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A Little Mystery

Here's a little story that I have found interesting.

On New Year's day we received a phone call from Pam Kelly. Tearfully, she explained that her small dog, "Pooh" was missing. The elderly dog, which has a hearing and sight problem, had been let out for a moment, and took off running when some fireworks were set off near her. Pam wanted to run an ad in the papers to try and locate the dog.

In Bogata on New Year's eve Norma and Ross Baird were at the arcade at the intersection of 37 and Hwy. 271. Just before midnight, a tired little dog ran in the door.

Norma says that "the little dog just came right to me. The way she looked up at me was so pitiful, it was like she was begging me to help her".

At the end of the evening they Norma and Ross took the dog home with them, being way too softhearted to ever leave an animal alone on the road.

At home they discovered the dog was footsore, covered in sand, and exhausted. After a meal and some water, the dog fell into an exhausted sleep.

Perfectly behaved, housebroken, they knew the dog had to belong to someone who cared about her, but a survey of posters placed around Bogata did not turn up any dog missing.

When the Bogata News came out that week, Norma scanned the mini ads hopefully, but found to ad for a lost dog.

Later, she kept thinking "there just has to be an ad in here for this dog, someone is looking for her".

She picked up the Bogata News again, and sure enough, there was a small block ad next to the mini-ads. A call to Deport brought a delighted owner rushing to claim "Pooh".

Since dogs can't talk, it may never be known how this small dog managed to get from Deport to Bogata on New Year's Eve.

Did she run the whole six miles? Did someone pick her up and dump her as some idea of a sick joke?

The Bairds say she was so tired that she must have walked or run the whole distance.

It's a mystery, and one of those stories with a happy ending that are nice to hear.

Pooh is a lucky dog, due to the kindness and concern of the Bairds, who admit the dog was so sweet they almost hated to part with her!



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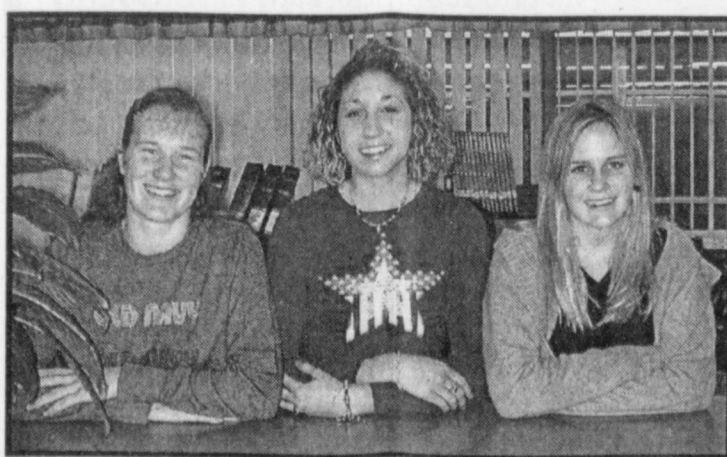
Driver's Education Program to be February 4 at Rivercrest

Rivercrest High School students who will be 15 years of age by Monday, April 1, 2002 may enroll in the driver's education program in the high school office. The cost of the program will be \$185.00 that will be due by the first class day, Monday, February 4, 2002. Class will begin at 6:00 a.m. sharp, Monday through Friday and will release for regular school classes by 7:50 a.m. The program will consist of 32 hours of classroom instruction, 7 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and 7 hours of in-car observation. Students who will be enrolled in the program will need a certified birth certificate, and an original social security card of proof of the social security number from

the social security office. There will be a mandatory parent-student meeting on Thursday, January 31, 2002 at the high school from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to present an overview of the driver's education program, address any questions and discuss the new laws that went into effect on January 1, 2002 concerning student driver's.

The instructor for the program will be Ms. Leah Bull of Bogata. If you have any questions concerning the driver's education program, contact Ms. Bull at 379-3841 Monday through Friday or 632-9520 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. week nights.

NOMINATED-for Red River County Ambassador from Rivercrest High School this year are; (left to right) Erica Williams, Ashley Beers and Alison Foster. The girls will be interviewed for the honor soon. Erica is the daughter of Lee Booker and Brian Williams of Bogata. Ashley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Beers of Bogata and Alison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Foster of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



Rivercrest second grade presents "Johnny Appleseed"

The Rivercrest second grade classes presented the play, "Johnny Appleseed" on Friday, January 18, 2002 in the school cafeteria under the direction of their teachers, Jan Grissom, Sandra Stockton and Stacy Weddle.

The state was decorated with beautiful scenery of apple trees, a covered wagon and a log which held a bear, better known as Ashley Wynn. All the second graders participated in the play and were dressed in costumes fitting their parts. The children did a wonderful job presenting their play to the Elementary students, parents, grandparents and other guests.

Characters in the play were: Johnny Appleseed at age 30 played by Carter Kelsey, Frontier father played by Jed Burge, Frontier mother played by Heather Holt, 1st Frontier girl played by Chloe Hodge, 2nd Frontier girl played by Marissa White, Frontier boy played by Scott White, Young Wolf played by Anshuman Ganguly, Ten Horses played by Edward Waymire, Flying Eagle played by Juan Leija, Middle aged Johnny Appleseed played by Dillion McQueen, Bear played by Ashley Wynn. Bee

played by Marley Tidwell, Rabbit played by Brooklyn Bishop, Snake played by Jacob Wright, Mosquito played by Brittany Walesiak, Wolf played by Trevor Jessee and Johnny Appleseed at age 70 played by Jordan Smith.

Johnny's half sisters and brothers were played by Misty Ewton, Tyler Easley, Zia Anderson, Stormi Tully, Nathan Moore, Britany Powell, Chris Brooks, Luke Smith, Shelby Steen and Breanna Fulbright. This group also served as the chorus for the play.

Serving as Narrators were: Angelika Ramirez, Jacob Harville, Jake Sheffield, Isabella Rivera, Joey White, Kacie Branch, Raven Travillion, Lauren Healy, Blake Richardson, Angela Douthitt, Darian Smith, Haley Strunc, Jordan Thompson, Camen Calvin, Niko Perez and Jackson Davis.

Proceeds from the play will go toward the purchase of trees which will be planted on the new Rivercrest Elementary playground. The trees will be planted in memory of Mrs. Dianne Ross, who taught many of these students in first grade.



SERVING AS-Johnny Appleseed in the Rivercrest Elementary second grade's play, "Johnny Appleseed" were Johnny at age 30-Carter Kelsey; Johnny at age 70-Jordan White and Johnny at middle-age-Dillion McQueen.

Council calls emergency meeting

The Bogata city Council met in an emergency meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 21 to discuss and take action on repairing the pump at well #4.

Mayor Kennedy presided over the meeting at which all council members, two employees and three guests were present.

Wendell Davis, Water Superintendent, reported that Monday morning, water was discovered coming out of the stuffing box of well #4, which was drilled in 1972. Mr. Davis has contacted Layne Christensen Company and they have given an estimated

quote of \$25,436.00 to pull, inspect, repair and reinstall the pump. After the well pump is pulled and inspected, a report of findings and a final repair cost will be given at that time.

The Council voted unanimously to have it repaired. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

At the regular meeting in February, the Council will possibly discuss raising the water rates to help pay for this and future repairs on the wells, overhead and ground storage water tanks.



BOOK FAIR-Rivercrest Elementary students Alison Mauldin, Haley Lemme, Miranda Miller and Tamara Moore are pictured gathered around volunteer, Stella Mankins looking at the various items offered at the Rivercrest Elementary Book Fair held Tuesday, January 22, 2002. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Water plan meeting set for February 20

The North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group will present an opportunity for comment concerning the Preparation of the Scope of Work for the update of the Regional Water Plan for the North East Texas Region D at the Texas Agriculture Extension Service Building, 1708 Industrial Blvd., Mt. Pleasant on February 20 at 2:00 p.m.

The proposed action is to receive comments and input for the preparation of a draft Scope of Work for the first update of the adopted Regional Water Plan for the North East Texas Region D. The Scope of Work is to describe the activities to be performed during development and completion

of the first update; such planning is also referred to as Phase II of the Regional Water Plan for Region D.

Comments from the public may be received orally or in writing at the public meeting. Written comments may be delivered prior to the meeting to the Administrative Agency, the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District. Deadline for submission of any written comments concerning the draft Scope of Work to the Administrative Agency is February 20 at 2:05 p.m.

