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How Do You Eat?

We were taking a break Wednesday afternoon. Our resident-almost-a-teenager, Angel had a candy bar. We noticed that she was carefully nibbling it down through the layers. She ate the chocolate off the top, then the wafer, then the caramel, then the bottom wafer. We embarrassed her a little bit by laughing, but, as casual observations often will, it sparked quite a discussion on how different people eat different things.

For myself, I have a strange habit about eating sandwiches. I carefully eat around the outer edge of the sandwich. Not only does this get the crust out of the way, but I have a vague theory that it "corrals" all the ingredients so that they don't come dripping or "squoshing" out the side.

Cindy does not want any food on her plate to touch. I say she should have little black and yellow barricades in miniature so that she can keep her potatoes separate from her peas. She actually loves to have her food in little individual bowls and saucers!

Lots of folks are just the opposite. How many people do you know that will swirl their food altogether into a multi-colored blob before eating it? I've seen several, and confess I don't care for the idea, but to each his own.

I've known people who carefully eat all of one item on their plate, then proceed on to another item, eat each morsel of that then go on until they have finished the plate.

Of course, there are some strict rules concerning eating finger foods such as dips and chips. We all know that "double dipping" is a no no. Never, ever, in any type of polite society, does one scoop dip up, bite it off and then scoop with that same chip a second time!

Of course, columns have been written at length about the various ways to eat an ice cream cone, from licking around and around to biting it off in big chunks.

Next time you are chowing down on something, consider how you go about the process. You might discover you have some odd habits or strange aversions too!

Local Christmas parade dates set

It will soon be the Christmas season and the dates for the Talco and Bogata Christmas parades have been set.

The Bogata Parade will be held on December 7 at 4:00 p.m. The Talco Parade will be held December 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Details on line-up time, place and entry forms will be printed next week or contact the Talco School or Bogata Lions Club members Neil Rozell or Johnny Ragsdill.

Editor's Quotes

As the tree is fertilized by its own broken branches and fallen leaves, and grows out of its own decay, so men and nations are bettered and improved by trial and refined out of broken hopes and blighted expectations.

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SPECIAL GUESTS-at the Bogata Housing Authority Thanksgiving Day covered dish lunch served on Tuesday, Nov. 23 were; (from the left) Board of Commissioners members Steve Knowles and Wanza Sheffield, Board of Commissioners Chairman, Gaston Puckett and Board of Commissioners member, Eleanor McCluer. The community room had been decorated for Christmas by Neoma Goodmon complete with a beautiful Christmas tree. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



PILGRIMS AND INDIANS-shared lunch at the Bogata School on Tuesday, Nov. 23. Actually it was the Bogata Elementary students wearing pilgrim and indian costumes they had colored, cut out and put together. The students have spent the week learning about the holiday and thoroughly enjoyed reenacting the first Thanksgiving meal. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Daniels announces candidacy

Ricky Daniels is announcing that he will be seeking re-election of the office of Red River County Precinct 1 Commissioner. Ricky has been employed by Red River County for the last 15 years, 3 of which he has served as County Commissioner of Precinct 1.

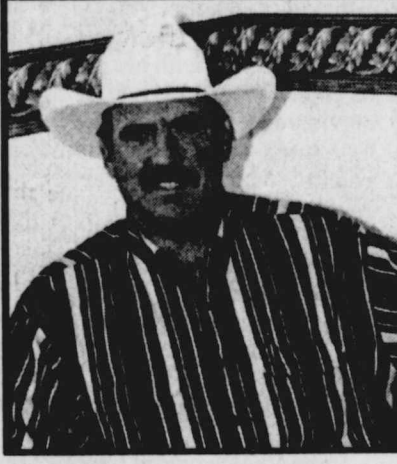
He and his wife, Caryn, have been married for 20 years and live in Bogata area. Caryn is employed by Mickey's Flowers in Clarksville. The couple have 2 children, a 16 year old daughter, Jamie and a 2 year old son, Kaleb. Ricky is an active member of the Bogata Missionary Baptist Church.

Since being elected as Precinct 1 Commissioner, he and his employees have been able to get a lot of drainage work and base work done. Ditches have been pulled and approximately 35 miles of roads have been re-rocked. These are the first steps in having goods roads. Daniels plans are to begin doing some seal coat work in the near future. Ricky has also worked with the state and has received material for road work

and also has on schedule to replace 5 bridges in the next 4 years of which the state is going to pay 90% of the cost.

Since elected as Commissioner the county has received 2.5 million dollars from housing Wisconsin prisoners. This money has been used to make payments on the jail, the operation of the jail and to purchase some employee insurance. Also in the last 3 years the county has purchased and installed county road signs at no cost to the taxpayers.

In the past 3 years there has been a lot of ground work done on the roads in Precinct 1 and also pertaining to the county. Ricky said, "I feel in the next 4 or 5 years there will be some changes made that will be good for the citizens of Red River County. If elected I will do everything I can to see that these changes will be done economically and efficiently. I do appreciate your support the last 3 years and look forward to serving you in the future."



Ricky Daniels

Schools to dismiss early

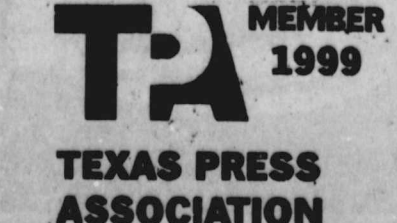
Bogata Junior High and Elementary will dismiss early on December 7 and December 8 for the Talco and Bogata Christmas Parades.

Each day class will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. Buses will run their regular routes at 12:30 p.m. The Talco Junior High and Elementary will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. on both days and buses will run their regular routes. Parents of children who do not ride the buses home are urged to make arrangements for the pick-up of their children. For more information contact the school at 632-5214.

The Talco, Bogata and Rivercrest Schools will dismiss early on December 16 and 17 following semester exams and prior to the Christmas break.

Students on the Rivercrest campus will be dismissed at 2:20 p.m. on both days. Students at the Talco and Bogata campuses will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. both days.

Students will return to class following the Christmas break on January 4, 2000. Everyone is wished a safe and happy holiday season.



Bogata Council rehires former city secretary

The Bogata City Council met in a called special session on Monday, November 29. All members were present except Randy Kennedy.

Miriam Stephenson spoke to the council on the clinic building. She would like to see the building used for library, museum, etc. The building will be put back on the agenda of the December 13 meeting with more information.

In executive session, the council interviewed Anita Couch and Brenda Pope for the position of city secretary. Ann Davis, the third applicant, did not attend the interview.

Returning to regular session, it was

passed unanimously to hire Anita Couch as the city secretary. She was reinstated with benefits, two weeks vacation, sick time, starting salary of \$420.00 per week with a review in three months. She was hired to begin work on November 30.

It was passed unanimously that TNT Nails sewer line be put in for \$2,500.00 plus purchase of pipeline.

It was also passed unanimously that Charlie Clegg and Ginger Haan start working on non-matching grant for the Police Department.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Anita Cox has been re-hired as Bogata's City Secretary

Bogata Mayor protests rehiring of city secretary

Bogata Mayor Mike Garretson has registered a protest about the re-hiring of City Secretary Anita Couch.

"It is my opinion and my opinion only that the decision of the council to hire Anita Couch back is not in the best interest of the City of Bogata nor its citizens. When she left with no notice, she left knowing there was no one with any knowledge of the office and left the city in a desperate state.

It cost the city thousands of dollars trying to get things in order to maintain operations. It is my opinion that hiring Ms. Couch back was a disservice to this community. Besides hiring her back, her entire benefit package was reinstated. In my opinion this is rewarding her for leaving the city in the state she did. I am very disappointed in the decision of the council.

Office will be open Fridays during Christmas Sale

The Deport Times, Main office for Thunder Prairie Publishing, will be open on Friday mornings beginning on Friday, December 3 in order to better serve those customers wishing to renew their subscriptions during the December paper sale.

Renewals for any of the five papers in the Thunder Prairie group may be done at the main office, at the Bogata News office or by mail.

Don't miss your chance to save money, give a great gift and renew

your subscription to a year of truly local news.

The Bogata News office, located behind Masterpieces Hair Salon on Main Street in Bogata will also be open until noon on Thursdays and Fridays during the Christmas season sale.

If you come by after hours, don't hesitate to use the letter slot in the door of the Deport Times office, or the mailbox at the door of the Bogata News office.

Bogata Police Department to host "town hall" meeting Dec. 7

The Bogata Police Department will host a "town hall" meeting on December 7, 1999.

The meeting will be held at the Bogata Community Center at 7:00

p.m. The subject for the evening will be "Neighborhood Crime Watch". Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the concerns of the community.

Paper sale is on now, save money and fill your Christmas stocking now!

It's that time of year again! Time for subscribers to do their Christmas shopping (even easier than on the internet) and renew their subscriptions at savings too!

The Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are now on sale for \$2 off the regular price.

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Nichols Worth, a state-award winning column, is there for entertainment, and Country Cooking provides recipes and smiles.

There is news of and about your neighbors, friends and relatives. Local specials at stores are also right there, as well as all that good stuff from the classified page.

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Letters to the Editor
Dear Editor:
I just wanted you to know that the "Editor's Quotes" make my day. I love the quotes that are in the newspaper. I even read them more than once. If they are really good, I clip them and put them up on my mirror.
Please keep publishing the quotes!
Billie Scoggins Lindsey

Bogata PTO to sponsor bake sale

The Bogata PTO will sponsor a bake sale on Friday, December 3, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. in front of the Bogata Guaranty Bank.

This month's sale items will come from the Bogata 2nd grade class and any others who wish to donate items. Stop by and purchase your weekend desserts. Your donations and purchases are appreciated and funds raised will go to purchase needed items at the Bogata School.

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

<http://tpp.1starnet.com/>



As the Christmas festivities and parties fast approach, questions like what do I make to take to the family gathering that will be different....or what do I give for that special neighbor, friend or just someone special? Well, here are some ideas that might come in handy. Bake something....or make one of the quick, easy mixes in a jar that is listed! Anyone would enjoy receiving one of these, already to mix and prepare; just add butter, egg and vanilla. It can also be topped with a festive bow or square of fabric and ribbon or add your own homemade ornament.

Baking can be fun! Have all of your ingredients ready and be sure to have a little extra time so that you are not in any big hurry. See if the rest of the family would like to join you! Turn it into a yearly family event! Try these recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

Chewy Butterscotch Nut Bars-layer ingredients beginning in the order of the recipe in a quart jar and top with decorations and this makes a great gift for anyone!

White Christmas Bars in a Jar-layer the white chocolate and sliced almonds to create this "White Christmas" in a jar!

M&M Oatmeal Bars in a Jar-this makes a great gift for teachers or really anyone!

Chewy Caramel-Pecan Bars are a quick and easy recipe using baking mix and adding pecans and chocolate chips.

Homemade Fudge-this recipe can also be used with cookie cutters to make cut-outs with the children in your family.

Chocolate Covered Cherries-ever wonder how these were made? Now you know!

NOTE: To make toasted pecans or almonds-place in a microwave-safe dish and microwave on HI for 4-5 minutes, stirring every minute. Cool completely before using.

NOTE: After measuring the brown sugar, crumble it between your fingers for uniform texture. Be sure to pack the brown sugar firmly in the jar to prevent the baking mix from sifting down through it.

December 2, 1999
Homemade Treats!

Chewy Butterscotch Nut Bars in a Jar

1/2 cup butterscotch chips
1/2 cup pecans pieces
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1 cup baking mix
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 cup baking mix

In 1-quart wide-mouth glass jar, gently layer and pack ingredients in the order listed, beginning with butterscotch chips. If any space is left; add more chips or pecans to fill space. Place lid and decorate to your tastes. Make a gift card and attach as follows: Empty contents of jar into medium bowl. Stir in 1 stick butter, melted; 1 large egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Press into 8x8x2 baking pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Makes 16 bars.

