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How Do You Eat?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local Christmas parade dates set

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

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

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

Editor's Quotes

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

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Christmas celebration to be held at Talco Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, December 5, 1999 will be a day of Christmas celebration at Talco Calvary Baptist Church located on FM 71 east in Talco.

The morning worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the guest speaker will be Bro. Rex Jackson of Spring, Tx. Following will be a covered dish luncheon and time of fellowship.

In the evening at 6:00 p.m. the joint choirs of Talco Calvary Baptist and First Baptist Church of Naples, Tx. will present a worship celebration for Christmas arranged by Mosie Lister and titled "His Name Is Jesus". Children from both churches will be participating and the arrangement will be conducted by Bro. Buddy Blue.

Following the music service refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall of Calvary. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join this celebration.

Talco student council to hold annual food drive

The Talco School Student Council will hold its annual food drive beginning November 29, 1999 and ending December 13, 1999.

All students are encouraged to bring nonperishable items to help area families during the Christmas holiday. Donations from area residents

will also be appreciated and will help everyone in the community have a Merry Christmas. Stop by the Talco School office and contribute toward this worthy cause. For more information contact Tammie Case, Student Council Sponsor at 379-3841.



JOSH SMITH held the chance container as Talco School Secretary, Tina Nolen drew the lucky winners of the Talco Girls Fall Softball team's Beanie Baby drawing on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at Talco School. Mrs. Nolen drew Melanie Smith, who won a Beanie Baby Clubie, Debbie Ingram, who won Valentina and April Dennis, who won Kicks. The team and their coaches, Nancy Brown and Carol Laing express appreciation to everyone who bought a chance on the Beanies. Their donation will help the girls to continue to play fall softball. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



INDIAN VILLAGES-The Talco 3rd grade class taught by Debbie Ingram spent the week studying the many tribes of Indians. The students each made their own Indian villages some of which were quite detailed. The class is pictured with some of their work. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Schools to dismiss early

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

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

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

Parade of Homes to be held

The Bogata Missionary Baptist Church Youth will sponsor their first annual Parade of Homes tour and dinner this year.

The date has been set for December 9, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will consist of chicken and spaghetti, salad, rolls and dessert. The homes will include; Donald and Freda Jean's;

Bill and Joyce Buckman; Doug and Kathy Williams; Reagan and Rueanna Bell's and Betty Sue and Dani Brown's. There will only be 50 tickets available and the price will be \$20 per ticket. Please call Freda Jean at 632-5981 or Jamie Ward at 632-5630 or Donnie Lewis at 632-5387 now to purchase your tickets.



Letters to the Editor



THERE WERE PILGRIMS-at Talco School on Tuesday, Nov. 23 celebrating the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The kindergarten students and teacher Stephanie Wright spent the week learning about the holiday and made their own pilgrim hats. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Send in your Christmas Memories for the contest now!

It's time to send in your special Christmas memories to our annual Christmas Memories contest.

First Place is a photo memory album, and a certificate. Second and third places, plus honorable mentions will receive certificates.

These memories can be of traditional Christmas celebrations, or an unusual Christmas. They can deal with any holiday memories you may have.

Judging will be done by out-of-town judges and prizes will be announced and the memories published in the big Christmas edition December 16th.

Mail your memories to: Thunder Prairie Publishing, P.O. Box 98, Deport, Texas 75435, fax them to 903-652-6041, E-Mail them to tppub@1starnet.com or drop them by the Deport Times office, the Bogata News Office or leave at Blossom Superette or Detroit City Hall clearly marked for the paper.

The memories are a very special part of the Christmas edition, and many people say they love to read every word of them, so please, enter your memory today.

All entries need to be in by December 9th.

Office will be open Fridays during Christmas Sale

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

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

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

your subscription to a year of truly local news.

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

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

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

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

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

Within Lamar, Red River or Titus Counties the cost for a full year of local news is only \$17 and anywhere else in the nation is only \$20. All gift subscriptions will be published in the Christmas edition of the papers.

Compare the amount of local coverage in your area daily newspaper to that in these weeklies. You'll find that there is more local news, more photos, more sports, more of everything local in the single weekly edi-

tion than in a whole six days worth of the daily.

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

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

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Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

December 2, 1999 Homemade Treats!

Chewy Butterscotch Nut Bars in a Jar

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

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

White Christmas Bars in a Jar

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

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

M&M Oatmeal Bars in a Jar

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

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



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Chewy Caramel-Pecan Bars

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

In food processor, combine baking mix, brown sugar and 1/2 cup butter. Pulse until mixture resembles coarse meal. Press on bottom of 13x9x2 baking pan coated with cooking spray to form crust. Sprinkle pecans evenly over crust. In 8-cup measure, combine remaining sugar and butter. Microwave on HI for 4 minutes or until mixture is thickened and syrupy, stirring every minute. Pour evenly over crust and pecans. Bake at 350 degrees for 18-20 minutes or until caramel mixture is bubbly. Remove from oven; sprinkle with chocolate chips and let stand for 3 minutes. Use a knife and swirl chips over caramel to create marble effect. Cool and cut into bars. Makes 36 bars.

Homemade Fudge

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

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

Chocolate Covered Cherries

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

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

Red River County Roots

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

If you would like to write Mrs. Ferre, please write him at the above address.

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

"Angel Tree" is in Clarksville

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deadline for the program is December 8.



Attend The Church Of Your Choice



Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

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

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

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

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

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

Betty Rodgers, Monte and Shelley Rodgers spent the weekend with

Avis Ellen Moore dies November 24

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

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Shirlee Francis dies November 22

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

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

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

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

Bernice Thomas in Boyd.

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

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

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

Loyd Cavender visited Jimmie King on Monday.

The children of Loyd Cavender visited him during the holidays.

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

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

Pesticide clinic is December 7

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

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

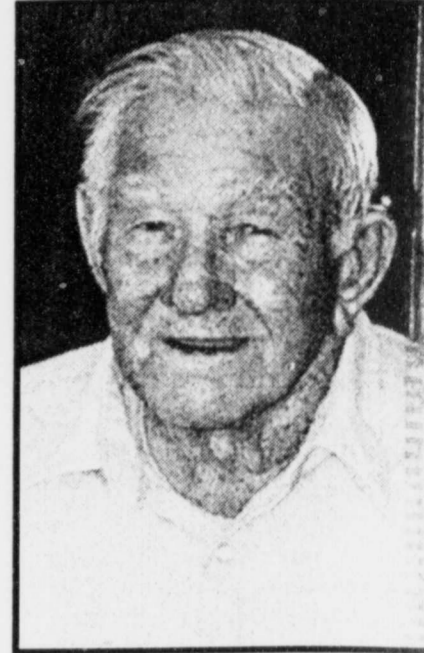
Obituaries

Grace Pilkinton Dean dies November 27

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

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

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



J.C. Fail

J.C. Fail dies November 24

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

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

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

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Jimmie Fail and wife, Aline of Palestine and Lyn Fail and wife, Ann of Kilgore; two daughters, Marilyn Presley and husband Ronnie and Yvonne Harris of Talco; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Glenn Harris; a brother, Clarence Fail; and his parents.

Card of Thanks

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

The Shirlee Burns Francis Family

Card Of Thanks

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



A Y2K Checklist for Customers

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

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

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



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

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

Paper sale is on now, save \$2 and fill your Christmas stocking now! See **FULL PAGE AD** in this issue for handy coupon.

Practice time change for PIPS

The PIPS (Players in Progress) of Talco and Bogata were set to practice on December 5, 1999 from 3-4 pm.

There has been a change. The new practice time will be 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. It is very important that all members be present since the group is working on performance. If your child will not be at practice please call Lori Franks ahead of time at 379-9430 or 632-5204. Also please remember members must not wear their performance shoes outside of the gym in order to protect the gym floor.



