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And Equal Opportunity
Afflictor

Senility is an equal opportunity, non-gender specific, afflictor, and it has definitely afflicted our age group here at work!

In our fifties now, we've discussed the fact that we need to hire someone younger just to follow around behind us and keep up with what we lose or forget.

Sunday afternoon Mike came to shampoo our bedroom carpet. We had transported the shampoo machine earlier, and when he tried to assemble everything, the lid over the mixing chamber was missing.

Well, you can imagine the drill. First, drive back along the route the pickup had taken in order to make sure it hadn't blown out. Then, search at his house. Finally, in total exasperation, he returned. In the meantime, I had searched the truck, outside on the porch and everywhere else. Imagine our surprise and disgust to discover the blue lid (which is about 3 feet long by two wide) was in plain sight in the bedroom all along! Tunnel vision, I suppose, or the old "purloined letter" syndrome of hiding something in plain sight.

Then, last night, my husband decided to cook a cookie. He had previously made a batch of nice, soft, chewy chocolate chip cookies. I loved them, but he thought they needed a little more oven time. There were two left. I proceeded to munch my way through mine, and he (unknown to me) put his in the microwave for a moment. Or at least he thought for a moment. He just cranked the timer around, and walked away.

After about five minutes I asked "did you put something on to cook...cause I smell something burning".

Thomas raced to the kitchen. Within moments a horrible, scorched smell began to permeate the whole house.

Did you know that cookies will only be golden brown on the outside but completely black on the inside if they are microwaved about five minutes? Um huh, they really will.

Well, after giving the guys a hard time about the senility, I had my own problems.

Monday morning I pulled all the faxes from the machine, walked to the back of the room, laid them down while I looked at some other things. Fifteen minutes later I'm ranting that "I haven't left my desk and these faxes CANT have disappeared!" Well, I had left my desk and they were somewhere else.

I realize we belong to a large crowd...but nevertheless I'll close with a joke that may be all too true.

An older couple went to the doctor about their memory problems, and all he could suggest was that they make notes for everything.

That night, the husband told the wife he was going to get some ice cream, and she asked for a bowl too. Then, she told him to ut whipped cream on it.

"Make a note like the doctor said" she insisted, but he swore that he could remember two bowls of ice cream with whipped cream.

He was gone a long time and when he came back it was with a tray of scrambled eggs and bacon. The wife looked up and said "I told you you'd forget...where's the toast!"

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Farmers make donation to Bogata Library/Museum

Mrs. James Farmer "Mickey" and her son, Mike Farmer have donated 2 libraries of books and video tapes to the Bogata Library/Museum.

Mike was planning to donate his books when he and his mother discussed his dad, Jame Farmer's library collection. Together they decided to donate his collection also.

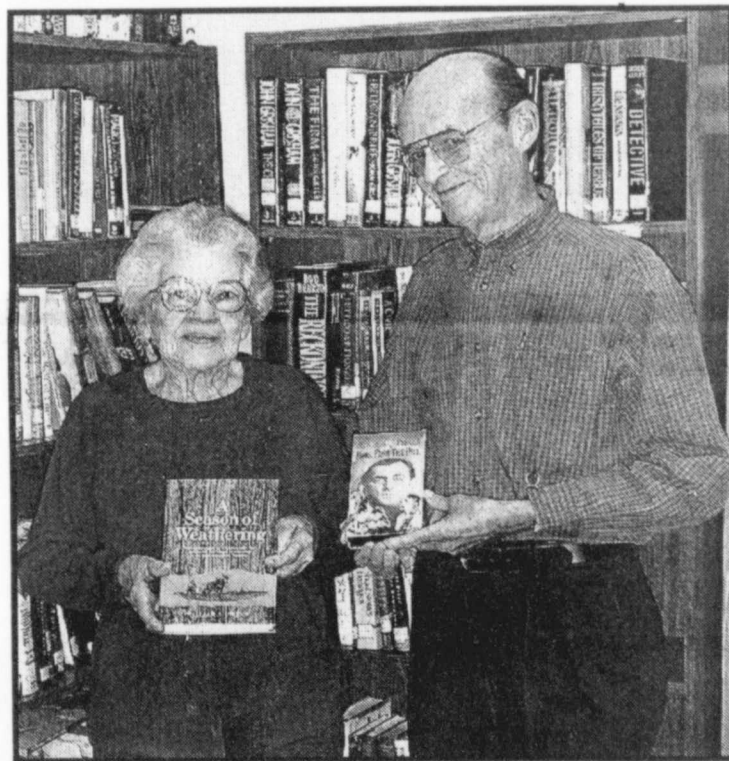
James and Mickey returned to Detroit after James retired from the Air Force. They were very active in the community. James was Mayor of Detroit 1977-80 and was a member of the Lions Club and served several years on the City Council. He was also Administrator of Detroit Housing Authority for awhile and the 410 Water Supply.

The couple's grandson, Chris lived with them and graduated from Detroit High School in 1985. They were active in Martin memorial Methodist Church. Their son Mike, graduated from high school in Lubbock while his dad

was stationed there. He went to college at SMU in Dallas. He lived in San Clemente, California for 20 years where he owned a company that dealt with the banking business. Several new books that he donated are by the author, Dean Koontz, who was a neighbor of his in California. After James died in 1993, Mike came to Detroit to live with his mother. He has also served as Mayor of Detroit for about a year and a half since coming home.

James Farmer loved history and his books reflect that. Several off his books pertain to Red River County history. A larger number of Mike's books are new with recent authors. Most of the books that the Farmer's donated have been processed and placed on the shelves ready for check out.

All the neighboring communities are welcome to use the Bogata Public Library and are always welcome to visit the museum. The hours are: Friday's 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday's 10 am to 2pm.



THE FARMERS-Mickey and Mike are pictured with items from their recent donation to the Bogata Library/Museum. Mickey is holding "A Season of Weathering" by the author, William A. Owens, about East Texas and Red River County and Mike is holding the video, "Home from the Hill" a movie filmed in Red River and Titus Counties. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata Christmas parade is December 12

The annual Bogata Christmas Parade will be held on December 12, 2001 beginning at 4:00 p.m. downtown Bogata.

The parade is sponsored by the Bogata Lions Club. For more in-

formation on line up time and entries call Lions President, David Rozell. Come out and see the beauty of the season and Santa's first visit to Bogata this year.

Calendars have arrived

The Bogata VFD and 1st Responders Birthday and Anniversary Calendars 2002 have arrived. The committee is working this week to get them distributed to everyone who ordered one. There are some extra calendars that will be on sale for \$6.75 each.

To purchase a calendar contact Kathy Williams at 632-5048; Rue

Ann Bell at 632-5885; Linda Eilers at 632-4530; Donnie Lewis at 632-5387; Betty Williams at 632-4554, Mary Ellen Kain at 632-5641 or Patricia Freelen at 632-4305. Also any Bogata VFD or 1st Responder member can also help you. The committee reports the calendars have turned out much better than expected.

December 6 date set for "Christmas Parade of Homes"

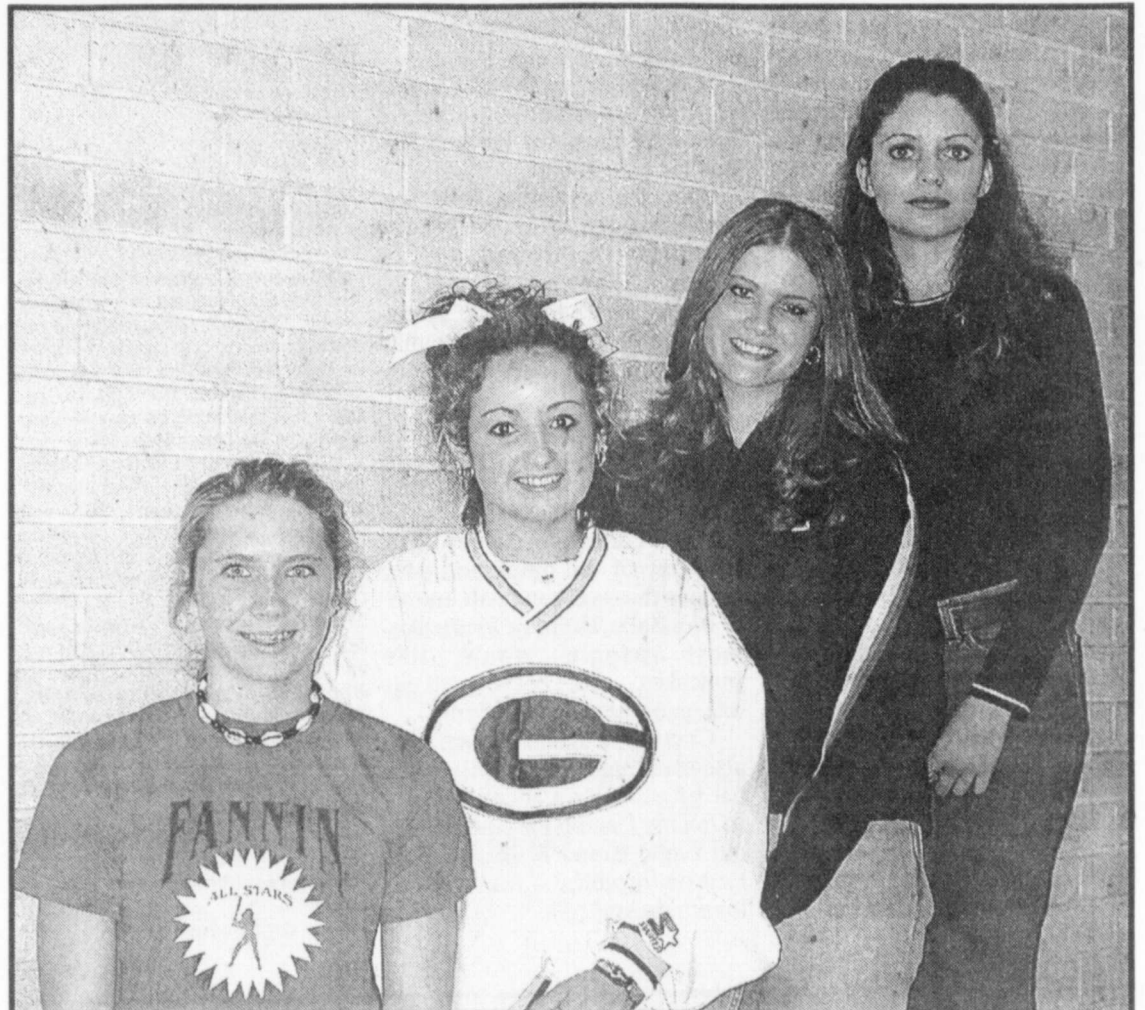
The Bogata Missionary Baptist Church has set December 6, 2001 for the date of the annual "Christmas Parade of Homes".

