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A tale of a stove

Last Thursday after an early fire call (did you know hot tubs will burn?), two medical calls and a long day at work I finally was dragging myself towards home when Marilyn Clover waved me down.

"Have you seen the stove at the fire station?" she asked. I told her no and she had me follow her down to the fire station. There, in the kitchen on the new stove was the biggest mess imaginable. White, dried foamy stuff was splattered all over the cook top. Granules of dirt were stuck in place, along with what looked like splinters. We took our fingernails and scratched at the mess, sniffing it to see if it was identifiable. It didn't have a smell.

We both stuck our heads up under the vent-a-hood and discovered that whatever it was had apparently exploded, splashing up under there too.

Puzzled, we looked in the trash cans to see if we could find any "incriminating evidence". Nothing.

I hit the vent-a-hood button and the fan made a strange clunking sound.

Both of us stuck our heads up under the hood again and I yanked down the silver grill. Immediately we were deluged with sticks, grass, dirt and debris! Hot on the heels of our mystery, we leaned closer and Marilyn reached up and turned the fan.

It's a shame there wasn't a video camera on hand, for when the wing flopped down in our faces Marilyn and myself nearly knocked our heads off yanking out from off the vent a hood. I hit the hood rim, she clobbered herself on the other side and we both let out a yell!

We stood staring at one another in horror. YUCK, we had been using our fingers to scrape bird.....well, you have the picture now.

Gingerly, Marilyn worked at prying the dead Starling out of the fan on the vent-a-hood. It was quite dead, although not, fortunately, long dead. The idiot bird had built a nest in the vent pipe and then become trapped.

Then it was sterilize the stove time. We scrubbed, disinfected and scrubbed some more. The grill went home to go in the dishwasher (after a sterilizing rinse down) and everything is back to normal, spick and span.

But we both spent a long, long time scraping under our fingernails, scrubbing our hands and generally muttering words like "nasty", "yuck" and less printable things. We tried not to remember everything we ever heard about bird mites! Gross!

It really is a shame, though, that someone wasn't on hand to have the biggest laugh of the week watching the two of us nearly bash our brains out over one little dead bird!

Editor's Quotes

Too Late-There is a wealth of unexpressed love in the world. It is one of the chief causes of sorrow evoked by death: what might have been said or might have been done that never can be said or done.
Arthur Hopkins

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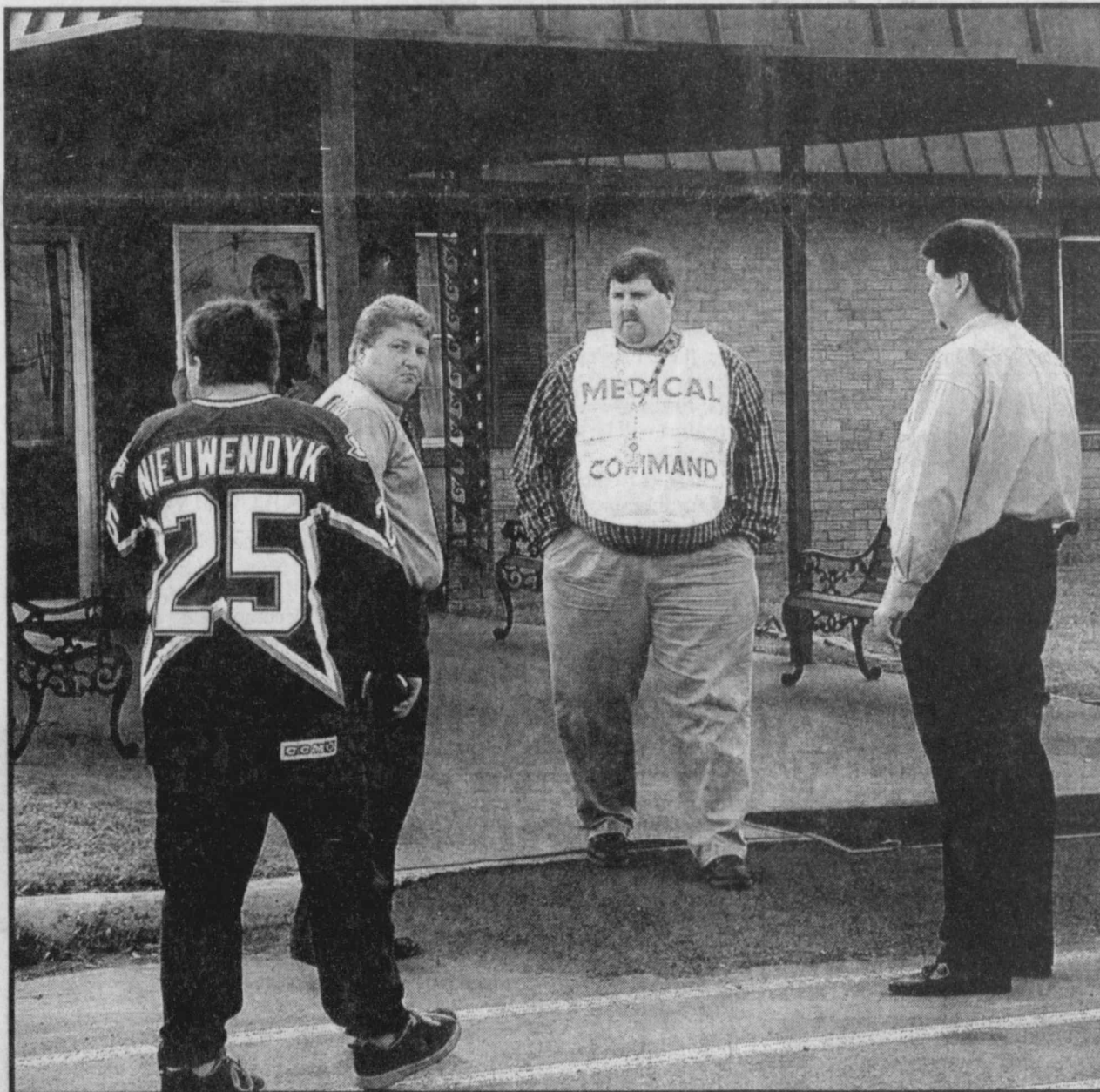
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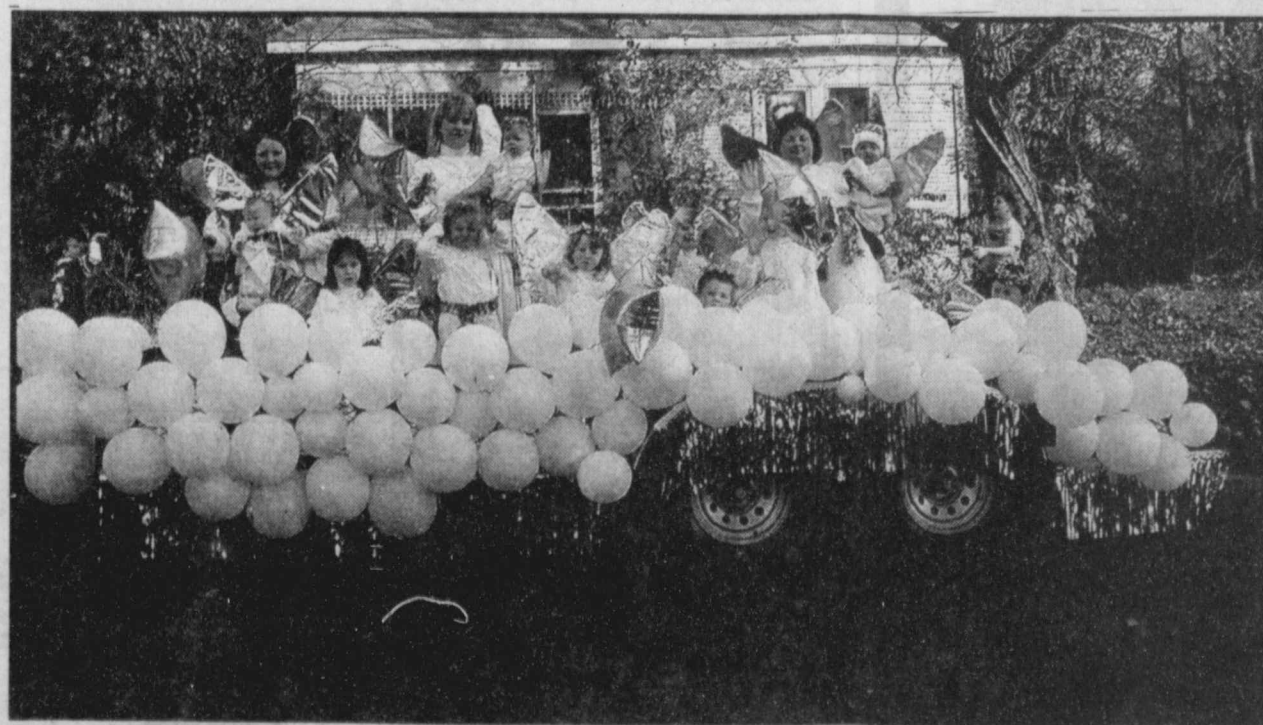
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FATALITY-Dr. Joseph Adrian Galan, age 42, died instantly in the fiery crash between his Oldsmobile Aurora and a 1990 Freightliner just west of Pattonville Park Monday afternoon, Dec. 4. According to investigating DPS Officer Johnny Williams, Galan was southbound on Hwy. 271 and the semi tractor trailer rig was northbound when the car swerved into the northbound lane hitting "head light to headlight". The vehicles exploded on impact. Pattonville, Deport and Reno VFD responded and Hwy. 271 was shut down through that section for several hours. Dr. Galan was pronounced dead at the scene. (Staff photo by Nanalee Nichols)



EXERCISE IN EXTREME CAUTION-After a fire alarm went off and would not reset at Red River Healthcare in Bogata Sunday Fire Departments from all over were scrambled to be on hand in case an actual fire was burning. Bogata VFD was in charge and had units at each entrance, and the residents moved to one area for quick evacuation. Bogata had three units, Deport Two, Talco one, Detroit one and several ambulances were on hand. The building was checked and rechecked to make sure there was not a problem. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



FIRST PLACE-in the float division of the Bogata Christmas Parade went to the Kid's Stop Angels. A balloon covered float and all the little angles including wings and halo's from the Kid's Stop nursery were aboard along with the staff. The Kid's Stop as well as all of the place winners in this years parade were presented a check from the Bogata Lions Club, sponsors of the parade. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata Lions Club to sponsor Christmas baskets

The Bogata Lions Club will be sponsoring the area Christmas baskets for those in need during the holiday season.

