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I told you so, I told you so!
Okay, so I shouldn't say this.
But...I told you so! I said back
months and months ago that
Y2K was going to be a non-
event....and so it has proved.

After months of dire predic-
tions, after spoiling people's
holidays by having them on
duty New Years Eve, after
people have spent money stock-
piling bottled water, batteries
and food, what happened? Ab-
solutely nothing.

Oh, there were some
"glitches", there always are. I
understand that some city sent
out jury notices requiring
people to report on January 3,
1900. It was amusing to hear
that the head of the Church of
England called for everyone to
light a prayer for the millenium....which promptly
resulted in all fire fighters
leaves being cancelled due to
the increased fire danger!

My favorite Y2K joke was
the one asking if your toilet
paper was Y2K compliant. If it
wasn't....it reverted to a 1900
Sears catalog. That's a truly
spooky thought!

But the Armageddon,
world's end, civilization as we
know it, total collapse failed to
materialize.

In fact, I haven't discovered
anywhere that the lights, wa-
ter, or gas went off, either.

The banks are open doing
business as usual, as are all
other institutions. Hey, the
stock market hasn't even
crashed!

Mostly, though, I'm just
grateful to know that now we
can shut UP about Y2K. I'm
sick of hearing it. I have never
grown so bored with hearing
people blather on about some-
thing in my life!

Of course, there are those
who swear that the true millen-
nium isn't until next year. So, I
suppose we can crank up about
that, next. Of well, maybe we
can have a few months respite
before it starts.



Arrests made in recent burglaries

Red River County Sheriff Bob
Edrington reports that during an ex-
tensive investigation the Red River
County Sheriff's Office and Con-
stable have solved nine recent bur-
glaries in eastern Red River County.
Approximately \$5,000.00 in stolen
property has been recovered.

Arrested in connection with the
burglaries were William James
Henderson of Avery, a white male,
age 18; and Jason Troxell, a white
male, age 20, also of Avery. Investi-
gations continuing and more arrests
are expected.

Girl Scouts are ready to sell cookies

The Red River Valley Girl Scout
Council Cookie Sale will be held
beginning January 7, taking orders
through January 23.

Delivery of the cookies will be
February 21 through March 12.

Eight kinds of cookies will be on
sale for \$2.50 a box including
Samoas, Trefoils, Thin Mints, Lemon
Drops, Do-si-dos, Striped Chocolate
Chips, Apple Cinnamon and Tag-
alongs.

In Bogata, your cookie chairman
Na Stewart, contact her at 632-

Talco Times

64TH YEAR, No. 9 TALCO, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS Thursday, January 6, 2000 50¢



TWO CAR ACCIDENT-no serious injuries occurred in a two car accident at the intersection of Third and South Main Streets in Bogata December 21. Jonathan Savage's vehicle driven by Courtney Jones was hit by a car driven by Donnie Whitaker. The report indicates Whitaker failed to stop. Miss Jones and Mr. Whitaker were taken to Clarksville Hospital where they were treated and released. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



The Braschler Music Show

Braschler Music Show is coming to Mt. Pleasant

The Braschler Music Show will be
performing in Mt. Pleasant at the
Titus County Civic Center on Janu-
ary 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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hometown. They create happiness
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formance packed with extraordinary

musical talent.

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musical journey and then spices it
up.

For ticket information, call 575-
4190.

Youth Basketball playing date changed

The Rivercrest Youth Basketball
(Little Dribbler's) had set Jan. 15,
2000 as the date to begin games at
both Talco and Bogata gyms.

Due to various upcoming events
the group has delayed the start of the
season to Jan. 22, 2000. Practice
schedules were distributed this week
and teams will have two weeks to
prepare for play. All player's entry
fees need to be in before the first
game. For more information call
Ricky Franks in at 379-9430 or Ken-
neth Palmer in Bogata.

23 people died in Texas crashes

As of 3:00 p.m. December 27, 23
people died in traffic crashes in Texas
during the 54-hour Christmas holi-
day that ran from 6 pm. Friday to
midnight Sunday.

Of the 23 deaths, six were seat belt
related, two are unknown, five were
pedestrians, and one was riding a
motorcycle.

Seven crashes were reported as

People 'n Things

Third Tuesday of each month
Bogata Lions Club sponsors Bingo
at Red River Healthcare Center. Li-
ons Club members should volunteer
to help when they can.

First Mondays
NAMI (National Alliance for the
Mentally Ill) Consumers meeting will
be held on the first Monday of each
month at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist
Church located at 4th and Madison in
Mt. Pleasant, Tx. All interested per-
sons are invited to attend.

**Lady Rebel-Rebel December
basketball**

Dec. 27-29 Rebel A boys at Leonard
tournament
Dec. 28-Lady Rebel 9th JV/V girls
DeKalb there 2:00 p.m.

Bringing the new year Jan. 4-AB
Rebels, AB Lady Rebels at Chapel
Hill 4:00 p.m.

Notice
Alcoholics Anonymous beginning in
July will meet on every Wednesday
only at 8 p.m. in the St. Joseph's
Catholic Church Rec. Room in
Clarksville. Everyone is Welcome.

Commodities will be distributed at
the First Baptist Church of Bogata
from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on
Tuesday, January 18. Food boxes are
now being distributed on the third
Tuesday of each month at Clarksville
Eastside Church of Christ from 12:30
until 2:30 p.m.



Charla Hines and Brittany Bull

Rebel Cheerleaders perform at Cotton Bowl

Rivercrest Varsity Cheerleaders
Brittany Bull and Charla Hines per-
formed during the pre-game and half
time shows of the 64th Annual South-
western Bell Cotton Bowl Classic in
Dallas, Texas on January 1, 2000.

The traditional New Year's Day
game is dear to the hearts of all foot-
ball fans and has been the stage for
some of the most exciting and memo-
rable performances in college foot-
ball history. The pre-game and half
time show was dedicated to the world
famous Kilgore College Rangerettes
who have been an important part of
the Cotton Bowl game for the last 49
years. The January 1, 2000 game
marked their 50th consecutive Cot-
ton Bowl performance.

Brittany and Charla joined 300
other cheerleaders chosen from
Cheerleader camps from Arkansas,
Kansas, Arizona, Idaho, Ohio, Okla-
homa, Nebraska, Texas, Utah, Vir-
ginia, Delaware and New York. The
girls were chosen as UCA All Star
Cheerleaders during the cheerleader
camp this past summer that was held
at Rivercrest. The game featured the
Arkansas Razorbacks and the Long-
horns of the University of Texas and
began at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Jan.
1, 2000.

Brittany and Charla spent from
Dec. 28 through Jan. 2 in Dallas site-
seeing and practicing for their per-
formance. They visited John F.
Kennedy Museum, the West End in
Dallas, the Galleria Mall and Medi-
eval Times. They welcomed the new
Millennium at a New Year's Eve party
at South Fork Ranch in Plano, Tx.;
home of J.R. Ewing (Larry Hagman)
from the long running television
show, Dallas.

Brittany is the daughter of Leah
Bull of Bogata and Terry Bull of
Paris. Her grandparents are Mr. and
Mrs. Robert L. Lewis of Bogata and

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coffin of Bogata
and great grandmother, Lucille Mor-
gan of Deport. Brittany has been a
cheerleader since she was in the 4th
grade. She was a pee wee cheerleader

for the pee wee football team, the
Blue Ridge Tigers. She served as a
Blue Ridge Junior High Cheerleader
her 7th grade year and was elected to
serve her 8th grade year until she
moved with her mother to Bogata.
Brittany played basketball her 8th
grade year and was Talco School
Salutatorian. As a freshman she was
a Rivercrest JV cheerleader, a JV
Lady Rebel and played on the tennis
team. She also served as a freshman
representative on the Student Coun-
cil. As a sophomore, Brittany is a
varsity cheerleader and a JV Lady
Rebel basketball player. She is a
member of the Pan American Stu-
dent Forum and was elected as sopho-
more Christmas Queen. She plans to
play tennis again this year. Her long
range plans involve going to college
and majoring in Physical Therapy.
She enjoys cheerleading, playing
basketball, gymnastics, shopping
spending time with her friends and
driving.

Charla is the daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Charlie Hines of Fulbright.

Her grandparents are James and
Antonia Fulbright of Fulbright and
the late Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Hines of
Talco. She served as a junior high
cheerleader and was a member of the
Junior High basketball and track
teams. Her Freshman year she was a
JV cheerleader and was on the Lady
Rebel JV basketball team and varsity
track.

This year she is a varsity cheer-
leader and is a member of the Lady
Rebel JV team and plans to compete
in tennis.

Charla is a member of the Student
Council, FFA and serves as Vice
President of her class this year. She
was elected as Most Popular and Most
Athletic of her class this year. She
enjoys talking on the phone, shop-
ping, cheerleading and playing ball.

Commissioners report for December

by Ricky Daniels

We have made it into the next
century without any Y2K problems.
1999 has been a good year for the
county and for Precinct 1. It has been
a good year for road construction and
we have been able to do a lot of ditch
work and hauled a lot of base mate-
rial. Things are starting to look good
in the future for possibly some seal
coat work and bridge construction.

This month 3 culverts were in-
stalled, 20 loads of rock were hauled
to 2 different roads, small loads were
hauled off the yard to 2 different
roads and we were able to get 1 trash
dump area cleaned up.

In Commissioners Court bids were
approved on 2 trucks in Precinct 4,
approved bond for Treasurer's Of-

fice, approved sale of struck off prop-
erty, approved request from DPS
Office to increase salary for DPS
Clerk, approved resolution to partici-
pate in the TxDot Off System bridge
replacement program, approved pro-
clamation to participate in Year 2000
Decennial Census Complete Court
Committee, approved request from
Drug Task Force for Fiscal Year 2000-
2001. Also approved was a plot for
Greg Hayes Shawnee Creek sub-di-
vision and heard complaint from Gary
Davidson and other residents regard-
ing trash dump on County Road 1435.

If you have any question or com-
ments please come by or call me and
I will be glad to help if I can. 632-
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knowledge by study, lost health by
temperance. but lost time is gone for ever

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Happy New Year and hope everyone had a great holiday and peace, love and hope to all! So who needs to go on a diet? Probably everyone... right! If you ate as much as we did during the holidays. I tried a lot of new recipes, some flopped and some were great! I got some new recipe books and one of them was a bread machine recipe book. I have been having a lot of fun with my bread machine. I had put it up for a while, but pulled it out, dusted it off and cranked it up. Once again...some were flops and others were very tasty!

I have included some of these in this week's column and hope you will try them and see how you like them. Now, if I can just come up with some recipes for all of that tuna fish that people bought up for Y2K!

Crusty French Bread-this can be made for fondue or to serve with cheese spreads and is also delicious toasted

and smothered with preserves.

Honey Buttermilk Bread-buttermilk gives this soft and chewy loaf a very rich flavor and is great for French toast or with your favorite jam or jelly.

Diet Wheat Bread-although bread is not really very fattening, some contain more shortening than others, thereby "sneaking" fat in. This recipe has only 10 grams of fat per loaf!

Croissants-a little trick and time-consuming to make, but put them out for Sunday breakfast and they will be worth all the time and effort it takes!

Pizza Dough-pizzas are only as good as their crust and this crust makes an excellent pizza. If it is too crispy on the outside for you, use less olive oil.

Pretzels-try these with a variety of mustards or just plain!

See you in the kitchen!



Frank E. Ball

Frank Elihue Ball dies December 18

Frank Elihue Ball, Colonel USA, (retired) died December 18 in Reston, Virginia. He was 82.

He was born November 23, 1917 to the late Johnny W. and Ruby Dennison Ball of Minter. He was raised in the town of Minter and was one of the first residents of the small community to enter college. After graduating from Texas A&M University in 1939, Colonel Ball began 32 successful years of active duty, as a career officer in the United States Army.

He served in the 2nd Division in Europe during World War II, participating in the invasion of Normandy at Omaha Beach, and the Battle of the Bulge. Other assignments included a tour at Ft. Lewis, Washington; advisor to the National Guard in Palestine, TX; US advisor to the South Korean Army during the Korean Conflict; Post Executive Officer at Ft. McNair, Washington, DC; graduated from the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Security of the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, GA; graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, VA; Battlegroup Commander for the 35th Infantry (Cacti) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and Operations Officer for US Army Hawaii; he then returned to Washington, DC and graduated from the National War College at Ft. McNair, before serving in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the Pentagon, and finally completed his career working in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Colonel Ball retired in March, 1972.

During his active duty years he was awarded the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; the Bronze Star with the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; the Purple Heart; the Combat Infantry Badge; the Army Presidential Unit Citation; the European Campaign Medal with 5 Campaign Service Stars; the National Defense Service Medal; the French Croix de Guerre; the Belgian Fourragere; and the Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star and 1 Silver Service Star; and the United Nations Service Medal.

Colonel Ball resided at Falcon's Landing, a military retirement community in Sterling, VA. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, the former Georgia Helen Whitney, formerly of Minter; a daughter, Georgia Ann B. Hall Kepner of Sterling, VA; a son, Frank E. Ball, Jr., of New York, New York; a son, David W. Ball of Charlottesville, VA; five grandchildren, Jayne Ball Kilpatrick, David A. Hall, Douglas A. Hall, Georgia Anne Hall Clark, Andrew R. Ball; two great-grandchildren, Sean M. Hall, W. Alexander Hall; and one brother, John David Ball of Paris.

Col. Ball was interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA on December 30 with full military honors.