There will be a candlelight dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$20.00 and will include the meal and tour of homes. Tickets will be available beginning November 1, 2001. To reserve tickets or for more information call Donnie Lewis at 632-5387; Dana Neeley at 632-5762

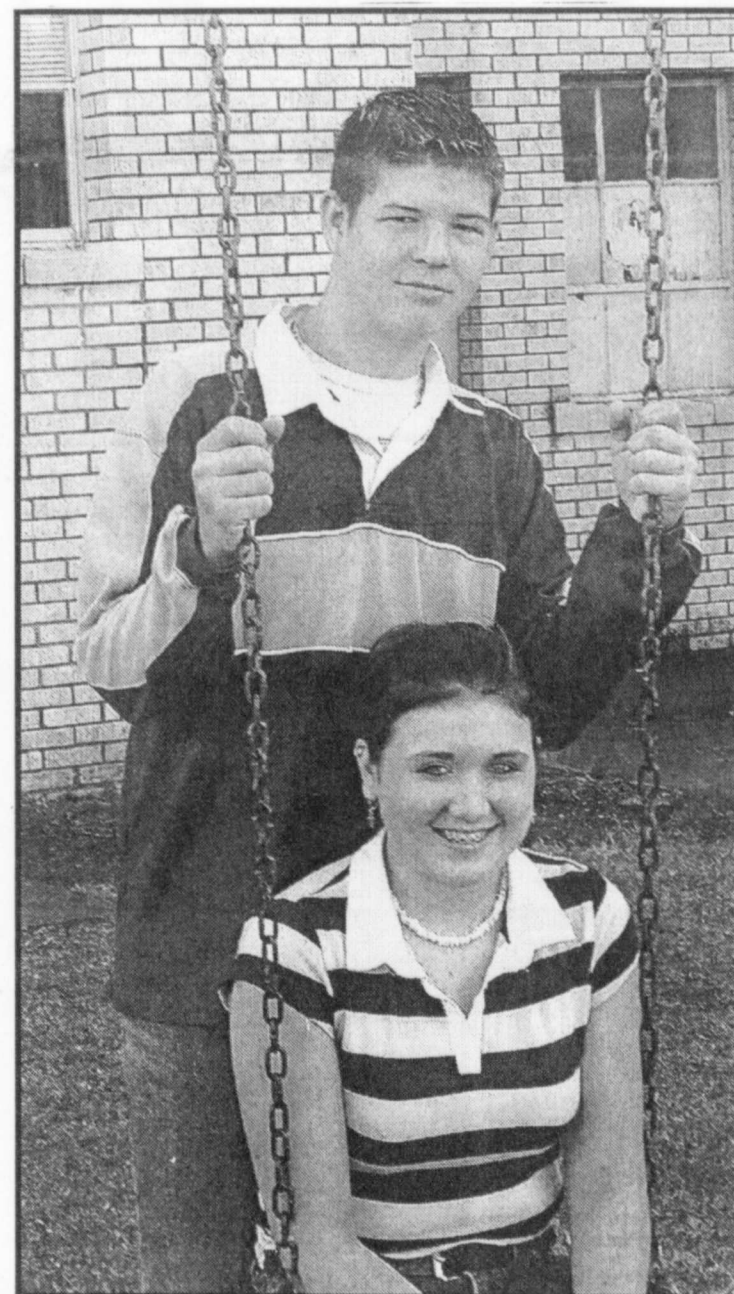
or Mary Lou Daniels at 632-9948. Any church member can also help you.

Homes to be toured this year are the home of George and Robbi Marshall; Doyle and Betty Williams; Darald and Tammy Kuhlengal, Joe T. and Kim Kelsey and Todd and Jamie Ward.

Mark your calendar, purchase your tickets, plan to enjoy a good meal and some of the season's best decorated homes.



CHRISTMAS QUEENS-Elected as Christmas Queens from the Rivercrest High School classes are; (from the left front) Freshman, Heather Hawkins the daughter of Mark and Jana Hawkins; Sophomore, Nikki Burgess the daughter of Mike and Angie Burgess; Junior, Kristen Jackson the daughter of Rex and Kathy Jackson and Senior, Cassie Perry, the daughter of Jerry and Sharlene Perry. The girls will represent their classes in the Talco and Bogata Christmas parades Dec. 11 and 12. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CHRISTMAS ROYALTY-Elected as Rivercrest Junior High 8th grade Christmas King and Queen are Ricky Grubbs, the son of Niki and Vernon Thompson and Micah Upchurch daughter of Mike and Jean Upchurch. The couple will represent their class in the Talco and Bogata Christmas parades Dec. 11 and 12. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Live nativity at Johntown MBC

Johntown Missionary Baptist Church will present a live nativity scene on December 13, 14 and 15 from 6-9 p.m. each evening.

The nativity will be held at the church.

Santa Letters due by Dec. 10

The deadline to have your child's Santa Letter printed in the Talco Times or Bogata News this year will be December 10, 2001.

Letters written by students of Rivercrest Elementary will be picked up at the school and parents are welcome to leave younger children's letters at the school or mail them to Talco Times, Box 157, Talco, Tx. 75487 or Bogata News, Box 310, Bogata, Tx. Letter may also be dropped off at the Bogata New Office.



Coats for Kids

The Bogata Lions Club is sponsoring a "Coats for Kids" drive this year.

If your child has outgrown a coat, please donate it to this project. Coats may be left at Main Street Florist in Bogata or Kim's Kuttin Korral in Bogata and at Westerly's Cleaners in Clarksville who will clean the coats for free. Pick up for kids coats in Bogata Elementary School.

For more information on this important drive call 903-632-5668.

Christmas basket donations needed

The Bogata Lions Club is now accepting donations of money and toys for the annual Christmas Basket drive.

The baskets are given each year to help out families in the area during the holidays. Your help is badly needed. Please share your blessings and help all of Bogata and the surrounding area have a Happy Holiday season. To make a donation contact Shirley Vickers-632-5447; Linda Eilers-632-4530 or Barbara White-632-5827.

ECA classes to be offered

In January, the Bogata Volunteer Fire and Rescue will be hosting an ECA (emergency care attendant) class in the city of Bogata, two nights a week.

The group are looking for people in the city or community that would like to join the Volunteer Fire Department and 1st Responders and help out the community.

There will be no charge for the class, only your time. If you would like to sign up for this class and be of assistance to your community contact Angie Burgess at the Bogata City Hall, 632-5315. There will only be a limited number of students allowed for the class so sign up early.

Preliminary agenda released

The Bogata City Council will meet Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bogata Community Center.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include:

Christmas lunch for employees and councilmembers; employee's

Christmas bonus; Christmas ad in Bogata News; changing locks at Community Center.

During executive session, the council will discuss hiring a city secretary's assistant and a six month pay raise for court clerk, Angie Burgess.

Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Our cooks this week come to us once again from Blossom. The Blossom National Junior Honor Society put together their second cookbook and have recently received them just in time for the holidays. The first one that was made a couple of years ago was a huge success and it was decided to make another.

It is loaded with some great recipes and has a section for Appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, vegetables, main dishes, breads and rolls, desserts and miscellaneous. It also includes sections on lowering your fat content, fat facts, calculating percent fat, "heart healthy" recipes substitutions, food labeling definitions, sodium and low sodium seasoning suggestions, food safety guidelines, basic guidelines for losing weight, nutrition food label understanding and a food pyramid. Behind each section are other handy tips and suggestions that will come in handy.

The honor society works all year raising funds for various activities. The most recent event coming up is "Santa's kids". They donate funds, toys and food to families in the community so that they might have a better Christmas. They are collecting non-perishable food items along with the students on the Blossom campus for baskets for distribution over the holidays. They sell ice cream on Fridays to students to also raise money. They recently donated \$100.00 to the September 11th

fund through the American Red Cross.

Cookbooks can be purchased on the campus of the school and we hope you enjoy these recipes from the officers. The No-Bake Fruitcake, Coconut Custard Pie and Creamy Lemon Pie is for one our special readers, Dovie Stevens. I hope these will do for you and have a safe and happy holiday! See you in the kitchen!

Cherry Pecan Bread-Ricardo Cantera-president-this bread would be great for the holidays and for gift giving!

Chocolate Ice Cream Roll-Taylor Mauldin-jelly roll cake wrapped around ice cream.....can't beat it!

Granny Jane's Mac and Cheese-Cody says nothing is better than mac and cheese and this can't be topped!

Darren's People Chow-Darren Lane-another great recipe for gift giving or just sitting around with a case of the "munchies"!

Taco Casserole-Ashley Outland-one of the quick and easy recipes that everyone will enjoy!

No-Bake Holiday Fruitcake-most people don't like fruitcakes.....but I bet you will this one using Eagle Brand Milk!