Have A Nice Weekend

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MENU OF THE WEEK

- MONDAY**
Meatloaf, Green Beans, Creamed Potatoes, Rolls
 - TUESDAY**
Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread
 - WEDNESDAY**
Chicken Strip Basket, Gravy
 - THURSDAY**
French Fries Texas Toast
 - FRIDAY**
Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies & Beans
 - Hamburger Or Cheeseburger Basket
- ALL SERVED WITH 24 Oz. FOUNTAIN DRINK

Two burglaries cleared in Red River County

Two burglaries have been cleared with warrants issued for one man and the arrest of two others, according to the Red River County Sheriff's Office.

Arrested for burglary of a habitation and burglary of a building was Bradley Bedford Bench, a 25-year old white male from Avery.

Also arrested was Curtis Carl Gibson, a 42-year old white male

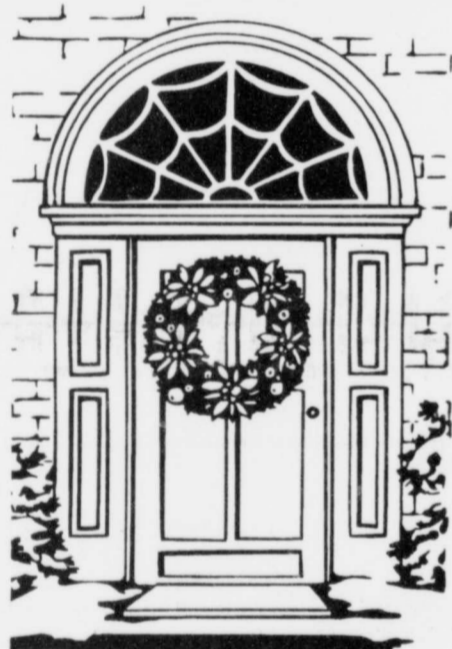
from Midland, Texas for burglary of a building. Curtis Carl Gibson was released on bond. Bradley Bedford Bench remains in Red River County.

Red River County Sheriff's Office and Constable recovered approximately \$5,000.00 in stolen property and seizures have been filed on the property used in the commission of these burglaries.

Junior High to enter tournament

The Junior High Rebels and Lady Rebels will participate in the Chisum Basketball Tournament on December 2-4.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the young teams. For game times call the Talco School at 379-3841 or the Bogata School at 632-5214.



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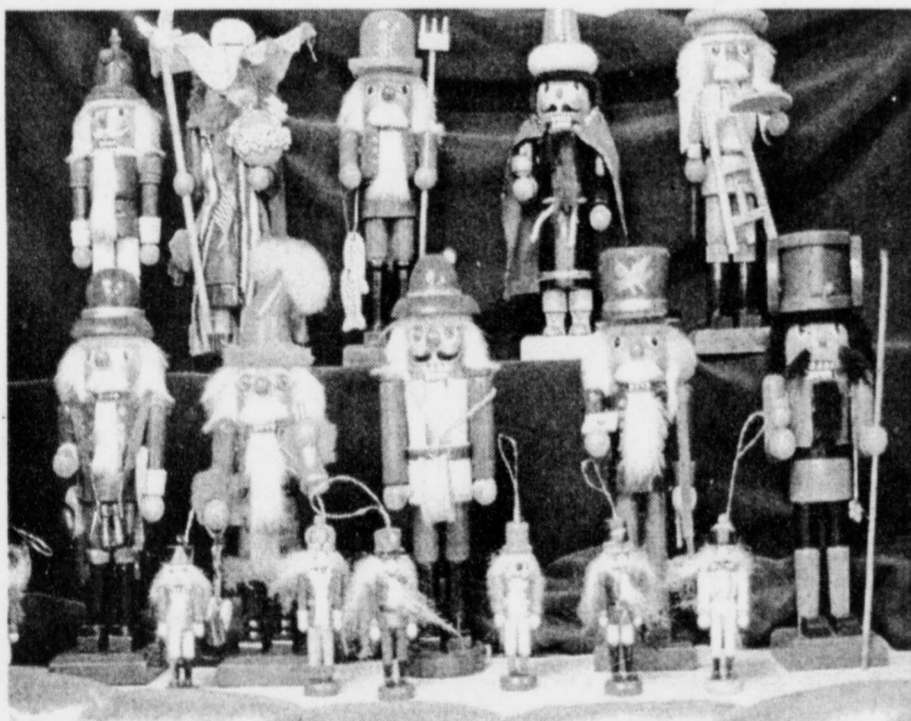
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Lady Rebel JV and Varsity beat Clarksville Lady Tigers

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

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

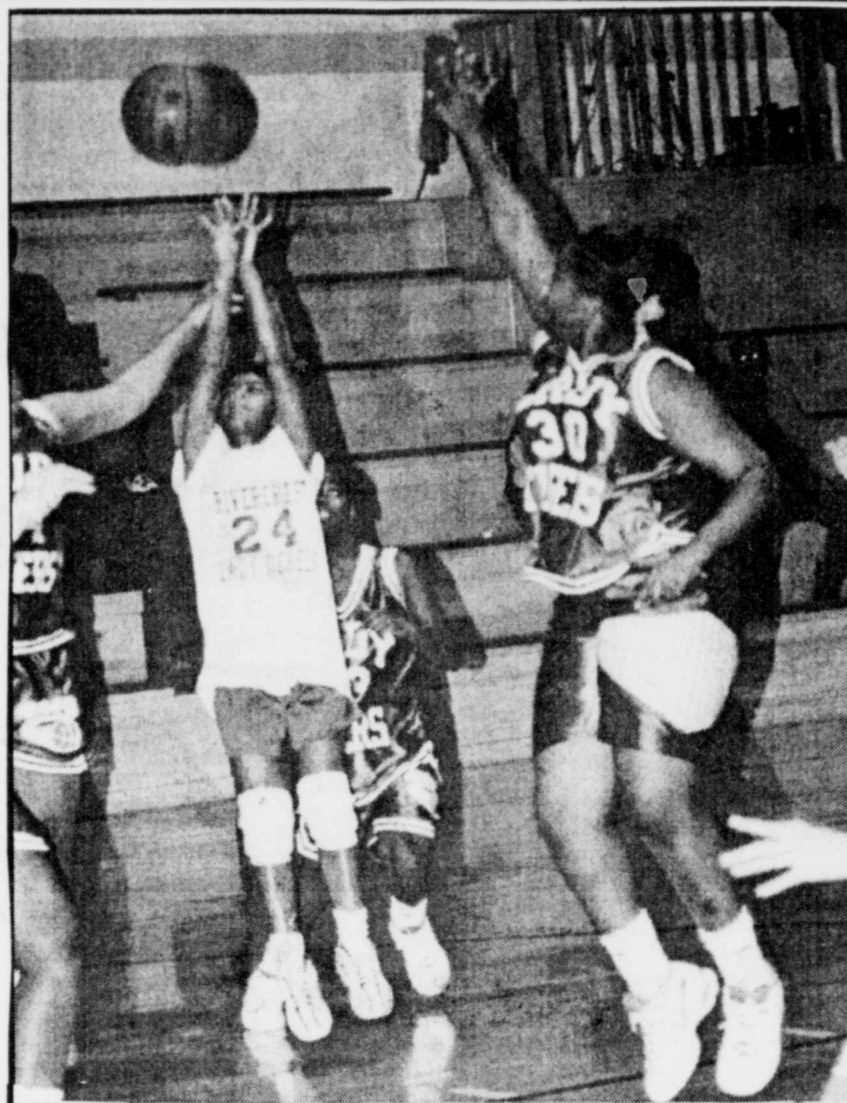
Mollie Hare and Rachel Case shared the high scoring position with 6 points each followed by Brittany Bull and Charla Hines with 5 points each. Also scoring were Ashley Beers and Danielle Easterling-2 points each, Molly Moles-4 points and Sara Alsup and Kendall Stansell with 1 point each.