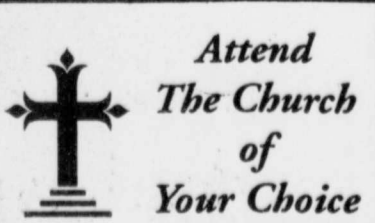
Arrangements were by Green Funeral Home in Herndon, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Georgia H. and Frank E. Ball ("39") Endowed Opportunity Award Fund at Texas A&M University, 401 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840-2811 with checks made payable to Texas A&M Foundation.

Support group to meet

The Bereaved Parent Support group will meet January 10 to discuss "signs of recovery". The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the TU Electric Building in Paris.

All bereaved parents, grandparents, friends and family are invited to attend.



Attend The Church of Your Choice

Fate chooses our relatives, we choose our friends.

Hubert Wilson Smith dies January 1

Hubert Wilson (Smitty) Smith, age 93, formerly of Bogata, died Saturday, January 1 in Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4 under the pavillion of Bogata Cemetery with the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Smith was born August 15, 1906 in Oklahoma. He was retired from Mobil Oil Company and worked as a mechanic in later years. He is survived by his wife, the former Naomi Harbison, who he married June 11, 1938 in Hugo, OK; and two sons, Keith Smith of Sherman and Eddie Smith of Bogata.

Cletus Opal Thomas dies December 26

Cletus Opal Thomas, age 95, of Deport died in Deport Nursing Home Sunday, December 26. Services were held Tuesday, December 28 in Wood Funeral Homes Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Glynn Renfro officiating. Burial was in Detroit Cemetery.

She was born August 13, 1904 in Oklahoma, the daughter of Perry and Susan Francis Casey Luttrell. In 1922, she married Esker Lee Thomas in Detroit. He preceded her in death in December, 1972. Mrs. Thomas was also preceded in death by two sons, John Thomas and L.C. Thomas; two daughters, Helen Little and Eva Mae Bryant; and three sisters, Maureen Bradley, Lorene Matthews and Pearl Hamilton; and two brothers, L.D. Luttrell and Roy Luttrell.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Fay Burns of Bogata and Mrs. Norma Jean Isbell of DeKalb; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lorena Willson dies January 4

Mrs. Lorena Willson, age 98 of Bogata, died Tuesday, January 4 at her residence.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 5 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

She was born November 27, 1902 in Titus County, the daughter of M.E. (Hite) Fishback and Emma Fry Fishback. She married Amos Willson on February 1, 1925 in Mt. Pleasant. He died May 27, 1978. She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Bogata.

She is survived by two daughters, Vernell Hitchcock of Boyd and Cewilla Duffie of Ft. Worth; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Gwendolyn Juanell Erwin dies December 21

Gwendolyn Juanell Erwin, age 64, passed away at her home in Wichita Falls, Texas, Tuesday, December 21. Graveside services were held December 24 at Riverside Cemetery in Byers, TX with the Rev. Kenneth Johanan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Byers officiating.

Gwen was the daughter of the late Cleamon and Eunice Denny of Bogata, Texas.

She is survived by three children, Schanda, Strawder of Weirsdale, FL, Carol Poole of Long Beach, CA and Ray Sluder of Wichita Falls; a brother and sister-in-law, Eddy and Nancy Denny of Bogata; a sister and brother-in-law, Earl Dean and Buddy Westbrook of Pittsburg; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, including special niece, Sherry Ellis of Cookville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rosco Erwin in 1990, two brothers, Cleamon Denny Jr. and Johnny Denny and wife, Jerre Denny.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for your many acts of kindness shown us during the short illness and death of our father and grandfather, Doug Alsbrook, the nurses and staff of Red River Haven, First Baptist Church, Deport, Wood Funeral Home and our many friends and neighbors. Your calls, cards, visits, flowers, food, thoughts and prayers were such a comfort and were all so gratefully received and appreciated. A special thanks to Bro. Glen Renfro, Bro. Freddie Burden, Susan Roach, Lisa Wright and Donald Bob Merritt. Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude to all of you.

The Family of Doug Alsbrook, Patsy & Waylon Norrell & family Nancy and Rene Castilla & family The Bob Alsbrook Family

Obituaries

Thelma Glyds Jones dies December 30

Thelma Glyds Jones, age 81 of Paris, formerly of Clarksville, died Thursday, December 30 in Christus St. Joseph's Hospital, Paris.

Services were held Sunday, January 2 at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. James Brown officiating. Clarksville Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Jones was born August 7, 1918 in DeQueen, AR, a daughter of Alvie Guy and Callie Glover. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. Her husband, Fletcher Forest Jones, preceded her in death in 1979, along with a son, Donald Jones in 1974.

Surviving are sons, Dan Jones of Redwater, Jimmy Jones of Pittsburg, and John Jones of Mesa AZ; daughters, Linda Hawley of Bagwell, Betty Ashmore of Paris and Jenny Herron of Sumner; a sister, Effie Glover of Clarksville; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Naomi Conley Hoffman dies January 3

Naomi Conley Hoffman, age 85, of Detroit, died Monday, January 3 in Ft. Worth.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 6 at Liberty Baptist Church with the Rev. J.T. McNab and the Rev. Calvin Permenter officiating. Burial followed in Bluff Cemetery.

Mrs. Hoffman was born March 2, 1913 in Midway Community of Red River County, a daughter of Will and Blanch Stiles Conley. She was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church in Midway and was a homemaker.

Her husband, Clarence Hoffman, preceded her in death in 1992.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth Adams of Ft. Worth; a stepson, Clarence Hoffman, Jr. of Detroit; stepdaughters, Elizabeth Dillon of Kingsville, GA, Linda Jones of Columbus, GA and Gala Thurston of Franklin, NC; a sister, Virginia Phillips of Paris; a brother, Stiles Conley of Ft. Worth; one grandchild; twelve step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank our family and friends for the cards, food, flowers and prayers during the loss of our mother, Cletus Thomas. Special appreciation to the Deport Nursing Home staff for the many acts of kindness you showed to her. Thanks, also to Wood Funeral Home, Bro. Glenn Renfro and Lee Ann Shelton for making our mother's service so special.

The Family of Cletus Thomas

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January 6, 1999 Bread Recipes

Crusty French Bread

2 teaspoons or 1/2 package yeast
2 cups bread flour
1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon butter
7/8 cup water
2 stiffly beaten egg whites

Beat the egg whites and set them aside. Put the remaining ingredients in your bread machine, in the order listed and push "Start". When all the ingredients are moistened, add the egg whites. For an even crisper crust. Combine in a small bowl: 1 tablespoon water, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon arrowroot or cornstarch. Brush this mixture on for the second rise. You may also sprinkle poppy seed on at this time.

Honey Buttermilk Bread

2 teaspoon or 1/2 package of yeast
2 cups bread flour
1-1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup buttermilk or 3/4 cup milk to which you have added 1 teaspoon of vinegar or lemon juice
2 tablespoons honey
1 tablespoon butter
3 tablespoon water

All ingredients to the machine in the order listed. Choose either regular or light crust (depending on your preference) and push "Start".

Diet Wheat Bread

2 teaspoons or 1/2 package of yeast
1 cup bread flour
1 cup whole wheat flour
1 tablespoon honey
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter
3 tablespoon nonfat dry milk powder
1 cup water

Add all the ingredients to the machine in the order listed. Choose either regular or light crust (depending on your preference) and push "Start".

Croissants

3 teaspoons or 1 package yeast
3 cups bread flour
2 tablespoons or 2 teaspoon sugar
1-1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon + 2 teaspoon butter
1 egg
1-1/4 cup water
3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) chilled butter

Place all ingredients except for egg and butter into the bread machine and select "dough" or "manual" setting. At the end of the cycle, remove dough and spread it evenly across the bottom of a large baking dish or cookie sheet and freeze it for one hour. Remove the dough from the freezer and roll it out about 1/4 inch thick. Slice the butter into 1 teaspoon pats and cover the flattened dough with them. Fold the dough in thirds and roll it out again to 1/4 inch

thickness. Repeat two more times, rolling after each fold. Cover the dough and put it in the refrigerator for one hour. Then remove it and roll it three times and return it to the freezer for one hour. Remove the dough from the freezer and roll it out to a rectangle 1/4 inch thick and brush it lightly with the beaten egg. Cut the dough into triangles and roll them up from the wide end. Bend them into a crescent shape. Cover the croissants and leave them to rise for one hour or until they have doubled in size. Brush them with the remaining beaten egg and bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes or until golden brown.

Pizza Dough

3 teaspoon or 1 package dry yeast (recipe states that compressed is better for this recipe)
3 cups bread flour
1 tablespoon sugar
2 teaspoon salt
1 cup water
2 tablespoon olive oil

Select the "dough" or "manual" mode on your bread machine. Add ingredients in the order listed and push "Start". This makes two 9 inch pizzas. Freeze them or top and bake at 475 degrees for 12-15 minutes or until cheese is melted and bubbly and the crust is lightly browned. NOTE: This only need to set for one rising.

Pretzels

2 teaspoons or 1/2 package yeast
3 cups unbleached white flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
1 cup water
1 quart water
5 teaspoons baking soda
coarse salt (either kosher or sea)

Put the yeast, flour, sugar, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, butter and 1 cup of water into your bread machine on the "dough" or "manual" setting. When the dough is ready, remove it and divide it into 12 equal parts (or more if you want your pretzels smaller). Roll them into long strands and shape them into pretzels. Set the pretzels on a cookie sheet and cover with a dish cloth. Let rise in a warm, draft-free place for 45 minutes. Put a quart of water and 5 teaspoons of baking soda in a large on aluminum sauce pan and bring to a the simmering stage just before boiling. Reduce heat and low before the water gets a chance to boil. Carefully drop the pretzels into the hot water for 1 minute each. Remove them with a slotted spoon and put them on a greased cookie sheet. When they are all boiled and removed to the cookie sheet, sprinkle with small amount of coarse salt. Bake at 475 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until browned.

Register for Spring 2000 Classes at Paris Junior College January 12 & 13

Registration in the Learning Center will be held as follows:

L-Z, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Wed., Jan. 12

A-K, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 13

Night Students register 5:30-7 p.m. both days.

No registration Friday, Jan. 14

Late Registration Jan. 17 & 18

First Class Day is Jan. 17

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Kay Kennedy underwent surgery on Monday, Dec. 20, 1999. She is reported doing well.

Helen Williams spent Christmas day in the home of Granville and Haletha Jones in Commerce. Other guests were Tim, Brenda, Kyle and Robert Jones of Klundike.

Christmas Day Dixie Stringfellow visited in the home of her son, Jimmy Stringfellow of Blossom. Also there were Joe, Debbie, Josh and Jake Stringfellow, Aaron Toland, Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, Chad, Felina and Jerica White, Paul and Payton Stringfellow, Christina Boyd and Sherre Richardson. Wayne Stringfellow called to wish the family Merry Christmas.

Melinda Mullins visited with her grandmothers, Betty Mullins and Betty Gibson over the Christmas holiday. She also visited with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skaggs and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Healy. Melinda left for a one year tour in Korea on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1999. She is a member of the United States Air Force.

Enjoying the traditional Christmas Day lunch at the home of the Jessie Gray's were Willie Gray, Jackie, Linda, Marty and Jody Gray, Jennifer and Riley Reeder, Jerry and Gerlyn Gray, Jessica, Danny and Marli Hines, Margaret Davis, Jessie and Willie Mae Gray, Judy, Harold, Heather and Heath Holt visited in the afternoon and everyone exchanged gifts.

Guest of Henry and Patty Barton for dinner Christmas evening were George and Janet Hobbs of Huntsville, Susan Hobbs of Houston, Bill and Joyce Barton of Munstian, Dumis Howell of Bagwell, Mitzie Nolan and Jordan Edward of Paris and Helen Williams of Bogata.

Christmas day guests at the home of George A. Lindsey in Bogata were their 4 children and their spouses, 14 grandchildren spouses and friends and 7 great grandchildren. A total of 38 guests celebrated the holiday.

Happy January Birthday to; James H. Ward, Katie Hare, Jimmy Stringfellow, Jody Stringfellow, Dwayne Young, Crystal Bell, Ross Eilers, Jamie Stringfellow, Deon McKeegan, Sharon House, Corey Martin, Joyce Proctor, Dorothy Wilson, Bill Farris, Tricia Bradley, Earl Grisham, Jim

Mauldin, Kenneth Duffer, Joyce Wisinger and Patricia Freelen.

George and Janet Hobbs of Huntsville and Susan Hobbs of Houston visited Helen Williams over the Christmas weekend. Other visitors Sunday were Granville and Haletha Jones of Commerce and Patty Barton of Bagwell.

Happy January Wedding Anniversary to Linda and Ross Eilers on January 14, 2000.

Donald Porterfield was taken to Clarksville Hospital early Monday morning with a possible heart attack. He was transferred to a Dallas Hospital where he underwent heart bypass surgery last week.

Dec. 26 Gerlyn and Jerry Gray and Margaret Davis enjoyed a holiday lunch and gift exchange with their children and grandchildren, Jennifer and Riley Reeder, Jessica, Danny and Marli Hines, Judy, Harold, Heath, Heather and Hayden Holt and Hayden's nurse.

Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris have spent time visiting with their grandparents, Donald and Judy Screws and aunt, Tana through the holidays.

Helen Williams visited Monday in the home of Granville and Haletha Jones of Commerce with Annette Jones of Georgetown, Melinda Jones of Pawcatuck, CT. and Traci Jones of Raleigh, NC.

Jennifer and Riley Reeder spent the Christmas holidays with her family. While here Heath Holt spent the night with Riley and Riley enjoyed spending several days with Heath. Riley also went to Paris with his Papa on Thursday and the pair came back with a motor home surprising his Mamma who was in Longview on business.