The baskets will include food for the holiday meal and or items for children. The group report an abundance of food, however, cash donations are desperately needed to purchase items for children. Everyone is encouraged to extend a helping hand

and make every area family and child's Christmas be merry through a donation.

The baskets will be distributed on December 18, 2000 at the Bogata First Baptist Church. Anyone in need of a basket or who would like to make a donation please call; Shirley Vickers-632-5447; Linda Eilers-632-4530; Pat Spencer-632-5668 or Margaret Haynes-632-5689.

Bogata Council to meet Dec. 11

The Bogata council will meet Dec. 11 at 7:00 -m. at City Hall.

The agenda consists of the routine items plus under New Business the following items.

- A. Discussion and possible action on resolution to allow Red River Appraisal District to retain \$5.00 fee for issuance of each tax certificate.
- B. Discussion & Possible Action on Employee's Christmas bonuses.
- C. Discussion & possible action on Christmas lunch for employees, mayor and city council.
- D. Discussion & Possible action to place Christmas Ad in Bogata paper, Approximately cost \$50-\$60.
- E. Has the city been compensated for equipment and man-hours for cleanup of Steve Cannon Property?(requested by Mike Garretson)
- F. Status report on Benny Lovell

property adjoining city park needing cleanup. (requested Mike Garretson)

G. What are the efforts being made by the city to clean up abandoned houses on Grayson Street? (requested by Mike Garretson)

H. Are work orders being kept properly to insure accountability of parts, material, equipment used and man-hours? Can superintendent give a breakdown of man-hours spent during his monthly report?(requested by Mike Garretson).

I Waterleak at 4th SE reported over 2 months ago. (requested by Mike Garretson)

Announcements-1986 Ford van Ambulance was sold at Bartley Auction on Nov. 25, 2000 for \$800, before commissioner, \$700 net. Discussion and possible action on use of this money.

Papers now on sale, save money and fill your Christmas list

The newspaper is now on sale! It's that time of year again, the time when Christmas gift giving is simple! The Deport Times, Blossom Times, Bogata News, and Talco Times will be on sale for \$2 a year off now until the end of December.

If one compares the amount of local news in these weeklies to a whole week's worth of local news in a daily it's clear...the competition isn't even close!

Where else can a reader get a whole year's worth of local news, sports, photos, award winning articles and columns, a delicious cooking column and much, much more for the price of \$17 within Lamar, Red River and Titus counties and only \$20 everywhere else?

Take advantage of the sale to send family and friends their home town paper for Christmas, and don't forget to renew for you!



DREAMIN' OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS-the Rivercrest Junior class float with Queen, Kayla Belcher took First place in the car division at the annual Bogata Christmas Parade held Tuesday, December 5. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Commodities distribution to be Dec. 12

Commodities will be distributed on Dec. 12, 2000 in Bogata at the First Baptist Church from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Distribution will return to the regular date of the 3rd Tuesday of every month following the holidays.

PIPS to practice Dec. 8

The Rivercrest PIPS (Players in Progress) will practice on Friday, December 8, 2000 at the RHS gym from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Sponsor, Lori Franks said, "It is very important that each child who is a PIPS member be in attendance at each practice. For the next few practices we will work only on performance. At our Dec. 8 practice we will work on our Entrance".

Mrs. Franks stressed the importance of each child attending practice and ask that she be notified if a child is unable to attend practice, whatever the reason. She may be contacted at 379-9430 or during the day at 652-4205.



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Check your propane heaters for safety

As colder temperatures begin to settle the state, Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews and Commissioner Tony Garza today encouraged homeowners to have their propane tanks and heating appliances thoroughly inspected by a licensed technician.

"The colder weather means winter will soon be here," said Williams. "Licensed propane technicians in your area are ready to inspect your home heating system to ensure it's prepared for the months ahead."

"Millions of Texans rely on propane not only for home and water heating, but also for cooking," noted Matthews. "Propane fuel systems need regular service checks to ensure maximum reliability and safety."

"Many systems may not have been used for some time," Garza added. "A thorough inspection of your

home's heating system is a good way to know you'll be able to stay warm safely throughout the winter."

According to Williams, Matthews and Garza, other important safety tips to remember include:

- If your home has a propane furnace, water heater, range or other conveniences, schedule a check of the whole propane system - including appliances.

- Your local propane service technician should check your tank, piping, regulators, gauges, connectors, valves, vents, thermostats, pilots, burners and appliances to make sure they are all in good working condition.

- Homes with propane gas logs or fireplace systems should be checked each fall.

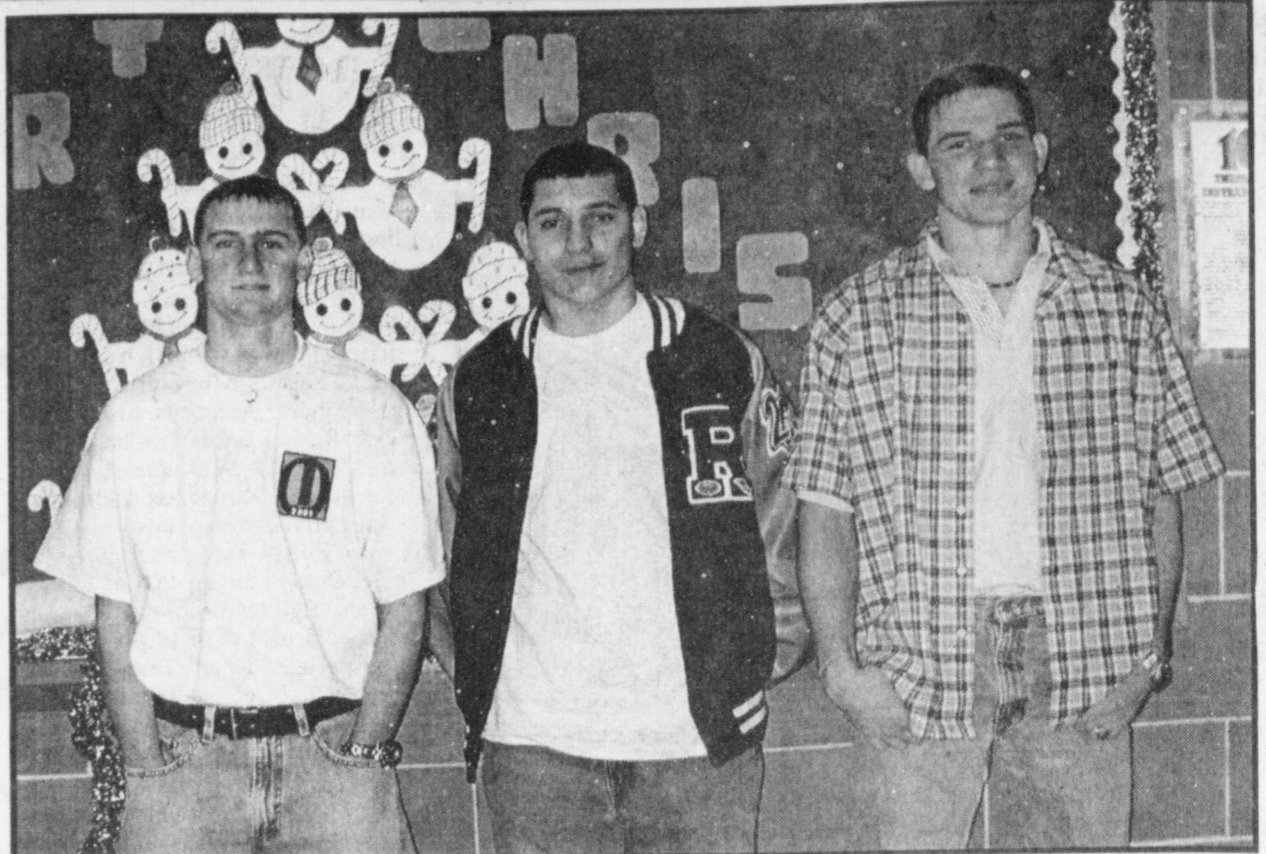
- Naturally odorless propane gas has a rotten egg smell added to it to help identify any leaks. If you ever smell gas, leave the home immediately

without using any electrical switches or appliances. Close the service valve under the protective dome of your tank by turning it to the right as far as it can go. Call your propane supplier or local fire department from a neighbor's phone.

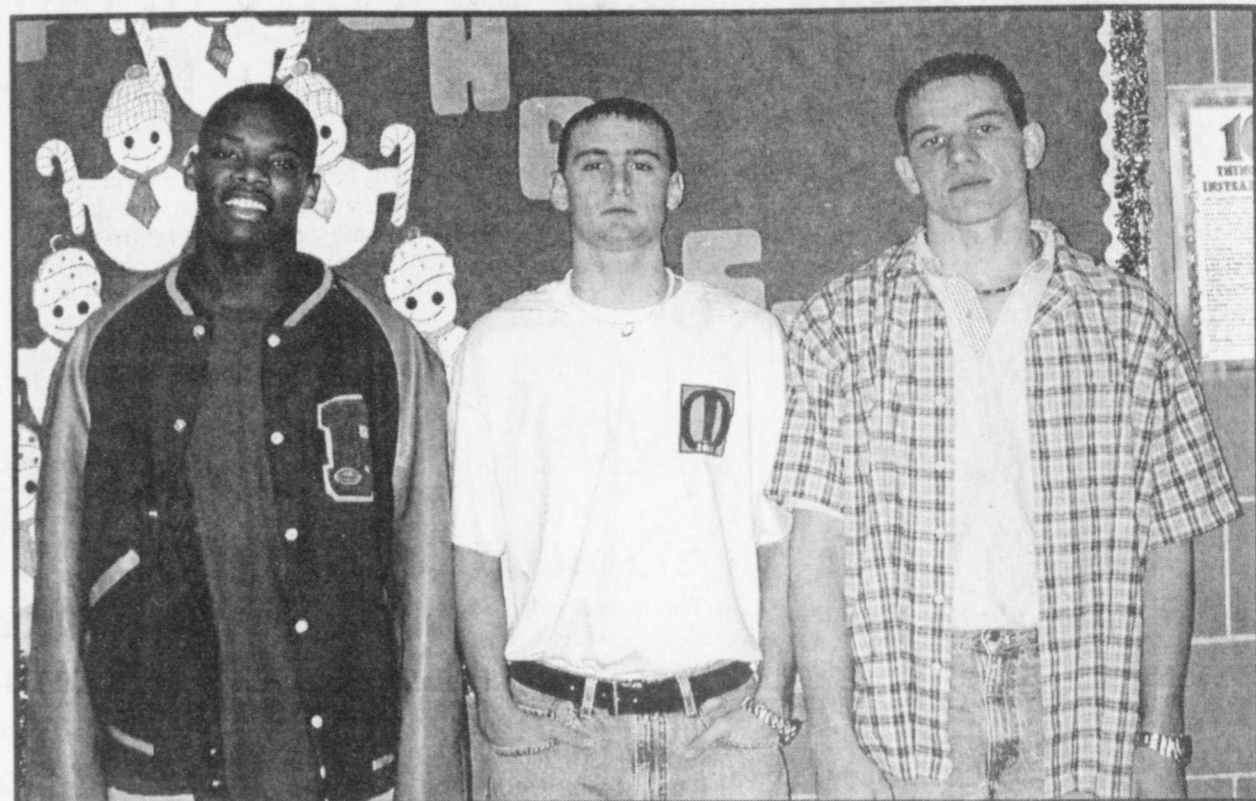
To help consumers properly use propane-fueled appliances, the Railroad Commission of Texas offers a free safety brochure entitled Home Safe Home. Copies are available in both English and Spanish and can be obtained by contacting the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division toll-free at 1-800-64-CLEAR [1-800-642-5327].