Copies of a proposed draft Scope of Work can be reviewed and/or acquired at the Administra-

tive Agency after February 4, 2002. The public can find information about the guidance for the preparation of the draft Scope of Work and related directives at the website of the Texas Water Development Board. This planning is being conducted pursuant to the TWDB, P.O. Box 13321, 1700 N. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78711-3231.

Questions and requests for additional information may be submitted to the Administrative Agency for NETRWPG at P.O. Box 955, 4180 FM250 South, Hughes Springs, TX 75656-0955, 903-639-7538, Walt Sears, Jr., General Manager.

Book Fair going on at RES

A "Book Fair" is going at Rivercrest Elementary School Library this week. Books, posters and more are offered for sale until Monday, January 28, 2002.

Anyone interested is invited to come by and browse anytime during the school day. Proceeds from the event go to buy more books and supplies for the Rivercrest Elementary Library. For more information contact Linda Gray, Librarian.

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Financial aid night at Rivercrest for senior parents

The annual Rivercrest High School Financial Aid Night will be held February 7, 2002 in the Homemaking room beginning at 7:00 p.m. Gayla Jeffery from PJC, will be there to help students fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and to answer questions.

Students will need to bring their social security number, parents

2001 income tax return or W-2 forms or last pay stub for 2001 showing year to date income.

All seniors and their parents are urged to attend. The information presented will be extremely helpful in funding student's college education.

Call Tiffany Easley for more information at 632-5204.

Girl Scout cookie sale continues

Girl Scouts began their annual cookie sale on January 11 and will continue through January 27. The cookies will be delivered February 18 through March 10.

Once the cookies have arrived, booth sales and cookie caravans will also be opportunities for customers to purchase additional cookies.

According to Girl Scout officials, proceeds from the annual sale support activities of local Girl

Scout troops, as well as the services and facilities of the council.

If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout and wish to place an order, you may call the Girl Scout office at 903-784-0803 or 1-800-987-0975, or your local cookie managers, Susan Grantham in Red River County at 632-4997; Carla Filkins in Deport at 652-4702 or Audra Lane in Blossom at 982-6489.

RR County Community Resource Association to meet

The Red River County Community Resource Association will meet on November 8, 2001 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Lennox Health Resource Center located at 114 North Walnut St. in Clarksville, Tx.

The guest speaker will be Darlena Shimpock, D.A.R.E. Officer. The group will also begin the "winter needs" drive for the senior citizens of Red River County.

These meetings are for all area agencies and organizations who cover Red River County and have an interest in the health and well being of county residents. There are no membership fees. The purpose of the Red River County Resource Association is to enhance the knowledge of each agency so that clients may be better served. For more information call: Laurie Pryor at 903-428-8500.

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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



I found another cookbook! This one is from the Blossom First Baptist Church Youth and Children's group. They completed the book just recently and have it on sale with a limited number still left for only \$8.00 each and going fast. Books are available at the Blossom Superette, any church member or you may call the church at 903-982-5212.

A little information about this organization: Youth Committee members are Carrie Couch, Debby Naron, Leslie Martin, Tammie Gillie and Jordan Smith. The children's committee are Carla Graham, Felicia Vanderburg, Cheryl Vanderburg, Leasa Hunold and Sheri Pugh. These committees help plan and schedule events and also assist in those events.

They try to plan something at least once a month and try to include a spiritual emphasis in all activities. An example of this is that everyone that attends the Harvest Festival receives a tract about the steps to Salvation and also how they included the real meaning of Christmas in their Christmas party.

Some of their activities along with the Harvest Festival is the trip to the Tyler Zoo with a side trip to McDonalds; a hayride and weiner roast for the Christmas party which included the reading of the Christmas story and a birthday cake and singing of "Happy Birthday Jesus"; before Thanksgiving they went to several of the homes and the nursing homes delivering fruit baskets to the shut-in members of the church; they rented the pool at Gordon's Country Club and had hamburgers and hot dogs as a "Back To School" party; Vacation Bible School which is held each June; and this past Sunday, all the kids who participated in the

Christmas program were treated to pizza.

Their main fundraising goal is to raise enough money to pay for the ones who attend the Youth Camp. They also attend the Youth Evangelism Conference in San Antonio each year. In February they will be attending a student life conference in Rockwall along with some upcoming bowling trips and playing volleyball each week. They are currently working on a church-wide Valentine's Banquet where they will play games, give away prizes and enjoy a barbecue meal afterwards.

The children (3-5) have Mission Friends from 5-6 p.m. each Monday. Ages 6-8 have Bible Buddies from 5-6 p.m. and the youth meets each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. We have included some of these young cooks who contributed their recipes to this week's column. We hope you enjoy them.

If you have a featured cook you would like to see or if an organization is preparing a cookbook, let us know. We'll see you in the kitchen!

LIME JELLO SALAD-Chase Hunold-why is it that small boys always like jello recipes?

LEMON CHICKEN-Carrie Couch-marinate ahead of time and grill or broil for a great meal!

RED VELVET CAKE-Jordan Hunold-a sure hit everytime!

HUGS AND KISSES CHEESECAKE-Amie Love-nothing better than chocolate cheesecake!

DIRT CAKE-Layton Graham-mom won't let you play in the dirt pile.....try this one!

AQUARIUM-Parker Graham-there is no way you can kill these fish.....unless you eat them!


Bogata V.F.W. News

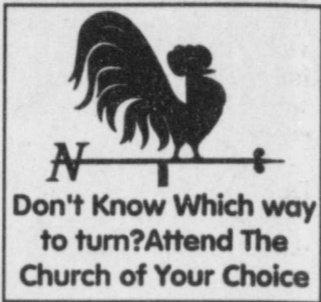
* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

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

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

*There is going to be a Valentine Dance held February 16, 2002 starting at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Post will be having a benefit meal March 2, 2002 beginning at 12:00 noon for Mary Elrod. More details will be available next week.



RRC Genealogical Society meets

The Red River County Genealogical Society met for the January meeting at the Red River County Library. Gene Simmons of Boxelder, Tx. presented a program on research of the Simmons family through ten generations.

Mr. Simmons described the problems encountered in the process of compiling a book on the family. Numerous family members acquired information from Bibles, cemetery records, libraries, the Internet and various other sources. Mr. Simmons allowed the audience to ask questions after his talk.

Twenty-nine members and guests were in attendance for this enjoyable program. The next meeting will be held February 11, 2002 at the County Library beginning at 7:30 p.m. All are invited and welcome to attend.

YWCA to hold comedy luncheon

"Getting Organized in 2002" will be the topic covered in a humorous talk given by Sheila Gay at the YWCA Activity Center on Friday, January 25 at noon.

Sheila is a comedienne and has performed at Hyena's in Dallas as well as in comedy clubs throughout the western and mid-western nited States.

The YWCA will sponsor a series of luncheons scheduled every two months throughout the year. The luncheons will provide education on a number of topics, including gardening, women's health and stress reduction.

People wishing to attend should make a reservation. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased by calling 785-5221.

Water Supply Corp. to meet

The Pattonville Water Supply corporation will meet January 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pattonville Community Center.

Items to be discussed at this meeting include voting to change the by-laws; ownership of mem-

Blood screening clinic will be February 1

A blood screening clinic will be held at Christus St. Joseph's Family Clinic in Bogata on Friday, February 1.

Diabetes Management Services of Paris will host the event from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Mrs. Vivian Fail dies January 16

Mrs. Vivian Fail, age 81, formerly of Talco died Wednesday, January 16 in Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 19 at Talco Assembly of God Church with Rev. Don Malone officiating. Burial followed in Talco Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Bogata.

Mrs. Fail was born February 6, 1920 in Polk County, TX, the daughter of B.G. and Mary Black Tate. She married J.C. Fail on March 4, 1939 in Henderson County. He preceded her in death on November 24, 1999. She was a Licensed Vocational Nurse and worked at Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata for a number of years until her retirement. She was a member of Talco Assembly of God Church.

Surviving are her children, Marilyn Presley and her husband, Ronnie of Talco, Yvonne Parker and her husband Doug of Talco, Jimmy Fail and his wife Aline of Palestine and Lynn Fail and his wife Ann of Kilgore; two brothers, Gerald Tate of Trinidad and Barney Tate of Snyder; two sisters, Vinnie Crocker of Waco and Elsie Kennedy of Scurry; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ray Tate and Thurman Tate and a son-in-law, Glenn Harris.

Obituaries

William E. Stockton dies December 19

Mr. William Eugene (Shorty) Stockton, age 71 of Wichita Falls, formerly of Talco, died December 19, 2001 in Wichita Falls after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Burial was by cremation.