Coconut Custard Cream Pie-also uses Eagle Brand Milk and a dab of nutmeg for added flavor!

Creamy Lemon Pie-another using Eagle Brand Milk and Real Lemon juice.....a lemon lover's dream!

Wednesday, December 6
Blossom National Junior Honor Society Cookbook

Cherry Pecan Bread-Ricardo Cantera

2 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup buttermilk or sour milk
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup chopped maraschino cherries
In bowl thoroughly stir together flour, soda and 1/2 teaspoon salt; set aside. In large mixer bowl cream together sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add flour mixture and buttermilk alternately to creamed mixture. Beat just till blended after each addition. Fold in nuts and cherries. Turn batter into lightly greased 9x5x3 loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 55-60 minutes. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove and cool. May be glazed with confectioner's sugar.

Chocolate Ice Cream Roll-Taylor Mauldin

3/4 cup all purpose flour
1/4 cup cocoa
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup water
1 teaspoon vanilla
powdered sugar
1 pint ice cream
Heat oven to 375 degrees; line jelly roll pan with aluminum foil or waxed paper; grease. Mix flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt; reserve. Beat eggs in small bowl on high speed until very thick and lemon colored, 3-5 minutes. Pour eggs into large mixer bowl; gradually beat in granulated sugar. On low speed, blend in water and vanilla. Gradually add flour mixture, beating until smooth. Pour into pan, spreading batter to corners. Bake until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Loosen cake from edges of pan; invert on towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Carefully remove foil; trim stiff edges from cake if necessary. While hot, roll cake and towel from narrow end. Cool; unroll cake and remove towel. Soften ice cream slightly. Quickly spread over cake. Roll up and place, seam side down, on piece of aluminum foil. Wrap and freeze at least four hours. Fifteen minutes before serving unroll and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Granny Jane's Mac and Cheese-Cody Flatt

1 pound sharp Cheddar cheese-cubed
1 can milk
1 pound dry macaroni
2 eggs-sparted
3/4 cup water
salt to taste
bread crumbs-optional
Boil macaroni until tender; drain. Melt cheese with milk; add egg yolks. Gently fold in melted cheese. Place macaroni and cheese mixture in buttered baking dish. Add about 3/4 cup water and salt. Sprinkle with crumbs on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes until thick and golden brown.

Darren's People Chow-Darren Lane

1 box Rice Chex
1 stick butter
3/4 cup peanut butter
1 package chocolate chips
powdered sugar
Melt butter, peanut butter and chocolate chips. Mix in with Rice Chex. Drop in bag of powdered sugar and shake. Lay on wax paper to separate and cool.

Taco Casserole-Ashley Outland

1 pound ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
2 cloves garlic-finely chopped
1 cup water
1/2 cup taco sauce
4 ounces diced green chilis
1/2 cup sliced ripe olives
1 package taco seasoning mix
1 package taco shells-broken
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
chopped tomatoes-optional
chopped green onions-optional
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cook beef, onion and garlic until browned; drain. Stir in water, taco sauce, chilis. 1/4 cup olives and seasoning mix. Cook over low heat 3-4 minutes. Layer half of broken taco shells on bottom of greased 12x8 casserole dish. Cover with half of meat sauce; sprinkle with 1 cup cheese. Repeat layers. Bake 20-25 minutes or until bubbly and cheese is melted. Top with remaining olives, tomatoes and green onions.

No-Bake Holiday Fruit Cake

16 oz package graham crackers-crushed
6 oz container candied red cherries-chopped
6 oz container green cherries-chopped
6 oz container candied pineapple-chopped
1-1/2 cups chopped pecans
2 cans Eagle Brand Milk
Line 9x5 loaf pans with plastic wrap; allow wrap to hang over edge. In large bowl, combine crackers, red and green cherries, pineapple, pecans and milk; using hands, mix thoroughly. Place mixture into lined pan and cover well. Freeze for at least 8 hours or overnight before serving. Remove wrap and slice when ready for serving. Store any remaining in freezer.

Coconut Custard Pie

19-inch unbaked pie shell
1 cup flaked coconut
3 eggs
1 can Eagle Brand Milk
1-1/4 cups hot water
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Preheat oven to 425 degrees; toast 1/2 cup coconut; set aside. Bake pastry shell 8 minutes; cool slightly. In medium bowl, beat eggs, milk, water, vanilla, salt and nutmeg; mix well. Stir in remaining 1/2 cup coconut. Pour into pastry shell. Sprinkle with toasted coconut. Bake 10 minutes. Reduce oven to 350 degrees and bake 25 minutes to 30 minutes longer or until knife inserted comes out clean. Cool.

Creamy Lemon Pie

3 egg yolks
1 can Eagle Brand Milk
1/2 cup Real Lemon juice
2-3 drops food coloring-optional
1 baked pastry shell or graham cracker crust
whipped topping
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Beat egg yolks in medium-sized bowl. Gradually beat in milk and lemon juice. Stir in food coloring if desired. Pour into pastry shell and bake 30-35 minutes or until set. Remove and cool for 1 hour. Chill at least three hours. Top with whipped topping.

Obituaries

Nelda Allen Bewley dies November 28

Nelda "Nell" Allen Bewley went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, November 28 after an eight year battle with multiple strokes. She was born in Cunningham on December 2, 1932 to Fred and Lorette Allen.

Nell was a gifted musician who spent her adult life sharing her love of music with children. After obtaining her music degree from East Texas State, she spent over 25 years in Austin teaching music and choir at several schools including Austin High School, Pleasant Hill, Odom, Barton Hills and Oak Hill Elementary Schools. In retirement, she began new music programs in Encinal and Cotulla and was an enthusiastic sales associate at Beall's Department Store.

Nell shared her big soprano voice for over 30 years as a member of the Sanctuary Choir at the First Baptist Church of Austin. While coping with complications from massive strokes, she continued singing as a member of Heights Baptist Church in Temple.

Her parents, her brothers John and Bob, and her sister Barbara preceded her in death.

Nell is survived by her daughter, Joany Wills and husband Robert and their children Michael, Mitchell and Marshall of Christoval; and her son, Mark Bewley and wife Susan and their children Meredith and Madeleine of Pflugerville. Her brothers, Fred Allen and Duane Allen and sister, Martha Allen Shannon, also survive her.

Visitation was November 29 at Sheffield Funeral Home in Temple with services and interment at Cunningham Baptist Church on Saturday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Heights Baptist Church of Temple or the Living Music Scholarship Fund at the First Baptist Church of Austin.

Sheffield Funeral Home in Temple was in charge of Temple arrangements and Wood Funeral Home in Deport was in charge of Cunningham arrangements.

Pat Bray dies November 27

Pat Bray, age 64, died November 27 in Kindred Hospital, Dallas.

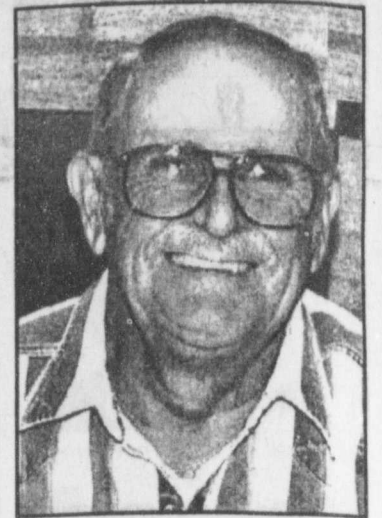
Services were held Friday, November 30 at 2:00 p.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. James Brown officiating. Burial followed in Garland Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

He was born in Red River County on July 5, 1937, a son of Roy and Ruth Garrett Bray. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Korea.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda Hausler Bray of Clarksville, whom he married June 24, 1961 in Clarksville; a son, Brandon Bray of Tyler; daughters, Nicole Wims of Detroit, Andrea Bray of Clarksville, Kristin Whitaker of Bogata; a sister, Betty Sheppard of Henderson; and one grandchild.

Pallbearers were Harold Griffin, Tommy Pryor, Casey Carson, Luther Whitaker, Lawrence Wilcoxon, David Bowers, John Wims and Roy Dale Bray. Honorary bearers were Leonard Simington, Billy Hines, John Hall, Gary Thomas, Glenn Mitchell, Kenneth Humphrey, Ben Black, Dub McGregor, Bobby Bryan, J.D. Trissell and Bobby Brown.



Rufus Lee Merritt

Rufus Lee Merritt dies December 3

Rufus Lee Merritt, age 67 of Bogata, formerly of Pattonville, died Monday, December 3 in Christus St. Joseph Hospital South.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 5 in the First Baptist Church of Deport with Rev. Freddy Burden and Rev. Billy Daniels officiating. Burial was in Meadowbrook Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Merritt was born July 14, 1934 in Pattonville. He was raised by his grandparents, Jessie and Ida Merritt and his aunt, Susie Merritt Foster. He graduated from East Lamar High School in 1951 and worked for Westinghouse of Paris for 39 1/2 years, retiring August 1, 1992. He married the former Shirley Eudy Hervey on May 31, 1997.

He is survived by his wife; three adopted children, David and Jeff Merritt of Paris and Ronnie Merritt of Oklahoma; three stepchildren, Lori Franks and husband Ricky of Sugar Hill, Butch Hervey and wife Kathy of Paris and Joe Hervey and wife Jacque of Ovilla; a brother, Donald Bob Merritt and wife Patsy of Pattonville; three half-brothers, J.D., Bobby and Charlie Crawford, all of Ft. Worth; two half-sisters, Ida Nell Stokes of Quitman and Sandra Samuels of Ft. Worth; a half-sister, Doris Crawford, preceded him in death.

Active pallbearers were Joe and Butch Hervey, Ricky Franks, Danny Eudy, Harold Butch Miller and David Merritt. Honorary bearers were James Merritt, John Manley Temple, Buddy Taylor, Marty Merritt, Mark Baird, S.C. Short and Hal Rheudasil.