White Christmas Bars in a Jar

1/2 cup white chocolate or vanilla milk chips
1/2 cup sliced almonds-toasted
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1 cup baking mix
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 cup baking mix

In 1-quart wide-mouth glass jar, layer ingredients in order listed beginning with white chocolate. If space is left, fill with chocolate or almonds. Empty contents of jar into medium bowl and add 1 stick butter, melted; 1 large egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Press into 8x8x2 baking dish sprayed with cooking spray and cook for 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Makes 16 bars.

M&M Oatmeal Bars in a Jar

1/2 cup old fashioned oats
1/2 cup mini M&M's
1/2 cup light brown sugar-packed
1 cup baking mix
1/2 cup dark brown sugar-packed
1 cup baking mix

In 1-quart wide-mouth jar, gently layer ingredients beginning with oatmeal. If any space is left, add more candies to jar. Place lid on top and decorate. Make a gift card that reads: Empty contents into medium bowl and stir in 1 stick melted butter and 1 large egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Press into 8x8x2 baking dish coated with cooking spray and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Makes 16 bars.

Chewy Caramel-Pecan Bars

2 cups baking mix
1-2/3 cups packed brown sugar
1 cup butter or margarine-softened
1-1/2 cups pecan halves
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

In food processor, combine baking mix, brown sugar and 1/2 cup butter. Pulse until mixture resembles coarse meal. Press on bottom of 13x9x92 baking pan coated with cooking spray to form crust. Sprinkle pecans evenly over crust. In 8-cup measure, combine remaining sugar and butter. Microwave on HI for 4 minutes or until mixture is thickened and syrupy, stirring every minute. Pour evenly over crust and pecans. Bake at 350 degrees for 18-20 minutes or until caramel mixture is bubbly. Remove from oven; sprinkle with chocolate chips and let stand for 3 minutes. Use a knife and swirl chips over caramel to create marble effect. Cool and cut into bars. Makes 36 bars.

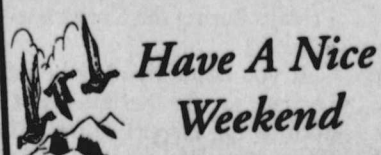
Homemade Fudge

2 cups granulated sugar
2/3 cup evaporated milk
2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 stick unsalted butter-melted
1 jar marshmallow creme
1 teaspoon vanilla

Spray pan with cooking spray and set aside. Mix sugar with milk in saucepan. Bring to rolling boil. Continue boiling for 7-8 minutes; stirring often. Remove from heat and add butter, chips and cream and vanilla. Beat well. Pour into prepared pan. Let set and use your favorite Christmas cookie cutters to shape.

Chocolate Covered Cherries
16 ounces fondant mix
1 cup brandy-optional
12 ounces chocolate pieces
16 ounce jar marachino cherries

To make fondant and to fondant mix; 1/3 cup milk, 1 tablespoon butter and 2 tablespoons corn starch. Combine in double boiler and heat until ingredients are melted. Do not overheat (120 degrees). Remove from heat. Drain cherries and place on paper towel to dry completely. Dip cherries into fondant mixture. If mixture becomes too thick, thin with small amount of water. Set cherries on wax paper to set. Melt chocolate in medium size bowl with 1/3 square of paraffin. Dip fondant covered cherries into melted chocolate mixture. Seal candy to stem; fondant and cherries must be completely covered to prevent cherries from leaking. Refrigerate to set. Store in cool temperature. Yield 30-40 cherries. For brandied cherries: Several hours before making candy, drain juice from cherries and replace with brandy. Cover jar. Allow cherries to soak at least 24 hours or up to a week. This step is optional.



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Red River County Roots

This week's query is from Norma Ferre, P.O. Box 123, Coquille, OR 97423. She is researching the family of her mother, Iva Irene Ragland, who was born at Bogata in October, 1919. Her parents were William Thornton and Mary Elizabeth (Perry) Ragland. Mary Elizabeth was sometimes called Ollie, but the reason for that nickname is not known. If you would like to write Mrs. Ferre, please write him 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

"Angel Tree" is in Clarksville

The Red River County Christmas Drive, sponsored by the Clarksville Fire Department and area volunteers is in full swing.

The Angel Tree for Red River County has no funding and is totally dependent on contributions and donations from individual citizens and businesses of the county.

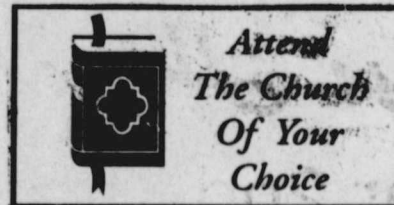
The goal is to see that each child gets a set of clothes, a pair of shoes and a toy or two.

Each angel on the tree has the first name of the child, boy or girl, along with size clothing and if they asked Santa for something special.

If you would like to participate in this program, the angel tree is located at the Wal-Mart store in Clarksville.

Please bring unwrapped gifts to the service desk or the Clarksville Fire Department.

Deadline for the program is December 8.



Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Preston and Marla Crump visited Angie and Eddie Kyle, Ty and Aaron last Thursday, then went to Grandview where they visited her sister, Nina Gatlin, Jeff, Gary and Donna Gatlin and family. Thursday night was spent with her parents and brother, J.T. and Lois Lane and James of Alvarado. On Friday, they were in Granbury visiting her aunts and cousin, Mary Katzenmeyer and daughter, Jenny Wager and Alice Jones. While there, they learned that Mrs. Katzenmeyer's son, T.J. Wager of Alvin had been diagnosed with cancer and in the hospital at Houston. Our prayers go out to the family and wish him a speedy recovery. Sunday, the Crumps had lunch with Fannie and Leon Lamb of Deport.

Lana VanDeaver of Crockett was a Thanksgiving weekend guest of her parents, Clovis and Katy VanDeaver.

The VanDeaver family spent Thanksgiving with John, Larann and Dru Denison in Rosalie. Attending the dinner were Clovis and Katy VanDeaver of Fulbright, Lana VanDeaver of Crockett, Mitzie, Gary, Kimberly and Michael Pirtle of Paris, Gordon and Helen VanDeaver of Pattonville and Carl and Betty Denison of Deport.

Betty Rodgers, Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga had Thanksgiving lunch at Furr's in Paris.

Monte and Shelley Rodgers and Betty Rodgers enjoyed an enchilada dinner with Gilbert and Melissa Arriaga at their home on Thanksgiving evening.

Betty Rodgers, Monte and Shelley Rodgers spent the weekend with

Avis Ellen Moore dies November 24

Avis Ellen Moore, age 78 of Mt. Pleasant, died Wednesday, November 24 at her residence.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 27 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park cemetery in Mt. Pleasant with Bro. Glenn Griffith officiating under the direction of Bates-Cooper Funeral Home.

Mrs. Moore was born in Telephone, Texas on April 19, 1921. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are sons and their spouses, James M. and Maxine Moore of El Campo, Allen G. and Linda Moore of Tyler and Kenneth L. and Jackie Moore of Mt. Pleasant; a daughter and her spouse, Lela and Tommy Spruill of Mt. Pleasant; a sister, Ima Jo Barnett of DeKalb; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert C. Moore; her parents, A.G. and Mary Cabler Caddenhead; a sister, Eula Mae Churchill and a brother, Claudie Caddenhead.

Mrs. Shirlee Francis dies November 22

Mrs. Shirlee Yvonne Francis, age 62 of Wilton, Arkansas, formerly of Bogata died Monday, November 22 at Regency Nursing Home in Clarksville.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 24 at the First Baptist Church of Bogata with burial in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Francis was born August 2, 1937 in Red River County, the daughter, of Delbert and Minnie Lee Aldridge Burns. She married James Francis on December 31, 1957 in Dallas.

She is survived by her husband, James Francis; a son, Kerry Francis and a daughter, Amy Rhodes, all of Wilton, AR; her mother, Minnie Lee Burns of Bogata; three brothers, Jerry Burns of Deport, Ronnie Burns of Bogata and Billy Burns of Dallas; two grandchildren, Tanner and Cory Rhodes of Wilton, AR. She was preceded in death by her father, a brother, Hollis Burns and a sister, Barbara Burns.

Bernice Thomas in Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Jo Phosay and children hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for her family members. Those attending were her mother, Mary Smith of Detroit, her brother Vincent and wife Patti of Detroit, her sisters and families, Susan and Tracy Barnes, Jessica and T.J. of Bagwell, Tony Winkel of Bagwell, Freda and Russell Jarret, Kevin and Megan of Negley, Kristina and Allan Davidson of Annona, Becky and Jody Holmes of Bogata. Afterwards, members of the family visited Connie's great-aunt, Purnie McLain and uncle, Ronnie Smith of Detroit.

Duane and Bobbie King of Corpus Christi spent this week with his mother, Jimmie King. Kay and Dave German of Whitney came Wednesday and returned home Friday. They had dinner Thanksgiving with Diann and Danny Eudy of Sulphur Bluff. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King of Reno, Travis King of Reno and Dick King of Paris.

Sunday evening visitors of Jimmie King were Mr and Mrs. Bill Hammer of Aikin Grove.

Lloyd Cavender visited Jimmie King on Monday.

The children of Lloyd Cavender visited him during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin had Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Cassie Ann and Don Betenbough and family.

Everyone is invited to the annual community Christmas party at the Fulbright Center Monday, December 6 at 6 p.m. Come and bring a covered dish. There will be movies for the children and games for the adults.

Pesticide clinic is December 7

On December 7, the Lamar County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor a farm and ranch pesticide applicator clinic at the Love Civic Center in Paris. Those who hold a pesticide applicator license with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be able to obtain continuing education units for license recertification. This includes private, commercial, and noncommercial licenses.

A \$10.00 fee will be charged at the door. Please RSVP to the County #Extension Office at 737-2443 to help plan for the meal.

Obituaries

Grace Pilkinton Dean dies November 27

Grace L. Pilkinton Dean, born April 28, 1931 in Roxton, died November 27 in Garland.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Sergio Silva, Connie Pyles, Willie and Pam Brown, Susie and Evert Gasway; grandchildren, Kimberly Zepeda, Vickie L. Reyna, Sergio Raymond Silva, Esther Marie Silva, Paula Burnett, Tonya Pyles, Bill, Kelly, Christy, Mary, Jimmy, John and Melissa Brown; great-grandchildren, Joshua and Jonathan Zepeda, Adrianna and Elijah Reyna, William and Alex Brown; sisters, Sarah Chambers and husband Jimmy, Barbara Smith and husband Kenneth. She was a devoted Christian.

Services were held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 30 at Restland Wildwood Chapel under the direction of Restland Funeral Home, Dallas. Bro. James Martin officiated.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to all the family and friends who brought food, sent cards and flowers or extended words of sympathy during the loss of our loved one. Special thanks to Bro. Park Robertson and the Wood family for all their help. God will bless each and every one of you for caring.

The Shirlee Burns Francis Family

Card Of Thanks

The family of Mike Borders would like to thank family and friends for their visits, cards, calls, food, flowers, memorial donations, thoughts and prayers, during our time of need. A special thank you to Murray Riddles, Larinda Stogsdill, Diane White and Dr. L.C. Stout for helping with the service. Words cannot express our appreciation for the acts of kindness and support.



J.C. Fail

J.C. Fail dies November 24

J.C. Fail, age 80 of Talco, died Wednesday, November 24 in Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 27 in Talco Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Wilson Weed and Rev. Don Malone officiating. Burial was in Talco Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes, Bogata.

