

Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols

"It's another year.. but I don't think the end is near!"

Everywhere one turns there is another article or program on the Y2K problem. Dire predictions of loss of electricity, loss of water, loss of this, that and the other are being thrown about with complete disregard to truth.

Yes, many computers have a problem with the coming millennium. But many people are working to fix this problem, too. I hold with the theory that when the problem has been identified, it can be solved.

Of course, I speak from the smug (?) position of a Mac user, whose creators saw further ahead and which doesn't have a 2000 problem. But, that doesn't mean most of the systems we come in contact with won't have that problem. I'll be in the same boat as everyone else if power and water fails. But I just don't think it will happen. I have more faith in the human brain than in computers...and the human brain is working to straighten this out.

At every millennium there have been dire predictions of famines, floods, fires, even the end of the world. People have given away all their worldly possessions and gone to the mountain tops to meet their maker. They have always had to come back down and pick up where they left off, and I think that's exactly what is going to happen this millennium too.

There are people selling what they have to build farmsteads with their own water and power supplies, moving their families out into the country and predicting the end of the world as we know it.

They may be right, but I'm not convinced. Oh, there will be some glitches, and those will have to be worked out. But the total disorder may people believe in won't happen, I don't think.

As everyone else is making prediction after prediction about world financial collapse, terror and chaos I'm going to take the liberty of making my own prediction.

2000 will be anti-climatic
2000 will not result in economic chaos.
2000 will not be the end of the world.

In short, the year 2000 will be, in my opinion (and, by the way, many other people's opinion) a Non-Event.



Feb. 18 to be date of next four lane meeting

According to Rick Mackey of the Texas Department of Transportation the meeting pertaining to the development of four laneing U.S. 271 from Paris to Mt. Pleasant has been set for February 18.

The meeting will be at Rivercrest High School. A time will be announced soon.

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Murder and controversy marks 1998

A look back to the front pages and inside of the papers published by Thunder Prairie Publishing reveals a busy year, marked with controversy and sadly punctuated with several murders.

January of the just-past year featured stories of unsolicited phone charges on local phone bills, plus active "slamming", (being changed from one long-distance service to another without permission). Bogata imposed a curfew to cut down on acts of vandalism.

Volunteer Fire Departments and First Responders were kept busy during the entire year with many fires and medical emergencies and accidents. The drought kept them busier than usual with the huge number of grass fires.

In March the Regional Controlled Substance Apprehension Program working with the DEA and Drug Interdiction Task Force, made a large drug bust near Deport, resulting in the confiscation of 168 pounds of marijuana, about \$65,000 in cash and three vehicles.

Local elections saw a number of changes from incumbents, with active political races taking place. By June the effects of the drought of 1998 were beginning.

On June 18 the area was horrified and shocked by the murder of Arnetta Davis Rogers and the serious wounding of her husband, J.D. Rogers in Blossom. A fifteen year-old was arrested for the brutal killing, and was later in 1998 sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole in 40 years for the crime.

By July 2 a burn ban had been imposed on every county in the area. Hay shortages were apparent and crop failures were apparent.

By July 9 water conservation measures such as no watering of lawns, flowers and shrubs was in effect. By August and September emergency hay "hot lines" were in operation in Texas, and cattle prices had dropped because people were forced to sell their animals due to lack of pasture.

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission had an area-wide crackdown on minors in possession of alcohol.

On August Lucy Burruss, of Bogata and a well-known waitress at the Lonesome Dove Cafe was reported missing. By August 27 her body had been found in a wooded area north east of Johnson.

That same week the body of Donald Ray Sanford was found in a creek near Blossom A 20 year old and an 18 year old were arrested. Mr. Sanford, age 38, had been beaten, and/or run over and then drowned. A number of lives were lost in car accidents during the year.

In December St. Joseph's Hospital announced the closing of their clinic in Deport. A citizen's group formed and began working on keeping the clinic open.

Detroit football team had an excellent year, heading into the playoffs. Prairiland volleyball girls also headed into the playoffs.

Bogata boys basketball and football teams went into to playoff action also. A possible vapor cloud from natural gas leakage near Talco resulted in a large area being evacuated. There were no injuries in the incident.

In March the Talco-Bogata school board announced a possibility of a one campus school system, sparking a huge controversy and calling a bond election for June 6th of that year. Large numbers of letters to the editor, ads and articles resulted. The election resulted in the bond issue passing by 10 votes. It was then contested and the matter is still not completely settled.

Dr. Nada of the St. Joseph's family clinic in Bogata resigned to move to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. Emmite took his place.

Controversy over various ordinances passed in Bogata erupted and letters to the editor flew. Forest Fires in the Maple Springs area near Talco had to be fought with helicopters as well as conventional methods, due to extreme fire conditions.

Detroit VFD acquired a truck from the Texas Forestry service in February. Detroit student Brett Shelby, Mayor Mike Farmer and Detroit School Counselor met with Former president George Bush in Houston as Detroit took part in the America's Promise program.



JIMMY GUESS IS THE HAPPY RECIPIENT OF ONE OF the lap quilts made by the Holiness Bible Study group for the residents of Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata for Christmas. These were presented by Darren and Marilyn Moore, Dorothy Johnson and Mildred Tucker.

PEOPLE N THINGS

Thursday, January 7 (today)
Bogata Lions Club will meet at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 8
Bogata School PTO and the third grade will sponsor a bake sale in front of Guaranty Bank-Bogata from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

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

Notice
Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rec. Room in Clarksville. Everyone is Welcome.

The Rivercrest Spanish Club will be having a silent cake auction at the Prairiland-Rivercrest game. Come out and support your favorite teams and bid on a cake.

The Talco-Bogata Junior High Lady Rebels and Rebels will resume play following the holidays on Jan. 7 with the Girls traveling to Honey Grove and the Boys hosting Honey Grove at Rivercrest gym. Both games will begin at 5:30 p.m. Come out and support the teams.

On Jan. 5 all 4 Rivercrest basketball teams will host to Chapel Hill beginning at 4:00 p.m.

On Friday, Jan. 8 the Rivercrest teams will travel to Honey Grove with games beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Jan. 9 the Junior High Lady Rebels 7th and 8th grade teams will participate in the **Cooper Tournament**. Game time will be announced.

Jan. 11 the Junior High Lady Rebels will host **Cooper** at Rivercrest beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Rebel Junior High teams will travel to Cooper with game time at 5:30 p.m. Come out and support the teams.

The Talco-Bogata PIPS will perform on Tuesday, **Jan. 12** during the half time of the Varsity boys game. On **Jan. 22** the group will perform during the halftime of the Varsity girls game. Come out and enjoy the games and the PIPS performance.

Opposition to bond issue files appeal to recent ruling

An appeal has been filed with the sixth District Court of Appeals in Texarkana by the group opposing the \$9 million dollar bond issue to build a centrally located campus for Talco-Bogata ISD.