Card of Thanks

The family of Julia Vaughdean Lee would like to express our gratitude to everyone who sent flowers, food, cards, made telephone calls, visited and your prayers during our loved one's sickness and going home to be with the Lord. May God bless each of you.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the Bogata First Responders and Bogata Police Department for saving our child, Christy Rosson's life, Saturday, November 24.

Your quick response and professional care saved Christy. We are grateful for the people who are a part of the Bogata First Responders, VFD and Police Department. God bless you all.

Wayne Rosson & Family



DON'T FORGET PEARL HARBOR DAY, December 7th



COOKS OF THE WEEK this week are the officers of the Blossom National Junior Honor Society. The group has just received their cookbooks back in time for the Christmas holidays. They make great gifts or stocking stuffers. Get yours today! Pictured left to right is Ricardo Cantera-president, Taylor Mauldin-vice president, Cody Flatt-secretary, Darren Lane-reporter and Ashley Outland-reporter. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Bogata V.F.W. News

* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

*The Ladies Auxiliary will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

*The VFW men will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

Christmas light show returns!

The 19th annual Christmas Light Fantasy has returned to the home of Allen and Pansy Parsons and everyone is invited to view the spectacular array of lights.

This year's show will begin November 22 and run through December 29, featuring over 750,000 lights and many new displays. The lights can be viewed

from dark until 9:30 each evening, except on rainy nights.

Admission is free but donations to help defray the cost of electricity and labor will be accepted.

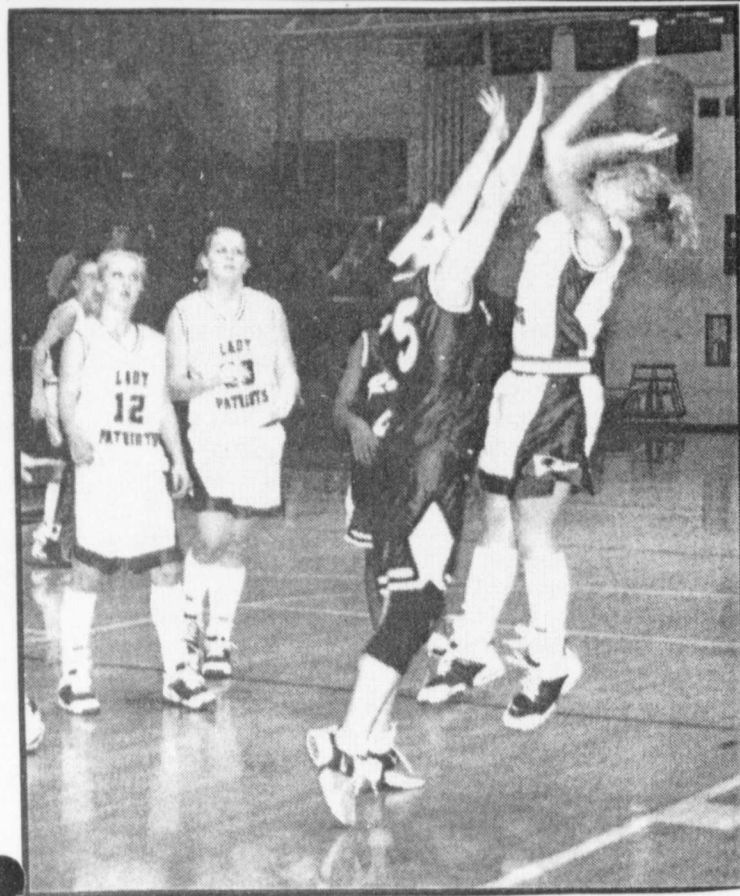
To get to the show, go 13 miles east of Rattan, OK, turn north on Turkey Creek Landing Road, go 2 miles and turn left at the Allen's Monuments sign.

Savor The Flavor Of Honey Cut Ham Glazed Spiral Cut Hams

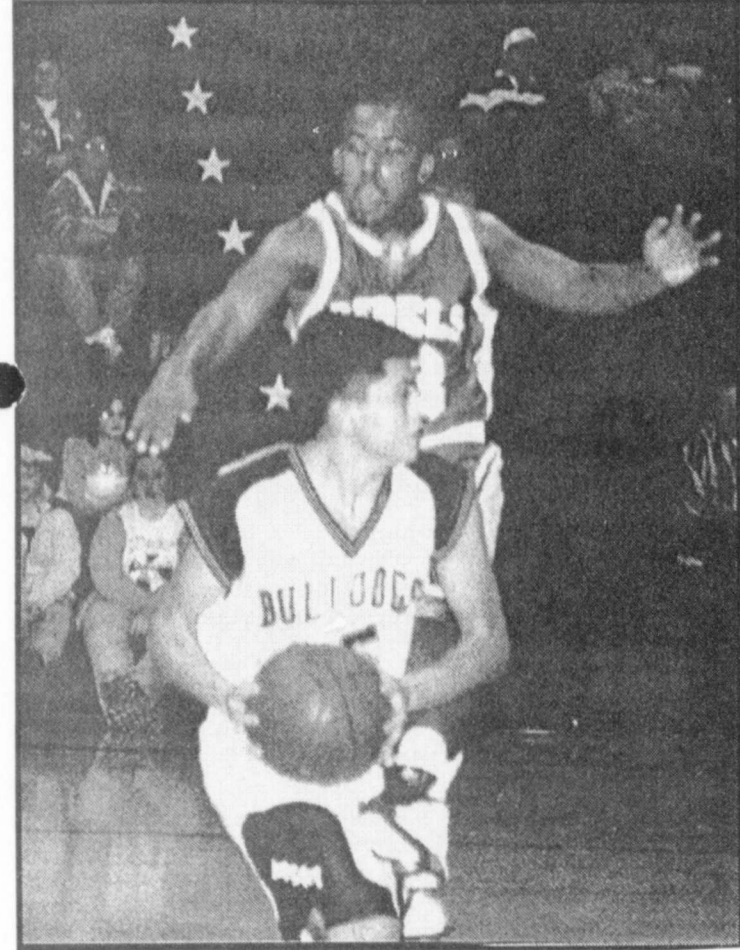
Remember to Place Your Christmas orders!

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MEGAN GRAHAM of the Lady Patriots took a shot in a close game with the Roxton girls last week in Varsity Basketball Action at the Prairiland Tournament. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



WHERE TO GO - A very bulldog has no opening ask Rivercrest Rebel Zach Perry blocks his pass at the Prairiland Tournament. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Lady Rebel JH travels to DeKalb

by Coach Tammie Case

The Rivercrest Junior High Lady Rebels took on the Lady Bears from DeKalb Monday, Nov. 26 in their second district game.

The night started out with the 7th grade B team. Jasmine Hodge, Julie Pirtle, Vikki Schmidt, Brooke Hale, Melanie Smith and Ashley Shew did an excellent job for the Lady Rebels. The girls played with a lot of heart and gained a lot of game experience. The final score, however, favored the Lady Bears 12-17.

The seventh grade A team squad took the floor determined to take their first district win. After the first quarter the Lady Rebs were up by 8 with a score of 12-4. The girls continued their tough defense and were able to take advantage of turn overs and by the half the score was 28-6. All of the Lady Rebels saw playing time and each girl continued to improve their game. The final score was Lady Rebels 49, DeKalb 13.

Scoring for the Lady Rebels were Cortney Merchant-16, Lauren Beers-10, Torrie Grissom-9, Vallery Schmidt-4, Kirby Needham-3, Alex Wright, Rachel Smith, Kaitlin Moore 2 each and Danica Easterling-1.

The final game came with the

8th graders from both schools squaring off. The first quarter saw fairly evenly matched teams, the Lady Rebels were able to take the lead 10-3 at by the end of the first quarter. After the Lady Rebels found their press defense there was no looking back. At the end of the first half the score was 22-6.

The second half was outstanding basketball for the Lady Rebels. They passed the ball well and were able to make many lay-ups off the fast break.

The end of the game found the Lady Rebels on top with a score of 44-10. Whitney Savage led the scoring with 15 points, followed by Cassandra Norman with 13. Monique Savage and Jessica Griffin had 3 each and Kati Ward, Bailie Spencer, Misti Richeson and Tiffany Giles had 2 each.

"I was very pleased with the way the girls played. DeKalb has had very little time in the gym practicing basketball because they play volleyball. They have a lot of good athletes and will be a tough opponent the next time around. But, the Lady Rebels are improving each week. They see the floor well and are beginning to make some beautiful passes down low. Each girl did their part to bring the victory home".

PIPS

practice schedule

The following is the practice schedule for the Rivercrest PIPS (Players in Progress). Sponsors urge each member to attend as often as possible and to remember no shoes worn from outside may be worn on the gym floor. Each practice will be important as the group will be working on their performance routine. Members who can not be at a practice must call Lori Franks at 379-9430 ahead of time. If a member misses 3 or more practices, they will not perform. If a member misses a practice before a performance and do not call they will not be allowed to perform during the next performance. The schedule may change according to how well the group is doing.

Dec. 9: 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Dec. 16: 2:00-3:30 p.m.
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Feb. 3: 2:00-3:00 p.m.



ALL TOURNAMENT-Rivercrest Lady Rebel, Rachel Case received the All Tournament honors for the team at the Prairiland Tournament held the past weekend. Rachel is the daughter of Bruce and Tammie Case of Talco. Congratulations Rachel!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lady Rebels on the road

by Coach Debbie Williams

On Tuesday, November 27, 2001 the Lady Rebels traveled to Saltillo. The JV ladies played well, but the final score was in favor of Saltillo, 24-20. We are running more man defense with this group, and they like it. They had lots of effort and Coach Oats and this JV bunch will be ready to roll come district. Of course, they come ready to roll every game, but we are seeing major improvement from each player each game they play. Nice job ladies.