Christmas Eve guests in the home of Dixie Stringfellow were Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow, Mark Stringfellow, Randy and Mary Nell Hendricks, Jimmy Stringfellow, Sherre Richardson, Joe, Debbie, Josh and Jake Stringfellow, Aaron Toland, Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow, Chad, Felina and Jerica White, Paul Stringfellow, Christina Boyd, Dan and Vicki Tabb, Danny Tabb, Michael Tabb and Suzann Holland. Dixie received calls from Lynsey and Jamie Stringfellow, Kenneth York and Grady Rhodes wish-

ing her a Merry Christmas.

Bo Yale of Ft. Worth came Thursday, December 23 and picked up Christine Baker for a holiday visit. On Thursday evening Ken, Karen, Alyson and Ann Miller visited with the family. Sharing lunch and gift exchange on Christmas Day with the Yale's and Christine were Greg, Lisa, Kelsey and Katie Yale, Renee, Shawn and Blake Waters of Alvarado, Billie and Ronnie Welch of Blossom and Nora Thompson of Dallas. On Sunday, Carol, Casey and James Baker of Athens joined the family overnight. Peggy and Katelyn Yale brought Christine home on Dec. 30 in Peggy's Christmas present, a new cadillac.

Christmas dinner guests with Charles and Cora Tidwell were Steve and Geri Knowles, their daughter and son-in-law John and Shonnon Barker of Rowlett.

Jessica, Danny and Marli Hines spent Christmas Eve with Jerry and Gerlyn Gray. Marli celebrated her first Christmas morning with her grandparents, Aunt Jennifer and cousin, Riley Reeder.

Visiting this past week with Dixie Stringfellow were Mary Tarter of Paris, Jean Holmes of Tyler, Mary Ann Williams of Bogata, Vicki Tabb, Danny and Michael Tabb and Suzann Holland.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana were Jerry, Chris, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris and Johnnie Warren of Deport.

Judy Screws visited Christmas Day with Mike, Lila, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws in Deport.

Visiting with Christine Baker on Monday, Jan. 3 was Billie Welch of Blossom. They enjoyed lunch at Melba's in Bogata.

During the holiday Hayden Holt only experienced 2 minor emergencies. He was transported to Titus County Regional Hospital once for undiagnosed swelling and extremely high heart rate and spent several hours in the emergency room. Sunday, Jan. 2 he was taken to the Pediatric Clinic at Titus County Regional for elevated temperature that continued to climb. Fortunately, he was treated and released to home. Your concern and prayers for Hayden are appreciated by the Holt's and family.

Visiting residents at Red River Healthcare Center this past week were;

Residents, Gene and Lydia Hawkins-Laura McCoin, Robbie McLaughlin, Doug Hawkins, Weldon and Joyce Smith, Edna Earl Dodd, Dixie Stringfellow, Donald Freda and Sarah Jean and Heather Hawkins, Toni Combost, Lucille Hawkins Childers, Kay Magee and Kristin Ward, Jana, Haley and Hana Hawkins.

Resident, Georgia Miller-Mr. and Mrs. Odell Scruggs, Cordell Alexander, Velma Paris, Sherlie and Wayne Collins.

Resident, Ada Holmes-Sheri and Sammy Gist Slade Gist, Ruth Lee and Maudie Lee.

Resident, Mary Duke-John and Charlene Duke, Perry and Cathey Qlu, Laverne Griffin Donald, Freda and Sarah Jean and Heather Hawkins.

Resident, Jo Amos-Donald, Freda and Sarah Jean and Heather Hawkins.

Resident, D.C. Thomas-Donald, Freda and Sarah Jean and Heather Hawkins.

Resident, Doris Glover-Weldon and Joyce Smith, Sue Henry

Resident, Percy Topping-Lucille Scoabe of Austin, John Topping, Jack Pettit, Willie Mae Topping, Carrine Alford and Tina Gentry.

Resident, Lewis Williams-Jess, Joyce and Kayla Tolison, Jessica Whitney and Aaron, Amber Whitney, John and Carol English and Santa Claus.

Resident, Vivian Fail-Lynn Fail, Jimmie Fail, Marilyn Presley, Johnnie and Vennie Crocker of Waco, Richard and Connie Edwards of Waco.

Resident, George Hancock-Betty

and Buck Ramsey.

Resident, Alice Craig-Inez Gill.

Resident, Shelia Gibson-Inez Gill, Sharon Healy

Resident, Luther Price-Red Logan

Resident, Casey York-Doug Hawkins, Edna Earl Dodd and Dixie Stringfellow

Resident, Gladys Garretson-Dovie Garretson, Beverly and Bill Copel of Houston.

Resident, Jerry Allums-Dovie Garretson

Resident, Oma McKinney-Dovie Garretson, Shirley Merritt, Travis Haley, Connie Luekke and Neoma Goodman.

Resident, Dorothy Green-Lucille Hawkins Childers, Robbie McLaughlin, Shirley Merritt, Edna Earl Dodd and Dixie Stringfellow

Resident, Ann Cody-Bill and Judy Cody, Johnny and Willie Mae Topping, Janette and Jerry Brooks

Resident, Melvin Pointer-Daphne Pointer, Rose Mary McClure

Resident, Pauline Alsbrook-Mary Ann Williams

Resident, Billie Hancock-Jo and Sherry Wilson, Randy Hancock, Darian Smith, Stacey, B.J., Wade Taylor Dodd, Tiffany Giles, Dan Guess, Bob Guess.

Resident, Jewell McLaughlin-Mr. and Mrs. Al McLaughlin, Robbie and B.J. McLaughlin.

Resident, Opal English-June Young, Becky Ross, Jessica Whitney and Aaron, John and Carol English, Amber Whitney and Santa Claus.

Resident, Irene House-Shiela Anderson of Rogers, Arkansas

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Resident, Dorothy Stockton-Darrell and Jean Stockton

Resident, Lucy Jenkins-James Jenkins and Kim Stinson

Resident, Frances Griffin-Kari Taylor, Kelsey Taylor

Resident, Nina Hudson-Sidney Ward Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hudson, Garrett and Haley of Tyler, Alice Ann White.

Resident, Aubry Herring-Caron Herring, Kalty Furr, Ronny Miles, Mary Thompson, Gloria Bauett, Frank Herring and Polly Harrison.

Resident, Mamie Kennedy-Gaylon and Maxine McGill, Johnny, Claudia, Brent, Jennifer and Marci McGill, Walt Bass.

Resident, Mary Brown-Eva Watkins.

Resident, Grady Childers-Russell Childers.

Resident, Evelyn Padgett-Glenda Corbell.

Resident, Pauline Hutson-Jerry Hutson.

Resident, Ruth Wood-Diane, Bill, Amy and George Goloby.

Your visits are appreciated by the residents at Red River Healthcare. Stop by and visit a friend or relative today.

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				TOTALS (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	500-599 Debt Service Fund	600-699 Capital Projects Fund	99 August 31, 1999	98 August 31, 1998
REVENUES:						
Local and Intermediate Sources:						
Investment Income	\$ 24,799	\$ -	\$ 3,140	\$ 58,496	\$ 86,435	\$ 29,133
Other Local and Intermediate Sources	993,302	82,300	147,490	-	1,223,092	1,071,568
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	1,018,101	82,300	150,630	58,496	1,309,527	1,100,701
State Program Revenues	2,582,310	44,582	-	-	2,626,892	2,822,535
Federal Program Revenues	9,776	301,980	-	-	311,756	331,748
Total Revenues	3,610,187	428,862	150,630	58,496	4,248,175	4,254,984
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	2,264,673	197,701	-	-	2,462,374	2,556,351
Instructional and School Leadership	200,253	-	-	-	200,253	217,982
Support Services - Student (Pupil)	335,683	238,251	-	-	573,934	545,384
Administrative Support Services	215,738	-	-	-	215,738	181,505
Support Services - Nonstudent Based	593,818	-	-	-	593,818	418,784
Debt Service	1,493	-	25,525	102,219	129,237	5,918
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	171,982
Intergovernmental Charges	132,539	-	-	-	132,539	174,775
Total Expenditures	3,744,197	435,952	25,525	102,219	4,307,893	4,272,681
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(134,010)	(7,090)	125,105	(43,723)	(59,718)	(17,697)
Other Resources	-	-	15,843	5,700,000	5,715,843	-
Other (Uses)	-	-	-	(15,843)	(15,843)	(4,096)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(134,010)	(7,090)	140,948	5,640,434	5,640,282	(21,793)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	482,852	19,933	-	-	502,785	524,578

Rivercrest ISD receives report card

This time of year means many different things to different people, for the approximately 1100 school districts across the state of Texas, this time of year means it is time to receive the "school report card". The report card is a part of the Academic Excellence Indicator System which is used by the Texas Education Agency to gather and report performance data on each school district. Through different from the report card each student receives, the purpose of the school report card is the same-to point out strengths and weaknesses in order that student performance might be improved.

Through the hard work of the faculty, staff, students and parents, the Rivercrest ISD received very high ratings. Of the three campuses, one was rated acceptable, two were rated exemplary (the highest rating), and the district as a whole received a recognized rating. These accountability ratings receive a great deal of attention throughout the state, and Rivercrest ISD ranks among the highest in accountability ratings, but these ratings are a very small part of the wealth of information contained in the school report card.

Listed below are some interesting facts about our local school district and how it compares to state averages. It should be noted that the data used in this report is from the 1998-99 school year.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE	RIVERCREST ISD	STATE
Mean SAT Score	1046	992
Mean ACT Score	20.4	20.3
Percent Tested	80%	61.7%

These figures tell us that although nearly 20% more Rivercrest students are tested, they are better than the state average on the college entrance exams.

STAFFING INFORMATION	RIVERCREST ISD	STATE
Teachers	59.3%	51.4%
Teachers with Masters degree	36.1%	24.7%
Teachers with over 20 years experience	34.4%	20.5%
Average Years experience of teachers	15.2%	11.8%
Turnover rate for teachers	8.4%	15.5%
Class size		
Elementary	14.6	19.7
Secondary: English	17.3	20.4
Foreign Language	13.2	21.0
Math	13.7	20.5
Science	17.1	21.7
Social Studies	20.3	22.5

These figures tell us that Rivercrest ISD employs more than 11% more teachers with masters degrees, that nearly 14% more RISD teachers have more than 20 years experience, and that the turnover rate for teachers at RISD is barely more than half the state average. This data also reveals that class sizes are significantly lower in every area throughout RISD.

TAX INFORMATION	RIVERCREST	STATE
Total Adopted Tax Rate (1998)	\$1.388	\$1.450
Local Value per Pupil	\$110,837.00	\$190,769.00
Taxable Value by Category		
Business	23.1%	40.7%
Residential	24.4%	47.2%
Land	37.8%	7.3%
Gas	13.9%	4.1%
Other	.8%	.6%
REVENUES BY SOURCE		
Local Tax	25.9%	47.8%
Other Local	9.8%	4.4%
State	61.1%	44.3%
Federal	3.2%	3.4%
Fund Balance as % of Budget	12.9%	21.2%

These figures indicate that the Rivercrest ISD tax rate as well as local value per pupil is well below the state average. The RISD local taxable property is made up of a much lower than average percentage of business and residential (generally high value) and a much greater percentage of land (generally low value). This data also reveals that RISD revenues from local taxes are considerably lower than average and revenues from state sources are much higher than average. This is a result of the lower than average tax rate coupled with lower than average property value.

What do these figures mean? Numbers can often be manipulated and made to indicate a variety of things. As different people study the report card, different conclusions will be drawn; however, one conclusion is clear: through the hard work and cooperation of the teachers, students and community, the citizens of the Rivercrest Independent School District are getting a lot of student performance bang for their educational buck. A complete copy of the report may be viewed at the school or in the lobby of both Talco Guaranty Bank and Bogata Guaranty Bank.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Hugh Threadgill

Tammy Nicks-Elwin Threadgill united in marriage January 1

Tammy Sue Nicks and Elwin Hugh Threadgill were united in marriage Jan. 1, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. at their home in Cuthand. Bro. Rex Jackson officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted to the altar which was decorated with greenery and mini-lights by family friend, John D. Wright. She wore a tea length dress with full white taffeta shirt and black strapless top adorned with sequins. She followed the traditional custom of something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue and a penny in her shoe. She carried a bouquet of pastel multi-colored roses, greenery and ribbon.

Serving as maid of honor and bridesmaid were the bride's daughters, Tony Nicks and Sabrina McBride. Tony wore a black sleeveless dress and carried a bouquet of pastel colored lilies, roses, greenery and ribbons. Sabrina wore a black and white suit and also carried a bou-

quet of pastel lilies, greenery and ribbons.

The groom wore a blue dress shirt and jeans. Serving as best man and groomsman were Johnny McAlister of Gladewater and son of the bride, Tony Nicks who both wore dress shirts and jeans.

Following the ceremony a reception was held. The bride's table was covered with a white lace cloth and was decorated with fresh flowers and ribbons in pastel multi-colors. It held a 2 tier wedding cake and punch which were served by Donnette Parrot.

The groom's table was also covered with a white lace cloth and held a chocolate cake, nuts and punch. Marta Rhoades served the guests.

Following the reception the couple were showered with bird seed and well wishes as they bid their guests goodnight.

Drake-Martinez exchange vows

Alexandra and E.J. Drake along with Sabrina, Whitney and Christine Martinez are proud to announce the marriage of their parents, Brittani Drake and Adrian Martinez.

Ms. Drake is the daughter of Bruce Drake of Mississippi and Linda and Jim Ferguson of Bogata. She is the granddaughter of Maurine Womack, Reno and of Barbara Smith of Bogata and Claudia Whitney of Deport.

Adrian is the son of Paul and Marcy Martinez of Ft. Worth.