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

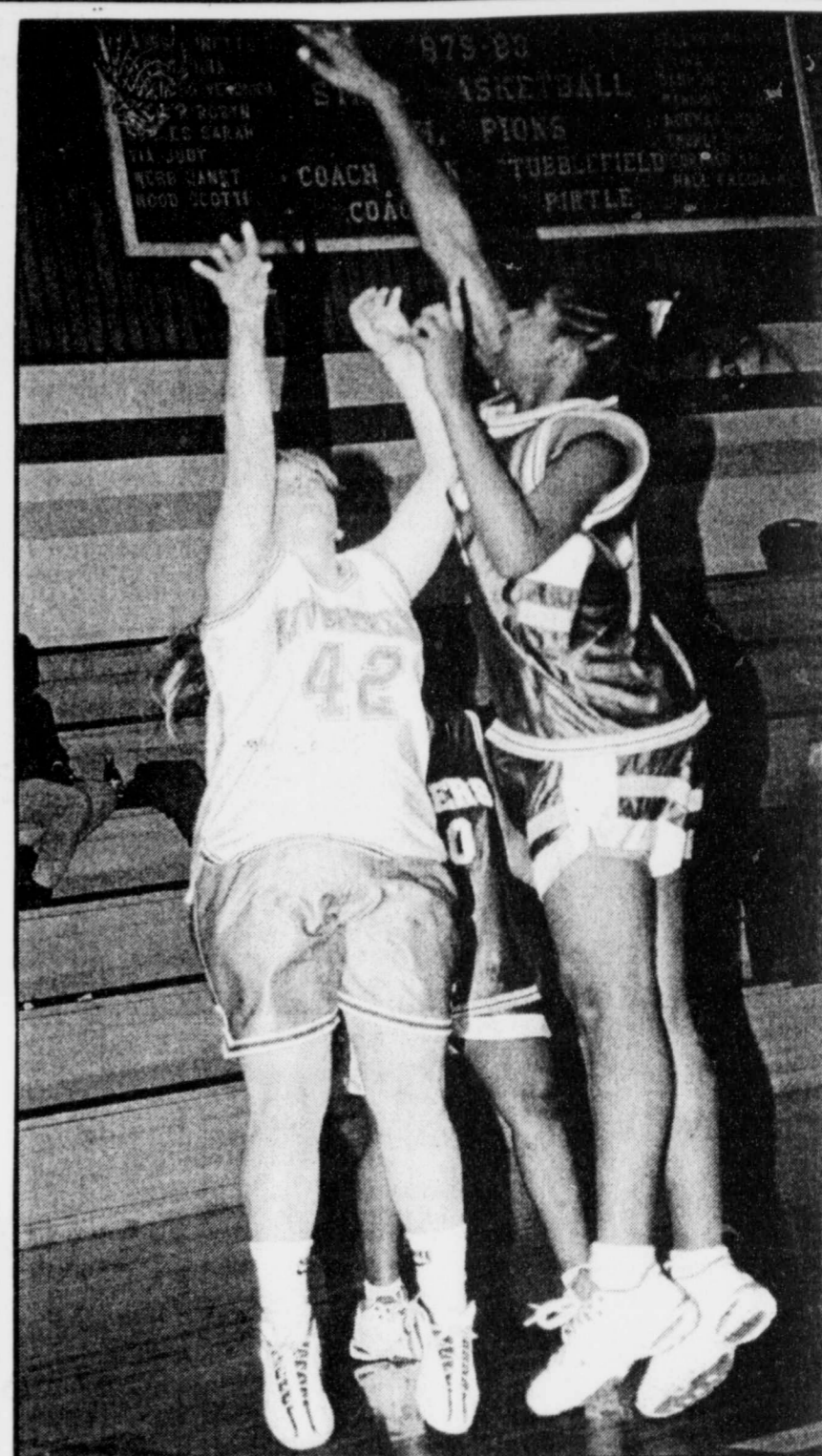
they were the first to get on the score board and netted a quick 6 points in under 1 minute. Finally, the Lady Rebels came around and Tiffany Prentice led off the shooting with a trey. Missy Carroll and Cara Morgan went to work and both made key steals for the Lady Rebels. The quarter ended with the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

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

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



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



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

Lady Rebels compete at Dodd City

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

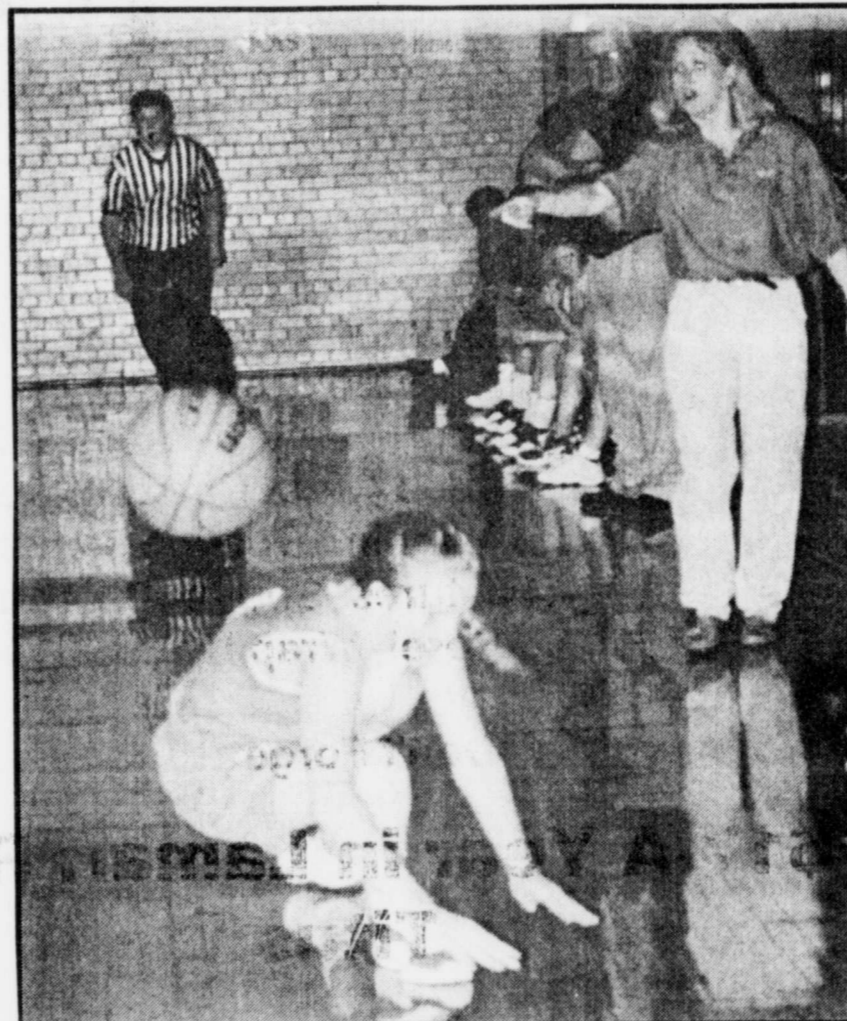
The third quarter was the Lady Rebels downfall. The Lipan team held them to only 10 points while scoring 21 of their own points. At the quarters end the two team were tied up 51-51. What had been a close game turned into an all out battle. Matching each other score for score the game came down to the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

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

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

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

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



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

That action is best which produces the greatest happiness for the greatest numbers.