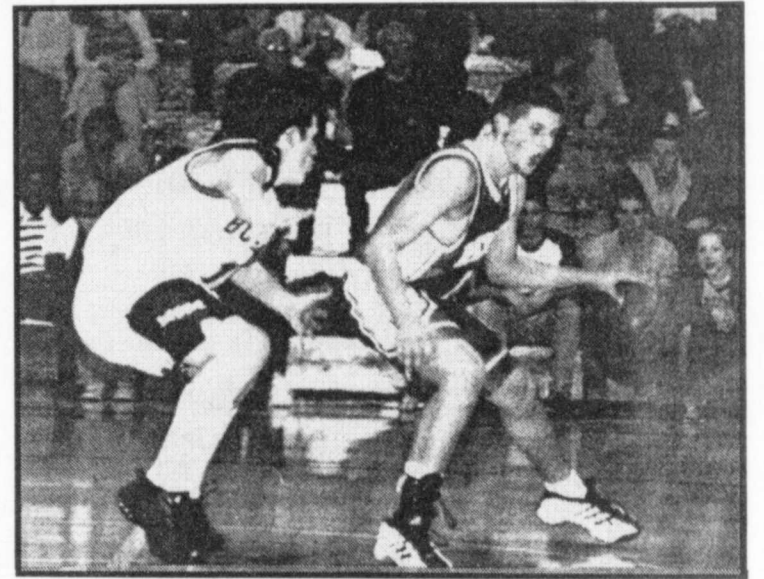
The varsity Lady Rebels started off with Saltillo Tuesday night also and had an overall bad performance for the night. It was team effort. Saltillo is a great team, STATE qualifiers in 2000, and a contender for STATE this season, but we schedule these teams to get better and we didn't even do that. This group of ladies know they must come out and perform every minute of every game, running the floor and all the fundamentals in which they can do.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Lady Rebels were in the Prairiland Tournament. We met up with Boles, another solid team in this area. We came out 1st quarter and really did well running our offense. We got the shots, but they were not falling for us. It was good to see them play well on both ends for the game. If our "dink" shots had fallen it would have been a different game, but these will come, and we know we can score these shots. It was good to see total effort from the Lady

Rebels and playing to WIN. They never quit, and this is what you must have to be a winner. Our next team was Avery Friday and we came out in a full court defense and got after it. We scored 26 points in the quarter and scrapped for them all. We had a good team victory in this game to put us in for the consolation trophy Saturday.

Saturday, we played Redwater for Consolation at 10:00 a.m. We came out strong on our press and scored a quick 6 or so points before they scored, but they adjusted and it was a game. We really worked our offense on this game and got good shots. We hit 31% from the field and this group of players expect to hit at least 40% from the floor and 30% from the three point range. We had good effort on the floor. We must rebound as a team much better. We really thought they scored off their offensive rebounds too much. We can't give a team that many opportunities or we know it will catch up with you on the score board. We brought home the consolation trophy, and we are looking for a bigger one on our next tournament, which is this weekend at North Hopkins.

Rachel Case received All Tournament for the Prairiland Tournament. Rachel's shot is really coming around and she played very physical and helped her team win the trophy. Congratulations ladies and keep up the effort. Playing to win, and always working for improvement.



NATHAN CARROLL of Rivercrest blocks a Bulldog at the Prairiland Tournament. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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LEC merger still important says board and management

The management and board of Lamar County Electric Cooperative say the merger of the co-op with Cap Rock Energy is more important than ever. There will soon be a deregulated marketplace for electric utilities in Texas. What does this mean for small companies like Lamar Electric Co-Op?

Many experts believe a utility must be a certain size to be able to survive in such a market. The large investor-owned utilities will have little interest in serving customers in rural areas - they learned long ago that rural areas were much too expensive to serve compared to the mass meters of urban areas. It is expected that many small co-ops will not survive in a deregulated marketplace, and the members of those cooperatives will end up paying increased costs for electricity, with a marked downgrade in reliability and quality of service.

The board and management of Cap Rock have been planning for years for the coming deregulation. Size is protection, and several small co-ops have joined Cap Rock in its fight for survival. The LEC board has shown wisdom in foreseeing the same future and deciding chance of survival is much better in a bigger organization.

What will happen to your capital credits if this merger does not occur? Capital credits have always been returned to the membership at the discretion of the board of directors and cooperative's bankers. In those years when the co-op made a profit, allocations were paid. In most cases, the pay-

ments were for small allocations up to 20 years in the past. If a co-op does not survive deregulation, those capital credits will never be paid. They will be eaten up by increasing need for operating capital.

Why should Cap Rock become a public stock company? First, Cap Rock is giving co-op members an opportunity to realize a return of those capital credits - either as a discounted lump sum, 100% reimbursement on electric bills or by receiving stock in Cap Rock Energy Corporation. Most Cap Rock customers have already received cash or electric bill credit. A total of \$2,187,583 has been disbursed in lump-sum payments and \$6,739,931 has been returned in electric bill credits. Cap Rock's members believed strongly in Cap Rock and many opted for stock. They have elected to receive stock worth in excess of \$13 million, representing almost 27,000 accounts. It is expected that stock certificates will be issued early in December.

A stock company structure will provide flexibility in financing, with capital to modernize and grow the business. Our goal has always been to have Cap Rock's stock in the hands of local investors - those who were members of our electric co-ops. It gives value to your capital credits. It provides a stock certificate that has value, instead of a promise of capital credits that may never be paid.

The challenges faced by electric cooperatives today are very similar to those of the thrift industry 20-plus years ago. They've operated for years in a

comfortable, protected environment, just like the thrifts in the 1970s. Now they're about to face competition for the first time. Unless they prepare themselves for change, unless they take the necessary steps to compete, they probably won't make it. The biggest prerequisite for survival is size, which provides opportunity to lower costs and provide additional work force when needed, such as during the terrible ice storm of last December.

Becoming part of a public stock company gives you more control of your destiny. Under the community-offering concept, together we have a better chance to maintain control of our companies, while securing capital to expand our infrastructure and survive.

The electric cooperative movement began with citizens banding together for mutual gain. In the 21st century, we are doing the same thing. We are taking what is best in the cooperative philosophy and combining it with the advantages of a public stock company. The result will be a public stock company that is operated much like a cooperative. You will continue to receive the same excellent service, and the Agreement to Combine ensures your rates will remain competitive.

The merger with Cap Rock is important to all LEC members. Returning proxies during the current board election is also important. It is important that LEC remain a strong, viable entity. It is probable that the merger with Cap Rock is the final opportunity for the co-op to enter a deregulated marketplace as part of a larger organization.

Rivercrest students to present "Steel Magnolias"

Students at Rivercrest High School will perform the play, "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling on December 14 and 15, 2001.

On December 14 the performances will begin at 9:30 a.m. for the student body including the junior high and at 7:30 p.m. for the community. The morning performance will be free of charge. The evening performance will be \$3.00 per ticket.

Saturday's performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$5.00 each and there will be a special dessert gala during the in-

termission time. The group will also be taking donations at each performance to earn funds for new stage curtains and to defray the cost of the dessert gala.

The cast will be: Truvy played by Kendall Stansell; Annelie played by Melissa Waller; Claire played by Michelle Bryant; Shelby played by Candace Davis; M'Lynn played by Cassie Perry and Ouiser played by Kissryn Munn.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the fine arts at RHS. The group is under the direction of RHS Band Director, Steven Moss.

Time to share your Christmas memories

It's time to send in those Christmas memories in order to share them with readers everywhere! Again this year Thunder Prairie Publishing is holding a contest for Christmas memories that will run in their big Christmas edition.

These memories can be new or old, include Christmas traditions or memories of a special holiday, memorable gift, amazing visit from Santa or whatever.

An independent panel of judges will select First, Second and third Place winners plus Honorable Mentions. First place will receive a photo album and all winners will receive a certificate of award.

These memories can be typed, handwritten or even e-mailed to

us. Submit your memory of a special Christmas to Thunder Prairie Publishing P.O. Box 98 Deport, TX 75435

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Please remember to include your name and address on the memories so proper credit can be given! The deadline for receiving these memories is December 13th, so take a moment to jot them down.

The memories are one of the favorite portions of the Christmas edition, so please send yours in to help make the paper the greatest one ever!

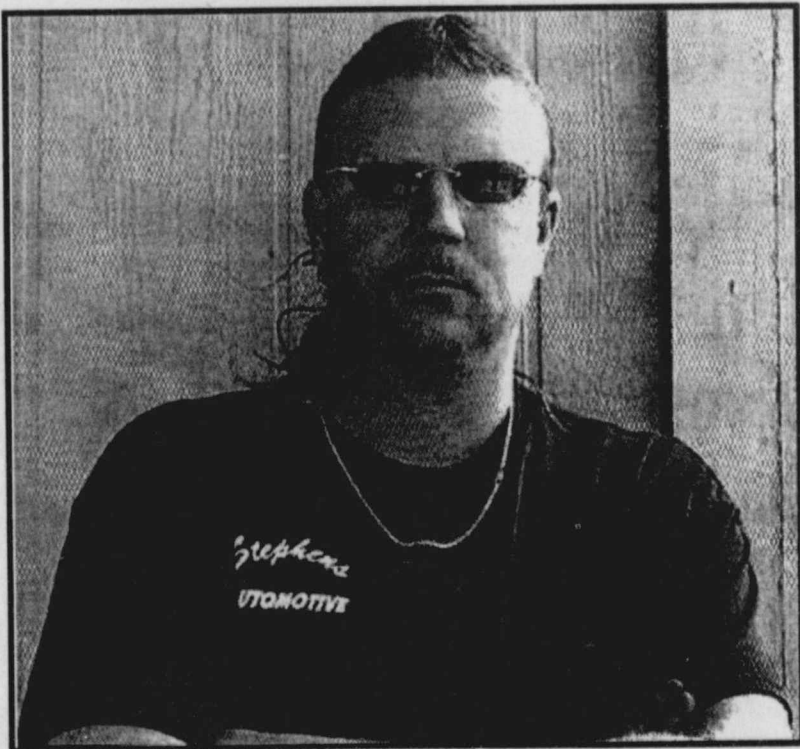
Light contest is upcoming

The Red River County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Christmas Lights Contest for Avery, Bogata, Clarksville, Detroit and all the surrounding communities for home and business.