He was born May 16, 1919 in Fairfield, TX, the son of Leonard and Minnie Lane Fail. He married the former Vivian Tate on March 4, 1939 in Henderson County. He was a retired trucker and a decorated World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Jimmie Fail and wife, Aline of Palestine and Lyn Fail and wife, Ann of Kilgore; two daughters, Marilyn Presley and husband Ronnie and Yvonne Harris of Talco; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Glenn Harris; a brother, Clarence Fail; and his parents.



A Y2K Checklist for Customers

From the smallest to the largest, federally insured financial institutions have been working to make sure their computer systems will operate smoothly in the Year 2000 (Y2K). In addition, federal and state regulators are closely monitoring the progress of the institutions they supervise to make sure Y2K issues are being addressed. Despite the best efforts of the industry and the regulator, no one can guarantee that everything will work perfectly. That's why financial institution customers may want to consider taking steps in anticipation of the date change. Your can refer to the following checklist to prepare yourself for Y2K.

- Educate Yourself About Y2K** Find out what your financial institution is doing to address consumer concerns. If you have questions, speak with a representative who knows about the institution's Y2K program.
- Keep Copies of Financial Records** As always, keep good records of your financial transactions, especially for the last few months of 1999 and until you get several statements in 2000.
- Pay Attention to Your Finances** As always, balance your checkbook regularly. When you receive a transaction receipt from your institution, check it for accuracy and save it to compare against your statement. It's also smart to review your credit report to make sure it doesn't contain inaccurate information.
- Make Prudent Preparations** Remember all your payment options (checks, credit cards, debit cards, ATMs and tellers) in the event that one doesn't work as planned. The Federal Reserve has plans to ensure that there will be sufficient cash available for consumers. If you withdraw money, make reasonable decisions based on solid information; don't put yourself at risk of being robbed or losing valuable interest payments.
- Be on Guard Against Y2K Scams** Be skeptical if someone asks for your account information or tries to sell you a product, service or investment that's supposedly Y2K "safe". Protect your personal information, including your bank account, credit card and Social Security numbers.
- Review Your Deposit Insurance Coverage** The federal government's protection of insured deposits will not be affected by Y2K. If you have more than \$100,000 in an insured bank, thrift or credit union, you may want to make sure you understand the insurance rules. Check with your financial institution or call the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at 1-800-934-FDIC (for banks and savings institutions) or the National Credit Union Administration at 703-518-6330 (for credit unions).

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CHRISTMAS QUEENS-Elected as the 1999-2000 Rivercrest High School Christmas Queens are; (front left) Brandi Randle, (front right) Kasey Crawford; (back left) Brittany and (back right) Shari Wisinger. Brandi will be representing the Senior class. She is the daughter of Mike and Teri Randle of Sugar Hill. Kasey will be representing the Junior class. She is the daughter of Barry and Linda Crawford of Bogata. Brittany will be representing the Sophomore class. She is the daughter of Leah Bull of Bogata and Terry Bull of Paris. Shari will be representing the Freshman class. She is the daughter of Tommy and Linda Wisinger of Sugar Hill. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



MARKEVANS-is pictured with his first kill of the season, a 6 point buck bagged on a private lease near Bogata on Thanksgiving Day morning. Mark, a student at Rivercrest High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Evans of Bogata.

THE OAK RIDGE BOYS
Will Be Appearing for Two Performances on Saturday, April 15
TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE ON MARCH 4TH
WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS!!!

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Practice time change for PIPS

The PIPS (Players in Progress) of Talco and Bogata were set to practice on December 5, 1999 from 3-4 pm. There has been a change. The new practice time will be 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. It is very important that all members be present since the group is working on performance. If your child will not be at practice please call Lori Franks ahead of time at 379-9430 or 632-5204. Also please remember members must not wear their performance shoes outside of the gym in order to protect the gym floor.



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Two burglaries cleared in Red River County

Two burglaries have been cleared with warrants issued for one man and the arrest of two others, according to the Red River County Sheriff's Office. Arrested for burglary of a habitation and burglary of a building was Bradley Bedford Bench, a 25-year-old white male from Avery. Also arrested was Curtis Carl Gibson, a 42-year old white male

from Midland, Texas for burglary of a building. Curtis Carl Gibson was released on bond. Bradley Bedford Bench remains in Red River County. Red River County Sheriff's Office and Constable recovered approximately \$5,000.00 in stolen property and seizures have been filed on the property used in the commission of these burglaries.

Junior High to enter tournament

The Junior High Rebels and Lady Rebels will participate in the Chisum Basketball Tournament on December 2-4. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the young teams. For game times call the Talco School at 379-3841 or the Bogata School at 632-5214.



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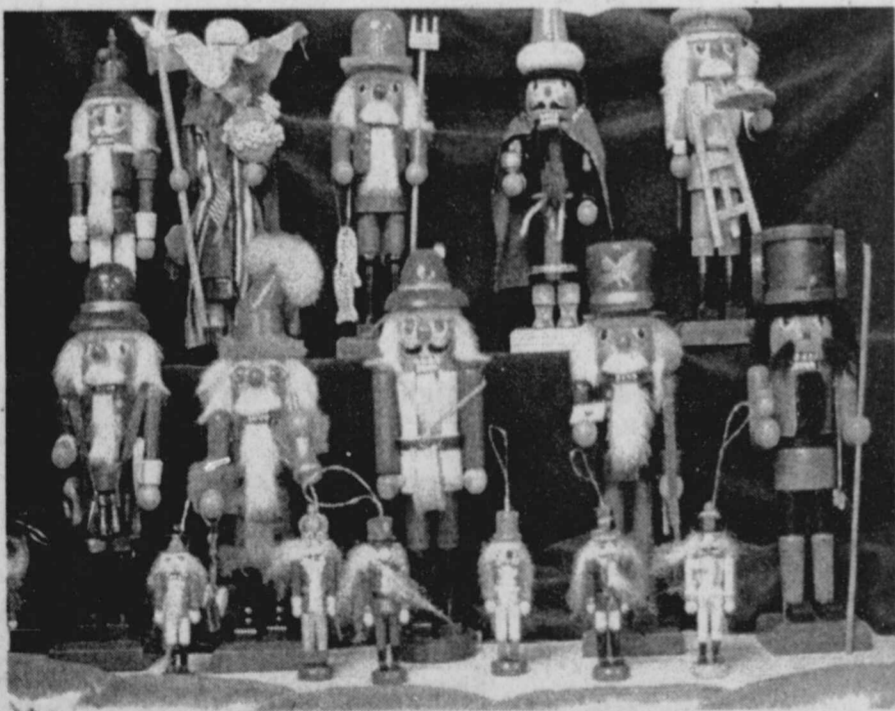
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Lady Rebel JV and Varsity beat Clarksville Lady Tigers

The Lady Rebel JV and Varsity basketball teams played host November 23 to the Clarksville Lady Tigers. The JV ladies began the evening's action with Brittany Bull scoring the first 2 points of the game and the Lady Rebel held a 12-0 lead after one quarter. Mollie Hare, Brittany Bull, Charla Hines and Rachel Case had netted points for the Lady Rebels. In the second the Lady Rebels scoring fell off but their defense did not. The half time score stood 17-6 Lady Rebels.

In the third the Lady Rebels added 9 points to their score while holding the Lady Tigers to 5 points. Score 26-11 Lady Rebels. The final quarter saw the Lady Tigers show some aggression but too little too late. The Lady Rebels took the win 32-17.

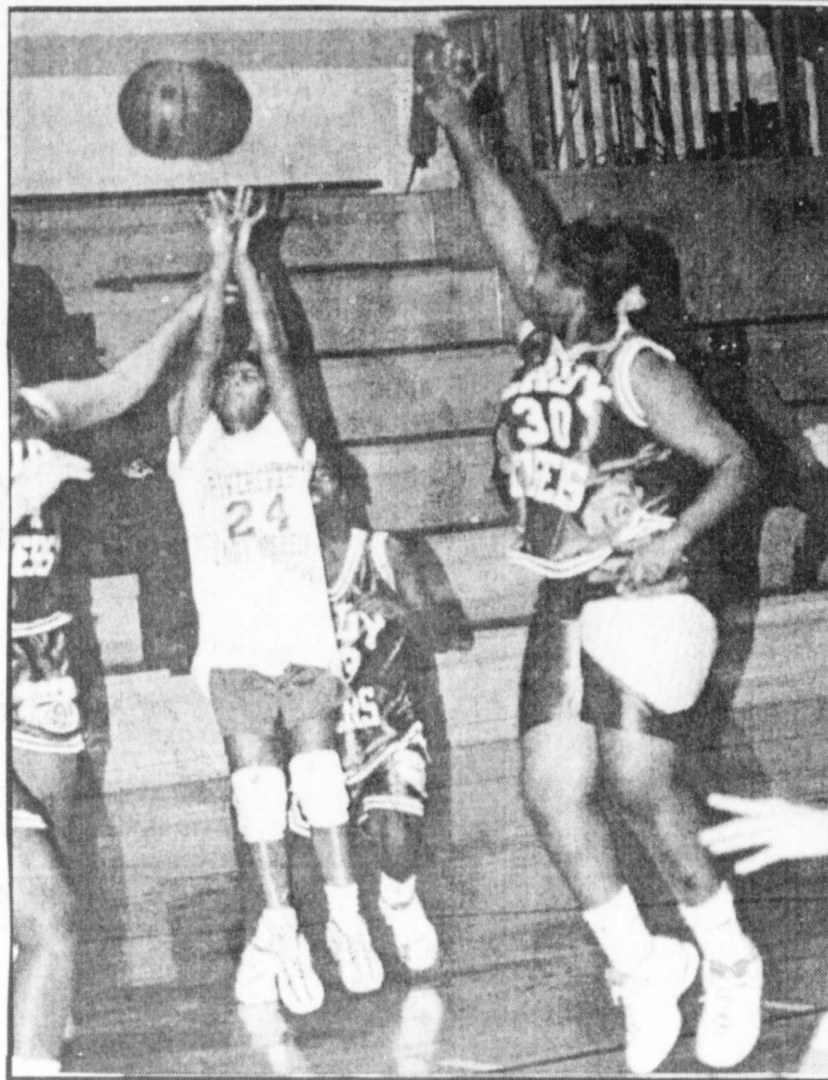
Mollie Hare and Rachel Case shared the high scoring position with 6 points each followed by Brittany Bull and Charla Hines with 5 points each. Also scoring were Ashley Beers and Danielle Easterling-2 points each, Molly Moles-4 points and Sara Ainsup and Kendall Stansell with 1 point each.