In politics there is no such thing as an enemy—only someone who disagrees with you today and who might be with you on the next vote.

—Gerald Ford



ACADEMICAL DISTRICT-Making the Academic All District Football team this year from Rivercrest High School were; (from the left) Clinton Cheatwood, Brandon Davis and Chase Collins. Clinton is the son of Ricky and Sherry Cheatwood of Bogata, Brandon is the son of Mary Meade of Talco and Chase is the son of Ronald and Linda Collins of Sugar Hill. Congratulations boys!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



ALL DISTRICT-Rivercrest Rebels chosen to the All District football team were; First Team All District Defense-(from the left) Michael Galloway, defensive back; Second Team All District Defense-Clinton Cheatwood, linebacker and First Team All District Offense-Chase Collins, linebacker. Also chosen First Team All District Offense wide receiver, not pictured, Keith Hines. Michael is the son of Anthony and Sedia Brown of Talco, Clinton is the son of Ricky and Sherry Cheatwood of Bogata, Chase is the son of Ronald and Linda Collins of Sugar Hill and Keith is the son of Margaret Savage of Talco and the late Cecil Galloway. Congratulations boys!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



Lake Chapel Christian School students

Lake Chapel Christian School presents Thanksgiving program

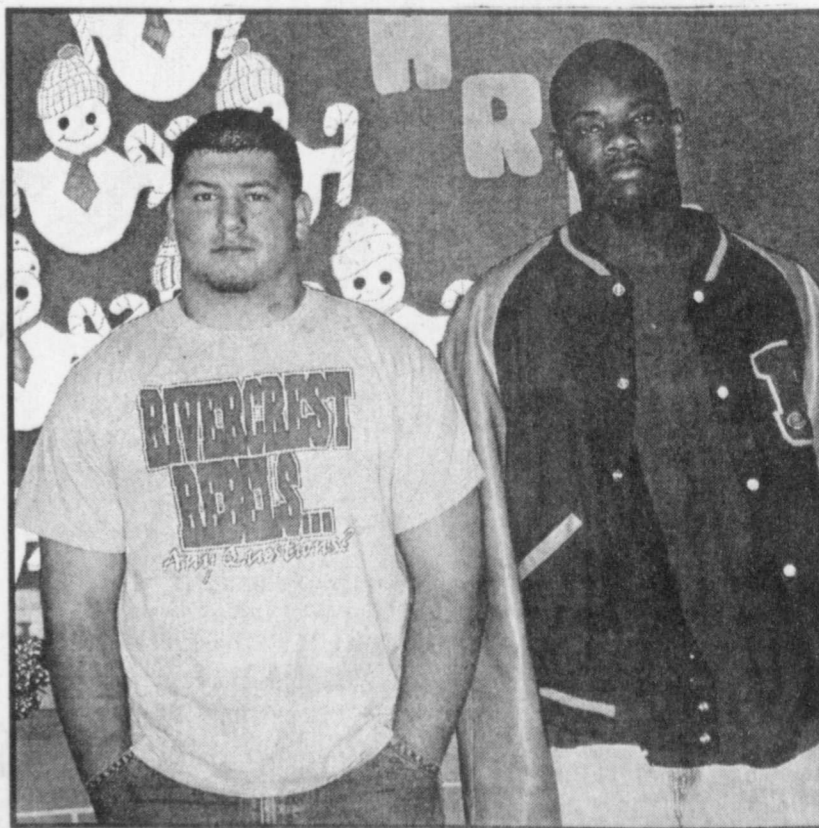
The mid-week church service at Theford Homes in Bogata on November 7, 2000 included a traditional turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings. There were 49 in attendance to enjoy this festive occasion. Nancy Phillips did a great job coordinating the food and decorations.

Special guests were the students from Lake Chapel Christian School.

They began their program with pledges to the American flag, Christian flag and the Bible; then recited Psalm 148. The testimony service was led by Jarae Myrick. April Burks led the singing with several old favorites from the song book. An acrostic of THANKS was done by the younger students. The program closed with a special number, "I Feel Like

Running My Last Mile Home" by Tonya Pyles, Jennifer Kilmer, April Burks and Jarae Myrick.

Bro. Gary Stephens, principal of the school, preached from Deuteronomy 6, "Beware of Unthankfulness". The next service was held Tuesday, December 5, 2000 with Bro. Bill Pirtle as guest speaker.



SECOND TEAM ALL DISTRICT-Rivercrest Rebels chosen to the football Second Team All District Offense were; (from the left) Zach Ward, offensive line guard and Michael Galloway, running back. Also chosen to the Second Team All District Defense, not pictured, was Keith Hines, defensive back. Michael is the son of Anthony and Sedia Brown of Talco. Zach is the son of Scott and Gayle Ward of Bogata and Keith is the son of Margaret Savage of Talco and the late Cecil Galloway. Congratulations boys!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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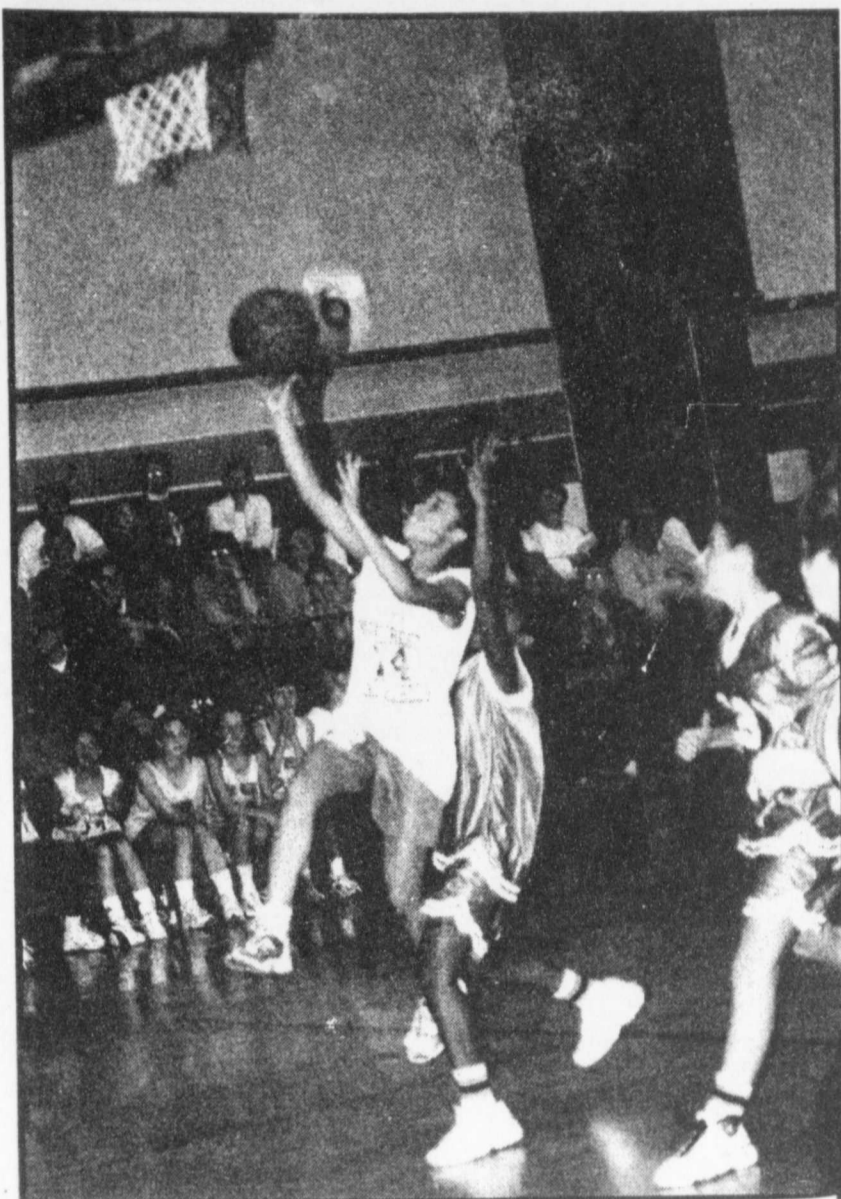
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WHITNEY SAVAGE-goes up for a shot as she was being fouled Thursday when the Lady Rebel 7th grade team met Honey Grove in the Chisum Basketball Tournament. The Lady Rebels won the contest and went on to defeat Cooper for the first place title. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lady Rebels place 2nd at Prairiland tournament

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel varsity team competed in the Prairiland hosted basketball tournament Nov. 30 through Dec. 2, 2000.

The girls met Roxton in their first game of the tourney and took a commanding 63-34 win. High scorer for the game was Kim Shirley with 19 points including 3 treys. Also scoring were Rachel Case-11, Cheryl Griffin-10, Erica Williams-9, Jessica Rose-6 and Kim Ross and Charla Hines both with 4 points.