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 Lunch
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 juice and milk
 Lunch
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 mashed potatoes
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 Lunch
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A \$5000 cash reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for burning down a hay barn located on the west side of FM 410 approximately 7 miles north of Detroit, TX. The arson occurred on or about Nov. 11, 2001. The reward will be paid after the person or persons responsible for this arson are convicted.

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Mrs. Jerry Shaw

Watkins-Shaw wed August 25

Julie Watkins of Bogata and Jerry Shaw of Argo were united in marriage at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 25, 2001 at Ramseur Baptist Church in Paris. Byron Howard of Paris officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Tony and Terry Watkins of Bogata. She is the granddaughter of Eva Watkins of Bogata and the late Tom Watkins and Floreice Nicholson of Paris and the late Reid Nicholson. She is a 1996 graduate of Rivercrest High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas A & M Commerce. She is employed as a first grade teacher at E.C. Brice Elementary in Mt. Pleasant.

The groom is the son of E.G. and Mary Locke of Argo and Gary and Janese Shaw of Dumas. He is the grandson of Jessie Orr of Tula and the late Shorty Orr, Mary Zigler of Hawley and the late James Zigler and Wanda Locke and the late Bud Locke of Argo. He is a 1993 graduate of Claude High School and he attended Lincoln Tech School. He is currently manager for Turner Auto Parts.

The bridesmaids entered to a slide show while Jessica Simpson's "Your Faith in Me" played. Nelda Johnson sang "Because You Love Me" during the lighting of the unity candle.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. She wore a white, mid-sleeved, satin princess style gown with beaded appliques accenting the bodice and full skirt. Her waist length veil fell from a beaded headband accented with small white roses and pearls.

Drop off and pick up steps at Rivercrest Elementary

Rivercrest Elementary Principal, Bill Mabry would like to request that parents and family members dropping off or picking up children please follow these steps:

All exterior doors will be locked during the day. If you need to check your child out before the regular dismissal time, you may enter the building by the front entrance and come into the office to sign them out. Office personnel will call for your child for you.

Parents dropping children off

Both the gown and veil were designed and tailored by the bride's mother.

She carried a long cascade of red and white roses accented with fern leaves, white pearls and ribbon. She wore her grandmother's ring as something old. Tammie Rolf of Mt. Pleasant served as matron of honor and Kaycee Moreland of Dallas served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amy Bishop of Mt. Pleasant, sister of the bride and Tori Ashmore of Brevard, N.C.

The bridal attendants wore floor length black and white dresses and carried lit votive candles accented with white pearls and white roses.

Jason Collins of Wellington served as best man. Groomsmen were Joe Holt of Mt. Vernon, Michael Collins of Mt. Pleasant and James Shaw of Claude, brother of the groom. Ushers were Clayton Watkins of Bogata, brother of the bride and Shawn Bishop of Mt. Pleasant, brother-in-law of the bride.

Autumn Locke of Houston, niece of the groom, and Kelly Chambers of Maywood Park, Oregon, cousin of the groom, served as flower girls with Zachery Rolf of Mt. Pleasant and Codie Shaw of Claude, nephew of the groom, serving as ringbearers.

Candlelighters were Brad Rolf of Mt. Pleasant and Carey Gable of Commerce.

A reception was held following the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church.

in the mornings or picking children up in the evening should do so on the south end of the building

(the parking lot toward Talco). Yellow arrows point the way to the drop off/pick up site under the covered walkway. Parents are urged not to let children out or block the flow of traffic. A teacher or teacher's aide will be on duty every morning and afternoon for supervision.

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Troy Brown underwent back surgery in a Tyler hospital Monday.

Sue Hall and Sharon Price enjoyed the Canton Trade Days on Sunday.

Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson were supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Anderson, Anthony and Julie Sunday evening. Enjoying supper at Sandy Creek Cafe and shopping in Paris Friday night were Eddie and Nancy Brown, Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson and Jack and Jennifer Brown.

Happy Birthday to: Erin Stansell, Rhonda Taylor, Marilyn Graf, Barbara Smith, Charles Graf, Tracy and Stacy Howard, Carol Laing, Tawala Padgett, Bradley Smith, Russell Smith, Jesi Navia, Destry Nolen, Laura Cochran, Will Johnson, Kayla Johnson, Ricky Richeson, Lorry Richeson, Shalina Richeson, Imogene Lewis, Edward Deaton, Patty Jones and Michelle Milner Robertson.

Thanksgiving guests with L.D. and Francis Richeson were; Stan and Cynthia Jones, Dean, Dean

"Remembering our Children" is Dec. 10

The December 10 meeting of the Bereaved Parents Support Group will be "Remembering our Children" in a special way by a candlelight memorial. Candles will be lit in memory of a loved one by those who desire to do so. Bring a picture of your loved one to place near the candle.

Following the memorial, Karol Davis will lead in Christmas songs. For refreshments, everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

and Shaunda Jones and children, Sandra Milner and Danny, Michael and Michelle Robertson and children, Amanda Jones, Samantha and Emily, Courtney Jones of Waco, Ricky Richeson and children of Pittsburg, Shelia Keel and Junior Vasquez, Joe Dan and Valerie Richeson, Anthony Richeson, Mark, Misty and Hunter Richeson, Wade and Lisa Smith and children of Marshall, Dale and Brandi Watson and Megan and Leslie Richeson.

Cynthia Jones, Holly Steen and Staci Newsom enjoyed shopping in Longview Saturday. They had lunch at Red Lobster before returning home.

Croix Parrott and Chloe Hodge were honored with a birthday party Sunday afternoon at the John D. and Virginia Wright home in Talco. The children and their guests had a wonderful time and Croix, the son of Matthew and Donnette Parrott and Chloe, the daughter of Bro. Brian and Melinda Hodge received many nice gifts.

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Grief holiday grief workshop to be held

Cypress Basin Hospice will host a one hour workshop on the holidays and grief: "Tis the Season". The workshop will include information about grief and suggestion in facing the holidays. "We often try to hide or mask our pain and sorrow during these times, making it difficult to really feel comfortable during the holidays," shared Marisa Daugherty Bereavement Coordinator of Cypress Basin Hospice. The workshop will be held twice to meet people's schedules: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dec. 13, 2001.

The workshop will be in the hospice office 1805 N. Jefferson, Mt. Pleasant. You may call the office for more information 577-1511.

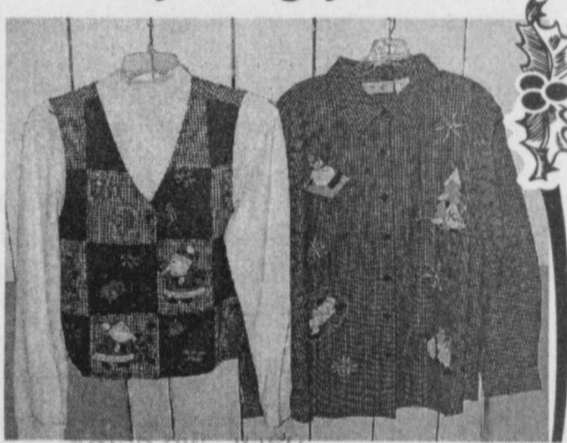


UIL 6th WINNERS-Placing at the UIL competition held Nov. 12 at Chapel Hill for the Rivercrest Junior High 6th grade were: (not in order) Katelyn Van Deaver, Kristen Clark and Lauren Mauldin who received 2nd place in team spelling. Katelyn also received 4th in individual spelling; 1st place team Calculator Applications-Jessica Thompson, Megan Savage and Laura Bevil; 1st place Dictionary Skills-Kaylee McIntire; 3rd place team Dictionary Skills-Kaylee McIntire, Jordan Stafford and Christine Holland; 4th place Listening-Aaron Rolan; 6th place Listening-Chris Shirley; 6th place Impromptu- Carmen Martin; 3rd place team Number Sense-Jessica Thompson, Destiny Hurst and Katelyn Van Deaver and 5th place Number Sense individual-Jessica Thompson. Great job students!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Spending the Thanksgiving holidays with Duane and Martha Bryson and Ola Bryson were: Charles, Pam and Michael Bryson of Dallas, Jennifer Bryson of College Station, Bill, Linda, Scott, Denise and Shelby Bryson of Lone Star, Richard, Michelle and Morgan Smith, Brent, Mikie, Josh and Breanna Bryson and T.J. Stahley of Bogata, Leslie, Duanna and Karlie Ewell, Kristofer and Kory Lawson of Paris.

Jimmy Stringfellow and Vicki Tabb had Sunday lunch with their mother, Mrs. Dixie Stringfellow. Stopping by for a short visit later was Jackie Lynne Knight.

Those enjoying Thanksgiving supper with Donald and Mary Jo Porterfield were Calvin and Joyce Gibson of Detroit, Chad Gibson of Grapevine, Dale and Bonnie Guess of Honey Grove, Herman Guess, Jessie and Megan of San Antonio, Brannon and Shannon Rodden, Gavin and Garrett of Naples, Donnie and Pam Hays and Brian of Detroit, Jennifer Hays of Tyler, Mike and Pam Fenner and Jessica of Talco, Connie Brown and Rossie

Porterfield of Mt. Pleasant, Bonnie Dickson of Collinsville, James and Betty Sue Watts of Rockwall, Dani Brown, Misty Rodden, Trevor and Trenton, Nina Hays, George Guess, Don Guess, Roger and Kaylen Guess and Bobby, Gary Guess, Kevin and Callie Guess and Cassie, Jerry and Torina House and Gena, Robert and Cathy Hays and Markie.