The couple were married on January 1, 2000 at Lifeline Worship Center in Reno, Texas with the Rev. David Norwood, cousin of the bride, officiating. Lana Pritchard played the wedding music and David Lawrence videoed the event. The church was decorated in the couples chosen colors of peach and forest green. Attending the bride were Raimie Martin, Maid of Honor, Johnna Bean and Yolanda Jackson as

bridesmaids. Flower girl was Alexandra Drake.

Attending the Groom were Daniel Martinez, Best Man, Robert Trinidad and Bruce Drake as groomsman. Ring bearer was Zachery Drake and ushers were Brian and Aaron Martinez.

The reception followed at the church's fellowship hall. It was catered by Tommy's Barbecue of Reno.

Serving at the reception was Kazan Lynch, Tammie and Kristi Lawrence. Kristi also presided at the registry table prior to the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martinez hosted a rehearsal dinner in Bogata at the home of Chas and Barbara Smith.

The couple was honored with a miscellaneous shower on December 26, 1999 at the 909 Diner in Bogata. The event was hosted by Teresa Smith and Debbie Currin.

The couple wishes to thank everyone who made their day a very special one to remember.

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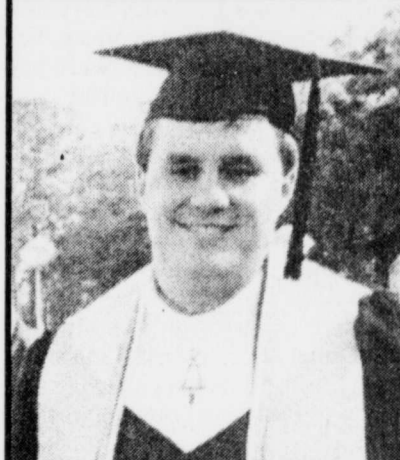
Knowles celebrate 50th anniversary

Steve and Geri Knowles celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Bogata on Christmas. Attending the celebration were their children Steve and Pat Knowles, Bruce and Patty Knowles, Priscilla and Neil Jumper, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Also attending to share the occasion were Charles and Cora Tidwell and Audrey Gillis.



New Arrivals

Kari Jones, daughter of David Jones of Ohio and Chandra Jones of Oklahoma and granddaughter of Johnny and Karen Jones of Talco would like to announce the birth of her cousin, Jacob Kyle Bonnet who arrived November 17, 1999 weighing 7 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Parents are Jessica and David Bonnet of Seguin, Tx. Grandparents are Carol and Mike Newberry of Kenedy, Tx. Great grandparents are Jerry and Lou Ann Jones of Talco and Great Aunt and Uncle, Johnny and Karen Jones also of Talco.



Burl Wesley Duffie

B.W. Duffie graduates Dec. 17

Burl Wesley Duffie formerly of Talco graduated Magna Cum Laude December 17, 1999 from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. B.W. earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. He was selected by the Dean and student body to have the honor of delivering the commencement address to the audience.

Attending the graduation ceremony were his parents, Gene and Diann Duffie of Colorado and brother, Shane Sullivan, a former RHS graduate now an engineer in Colorado, brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Heather Duffie of Addison, Tx., Gary and Linda Rigsby of Many, LA., their parents, daughter, Tonya and son, Brian.

B.W.'s fiancée, Laura Rigsby also graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Micro-Biology. His parents, Gene and Diann and brother, Shane visited with him and Laura for 4 days and enjoyed shopping, eating seafood and sharing time together.

B.W. will be a Senior Chemist for Proctor & Gamble Inc. headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ann Cody celebrates 90 years

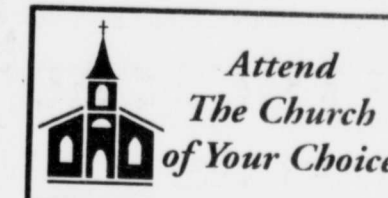
Ann Cody celebrated her 90th birthday with a party on December 3 at Red River Haven. Many friends from Bogata attended as well as residents and staff at the home.

Ann had a wonderful time visiting with everyone and wished to thank all of the people that stopped by to wish her well. Out of town visitors included her son Bill Cody and wife Judy of Paris, daughter Janette Brooks and her husband Jerry of Sunnyvale, grandchildren Suzette Pierce and Kay Martin of Oklahoma and their children Kasady and Kay Martin, David and Steven Allums, Leslie Garrison of Paris and her daughter Rachael Garrison, Jenifer and Janet Brooks of Irving and Jenifer's fiancée Doug Sagor.

Insurance hotline is open

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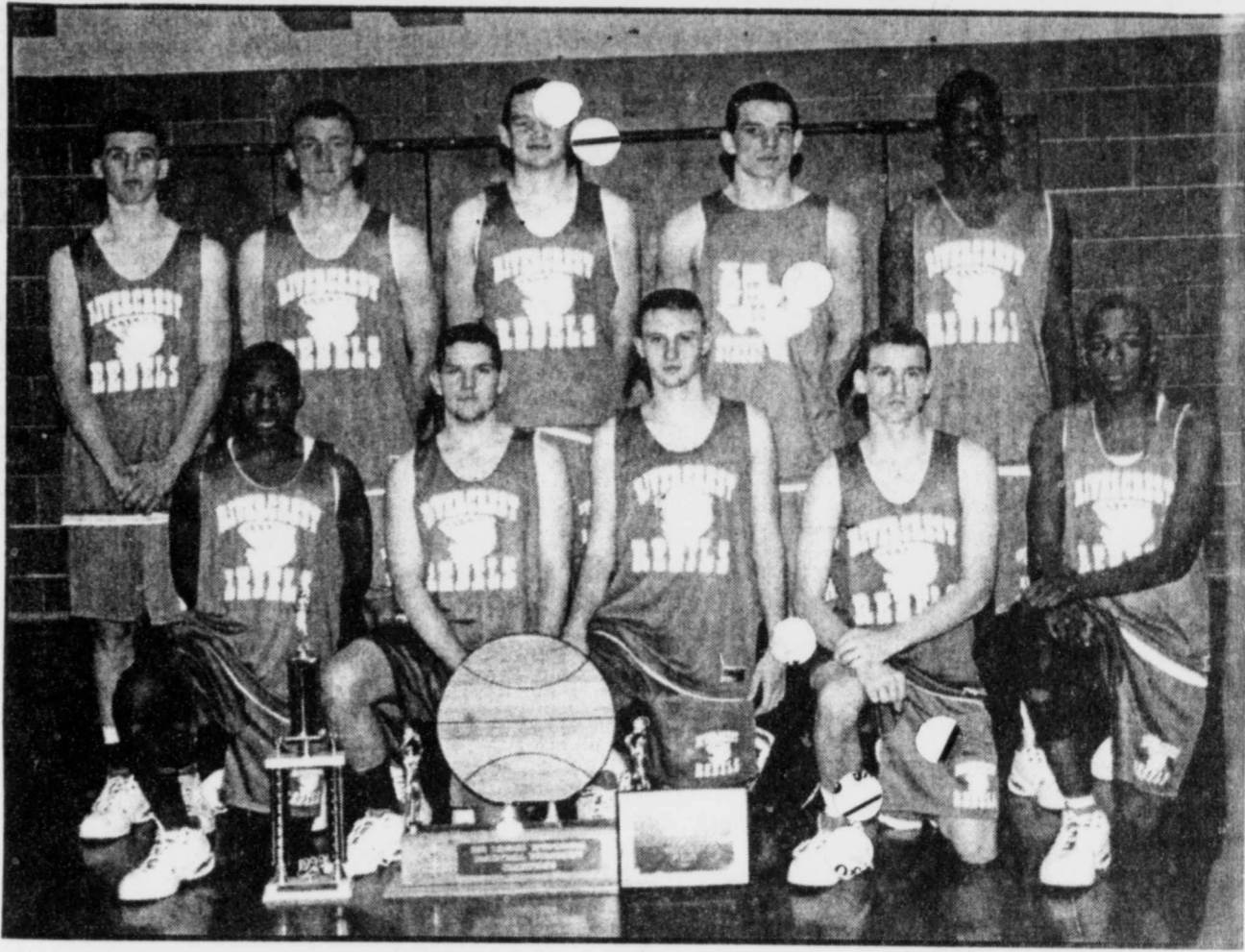
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Talco-Bogata-RHS
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January 10-14

- Monday**
Breakfast
Toast & cereal
juice
milk
Lunch
Fish nuggets
broccoli w/cheese
french fries
cornbread
strawberries
milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast
Ham
toast w/jelly & butter
juice
milk
Lunch
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
salad
garlic toast
apricot cobbler
milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast
Sausage biscuits
jelly & butter
juice
milk
Lunch
Vegetable beef stew
cheese & peanut butter sandwiches
pickle spears
crackers
jello
milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast
French toast w/syrup
sausage
juice
milk
Lunch
Chicken nuggets
cream potatoes
green beans
rolls
milk
- Friday**
Breakfast
Cinnamon rolls
peanut butter & graham crackers
juice
milk
Lunch
Cheeseburgers
burger salad & chips
seasoned beans
ice cream
milk



FIRST PLACE-The Rivercrest Rebels display their first place trophy earned at the Leonard Holiday Tournament held Dec. 27-29. Pictured team members; (from the left back row) Kerry Posey, Cody Wolfe, Josh Griffin, Chase Collins and Michael Galloway; (front from the left) Myron Ellis, Brandon Bell, Kyle Stansell, Clinton Cheatwood and Keith Hines. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Cindy Watts and Tawala Padgett visited father and grandfather, Kenneth Finney at Wilson-Jones Hospital in Sherman Christmas Day. They enjoyed Christmas Day lunch with Brenda Finney and family.

Happy Anniversaries to Johnny and Karen Jones, December 28, 1999.

Celebrating Christmas on Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith and Carl E. in Mt. Pleasant were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and Jack, Jennifer Allmon of Blossom, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Katherine, Justin, Rachel and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson and Quinton and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Minor and Kate of Overton.

December 18, 1999 Cindy and Clarence Watts attended graduation exercises at Texas A & M University to see their daughter, Tawala Padgett graduate. Also attending were Tawala's grandparents, Ann and Herb Ellis of Pensicola, Florida, Kenneth and Brenda Finney of the Dallas area, Tawala's sister, brother-in-law and niece, Melissa and Scott Sinclair and Avalea of Mt. Pleasant and friends Lila Rood and Wendell Johnson of LA.

Carol Laing spent Christmas Eve with her sister, brother-in-law and family, Pam and Ray Kirkwood in Mt. Pleasant.

Christmas Day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Russell and Melanie were Vicki Craig, Aaron Smith of Lufkin, Sally and Leon Dunn of Lufkin, Sally's sister and family, Bill and Billie, Ryan and Austin of Diboll, Ann Dearman and Sue Pinder, Chris and Lara all of Mt. Pleasant.

Celebrating Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nolen, Destry and Chris were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Vickers and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nolen and Jody.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Watts and other family and friends over the Christmas holiday were Ann and Herb Ellis of Pensicola, Florida.

Jeremy Abshier spent the Christmas holiday visiting his father, Cliff Abshier, brother, Josh and Connie Abshier and friends in Orange, Tx.

Jack Brown, Jennifer Allmon of

Blossom and her niece, Stormi of Roxton visited Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Antone and Travis Sunday afternoon.

Gene Duffie underwent surgery Monday, Dec. 27, 1999 on his elbow and hand in a Colorado hospital. He is reported doing well.

Visiting in the evening on Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nolen and Jody were Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nolen, Destry and Chris, Sandra Parsons, Kim McGee and the Nolen's granddaughters, Jerrica and Jessica Weatherall of Dallas. The girls spent the rest of their holiday break visiting with their grandparents and other family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown visited with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jones, Kari and Chandra Jones and Marta Rhoades on Christmas Day.

Happy January Birthday to; Wanda Graf, Lavonne Coulter, Lou Ann DeBerry, Jack Brown, Jennifer Bond, Amanda Savage Brown, Jaime Swarts, Camill Wright, James Paul Kernan, Katie Hare and Kari Jones.

Christmas Day guests at the home of John D. and Mona Wright were Mayra Clark, Luke and Jesi, Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul, John David and Pat Wright and Pat's sister, June, Shane, Leslie, Alex and Jacob Wright, Todd and VaLynn Wright, Camill and Logan, Karen and Johnny Jones and Kari and Chandra Jones of Oklahoma.

Richard Swarts was taken to Titus County Regional Hospital Tuesday, Dec. 28 with a possible heart attack. He is reported doing well.

Jennifer Herrera of Overton visited overnight with her uncle, aunt and cousins, Charles and Wanda Graf, Katherine, Rachel and Susan Monday, Dec. 27. On Tuesday, Barbara Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Jennifer's grandmother and Rachel and Susan's aunt, took the girls to the movie in Mt. Pleasant. Jennifer spent Tuesday night with her grandparents and uncle Carl before returning home Wednesday.

Christmas Eve guests in the home of Mike and Linda Smith and Michael Craig were Louise Nolen, Mr. and

Mrs. Danny Beene, Dakota and Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parsons, Kim McGee and Josh, Shane Murray, Ann Belcher, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nolen, Destry and Chris and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nolen and Jody.

Josh Abshier of Orange, Tx. visited Tuesday through Friday morning with his mother and brother, Carol Laing and Jeremy Abshier.

Cassee Wilcox and Missy Carroll received minor injuries Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999 when their vehicle hit a telephone pole near the First Baptist Church in Talco. The girls reportedly were both looking down for a CD and crashed into the pole. They were treated and released at Titus County Regional Hospital.

Members and guests saw the New Year in at the Maple Springs Church Friday night. The group enjoyed snacks, playing games, fireworks and visiting. 30 attended.