—Francis Hutcheson

Rivercrest Youth Basketball meeting date set for December 4

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

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

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

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



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Rebels down Lone Oak and Savoy

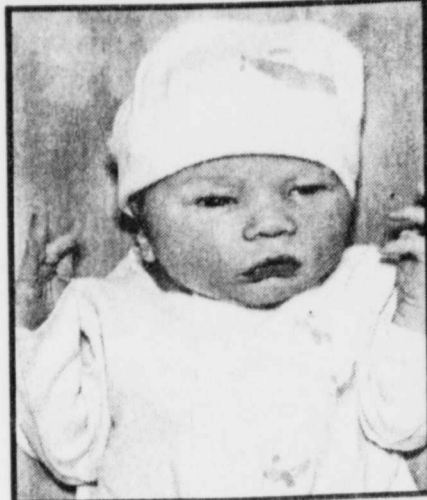
The Rivercrest Rebels JV and Varsity traveled to Lone Oak on Friday, Nov. 26 for competition. The JV team were defeated but the varsity made up for the loss winning 55-45. Chase Collins was the high point man for the Rebels with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Also scoring were Keith Hines with 17, Michael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

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

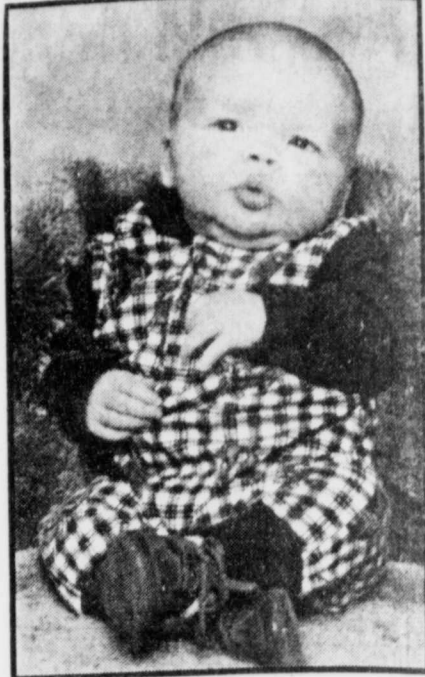
off with a trey. At the end of one quarter the Rebels had Savoy down 20-8. Hines had made 7 points, Chase Collins-4, Michael Galloway-2, Clinton Cheatwood had air mailed a trey and Cody Wolfe-2 points. Although the Savoy team struggled they never let up. The Rebels had an easy 36-16 lead at the half.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

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

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



Cody Len Poole



Michael Ross Murphy

New Arrivals

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

New Arrivals

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

JOHNTOWN NEWS
 By Jana Hawkins

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

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

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

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

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

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

Santa letter deadline

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

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

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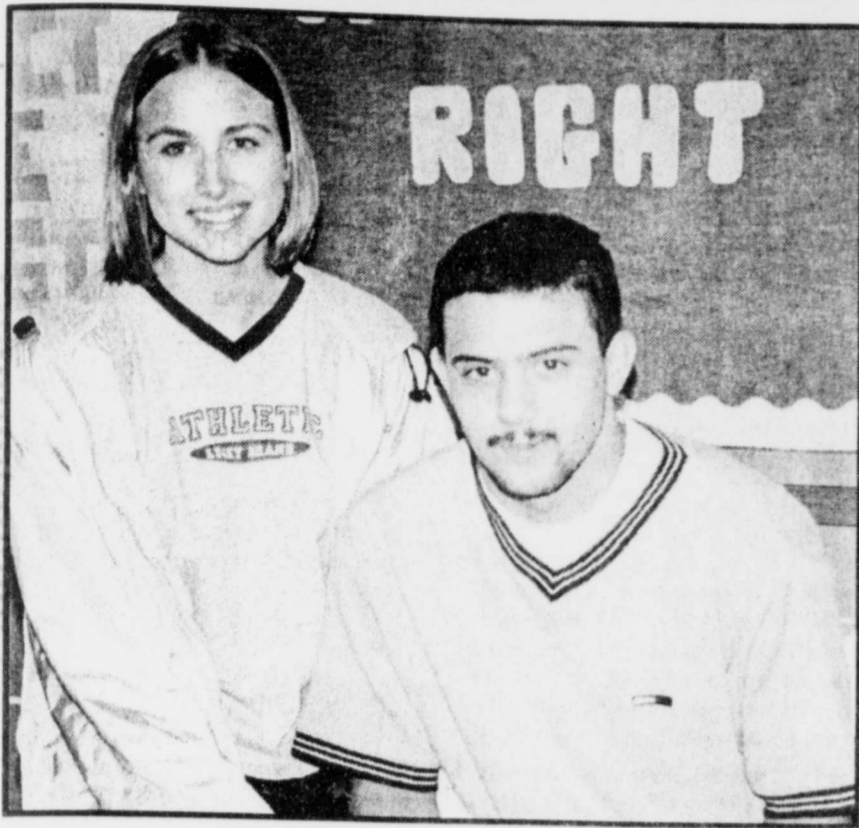
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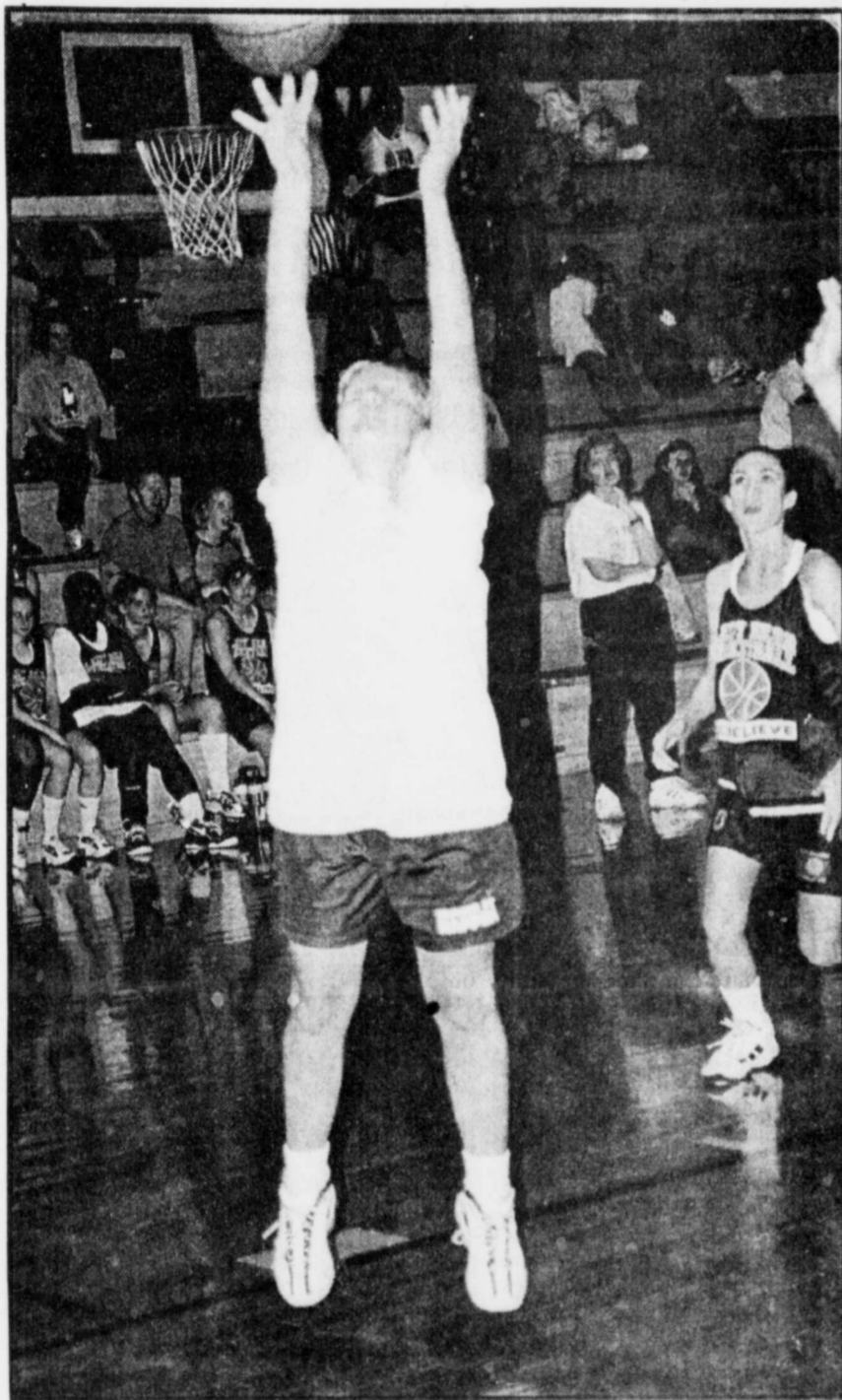
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-for October at Rivercrest High School were Kara Palmer and Bryce Watkins. Kara is a junior at RHS. She is active in Beta Club and NHS. She is the daughter of Karla Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Palmer of Bogata. Bryce is a senior at RHS. He is a member of the varsity football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