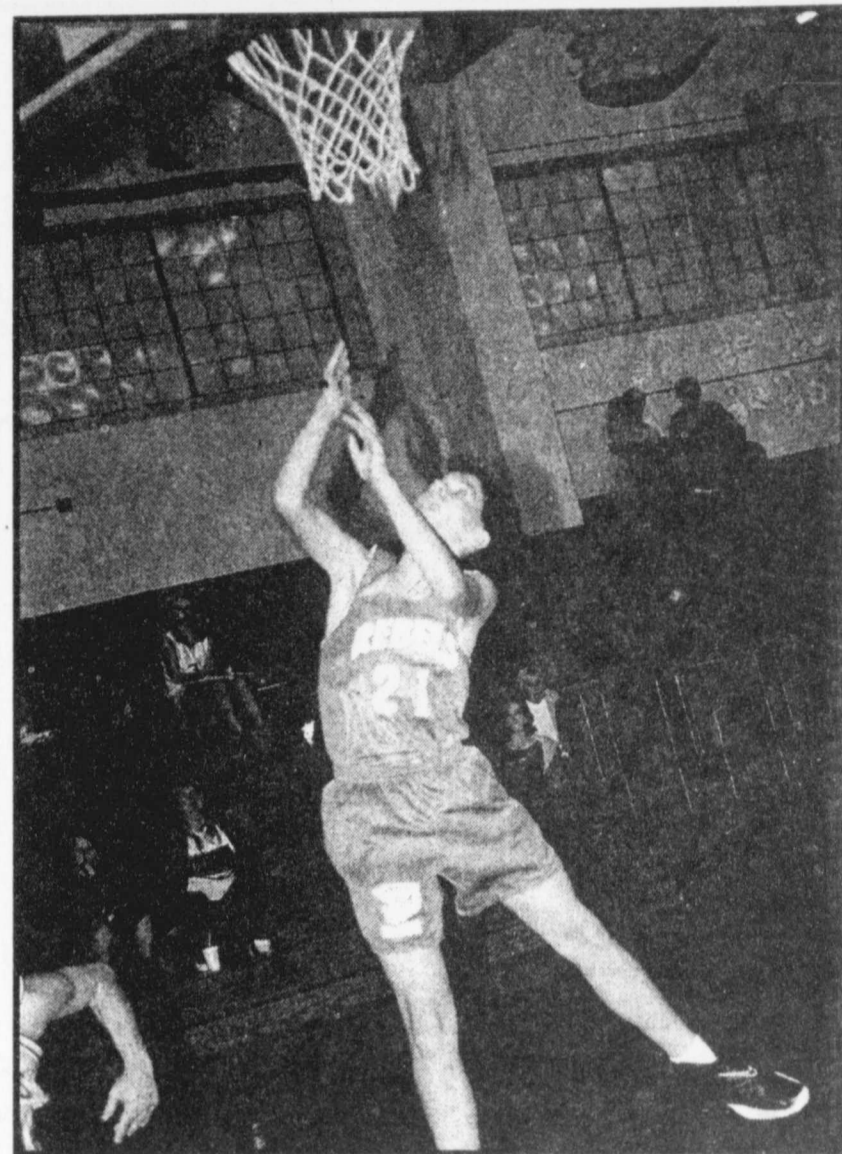
On Friday the girls returned to meet Detroit and again took the win 59-35. High scorer for the game was Cheryl Griffin with 19 points. Also scoring were Kim Shirley-14, Kim Ross and Erica Williams-8 points each and Jennifer Hays-4. The team outscored their opponent in every quarter.

On Saturday the Rebel ladies were matched with Honey Grove for the championship game. In the first quarter the Lady Rebs took a 24-8 lead over the Lady Warriors and relaxed

too much on their defense allowing the Lady Warriors to outscore them by 2 in the second. Half time score, 35-21 Lady Rebels.

In the third the Lady Warriors scored 14 points while holding the Lady Rebels to only 4 points and separating the score by only 4 points. 39-35 Lady Rebels. In the final quarter to pace picked up. Kim Ross was lost to foul trouble and the Lady Rebels as a whole committed too many fouls. The Lady Warriors added 9 points to their score from free shots and shot a total of 16. The Lady Rebels could not make the come back after going behind and lost the game 49-52 which gave them the second place trophy.

High scorer for the game was Kim Shirley with 20 points. Also adding scores were; Kim Ross with 14, Cheryl Griffin-8, Rachel Case-4 and Jessica Rose with 3. Kim Shirley and Cheryl Griffin received All Tournament honors.



REBEL 8TH GRADER-Clinton Vandever puts up the shot as the Rebels played Mt. Vernon in the Chisum Tournament Thursday. They were defeated by Mt. Vernon but came back to take a second place trophy home. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lady Rebel JV compete at Mt. Pleasant Tourney

On Thursday, November 30 the Lady Rebel JV began play in the Mt. Pleasant JV Tournament meeting Sulphur Springs in their first game. The first quarter ended with the Lady Rebels up 12-9 off scores from Shari Wisinger, Ashley Beers and Molly Hare. By the half time buzzer Sulphur Springs had taken the lead 23-12 and continued to hold it through the third quarter.

In the final quarter the Lady Rebels netted 20 points but still lost the contest by 10. Final 58-48 Sulphur Springs. High scorer for the game was Molly Hare with 17 points. Also scoring were Krystal Valenzuela-8, Ashley Beers-7, Tina Carder-6, Shari Wisinger-3, Danielle Easterling and Stephanie Williams with 2 points each.

On Friday the Lady Rebels met Pittsburg and after one quarter led 19-12. Molly Hare scored 17 of the points. By the half time break the Lady Rebels were up 35-18.

In the third Hare went on another scoring spree adding 10 points of 16 points scored and ending the quarter up 51-22. The final quarter saw Shari Wisinger sent to the bench with 5 fouls but the Lady Rebels kept scoring. Hare hit a trey and field goal,

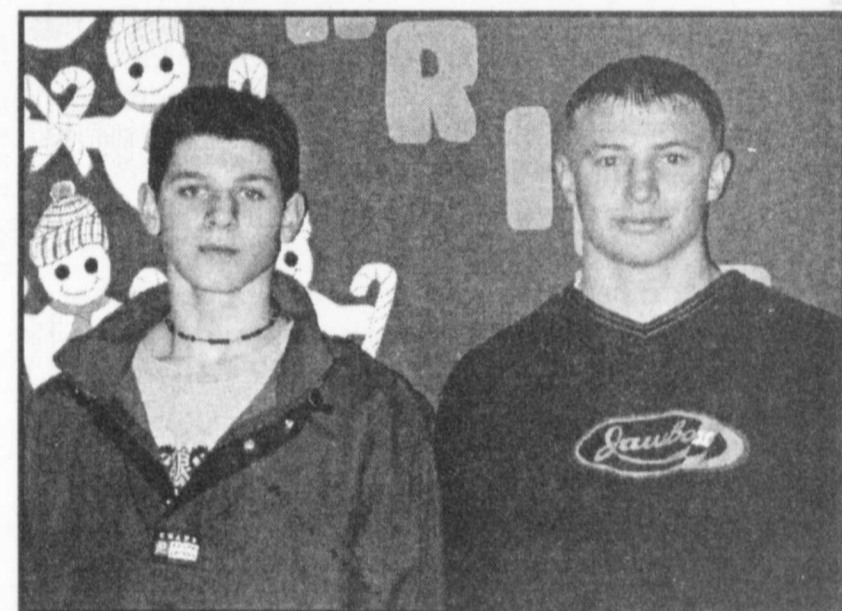
Danielle Easterling hit a trey and Stephanie Williams and Nikki Jones added field goals. Final 63-31.

High scorer for the game was Molly Hare with a whopping 36 points. Also scoring were Ashley Beers, Danielle Easterling, Nikki Jones, Paige Boyd, Krystal Valenzuela, Shari Wisinger and Stephanie Williams.

On Saturday the Lady Rebels returned to play Mt. Pleasant. A close first quarter ended with the Lady Rebels up by 2 points, 10-8. The Lady Tigers made a strong move toward the lead in the second matching the Lady Rebels 10 points-10 points. The half time score was 20-18 Lady Rebels.

In the third quarter the Lady Rebels defense kicked in and they held the Lady Tigers to only 2 points while netting 11 points themselves. In the final the Lady Tigers could not break the Lady Rebel defense and were again held to a low 4 point score. Final 46-24. High scorer for the game was Molly Hare with 19 points. Also scoring were Ashley Beers-9, Tina Carder and Stephanie Williams-7 each and Shari Wisinger-4.

The win gave the Lady Rebels the Consolation trophy. Great job Lady Rebels!!!!



HONORABLE MENTION-Chosen Honorable Mention All District football from Rivercrest were; Offense: Nathan Carroll, quarterback and Defense: Chance Wolfe, linebacker. Nathan is the son of Randy and Lisa Carroll of Talco. Chance is the son of Ann Francis of Talco and Scott Wolfe of Paris. Congratulations boys!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rebel teams place well in weekend tournaments

The Rivercrest boys basketball program recently had a very good weekend in tournament action. All 5 teams, 7th, 8th, 9th, JV and Varsity, competed in tournaments and represented the school well.

The 7th grade defeated Honey Grove to win 2nd place at the Chisum Tournament. The 8th grade defeated Chisum at Chisum to earn a 2nd place and the 9th grade team beat Prairiland to win Consolation at the Chapel Hill Tournament.

The JV defeated Prairiland and Pittsburg to earn a 2nd place in the

Chapel Hill Tournament while the Varsity Rebels brought home a 1st place from the Prairiland Tournament by defeating Sulphur Springs JV, Roxton and Bonham. Head basketball Coach, Steve Weddle said, "I feel that our teams and program are steadily improving as a result of much practice. Every boy in basketball is getting to practice after school and this is going to pay off in years to come. I was proud that every team won games this weekend. The boys program won 8 of the 12 games they played last weekend".



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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Combs

Conrad-Combs united in marriage

Jennifer Lynn Conrad and Donald Gary Combs were united in marriage in a private ceremony November 19, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. at the Talco Calvary Baptist Church. Bro. Rex Jackson officiated. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The couple have made their home in Talco.