Celebrating Christmas at the home of Bobby and Patty Kuhl in Snyder, Tx. Dec. 10-12 were Linden and Jo Horn, Ruby Horn all of Talco, Vickie and Callie Howard and Ashley Mankins of Mt. Pleasant and Bill and Dorothy Stevens of Johtown. Also sharing the family Christmas were Kristin Kuhl, Chad and Michelle Kuhl, Christopher, Casey and Braison.

Todd and VaLynn Wright attended the Dallas Cowboy football game in Texas Stadium on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000.

Jerry Jones underwent surgery Dec. 29, 1999 in San Antonio. He is reported doing well. He and his wife, LouAnn have plans to move back to Divine, Tx. soon. They will be missed in the community.

Bro. Brian and Melinda Hodge and children hosted a New Year's Eve celebration at their home in Talco for members and guests of the Church of Christ. The group enjoyed snacks, playing games and welcoming in the new year.

Bro. and Mrs. Rex Jackson and children are welcomed into the community. Bro. Rex is the new pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Talco.

Johntown Locals

Brandi Jagers, daughter of Tamie Dodd, was home for the holidays from the U.S. Army where she is stationed in Arizona.

Brandon Jagers girlfriend, Aleasha of Grand Saline was in Johtown visiting over the holidays.

Robbie Hawkins and Haley traveled to Arkansas on Dec. 26 to have Christmas with the Hickams and the

Hawkins there. They returned home on Dec. 29.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Mark and Jana Hawkins were James and Pauline Gibbs and Douglas Hawkins.

Jana, Heather and Hana Hawkins visited in the home of Dana and Harold Neeley, also there were Dale, Dawn, Kelsey and Tyler Jean during

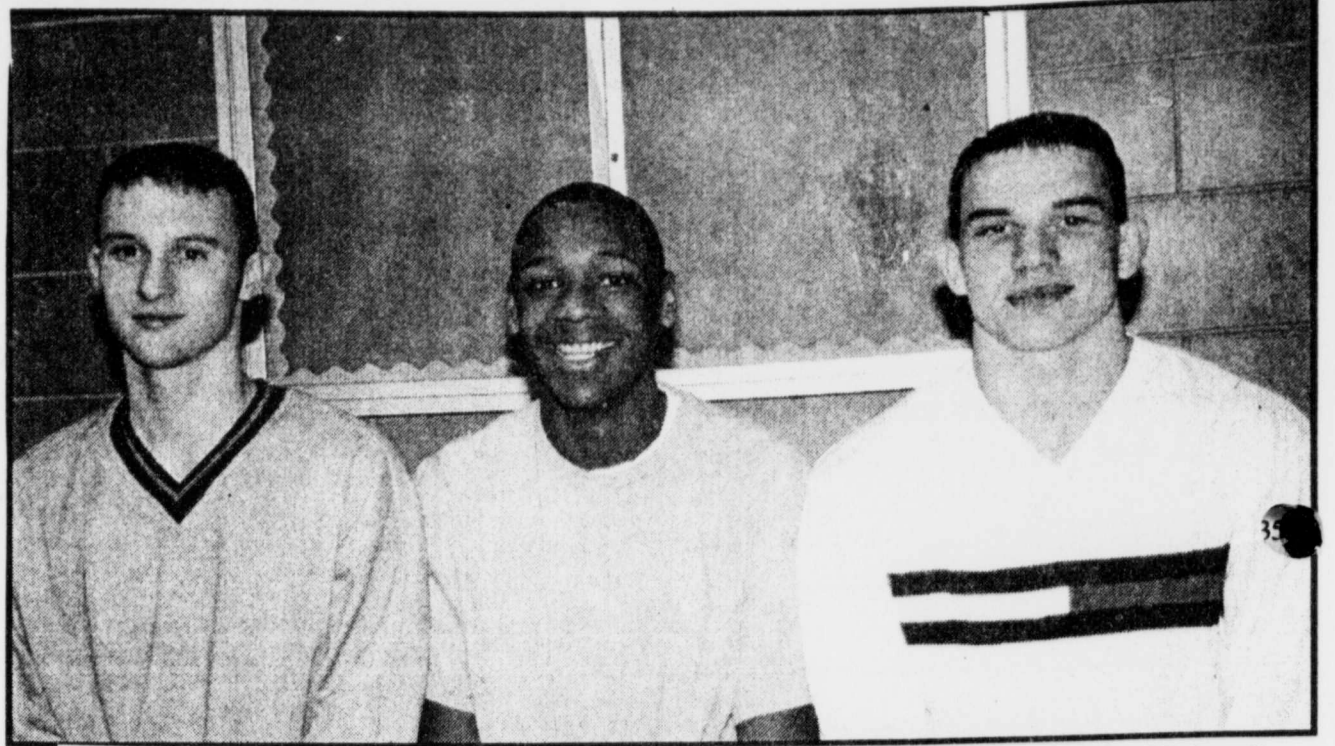
the holidays.

Heather Hawkins visited in the home of Randy and Barbara Gibbs and all their family on Friday. Randy had smoked a whole hog for the holidays.

On Dec. 22 Pauline and James Gibbs had their family in their home for Christmas. Attending were Randy and Barbara Gibbs, Sonny and Lauren Gibbs, Shannon and Tracy Gibbs, Shane, Michelle and Ally Gibbs, Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins. They all enjoyed eating and visiting.

On Dec. 24, Robbie Hawkins enjoyed having her family in her home for Christmas. Attending were Steven, Kathy, Ryan, Koren, Seth and Seton Hawkins, Mark, Jana, Haley, Heather and Hana Hawkins and Douglas Hawkins. Everyone enjoyed the meal and visiting.

On Dec. 15, Drue Pirtle received a heart transplant and is reported to be doing just wonderful. He is in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. He is reported out of ICU and is hoping to be able to go to an apartment near the hospital in a couple of weeks. He and Billie will stay there until he is released to come home.



AWARDED-Three Rebels received honors at the Leonard Holiday Tournament held Dec. 27 though Dec. 29. The Rebel took first place in the tourney. Receiving (from the left) All Tournament was Kyle Stansell, son of Kip and Kelly Stansell of Talco, MVP was Keith Hines, son of Margaret Savage of Talco and All Tournament was Chase Collins, son of Ronald and Linda Collins of Sugar Hill. Congratulations boys!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata in the Centennial Year of 1900

By John Howison,
with the help of neighbors

A hundred years ago, Bogata was already a proud home to its 200-or-so inhabitants, a close-knit community, but it wasn't yet even a wide place in the road. There wasn't a road, just wagon tracks that led off to the larger town of Rosalie, to Clarksville, Depert, Johtown, Halesboro, Fulbright and the ferry across Sulphur.

Helping to keep Bogatans a community was the fact that education was a local matter. Settlers had brought varying degrees of education with them, but nearly all schooling of Bogata's youth took place in the town. "Consolidated" schools were a thing of the future, and no Bogatan is known to have gotten farther away than McKenzie College, south of Clarksville, for higher education before 1900.

There were no automobiles, and probably only a half-dozen or so two-wheeled buggies. I'm not even sure about the buggies, when Bill Clatterback had taken his daughter Fannie to distant Paris to attend a dance about the year 1878, her party dress had been put into a trunk and the trunk loaded onto a mule-drawn wagon for the three-day round trip. To visit Clarksville for shopping or legal business at the county seat was an overnight trip, and unless you had friends or relatives to put you up, you would save the cost of a hotel room by going back to the wagon yard at nightfall to sleep in your wagon.

The first automobile would not visit Bogata, scaring livestock as it passed, until several years after 1900. The railroad was a decade in the future. For local transportation, people proceeded on horseback or "rode Shank's Mare", meaning they walked.

It's no wonder that some Bogatans never got as far away as Clarksville until they were grown.

If there were not yet any real roads, Bogata was nonetheless a crossroads town. The modern Main Street was already a recognized track, and it was crossed at present-day Third Street NE (then regarded as Main Street) by a track leading to Rosalie, then a larger and more prosperous town. The handful of stores were to the east of the crossroads, beginning at present-day Bryson Street. The largest gin, Bogata's only industrial business until a short-lived brick kiln was built near Patterson Street in south Bogata, was just north of Old Main, you can still see the silted-up "gin pool" that stored water for the steam powered engine.

Among the businesses on Old Main was at least one general store. Among its offerings were kitchen staples, white flour, sugar, salt, coffee and tea, bicarbonate of soda and leavening. Virtually everything else eaten by Bogatans was produced locally, beef, fowl, pork and ham, eggs, dairy products and vegetables and fruits from both garden and the wilds, mostly eaten in the season in which produced. Dried beans and corn were available year-round, and root vegetables could be preserved for a time beyond the season in which they were harvested.

Bogata's "downtown" was muddy after rains, although the town was proud that the sandy soil under its children's bare feet dried out quickly and did not turn into blackland gumbo. But earth underfoot was one of the sensations that kept people aware that nature's surface had barely been scratched by civilized man. Settlers had preferred to build their homes were woods adjoined the prairie on which corn and cotton and grass provided their livelihood. In choosing their headrights, settlers had usually been required to take land that was half arable, half wooded.

Most houses had barns and barnyards, referred to as "lots", for their livestock, including the milk cows that were the only source of milk. Many were still enclosed by zigzag rail fences, although barbed wire was

coming into use, strung on bois d'arc posts. Most homes had kitchen gardens, fenced to keep livestock out.

All stores and residences were built of wood, seen as an inexhaustible resource. Brick was used to line wells and cisterns and to build the fireplaces and chimneys that replaced the crude mud-and-stick ones that still served in a few poorer dwellings. Early log cabins still survived as the core of homes now sheathed in lumber. Roofs were invariably covered in cedar shingles or "shakes", the latter being made locally with a splitting tool called a "froe". Several houses had dirt-floored "dog runs" of the type that were predecessors to central hallways.

Just north of the present-day Methodist Church were two large frame houses elaborately decorated with "gingerbread". They were the pride of their owners. On the northern outskirts of the town, perhaps a hundred yards north and west of Huddleston's store, stood an imposing three-story house, painted in read-led "barn paint", that had the unusual feature of crossed hallways on the ground floor. In summer weather, the hallways were used for sleeping, being designed to catch a cooling breeze, whatever direction the wind blew.

There were no public utilities. Telephones, for thirteen subscribers, were three years in the future. Wood, harvested by manpower, was the universal fuel. Each residence had its water well or its cistern. Water was drawn in two-gallon buckets suspended on coarse rope that passed over an iron pulley attached to a scaffold over the mouth of the well. Baths were taken in No. 3 wash tubs or simply by "washing up" from a bucket or bowl. At the end of the workday, farm workers often bathed "at the well" by pouring buckets of cold well water over themselves.

In fact, keeping clean, or occasionally getting clean, was a major occupation for people so fastidious as to insist on cleanliness. There were no dry cleaners in 1900, and cotton clothes, including the long dresses of the women and girls and the denim ("Duckins") work in the fields by both sexes had to be laboriously washed by hand. Cottons were boiled in large cast iron pots on weekly wash days and hung on fences to dry. They were pressed with "sad irons" as were the wool suits that relatively well off males wore on Sundays and other special occasions. Women's sunbonnets could be washed and starched and ironed, but men's hats, whether of straw or felt, must have become pretty unsavory. Brogans and lace-up boots were the norm for males, and barefoot children also contributed to the struggle of housewives and their daughters to keep their families from "tracking in".

Most residences had their out-houses, usually a "two holer", although some residents "went to the barn". Lidded chamber pots, known elegantly as "night glasses" or "night jars" and inelegantly as "slop jars" or simply "pots" were parked under beds for night use. Coal oil lamps (the term kerosene had not arrived in Bogata) were the usual source of night time illumination, non-reading families performed their evening chores by the light of the fireplace.

The principal church buildings, of the Methodist, Baptist and two Presbyterian denominations, like the private residences, were of wood, as was the schoolhouse. Such public buildings all had "His" and "Hers" out-houses "out back". The schoolhouse was located in "the park" or "Humphreys triangle" which is that part of the present-day city park located north and east of the creek. The park area where the Community Center now stands was not added until about 1910, when it was deeded to the Boy Scouts. The southern portion of modern park was added much later through the generosity of one of Bogata's most prominent sons, Donald Thomas.

Bogata was already a religious

town, but its church communities were too small to support full-time resident pastors. "Circuits" and roving evangelists provided pastoral services on a once-a-month-or-so basis. Organized religion was already associated with the "temperance" movement, but in 1900 whiskey was still legal in Bogata; it was "manufactured" in the neighborhood, and was still a staple in the local general store. If Saturday nights sometimes saw a few Bogatans "acting up", Sundays were unquestioningly regarded as divinely or ordained days of rest from lives of hard work.

As Bogata lacked pavement, visible masonry and concrete, visitors (or for that matter, its residents) would have been constantly reminded that the town was in the process of being carved out of the wilderness. Indeed, a few pre-settlement trees still stand to this day. Well into the twentieth century, a huge oak tree stood squarely in the middle of "Old Main Street," obliging traffic to pass on either side of it. (Like Barbara Fritchie defending her country's flag, Mrs. Guinn from her neighboring house prevented its felling by demonstrating that they would have to bring it down on her head.)

When people spoke of "the war" they meant the Civil War, the more recent Spanish-American War having hardly touched Bogata. Secession from the Union had been more popular in Bogata than in Clarksville and Paris, (Lamar County having actually voted against it), but it had been a defensive step, not a positive assertion of Southern Nationalism. That the Union had been restored was a fact generally accepted, and even regarded as a good thing, but Bogatans remained hostile to and suspicious of Yankee political and economic power. Yankee railroads and Yankee banks would no doubt exploit the honest yeoman farmer if they could, stealing his land and offering unfair prices for his cotton. However, at least one Union veteran lived peacefully among ex-Confederate neighbors. The Populist Party of the nineties had nominated a Red River Councillor for governor of Texas, and leading Bogatans had been his supporters.