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

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Lunch
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- Thursday**
Breakfast
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Lunch
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- Friday**
Breakfast
 Toast
 cereal
 juice
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Lunch
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KIMSHIRLEY-makes a jump shot against the DeKalb team in a scrimmage last week. The Lady Rebels dominated the game. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

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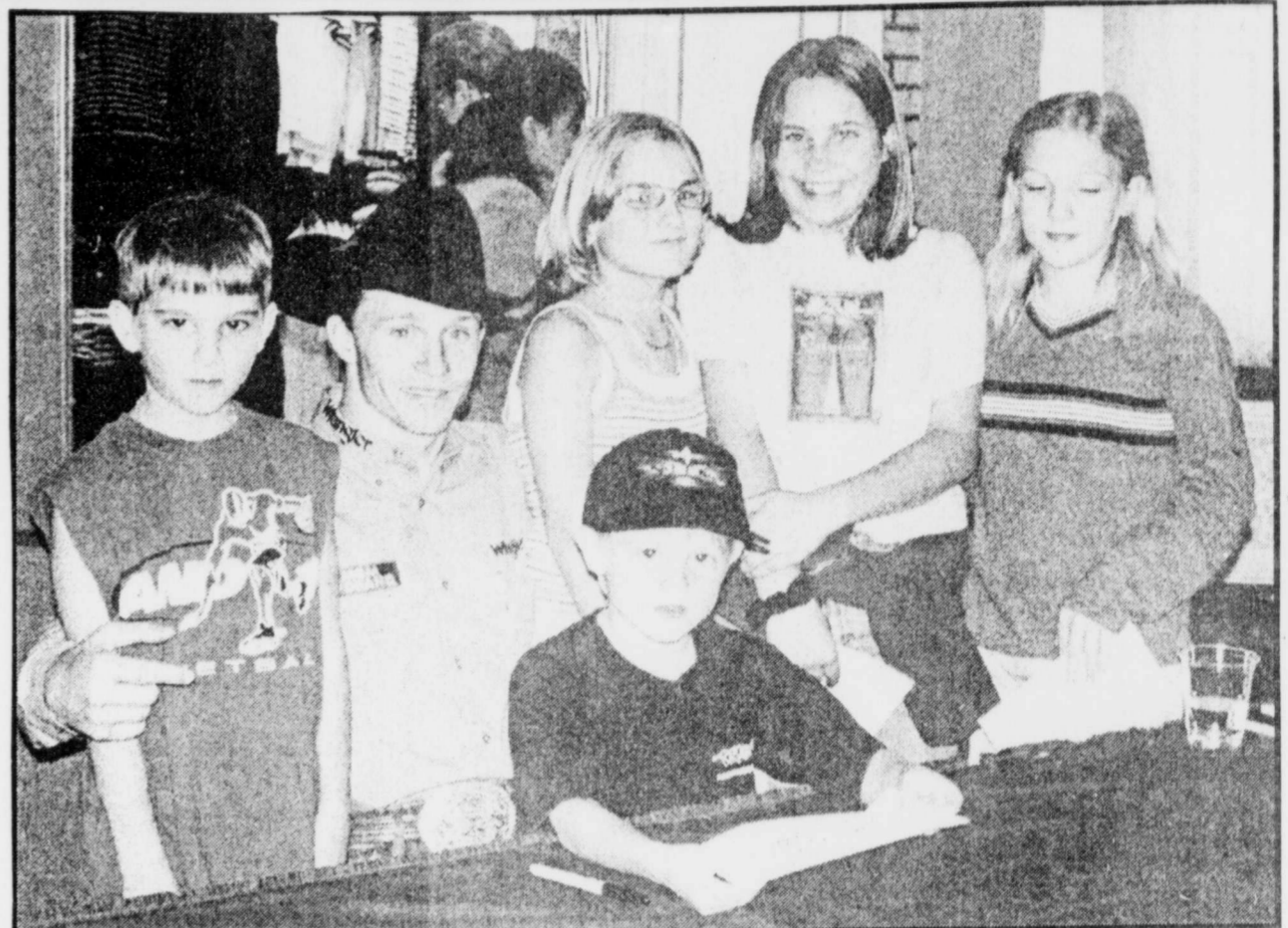
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WRIGHT FAMILY CHILDREN in Talco recently enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada where they attended the Professional Bull Rider's Finals, in addition to their uncle Todd's wedding. The children especially enjoyed meeting PRCA World Champion All Around Cowboy Ty Murray, who was competing at the PBR Finals. Pictured from left are Robert Caul Rhoades, Ty Murray, Alex Wright, Jesi Navia, Camill Wright and, in front, Jacob Wright.

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

RWNT meets in Pittsburg

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

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

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

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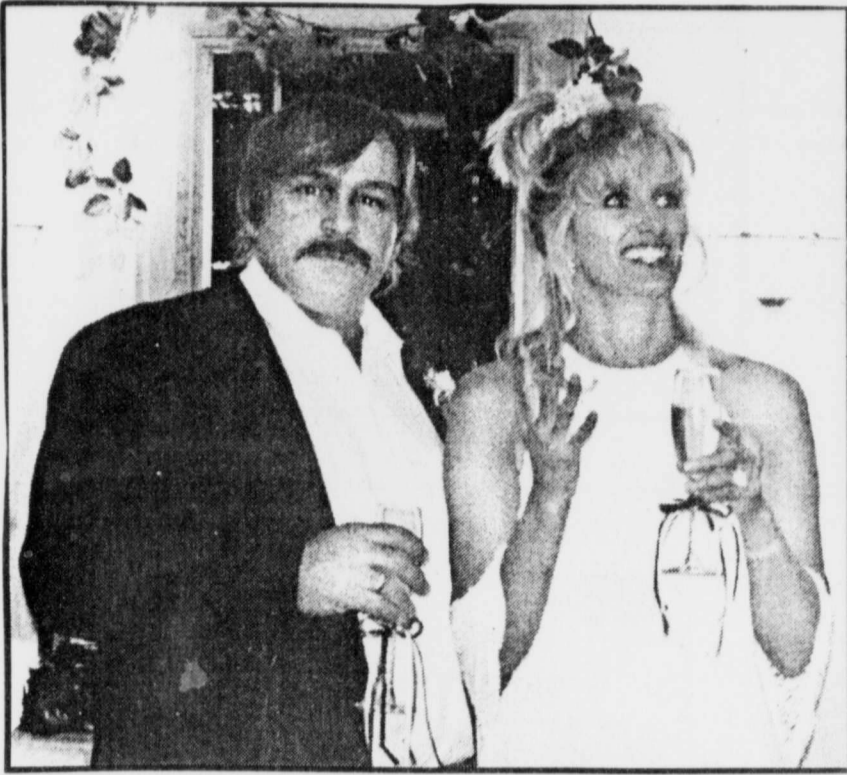
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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Todd Wright