Junior and Martha Hare

Hares to celebrate Golden Anniversary

Hares to celebrate Golden Anniversary Junior and Martha Hare will celebrate their Golden Anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Franklin County Airport Community Hall, located on CR 1030 two miles north of Mount Vernon.

The couple will be honored by their children, Deaneth Stanley of Hagansport, Mark Hare of Bogata, and Marcia Slack of Tyler, along with their spouses and the couples grandchildren. Martha Dean Dickson and Isom Hegler Hare, Jr., both of Sulphur Bluff, were married Dec. 20, 1950 in the First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs by the pastor, Rev. Joe Weldon Bailey.

Red River County Public Library Gets New Computer Equipment

The Red River County Library is celebrating the arrival of new computers that will expand public access computing in our community. With a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Library has purchased three new Gateway computers and a new laser printer. These new computers will be connected to the Internet and available for public use.

Join us for an open House on Friday, December 15, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served,

There's one word that says it all about baseball:
You never know.
—Joaquin Andujar



8 POINTS-Michael Howard is pictured with an 8 point buck he killed recently on a private lease

north of Clarksville making this season a good one. Michael, his wife, Marla and children are resident of Bogata.

Holiday 2000 mailing tips offered

Advice for customers on how to avoid "glitches" affecting delivery of their holiday mailings are listed below.

Addressing tips: write, type or print the complete address neatly. Always use a complete return address. Always provide complete address information, such as Ave., Blvd. and St. Always use the apartment of suite number as well as correct directional such as N, W and SW. Don't let an incorrect ZIP Code create a glitch in timely delivery of cards and letters. Local post offices and the Postal Service Web site-www.usps.com.

Packaging Tips-Select a box that is strong enough to protect the contents. Leave space for cushioning inside the carton.

Cushion package contents with shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble wrap or styrafoam peanuts. Plain air-popped popcorn is also good for cushioning. It's inexpensive and environmentally friendly and you can string leftover popcorn for holiday decorations.

Always use tape that is designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape, nylon-reinforced craft paper tape or glass-reinforced pressure-sensitive tape. Never use string or twine to secure a package.

The only addresses on packages for mailing should be the delivery and return addresses. Tip: Place a return address label inside the package.

Carefully pack glass and fragile hollow items, like vases, with newspaper or packing material to avoid damage due to shock. When mailing framed photographs, take the glass out of the frame and wrap it separately.

Remove batteries from toys. Wrap and place them next to the toys in the mailing box.

Packages that weigh at least a pound must be taken into the post office for mailing.

Have A Great Weekend!

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Dr. Austin Reeves

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Births

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jon and DeAnna Stanley Alden of Rt. 1, Talco, TX, Hagansport Community announce the birth of their son Rody Owen Alden born November 16, 2000 weighing 5 lbs. 7oz.

Maternal grandparents Van and Deaneth Stanley of Hagansport, TX. Maternal great-grandparents are Helen Stanley and the late Durwin Stanley of Hagansport and Martha and I. H. Hare, Jr. of Hagansport.

Maternal great-great-grandfather is Clay Dean Dickson and the late Beatrice Williams Dickson of Mt. Vernon, TX.

Paternal grand-parents are Diana and Troy Henager of Mt. Pleasant, TX and John and Sheryl Alden of Omaha, TX.

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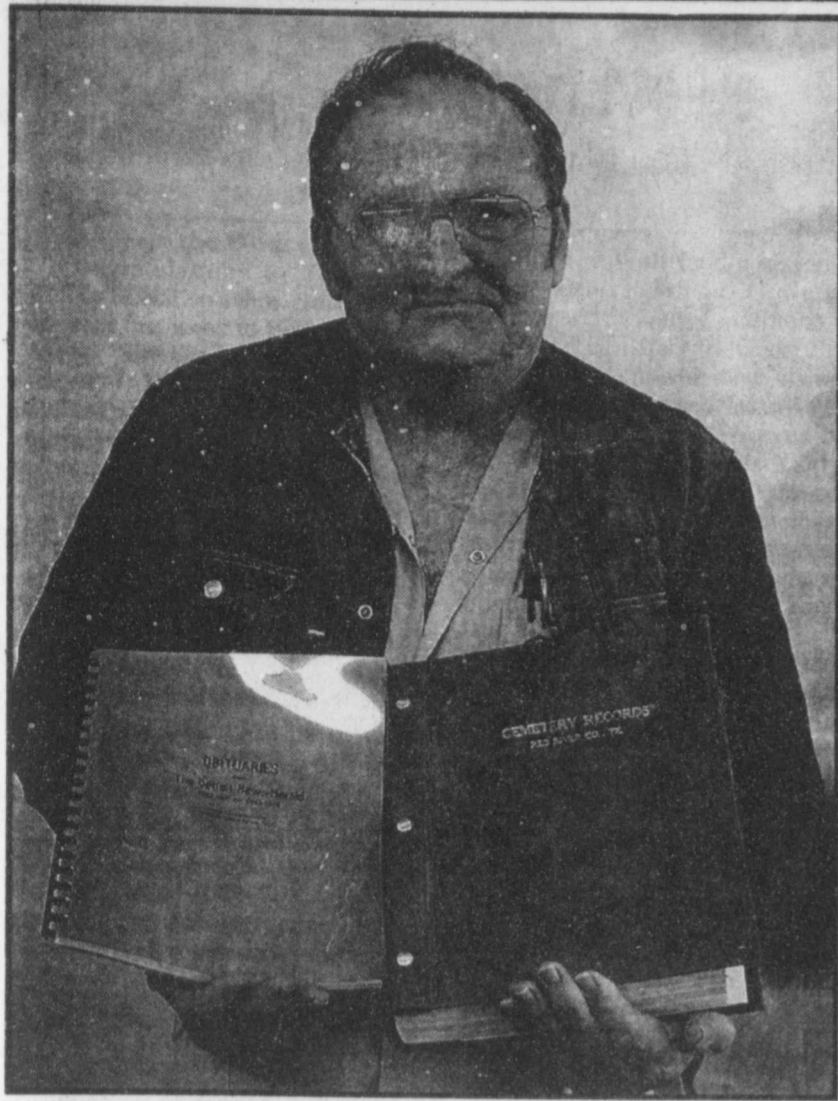
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RECORDS-Lawrence Dale displays the handsome book he and his wife Sue have just finished. The book "Burials, Cemetery and Death Records for Red River County, Texas" took the couple nine years to research and create. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Book lists death records for Red River County, provides glimpse into the past

A book compiled by Lawrence and Sue Dale of Blossom has listed burials, cemetery and death records for Red River county from the inception of the county through Dec. 31, 1999. This book, while not "light" reading, is certainly invaluable to genealogists and historians.

The couple has spent nine years on this painstaking project.

In addition, they have put together obituaries for the Detroit News-Herald from 1928-1936 through 1941-1956, relating to deaths primarily in Red River and Lamar Counties.

The first book, titled *Burials, Cemetery and Death Records for Red River County, Texas* has 182 cemeteries in the county listed, plus 28 names the cemeteries may also be known as; Death record index numbers from 1903-1973 (14,895 records listed); 4,196 funeral home records, 14,023 newspapers, for a total of 37,145 records.

The books are custom made with heavy covers, and the price is \$120. To ship, and extra \$10 is necessary.

Books may be ordered from Lawrence & Sue Dale dba Pine Creek Enterprises Rt. 1, Box 70-D Blossom, TX 75416.

Their phone number is 903-982-6860.

The Obituaries book from Detroit News-Herald is \$20, plus \$1.35 for tax and \$5 for shipping. It may be ordered in the same manner as the big book.

The research that has gone into these volumes is excellent, and the books should be priceless to those involved in tracing family histories.

The books are also on file at the Libraries in Bogata and in Clarksville.

Commissioners report for November

by Ricky Daniels

This month was a very wet month for us. We spent a lot of time repairing damage caused by high water. We are still working on some of the damaged areas. 15 loads of red rock were hauled off the yard and 4 small loads of red rock were hauled off the yard. 8 large loads of red rock were hauled to the yard and 4 large loads of white rock were hauled to the yard. A total of 16 small loads of white rock were hauled off the yard.

In Commissioner's Court this month we approved resolution on the regional 911 addressing program; approved appointing Kathy Cheyne and Shirley Anderson to the Northeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation; approved accepting donations from loggers for repair on CR 4615; approved reclassifying 2 roads in Precinct 3; approved selling struck off property; approved County Auditor to advertise for bids on a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. We also canvassed election returns and approved going out for proposals for qualifications for construction manager for the Courthouse Preservation Project; approved change order request #2 and #3 from ArchiTexas; approved deputation of Stephanie Powell and Jennifer Jones in Tax Assessors Office; accepted bid for new ramp and sidewalk at the Annex; authorized auditor to go out for bids to sell and remove buildings on property north of the Courthouse.

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Talco-Bogata-RHS school menu
December 11-15

- Monday**
- Breakfast**
Cinnamon rolls
graham crackers w/peanut butter milk & juice
- Lunch**
Corn chip pie
ranch style beans
salad
dessert
crackers
milk
- Tuesday**
- Breakfast**
Cereal
toast
juice & milk
- Lunch**
Chicken fried steak
cream potatoes w/gravy
green beans
rolls w/honey & butter
milk
- Wednesday**
- Breakfast**
Sausage biscuit
jelly
juice & milk
- Lunch**
Chili dogs
seasoned beans
pickle spears
dessert
milk
- Thursday**
- Breakfast**
Donuts
juice & milk
- Lunch**
Texas goulash
cheese potatoes
purple hull peas
corn bread
milk
- Friday**
- Breakfast**
Waffles
sausage
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Rivercrest Youth Basketball meeting held Saturday, December 2

The Rivercrest Youth Basketball (Little Dribblers) Organization met Saturday, December 2, 2000 at Rivercrest to discuss the upcoming season. President, Ricky Franks called the meeting to order and opened the floor for nominations for officers. Elected as officers for the coming year are: President-Jerry Merchant, Vice President-Nicky Brown, Secretary-Kathy Thompson and Treasurer-Melissa Merchant.

Mr. Franks reported 6 senior scholarships were given by the organization last year for \$250.00 each. He also reported Chapel Hill had contacted him and invited the Talco and Bogata 3rd and 4th and 5th and 6th grade girls and boys teams to join them, Harts Bluff and Winfield this season.