In the eyes of older whites, the end of chattel slavery less than two generations earlier had perhaps had some moral justification, but it had not yet fundamentally altered the relationship between the races. Whites seemed to themselves to be fitted by nature to dominate, and African-Americans to be dependent and therefore subservient. It was seen as the Christian duty of "decent" white people to protect the less fortunate against "mistreatment" by unworthy whites, but it seemed natural to whites that blacks should stay on the bottom rung of the economic ladder and submit to the sometimes harsh discipline of the dominant white majority. They would slowly improve their circumstances, but quality was too distant to be readily imagined. African-Americans did not vote, except as instructed by their individual protectors.

Full equality may have been too distant a prospect to have a practical appeal to Bogata's African-American population in 1900, who generally found it prudent to cleave to individual white protectors. While present writer is not competent to report their feelings, it seems fair to estimate that African-American community leaders apparently accepted white economic and social standards as generally valid, even if whites themselves often seemed harsh, unfair and unperceptive.

A hundred years ago, all Bogatans fully accepted the American idea that "progress" was natural and inevitable. Bogatans were confident of the future, and intent on building for posterity. That was why free men had come to the frontier in the first place. Today's Bogatans can be glad that it was so.

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Rebel freshman team travels to Pittsburg and Mt. Vernon

On December 14, 1999 the Rebel teams traveled to Mt. Vernon. The Freshman team led off the evening play. The first possession of the ball went to the Tigers who took it to the hoop. After one quarter the Rebels were behind 3-8. In the second the Tigers doubled their score while holding the Rebels to only 2 points for the quarter. The half time score was 16-5 Tigers.

In the third the Rebel defense went to work and held the Tigers to only 2 points but the offense could not get enough points in and the Rebels still trailed 11-18. The final quarter saw the Tigers score 8 points to the Rebels 6. Final 26-17 Mt. Vernon.

High scorer for the game was Ryan Newton who had a good personal night on the court with 3 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 assist. Also scoring were Brandon Buchanan with 4 points, Josh Cabell with 1 point and Justin Exum with 2 points.

On December 20, 1999 the Rebel teams traveled to Pittsburg. The Freshmen opened the action and on the first tip of the ball took posses-

sion. Ryan Newton was first to score for the Rebels. Zach Perry and Josh Cabell added points and the Rebels led 11-2 at the quarters end. In the second the Pirate defense held the Rebels to only 2 points but the Rebel defense held the Pirates to only 2 points also. The half time score stood 13-4 Rivercrest.

In the third the Rebels added 12 points to their score on shots from Newton, Perry and Cabell, while the Pirates could only add 8. Score 25-12 Rebels. The final quarter Dustin Jones, Cabell, Newton and Perry who hit the trey all scored to add 17 Rebel points. Again the Rebel defense held the Pirates to only 2 points and took a Rebel win 42-14.

High Scorer for the evening was Zach Perry who had possibly his best personal game of the season. Also scoring were Ryan Newton-10, Josh Cabell-11 and Dustin Jones-5. Jones led in the rebounding with 8 and Perry led the team in steals with 5. Considering this team only has 7 young men, they do a wonderful job on the court. Go Rebels!!!!

Rivercrest Rebels win first place at Leonard

December 27-29 the RHS varsity Rebels traveled to Leonard to compete in their Holiday Tournament. On Dec. 27 the Rebels met Bonham at 12:30 p.m. They took the win 63-51. Chase Collins was the high point man with 22 points. Also scoring were Keith Hines and Michael Galloway with 15 points each, Kyle Stansell-5 pts. and 2 pts. each Brandon Bell, Josh Griffin and Kerry Posey. At 9:30 p.m. the same day the boys returned to face Mt. Vernon. They defeated the Tigers 57-39. High point man was Michael Galloway with 14 points followed by Chase

Collins with 13. Also scoring were Keith Hines, Brandon Bell and Kerry Posey with 7 points each, Kyle Stansell added 5 pts. and Josh Griffin 4 pts.

The Rebels returned on Tuesday to meet Gunter who are within the Rebels Area of class 2A schools. The Rebs took an easy 63-48 win. High point man was Chase Collins with 18 followed by Michael Galloway with 17. Also scoring were Keith Hines-11, Josh Griffin-10, Kyle Stansell-5 and Kerry Posey-2. The win put the Rebels in the championship game on Wednesday night.

The final game set the Rebels playing the Farmersville Farmers. The game started with a bang as the two teams matched each other point for point. After a well played game the Rebels were victorious 40-36. Chase Collins led the scoring with 14 points followed by Keith Hines with 12 pts. Also adding scores were Michael Galloway-8 pts., Josh Griffin-4 pts. and Brandon Bell-2 pts. Congratulations to Coaches Weddle, Abshier and Oats and the Rebel players on this win and the statement made, "The Rebels will be on the floor to compete!" Go Rebels!!!!

Rivercrest class of 1985 plans reunion

The Rivercrest High School class of 1985 is planning their 15th year reunion. It will be held May 20 at the Bogata Community Center.

It will be a two event reunion with families meeting around noon and bringing a picnic lunch. Later in the evening, the adults will meet for a meal, a program and their favorite music from the early 80's.

The class does need help finding some of their classmates. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following people, please contact Greg Russell at 903-463-3532:

Susan Baker Rhonda Madden
Christy Brown Deborah Moore
Becky Burkley Charley Roberts
Sabrina Burson Kyle Roland
Penny Hanes Nancy Smith
John Jones Shane Sullivan
Leon Kaelke Melissa Varner
Hayden Martin Donna Unruh
James Martin Cindy Woods



Rebel JV travel to Pittsburg and Mt. Vernon

The Rebel JV met the Mt. Vernon Tigers on Dec. 14, 1999 at Mt. Vernon and following the Rebel freshman game. The Rebels took the first tip of the ball but the Tigers were the first to get on the board. After one quarter the Rebels were behind 7-10. The second saw the Rebels work hard but at the buzzer they still trailed 16-21. Stephen Shade had hit a trey and a field goal, Brendin Jones had a field goal, Nathan Carroll had 6 points and Dustin Jones had added 3.

After the break the Rebels could not stop the Tigers in the third even though they added 11 points to their score. Cole Warren had hit the trey, B. Jones, Carroll and Shade had also added points. Score 42-26 Tigers. The final quarter the Rebels were held to 5 points. At the buzzer ending the game Ryan Newton put up the shot from the Tigers end of the court and it went in. It was not counted. Final 54-32 Mt. Vernon.

Posting high score for the team was Nathan Carroll with 12 followed closely by Stephen Shade with 11 points. Carroll also stole the Tigers to death making 7 clean take aways of the ball. Also scoring were Cole

Warren with 3 points, Brendin Jones with 4 points and Dustin Jones with 3 points.

On Dec. 20 the Rebel teams traveled to Pittsburg. The Pirates took first possession of the ball and never looked back. After one quarter they led 18-9. The Rebels worked hard in the second by at the half trailed 22-38. Scores had come from Jeremy Grissom, Nathan Carroll, Justin Exum, Stephen Shade and Brendin Jones.

The Pirates took control of the game in the third adding 21 points to their score and holding the Rebels to 7 points. Score 29-59. The final quarter the Rebels added 23 points to their score but the Pirates stayed in the lead. Final 80-52 Pittsburg.

High scorer for the game was Nathan Carroll with 18 points followed closely by Justin Exum with 17. Exum also had possibly his best game of the season thur far. Also scoring were Stephen Shade-5 points, Jeremy Grissom-7 points, Brendin Jones-4 points and Chase Sloan-1 point. Shade led in rebounds for the Rebels with 9. Carroll led in steals with 6 followed by Exum with 5.

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*Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.
*The VFW will be starting a pool tournament on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come out for competition and fellowship.
*Now is the time for everyone who has won 1st or 2nd in 42 since July to come and play in the semi-annual tournament beginning Jan. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

*The Ty Bigfoot Bear was won by Earl Grisham. Thanks is extended to all who bought chances. For Valentine Day, Feb. 14, the group will be offering chances on dinner for two at Two Senorita's in Mt. Pleasant. Your \$1.00 donation could help you take your sweetheart out for a wonderful meal and contribute to activities at the Bogata VFW. For more information contact Zelma Mauldin in Bogata or Earlene (Mrs. Gerald) Miller in Talco.
*Happy Birthday to Deon McKeegan, Sharon House, Corey Martin, Joyce Proctor, Dorothy Wilson, Bill Farris, Tricia Bradley, Earl Grisham, Jim Mauldin, Kenneth Duffer and Joyce Wisinger.
*Get Well Wishes to Eunice Miller, Betty and Amos Spencer, Dapheny Pointer, Jetti Minshew, Jean Smith and Bill Farris.
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Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Red River County: Annona, Bagwell, Detroit, Negley, Avery, Bogata, Clarksville, Deport. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local telephone service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

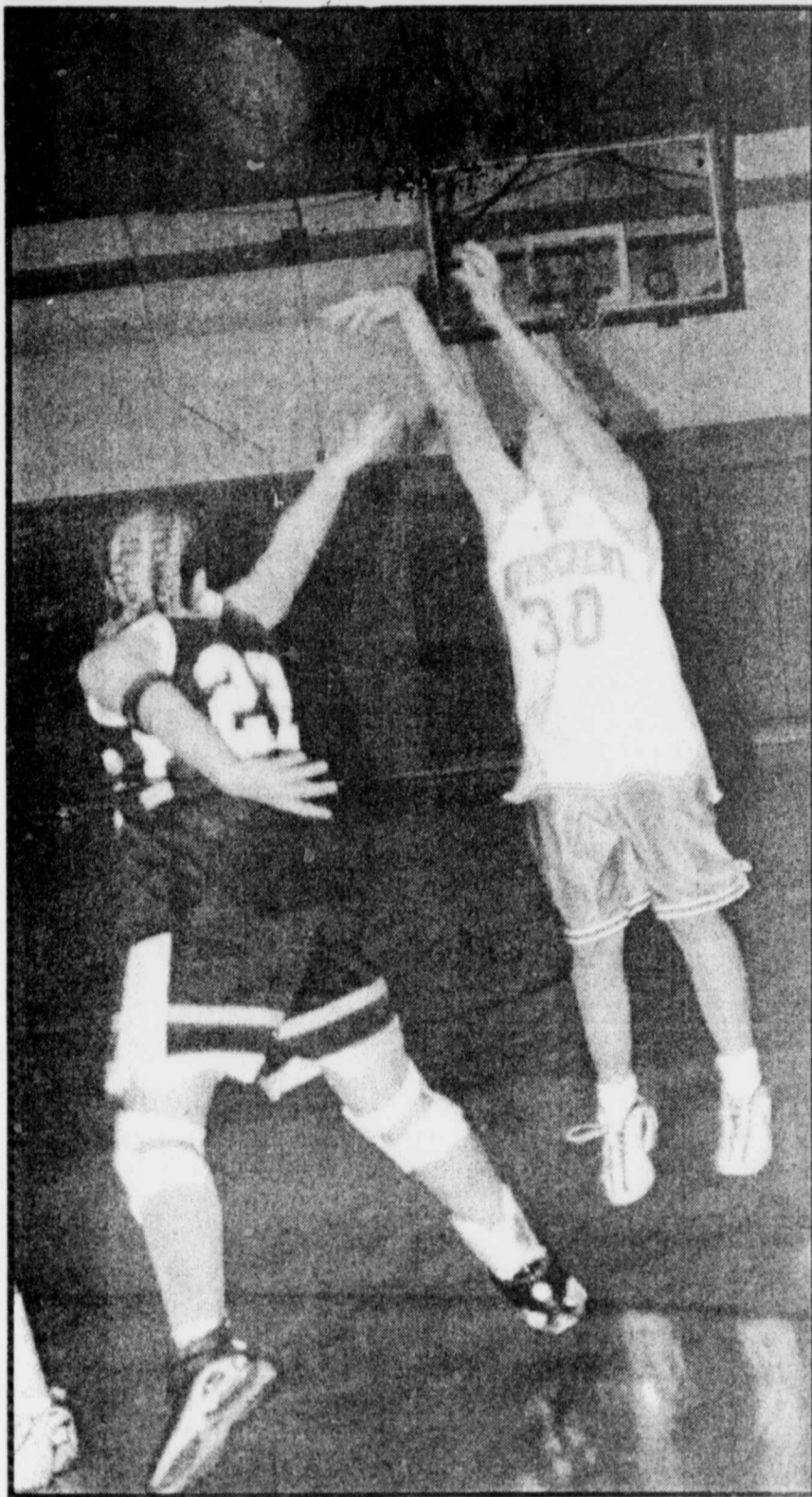
Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