The Varsity Lady Rebels started off slowly. The Lady Tigers not only took the first possession of the ball

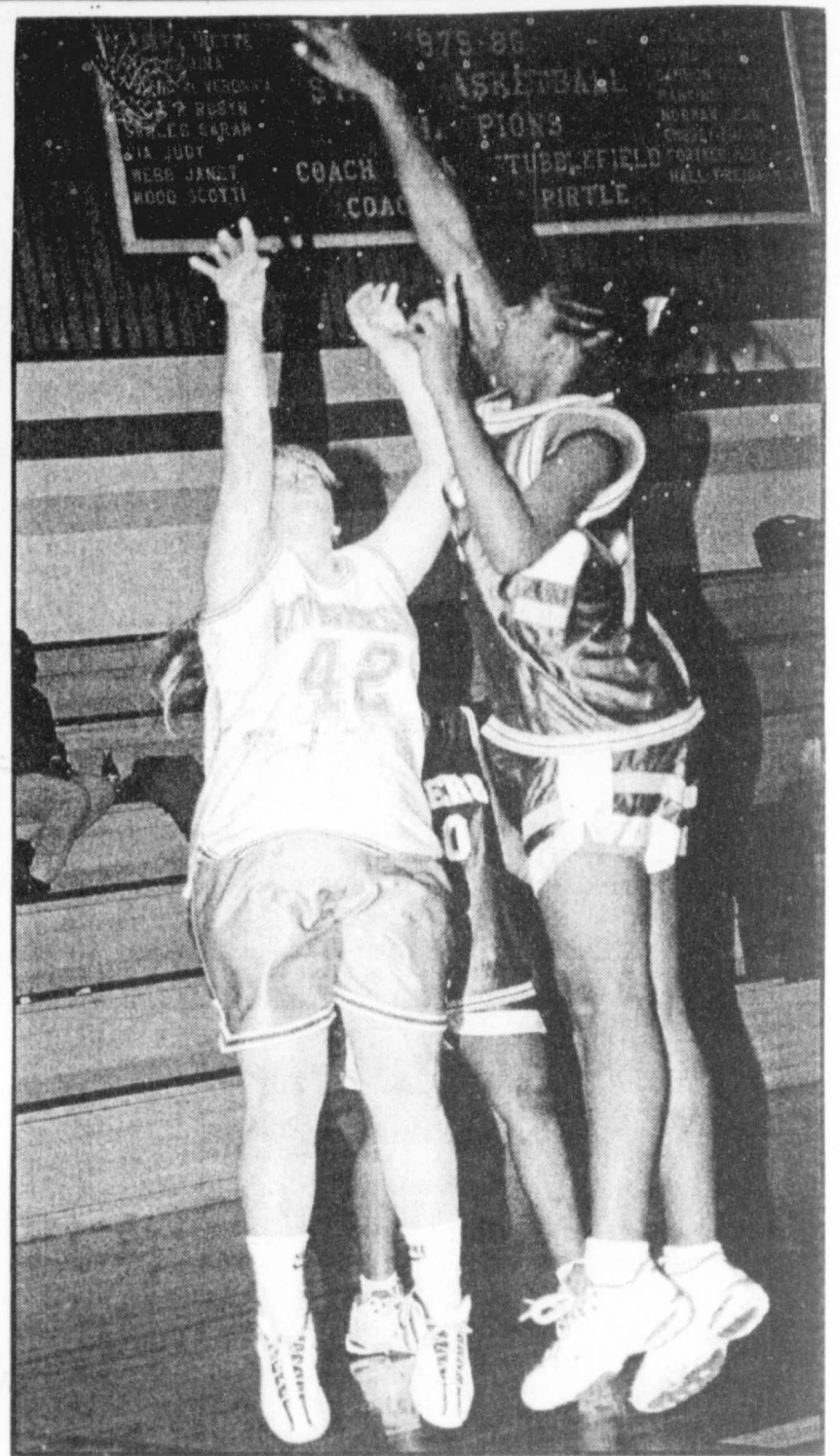
they were the first to get on the score board and netted a quick 6 points in under 1 minute. Finally, the Lady Rebels came around and Tiffany Prentice led off the shooting with a trey. Missy Carroll and Cara Morgan went to work and both made key steals for the Lady Rebels. The quarter ended with the Lady Rebels up by 1, 16-15. In the second the Lady Rebels got free shots and a free possession from a technical foul called on a Lady Tiger. Tiffany Prentice went to the line for the shots and made 2 of 3. Prentice also made key steals for the team in the quarter to help put them up 33-25. Prentice, Carroll, Morgan, Cassee Wilcox, Kim Ross and Kim Shirley had scored for the Lady Rebels.

In the third the Lady Rebels relaxed and played their game and quickly took a 56-38 lead. The final quarter saw the Lady Tigers regroup and go to the goal but they were held off and the Lady Rebels put another win under their belts, 68-55.

High scorer for the game was Tiffany Prentice with 17 points followed by Kim Shirley with 16. Also scoring was Missy Carroll-11, Kim Ross-14, Cassee Wilcox and Cara Morgan with 4 each and Michelle Bryant with 2 points.



JV LADY REBEL-Charla Hines gets the shot off as the team met the Clarksville Lady Tigers last week. Charla and her teammates took an impressive 32-17 win. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



VARSITY LADY REBEL-Cassee Wilcox gets her shot off as she and her teammates played the Clarksville Lady Tigers last week. The Lady Rebels took a 68-55 win. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lady Rebels compete at Dodd City

The Lady Rebel Varsity basketball team competed in the Dodd City Tournament on November 18-19. The ladies from Rivercrest met Lipan in their first game of the tourney and held a 19-12 lead after one quarter. Tiffany Prentice, Kim Shirley, Kim Ross and Cara Morgan had scored for the team. In the second the team from Lipan continued to vie for the lead. They netted 18 points to the Lady Rebels 22 to end the half trailing 30-41. Prentice, Shirley, Ross, Morgan and Missy Carroll had scored for the Lady Rebels.

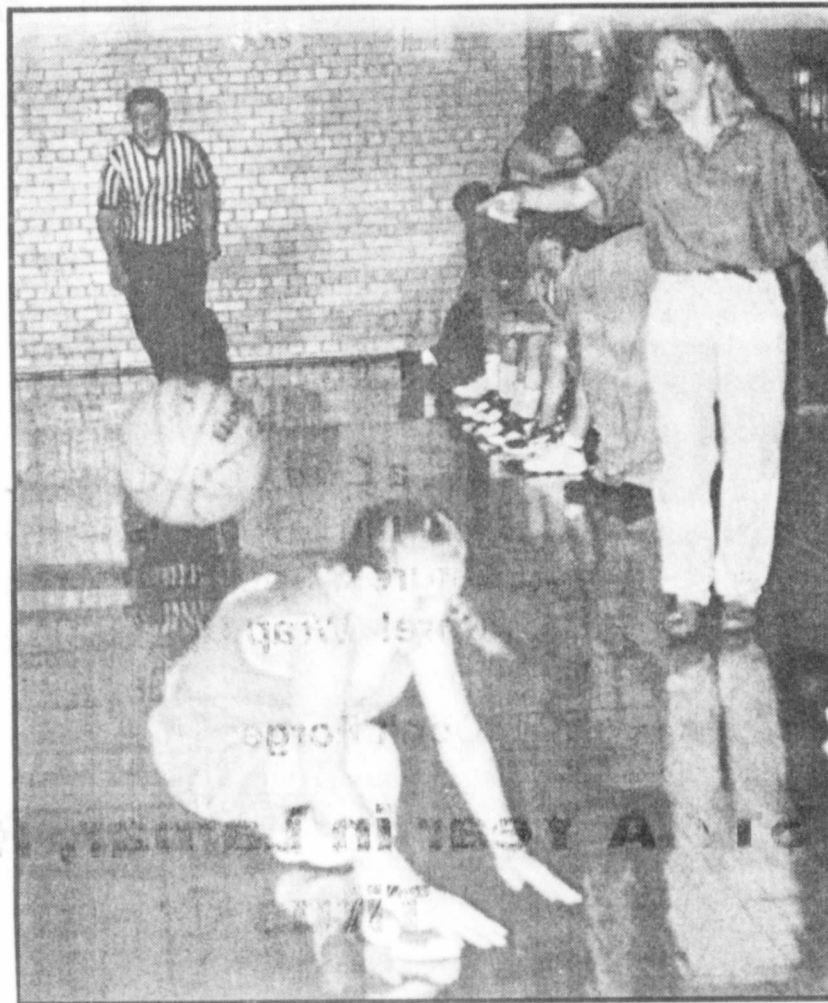
The third quarter was the Lady Rebels downfall. The Lipan team held them to only 10 points while scoring 21 of their own points. At the quarters end the two team were tied up 51-51. What had been a close game turned into an all out battle. Matching each other score for score the game came down to the wire and a free shot put the Lipan team on top 68-67. Lipan missed 5 of 16 while the Lady Rebels missed 12 of 31 free shots. Tiffany Prentice and Kim Shirley shot 99% and Missy Carroll and Kim Ross shot 98% as individuals from the free shot line for the Lady Rebels.

Posting high score for the game was Tiffany Prentice with 19 points. Also scoring were Kim Shirley-16, Missy Carroll-15, Kim Ross-12 and

Cara Morgan-5. On Friday, Nov. 19 the Lady Rebels returned to meet Chisum and again jumped into the lead after one quarter 17-12. Prentice, Carroll, Shirley and Ross had added the scores. The two teams worked hard in the second with the Lady Mustangs staying at the Lady Rebels heels. The half time saw the Lady Rebels still up by a slim score, 31-27.

In the third the Lady Rebels slipped and the Lady Mustangs took advantage and took the lead by the quarters end, 44-41. 10 seems to be the Lady Rebels unlucky number as that is the number of points they scored in the quarter while the Lady Mustangs added 17 points. Fouls were called freely in the game and as a team the Lady Rebels picked up 19 which contributed to losing Missy Carroll, Kim Shirley, Cara Morgan and Kim Ross in the final quarter. The Lady Mustangs added 23 points to the Lady Rebels 19 points in the quarter and took the win 67-60. The Lady Rebels missed only 7 of 25 free shots while the Lady Mustangs missed 22 of 46.

High point for the Lady Rebels was Missy Carroll with 15 points. Also scoring were Tiffany Prentice-13, Kim Shirley-13, Jill Foster-2, Mollie Hare-4, Kim Ross-6 and Cassee Wilcox-7.



COACH TAMMIE CASE points and comments to the referee as Lady Rebel eighth grader, Stephanie Williams, goes to the floor after what Coach Case and the fans thought was a blatant foul from one of the Cooper Bulldogettes. The Lady Rebels lost the contest by two points. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

Rivercrest Youth Basketball meeting date set for December 4

The Rivercrest Youth Basketball Association (Little Dribbler's) will meet on Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999 at the Rivercrest cafeteria at 10:00 am for their first meeting of the year. All coaches, parents and anyone interested in coaching or participating with the group are urged to attend.

For the past years the eligibility for players has been the same as for school functions, no pass, no play. The determining 6 weeks reports has been

the 3rd six weeks, which is the present 6 weeks. Students must pass in this six weeks in order to play. The fee set last year was \$10 per family which includes one or more children.

At the meeting all rules, referees, coaches, draft date and season length will be discussed to set up this year's play. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information contact Rivercrest Youth Basketball President, Ricky Franks at 379-9430.