Should the Rivercrest teams vote to play in the league, they would have to travel to Chapel Hill, Winfield and Harts Bluff the first year as a trial bases. The other towns do not let their 1st and 2nd students play. Mr. Franks did not commit but told them he would present the idea and call for a vote.

Those present liked the idea of playing the other towns but wanted more information about fees, playing rules etc. New President, Jerry Merchant will contact the league and have all the answers at the next meeting. Should the organization vote to enter the league with the older students, the younger students will still play at Talco and Bogata gyms.

The Bogata gym score clock was discussed and Bobby Thompson agreed to check the clock out and try and fix it.

Mr. Franks reported Randy Crane of Mt. Vernon had contacted him about making this year's team pictures for the group and Mr. Merchant will contact him about prices and a date for pictures.

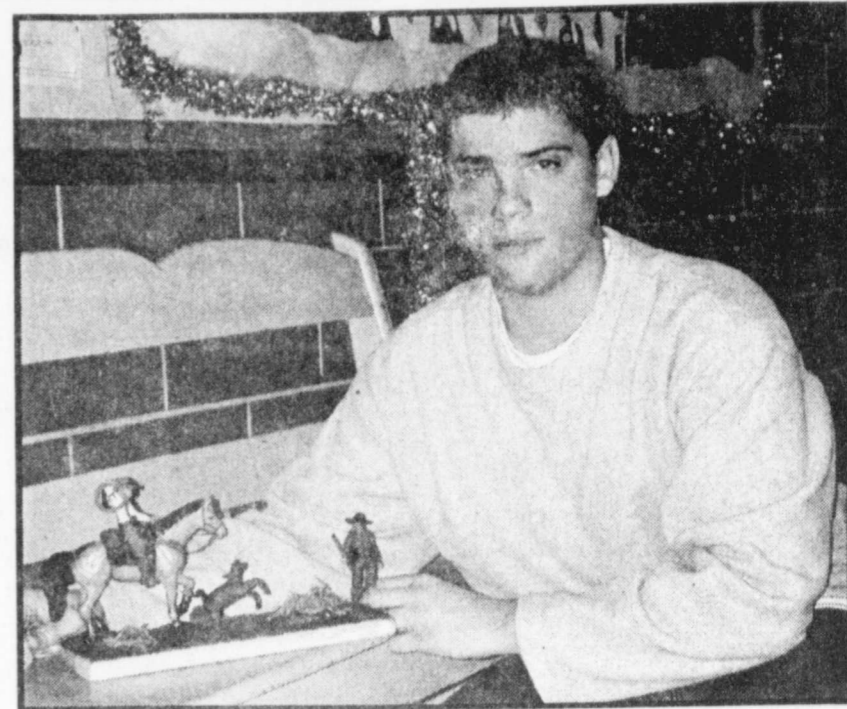
Regardless of where the teams play it was decided to hold the team draft. Forms were to be sent home on Monday, Dec. 4 and must be signed, have entry fee and be returned to each campus office by Friday, December 8, 2000.

As always the "no pass, no play" rule continues. Students must pass the 3rd six week in order to participate. Anyone who pays a fee and fails to have any children be able to participate will be refunded their money. Fees this year are the same as last year, \$10.00 per family. No late forms will be accepted, if you have a problem with getting your child's form or fee in contact Jerry Merchant in Bogata or Nicky Brown in Talco to make arrangements prior to the deadline of December 8, 2000.

The group will meet on Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rivercrest cafeteria to draft teams, vote on where to play, discuss earning scholarship fees, vote for concession stand officers and coaches

for the coming season as well as discussing practice schedules and playing date. Anyone interested in coaching or helping out in any way are urged to attend.

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CLAY SCULPTURE-Jerry Ward is pictured with his clay sculptures of cowboys and a calf which are very detailed. Jerry made the items for a "How To" project in Mrs. Ginger Foster's class at Rivercrest. Jerry is the son of Jerry Ward of Bogata and Judy Ward of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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FIRST PLACE-The 7th grade Lady Rebels were a happy group after winning 1st place in the Chisum Tournament Friday. The 16 strong member team is coached by Tammie Case. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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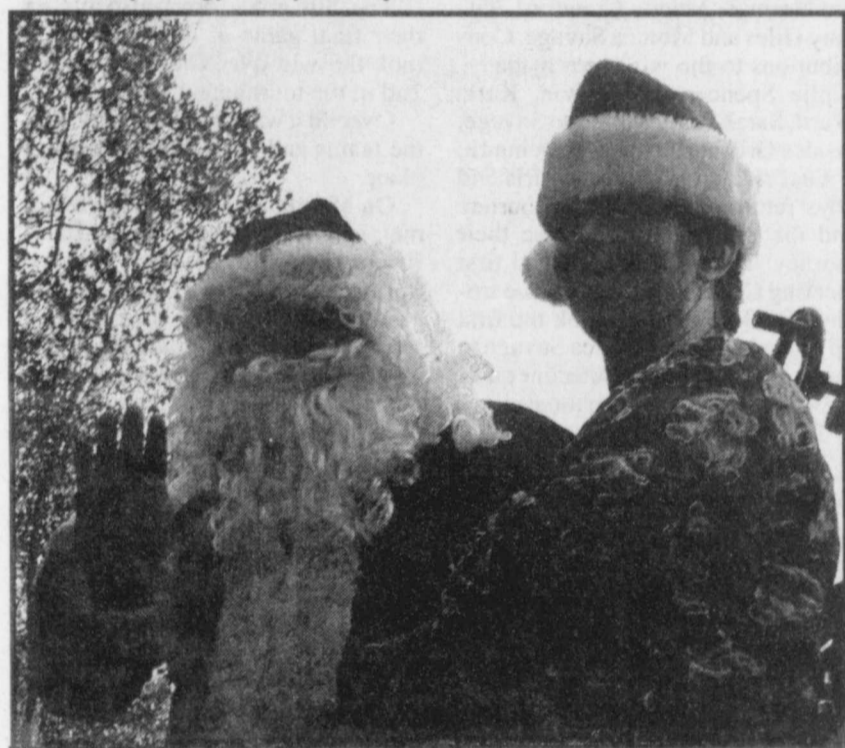


Miss Becky Alsup, Jesse Harville, Ace Reynolds and Brian Hays

Bogata sixth grade studies Greek mythology

Sixth grade students in Miss Becky Alsup's reading class at Bogata School have just completed a unit on Greek mythology. The unit is a part of their year long exploration of heroes. The students learned about the gods and goddesses of Mt. Olympus. They also studied about life in ancient Greece and learned about several ancient Greek heroes. As a culminating activity, the students were required to write a research paper on a god, goddess, hero or place from Greek mythology. They then presented an oral report to the class. They were also required to have a visual aid representing their topic.

Pictured along with Miss Alsup are; (from the left) Jesse Harville with his model of a torch used by Hades, Ace Reynolds with his model of Mt. Olympus and Brian Hays with his model of Jason's bow and arrow. The students did a wonderful job on their projects which are on display in the Bogata School Library, in the hallway outside of Miss Alsup's classroom as well as inside the classroom.

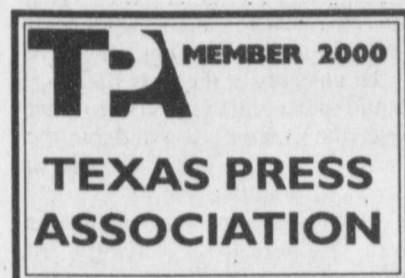


SANTA CLAUS AND HIS HELPERS- were in Bogata Tuesday at the annual Christmas parade making children's eyes light up with wonder. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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RRGeneology to hold Christmas party

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Christmas meeting of the Red River Genealogical Society on Monday, December 11, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. This month's meeting will be held in the Courthouse Inn Bed and Breakfast in Clarksville. Cheryl O'Brian will conduct a tour of the building which has been restored in recent months. All society members are encouraged to come and bring their favorite finger foods for the buffet. All interested persons are encouraged to come and enjoy the fellowship.



HIGHSALES-The Bogata 5th grade students recently completed sales of "Common Threads" T-shirts as a class fund-raiser. The students who won the high sales persons award of lunch at Milano's pizza were Jordan Stafford who sold \$237.00 worth and D.J. Gentry who sold \$228.00 worth. The proceeds will go toward field trips for the classes. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bereaved Parents to Meet Dec. 11th

The December 11 meeting will be "Remembering Our Children in a Special Way." A candlelight memorial will highlight the evening. Each person may light a candle honoring the memory of his or her precious child. Bring a picture of your child to place near the candle. We will have finger foods following the candlelight service. An open invitation is extended to bereaved parents, their families and friends. Come, join us as we share our experiences in an effort to help others, at the TU Electric Building located at 635 Clarksville Street, Paris. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Holidays in Historic Mt. Vernon

"Holidays in Historic Mt. Vernon" will be held Saturday, December 9, 2000 starting with a "Breakfast with Santa" at the Alley downtown from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Other events for the day will be as follows:
 10am-5pm-Arts and Crafts on the square
 10am-3pm-Franklin County Arts Alliance Old Jail, open to the public, Christmas Project "Stockings for Charity"
 10am-12noon-"Crepes & Crepe Myrtles", on the porch at First National Bank. Free crepe myrtles and light brunch crepes sponsored by Mt. Vernon Beautification Coalition & Friends.
 12:30 p.m.-Get a steamin bowl of the red at Franklin Co. Historical Assn's Chili Cookoff. All the chili you can eat for \$5.00. Free hotdogs for children.
 1pm- 5pm-Free miniature train rides for the children downtown.
 2pm-5 pm "Holiday Tour of Homes", a holiday wonderland. Tickets available at the door or call 903-537-4760.
 5:30pm-Annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade
 5:45 pm-Downtown lighting of Christmas light at Franklin County Courthouse.