The appeal was filed December 10, 1998 and protests the ruling by Visiting Judge H.G. Andrews, who

sat in Red River County District Court in Clarksville and ordered the contestants to post \$500,000 bond to "protect the school's interest against any loss it might incur because of the delay brought on by fighting the suit".

The bond issue passed in June of 1998 by ten votes, and a lawsuit was filed to overturn it shortly thereafter.

Another phone scam to beware of

An E-mail has been circulating around about the possibility of yet another phone scam.

After we spoke with officials at a phone company we were able to verify that this "scam" is, indeed very possible.

Please read the following carefully and make sure you don't fall for this.

An individual received a telephone call from an individual identifying himself as a phone company Service Technician who was running a test on our telephone lines. He said that to complete the test we should touch nine (9) zero (0) and the pound sign # and hang up. The people were suspicious and refused to do this. They contacted the telephone company and were informed that by pushing 90# the caller would have been given access to the telephone. This allows them to place a long distance telephone call, with the charge appearing on your telephone bill!

While this sounds like and "Urban Legend" it is not. Two phone companies have verified that this can happen.

Do not press 90# for anyone. They can make long distance calls from anywhere that will be charged to your phone bill.

TNMP blankets provide warmth during recent cold spell

Texas-New Mexico Power Company's program of annually distributing blankets to needy individuals couldn't have been timed better this year. Customer service coordinators throughout the company's service area handed out blankets just prior to last week's cold snap.

Some of the blankets this year went to churches, firemen, nursing homes and senior citizen centers. They also were distributed to community centers

in low income areas, to low income housing projects, and to law enforcement officers and emergency medical technicians to use in responding to emergency situations.

This was the second year TNMP has distributed blankets. To learn more about this or any of the company's community service programs, contact the customer service coordinator at your local TNMP office.

Carriers will be sorting tax packages

The new 1998 tax packages are being delivered this week by the Postal Service. More than two million tax packages will be mailed next week to north Texans.

New tax laws mean bigger tax credits for parents and some college stu-

dents. The child tax credit gives up to \$400 per child this year.

Some college students will get a \$1,500 credit.

IRS telephone hotline expands service to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

RR Genealogical Society to hold meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society on Monday evening, January 11 at 7:30 in the Red River County Library.

This month's program will be a Question and Answer session. All those having questions dealing with family research are invited to come and participate in the session.

Lawrence and Sue Dale of Blossom are expected to be present. A short presentation of the progress of their Red River County cemetery and death record index is planned. Copies of their new publication, **Death Records Index Red River Co. Tx 1903-1973**, will be available for purchase.

All persons interested in researching their family history are encouraged to come and enjoy the program.

Little Dribbler meeting to be held

The Talco-Bogata Little Dribbler's Association will meet on Sunday, Jan. 10, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. at Rivercrest High School.

Officers for the coming year will be elected and plan will be made for the coming season. Past coaches and anyone interested in coaching a team are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Charlie Hines in Bogata.

Jan. 12 the Rivercrest JV girls and boys and the Varsity girls and boys will host **Prairiland**. Games will begin at 4:00 pm. Come out and support the teams in their district play. Everyone is invited to come to **Maple Springs Church** located on Hwy. 71 6 miles east of Talco to hear the testimony and music of **Sam Craig**, Evangelist of Houston on Saturday, **Jan. 10, 1999** beginning at 6:00 pm.

Bake sale this Friday

Bogata School PTO and the Third Grade will sponsor a bake sale in front of Guaranty Bank Bogata this Friday, January 8 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Bereaved Parent Support Group to meet

For the January 11 meeting of the Bereaved Parent Support Group, members will discuss the "Twelve Steps of Grief". Grief is not a sign of weakness, but a tribute to the loved one who died and a healthy response to our heartache. Avoiding grief postpones recovery, clinging to grief prolongs pain. Neight approach helps healing. Join the Bereaved Parent Support Group as they share and talk about shock, guilt, anger and other steps along the way.

The Bereaved Parents Support Group will meet Monday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the TU Electric building which is located at 635 Clarksville Street. For those who are not from Paris, TU Electric is across from First Federal. It is between Clarkville nad Lamar Avenue and can be entered from Lamar Avenue.

Editor's Quotes

The person who throws themselves away seldom likes where they land.

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

http://www.star.net.com/lpp



Okay folks! Get ready....we are starting the New Year off with a bang.....or should I say alligator! That's right, I said alligator...this week's cook is from Deport and goes alligator hunting! He enjoys the sport so much that he and a good friend of his signs up for the lottery drawing that the Parks and Wildlife Department holds from time to time. He is Sheldon Lee of Deport.

Sheldon and his sweet wife Ann live out in the Milton community and have for the past 6 years. Ann is originally from Deport and brought Sheldon in from the coast where he was raised. They have been married for 39 years.

This soft spoken, very nice gentleman made the mistake of bringing some pictures of his last hunt into the office to show everyone. I immediately asked him what he did with the meat and he said, "Why, I cook it!" Never come into the Times office and say "cook" in front of me or you may be the next person featured in the "Cook's Corner". This is exactly what happened to Sheldon. Before he knew what was happening to him, I had him digging through his recipes for alligator dishes and he with his good nature let me feature him (maybe I twisted his arm just a little!) and these delicacies!

According to the Texas Parks and

Wildlife Department Alligator Program out of Port Arthur, alligator meat is very versatile and can be readily adapted to your favorite recipes for most other red meats and fish. The tail and jaw are generally considered the choice cuts of the meat. With a little extra preparation, the body and leg meat can be just as tasty.

Regardless of the meat you are using, all fat (including the yellowish fat between the layers) and sinew should be removed before preparing or freezing. Body and leg meat cuts work well for burgers, casseroles, ground meat, soup and stews. The jaw and tail meat work well for baked, cutlet recipes and fried foods. Alligator can prove to be a tasteful change for any of your favorite meat recipes.

The idea of protecting and harvesting the same species may seem a little contradictory. The American Alligator is a classic example of successfully protecting a species by managing it as a renewable natural resource. The "economic incentive" to manage a wildlife species like the alligator provides a strong argument for maintaining the natural wetlands it and other species need in order to survive.

Thanks Sheldon for providing us with a new insight to the alligator

and thanks to our readers for giving us a great 1998! We are looking forward to and even better 1999! We will see you in the kitchen!

Fried Alligator Nuggets-do they serve these in the Port Arthur McDonald's....I wonder!

Fried Alligator-season, coat with corn meal and drop into hot oil to deep fry!

Alligator Balls--I make sausage balls each Christmas.....but never these kind!