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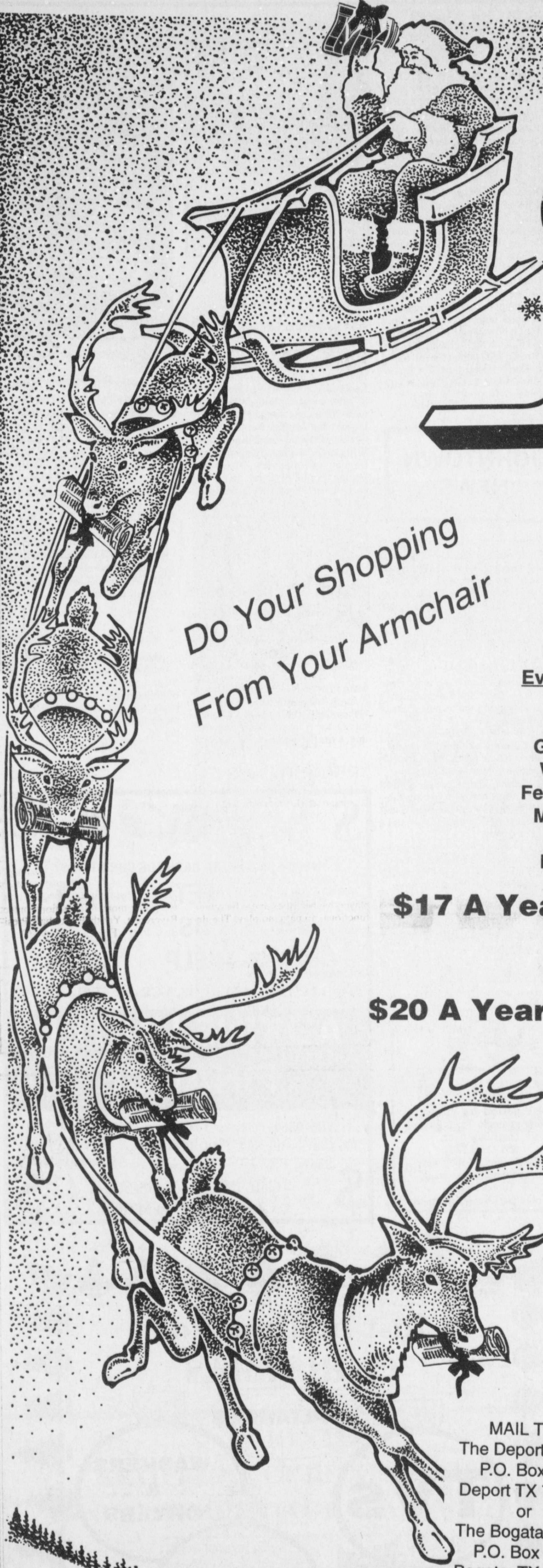
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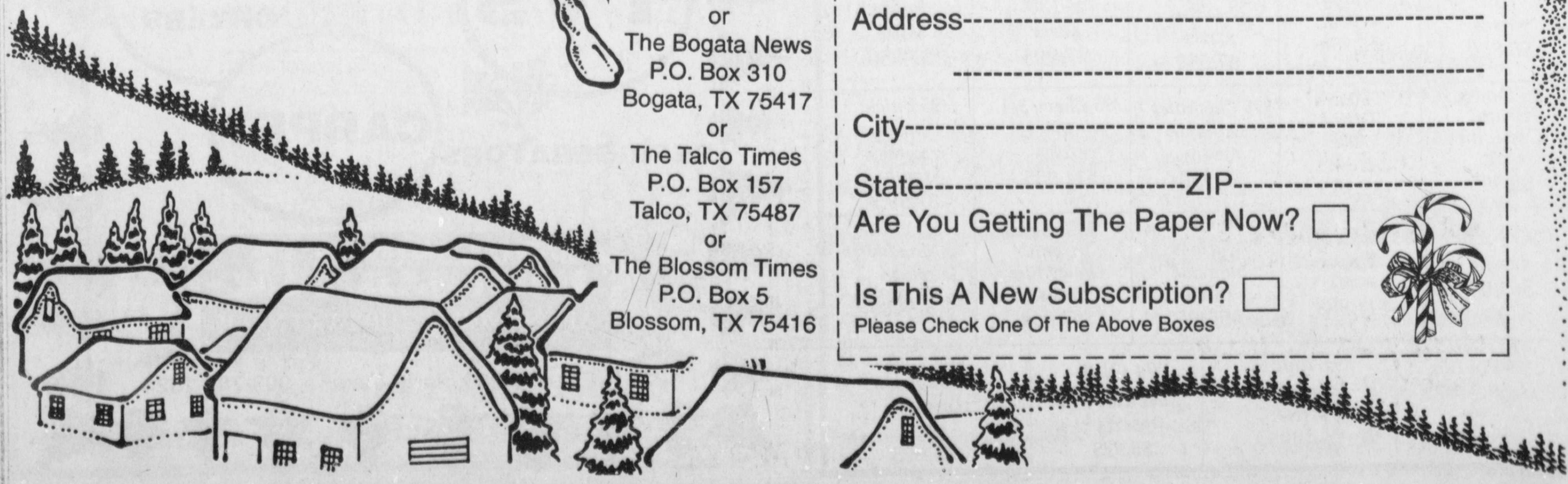
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Rebels down Lone Oak and Savoy

The Rivercrest Rebels JV and Varsity traveled to Lone Oak on Friday, Nov. 26 for competition. The JV team were defeated but the varsity made up for the loss winning 55-45. Chase Collins was the high point man for the Rebels with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Also scoring were Keith Hines with 17, Michael Galloway Kyle Stansell, Brandon Bell, Josh Griffin, Kerry Posey, Coleman Brown and Clinton Cheatwood.

On Saturday both teams were to play Savoy at Rivercrest but the JV game was canceled. The Rebel Varsity took the first possession of the game and Keith Hines led the team

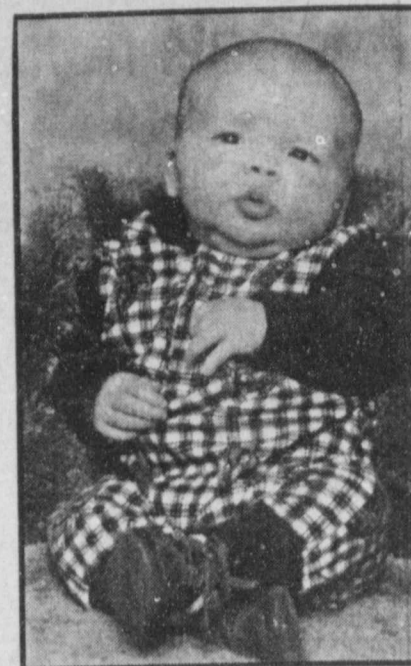
off with a trey. At the end of one quarter the Rebels had Savoy down 20-8. Hines had made 7 points, Chase Collins-4, Michael Galloway-2, Clinton Cheatwood had air mailed a trey and Cody Wolfe-2 points. Although the Savoy team struggled they never let up. The Rebels had an easy 36-16 lead at the half. Hines, Collins, Galloway, Cheatwood and Josh Griffin had scored.

The second half saw the Rebels get sloppy. Savoy was no match for the team and the Rebels did not handle the win well, fouling all to frequently and letting their normally clean play slip. Chase Collins was lost to fouls in the final quarter and Galloway, who had hit 3 treys, had 4 fouls. The final score was 67-35 Rebels.

High point man for the game was Keith Hines with 15 points. Collins had 10, Galloway had 11, Josh Griffin had 6, Kyle Stansell had 4, Coleman Brown and Nathan Carroll had 2 each, Kerry Posey had 3, Clinton Cheatwood had 8 and Cody Wolfe had 6.



Cody Len Poole



Michael Ross Murphy

New Arrivals

Jacy Poole would like to announce the birth of her little brother, Cody Len Poole. Cody arrived November 8, 1999 weighing 8 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Parents are Donald and Melanie Poole of Paris. Grandparents are Kenneth and Karen Williams of Bogata, Sue and Ronny Bennett of Longview, Cecil and Jeanne Poole of Paris and Lynn Dishman of Elkens, N.C. Great grandparents are Mary Carig of Texarkana, Donald Williams of Arkansas and Alice Martin of Bogata.

New Arrivals

Michael Ross Murphy would like to announce the arrival of his baby brother, Cody Lane. Cody was born October 4, 1999 at 10:05 at McCuiston Regional Medical Center in Paris. He weighed 10 lbs 2 ozs and was 22 inches long. Cody and Michael's parents are Michael and Cami Murphy of Bagwell. Grandparents are James and Linda Eilers of Cuthand and Mike and Paula Murphy of Bagwell. Great Grandparents are Elvis Wooten of Cuthand and Ophelia Hunt of Bagwell.

JOHNTOWN NEWS

By Jana Hawkins

Visiting in the McLaughlin home in Johtown over the Thanksgiving holiday were James. A. Watts of Rowlette and Nelda and Bob Belzung of Mesquite. Robbi McLaughlin received a call from Billy Mac Cooper who had returned from a trip to Germany where he had taken his wife's ashes for burial in her homeland.

James and Pauline Gibbs, Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins, Sarah Jean, Randy and Barbara Gibbs enjoyed shopping and eating at Pizza Hut on Friday.

Jana, Heather and Hana Hawkins enjoyed visiting and putting up the Christmas tree in the home of James and Pauline Gibbs on Saturday.

Mark, Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins enjoyed visiting the Jean/Permenter/Pirtle families Saturday night in the home of Calvin and Myra Permenter.

Mark and Jana Hawkins enjoyed having Dale and Dawn Jean in their home Sunday night. They all enjoyed hitting golf balls, eating and visiting.

Heather Hawkins enjoyed being with Sarah Jean and her family on Sunday night. They attended church and afterwards traveled to Paris to eat at CiCi's Pizza.

Santa letter deadline

The Christmas season will soon be upon us and here at the Talco Times and Bogata News our favorite issue is the one with letters to Santa.

To be sure your child's letter is printed and Santa gets the word have them in at the Talco School, Bogata School or Bogata News Office by December 6, 1999. We don't want to miss a one so please have your children write their letters early this year.

Monday, December 6, 1999

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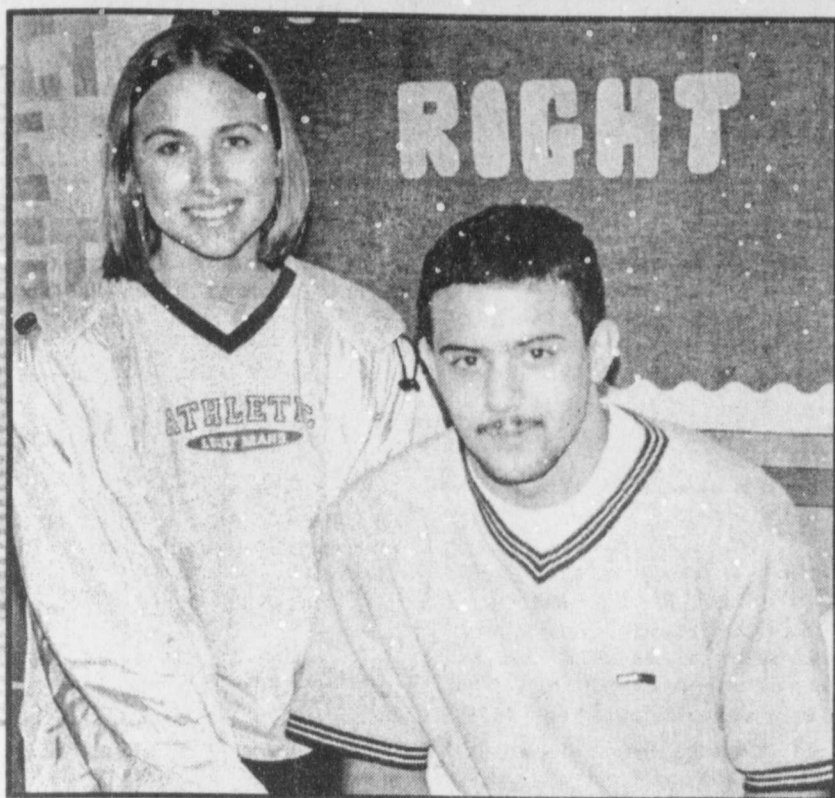
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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-for October at Rivercrest High School were Kara Palmer and Bryce Watkins. Kara is a junior at RHS. She is active in Beta Club and NHS. She is the daughter of Karla Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Palmer of Bogata. Bryce is a senior at RHS. He is a member of the varsity football and baseball team. He is the son of James and Pam Watkins of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