Mr. Stockton was born December 11, 1930 in Bogata, Red River County, the son of Haskell Stockton and Una F. Stockton, who preceded him in death. He was raised by his grandparents, John A. and Lena Stockton of Talco, also deceased.

Mr. Stockton graduated from Talco High School in 1950. He enlisted in the Air Force and served from 1950 to 1959. He was a veteran of the Korean War. After separating from the Air Force, he worked as an oil field worker and various other jobs in Talco before moving to Wichita Falls.

Surviving are two sons, Christopher and Matthew, formerly of Johtown; sisters, Glenda Gail Green of Burkburnett and Betty Ruth Dunn of Omaha; and nephews, Darrel Stockton of Talco and Donald Stockton of Bogata; one brother, James H. Stockton of Albuquerque, NM and numerous other nieces and nephews.

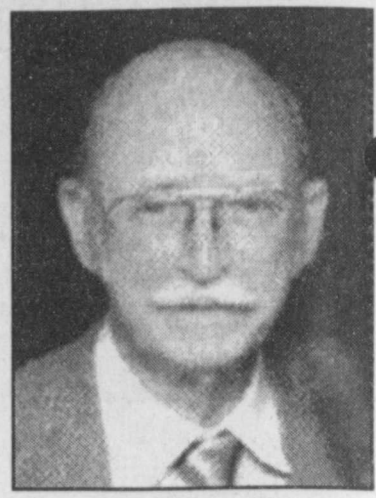
J.T. Eason dies January 15

J.T. Eason, age 83 of Bogata died Tuesday, January 15, 2002 in Christus St. Joseph Hospital North, Paris.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 17 in the Bogata Church of Christ with Benny Cogburn, John Mullins and Randy Miller officiating. Burial followed in Smith Cemetery at Rosalie under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Eason was born July 29, 1918 in Ivanhoe, TX, the son of John Thomas and Mary Tucker Eason. He was retired from Bonham Veterans Hospital dietary department. He was a veteran of World War 11, serving for five years in the U.S. Army and an active member of the Bogata Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Mayes Eason of Bogata; two daughters, Cheryl Adkins and husband Jim of Irving and Karen Sheppard and husband Harold of Clarksville; a stepson, Ralph Mayes of Bogata and a stepdaughter, Susie Young of Garland; one sister, Lois Pruitt of Ratliff, Kentucky; four grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and 11 step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two stepsons, Roy and Julius Mayes and a stepgrandson Craig Mayes.



Dr. E.L. Miller
Dr. E.L. Miller dies January 20

Dr. E.L. Miller, age 82 of Talco, died Sunday, January 20, 2002 in Titus Regional Medical Center.

Wood Funeral Homes conducted services on Tuesday, January 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the Bogata United Methodist Church with burial following in Bogata Cemetery.

He was born January 5, 1920 in Salix, Pennsylvania, the son of Ellis and Ida Livingston Miller. On April 1, 1965 he married the former Dorothy Newby in Talco. Dr. Miller has been a prominent physician in Talco for the last 54 years, establishing his practice in 1948. He was a member of the Titus Regional hospital Physicians Staff and was an active member of the Bogata United Methodist Church, being a long time teacher of the Ever Ready School Class.

He is survived by his wife, Dottie of Talco; a son, Dr. Doug Miller and wife Gail of Ardmore, OK; two daughters, Lynda Ryle of Irving and Pamela Sublette and husband William of Lawrence, KS; a sister-in-law, Jean Beckham and husband John El of Hughes Springs; one niece, Nancy Long of Conroe; two nephews, Tommy Armstrong of Lone Star and Jimmy Armstrong of Longview; four grandchildren, Andrew Hiram Ryle, Rebecca Gail Miller, Aaron Josiah Miller and Brandon Miller Sublette; two great-grandchildren, Dylan Jacob Ryle and Sydney Dawn Ryle.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, Leukemia Lymphoma Foundation or the American Heart Association.

Card of Thanks

The Pattonville VFD would like to thank the Pattonville Baptist Church for their continuous support of the fire department.

Fire Chief and all members of the Pattonville VFD

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First Baptist Church Youth-Blossom

Lime Jello Salad Chase Hunold	Hugs and Kisses Cheesecake Amie Love
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2 small packages lime jello
20 ounce can crushed pineapple
8 ounce package cream cheese
1/2 pint whipping cream
1 small package mini marshmallows
1 pint boiling water
Combine cream cheese, marshmallows, yellow and water. Beat until marshmallows are dissolved. Add pineapple and let cool completely. Whip cream and add to cooled jello mixture. Beat until smooth and pour into glass bowls and chill.

Broiled Lemon Chicken
Carrie Couch

2/3 cup Real Lemon juice
6 tablespoons water
2 tsps instant chicken bouillon
2 cloves garlic
1 teaspoon pepper
2-3 pounds chicken
Mix all ingredients together and marinate for 4 hours or overnight. Remove from marinade and heat marinade. Grill or broil chicken, basting frequently.

Red Velvet Cake
Jordan Hunold

3 sticks butter-softened
2 teaspoons vanilla
1-1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 ounce red food coloring
2 tablespoons cocoa
1 teaspoon salt
2-1/3 cups flour
1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon vinegar
8 oz. package cream cheese-softened
1 pound powdered sugar
Cream 2 sticks of butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla in bowl. Add sugar, 1/3 cup at a time, beat well after each addition. Beat in eggs, one at a time after each addition. Stir in food coloring, cocoa, salt and mix well. Add flour, 1/3 cup at a time, alternately with buttermilk. Beat well after each addition, beginning and ending with flour. Combine soda and vinegar. Add to batter, mixing well. Pour into 3 prepared cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until cake tests done. Cream remaining stick of butter with cream cheese in bowl. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla and powdered sugar and mix well. Spread between layers and over top and sides of cooled cake.

Dirt Cake
Layton Graham

1 pound bag Oreo cookies
2 large boxes vanilla pudding
2 cups milk
8 ounces cream cheese
1 tub Cool Whip
1/2 stick oleo or margarine
1 cup powdered sugar
Pulverize cookies in food processor and set aside. In large mixing bowl combine milk and pudding until thick but not lumpy. Fold in Cool Whip and blend until smooth. In separate mixing bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Then fold in pudding mixture. Stir it all up together until smooth, creamy mass of goo. Pour mixture into new, clean plastic flower pot (be sure to cover hole in bottom) or a baking pan if you are making a grave. Cover with crumbled cookies. Add gummy worms for decoration or stick a clean plastic flower or plant in the middle to make it look like a potted plant. Serve with clean garden tool.

Aquarium
Parker Graham

6 boxes blue jello
gummy fish
goldfish bowl
Make 6 boxes of jello to fill goldfish bowl. Let sit until it begins to firm a bit. Add gummy fish and gummy octopus to the jello. You can also make individual aquariums using clear plastic cups.

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Red River County Sheriff's Report

January 14-20

January 14: Armed robbery at Clarksville Arcade on 37N; female arrested on capias pro fine for no insurance; male arrested on two DeKalb warrants for possession of marijuana and tampering with physical evidence; inmate released on bond; female arrested for possession of controlled substance; inmate released after paying fines; criminal mischief at Rivercrest Heights.

January 15: Inmate released to INS for transport; disorderly conduct on FM909; criminal trespass in Avery; inmate released to DeKalb on their warrants; inmate released on bond and fine paid; unknown explosion on 410N.

January 16: Loud music report in Detroit; loose sheep at Bagwell cutoff.

January 17: Male arrested on warrant for violation of probation; male arrested for violation of probation; male arrested on warrant for aggravated assault.

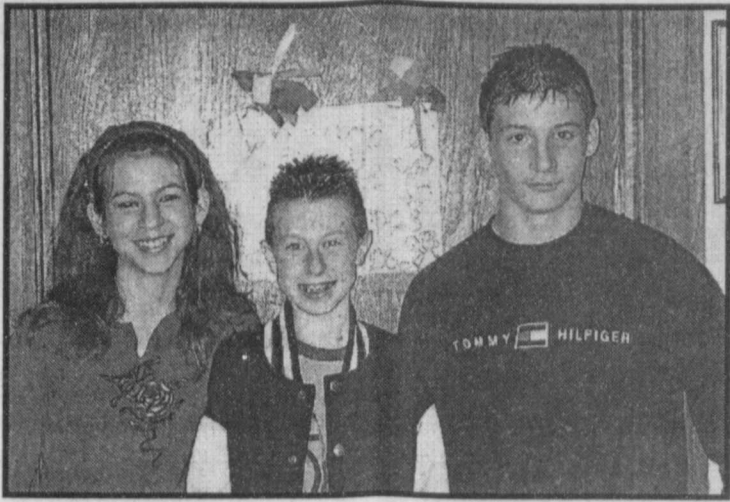
January 18: Open door at Douglas Timber; assisted Annona First Responders on medical call on CR3300; male arrested on

warrant for assault with bodily injury, family violence; theft of 4-wheelers at Woodland; illegal trash dumping on CR1436; theft in Bagwell; house arrest on male for indecency with a child; inmate released after charges dropped; disturbance on CR1425; disturbance on 195; male arrested on DWI; suspicious vehicle on 37N.