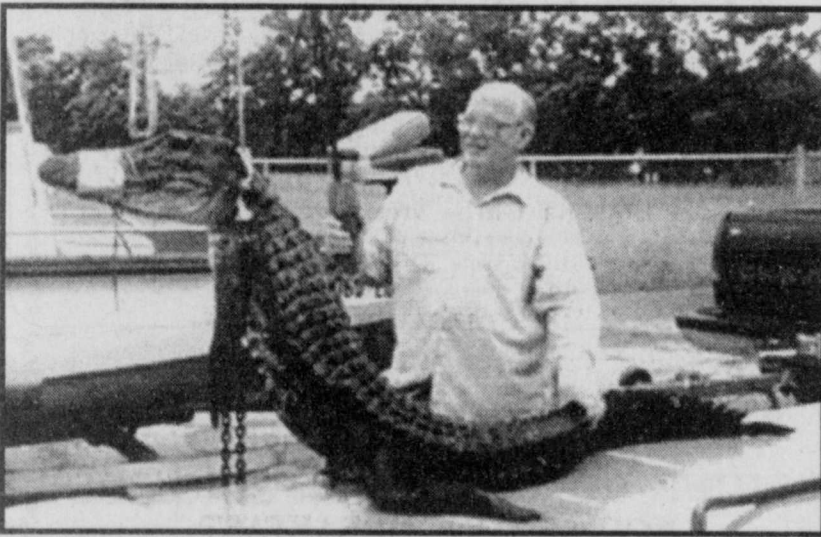
Alligator Dip-no sour cream needed for this hearty dip straight from the swamps!

Alligator Stew-try the other white meat! This should be good on a cold day in front of the television. ... but don't tell the kids what it is made from!!!!

Barbecued Alligator Tails-slice the tail tin and place on pit. Alligator meat is exceptionally tasty on the pit, but has to be tenderized.

Alligator Creole-a special tip for this recipe is to add cold water to thin, not hot! The more water you add, the lighter the roux. A pinch of shrimp powder is a tasty spice! Cooking time is also important as all alligator meat is tough. When adding meat to any stew, it should be marinated and well drained.

Gator Sauce Piquant-this recipe is good served over rice.



COOK OF THE WEEK this week is Sheldon Lee of the Milton Community. Sheldon is pictured here with one of the alligators that he caught back in the summer. He prepares the meat and freezes it for later use.

Red River County Roots

This week's query is Joyce Humphrey, 216 North Oak Avenue, Hennessey, OK 73742. She is researching her maternal grandparents. Jesse Leon and Fannie (Smith) Wagstaff. Their daughter, Jessie was born in 1899 in Clarksville, according to one source. However, another source lists Hopkins County as her place of birth. The Wagstaff's other child was Lee Roy. Mrs. Humphrey would like to hear from anyone who knows anything about this family.

If you would like to write Mrs. Humphrey, please write her at the above address.

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

Jean Moore dies December 30

Jean Moore, age 75 of Clarksville died Thursday, December 30 in Beaumont.

Services were held Saturday, January 2 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Clarksville with the Rev. Mark Gossett and the Rev. James Brown officiating. Burial followed in Bogata Cemetery.

Mrs. Moore was born December 29, 1923 in Delta County, the daughter of Blufus and Ella Duke Cheshier. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clarksville.

Her husband, John W. Moore, preceded her in death in 1992.

Surviving are a son, Harlon Moore of Clarksville; two daughters, Anita Pitt of Silsbee and Billie Gossett of Clarksville; a sister, Margie LaMaster of Bogata; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Alvin Kelley, Doak and Blake Thomas, Ray Bragg, Aaron Gossett, David Weaver, Corey Moore, Justin Thomas.

Arrangements were under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

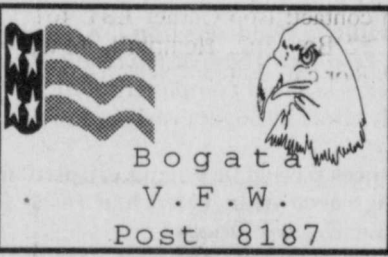
Elvin M. Perdue dies July 22

Elvin M. (Bob) Perdue died July 22 in Dallas. Memorial services were held at the Byrum Funeral Home Chapel in Lancaster on July 25 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Albert Lee Green officiating. Graveside services were held at Woodland Cemetery in Detroit where interment was made.

Mr. Perdue was born June 6, 1930 in Addielou to the late James Marshall Perdue and Mary Emma Coble Perdue. He was a retired law enforcement officer, retiring from the Dallas County Sheriff's Department in 1985 and he operated a grocery store for several years after that.

He married Nina Sue Meers on June 27, 1950 in Norman, Ok and she survives at their home in Lancaster. He is also survived by one son, Bobby Glenn and a daughter-in-law Sandra Joyce and three grandchildren and one brother, William Perdue of Detroit. He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Active bearers were members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard. Honorary bearers were members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Department and members of the Decker Deputy Association.



Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight, and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

* Thursday night, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. is the time for the 42 tournament. If you have won 1st or 2nd place since July 4, you are eligible to play January 7. Please plan to be there.

* The Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a cook out Saturday, January 9. The menu is barbecued meat, potato salad, beans, rice, dessert and other goodies. Serving starts at 1:00 p.m. We will have a special treat later in the day. Deanna will sing and play guitar for us. If you were lucky enough to hear her before you will surely want to be there. If you missed her, you are in for a treat. She will be visiting us from New Mexico.

* Happy birthday to Sharon House, Joyce Proctor, Bill Farris and Deon.

Card of Thanks

It's the little things that mean so much, a friendly smile, a comforting touch; a card, a call, a thoughtful deed, a helping hand in time of need.

Thank you for all your acts of kindness during our time of sorrow in the loss of Mom, Latane Roberts. God bless you,
Eloise & Otis Hall

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Obituaries

Jim Taylor Threadgill dies December 25

Jim Taylor Threadgill, age 74, formerly of Paris, died Friday, December 25 in Dallas.

Services were held Wednesday, December 30 at Restland Memorial Chapel in Dallas. Burial followed in Restland Memorial Chapel.

He was born August 31, 1924 to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall J. Threadgill. He attended the University of Texas at Arlington until induction into World War II where he served in the European Theatre. He returned home in 1945.

He married Irene Davis in December of 1946. The marriage lasted 52 years.

He was employed by American Airlines for 35 years. After his retirement, he had an insurance agency in Dallas until his retirement.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Phyllis Denman and Virginia Threadgill of Dallas; three sons, Ronald Threadgill of Richardson, Stephen Threadgill of Dallas and John Threadgill of Citrus Heights, CA; two granddaughters/ two grandsons; sisters, Mrs. Sybil Harbison of Paris, Mrs. Emogene Lafon of Princeton and Ms. Larry Chance of Florien, LA; a brother, Marshall Threadgill, Jr. of Paris; and a number of nieces and nephews. A sister, Mrs. Wayman (Dorothy Ann) Epps preceded him in death in 1951.

He was a lifetime member of the Depot American Legion.

