-risk" cattle populations within Texas. Cattle TB is a bacterial disease that can cause infected cattle to develop internal lesions in the lungs, lymph nodes or on other organs.

"In June, Texas lost its 'free' status for cattle tuberculosis (TB), because, during the past year, two of the state's 153,000 cattle herds were found to be infected. These two herds—a dairy and a purebred beef herd—have been depopulated and another 150 nearby or epidemiologically linked herds have tested negative for the disease," said veterinarian Dan Baca, who is the TB epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

"Nonetheless, under current federal regulations, Texas breeding cattle now must have a TB skin test and be officially identified with an ear tag prior to being transported out of state. The TB test can be waived only if the breeding animals originate from a TB accredited-free herd, are going directly to a slaughter plant or are transported to an approved (restricted) feedlot. About 150,000

breeding cattle are hauled from the state each year," said Dr. Logan TAHC executive director and Texas' state veterinarian.

Dr. Logan explained that, when the USDA downgraded Texas' cattle TB status in June, the federal agency delayed its implementation of interstate movement regulations for feeder cattle until January 1, 2003. She said more than 1.5 million steers, feeder heifers and feeder bull calves are moved from Texas each year, and the federal regulations would require official ear tags be placed on the animals prior to movement.

"We have worked closely with Texas cattle associations, which formed a Texas TB Working Group, our neighboring states and the USDA to formulate an alternative plan that would eliminate the feeder regulations involving tagging and testing in 2003, while still providing for cost-effective disease surveillance tailored to our state's needs," said Dr. Logan.

During the past five years, less than one in three million Texas feeder cattle have been found to have TB, so we see these animals as a negligible risk for the disease," said Dr. Baca. "On the other hand, we will continue to support the testing and identification of breeding cattle destined for a herd out of state. Breeding animals reside in herds for a number of years, and we certainly don't want to put receiving states or herds at risk." "In the Texas TB Plan, we have asked that additional USDA inspectors be added in US slaughter plants, to ensure that carcasses are thoroughly examined for internal lesions indica-

tion of cattle TB. Meat inspection is the basis for finding cattle TB cases, and enhancing this disease surveillance method could help us find any remaining infection in Texas," said Dr. Logan.

"Because cattle TB in Texas was detected during the past 12 months in a Texas dairy and in a purebred beef herd, we believe targeted live-animal testing should be conducted in these 'at-risk' populations," she said. "The Texas TB Plan calls for testing the state's 880 dairies, as well as about 2,400 of the state's purebred beef cattle herds.

"We also see a need to strengthen requirements for feeder cattle entering Texas from Mexico," said Dr. Baca. He explained that from 1997-2001, 109 cases of cattle TB were detected in Mexican feeder cattle that were grazed or fed in Texas. "The USDA in April implemented more strict entry requirements for Mexican feeder cattle. However, these animals do present a risk, and the 12 TAHC commissioners proposed a regulation at their meeting July 30 that would allow these animals to go only to approved pastures, quarantined feedlots or to designated pens within feedlots."

Mexican horned steers, which are frequently used for roping or rodeo stock, pose a cattle TB risk to our domestic livestock, as these animals are often commingled with domestic herds when they're not being used for recreation," said Dr. Logan. "Six of these Mexican rodeo animals slaughtered last year were found to have TB," said the TAHC commission-

ers also proposed regulations July 30 that would require that Mexican horned cattle (these are most often used for rodeos and roping events) originate from herds that had tested negative for cattle TB within 12 months before importation. This is in accordance with the new USDA interim rule, published April 20, 2002, that covers Mexican cattle importation. At the port, the horned animals would be required to be tested again by a USDA veterinarian and moved under permit to a premise. After being held for 60 to 120 days, the animal would be permanently identified and retested for cattle TB at the owner's expense prior to being allowed to move freely. Owners of the Mexican horned cattle would be required to have the animals retested annually for cattle TB.

"We are working with the roping and rodeo steer groups to raise the level of awareness about these new proposed TAHC regulations and are seeking their cooperation to ensure that recreational cattle are TB-free," said Dr. Logan.

Bogata Locals

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

Mrs. Frances Provence will celebrate her 81st birthday this week. Mrs. Provence is a shut-in paralyzed from the waist down. She would love to hear from her family and friends. You may call and wish her a happy birthday at 903-632-5184.

Visiting Christine Baker on Tuesday and doing home repairs and yard work for her was Mike Corbell. On Sunday, Tommy Corbell visited and brought Christine a fish lunch with all the trimmings.

Recent visitors of Dixie Stringfellow include: Vicki Tabb, Dee and Maggie Richardson, Michael Tabb, Billy and Kellen Stringfellow, Douglas Hawkins, Kenneth York, Jerry Marie Daniel, Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow, Lynne Knight, Paula Hibbard, Janelle, Jessica and Noah, Lucille Childers, Toni and Butch Combest, Jean Blankenship, Mary Ann Williams, Ray York and Edna

Earl Dodd.

Happy August Birthday to: Josh Haynes, Kenneth Jeffery, Michelle Bryant, Denise Wood, Becky Hurst, Juliann Wood, Jennifer Wilson, Craig Eudy, Dylan Simmons, Jerry Ann Richards, Chad Barnes, Jana Williams, Jo Ann Evans, Marilyn Love, Bonnie Phillips, Anita Fox, Veverly White, Kara Screws, Glenda Corbell, Jim Smyth, Doyle Smith, John Pybus and Kaitlyn Bull.

Sunday Dixie Stringfellow attended a concert presented by "The New Plainsmen" in Paris as a guest of Joe and Misty Stringfellow and boys.

Happy August Anniversary to: Jr. and Jeannie Primm; Randy and Crissy Kennedy; Jarrod and LaTonya Miller and Dan and Vicki Tabb.

Billie Welch of Blossom visited Christine Baker Saturday. They enjoyed lunch and a good visit together.

Guaranty Bancshares, Inc. announces continuation of stock repurchase plan

The Board of Directors of Guaranty Bancshares, Inc., parent company of Guaranty Bank, authorized a continuation of the Stock Repurchase Plan originally implemented in February 1999.

The Board of Directors authorized management to purchase up to 100,000 additional shares on the open market.

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