Red River County Sheriff's Report October 29-November 4

Sunday, November 26, 2000
 Report of a disturbance in Bogata, assault, female arrested on warrants out of Mt. Pleasant, livestock on 82w near Country Mart, Clarksville, male arrested on assault charge, disturbance in Avery.
 Monday, November 27, 2000
 Two inmates released to transport to Restitution Center, Female arrested on probation violation, inmate released on bond, inmate released to Titus County So on warrants, report of theft in Detroit, report of theft by check in Annona, inmate released on bond, male arrested on charge of criminal mischief, burglary of a habitation on fm 1159, Clarksville, report of prohibited weapon, Detroit.
 Tuesday, November 28, 2000
 Inmate released to Bowie Co on warrants, male arrested on offense of driving while intoxicated, report of animal cruelty in Avery, male arrested on assault charge, male arrested on assault charge, three inmates released on bond, recovery of stolen property N. of Woodland, report of suspicious activity in Dimple.
 Wednesday, November 29, 2000
 Female arrested on warrant and four Lamar County warrants, report of

Saturday, December 2, 2000
 Report of burglary on hwy 37 north of Clarksville, two inmates released on bond, male arrested on DPS warrants and released after paying warrants.
 Sunday, December 3, 2000
 Male arrested for driving while intoxicated, released on bond, inmate released on bond, structure fire at Casa Linda Estates, report of suspicious activity in Bagwell.
 The Red River County Jail currently holds 53 inmates.

theft by check, male arrested on warrant for delivery of a controlled substance, inmate released on bond.
 Thursday, November 30, 2000
 Male arrested and transported on Lamar Co warrant for theft by check, Male arrested and transported on charge of Criminal Trespass and Assault, inmate released on bond, report of burglary in Lydia, report of theft in Annona, report of dog bite in Avery, inmate released to Lamar Co on warrants.
 Friday, December 1, 2000
 Inmate released to Bowie County for transport to TDCJ-Gatesville, report of vandalism to mailbox on South Lake Rd FM910.



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 First you must face up to it. You have left the Lord! You are no longer living the life of a Christian.
 Second, face up to what that means. It means that you are facing life without God's help and without the blessing of prayer (1 Pet. 3:12). You have got to "go it alone"! And if you die in your present condition, your eternal abode will be with the Devil and his angels. (Matt. 25:41)
 Third your course of life will determine the course of life of others. If you remain as you are, your family will be greatly influenced in that direction. If you return to the Lord, chances are some of them will also. You are not just "deciding for yourself".
 This message was brought to you by the Church of Christ that meets at 5th & Lide in Talco. Please join us to worship services and Bible classes: Sunday Bible Class- 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship hours-10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Class 7:0 p.m.

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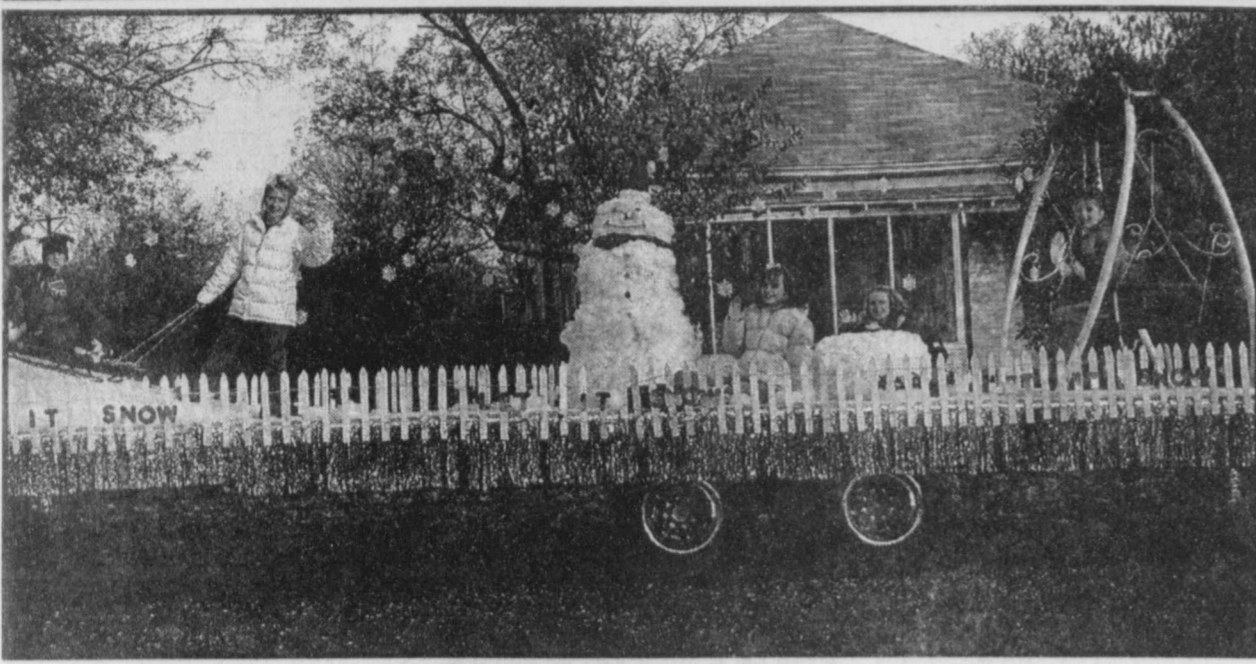
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LET IT SNOW - was the theme of the Second place winner in the float division of the Bogata Christmas Parade. Bogata Junior High Queen, Koren Hawkins, family and friends depicted a beautiful snow scene. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



SECOND PLACE - in the car division at the Bogata Christmas Parade went to Mr. and Miss Bogata Elementary, Nikki Lews and Set Hawkins. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

Cookbooks have arrived at RRH

Red River Healthcare in Bogata has received their cookbooks just in time for Christmas giving. The cookbooks are \$8.00 each and may be purchased at Red River Healthcare. They are compiled of recipes from RRH residents, past and present, family members, volunteers and staff. The proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks will go toward needed items for the Activity Department and projects planned for the coming year at Red River Healthcare. Your purchase of the cookbook will be greatly appreciated.

Editor's Quotes
 Goodness is the only investment that never fails.
 Thoreau

Local students included in Who's Who

A total of 30 students from this area are included in the 34th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000. Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, 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. The 34th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School

Students, 1999-2000, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country. Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. Local students selected include: From Bagwell-Jana L. Hawley and Heather R. Green. From Blossom-Tabitha N. Baxter,

Christopher A. Green, Michael Heath Sessums, Lige A. Stewardson, Michael R. Tallant, Michael W. Flatt, Amanda R. Hyde, Landra B. Stewardson, Bo Sutton and Amanda L. Williams. From Bogata-Pearis (Bubba) Abnerath III, Cara R. Morgan and Lauren Corbell. From Deport-Ashley Lauren Ball. From Detroit-Alison Jones, Chad Reger, Trena R. Smith, Tammy A. Nichols, Heather D. Smith and Robbie Somerville. From Pattonville-Stanley G. Cox, Aaron a. Murdock, Jennifer R. McClain and Jessie W. Spears. From Talco-Ryan H. Case, Shelly Hollis, Carolina G. Prado, Jennifer Sinclair, Laci J. Taylor, Tiffany L. Hines Prentice, Mark B. Jackson, Kristen Sims and Bre'Ann Stroud.

Rebel-Lady Rebel junior high compete at Chisum

The Rebel and Lady Rebel 7th and 8th grade teams competed at the Chisum Tournament Thursday, Nov. 30 through Saturday, Dec. 2, 2000. On Thursday the 8th grade Lady Rebels led off for Rivercrest playing the Mt. Vernon 7th grade team and took a huge 50-12 win over the younger girls. Kendra Birchfield was high scorer for the Lady Rebels with 15 points followed by Johna Ingram with 12 and Cassie McCuller with 10. Also adding points were Leslie Richeson-7, Jill Shirley-4, Tracy Galloway, Haley Hawkins and Lindsey Robertson all with 2 each. Contributing on the defense were Kasey Van Deaver, Dana Crawford and Kerri Simmons. All of the team members got good playing time experience. The 8th grade Rebels followed the girls next and drew tough with Mt. Vernon who had a distinct height advantage. The Rebels who are few in number worked hard but at the half trailed 21-8. R.C. Pitts, McKenzie Ellis, Clinton Vandever and Matt Ross had all scored. Also contributing to the game were Jordan Edge, John Ed Graf, Payden Franks, Jake Raulston and Johnathan Ridens. Mt. Vernon held their lead to go on and win the game placing the Rebels in the loser's bracket. At the same time as the 8th grade boys, the Rebel 7th grade played in the Chisum Elementary gym against Honey Grove. The Rebel varsity could not provide a more exciting game. The 7 member Rebel team would go up by 1, then fall behind by

1 throughout the game. Dustin Perry and Adam Horn did a good job of rebounding and at the post position on the offense. The rest of the Rebels, Aaron Palmer, Troy Morris, Keith Williams, Brad Rolan and Jake Needham also added hustle on the defense and scores to push the game down to the last seconds. Final 19-18 Rebels!!! In the final game of the evening for the Rivercrest teams, the 7th grade Lady Rebels met the Lady Warriors of Honey Grove. Unlike the 7th grade boys, numbers are not a problem with the 7th grade Lady Rebels giving coaches Debbie Williams and Tammy Case multi-combinations which they use to advantage. At the half the girls trailed by 2 points but in the third they begin to push harder each new player sent in adding spice to the game. Their press in the final quarter and good eyes on the court made for scores! Final 33-29 Lady Rebels. The team was led to victory by Whitney Savage, Cassandra Norman, Mandy Crawford, Tiffany Giles and Monica Savage. Contributions to the win were made by Baillie Spencer, Jesi Navia, Katie Ward, Sarah Hare, Monique Savage, Jessica Griffin and Micah Upchurch. On Friday the 7th grade girls and boys returned to finish the tourney and the 8th girls to continue their tourney. The girls team played first meeting Cooper for the 1st place trophy. The Lady Rebels took the first tip of the ball from Monica Savage to Cassandra Norman and after one quarter were tied up 6-6 with the Bulldo-

ettes. At the half the Lady Rebels led 12-8 but the third quarter saw a change with the Bulldoettes fighting their way to the lead. In the final quarter the game went down to the wire. The Bulldoettes had a 1 point lead with :04 seconds left on the clock and with control of the ball. On the inbound play Cassandra Norman made the steal and took extra caution at the goal to make the winning shot for the 1st place trophy. Final 22-21. High scorer for the game was a 3 way tie among Cassandra Norman, Mandy Crawford and Whitney Savage all with 6 points. Also adding points was Tiffany Giles with 4. The 7th grade boys met Mt. Vernon and were defeated leaving them with 2nd place in the tournament. The 8th grade girls met Chisum and also were defeated leaving them set to play Cooper on Saturday. In Saturday's action the 8th grade girls returned to defeat Cooper and finish in a tie for 1st place. The 8th grade boys also played their final game of the tourney and took the win over Chisum to place 2nd in the tournament. Over all it was good experience for the teams and each brought home a place. On Monday the junior high teams met Hughes Springs. The girls at Rivercrest, the boys at Hughes Springs. The Lady Rebels both won easily to add district wins to their records and the 8th grade boys also won while the 7th grade team was defeated.