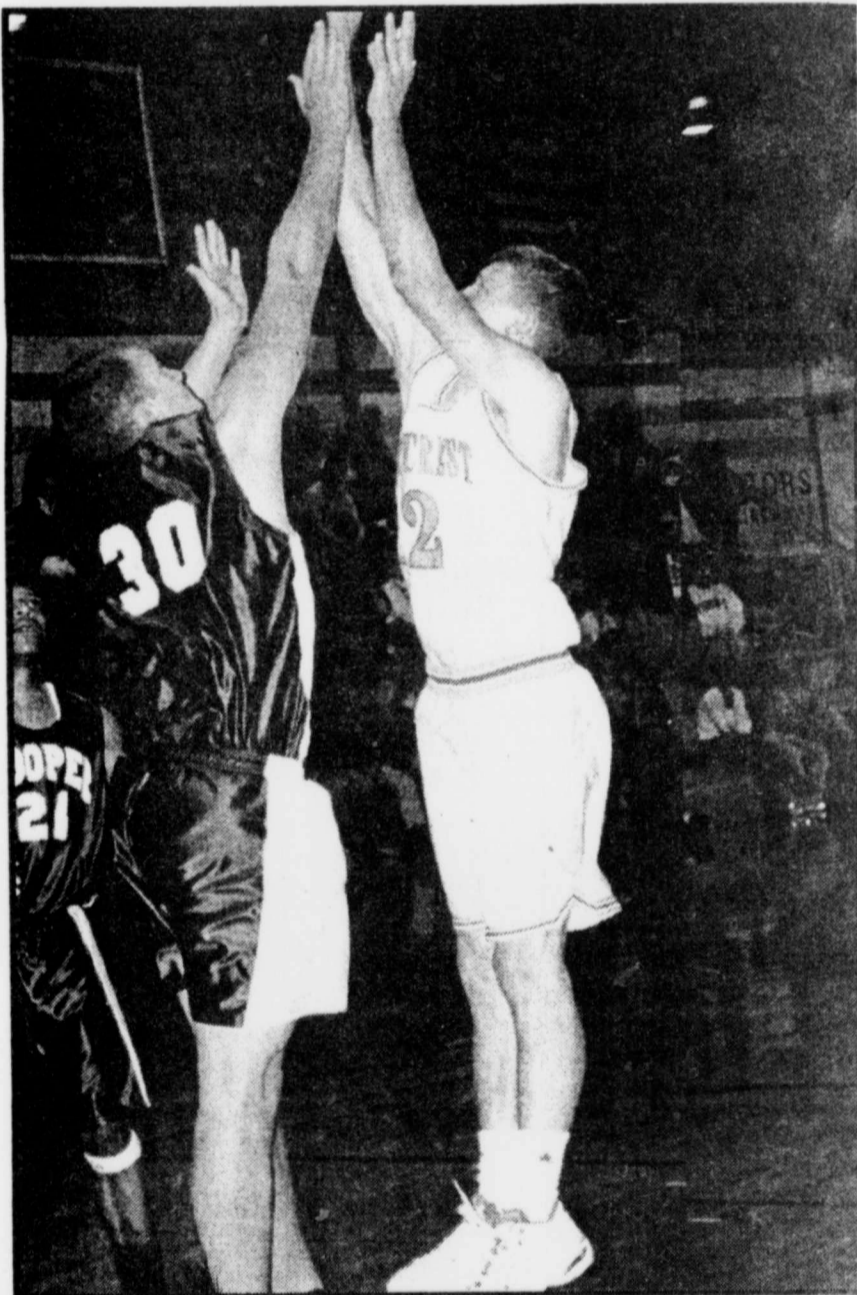
All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired individuals with text telephones at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

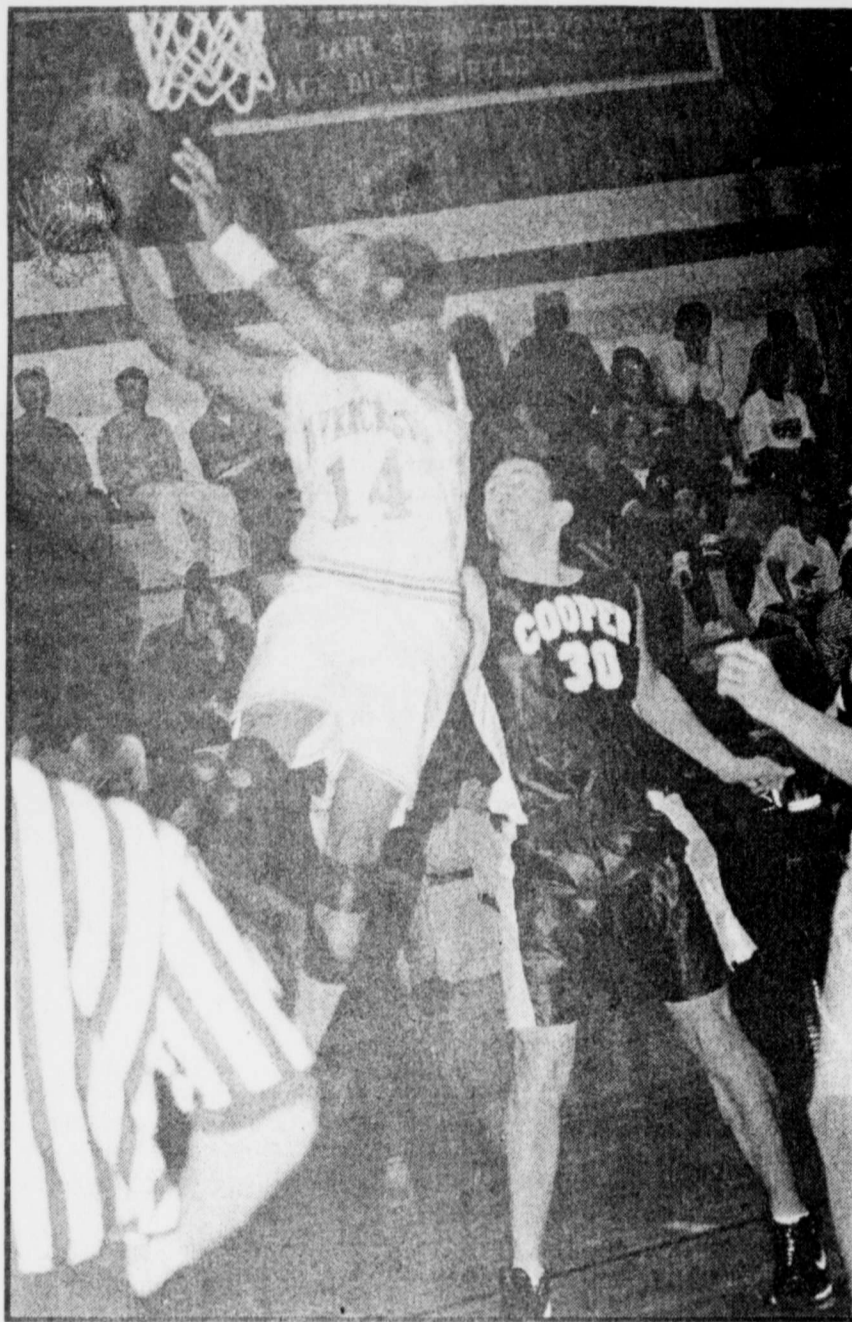
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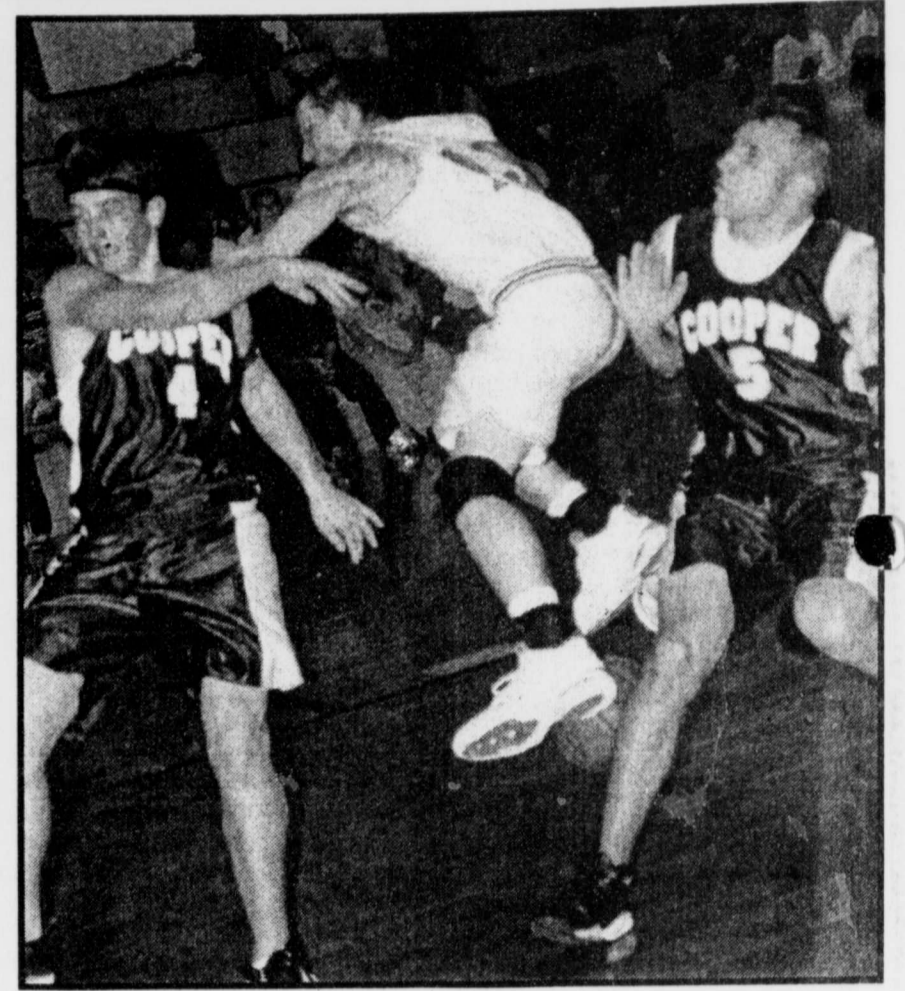
UP FOR THREE-Lady Rebel Kim Shirley puts up the three point shot as the Lady Rebels met the Cooper Bulldogettes. Cooper was victorious 66-47. Shirley was high scorer for the Lady Rebels with 21 points. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CODY WOLFE puts up the shot as the varsity Rebels met the Cooper Bulldogs in their first district game of the season Dec. 20. The Rebels were victorious 65-44. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



UP AND IN-Rebel Keith Hines goes up for the easy two points as the Rebels met Cooper at RHS in their first district game of the season. The Rebels took the win 65-44. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



WHITE BOYS CAN JUMP-and Rebel Chase Collins is living proof. Collins, a Rebel post, not only is a strong rebounder but he is often the high scorer for the team. Collins is pictured in the air as the team met the Cooper Bulldogs in their first game district game of the season. The Rebels won the contest and since have defeated Chapel Hill in district play and will meet Honey Grove at RHS on Friday, Jan. 7. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

I couldn't wait for success—so I went ahead without it.
—Jonathan Winters

Lady Rebels/Rebels host Cooper in district play

The Lady Rebel JV and Varsity and Rebel JV and Varsity played host to the Cooper Bulldogs and Bulldogettes on Tuesday night, Dec. 20, 1999 for the girls 2nd district game and the boys 1st of the season.

The JV boys under Coach Jeremy Abshier led off the evenings play and on the first tip of the ball the Bulldogs took control. After one quarter of play the Bulldogs were up by one, Score 6-5 Cooper. In the second the Rebels fell behind and went into the half time break trailing 9-14.

The third quarter saw the Rebels make an effort to gain the lead but the Bulldogs held them off. Score 13-20 Cooper. But the final quarter was the turning point for the Rebels. Working hard scores came from Nathan Carroll, Brendin Jones, Zach Perry, Ryan Newton and Joshua Cabell. With seconds left in the game and the score tied up the Rebels went to the free shot line and ripped the net for the win. Final 26-25 RHS.

Stats for the game were: High point man-Joshua Cabell with 8 points, 1 steal, 2 assists, 3 rebound and 2 fouls; Nathan Carroll-6 points, 2 steals, 3 assists and 4 fouls; Jeremy Grissom-4 assists, 4 rebounds, 3 fouls; Brendin Jones-2 points, 2 assists, 6 rebounds, 5 fouls; Zach Perry-6 points, 2 steals, 4 assists, 4 rebounds; Ryan Newton-2 points, 1 assist, 2 rebounds, 1 foul, Brandon Buchanan-2 points, 1 assist and 1 foul.

The JV Lady Rebels took the court to face a tough Bulldogette team. Following one quarter the Lady Rebels trailed 6-10. In the second the Lady Rebels held their own but could not over come the Bulldogettes. At the buzzer they were still behind 19-13.

The final half saw the Lady Rebels continue to trail and the Bulldogettes were victorious 37-28. Posting high score for the team was Erica Will-

iams. Also scoring were Charla Hines, Tina Carder and Jessica Rose.

The Varsity Lady Rebels also faced a very competitive Bulldogette team who took first possession of the ball. Missy Carroll was first to get on the board for the Lady Rebels but after one quarter the Lady Rebs trailed 9-17. In the second they slipped farther behind and went into the half trailing 24-37. The Lady Rebels had failed to hit 6 of 17 free shots.

The third quarter began well for the Lady Rebels with Kim Shirley hitting the trey on the opening play. Shirley added 2 more treys and Tiffany Prentice added 2. A field goal and free shot from Kim Ross and Jessica Rose moved the Lady Rebels closer. Score 42-49 Cooper. In the final quarter the Bulldogettes stall put pressure on the Lady Rebels to foul in order to regain the ball. Kim Ross was lost to foul trouble and the team could not make the come back. Final 47-66 Bulldogettes.

High scorer for the game was Kim Shirley with 21 points including 5 three pointers. Also scoring were Missy Carroll with 11, Tiffany Prentice with 9, Kim Ross with 3, Rachel Case with 2 and Jessica Rose with 1.

The Lady Rebels went into the Christmas break with a 1 and 1 district record. The team is minus Cheryl Griffin who has been out with knee surgery and would play a key role as a Lady Rebel post. Cara Morgan and Cassee Wilcox have been doing a good job at the post in place of Griffin and subbing for Missy Carroll, who is the key center for the team. Kim Shirley who has begun a great scoring year, Tiffany Prentice who is always a scoring threat, Kim Ross who can't be left open and Jill Foster whose speed on the court makes a difference, make up the outside shooters and ball handlers and a variety of strong players on the bench contrib-

ute. The team has a good chance in their first district game of the year holding 13-1 pre-district record. Chase Collins sent the first tip of the ball into Rebel hands and Keith Hines put the first score on the board. The Bulldogs are an improved team this year due to their football players competing on the court where they previously had not all come out for basketball. After one quarter the Rebels led 13-12. In the second the Rebels picked up the pace and went into the half up 32-26.