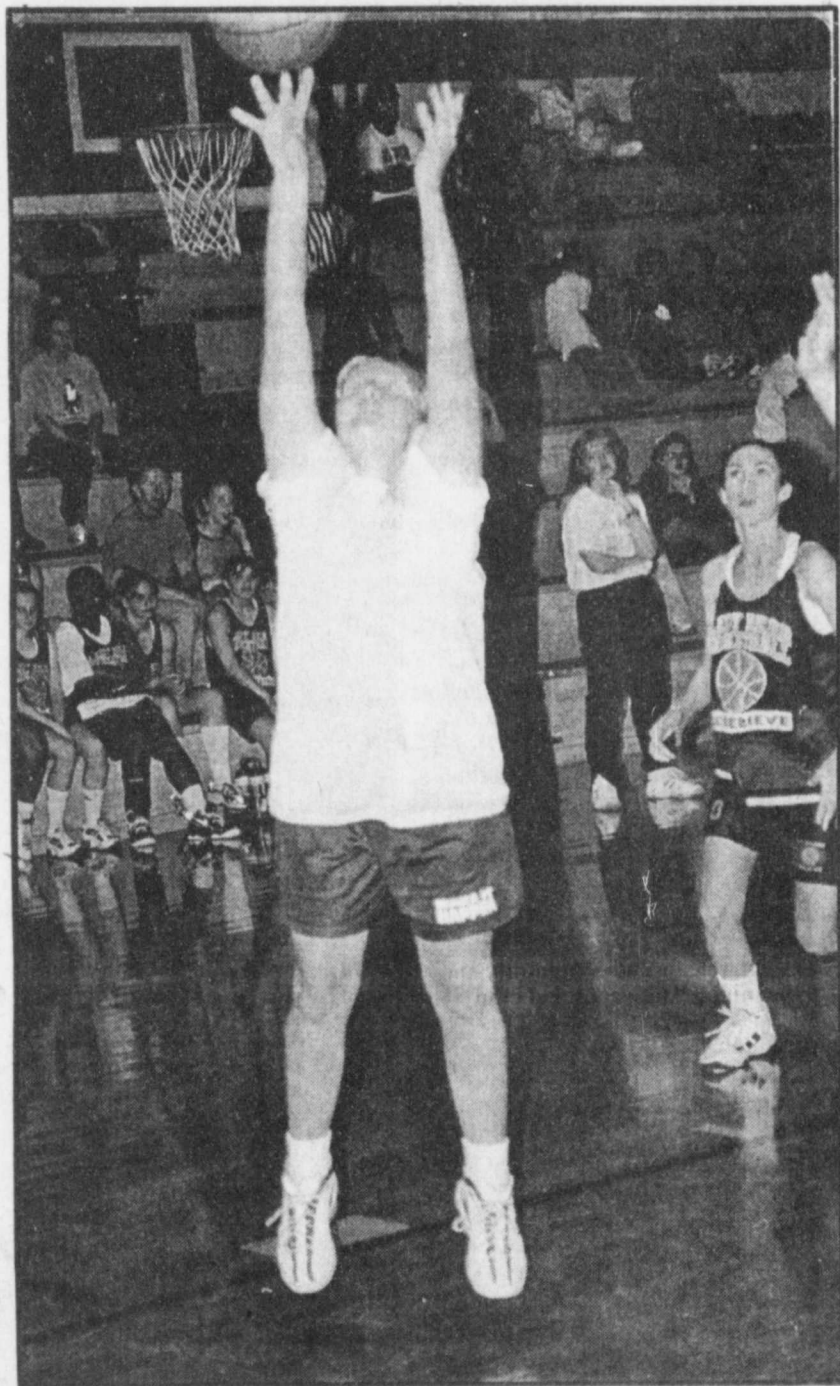
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-for September at Rivercrest High School were Sissy Meredith and Michael Galloway. Sissy is a senior at RHS. She is a cheerleader, was chosen Homecoming Queen, participates in FFA and is member of the golf team. She is the daughter of Sharon and Michael Meredith of Bogata. Michael is a junior at RHS. He is a member of the varsity football and basketball teams. He is the son of Sedia and Anthony Brown of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Breakfast
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Lunch
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 peach cups
 crackers
 milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast
 Sausage biscuits
 jelly & butter
 juice
 milk
Lunch
 Chicken patty on bun
 salad
 veg. beans
 potato wedges
 milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast
 Breakfast pizza
 juice
 milk
Lunch
 Spaghetti w meat sauce
 green beans
 diced potatoes
 Rosie applesauce
 cornbread
 milk
- Friday**
Breakfast
 Toast
 cereal
 juice
 milk
Lunch
 Cheeseburgers
 burger salad & chips
 seasoned beans
 ice cream
 milk



KIM SHIRLEY-makes a jump shot against the DeKalb team in a scrimmage last week. The Lady Rebels dominated the game. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187 News

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Resident, Mae Eudy-Shirley and Rufus Merritt and Gwendolyn Bowen.
Resident, Doug Alsobrook-Mary Ann Williams, Jackie Alsobrook and Venice Bryson.
Resident, Oma McKinney-Shirley Merritt.
Residents, J.C. and Vivian Fail-Marilyn Presley.
Resident, Leonard Fuller-Irene, Ruth and Jimmy Fuller.
Resident, Percy Topping-John Topping and Carrine Alford.
Resident, Doris Glover- Weldon and Joyce Smith and Sue Henry.
Resident, George Hancock- Betty and Buck Ramsey.
Resident, Billie Hancock-Shirley Smith and Bob Guess.
Resident, Irene House-Bernice Beers.
Resident, Georgia Miller-Paul and Carolyn Miller, Earlene Miller and Gerald Miller.
Resident, Jimmie Duffie-Gwendolyn Bowen, Shirley and Rufus Merritt.
Resident, Alice Craig-Inez Gill.
Resident, Allie Swafford-Gwendolyn Bowen, Toney, Linda and Eunice.
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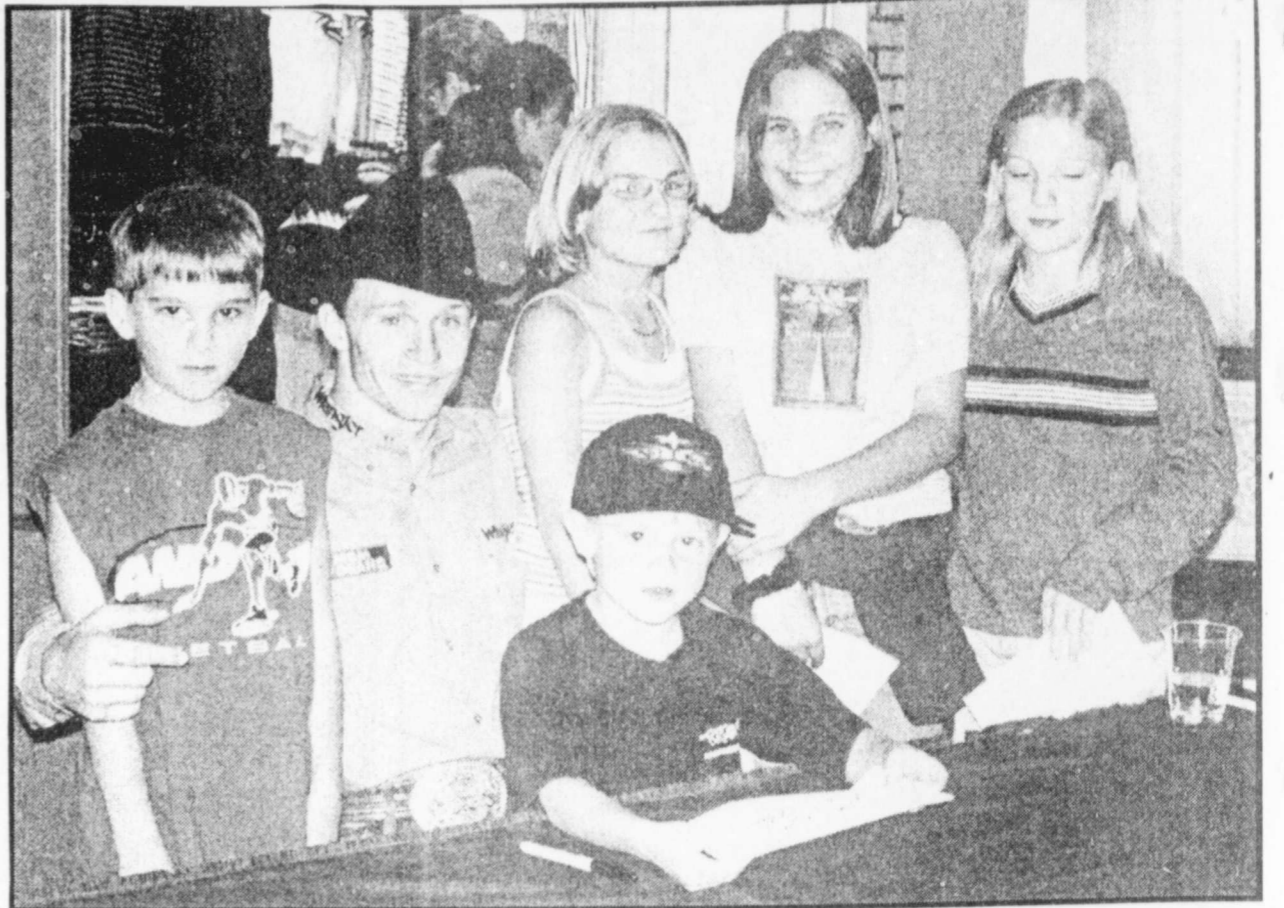
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Resident, Gladys Garretson-Dovie Garretson, Leon and Sue Hall.
Resident, Juanita Kelley-Minerva Gentry, Pat and Billie Lindsey.
Resident, Gladys Sykes-Shawn Roden.
Resident, Ann Cody-Bill Cody, Janette and Jerry Brooks.
Resident, Jewell McLaughlin-Janes and Karen France.
Resident, Juanita Kelley-Carla Curtis.
Resident, Stasha Hume-Ina Ward and Weldon Hume.
Resident, Pauline Hutson-Ina Ward.
Resident, Mae Slaughter-Teresa, Franny and Becky Galyean.
Resident, Nina Hudson-Sid and David Hudson.
Resident, Shelia Gibson-Danny ad Sharon Healy.
Resident, J. Jenkins-James Jenkins and Kim Stinson.
Your visits are appreciated by the residents at Red River Healthcare. Stop by and visit a friend or relative today.



COUNT 2-7th grade Rebel Clinton Vandever added two points as the Rebels met the Honey Grove Braves in the first game of the season Monday evening at RHS. The Rebs took a slim one point loss in the game. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

RWNT meets in Pittsburg

The Republican Women of North-east Texas met at the Carson House in Pittsburg on November 22 with 39 members and guests attending. Pat Womack and Peggy Thorsell made the arrangements for the menu.

The nominating committee consisting of Lavonne Glover, Claudia Rocha and Sandee McCann offered into nomination the following, with no nominations being made from the floor: president, Maxine Patton; vice-president, Linda T. Zepeda; second vice-president, Nell Bartek; corresponding secretary, Sue Evenwell; treasurer, Suzi Stringham, all from Titus County and secretary, Kay Hopkins from Franklin County. All were elected by acclamation.

December 13 will be the date for the next meeting instead of the usual fourth Monday to avoid conflict with the Christmas holidays and will be held in the home of Lavonne Glover with Narlene Capel and Helen Firmin as hostesses. The officers for the 2000 year will be installed at this meeting.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Todd Wright

Blackburn-Wright wed October 30

Valynn Blackburn and Mitchell Todd Wright were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony October 30 at 7:00 p.m. in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The bride is the daughter of Valgene (Gene) and Charline Blackburn. She is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and attended college in Idaho. She resided in Payson, Utah prior to marriage.

The groom is the son of John D. and the late Virginia Wright. He is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and is self-employed.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father. She wore a full length sleeveless dress with a criss-cross open back and adorned with iridescent sequins. She wore a matching band in her hair also adorned with iridescent sequins. She carried a bouquet of white roses, white orchids, greenery and white ribbon.

Serving the bride as maid of honor was Camill Wright, daughter of the groom. Camill wore a tea length burgundy dress with cap sleeves and a high waist line adorned with ribbon. She carried a single long-stemmed white rose.