Jim Nash dies in Allen, Texas

Jim Nash, Allen, Texas passed away December 25th at his home.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 28th in Allen, Texas.

Jim was married to the former Vickie Mass, the daughter of Jane Reynolds Mass and was the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds of Detroit. Jim was employed by the Plano Independent School District.

Card of Thanks

Thank you for the great response to our requests for donations to our Christmas store, angel tree, entertainment, decorations, etc. Also the Christmas cards and letters mean so much. We do appreciate the support of our families, friends and our community.

You have shown the true spirit of Christmas. May God bless you all. Have a great New Year!

Bobbie Cawley Administrator

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all my friends and family for your prayers, cards, flowers, calls, visits, food and every kindness shown my since my accident and extended convalescence. May God Bless.

Reba Mitchell

Card of Thanks

The employees of the City of Bogata wish to thank each and every one of you who sent gifts, candy, cookies and cake helping each of us to have a Merry Christmas. We are thankful for each of you and are so proud to be a part of this wonderful community.

Thanks to the Churches, the individual citizens and the civic groups who contributed to the Bogata Christmas Baskets this year.

Whether you donated food, helped put the baskets together, donated money or just offered moral support, we appreciate you. A special thanks to the students who collected canned goods. This was a worthy project. We are sincerely grateful that we can participate in this endeavor.

We wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Linda Eilers, Shirley Vickers, Bogata Lions Club

"To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me"

Now that I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve awhile for me. If grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part.
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
All of my love around you soft and clear.
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I'll greet you with a smile, and welcome you home.

Latane Roberts
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A MESSAGE FROM THIS NEWSPAPER AND THE DPS TROOPERS



WINNERS- in the Talco-Bogata Ladies Tennis League for the summer and fall sessions were; Summer session, 1st Dana Neeley and 2nd Cecelia Smith and Fall session, 1st Dana Neeley and 2nd Rachel Ward. Also pictured is the door prize winner, Sherry Huddleston, at the groups end of season meeting and meal held at Two Senorita's in Mt. Pleasant on Jan. 4, 1999. Dana received a one gallon water cooler and tennis balls for her win. Cecelia and Rachel received a one quart water cooler and tennis ball for their wins. Sherry won tennis balls, sweat bands and racket repair items as her door prize which was donated by Dana Neeley. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Ladies Tennis League enjoy supper

The Talco-Bogata Ladies Tennis League enjoyed an end of season supper at Two Senorita's in Mt. Pleasant on Monday, Jan. 4, 1999.

President, Rachel Ward reported the first and second place winners of the Summer League play were Dana Neeley and Cecelia Smith. Winners for the Fall League were Dana Neeley and Rachel Ward. Dana received a one gallon water cooler and tennis balls. Cecelia and Rachel received a one quart water cooler and tennis balls. A door prize donated by Dana Neeley was won by Sherry Huddleston.

Under New Business the group voted to give two \$150 scholarships to senior girl tennis players at Rivercrest High School. Applications for the scholarships will be put out at the school or students may contact Rachel Ward at 379-7221 or 379-5462.

Election of officers and setting the date for the Spring league play were postponed. Mrs. Ward will serve as acting President until the next sign up and meeting. Attending the supper were Rachel Ward, Cecelia Smith, Dana Neeley, Sherry Huddleston, Jamie Anderson and Jarod, Cari Russell, Carol Laing and Nancy Brown.

U.S.S. L.S.T. shipmates sought

The United States LST Association is seeking over 200,000 men. Maybe many more. They are already qualified by having served in the U.S. Navy or Coast Guard in WWII. Besides that they served in the Navy Amphibious forces. On landing ships, from the largest LST to the smallest LCM or on the many support ships.

The LST, which stands for Landing Ship, Tank, was about 327 feet long and fifty feet wide. That is longer than a football field, goal posts and all. The crews quickly named them Large, Slow Targets. They were not fast, but they were without equal on invasions. Imagine a ship that size riding up on the beach, opening its bow doors, lowering a ramp and men

and machinery pouring out in a tidal wave of fire power.

An LST rode high in the water, had a flat bottom, carried crew of about 110 men and a cargo of some 300 fighting men and equipment. When that was done, they would spend

weeks ferrying supplies to the troops, until the next invasion. They have been compared often to huge floating bathtubs with decks. They were not graceful and they could make some people long for land in a heavy sea, but they were beautiful. They were home to more than 200,000 sailors during WWII. The Navy built more than 1,000 and it is estimated that an average of 200 men spent part of their Navy time on each LST. When the host of other Amphib ships is added and their support fleet, there is probably far more than a quarter of a million men involved.

The USS LST Association is looking for all LSTer's to have a great reunion with shipmates from WW-2 to present date. The next reunion will be held in San Diego, California on August 28, 1999. For more information contact; Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 BqX 362, Hemphill, Texas 75948 or call 1-800-228-5870.

Judy Dyson to be at VFW Post 8187

The Bogata VFW Post 8187 and Ladies Auxiliary will welcome Judy Dyson of the Northeast Texas Veterans Administration on Monday, Jan. 11, 1999. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Dyson will discuss a community based out patient clinic for Bogata. She will instruct on how to apply for a clinic and give important names and numbers of person's to be contacted on this subject.

A clinic in the area would keep area veterans from traveling to Bonham, Dallas or Shreveport for treatment. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Ella Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hudson and son from Tyler, Fredrica and David Hudson, Alice Ann White and Annette and Mark Hudson visited Nina Hudson.

Myra Permenter visited Ruth Colquhoun.

Barbara Jones, Nadine Ward and Kate Ward, Tana Guest, Hellen Buchanan, Wendy Hill and Mary Jane Lowry visited Nettie Moore.

C.D. and Betty Roe, Patti Pugh visited Bonnie Gamble.

Pam Hinson visited Dollie Carroll. Weldon and Louise Smith, Gay Eudy and Kitty Mays visited Fannie Eudy and Robbie Kilgore.

Nannie Ham and Pat Spenter visited Leon Tuck.

Molly Hare, Andrea Crane, Krista, Jesi Navia and Malorie Wright visited Everyone.

Shirley Smith and Tana Guest visited Billie Hancock.

Shirley Smith and Tana Guest visited Raymon Mauldin.

Shirley Smith visited Evie Smith.

Sue Martin and Mary Ann Williams visited Pauline Alsobrook.

James Paul Hume, Weldon Hume and L.C. Ward visited Stasha Hume.

Lois Jean, Stanley, and Darlene Gurley, Richard and Darnell Davis Tommy Peek and Eric visited Wayne Kelly.

Dovie Garretson and Ercelle Gooding visited Oma McKinney.

Dallon and Cewilla Duffee visited Daphne and Melvin Pointer.

Jeanette Morris, Charlie, Donna and Shandra House and Bernice Beers visited Irene House.