Kenneth York has as visitors his granddaughter, Jessica Eckols and her son, Kyle. Linda Sanderfur visited with Kenneth last week.


Friday, Joe and Misty Stringfellow, Natalie and Dakota visited with Dixie Stringfellow. Kenneth York, Jessica and Kyle Eckols were Monday visitors with Dixie.

The Bogata News has been sent as a birthday gift to Betsy Whitten in Conway, Arkansas from Jane Davis.

Ricky, Sherri and Clinton Cheatwood and Kayla Belcher enjoyed the Canton Trade Days on Sunday.

Thanksgiving guests with Nubbin and Ann Deaton were: Terry and Cody Deaton of Georgia, Edward, Laura and Andrew Deaton of Talco and Johnny, Amy, Jeremy and Joshua Deaton of Daphne Prairie.

Happy December Anniversary to: Donald and Judy Screws, M.J. and Edna Earl Dodd, Charley and Donnie Lewis and Joe and Angela Rose.



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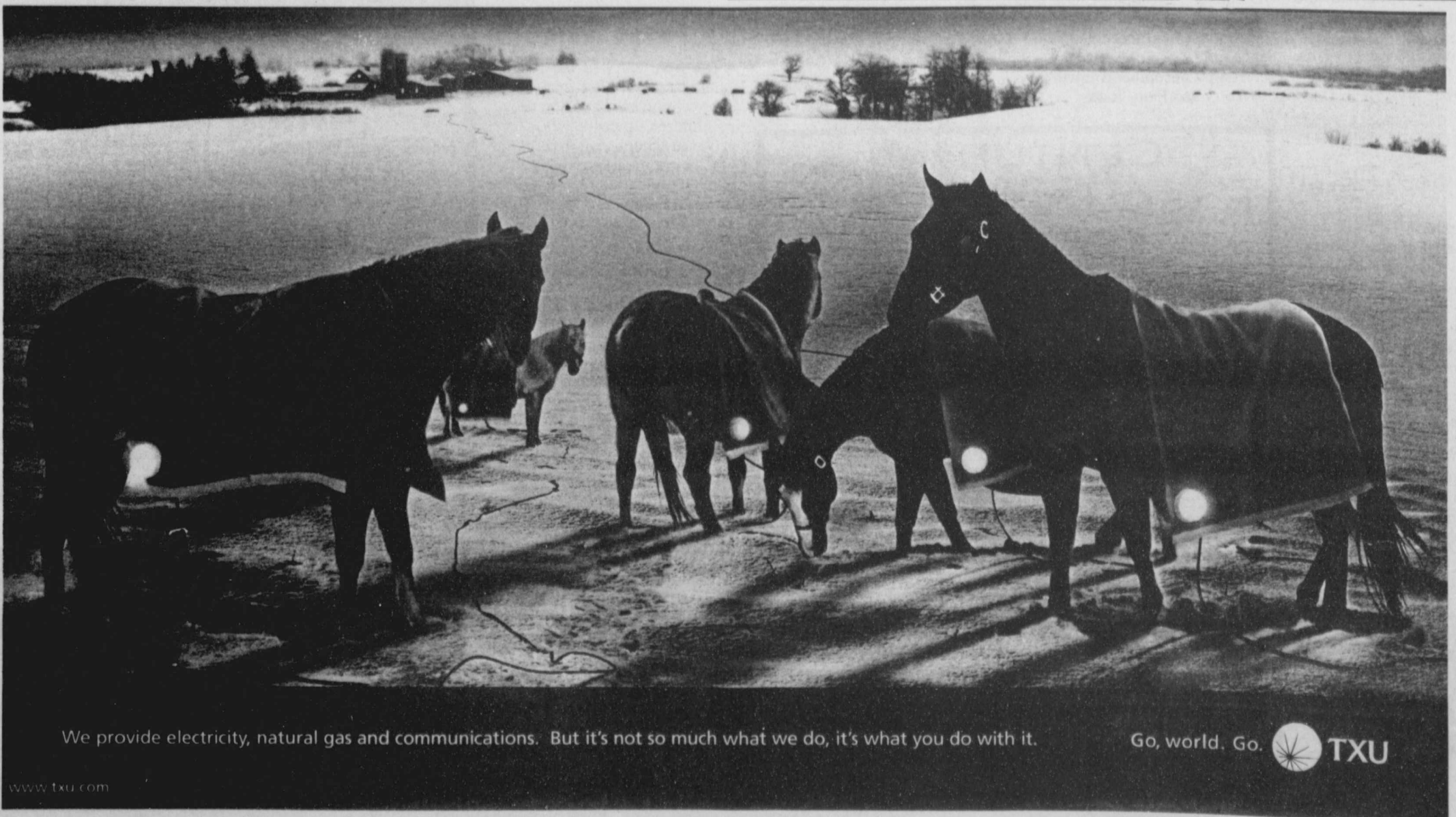
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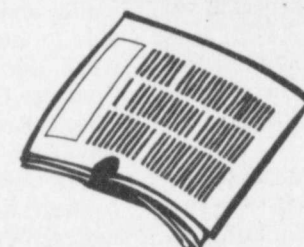
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The Bogata High School graduating class of 1949 is planning a reunion at the April 13, 2002 homecoming. A committee met for a planning session recently. All graduates, students that attended at any given year and teachers of this class will be sent an information sheet to complete. The sheet will be used to compile a booklet to be given at the class reunion. All attending the homecoming are reminded that a 12:00 noon catered luncheon will be held and all activities are held during the day. Please make plans to attend and spend a wonderful day of good food and fellowship.



UIL 7th WINNERS placing at the UIL competition held Nov. 12 at Chapel Hill for the Rivercrest Junior High 7th grade were; (not in order) 2nd place Maps, Graphs and Charts-Torrie Grissom; 2nd place Calculator Applications-Lauren Beers; 1st place team Calculator Applications-Lauren Beers, Rachel Smith and Destry Nolen; 6th place Ready Writing-Carissa Carroll; 1st place Oral Reading-Ashley Shew; 2nd place Oral Reading-Micah Haynes, 6th place Oral Reading-Lauren Beers; 1st place Spelling-Ashley Shew; 1st place team Spelling-Ashley Shew, Danielle Fulbright and Kelly Shade; 2nd place Modern Oratory-Micah Haynes; 1st place Number Sense-Lee Jordan; 3rd place Number Sense-Carissa Carroll; 4th place Number Sense-Brooke Hale; 5th place Listening-Cole Sheffield and 6th place Impromptu-Danica Easterling. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Stringfellow's honored with shower

Billy and Kathy Stringfellow were honored with a family shower for their expected son Sunday, December 2, 2001 at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Dixie Stringfellow with Vicki Tabb and Felina White as co-hostesses. Attending were Joe and Misty Stringfellow, Darrin Higgins, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow,

Jerica White, Anita Couch and coming by early were Jan McCuller and Doug Hawkins. Unable to attend but sending gifts were Lucille Childers, Toni Combest, Edna Earl Dodd, Tresa Couch, Betty Joy Puckett, Kenneth York, Michael Tabb, Maggie, Dee and Bob Richardson. The couple received many nice and useful gifts.

Red River County Humane Society needs your help

The Red River County Humane Society needs your help in placing four puppies. They are Terrier mix puppies, may be part Jack Russell Terrier, black and white, have been wormed and have had their first

shots. Three females and one male. The Society will assist with the cost of spaying and neutering. The puppies were abandoned at a rest area on Hwy. 37 close to the Red River. Please call 903-427-5435.

Deport Newspaper Office to be open on Fridays during Dec.

In order to help readers renew their subscriptions and gift subscriptions during December, the Deport Times will be open on Fridays in addition to their regular office hours. The office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7th, December 14th and December 21st. The office is open Monday through Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Letters to Editor

To the Editor:
If you want to keep possession of our co-op, sign only the back of the pink proxy and mail it to "Save Our Co-Op, P.O. Box 486, Paris, Texas 75461."

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Come to Love Civic Center, December 18 before 7 p.m. and vote to retain ownership of our Co-Op by electing those new board members who will listen to the membership and represent its members.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Detroit is accepting resumes for the position of City Secretary. Must have a high school diploma, computer knowledge, experience required in double entry book-keeping, water/sewer utility billing a plus. 30+ hrs. a week. Deadline for applications is Friday, December 7, 2001. 12-6

INVITATION FOR BIDS
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Blossom will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on December 13, 2001 at Blossom City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas, to review the findings of the City's Texas Community Development Program (TCDP Contract No. 720069) Sewer Improvements Project. Interested persons are encouraged to attend. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend this hearing may contact City Hall to

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Request for Bids Class A Pumper Fire Apparatus

The City of Blossom, Texas, hereby requests sealed bids for the lease/purchase of a Class "A" Pumper Fire apparatus. Bids must propose product equal to or better than those defined herein and specifications detailed in the City's Bid package:

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Bids must also include: Total initial cost of vehicle and equipment; 10-year lease/purchase schedule to include interest rate; annual payment to lease/purchase; total cost of agreement, including all interest, fees and annual lease payments; warranty on vehicle and equipment; delivery date.

Sealed bids must be received at Blossom City Hall prior to 10:00 a.m. on December 4, at which time bids will be opened publicly.