The groom wore black Levi's, white shirt and black sport coat.

Serving as best man was Logan Wright, son of the groom. He wore black slacks and a white shirt. Father and son wore matching white rose boutonnières.

Following the vows the bride sang "From This Moment" to her groom and they were pronounced man and wife.

Approximately 70 guests attended the wedding and reception that followed at the Rio Hotel. They were served refreshments and a three-tier wedding cake decorated with white roses, greenery and burgundy ribbon.

Following the honeymoon trip the couple returned to their home in Talco.

On November 26, the couple were honored with a reception/shower at the home of John D. Wright.

Tables were covered with white linen cloths strewn with confetti in various colors and shapes. Candles accented the reception area. Guests enjoyed viewing a video of the actual wedding and were served salads, a vegetable tray, chips and dips, desserts and drinks. Approximately 50 attended. The couple received many nice and useful gifts and a special gift of a money tree.



Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Gage

Blanton & Bonnye Gage celebrate 50th anniversary

A surprise 50th wedding anniversary party for Blanton and Bonnye Gage was held at David Beard's Catfish King in Mt. Pleasant on Friday, November 26.

The couple received many nice gifts, including a travel package along with a gift certificate.

Attending were: L.B. and Annie Gage, Cathy and Kaylee Warrick of Clyde; Chance Brown of Hamlin; Katy Warrick of Huntsville; Susan Dodd of Lovington, NM; Jerry Dodd III of Denver, CO; Stephen, Gena and Clint Gage, Jon, Debbie, Shon and Aaron Gage, Paul and Sue Miller, all of Talco; Barry, Susan and Connor Gage, Bob and Nelda Belzung, all of Johntown; Richard, Mari and Ashlee

Crutchfield of Hallsville; Ronnie, Jerri Dee, Amber and Dakota Tippit, Deanna and Shelby Fletcher, all of Clarksville; Brandon and Tonya Williams, Bow and Holly Willis, all of Cooper; Kim Graham of Winnsboro; Sallye Williams, Dwayne, Kerry, Marcus and Amber, all of Garland; Tracy and Casey Williams of Wylie; Heather Bynum of Mt. Pleasant.

Also celebrating birthdays on that day were Blanton Gage, Ronnie Tippit, Paul Miller and Heather Bynum.

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Boys Region II Qualifiers E.C. Nichols and A.W. Melton.



1999 Boys Cross Country Team Pictured left to right is Jose Whittle, E.C. Nichols, A. W. Melton, Colby Gatlin, Bobby Hollingsworth and not pictured is Josh Maynard.



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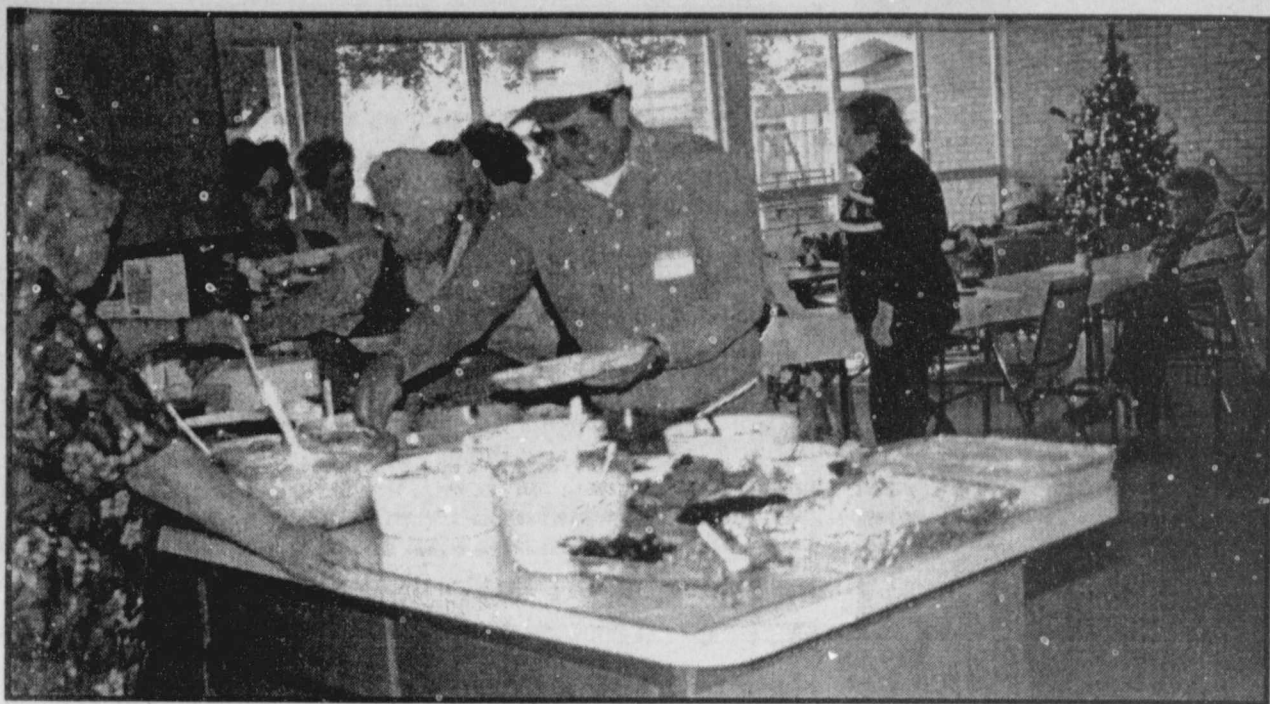


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THANKSGIVING DAY-was celebrated at the Bogata Housing Authority on Tuesday, November 23 with a covered dish lunch. Grace was said by Neoma Goodman and guests enjoyed a huge variety of food and special fellowship. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Anita Baker, Jennifer and Gina of Cooper's Chapel visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skaggs and family Thanksgiving Day.

Jerry Gray, Danny and Bobby Hines enjoyed a fishing trip to Pine Creek in Oklahoma Friday. They caught quite a few crappie.

Happy Anniversary, Dec. 8, 1999 to Judy and Donald Screws.

Happy December Birthday to: Jack Dodd, Art Spencer, Cara Morgan, Mac Bell, Kathy Ewing, Sidney Beth Tippit, Kay Legate, Robbi Marshall, Ben Glass and Brooksey Crow Jr.

Thanksgiving Day special guests with the Woods family, James, Dee, Denise, Julian and Tim, were Naoma Goodman, Opal Lee Conway, Beulah Fleming, Johnnie Kyle and the group also enjoyed a visit from Robbi Marshall.

Enjoying Thanksgiving Day with Dan and Vicki Tabb were Danny Tabb, Bob, Dee and Maggie Richardson, Dixie Stringfellow, Delene Tabb, Ray and Linda Tabb, Clint, Wyatt and Morgan Tabb. Coming by for a brief visit were Jackie, Lyrene Knight, Tonya Tucker, Sheree Roach and Samantha Glassener.

Visiting Dr. and Mrs. E.E. Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Travis Kelsey and Carter during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kimmey, Brooks and Kelli, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Paysse, Jonathan, Andrew and William of Temple, Mrs. Bess Simmons and Sandy of Austin, Mrs. Pat Brown of Irving and Paige Collins of Dallas. The group had Thanksgiving dinner at Addie's with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Chappell, Travis, Grant and Caroline.

Sharing Thanksgiving at the home of Bill and Carol Baker, James and Casey in Athens were Christine Baker of Bogata, Billie and Ronnie Welch of Blossom, Nora Thompson of Dallas, Bo and Peggy Yale of Ft.

Worth, Rene, Shawn and Blake Waters of Alvarado, Sue, Bob, Steve and Jennifer Mears of Dallas, Scott Gaddis and Lisa Cameron of Dallas.

Hayden Holt was discharged from Children's Hospital in time to be home with his family for the Thanksgiving holiday. He is reported doing well at home but is still weak and cannot spend more than a few minutes off his ventilator. He enjoyed visits from his grandparents, Nina and Robert Holt and Jerry and Gerlyn Gray, Aunt Jennifer and Riley Reeder, Aunt Jessica Hines and Marli since coming home.

Thanksgiving Day guests at the home of Reese Crow were Mr. and Mrs. Brooksey Crow of Hagansport, Linda Crow and family, Brenda Vickers, Cindy Crow and son of Hagansport, Juanita Curly of Paris, Brooksey Crow Jr. and family of Hagansport, Kelly Anderson of Winnsboro, Gerald Knowles and Tim Crow and family of Mt. Vernon.

Joe Corbell visited Chrystine Baker on Tuesday. On Thursday evening, Steve Corbell of Mt. Pleasant visited with Chrystine.

Jerry and Gerlyn Gray enjoyed fixing turkey and dressing for their family on Thanksgiving Day. Sharing the meal and visiting were, Margaret Davis, Jessie and Willie Mae Gray, Willie Gray, Jennifer and Riley Reeder, Jessica, Danny and Marli Hines, Judy, Harold, Heather and Heath Holt, Jackie, Linda, Marty and Jody Gray and Bob and Jitter Thornton of Artesia, California.

Helen Williams spent Thanksgiving Day in the home of Granville and Haletha Jones of Commerce. Other guests were Larry Jones of Miami Beach, Florida, Tim, Brenda, Kyle and Robert Jones of Klondike.

Visiting Charles and Cora Tidwell Thanksgiving week were their son, daughter-in-law and grandson, Neil,

Carmen and Nicholas Lovell of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They also visited W.A. Lovell in Haltom City, Texas.

Enjoying Thanksgiving Day dinner Saturday at the home of Henry and Patty Barton at Bagwell were: Bill and Joyce Barton, Clint Sickling, Kim Richardson and friend, Derrick of Munson, Bob, Dee and Maggie Richardson of Negley, Metzle, Nolan and Jordan Edwards of Paris, Dennis Howell of Clarksville and Helen Williams of Bogata.

Gussie Musick is reported home after spending 3 months in the Clarksville Hospital and rehabilitating at Regency Nursing Home.

Saturday visitors in the home of Dixie Stringfellow were Danny Tabb, Billy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, Michael Tabb, Suzann Holland, Edna Earl Dodd, Lucille Childers and Hubert White. Also visiting during the week were Vicki Tabb, Maggie Richardson, Jimmy Stringfellow and friend, Sherri.

Jennifer and Riley Reeder spent the holidays with her family. Friday, they shopped in Paris with Gerlyn Gray. Friday night Heath Holt spent the night with Riley.

Thanksgiving Day lunch guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana were Mike, Lila, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws, John and Cokie Roach and Johnnie Warren all of Deport and Jerry, Chris Anna, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

Enjoying Thanksgiving Day with Morris, Ginger, Jill and Alison Foster were Mozelle Klein of Sulphur Springs, Melanie and Ken Klein of Whitehouse, Marlin Foster of Deport and Sam and Sammie McConnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Chris Anna Guerra of Paris spent Monday in McKinney where Donald had a doctor's appointment.

Ann Cody to be honored on 90th

Ann Cody will be honored with a reception in observance of her 90th birthday on Friday, December 3, 1999 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Red River Haven in Bogata.

The event is being hosted by her children and grandchildren. All family and friends are invited to attend and share this special day with Ann. The honoree request your presence be your only gift.

Lock-in held at First Baptist

The ladies of the First Baptist Church in Bogata enjoyed a Lock-in on Friday, November 19 in the church fellowship hall.

The evening began with a salad supper and making Christmas wreaths for the nursing home. Donna Hall, Association WMU Director from Paris spoke about her mission trips to China. Angela Rose and Vickey Robertson each sang a solo for the group and Linda Eilers led a

prayer time for the missionaries who had a birthday that day. June Stanley led the singing and Dianna Ridge and Sherri Alexander led the group in crafts.