Wyndell Dixon, Gavin Cain, Eric Yarbrough, Laverne Thomas and Aurelia Mitchell visited Jimmie Duffie.

John Rudy Young and Cecilia Young visited Jimmy Joe Young.

Helen and Ken Holmes and Maudie Lee and Ruth Lee visited Ada Holmes.

Bogata MYF visited Everybody.

John C. Topping visited Percy Topping.

Holley and Bow Willis and Robbi Marshall visited Lawana Burkhalter.

Anita Lucas visited Ardena Roberts.

Dorothy Morris and Wyndell, Rev. Bob Freeman, Kay Clakley, Sandy Belcher, and Weldon and Louise Smith visited Fred Mead.

Eric and Missy Boudreaux and Ryan, Judy and Cassidy Olivier, Velma Paris, Dorothy Morris and Wyndell REv. Bob Freeman and Wayne and Shirlee Collins visited Georgia Miller.

Jerry Hutson visited Pauline Hutson.

Jerry and Janette Brookd, Jenifer Books and Janet Jones and Bill and Judy Cody visited Ann Cody.

Richard Swarts visited W. Martin.

Wanda Morgan, Vicki Craig, Richard Swarts and Leona Wright, visited Inez Henson.

Disy, Virginia and Rein visited Nona Reppond.

Fern Bowen visited Casey York.

Ella Davis, Inez Gill and JoAnn Phillips visited Doris Skaggs.

Lacie Cole visited Alma Norwood.

Dovie Garretson visited Gladys Garretson.

Leona Wright, John Noe, Cindy Jones and Mary and Randy Ross visited Walter Martin. He was also visited by his wife and daughter.

Robert, Kay and Kyle Kennedy visited Mamie Kennedy.

Naomi and C.L. Smart visited Bertha Anderson.

Rev. Bob Freeman visited all residents.

Gladys Craddock Smith and husband, Regina Gorman, Carolyn Washburn visited Ruth Wood.

Dorothy Morris and Wyndell, Pam Hinson and Charlie Harper (Morris), visited Vivian Westbrook.

Pam Hinson visited Alma Lowry.

Inez Gill visited Alice Craig.

Inez Gill visited George Hancock.

Betty Gibson and Inez Gill visited Sheila Gibson.

Helen Buchanan and Wendy Hill visited Katie Brown.

Fred and Pat Aikin visited J.W. Aikin.

Shirley Merrit and Irene Lawson visited Fammie Mae Eudy.

Shirley Merrit and Irene Lawson visited Elsie Hughes.



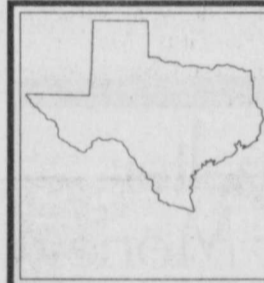
Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Joe Woods

Mr. & Mrs. Woods to celebrate 50 years

Marshall Joe Woods and Joy Frances Presswood were married January 22, 1949, in Clarksville by Brother Jess Watson. They moved to Pamona, CA where they lived for a couple of years. In 1951, they moved back home so their son would be born in Red River County, Texas. Marshall Joe went to work for Harvey Brothers and Joy went to work raising James Marshall (Jimbo). They lost James in a freak one car accident in Big Bear Lake, CA January 29, 1976.

In 1957 they moved to Odessa where Joe went to work for the Odessa Fire Department and continued for 20 1/2 years, when they came back home to Red River County to retire. Instead, they started working raising cattle.

The families of Joe and Joy are planning a 50th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, January 24, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in the Madras Community Center. All friends are invited to drop by and share in this very special occasion.



JOHTOWN LOCALS
By Jana Hawkins
632--5174

William Christopher Stockton, Army PFC, on 3 week leave from Fort Leonard Wood Missouri, has been visiting in the Jophtown home of his parents, Tony and Pam Hinson. On Christmas Eve they were joined by his brother and his family from Bonham, Matthew, Stephanie, Allen and Christian Stockton, for gift exchange and Christmas Dinner. Since Chris and Christian, his new nephew,

just met it was a doubly exciting time in the Tony Hinson home. Gifts were enjoyed by all three generations.

The annual Christmas Dinner of the R.C. Hinson family was held at the home of his son, Tony Hinson in Jophtown. Members of the family attending this year were: R.C. and Mike Hinson, Kay and Ronnie Steward, Janie, Ronald, Tammera, Tiffine and Trenton Moore, Ronnie Lee, Debra, Amanda and Samantha Steward, Tony and Pam Hinson, Chris Stockton, Bonnie and Elmer Green, Chrystal, Nichole, Bubba and Luella Burruss, Tracy, Adam, Aaron and Josh Eudy, Ruppert Lin, Eve and Brittanie Hinson, Leslie, Karen and Kayce Hinson, Daniel, David and Shuna Hinson. A large meal was brought and enjoyed by all 35 family members attending this year.

The annual Christmas Eve get together was held at the Fay Faulkenburg home in west Jophtown. Attending were; Nelda and Bob Belzung of Mesquite, Jerry Dodd Jr. and Susan of Lovington, N.M., Robbie and B.J. McLaughlin, J.O. (Boots) Cooper all of Jophtown, Captain James Dodd of Beale Air Force Base, Marysville, CA., Linda Farris and Faye Faulkenburg of Bogata, Lyle Dodd and Cnesha Babb of Longview. After the meal everyone enjoyed visitation and gift exchange.

Jewel McLaughlin and Rita Weissenfluh of Red River Health Care in Bogata were noon guest in the home of Robbie and B.J. McLaughlin on Christmas Day.

J.O. (Boots) Cooper is reported home and doing well after surgery and a stay in McCuiston Hospital in Paris.



FIRST PLACE-Pam Davis of Clarksville won Thunder Prairie Publishing's Christmas Memories contest. Pam holds two papers published by Thunder Prairie Publishing containing her Christmas memory while Managing Editor Thomas Nichols presents her with the First Place prize.

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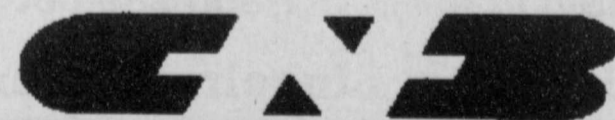
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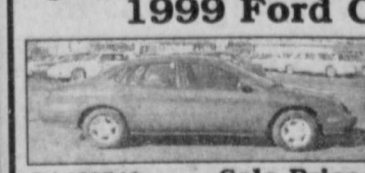


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Lady Rebels split with Paris High

On December 22, 1998 the Lady Rebel JV and Varsity hosted Paris High.

The JV ladies took an early lead in the first quarter on scores from Jennifer Hays, Charla Hines and Cassee Wilcox. At the half time buzzer the score was 26-12 Lady Rebels.