January 19: Burglary on FM195; activated alarm in Rugby; inmate released on bond; major accident on 909 in Bogata; possible drunk driver; major accident on 114; prowlers in Lone Star; phone harassment in Bogata; minor accident on 82E; disturbance on FM1699; reckless driver on 271.

January 20: Male arrested, released on PR bond; male arrested on PI, released on PR bond; burglary on CR2353; burglary of habitation on CR6030; male arrested and booked in on court order; burglary of habitation on Hwy. 37S.

Red River County Jail currently holds 35 inmates.



RECEIVING HONORS-from the UIL Play from the Rivercrest Junior High cast were; (from the left) Ashley Shew-All Star Cast; Micah Haynes-All Star Cast and Bradley Rollen-Honorable Mention All Star Cast. The students did a great job and their directors, Becky Carlisle and Mona Pitts were very proud of them. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Talco Locals

Please call your locals news in to 379-4445

Happy January birthday to James Paul Kernan, Camill Wright.

Friday Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown met Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown and Jaden in Sulphur Springs where Jack served as assistant coach for the Mt. Pleasant Tigers basketball team. Following the game the Browns all enjoyed supper at TaMolly's before returning home.

Patsy Smith, Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul and Troy Morris attended the Lady Rebel Junior High games at the Winnsboro Tournament on Saturday.

Jack, Jennifer and Jaden Brown

of Powderly and Kim and Quinton Anderson attended services at Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church with their parents and grandparents, Eddie and Nancy Brown on Sunday. Following services they enjoyed lunch and visiting at home. Jack also visited with John and John Ed Graf in the evening.

Happy January anniversary to David and Teresa Taylor.

Nadine Cabell is reported in serious condition as a patient Titus County Regional Hospital.

Sympathy is extended to the Miller family.



Bogata Homecoming April 13

Bulldogs are coming home Saturday, April 13, 2002. A large crowd is expected this year. As Nanalee stated in her column last week, "We were all reminded September 11th just how much we love our family and our friends", and we all appreciate them a little more today.

It will be good to get together hug and laugh and enjoy one another another time. A catered meal will be served from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. If class reunions run a little late, members can still come for lunch where there will be plenty of food.

About 2:30 p.m. there will be a short business meeting followed by a very short time of entertainment. The rest of the evening will be spent visiting.

Everyone is urged to make your plans now to come to Bogata Homecoming on Saturday, April 13, 2002. The class of 1953 will be the host this year. For more information call 903-632-5221, Mary Barnard Vaughan. "Yea! Bulldogs".

invited to attend.

The Talco School Homecoming Reunion will be held April 27, 2002 at the Talco School building in Talco. More information will be available after the planning meeting.

Talco HC planning meeting set for February 7

A planning meeting for the Talco School Homecoming will be held at the Western Sizzlin Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant on February 7, 2002. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 6:30 p.m. Any and all that might be interested are

invited to attend.

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554 graduate from A&M

Adrian Hall spoke to students in the two morning graduation ceremonies on December 15 at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Hall, known as the father of the American regional repertory theatre movement, told students "to break a leg", meaning the actors should go on the state and give it everything they had to be the star of the show.

Congressman Max Sandlin addressed students in the Graduate School ceremony and the College of Education graduation.

A total of 554 students received diplomas. This consisted of 287 bachelor's degrees, 256 master's and 11 doctoral degrees.

Locally, students receiving degrees are:

Blossom: Jeania Raquel McFadden, BSIS; Becky Jo Wilkins, MS.

Bogata: Norma Manuela Jasso, BBA; Isaac L. Roach, BS.

Clarksville: Jon Timothy Dorsett, MED; Stacy A. Pineda, BSIS Cum Laude.

Detroit: Mary L. Hart, BSIS.

Sixth annual Bluebird House day

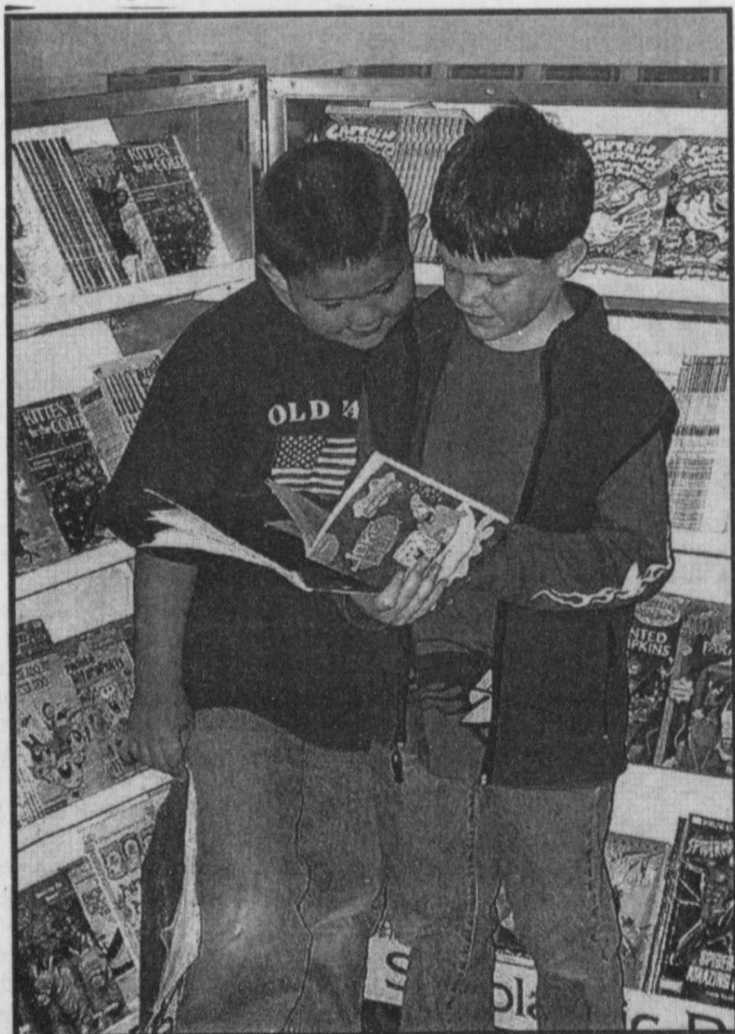
The Maxey House State Park will host its sixth annual Bluebird House Day on Saturday, February 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to learn about bluebirds, their housing, nesting and habitat needs.

Learning to make your own bluebird house and where to place it on a trail to encourage continued growth in the bluebird population is part of the presentation in the seminar.

Keith Kridler, Larry Calvin, Kathleen Oschwald and Judy Brummett will present information on the bluebirds.

Predator guards and traps will be discussed, along with building boxes and habitat requirements.

Costs for participation in the program is \$3.00 per person. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 785-5716 for reservations or information.



RIDDLE BOOKS-are always popular and Jesse Ross and Colton Benson spent time reading and giggling at the Rivercrest Elementary Book Fair held Tuesday, January 22, 2002. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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CHARACTERS-in the Rivercrest Elementary second grade play, "Johnny Applesed" line up to take a bow after their performance in the school cafeteria on Friday, January 18, 2002.

YWCA offers winter programs

Adults and children can find education and fun at YWCA classes this winter. Offerings for adults include art, ballet, clogging, karate and aerobics. Classes for children include art, gymnastics, cheerleading, tap and ballet dance and karate. Pre-registration is required for all classes. To register, or for more information, contact the YWCA at 785-5221.