Blackburn-Wright wed October 30

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

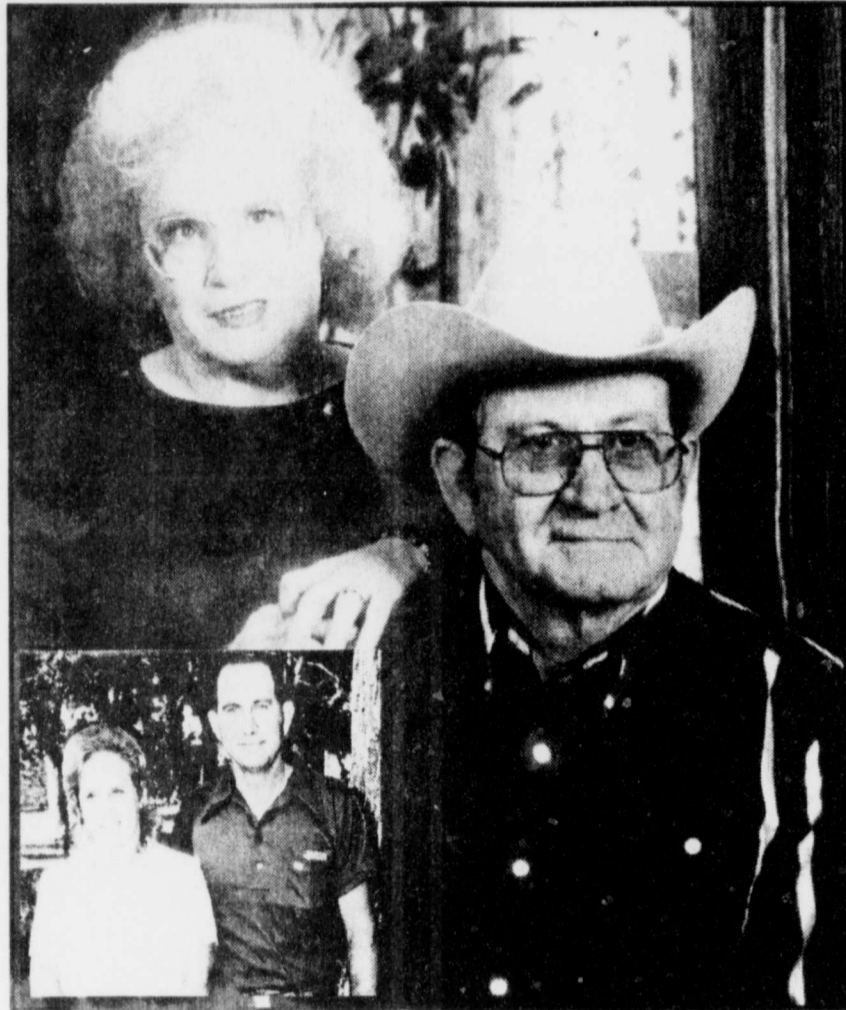
Following the vows the bride sang "From This Moment" to her groom and they were pronounced man and wife.

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

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

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

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



Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Gage

Blanton & Bonnye Gage celebrate 50th anniversary

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

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

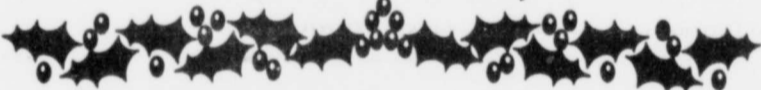
Attending were: L.B. and Annie Gage, Cathy and Kaylee Warrick of Clyde; Chance Brown of Hamlin; Katy Warrick of Huntsville; Susan Dodd of Lovington, NM; Jerry Dodd III of Denver, CO; Stephen, Gena and Clint Gage, Jon, Debbie, Shon and Aaron Gage, Paul and Sue Miller, all of Talco; Barry, Susan and Connor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

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

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

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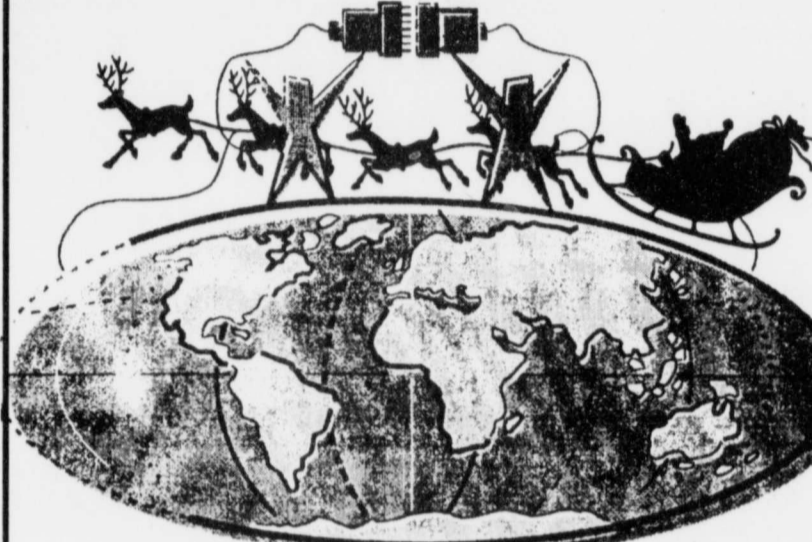
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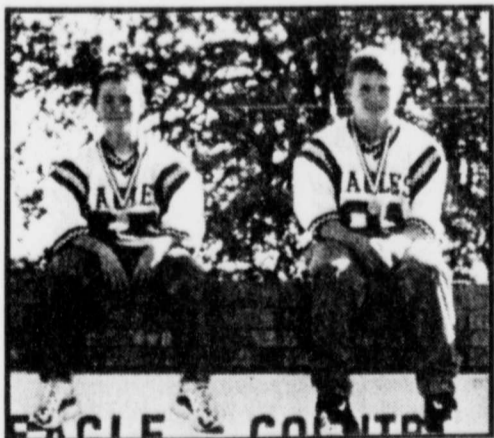
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Boys Region II Qualifiers E.C. Nichols and A.W. Melton.



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



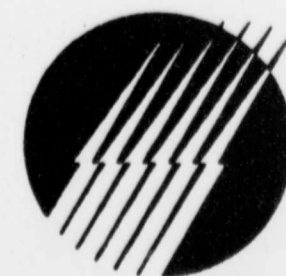
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Happy November Birthday to; Shon Gage, Tiffani Cooksey, Cynde Blankenship and Rachel Case.

Bruce, Tammie, Ryan and Rachel Case and Craig Eudy enjoyed watching Paul Pewitt's play off game in Garland Saturday, Nov. 20. Prior to the game they had supper at Tony Roma's.

Happy December Birthday to; Rhonda Taylor, Barbara Smith, Marilyn Graf, Wade Cline, Charles Graf, Tawala Padgett, Jerry Pittman, Tracy and Stacy Howard, Carol Laing, Chad Kuhl, Mandy Haertner, Brad Rogers, Erin Rogers, Zeke Currey and Jesi Navia, Destry Nolen and Jeremy Abshier.

Thanksgiving Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Franks and Amanda were Brantlin Carr, Carol Laing, Velma Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Kennedy, Brady and Ashlyn, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Anschutz, Ali and Colby Chitsey.

Carey Johnson of Dallas visited home over the holiday with parents, Rhonda and Jimmy Taylor and brother, Kenneth Paul Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. David Currey and Zeke of Austin visited over the holiday with the John D. Wright family and the Julia Currey family.

Carol Laing visited her sister, Pam and Ray Kirkwood and family Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kuhl and Kristin of Snyder visited over the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Linden Horn, Ruby Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Howard, Callie and Ashley Mankins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dan Kuhl and Maria and other family and friends.

Thanksgiving Day guests at the home of Sally Baker were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker, Jennifer and Gina of Cooper's Chapel, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hollis, Shelly and Robyn of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Baker and children of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Whitaker and children of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Josh Johnson and children of Mt. Pleasant.