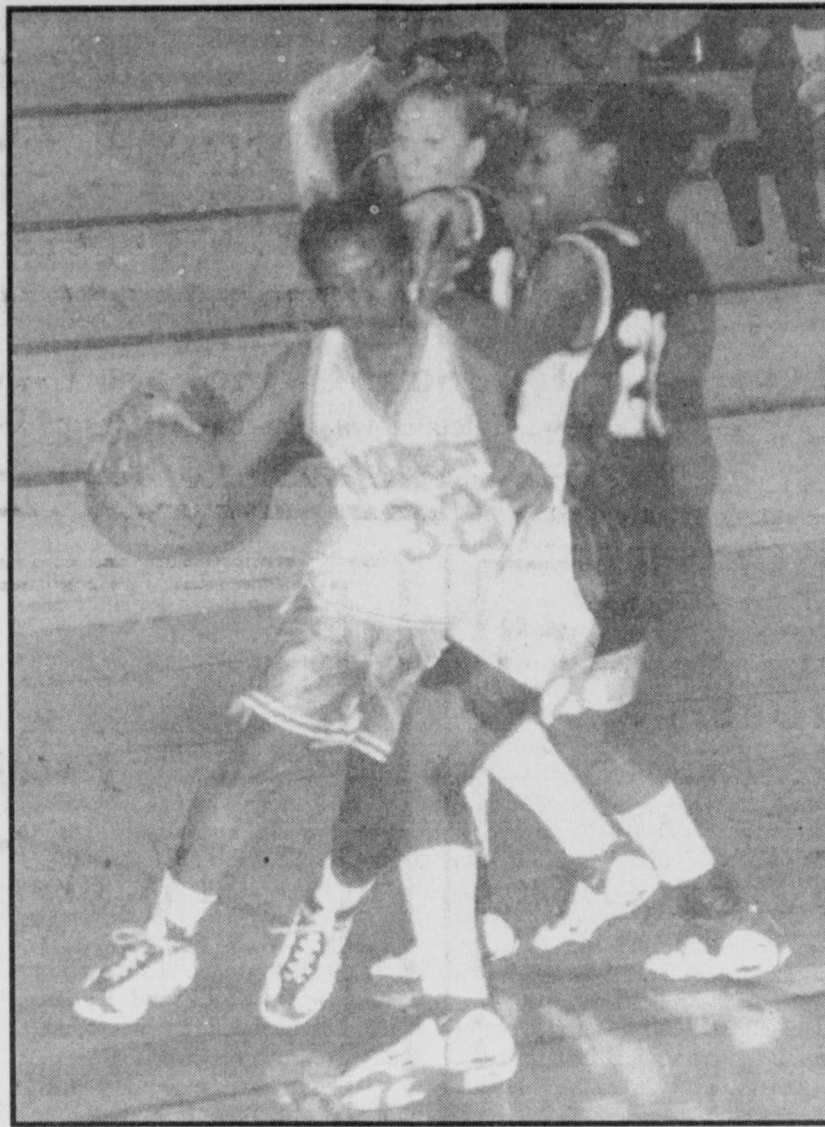
Molly Moles, Kayla Sears and Brittany Bull joined Hays, Wilcox and Hines in scoring and Moles and Bull had a good half for the Lady Rebels on defense.

In third quarter saw Misty Tucker join with Wilcox and Hays for scores to end the quarter 32-17 Lady Rebels. In the final Kendall Stansell, Wilcox and Tucker netted points and the entire Lady Rebel team had a good half. Final 40-23 Lady Rebs.

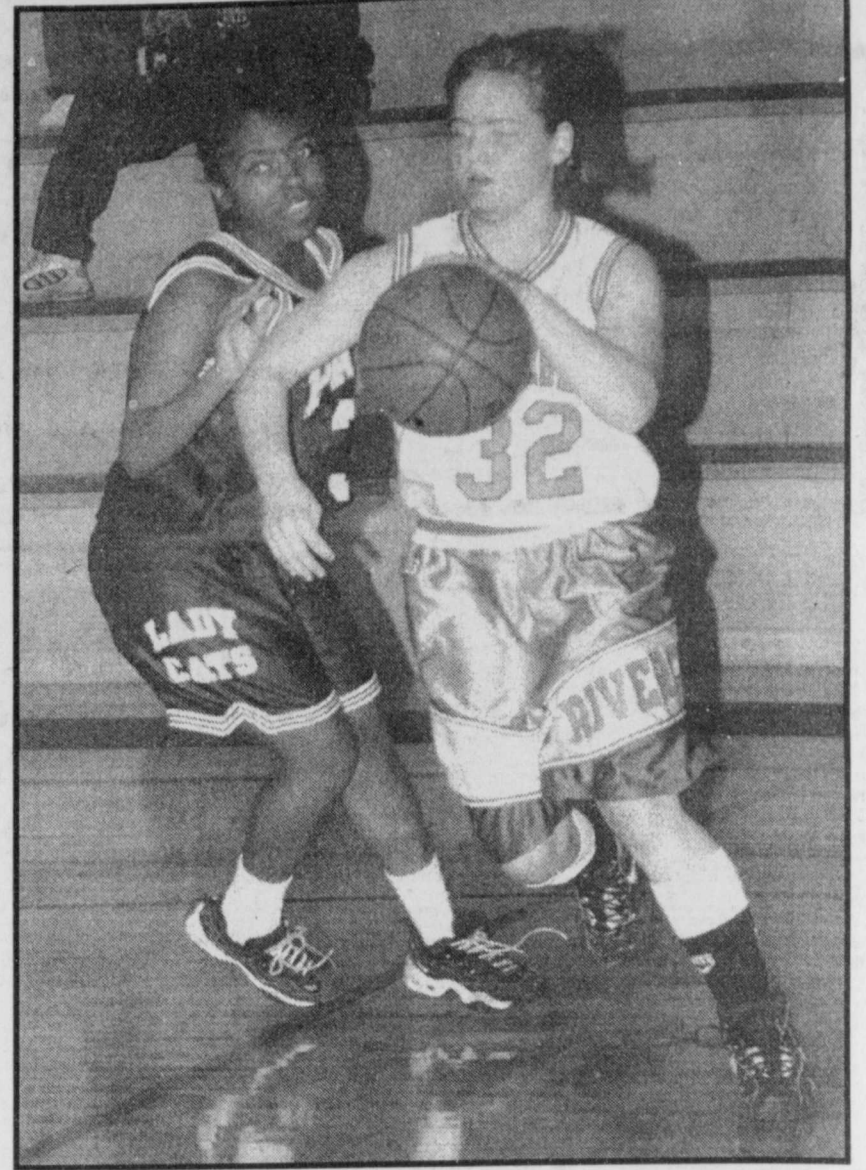
The Varsity did not fair as well. After one quarter they trailed the Lady Wildcats 10-4. Tiffany Prentice was quick to steal the first tip of the game to score and Candias Nickerson put in a tough first quarter under the goal. Katie Hare added steals but had Lady

Rebel passes and not following shots hurt. Cheryl Griffin had a good quarter on the defense for the team. The wake up call came for the Lady Rebels in the second. Nickerson, who is strong under the goal, pulled out to the wing position. The Lady Wildcats height advantage was to much but with seconds left in the half the Lady Rebels pulled to score to 20-20. The Lady Wildcats netted 7 points to go into the break with the lead 27-20.