Door prizes were given away each hour. Main Street Florist donated a beautiful Christmas arrangement which was given away at midnight. The evening closed with a personal prayer time. 21 ladies attended.

People 'n Things

USDA food boxes will be distributed on Monday, December 13 in Bogata and Clarksville. At Bogata First Baptist Church from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. in Clarksville at Eastside Church of Christ from 12:30 until 2:30. Each person must have identification and proof of residence. May pick up a box for your family and only two additional boxes and only one box per household. For information, call 597-3663.

Monday, December 6, 1999

All youngsters wishing to submit Santa Letters must have them ready by this date in order for them to be ready for publication for the Christmas edition on the week of December 16.



Christmas Store items needed at Red River Healthcare

It will soon be time for the annual Christmas Store at Red River Healthcare in Bogata and Activities Director, Sandra Mauldin says the home could use a little help.

The Christmas Store is for residents of the nursing home. All items in the store are free to the residents who are allowed to do their Christmas shopping for family and friends. All items for the store are donated by employees, family members and friends. They include a wide variety

of crafts, white elephant items, jewelry, hand painted or sewn items, soaps, foods and more.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated in more than one way. Many of the residents are unable to shop or have no one who can shop for them and the store allows them to choose items on their own for the

KUC meets with 23 children

On Monday, November 29, Kids Under Construction met with 23 children and three adults present.

The story for the week was Samuel and listening to God. They had a snack of cheese and crackers with soda. A game of fruit basket turnover and musical chairs was enjoyed by all.

Nine children received free movie certificates for being in attendance 10 times in a row. They were: Jordan Thompson, Carter Kelsey, Camen Calvin, Kaley and Killian Stringfellow, Katie Ward, Jimmy Schmidt, Nikki Lewis and Callen Morgan.

KUC meets every Monday at the Bogata United Methodist Church from 5 to 6 p.m. All children ages K-6th grade are encouraged to join the fun.

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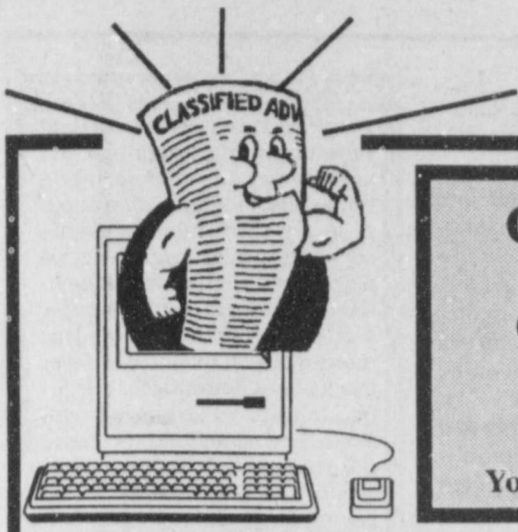
Bogata Lions regular meeting held

The regular meeting of the Bogata Lions Club was held November 18, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bogata Community Center. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, David Rozell with 13 members and 1 guest present. Invocation was given by Raymond Franklin and the pledge

was led by John Denison.

Everyone enjoyed a meal served by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Franklin. The group will hold their annual Christmas party on December 16, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the community center. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Public Notices

ESTRAY NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY
 On the 5th day of November, 1999, I impounded the following estray:

Cross-bred cow, black Angus type, black in color, female, approximately 7 years of age and approximately 900 pounds. No brands, marks or identifying characteristics.

and on the 8th day of November, 1999, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Red River County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Red River County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, and contacted local owner of exotic fowl but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 8th day of December, 1999, said estray will be sold at public auction/Sheriff's sale at Paris Livestock Commission, Paris, TX on December 9, 1999. Robert L. (Bob) Edrington, Sheriff of Red River County Darlena Shimpock, Deputy 12-2

NOTICE OF BID
 The City of Bogata is accepting sealed bids for the purpose of painting a 60,000 gallon elevated storage tank. Bids will be accepted until December 13, 1999 upon which bids will be opened at the regular council meeting. Paint specifications and time constraints will be available at City Hall, 128 North Main, Bogata, Texas 75417. Bids are to be addressed to the City of Bogata, P.O. Box 400, Bogata, Texas 75417 with attention to Wendell Davis, Public Works Director and will be marked Water Tower Bid. The City of Bogata reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. 12-2

Rivercrest ISD is requesting sealed proposals for qualified persons and firms for a Construction Manager-at-Risk on certain RISD construction projects. Project details and special instructions may be obtained on or after November 18, 1999 from the Superintendent's office, Rt. 1, Box 252, Bogata, Texas 75417, 903-632-5205.

Proposals will be received at the Superintendent's Office located at Rivercrest High School, Rt. 1, Box 252, Bogata, Texas 75417, not later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 1999. Proposals should be addressed to Rivercrest ISD Superintendent's Office and clearly marked "Construction Management Proposal". 12-2

owners in my county. The search did not reveal the owner of said estray.

I did then advertise the impoundment of said Estray in the Bogata News, a newspaper of general circulation in the county where said Estray was found, at least twice during the fifteen (15) days after impoundment of said Estray. The dates of such advertisement were December 2, 1999 and December 9, 1999, and a duly verified printed copy thereof is returned herewith.

I also posted a copy of the Notice of Estray and the Notice of Impoundment of Estray on the public notice board of the courthouse of the county in which the Estray was found.

Said Estray is described as the following: Black cow with white face, crossbred, approximately 14 years of age, approximately 1,000 pounds. J on right hip, 74CUF6982 left ear, tattoo 3V6 right ear.

Witness my hand, this the 24th day of November, 1999. Robert L. Edrington, Sheriff Red River County Texas 12-9

CITY OF BLOSSOM RESOLUTION NO. 004-00
 (Supersedes Resolution No. 005-99, May 18, 1999)
 Resolution to determine regular meetings time, date and place of Blossom City Council.

Whereas, Chapter 22, Section 22.038(d), local government code, requires the city council to determine by resolution the time, date and place of regular council meetings, and

Whereas, the Blossom City Council meeting is public session, deem it prudent to adopt such resolutions.

Therefore, be it resolved that the regular meetings of Blossom City Council shall be as detailed below:

First Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m., Blossom City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas 75416.

Be it further resolved that the final agenda for all regular and special meetings will be posted at the Blossom City Hall at least 72 hours in advance of such meetings and that such agendas will be distributed to the Blossom Times and the Paris News.

Passed and adopted this 4th day of November, 1999. Ed Hudson, Mayor Attest: Ann Ebbs, City Secretary 12-2

NOTICE OF BIDS

Prairiland I.S.D. is requesting bids on one New International 59-passenger diesel school bus. Bus must meet all Texas Bus Safety specifications. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., December 9, 1999 at the Prairiland Administration Building, Rt. 1, Box 200, Pattonville, Texas 75468. For bid specifications, call Buddy Freeman, 903-652-6476. 12-2

NOTICE OF ESTRAY

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RED RIVER Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Darlena Shimpock, who after being by me duly sworn deposes and says: After the herein described Estray was impounded, I made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in the county where said Estray was found. I also contacted known exotic livestock and fowl

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GARAGE SALE: Friday, December 3, 8 a.m. until ?? 400 E. Wilson, Talco. Clothes and miscellaneous. Cancel if raining. 12-2

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GARAGE SALE: Three families at Cowboy Denny's home, Hwy. 271 S of Bogata. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday only, December 4. Lots of books, glassware, too much to mention. 12-2

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FOOT NOTES



Dr. Austin Reeves

WHEN DO YOUR FEET NEED HELP?

Most of us take pride in being able to care for ourselves. That's why do-it-yourself books-from plumbing to estate planning-can always be counted on to crowd publishers' lists of new releases. When it comes to your feet, though, there are some warning signs that should send you in search of professional help. You should never attempt to treat foot problems if you are diabetic, if you have impaired circulation, if an infection develops, or if allergies prevent you from using over-the-counter medications. In addition, certain physical limitations may make self-care impossible, such as poor vision, hands that are unsteady, and inability to reach the feet comfortably.

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FOR THE BIRDS-Bobby Cox of Talco loves making birdhouses and other unusual items in his wood shop. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

Local students included in Who's Who

A total of 38 students from this area were included in the 33rd annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, 1998-99.

Who's Who is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of "B" or better and 97% are college bound.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Students from Blossom included in the book include Sarah Hooze.

From Bogata: Pearis Abernathy III, Clinton D. Cheatwood, Jason A. Freelen, Joshua B. Griffin, Minerva S. Mauldin, Cara R. Morgan, Kimberly D. Shirley, Melissa A. Williams, Kembre L. Baker, Kasey A. Crawford, Misty L. Garretson, Nicole L. Hervey, Audra S. Meredith, Tamsen Reynolds, Cole L. Warren

From Detroit: Jodi D. Boyles, Megan C. Janeway, Ryan E. McCoin, Trista Reves, Robbie Somerville, Samantha Winkley, Krystal Brackman, Amber R. Kuykendall, Cory D. Owens, Heather D. Smith, Jennifer Washington.

From Talco: Ryan H. Case, Jeremy Jones, Carolina G. Prado, Kristen Sims, Jeromia B. Stinson, Cassee F. Wilcox, Shelly Hollis, Amber A. Miller, Tiffany L. Prentice, Erin A. Stansell, Laci J. Taylor.

Bobby's houses are for the birds

By Thomas Nichols

Why does Bobby Cox of Talco build bird houses? Because he wants to.

For a couple of years now Cox has been building homes for chirping, feathered friends to live in. Also, from his workshop have come lamps made to look like bird houses with a soft shade to accent the piece of art.

When friends and family have seen the lamps, one of the first questions asked is always "How much would you charge for a pair of those lamps?". They are just perfect for my home.

Cox is reluctant to commit himself to taking orders for any of the wood crafts he creates.

"Now, if I want to build one birdhouse or five, I just do it. If I want to work on a lawn ornament or whatever, I can. If I start taking orders to make anything I'll begin to feel like I have to do it and then I'll have a job. I don't want a job! I'm retired and want to stay that way" Cox grins.

Before retirement, Cox has held various jobs, from teaching school, working in the oil field business, insurance business and working as a maintenance man for Campbell Soup Company and Pilgrim's Pride.

When asked where he received his education a mischievous grin spreads over his face before a single word leaps from his lips. "Huntsville" he replies impishly.

Obviously, this statement is designed to shock the questioner into visions of the prison system and momentary lack of reply.

After the initial shock has passed, Cox erupts into full scale laughter before explaining that he grew up in a small community close to Huntsville, Texas.

Since Huntsville was the nearest city of any size with college facilities that was where most kids attended school. "I dated a girl one time that I told her about being educated at Huntsville and she wouldn't go out with me again" Cox recalls.

During the Korean War ear Cox joined up and served in the military. After his discharge Cox moved to Talco to join his parents, who had moved there.

While he was in Korea he met his wife, a native of Talco and has lived there since.

He taught shop at Talco school and served as a teacher and principal at Maple Springs.

Returned now, Bobby Cox hasn't worn out too many chairs yet. Most of his time is spent turning out wooden objects created in his workshop.

His wife and daughter-in-law are always ready to offer ideas for new creations and different object, but it's up to Cox to take those ideas and transform them into another wooden work of art.

People spend a great deal of their time preparing for things. We save money in order to buy a house, start planning and shopping for Christmas presents sometime a year in advance, we plan ahead so that we will be financially able to do things so we can better afford them. But more often than not we never think about planning for our funerals until we are faced with death, and sometimes it catches us unprepared. To save your family the financial stress of paying for your final expenses, start preparing today. A prearrangement guarantees that your expenses are taken care of; that your family will have one less responsibility at the time of your death; and that your funeral service can be handled according to your wishes. The James Wood Family will be happy to answer any questions that you might have so start preparing today.

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