The City intends to consider the annual cost of lease/purchase and the total cost of lease/purchase agreement as the primary criteria for selecting the successful most responsive bidder. The award of contract will be based upon the City's available budget funds. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or waive any technicality that may benefit the City of Blossom. 12-6

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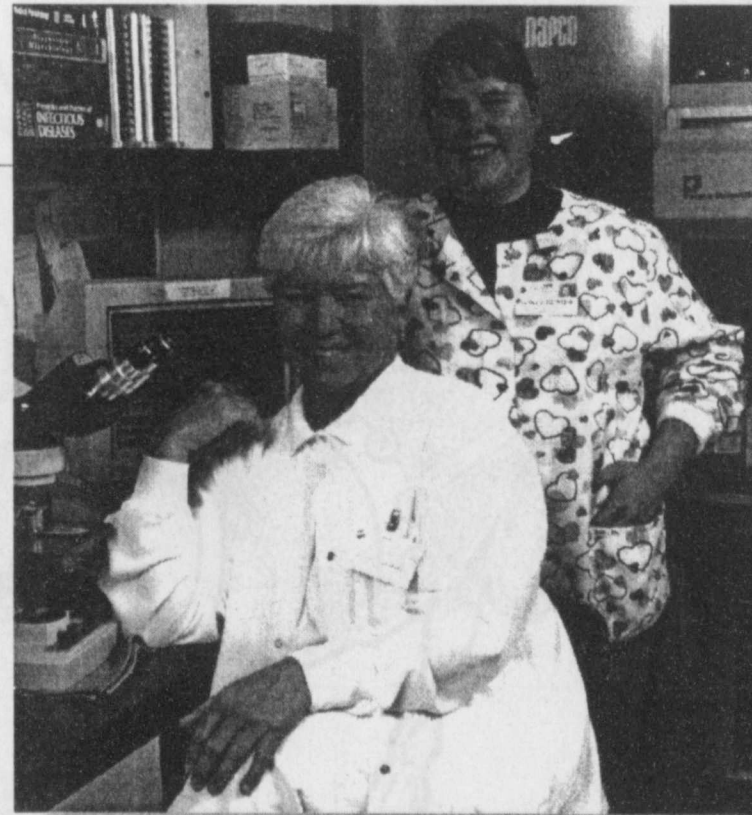
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JACK'S TREE SERVICE: Insured with reasonable rates, trees trimmed or removed. Brush cleanup and stump grinding. Edna & Jack Tucker, Detroit, TX. Home 903-674-4945, mobile 903-491-8321. MA t/c

BARNWELL CONSTRUCTION All types of dirt work. Backhoe, dozer, dumptruck. Donnie Barnwell, owner-operator. 903-563-2389 days; 903-632-4544 nights. MA 12-5

NOW SELLING Mary Kay Cosmetics in Bogata. Call Janice Brown, 903-632-4544. MA 12-5

NEED HOME REPAIRS? Will do general repairs from painting to plumbing. All types of general repairs. Over 10 years experience, have references. Call 903-652-5602, ask for Travis. MA 12-6

COOPER BODY SHOP: Paint & body repair & restoration, cars & trucks, semi & farm tractors. 903-632-2206, 632-4839. Hwy. 37, 4 miles N. of Hagensport. MA 12-20

Wanted

LOCAL LADIES would like to care for elderly or patients recovering from illness. Live in or by the hour. Very good references. 903-860-2682. MA 12-6

HOME HEALTH attendant needed in Bogata 6.5 hrs. a week, 3 days. Call Red River HealthCare at 785-4070 to apply. 12-13

Sales

CACKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-7158 or 572-3825. MA t/c

HUGE SADDLE & TACK AUCTION December 9, 1 p.m. in Hagensport. Over 30 saddles, large amount of tack. Just in time for Christmas. 903-632-0956 for info. MA 12-13

GARAGE SALE: Dec. 7-8, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Talco off Hwy. 271S (beige pipe fence), 3 families, Xmas decorations, clothes, vacuum cleaner, dishes, baskets, hair products, furniture, some farm equip. 12-6

GARAGE SALE: Dec. 7-8, 110 N. Bryson, Bogata. Cancel if heavy rain. 12-6

Lost & Found

REMEMBER, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

LOST: Gray & white Cockatill, family pet. \$50 reward for return. Please call 903-379-4121 or 379-3231. nc

LOST: Yorkshire Terrier puppy, 4 months old, male, no collar, answers to "Rebel". Call 903-652-9306, Jeremy Day. 12-6nc

FOUND: Yorkshire Terrier adult female. Call 903-652-9306 and identify. 12-6nc

FOUND: Almost grown black kitten with small white patch. Come by Deport Times to claim or if you need a Christmas kitten, come by or call 652-4205 to keep this one. Sweet kitten!!

**PEOPLE
'N
THINGS**

December 11 & 12
Rivercrest ISD schools will dismiss early on both Dec. 11 & Dec. 12 for the Talco and Bogata Christmas parades. Students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m.

December 11
The annual Talco Christmas Parade will be held December 11, 2001 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Children may visit with Santa at the Talco Guaranty Bank following the parade.

December 12
The annual Bogata Christmas Parade will be held December 12, 2001 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

December 14 & 15
The Rivercrest drama students will hold a performance of "Steel Magnolias" on December 14 for the junior high school students beginning at 10:00 a.m.

At 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 a performance will be held for the community. Tickets will be \$3.00.

On December 15, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. the cast will perform for the community. Tickets will be \$5.00 each and at the intermission a dessert gala will be offered. Donations will also be accepted and appreciated to help purchase new stage curtains.

December 20
The annual Rivercrest Elementary Christmas program will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Neva Oats at the elementary school on Dec. 20, 2001 beginning at 9:00 a.m. All parents, grandparents, family members and friends are invited to come and enjoy the children's program.

The Red River Dance Express will appear in the Detroit Parade and the VFW All Star Shows on December 8 and the Christmas Show at Detroit High on December 13.



UIL 8th WINNERS-placing at the UIL competition held Nov. 12 at Chapel Hill for the Rivercrest 8th grade were; (not in order) Calculator Application: 3rd place-Aaron Palmer, 4th place-Adam Horn and 5th place-Jake Needham; Impromptu: 5th place Wendy Stewart; Oral Reading: 1st place Baillie Spencer; Number Sense: 3rd place Aaron Palmer, 4th place Miranda Mauldin and Listening Skills: 5th place Keith Williams. Good Job Students!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Little Dribblers meeting December 9

There will be an organizational meeting for the Rivercrest Little Dribblers basketball on Sunday, December 9, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. in the Rivercrest High School cafeteria.

The meeting will be to elect new officers and to make plans for the organization for the upcoming year. Any person interested in coaching a team, or being an officer, please make plans to attend the meeting.

Editor's Quotes
What do we live for if not to make the world less difficult for each other?
George Elliott.

**Red River County
Crime Stoppers
903-427-TIPS**

Red River County Sheriff's Department is requesting your help with the following cases.

Sometime between Friday, November 30, a vehicle was burglarized in Clarksville. The vehicle, a 1993 Chevrolet pickup was pried into and the suspects stole a set of tools, at an approximate cost of over \$865.00.

Sometime round the end of August and first of September, unknown suspects entered the old Humble Lake property near Jolntown on 4-wheelers. While

there, suspects forced entry into 5 cabins. All doors were kicked open, destroying both the door and door frame. Several windows were broken and suspects stole microwaves, dishes, small appliances and other assorted items. These burglaries resulted in excess of \$12,700 in lost and damaged property.

If you have any information as to the identity of these suspect(s), please contact Red River County Crime Stoppers at 427-8477.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:
Lamar Electric Co-Op will be dead if it is voted to consolidate with Cap Rock. Their rates are 41% higher than ours. They have voted for another 12% raise. That 53% will be added to our monthly bill the date we are voted in Cap Rock.

Read the ads in the Bogata paper, both pro and con. A lot of people did lots of legwork to get the LEC. We need to keep it a co-op with some new board members. I am singing my proxy and sending it to Save Our Co-op, P.O. Box 486, Paris, TX 75461. I plan to attend the meeting at Love Civic Center on December 18. Something might come up that I can't be there and I want my vote to count against Cap Rock.

I have been a member of LEC since day one. A lot of people got lax and didn't take care of business is the reason for the mess we are in now. Lets get

together and get our Co-op back on the right track. Some questions that bother me are why did LEC need a parking lot? Who authorized the Co-op money to be spent on it? The \$5.00 off your electric bill if you mail your proxy back to them. It is our money, who authorized it? It is our money, who authorized it, is it not buying votes? Does the ones that don't mail their proxy back to get the \$5.00 off their electric bill also? If not would that be discrimination? Lots of things are wrong. Let's band together and make it right. Some say they get hate mail with no signature on them. Read the ads in the Bogata paper from both sides. I am writing this letter. I am signing it. So I have malice toward none and with all due respect to everyone. I am

Pearis C. Abernathy, Sr.

RRCo. Genealogical Society Party will be at Lennox House

The December 10th meeting for the Red River County Genealogical Society will be held at the Lennox House in Clarksville, Texas. Members and their guests will gather at 6:30 p.m. For a finger food buffet. Each year the society has met at historic locations. The society has met in pre-

vious years at the Blossom library, Detroit Museum, Courthouse Bed & Breakfast ad the Old Church Theater. Mary Hausler will speak about the Lennox Home and the furnishings after the buffet.

There will not be a gift exchange. Members are requested to bring finger foods for the buffet.

Red River County's Historical Society's Tour of Homes is December 8

The Red River County Historical Society's third annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be Saturday, December 8 from 3:30 until 6:50 p.m.

Sites include the homes of Diane Hawthorne, Donnie and Camey Limbock and Russell and Anji Murphree and the Lennox

House. The First Presbyterian Church will be a tour site offering a variety of holiday musical selections.

All proceeds from the day's events go toward the restoration and upkeep of the historical kitchen of the DeMorse Home. For information, call 427-3049.

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