Rebel JV and 9th teams compete at Chapel Hill

On November 30 through December 2 the Rivercrest Rebel JV and 9th grade teams competed at the Chapel Hill Tournament. The JV team began play on Thursday with Prairiland and were down 3-4 after one quarter. By the half the Rebels had taken the lead, 11-6. Throughout the half the Rebels had drawn fouls from the Pats but hit only 3 of 8 from the free shot line. In the third quarter the Rebels netted 10 points while holding the Pats to only 3 points, score 21-9. The Rebel free shot percentage improved in the last half helping them gain scores. In the final quarter Justin Exum hit 2 field goals and 3 free shots, Jared Huddleston added a trey, Zach Perry a field goal and Josh Cabell 2 free shots for a total of 14 points. Final 35-16 Rebels. High scorer for the game was Justin Exum followed by Josh Cabell. Also scoring were Ryan Newton, Jared Huddleston, Zach Perry and Dustin Jones. In their second game of the tourney the Rebels met Pittsburg and were up 7-3 after one quarter. The Pirates held the Rebels to only 4 points in the second but the Rebel defense returned the favor. Half time score 11-7 Rebels. The Pirates went on a scoring drive in the third netting 13 points while the Rebel only added 5, score 16-20

Pirates. But, the Rebels came around and added 12 point in the final quarter to take the win and holding the Pirates to only 3 points for the quarter. Final 28-23 Rebels. High scorer for the game was Josh Cabell. Also scoring were Ryan Newton, Justin Exum, Jared Huddleston, Zach Perry and Dustin Jones. On Saturday the Rebels returned to play in the Championship game against Chapel Hill. The Red Devils held the Rebels scoreless through the first two quarters while gaining 17 points of their own. In the third the Rebs managed to put 3 points on the board to the Red Devils 10, score 27-3. Finally, in the last quarter the Rebels began to work. They added 10 points to their score and held the Red Devils to only 4 points but it was too little too late for the Rebels. Final 31-13. High scorer for the game was Josh Cabell. Also scoring were Ryan Newton, Justin Exum and Zach Perry. The Rebels were awarded the 2nd place trophy. Congratulations Rebels on a good tourney!!! The 9th grade team met the Pittsburg Pirates in their first game of the tourney and following one quarter were down 10-11. The Pirates held the Rebels to only 5 points in the second, but, the Rebels returned the

favor stronger holding the Pirates to only 1 point. The half time score stood 15-12 Rebels. In the third the Pirates came back strong scoring 21 points and holding the Rebels to 8 scores. Score 33-23 Pirates. Although the Rebels scored 16 points in the final quarter their opponent scored 12 to hold the lead. Final 45-39 Pittsburg. High scorer for the Rebels was Chance Belcher. Also scoring were Jeffrey Abernathy, Calan Wilcox, Josh Weatherall, Jeremy Ward and Micah Chaloner. In their final game of the Round Robin Tourney the Rebels met Prairiland. After one quarter of play the Rebels were up 14-9 over the Pats. In the second quarter the Pats out scored the Rebels 10 to 6 but the Rebels remained up, 20-19 at the buzzer. In the third quarter the Rebels added 12 points to the Pats 7. Jeremy Ward tossed in 8, Jeffrey Abernathy, 2 and Chance Belcher, 2. Score 32-26. The final quarter saw the Rebels hold their lead and go on to win the game 41-36. Calan Wilcox shot 100% from the free shot line in the game. High scorer was Jeremy Ward with 14 points followed by Chance Belcher with 12. Also scoring were Calan Wilcox-10, Keith Perry and Shon Gage 2 points each and Micah Chaloner 1 point. Good Job Rebels!!!!

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Holiday Tour of Homes Tour scheduled in Pittsburg

"Chestnuts roasting on an open fire," or was that "hot links smoking on the grill"? No matter, it's time for mistletoe and holly and the annual Holiday Tour of Homes sponsored by the Pittsburg-Camp County Arts Council. The event will be held Sunday, December 3rd from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Four homes will be on tour, ranging from a cabin in the woods to a traditional home facing a golf course. Dennis and Maggie Boerner, lived in a 500 square foot cabin in the woods, while "the house that Dennis built", was being built. Located at the front of their property, the cabin could easily be a romantic hid-a-way for a young married couple, or a quiet get-away for an old married couple. Walking down the lane, the big house sits amid towering pines. Built of timber beam and stone construction, the house projects a feeling of warmth. Miniature churches are located throughout the house as well as many other items acquired by the couple on their travels throughout the world. A circular drive welcomes visitors to the home of Brenda Barnwell. Designed by the owner and built in 1984, the home features three fire-

places, one in the master bedroom, the living room and the glassed-in sun room over looking the deck. The back of the house features a large deck, designed for outdoor entertaining, that overlooks the golf course in Prinedale Country Club. A collection of lions, as well as a large display of Santas in one of the bedrooms adds a whimsical touch. Lush wreaths, fireplace decorations, twinkling lights and lustrous bows put the "sparkle" in this festive home. In the classic manor of the English, the home of Steve and Beverly Spearman sits at the end of a long driveway, with the view of the golf course to the west and a hayfield on the north, providing a feeling of both town and country. Inside the home many of the same elements come together to form an elegant but warm country feeling. The massive corner fireplace is the focal point in the den. Comfortable chairs and couches beckon one with a good book and a bowl of popcorn. The kitchen is festive year around with white cabinets and counter tops and green and white wallpaper. The sports-minded Mr. Spearman's eclectic taste comes

into play in the game room. An antique pharmaceutical bar serves as the focal point for the room, along with other sports-related items. Antiques and art work combine to make this home a treasure. Guarding the Lockett-Hampton-Hobbs house, owned by James Hobbs and his wife, Kelly Carpenter-Hobbs a vintage 1900 Victorian-style home, is 100-year old magnolia tree that was planted when the house was built. Over-sized Christmas ornaments adorn the porch as visitors enter to the sights and sounds of everything "Victorian". Seven Christmas trees are located throughout the home, including the "green" tree in the family dining room. The "Shabby-Chic" room beckons visitors to curl up for along winter's nap on the old iron bed. "This old house" evokes memories of Christmases long ago. Ticket for the Holiday Tour of Homes are available at Taylor's Gift Emporium, Mayben's Menswear and the Carson House Inn and Grille, Guaranty Bank will serve as tour headquarters where maps and tickets will be available. The bank is located at 116 South Greer Street.



THIRD PLACE-Winning Third place in the float division of the 2000 Bogata Christmas Parade was the entry from Red River Healthcare with King, Casey York and Queen, Stasha Hume. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Talco Locals

call your news in to the Talco Times at 379-4445

Tammie Nicks, Tony, Tanya and Sabrina visited over the weekend with friends at The Colony near Dallas.

Tommy Franks underwent surgery at Titus County Regional Hospital last week. He is reported doing well.

Arthur, Patsy and Melanie Smith spent Thursday evening shopping in Sulphur Springs. They enjoyed supper at Furr's before returning home.

Clarence and Cindy Watts spent Friday and Saturday helping their daughter, Tawala Padgett, move from Ft. Worth to McKinney.

Happy December birthday to: Scott Sinclair.

Bruce Case traveled to DFW Airport Friday to pick up son, Ryan, who will be home on leave from the U.S. Navy for 10 days.

Happy December birthday to; Zeke Currey, Steve Hall, Destry Nolen, Michelle Milner and Scott Sinclair.

Tony Nicks broke his wrist in a 4 wheeler accident Sunday afternoon. He underwent surgery at Titus County Regional Hospital and is reported home and doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown enjoyed supper at Chili's in Paris Thursday and attending the Junior High Tournament at Chisum to watch the Rebels and Lady Rebels play. Following the games they visited their son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Jennifer Brown in Paris. On Friday evening they attended the 7th grade Lady Rebels game at Chisum and following the game had supper at the Fish Fry.

For your convenience the Bogata News Office will be open on Friday's from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

People N Things

December 9

Laura Cochran will be honored with a "Blue" baby shower on December 9, 2000 at the Sugar Hill Church of God of Prophecy. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The Bogata Student Council and Talco Student Council will sponsor a Dance at Rivercrest High School for students in grades 6 through from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Parents are invited to help chaperone.

December 10

The Rivercrest Band will perform in their annual "Christmas Concert" on Sunday, December 10, 2000 at the Rivercrest auditorium beginning at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to make plans to attend.

December 11

Cancelled; The Christmas dinner scheduled at the Rosalie Community Center on Dec. 11, 2000 has been canceled.

December 18

The Talco School Annual Christmas Program will be held December 18, 2000 beginning at 9:00 a.m. under the direction of music teacher, Neva Oats. Everyone is invited to attend.

December 18 Rivercrest ISD schools will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. Students who walk home may leave at 2:15 p.m.

December 19

The Bogata School Annual Christmas Program will be held December 19, 2000 beginning at 9:00 a.m. under the direction of music teacher, Neva Oats. Everyone is invited to attend.

December 19 will mark the end of the 3rd Six Weeks for Rivercrest ISD students and the end of the 1st semester. All library fines, cafeteria charges and library money need to be paid before students leave for the holidays.

Bogata Locals

Willie Mae Gray returned to Red River Healthcare from ETMC Hospital in Clarksville last week only to be returned to the hospital on Sunday suffering from congestive heart failure. She is reported improving and hoping to return to Red River Healthcare soon to begin her therapy and eventually return home.

Milton and Virginia Alexander of Dallas visited with Chrystine Baker Monday.

Jackie and Linda Gray are in Las Vegas, Nevada this week attending the National Finals Rodeo. The trip

was an early Christmas present from their son, Marty.

Happy December birthday to: A.D. Stephenson, Ike Roach, Elizabeth Rozell, Gayle Roach, Kayla Duffee, Mary Joplin, Judy Screws, William Rolan and Joe Stewart.

Happy December wedding anniversary to; Donald and Judy Screws and Charley and Donnie Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Stephenson and Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Montoya and son celebrated A.D.'s birthday Friday at the Fish Fry in Paris.

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