The third quarter saw the Lady Wildcats score and the Lady Rebel answer but rebounds were hard to come by for the Lady Rebs and the quarter ended 44-35 Paris. In the final quarter Tiffany Prentice hit 2 treys, Nickerson and Missy Carroll scored as the Lady Rebels tried to take the lead. Katie Hare had a good defensive quarter for the team. After a hard fought game the Lady Wildcats took a 59-54 win. High scorer for the game was Candias Nickerson with 23 points. Also scoring were Kim Shirley, Tiffany Prentice, Missy Carroll, Cheryl Griffin and Kim Ross.



CALL THE BLOCK-This block on Lady Rebel Candias Nickerson was not called but it did not stop her drive in to score as the Lady Rebs met the Paris High Lady Wildcats on Dec. 22 at RHS. The Lady Rebs lost the contest after a hard fought game. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



JV LADY REBEL-Misti Tucker drives to the goal at the Lady Rebels met the Paris Lady Wildcats on Dec. 22 at RHS. The Lady Rebels took an easy win 40-23. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Rivercrest teams compete in Cooper Jan. 2

The Rivercrest JV girls and boys and Varsity girls and boys basketball teams traveled to Cooper on Saturday, Jan. 2 for district play.

The JV ladies started the evenings play off and trailed 2-7 after one quarter. The second quarter saw the Lady Rebels struggle to stop the Bulldogettes scores while trying to net points. The holiday drag was prominent in the Lady Rebel play and the half time score was 2-14 Cooper.

In the final quarters the Lady Rebel offense made a go at the Bulldogettes and their press on defense gave them scoring opportunities. Brittany Bull had possible her best game of the year on defense and the entire team put in a good half. It was to little to late. Final 18-30. Posting high score for the team was Misti Tucker. Also scoring were Brittany Bull, Jennifer Hays, Charla Hines and Kayla Sears.

The Reb JV came on court for a slow start, also showing holiday drag. The first quarter was almost at an end before the young Rebels eased ahead of the Bulldogs. Score 10-8 Rebels. Myron Ellis led the charge netting a trey and also scoring were Clinton Cheatwood, Kerry Posey and Brendin Jones. In the second quarter Posey and Ellis hit treys and scores came from Jones and Cheatwood to put the Rebels up 23-16 at the half.

It looked like the Rebels would have a slim win ending the third quarter 22-27. Only 4 Rebels points had been made in the third and it came back to haunt the team. Fans felt the officials made the Rebels play 7 players as they missed key foul calls. The fourth quarter saw the Bulldogs tie the game, go up by 2, then drop back to a tie with the Rebels. With :13 seconds left at the score at 35 all the Bulldogs scored. With :04 seconds left Coach Gary Schultz called for a time out and during the time out was hit with a Technical foul. The Bulldogs missed the two free shots but were given the ball out of bounds when play resumed. The Rebels were

forced to foul to stop the clock and a minor bumping foul was called intentional by the officials. The over reaction put the Bulldogs at the line where one of two was netted. Score 38-35 Cooper. 2:8 seconds was not enough time for a Rebel shot and the Bulldogs took the win. High scorer for the Rebs was Myron Ellis with 10 points. Also scoring were Clinton Cheatwood-9, Kerry Posey-8, Brendin Jones-5 and Nathan Carroll-3.

For the varsity games two different officials arrived but the Lady Rebels were treated similar to the JV boys in their game. The Lady Rebs came into the game 1-0 in district with a defeat over Paul Pewitt. Coach Debbie Williams had prepared her team to play and on the tip they were first to score, letting the Bulldogettes know they came to win. Intimidation has played a role in the Lady Rebel-Bulldogettes competitions in the past but this Lady Rebel team did not give in. The first quarter ended 19-16 Bulldogettes. In the second the Lady Rebels stayed on the Bulldogettes heels. Katie Hare put the A in aggressive for the Lady Rebs and sophomore, Cheryl Griffin had possibly her best game this season. Candias Nickerson dished out her own tray of intimidation, getting scores and rebounds over the taller Cooper post players. The half ended with the Lady Rebs trailing 39-34.

The third quarter saw Nickerson out due to pain in her knee but Missy Carroll, who had went to the bench early in the first half due to foul trouble came back strong. The Kim's, Ross and Shirley and Tiffany Prentice added pressure on the defense and the Lady Rebels stayed in reach of the win. Great team work and effort was shown by every Lady Rebel.

Nickerson, who was also in foul trouble, came back into the game at the start of the fourth and on the first play drew a questionable foul which sent her to the bench for good. By half of the last quarter Missy Carroll

followed Nickerson to the bench but the Lady Rebels would not be shook. Tiffany Prentice and Kim Shirley led a big scoring drive netting treys and Kim Ross added field goals. Ross was next to go to the bench and with only :11 seconds left Katie Hare went to the bench. Four Lady Rebels were out and not one Bulldogette went out. Final 66-65 Cooper. High scorer for the Lady Rebs was Cheryl Griffin. Also scoring were Candias Nickerson, Tiffany Prentice, Missy Carroll, Kim Ross, Kim Shirley, Katie Hare and Courtney Jones.

The Rebels made up for the JV boys and the Varsity girls. Chad Holland served as captain for the team and before the game started Jason Freelen went to the free shot line due to Technical fouls committed by the Bulldogs dunking the ball in warm up. Freelen hit 5 of 6 shots.

No amount of bad calls could change the outcome of the game. The Rebels were just to much stronger on the court. The first quarter ended 26-8 Rebels and the half saw the Rebs ahead 46-18.

Josh Posey, 6'5 post, drew a goal tending penalty in the second quarter, the first such call made on RHS this year. In the third the Cooper coach was forced to leave his team when a Technical foul was called on a player. By UIL rule when a team received to many Technical fouls, their coach must leave the gym. The Rebels rolled to a 70-30 lead at the end of the third.

The final quarter was icing on the cake as the Rebels took an 84-43 win. Posting high score was Jason Freelen with 18 points, including 3 treys. Keith Hines had 17 points including 2 treys, Chase Collins had 12 points, Josh Posey-9, Kyle Stansell-2, Chad Holland-7, Michael Galloway-10, including 1 trey, Josh Griffin-3 and Brandon Bell-3 from three point land.