Thanksgiving Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Price, Jeremy and Lyssa were Jeff and Vicki Frankland, Danielle, Jeremiah, Mecaela and Josiah of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Smith, Josh and Chad of Elysian Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Smith of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Russell, Melanie and Vicki Craig of Maple Springs, Aaron

Smith of Lufkin, Gene and Sandra Price Cox of Garland, Frank and Vickie Mezzacappa and Dillon of Denison, Candace Lyca of Paris, Wanda and Chuck Cooksey of Denison, Doyle and Sharon Price and Elsie Walter of Maple Springs, Jean and Herman Wright of Malakoff, Robyn and Marty Gunderson, Rachel, Aaron and Grant of Rockwall, C.W. and Iva Lee Hornbuckle of Ivanhoe, Paula Hornbuckle and friends Don and Sam Hipp of Van.

Jeremy Abshier spent Wednesday through Friday visiting his dad and brother, Cliff Abshier and Josh and Connie Abshier in Orange, Tx.

Celebrating Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nolen, Destry and Chris were Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nolen and Jody, Jerrica and Jessica Weatherall of Dallas, Louise Nolen and Wanda and Billy Joe Vickers.

Chandra Jones of Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma visited over the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jones, her daughter, Kari and other family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown attended the wedding reception/shower in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Wright Friday evening at the home of John D. Wright.

Thanksgiving Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Pittman were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pittman and Mike of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Regan Howell and family of Longview, Rene Wisinger and friend, Kasey Easley, Chris and Bridgette Eudy and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lou Dameron of Bogata and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wisinger and Shari.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Russell, Melanie and Aaron Smith and Vickie Craig attended the Elysian Fields vs Garrison football play off game at Stephen F. Austin on Friday night. The Elysian Fields won the contest with 19 seconds left in the game with a score of 20-13. They will continue on their road to state next week.

The Reese family reunion was held Saturday at Mt. Sylvia Church fellowship hall. Attending from Talco were Carol Laing and Jeremy Abshier, Jerry and Joyce Franks, Stephanie Wright of Bogata and Marley and Caitlin Tidwell of Blossom.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and Jack Thanksgiving Day were Quinton Anderson, Wanda and

Katherine Graf, Anita Baker, Jennifer and Gina of Cooper's Chapel, Jennifer Allmon of Blossom and niece Stormi of Roxton, Jana Weatherall and Kevin Williams.

Bruce, Tammie, Ryan and Rachel Case and Craig Eudy attended the Paul Pewitt football play off game in Dallas Saturday. The Brahma's were defeated by Boyd ending their return State Champion hopes.

Celebrating Thanksgiving at the home of John D. Wright were Johnny and Karen Jones, Chandra and Kari Jones, Marta and Robert Caul Rhoades, Doug and Mayra Clark, Luke, Jesi and Kelsey, Carla Mills and Deonna of Dallas, Marilyn Mills of Dallas, Mona Wright and guest, Bonnie of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Coker of Pittsburg, David and Sue Currey and Zeke of Austin, Coulter Currey and Leslie Nixon, Caywer and John Coulter Currey of Mt. Pleasant, Mark and Elizabeth Currey and Bailey of Austin, Dawn Stephenson of Wyoming, Dara Stephenson of California, Todd and Valynn Wright, Camill and Logan, Rena Barganski, Wade, Donna, Morgan and Malorie Wright, Matthew, Donnette, Dakota and Croix Parrot, Mr. and Mrs. Parrot of North Carolina, J.P., Laura and James Paul Kernan of Dallas, Shane, Leslie, Alex and Jacob Wright, Inez Johnson, Clyde Johnson and Michael, Jason Johnson and son and Vickie Bryant all of Bogata.

Wendy Mears of College Station was home over the holiday visiting family and friends.

Visiting and sharing Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Watts were Clarence and Cindy Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Watts and Chelsey.

Spending Thanksgiving Day with Greg, Becky and Holly Jones of Sylvan were; Annette and Cato Jones of Wewoka, OK., daughter, Jennifer Jones of Oklahoma City, OK., daughter, Jill Brady and Hal of Blossom and friend Tom Weiberg of Reno, Becky Blackburn of Sylvan, son Michael Lee and Kenda Blackburn of Sylvan and son, Craig Blackburn and fiancée, Karen Brewer of Blossom, Jan and J.R. Lilley of Detroit, son, Jon Lilley of Paris and daughter, Janay Hull of Jacksboro, Tx. and grandsons, Colton and Cason Hull, Wanda and Billy Joe Vickers of Talco and Ruby and Troy Lewis of Blossom.

Jack Brown visited with Lee and Travis Antone Tuesday evening.

Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of Blanton and Bonnye Gage were L.B. and Annie Gage of Clyde, Tx., Cathy and Kaylee Warrick of Clyde, Tx., Chance Brown of Hamlin, Tx., Guy Turner of Abilene, Tx., Katy Warrick of Huntsville, Tx., Susan Dodd of Lovington, New Mexico, Jerry Dodd III of Denver, Colorado, Stephen Gage, Jon, Shon and Aaron Gage all of Talco, Barry, Susan and Connor Gage of Johntown and Richard, Mari and Ashlee Crotchfield of Hallsville, Tx.

Happy December Birthday to; Jon Gage, Gena Gage, Kitty Ellis and Ashley Bruce.

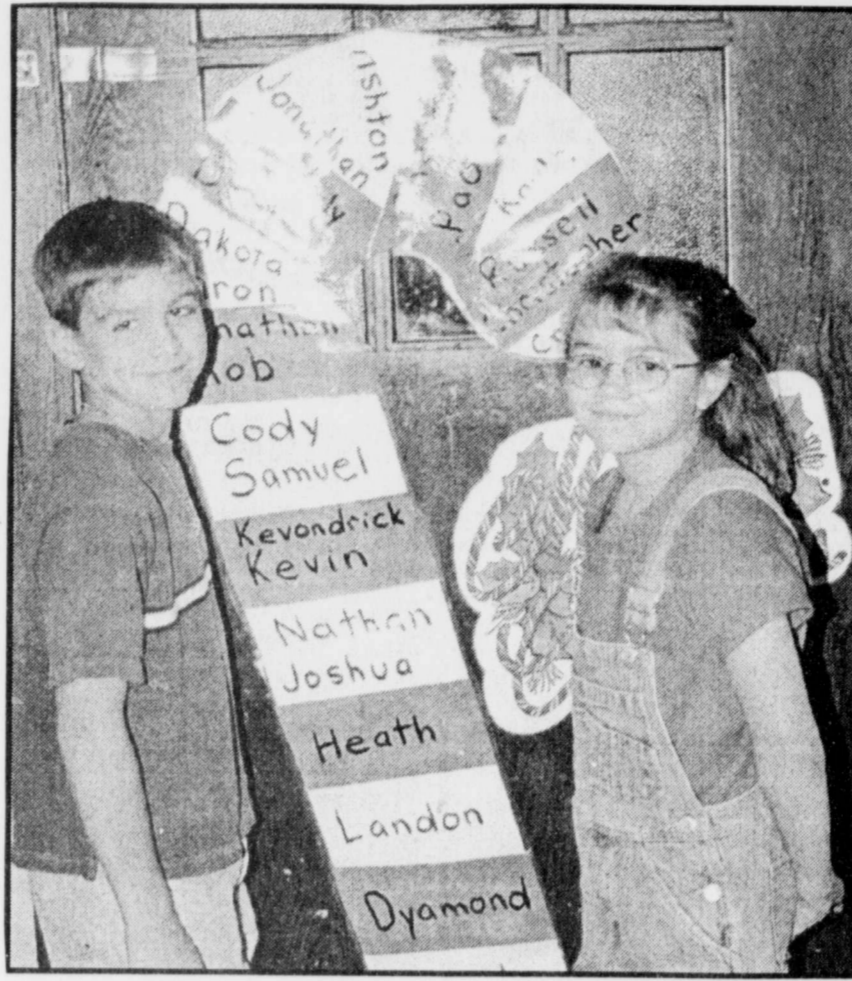
Talco Explorers to sponsor bake sale

The Talco Volunteer Fire Department Explorers will sponsor a bake sale on Friday, December 3 in front of the Talco Post Office beginning at 8:00 a.m.