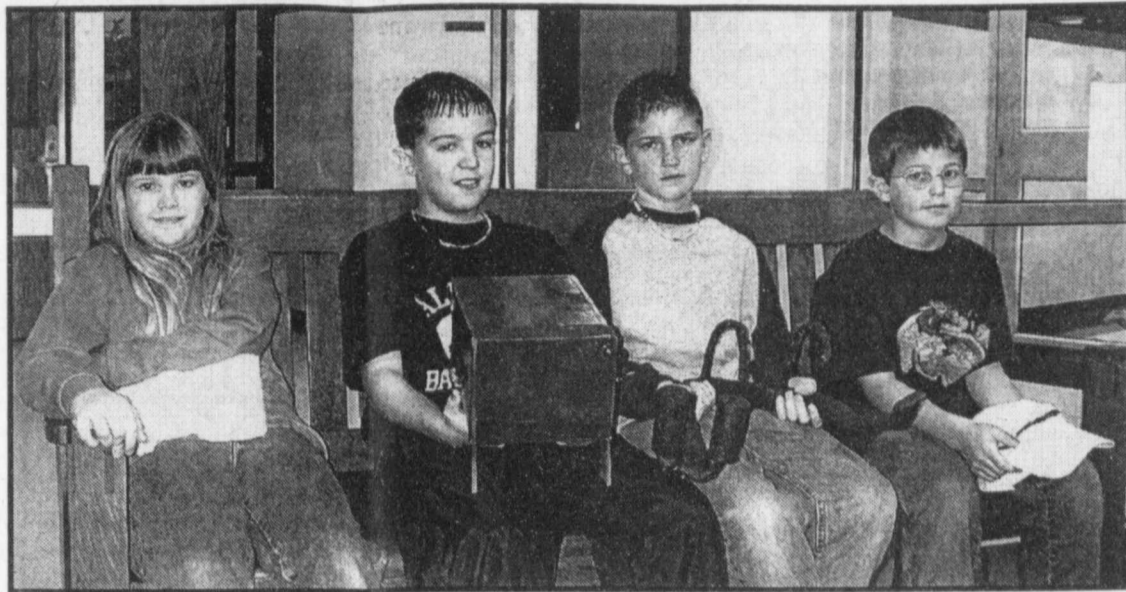
First ever 4th grade "Invention Convention"

The Rivercrest Elementary 4th grade recently participated in the first ever 4th grade "Invention Convention". After reading "The Kid's Invention Book" in their reading class, students were asked to think of an invention that might make theirs or someone else's life simpler or better.

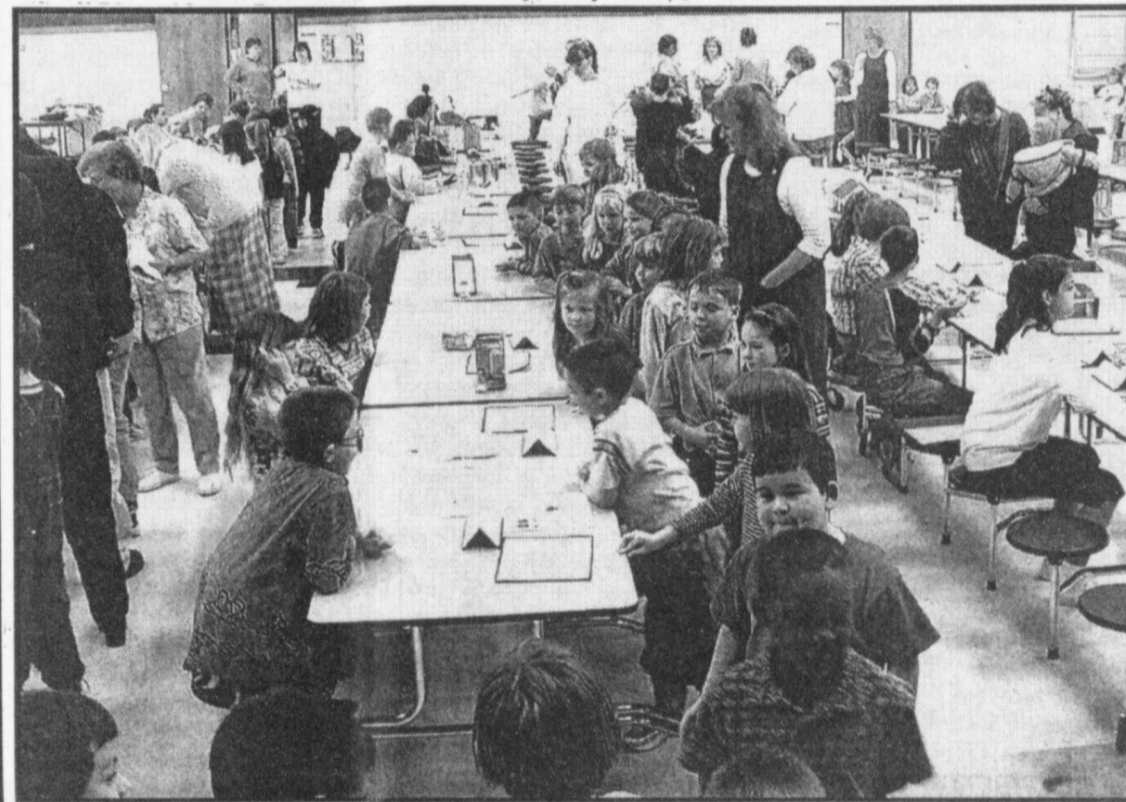
Ideas were discussed, diagrams were drawn and inventions were made. Under the direction of computer lab teacher, Mrs. Jones, students also made computer information sheets that were displayed with the inventions.

This was a wonderful project that integrated reading, science, higher-level thinking, creativity and technology. Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Holeman and Mrs. Purviance were quite impressed with the time and thought put into these imaginative inventions. All elementary employees were asked to judge the inventions and the top three were chosen. Guaranty Bank of Bogata donated prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

The winners were: 1st-Garrett Sheffield with the zip off cap; 2nd-Clay Rose with the handicapped hunters haven and 3rd-Josh Moore with the free throw guide. Chosen as Best Effort by a student was Heather Story with her tissue trapper. Also chosen as Honorable Mention were: Alec Moreno with his jump-up phone and Callie Anderson with her EZ clean water bucket.



INVENTION CONVENTION-winners at Rivercrest Elementary were: First place: Garrett Sheffield who invented a cap with a zipper and could be made into a visor; Second place: Clay Rose who invented a deer stand for the handicapped; Third place: Josh Moore who invented a basketball free shot and shooting guide and Best Effort was won by Heather Story for her tissue keeper which included Kleenex and a pocket to dispose used tissue. Pictured with their inventions are: (from the left) Heather Story, Clay Rose, Josh Moore and Garrett Sheffield.



STUDENTS, STAFF AND GUESTS-gathered at Rivercrest Elementary Thursday, January 17 for an "Invention Convention". Students came up with some very good and original ideas for new inventions and all enjoyed seeing and trying out the items. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

A&M Scientists are developing cancer drug

Texas A&M University scientists are developing a new cancer drug based on landomycin, a natural antibiotic.

In 1990, scientists showed that landomycin has antitumor properties, but subsequent laboratory work revealed it was also toxic, which prevented its use as a cancer drug.

"Like a lot of drugs, landomycin did well in cell cultures," says Gary A. Sulikowski, a Texas A&M professor of chemistry, "but when it was given to laboratory animals, it was either too toxic or it got metabolized too fast."

In 1995 Sulikowski decided to synthesize the molecule. By changing its structure, he hoped to make a synthetic cancer drug that would be less toxic than its natural counterpart. Though the synthesis is not yet completed, a large part of the molecule is now finished.

Landomycin is made of a series of six aligned sugars, ring-shaped molecules, and a honey-comb-shaped structure, the "warhead." The first step of the synthesis, which involves making the chain of sugars, has been recently finished. The second step, which consists of building the warhead and attaching it to the sugars, is now under study.

Aligning six sugars is not as simple as it may seem. Indeed, it required years of effort, ingenuity and patience from Sulikowski and his collaborators. To start with, unlike DNA or protein synthesis, sugar synthesis cannot be performed by using an automated machine. Second, linking sugars can be done in many different ways, leading each time to a different compound.

"Even two sugars are complicated to put together because of the many ways they can attach to each other," says Sulikowski. "Not only can they attach at different points, but they can also attach with different spatial arrangements."



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Rivercrest Power Lifting teams compete at Athens Powerbowl Jan. 19

by Leah Cabell

Saturday, January 19, the Rivercrest Varsity girls and boys power lifting teams traveled to Athens, TX to compete against Princeton, Rusk, Kemp, Mildred, Brownsboro, Van, Cayuga, Athens and Cross Roads in the Athens Powerbowl. The Rivercrest Lady Rebel Power Lifters placed 4th overall, with Rusk placing first, Athens placing second and Kemp placing third. Gary Schultz coaches the power lifting teams.