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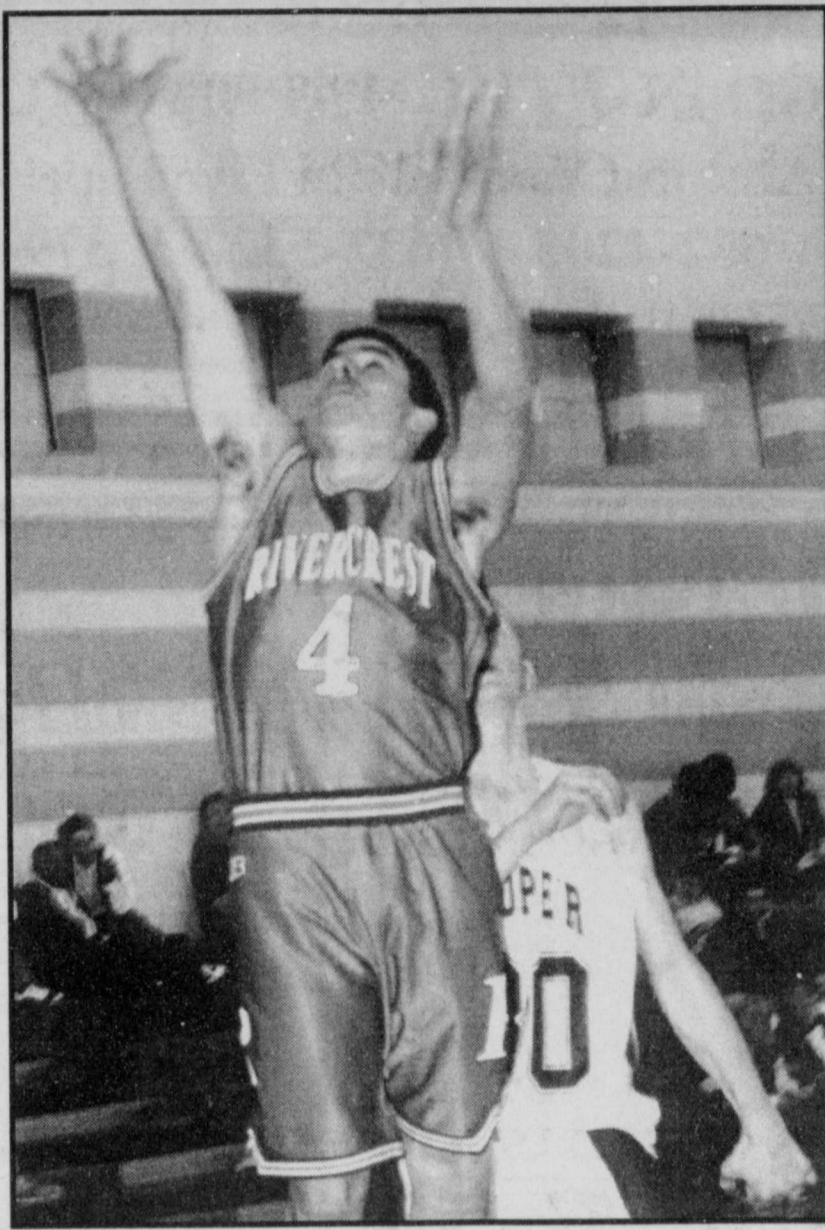
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CHAD HOLLAND-puts a shot up as the Rivercrest Rebels met the Cooper Bulldogs on Saturday, Jan. 2 at Cooper. The Rebs took the win 84-43 win. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

It is better to have old second hand diamonds
than none at all.

—Mark Twain

Red River County Commissioner's Report

By Ricky Daniels,
Commissioner Precinct 1

December makes 2 years that I have been in office. As I reflect back on the things we have done, I am proud of the things we have accomplished. The road crew has done a great job and they take pride in their work. We have hauled rock on a number of our roads and have done so efficiently. However, as with everything, there is always room for improvement, and we are always willing and working on new ways to improve. I realize that I haven't been able to work on roads as soon as everyone wants them, but I always try to get to them as soon as possible. I also know that I haven't repaired the roads the way you wanted them done, but I have done them the way that I feel is the most economical and most efficient. I can see some progress being made, but there is still a lot of work to be done. We will continue to do the best job that we can for you.

In December the state released some material to us and we were able to cover a lot of ground with it. We hauled 105 belly dump loads of it and 15 little dumps. We also hauled 6 loads of white rock to the yard and 2 loads of railroad rock to the yard. We

hauled 1 load of oil sand to the yard and 8 loads of railroad rock to the roads. We also hauled 12 little loads of white rock and 2 little loads of railroad rock to different mud holes in the roads. We installed 4 culverts this month. It has been a busy month and we did get a lot done considering the rain and cold weather and also the holidays.

In Commissioner's Court this month we approved bids for a car and pickup for the Sheriff's Department, approved clerical position for J.P.'s office, approved request by Eddie Almond of the Regional Controlled Substance Apprehension Program for grant approval from CJD, heard request from Russell Jones to review investigative procedures of the Sheriff's Office. We also approved appointment of Danny Folk to Child Protective Services, Board, approved request from Greg Hayes to subdivide a plat, approved deputization of Robert Bridges, approved the auction of Surplus or Salvage County equipment temporarily set for February 27, 1999.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments, come by or call me at 632-5963 or 632-4548.

Red River County Sheriff's Report

December 20-26

December 20: Male arrested on charge of public intoxication; report of disturbance in Negley; illegal hunters in Manchester; male arrested on charge of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia; domestic disturbance in Pine Branch; cattle complaint on FM44 south.

December 21: Criminal mischief on FM410; telephone harassment; possible prowler east of Clarksville.

December 22: Open door at nursing home; female arrested on alias capias warrant for failure to appear; cattle complaint in Boxelder; suspicious person on Hwy. 37 north; major accident on FM114; male arrested

on charge of DWI.

December 23: Criminal mischief; minor accident on Hwy. 82 west; major accident in Dimple; minor accident on Hwy. 82 west; male arrested on capias pro fine warrant.

December 24: Minor accident on Hwy. 37 south; reckless driving on FM2120; possible plane down east of Red River Bridge.

December 25: Suspicious vehicle in Avery; activated alarm in Bogata; civil matter in Madras community; theft in Annona; harassment in Detroit; assault in Detroit; theft in Annona; civil matter in Detroit; suspicious vehicles south of Rugby.

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BANANAS 39¢ Lb.	RAISIN BRAN 20 Oz. Box \$1.89	DIET COKE & SPRITE	
POTATOES 10 Lb. Bag \$1.49	CORN FLAKES 18 Oz. \$1.89	2 Liter 99¢	
SWEET POTATO YAMS 49¢ Lb.	TOTAL WHOLE WHEAT CEREAL 12 Oz. Box \$1.99	12 Pk. \$2.99	
TOMATOES 89¢ Lb.			
CABBAGE 29¢ Lb.			
GREEN ONIONS 3/\$1			