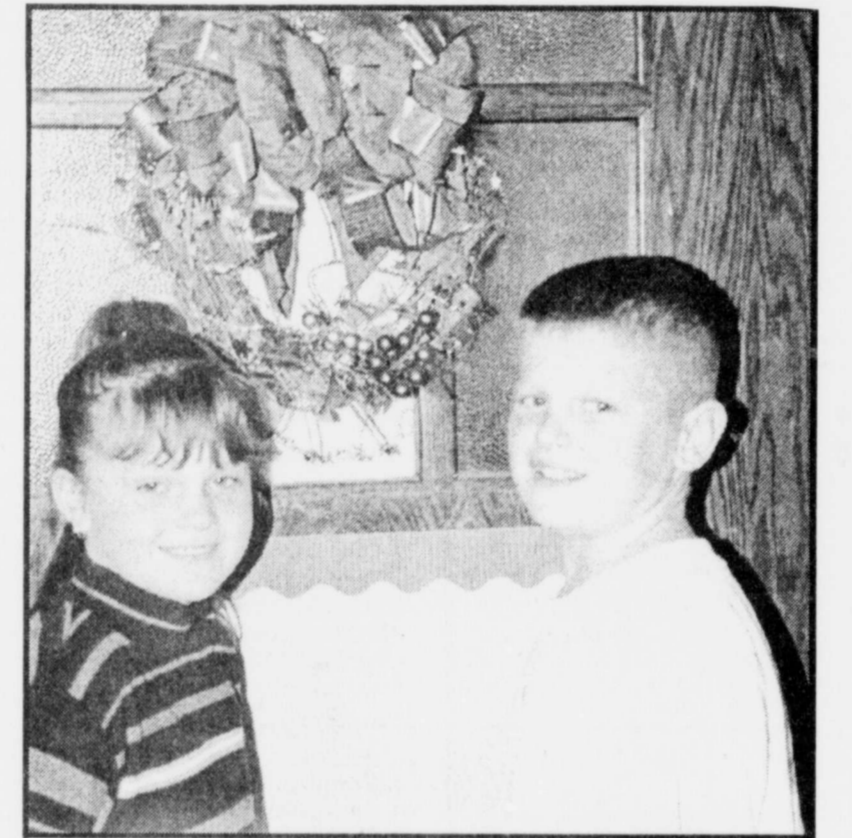
To donate a pie or cake contact Amber Forsyth at 379-9330. Everyone donating or purchasing items will be appreciated. All funds will go to purchase needed items for the young firemen.



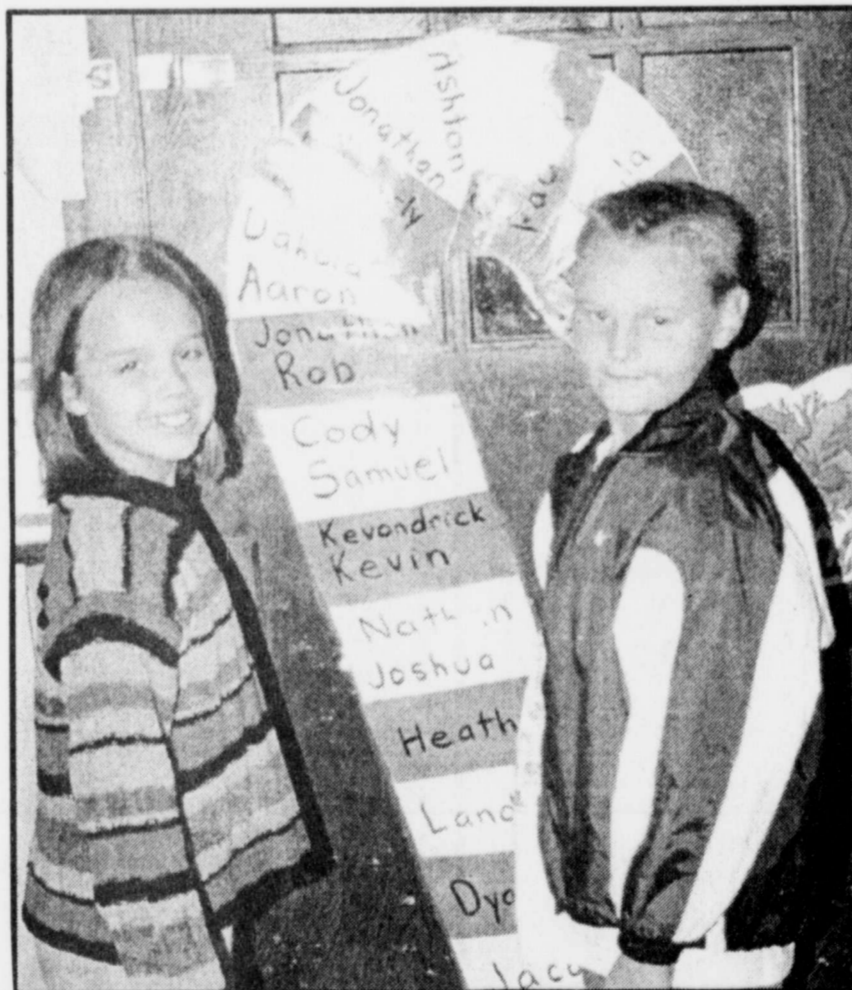
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CHRISTMAS ROYALTY-Chosen as Talco Fourth grade Christmas King and Queen are Emily McCuller and Colby Chitsey. Emily is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly McCuller of Sugar Hill. Colby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marc Anschutz of Maple Springs. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CHRISTMAS ROYALTY-Chosen as Talco Fifth grade Christmas King and Queen are Kayla Clemmons and Destry Nolen. Kayla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Clemmons of Talco. Destry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nolen of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CHRISTMAS ROYALTY-Chosen as Talco Third grade Christmas King and Queen are Helena Walls and E.J. Via. Helena is the daughter of the late John Walls and Janice Pope of Talco. E.J. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Via of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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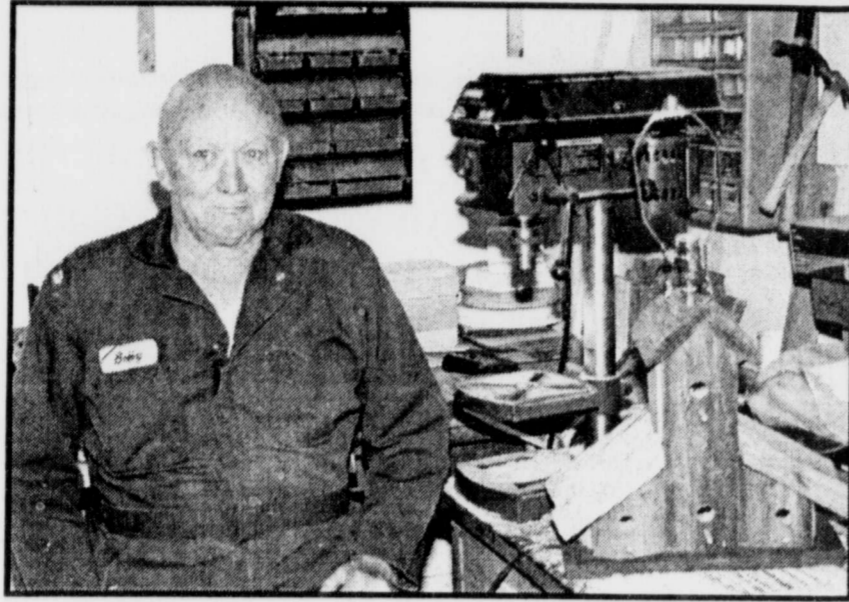
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FOR THE BIRDS-Bobby Cox of Talco loves making birdhouses and other unusual items in his wood shop. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

Local students included in Who's Who

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

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

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

Students from Blossom included in the book include Sarah Hooge.

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

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

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

Bobby's houses are for the birds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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