Representing Rivercrest in the ladies divisions were Tina Carder, Kacey Van Deaver, Alison Foster, Shari Wisinger, Brittany Bull, Paige Boyd, Krystal Valenzuela, Stephanie Williams and Lacie Hinton. Tina Carder, a junior brought home first place in the 97 pound class with a squat of 160 pounds, a bench press of 115 pounds and a dead lift of 200 pounds, which gave her a total lift of 475 pounds. Tina also won the Best Lifter in the Light Weight Class Division (97-132 pound class), placed first in the bench press, second in the dead lift and third in the squat.

Kacey VanDeaver, a freshman and first time power lifter, competed in the 105 Class with a squat of 45 pounds, a bench press of 55 pounds and a dead lift of 130 pounds, which gave her a total of 230 pounds and put her in sixth place.

Alison Foster, a junior, brought home a fifth place medal in the 114 Class with a squat of 160 pounds, a 95 pound bench press

and a dead lift of 185 pounds to give her a total of 440 pounds.

Stephanie Williams, a sophomore, had a squat of 140 pounds, a bench press of 100 pounds and a dead lift of 185 pounds, which put her in sixth place in the 114 Class. Stephanie also was in third position in the Best Lifters on the bench press.

Shari Wisinger, a junior also competed in the 114 Class with a squat of 150 pounds, a bench press of 80 pounds and a dead lift of 170 pounds, which gave Shari a total lift of 400 pounds and placed her in seventh position.

Brittany Bull, the only senior, brought home a first place medal in the 123 Class with a squat of 175 pounds, a bench press of 115 pounds and a dead lift of 205 pounds that gave Brittany a total of 495 pounds. Brittany also placed second in the bench press in the Best Lifters Light Weight Division (97-132).

Also competing in the 123 class was junior Paige Boyd who brought home a fifth place medal. Paige had a 135 pound squat, 90 pound bench press and 180 pound dead lift, which gave her a total of 405 pounds.

Krystal Valenzuela, a junior, brought home a third place medal in the 132 Class with a squat of 175 pounds, a bench press of 90 pounds and a dead lift of 195 pounds which gave Krystal a total lift of 460 pounds.

Lacie Hinton, a freshman and first time lifter, competed in the

148 Class with a squat of 160 pounds, a bench press off 105 pounds and a dead lift of 195 pounds, with a total of 460 pounds, which put Lacie in ninth position.

The Rivercrest varsity boys also competed in the Athens Powerbowl. Representing the Rebels were Matt Ross, Josh Cabell, Chance Belcher and James Rolfe.

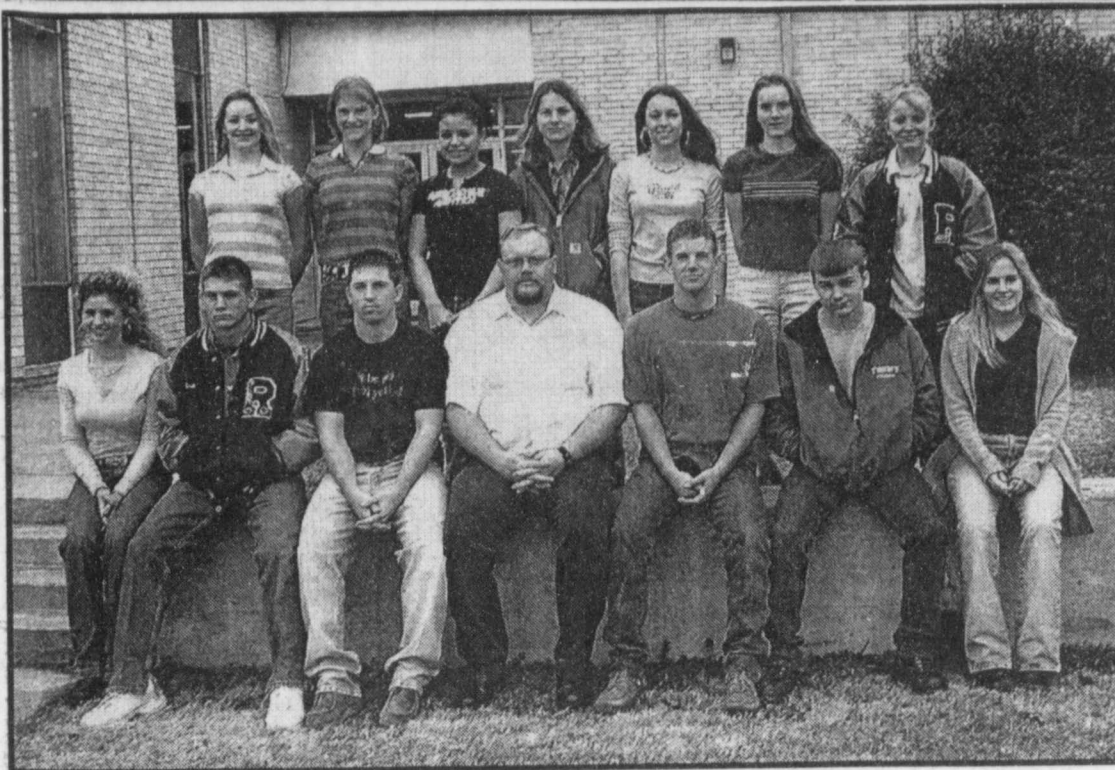
James, a freshman, competed in the 148 Class with a squat of 265 pounds, a bench press of 160 pounds and a dead lift of 350 pounds which gave him a total of 775 pounds.

Matt Ross, a freshman, competed in the 165 Class with a squat of 210 pounds, a bench press of 170 pounds and a dead lift of 315 pounds, which gave him a total of 695 pounds.

Chance Belcher, a sophomore, competed in the 181 Class with a squat of 305 pounds, a bench press of 200 pounds and a dead lift of 325 pounds for a total life of 830 pounds.

Josh Cabell, a junior, competed in the 198 Class with a squat of 315 pounds, a bench press of 220 pounds and a dead lift of 400 pounds, which gave him a total of 935 pounds.

The Rivercrest Power Lifting Teams will travel to Texarkana on Saturday, January 26, 2002 to compete in the Pleasant Grove Power Lifting Meet. Congratulations on the Athens Meet and Good Luck at Pleasant Grove Lady Rebels and Rebels!!



RIVERCREST POWER LIFTING TEAM-Lady Rebels and Rebels are: (back row from the left) Paige Boyd, Brittany Bull, Krystal Valenzuela, Lacie Hinton, Kacey Van Deaver, Stephanie Williams and Tina Carder; (front from the left) Shari Wisinger, Josh Cabell, Chance Belcher, Coach Gary Schultz, Matt Ross, James Rolfe and Alison Foster. The teams did well at a recent meet in Athens and will compete again on January 26 at Pleasant Grove near Texarkana. Good Luck teams! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



NTCC Members of the class of 2001

NTCC awards peace officer certification

Northeast Texas Community College recognized 13 students who have completed the NTCC Police Academy certification requirements in ceremonies held on campus December 14, 2001.

Members of the class of Fall 2001 were: (from the left front row) Jimmy Newll of Lone Star, Eddy Parker of Cooper, Rocky Womack of Clarksville, Merrinda

Miller of Mariette, Cody Tipps of Annona and Nicky Moore of Sulphur Springs; (from the left back row) Clay Henderson of Sulphur Springs, Lee Taylor of Texarkana, Justin Davidson of Sulphur Springs, Michael Jones of Queen City, Lonnie Hider of Bogata, Haskel McMillon of Linden and Jose Hernandez of Mt. Pleasant.

Red River Healthcare News

Recent visitors with residents of Red River Healthcare were: Resident, Inez Henson-Richard Swarts.

Resident, Billie Hancock-Carroll Miller, Randy and Jay Hancock, Shirley Smith, Alicia and Robby Gipson, Cecil Anderson, Barry Hanna and Betty Denison.

Resident, Kathryn Presley-Jim Presley and Mary Ann Clancy.

Resident, Vernona Young-Carol Young, Jalen Foster and Erica McDonald.

Residents, Floyd and Bonnie Elson-Judy Wantland and Blake Wantland.

Resident, Gladys Tucker-Clifton tucker, Donnie Tucker, Ethan and Erica and Nelda Maynard.

Resident, Bob Massey-Aaron Martin, Erric Martin, Tana Guest, Dennis Martin and Betty Denison.

Resident, Willie Mae Topping-Mr. and Mrs. James A. Watts, Alan and Garrett Watts, Jason and Debbie Watts, James and Joyce Ward, April and Lucille Topping and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bryan and children.

Resident, Elizabeth Hanson-Bill, Sheryl and Amber Hanson.

Resident, Ollie Ruth Robinson-Donna and Buri Robinson.

Resident, Leila Whitehead-Cheryl and Haley Bueland and Phyllis Smeltzer.

Resident, James Latimer-Betty Denison, Dorothy Ritchie and Virginia Coleman.

Resident, Charline Harris-Betty Denison.

Resident, Dorothy Watkins-Tony Watkins and family.

Resident, Lucy Jenkins-Jimmy Jenkins.

Resident, Hontas Pettit-Linda and Rodney Pettit.

Resident, Stasha Hume-Weldon Hume.

Resident, Ovie Lee Patterson-Richard Swarts.

Resident, Maxine Topping-Jean Taylor.

Resident, Linda Collins-Harvey Lynn, Patsy and Robert Wayne Milton.

Resident, Edna Burgess-Floyd Duke, John Duke, Gavin Cain and Richard Davis.

Your visits are enjoyed and appreciated by the residents and staff of Red River Healthcare. Please stop by and visit friends and family as often as possible.

JOINTOWN LOGGERS

Happy January birthday to James A. Cooper, James Weissenfluh and Jerry Dodd Jr.

Visiting with B.J. and Robbie McLaughlin over the weekend were Don and Bertha Mihalski of St. Headwood, TX. On Saturday they enjoyed sightseeing and lunch at TaMolly's in Paris.

Faye Faulkenburg is reported home from a recent hospital stay and doing fair.

People N' Things

RIVERCREST ISD PHONE NUMBERS

Phone numbers for the three campuses of Rivercrest ISD are: Talco School Rivercrest Junior High campus- 903-379-3841.

Rivercrest Elementary campus- 903-632-5214.

Rivercrest High School campus- 903-632-5204.

Purchase Early

Sales of \$1.00 chances on a special Easter Basket to be given away at the annual Talco Park Easter Egg Hunt will begin January 14. The fund-raiser is sponsored by the Talco 4-H. Chances may be purchased from any member or at the Talco Guaranty Bank or Gotta Have It downtown Talco.

There will be a housewarming for Teresa White and Keth Anthony and family on Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. All friends are invited. Location is 428 Roachtown Rd, Bogata. For further information call 632-0351.



Births

Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow are proud to announce the birth of William Kason Stringfellow who arrived at 6:00 p.m. on December 21, 2001 at Titus County Regional Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, Tx. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 19 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are James White of Bogata and Jimmy Stringfellow of Blossom. Great grandparents are Dixie Stringfellow of Bogata and William and Joyce Stringfellow of New Iberia, LA.

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Red River Valley Baseball board meets January 15, 2002

The officers and board members of the Red River Valley Baseball League met Tuesday night, January 15, 2002 at the Bogata Fire Department to discuss changing from Dixie Boys Baseball League to Texas Teen-Age Boys Baseball. Present were Victor Wells, Red River Valley Boys Baseball League President, Randy Kennedy, Red River Valley Boys Baseball League Vice President and Bogata Boys Baseball President, Kevin Gray, Avery Representative, Bobby Thompson, Bogata Representative, Nancy Brown and Martha Rhoades who substituted for Brian Hodge, Talco Representative. The Detroit Representative was not present but sent their vote per phone to Randy Kennedy.

Mr. Kennedy explained to the group that Clarksville has already chosen to go into the Texas Teen program which would leave Avery, Bogata, Detroit and Talco within the present Dixie League. Avery representative, Kevin Gray reported that his group were leaning strongly toward the Texas Teen program also. Mr. Kennedy reported that the Detroit program will stay in Dixie League regardless of what the other towns choose to do.

Following open discussion on the Texas Teen League, looking

at the rule book, changing fees, playoff dates, age divisions and all vital information, President, Victor Wells called for a vote. Motion was made by Kevin Gray to change over to the Texas Teen League, was second by Bobby Thompson and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Bobby Thompson and second by Nancy Brown to divide the present Red River Valley League monies among Avery, Bogata, Detroit and Talco with all but Detroit's funds going into the new league.

A meeting will be called to set up the new board soon. Possibilities for the number of board members for the new league was discussed but all decisions will be made at a future meeting and all local league rules will be set up by the new board. Mr. Wells urged the group to learn from past experience when setting up the new board and system. He and Mr. Kennedy will attend a meeting Tuesday, January 22, 2002 in Clarksville to report the league's decision to enter the Texas Teen program, gain more information and help set up the new league rules. The children will still play as they have in the past with the exception of Detroit and playoff games will be in the DeKalb, Hooks, New Boston area as well as locally depending on tourna-

Junior High Rebels to host tournament Saturday

The Rivercrest Rebel Junior High 7th and 8th grade boys teams will host a tournament at the Rivercrest gyms on Saturday, January 26, 2002.

There will be 4 games played in both gyms at RHS with the first

games beginning at 9:00 a.m. Visiting teams will be Chisum, Prairiland and Cooper as well as the Rebel teams.

Everyone is invited to come out and support the young Rebels as they compete at home.

Lady Rebels lose to Paul Pewitt

by Coach Debbie Williams

The Lady Rebels traveled to Paul Pewitt Friday January 11, 2002. The JV girls took the floor first and couldn't get things started. We came up short 18 to 19. Stephanie Williams was high pointer with 8 points which included 2 treys. We scored 5 field goals and 2/10 free throws.

The varsity came out short also. This was crunch time and our turnovers early crunched us. We were down by 10 after the first quarter and dug to get back in it. 9-9 2nd quarter; 12-12 3rd quarter and 14-16 4th quarter. Our first quarter killed us. We are not taking care of the ball and when we don't even get a shot it is hard to score. Paul Pewitt came out with the win 57-45 over the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Rebels were 2-4 following this game with 6 district

games left. The second round was to begin with Hughes Springs on Friday. We need to go out the second round and have victories all 6 games!

Our JV went to Chapel Hill Saturday for 2 games. Chapel Hill was our first opponent. It was a hard fought game between both teams. We showed good moments and lots of hustle. Chapel Hill got the win 49-33.

Our next game was vs Hooks. Again, Coach Oats was pleased with the effort from the Lady Rebels and the hustle, but our free throws stunk! We were 8 of 33. This was the difference in the game. We had lots of highlights in both games and the ladies are playing as a team, but free throws and taking care of the ball really were a key to our losses.

Lady Rebels meet Hughes Springs

by Coach Debbie Williams

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Tuesday, January 16, 2002 the Lady Rebels went to Hughes Springs for the beginning of the 2nd round of District play. The ladies knew they had permission to come out with a win only, nothing else.

We came out the first quarter playing well, but our shots did not find the basket. We were on the offensive boards, but again, the shots were not falling. Half time score was 26-18.

They were playing zone defense on us and we knew we had to be zone busters and we were in the second half. The spark of the team came alive and our rebound-

ing led to the transition game we knew we had, our outlets were out, running and looking for the ball, and we began believing in our shots and our teammates. We came together the second half and played Lady Rebel ball. We scrapped for any loose balls, we played physical, smart and as a team. Each player on the team had strong points. It took them all for this victory, and we again knew we only had one option, to win. The other was not in our vocabulary. We held Hughes Springs to 4 points in the 3rd quarter and 6 in the 4th quarter. Final score 52-36 Lady Rebels.

Rivercrest Schools Menu Jan. 28-Feb. 1

- MONDAY**
Breakfast
Cereal
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Juice & milk
Lunch
Vegetable beef soup
Assorted sandwiches
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Milk
- TUESDAY**
Breakfast
Pancake on a stick
Juice & milk
Lunch
Chicken nuggets
Mashed potatoes
Peas & carrots
Rolls
Milk
- WEDNESDAY**
Breakfast
Sausage & biscuit
Juice & milk
Lunch
McRib on a bun
Baked beans
Potato salad
Fruit
Milk
- THURSDAY**
Breakfast
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juice & milk
Lunch
Pizza
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Salad
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A Child of God Can Fall From Grace

The doctrine that a child of God cannot so sin as to be eternally lost is a very popular doctrine with denominations. They reject outright the doctrine of universal salvation, that is, that everyone will be saved. But they teach universal salvation when it comes down to those who ever are saved. Once he is saved he is forever saved, regardless of what he may do or not do.

In the early part of the 20th century, a man by the name of Sam Morris published a little booklet which began with these words: "We take the position that a Christian's sins do not damn his soul. The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people have nothing whatsoever to do with the salvation of his soul."

We are not here discussing the security of the believer, for we would be in agreement that the true believer is secure so long as he remains a true believer. But it is possible for a true believer to become an unbeliever.

Several passages show that the child of God can fall from grace. Galations 5:4 says certain ones actually had fallen from grace: "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." These were some who had obeyed the gospel of Christ and then later began to go back under the law of Moses by demanding circumcision. Why would the inspired apostle say they had fallen from grace if it is not possible for a child of God to fall?

Some would argue that the ones under consideration here were never really saved; they were merely "justified by the law" and not by Christ. The American Standard Version makes very clear what Paul was saying: "Ye are severed from Christ, ye are fallen away from grace." How could they be severed from Christ if they had never been joined to Him? They now have forsaken him and desired to be justified by the Law of Moses.

Another passage, which shows the child of God may fall, is Hebrews 6:4-6. "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy spirit, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame." Under consideration in this passage are some who became Christians. Some have said this only describes the condition Christians would be in "if they shall fall away," but they say they cannot so fall. But there is no "if" in the original language. The language is plain that they became Christians, "and then fell away" (ASV), and in their case it was impossible to renew them again to repentance.

Notice another passage, I Peter 2:20-22. Here are some who have "escaped the pollution's of the world" and that "through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." But they are again "entangled therein, and overcome." Such being the case, the inspired writer says; "the later end is worse with them than the beginning." Now I raise the question, how could such be, if the saved can never be lost? In the beginning, they were lost, then they were saved, then they were in a worse condition than they were at the beginning. Unless one takes the position that it is worse to be saved than to be lost then it must be the case that a saved person can become lost again.

You will notice the writer further says: "If had better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, then, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." How could such be the case if those who are saved can never be lost again? Is it better to remain lost than to be eternally saved?

Peter adds, "It is happened unto them according to the true proverb..." The condition he describes here was already the present condition of some at the time of the writing.

Our Lord made a statement in the Sermon on the Mount that shows beyond a shadow of a doubt that a saved person may be lost. In Matthew 5:22, He said: "But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; but, whosoever shall say, thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." Is it possible for a born again child of God to say to his brother "thou fool?" If it is possible for him to do so, then it is possible for him to be in danger of hell fire!

In Hebrews 10:28-29 the author writes: "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses; of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" Notice under consideration here is one who "was sanctified." Furthermore he was sanctified by "the blood of the covenant." But he now counts that blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing. Not only so, but he has "trodden under foot" the Son of God.

If the child of God cannot fall, then the tenth chapter of I Corinthians has no place in the New Testament, for it is made up of one warning after another against falling. Read I Corinthians 10:5-12. Now tell me what possible application those words could have for people who are unconditionally secured in their salvation and cannot possibly fall?

Look at Paul's statement in I Corinthians 9:27: "but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Paul, though an apostle, recognized the possibility he himself might be a castaway. Some have suggested Paul was speaking of the possibility that men might cast him away, but those who know anything about the apostle could never believe he was all that concerned about what men might do to him or think about him. He was saying he must practice self-control, or else be eternally lost.

To the church at Smyrna our Lord had John to write in Revelation 2:10: "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer; behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Notice that they would not receive a crown of life unless they were faithful.

If it is possible for a child of God to fall, the devil does not know it. Look at all the effort he puts forth to get children of God to become unfaithful. He must not know he is trying to accomplish the impossible, if indeed the child of God cannot fall.

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Toni Anderson is home and doing well following surgery last week.

Dee Richardson joined daughter Maggie visiting Vicki and Dan Tabb and other family and friends over the weekend. Maggie returned home with her mom after her weeks visit with her grandparents and family here.

Dana Neeley is reported doing well following heart surgery in Dallas.

Robbi Marshall and her sister, Kay Wilson visited their mother's best friend, Bertha King in Corpus Christi over the weekend. Mrs. King had underwent double surgery.

Visiting Dixie Stringfellow on Saturday were Vicki Tabb,

Michael Tabb, Dee and Maggie Richardson. Sunday visitors were Lynne Knight and Kenneth York.

Happy January Birthday to: Dorothy Watkins, Sherri Cheatwood, Julie Clark, Dorie Roach, Lesse Mankins, Richard Alford, Morgan Rozell, Tina Williams, Crystal Davidson, Coma Funderburk, Jacy Poole, Ray Shirley, Wyane Williams, Willie Lee, Joyce Wisinger, James Eilers, Eva Watkins, Jamie Stringfellow, Brent D. Bryson, Michael Fields, Cheyenne Gordon, Kathy Duffee, Neil Mankins, Lindy Phillips, Shea Osborne, Chase Richards, Glen White and Michael Taylor.

Happy January Anniversary to: Steve and Dina Middleton, Billie and Paige Provence, Calvin and Myra Permenter, Mike and Diane Williams and David and Teresa Taylor.

Floyd Hanna of Longview, Ricky and Sherri Cheatwood spent the weekend with Chris and Eyvette Alford, Collin, Chelsea and Cailie of The Colony, Terri Bell of Haslet and James Bell of McKinney. They enjoyed Cailie and Chelsea's basketball games Saturday morning. That night Terri, Sherri and Eyvette enjoyed dinner at the Cheesecake Factory in Frisco to celebrate Sherri and Eyvette's January birthdays. James cooked a jambalaya for the men and children. They returned home Sunday.

Ricky and Sherri Cheatwood enjoyed supper at Chili's on Monday night to celebrate Sherri's birthday.

Bogata 1949 class Red River County reunion planned

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.

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Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Pam Norwood, Jeff Kennedy, Jesse Davis and Rylie Kendal.

Rickey Anderson and Carlos Ordorica spent Friday and Saturday in Mississippi.

Logan Norwood and Haley Norwood both shot a deer last week.

Cindy Nichols and Ann Dye shopped in Paris Thursday and enjoyed lunch together. Cindy and Charles went to Carthage Saturday to watch their grandchildren, Torrie and Erika White, play basketball. They came back by their home in Lake Bob Sandlin to attend a POA meeting.

Zak Kennedy spent the weekend with his grandparents, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy.

Eating Sunday lunch with Nelta and Johnnie Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Zarinska Morton, Natalie Hutchison and Lynn and Betty Holeman.

Kelby Cole spent the weekend with James and Pat Norwood while his parents, Todd and Mendy Cole went to the Ft. Worth Livestock show to watch Brenton Norwood show.

James and Pat Norwood, James

Wallace and Katy Winters and Bob and Betty Winters watched the Statler Brothers farewell tour in Sulphur Springs Sunday afternoon.

Nelta Musgrove ate lunch with Geneva Norwood Saturday and Geneva had her family. Jake Daugherty and Stephen Norman as dinner guests Sunday.

Morris Cox spent Friday and Saturday with Velma Cox. They visited Joe Bailey Williams and Walker Devlin. Velma visited Dora Hester Wednesday.

Brad and Georjeana Nutt and Craig and Andrea Slakey went to Frisco to shop Saturday.

The Deport Little Dribblers basketball teams played Roxton Saturday at Prairiland gym.

Several from the community watched the fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls and boys play. Those playing from Cunningham were Kelly Mowery, Jenna Patterson, Dancy Smith, Jesse Davis, Layton Norwood, Ryan Ford, Brett Watson, Susan Anderson and Landon Suyrus.

Frankie Norwood went to A&M Tuesday to pick up chickens for the Houston Livestock Show.

Enrollment is up at PJC

There is apparently no enrollment record too big to be broken at Paris Junior College.

Spring enrollment at the college has surpassed 3,000 students for the first time in history. A total of 3,021 students are enrolled at Paris Junior College, breaking the old spring semester record of 2,903 set in 1999.

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Walters said enrollment showed an increase in both the academic and technical/vocational disciplines of the college. Contact

hours are up significantly in the academic departments and are showing an increase in the technical and vocational areas for the first time in a while.

"We have more individuals enrolled in technical programs this spring which is a good sign that people are working toward improving their job opportunities," Walters said. "It is equally apparent that we have a growing number of people pursuing an academic degree who plan to transfer to a four year college."

"I think all of this growth in numbers and interest in educational advancement speaks well of our institution, our faculty and staff who work daily with the students. Students are increasingly aware that they can obtain an excellent education at Paris Junior College."

Looking toward summer and fall enrollment, PJC Admissions Director Sheila Reese says students will have the opportunity to register for the first and second summer semesters and for the fall semester on May 28. She said more students are taking advantage of the opportunity to register in advance during that sign-up period.

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