The Bulldogs made a good move to take the lead in the third but the Rebels glided to a 48-30 score to end the quarter. The final quarter was all Rebel as the team took a 65-44 win. High scorer for the evening was Keith Hines with 25 points. Also scoring were Chase Collins-17, Kerry Posey-11, Michael Galloway-8, Myron Ellis-2 and Cody Wolfe-2.

Kerry Posey has done a good job replacing the Rebels center, Josh Griffin, who has been out with knee problems. Michael Galloway who is also a key Rebel scorer was suffering with the flu in this first district game. Chase Collins who was out of football and appeared to possibly be out of basketball with knee problems has made a fantastic comeback and is possibly playing his best basketball ever. Special exercises have helped Collins with his knee. If the Rebel team can keep these players well, recover Griffin, continue to have health among Kyle Stansell, Keith Hines and the strong Rebel bench, Brandon Bell, Myron Ellis, Cody Wolfe and Clinton Cheatwood fans may get that trip to the big one this year. Go Lady Rebels and Rebels!!!!!!



Rivercrest High School students making the 3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll were:

Freshmen: Ashley Beers, Michelle Bryant, Timothy Carder, Tina Carder, Stephanie Carroll, Angela DeLaRosa, Danielle Easterling, Alison Foster, Molly Hare, Kissryn Munns, Krystal Valenzuela, Ashley White, Erica Williams and Shari Wisinger.

Sophomore: Kayla Belcher, Brit-tany Bull, Nathan Carroll, Caressa Covington, Brandon Davis, Charla Hines, Robyn Hollis, Cassie Perry, Kayla Sears, Steven Shade, Kendall Stansell, Chris Sykes, Dusty Townes and Melissa Waller.

Junior: Cassie Cannon, Clinton Cheatwood, Chase Collins, Kasey Crawford, Jamie Daniels, Myron Ellis, Kimberly Exum, Michael Galloway, Jennifer Hays, Sara Hollands, Shelly Hollis, Joy Madden, Kara Palmer, Eric Posey, Kerry Posey, Kim Shirley, Rebecca Stewart, Bre'Ann Stroud and Chrissy Wilson.

Senior: Bubba Abernathy, Leanda Bass, Brodie Belcher, Brandon Bell, Kaylan Bell, Coleman Brown, Mitch Cannon, Missy Carroll, Ryan Case, Amanda Cruise, April Elrod, Cara Eudy, Stephanie Farmer, Jill Foster, Wendy Griffin, Scotty Goodwin, Josh Griffin, Nicole Hervey, Mitchell Jean, Courtney Jordan, Kirk King, Minerva Mauldin, Sissy Meredith, Ashley Moles, Cara Morgan, Carolina Prado, Brandi Randle, Sam Stanley, Erin Stansell, Lissa Stoner, Gail Vickers, Bryce Watkins and Mishelle Wilson.

FOOT NOTES



Oh, Those Aging Feet

For older people, impairment of the lower extremities is a leading cause of activity limitation. Feet problems, many of which are preventable, can lead to pain in the knees, hips and lower back. Many foot ailments stem from years of neglect or abuse, but most can be successfully treated. AS people age, their feet tend to spread and lose the fatty pads that cushion soles. Extra weight can affect bone and ligament structure. Dry skin and brittle nails are also common in older people. The benefits of preventative foot health care are many. It can increase comfort, heighten the chance of earlier diagnosis of systemic conditions like arthritis, diabetes, and circulatory disease; and reduce the risk of infection.

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ESTRAY AFFIDAVIT
OF PUBLICATION AND
POSTING OF
NOTICE OF ESTRAY
 The State of Texas, County of Red River.
 Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Darlena Shimpock, who after being by me duly sworn deposes and says:
 After the herein described Estray was impounded, I made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in the county where said Estray was found. I also contacted known exotic livestock and fowl owners in my County. The search did not reveal the owner of said Estray.
 I did then advertise the impoundment of said Estray in Bogata News, a newspaper of general circulation in the county where said Estray was found, at least twice during the fifteen (15) days after impoundment of said Estray. The dates of such advertisement were January 6, 2000 and January 13, 2000, and a duly verified printed copy thereof is returned herewith.
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FOR SALE: 1996 V6 Camaro, Patriot Red, automatic, 59,000 miles. One owner, good condition. \$8,950.00. 903-632-4437. MA 1-13

FOR SALE: 1989 F150 Super Cab XLT 4x4, 1 yr. on motor, new wheels, and 33x1250 Mud King tires, \$5,000. 903-632-4910 after 6:00 p.m. MA 1-20

FOR SALE: 1987 Brougham Cadillac, excellent condition, 104,000 miles. \$3,500. 903-632-5129. MA 1-120

FOR SALE: One owner, 1993 Seville Cadillac, well maintained. Betty at Headlines, 903-784-5151, nights 785-5375. MA 1-20

Livestock & Ag Supplies
HAPPY JACK SKIN BALM: Relieves hot spots & scratching. Promotes healing & hair growth on dogs & cats without steroids. Available at Buckman Drug, 125 N. Main, Bogata, TX. t/c

HOUSE LEVELING-Carpentry work. Call Randy or Brandon Miller, 903-632-4870. MA t/c

STARCOY SPRAYING SERVICE-Trees, termites, pests. Call Randy or Donna Miller, 903-632-4870 or 1-800-293-2627. MA t/c

STUMP REMOVAL-Friendly, professional service. Serving all of Northeast Texas. No job too large or too small. David & Neil Rozell, 903-632-5617. MA t/c

LOCAL SAND HAULING within the Deport, Bogata and Talco, TX areas. Call Neil Rozell, 903-632-5752. MA t/c

ROADRUNNER SELF-STORAGE: Call Neil Rozell, 903-632-5752. Two locations: one in Bogata; one in Deport. A size to meet your needs. MA t/c

WRIGHT'S EXCAVATING: Clean out ponds, lakes, roads, pads, timber clearing, city streets, Swamp Dozers, Dumptrucks, Scrapers. Day 903-379-3491; night 572-7323. MA t/c

G&S HANDY MART now has new credit card gas pumps. You can now buy gas 24-hours a day with Texaco, Fleet Cards, Visa, Mastercard. Discovery, all major credit cards or debit cards. MA t/c

WOOD FUNERAL HOMES represents Shelton Monument Company of Paris. Call 903-632-5614/652-3195 for all of your monument memorial needs. MA t/c

APPLIANCE REPAIR & REFRIGERATION SERVICE: We repair refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, window A/C units and many major appliances and electrical items. Gary's Refrigeration & Appliances, 903-684-3038. MA t/c

FEED & TACK SUPPLY: Saddles & tack on sale through December 31. We deliver feed by the ton or bulk, competitive prices. Stanley's Store, Hagansport, 632-0956. MA 1-6

TIRED OF IRONING?? Call Mandi Kelley, 903-632-4084. MA 1-20

Wanted:
HELP WANTED: Position open for a person experienced in appliance service and installation. Some record keeping required. Salary negotiable with experience. Apply in person at Welch Gas, Hwy. 271, Bogata. MA 1-6

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

LOST: Female Siberian Husky, 1 1/2 years old, named "Sadie". Purple collar, lost south of Pattonville week of 12-20. 652-5812 or 785-1644.

FOUND: Young male dog, black and tan, with brown leather collar. Please call Mary Ellen Cain, 632-5641. 1-6nc

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

MOVING SALE: Beginning Saturday, December 18, 9 a.m. until ?? Furniture, clothes, dolls, lots of miscellaneous. Will sell till all items gone. 205 N. 6th, Talco. 1-6

FOURTH SATURDAY Trade Days in Bogata. All day Friday, Saturday, intersection Hwy. 37/271. Spaces available, for information, call Red River Rust Antique Mall, 632-5940 or 632-5684 nights. Next date January 7-8. 1-6

FREE FIREWOOD: You cut, you remove. Call for details. 903-674-2417. MA t/c

FREE PUPPIES: Fluffy, bear-like puppies, 6-7 weeks old. Need a home for Christmas. 652-9875. 1-6nc

FREE DOG TO GOOD HOME: Neutered male Border Collie mix, 9 months old, 60 lb., all shots, good with children. 903-632-0966. 1-6nc

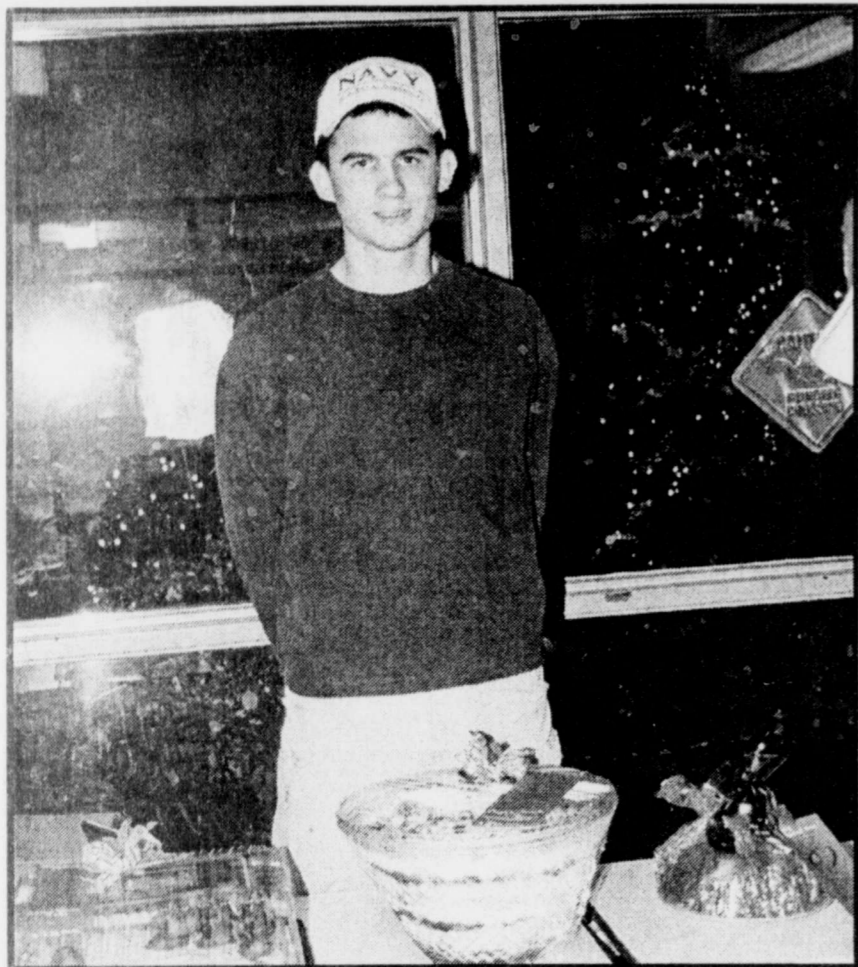
RRCG Society to meet at library

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society on Monday evening, January 10, 2000 at 7:30 in the Red River County Library.

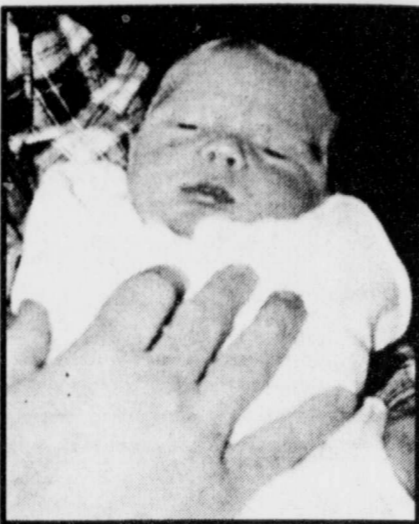
This month's meeting will include a short program on the planned restoration of the Red River County Court-

house. Those attending are encouraged to bring a family heirloom or an item of interest that has been in their family, for the remainder of the night's program.

All persons interested in researching their family history are encouraged to come and enjoy the program.



SILENT AUCTION-Rivercrest Spanish Club member Ryan Case displayed baked goods for the groups silent auction held at the Rivercrest basketball game Tuesday, Dec. 21. The students are earning funds to attend their annual State Convention. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



BRAISON MADDOX KUHL arrived December 2 in Lubbock weighing 8 lbs. and 5 ozs. and was 22 inches long. Parents are Chad and Michelle Kuhl of Snyder. Grandparents are John and Nell Harper and Bobby and Patty Kuhl of Snyder. Great-grandparents are; Linden and Jo Horn of Talco, Dorothy and Bill Stevens of Jothtown, and Great-great-grandmother, Ruby Horn of Talco.

I call architecture frozen music.

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



New Arrivals

Clint and Sharon Greer welcome their new daughter, Hollie Marie, born December 3, 1999 at McCuiston Hospital in Paris weighing 6 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Justin and Jane Strawn of Bogata and L.B. and Peggy Bryant of Pattonville. Great-grandparents are Chris and Maudine Beaton of Mellwood, AR and Gus Bryant of Rugby. Great-great-grandmother is the late Mrs. Cletus Thomas of Detroit.



FIVE GENERATIONS-gathered at the home of Bobby and Patty Kuhl in Snyder, Texas to celebrate the Christmas holiday. Pictured are; (back) Patty Horn Kuhl, (left to right middle) Linden Horn, Ruby Horn and Chad Kuhl and (front) newest arrival, Braison Maddox Kuhl.

Red River County Sheriff's Report December 26-January 2

December 26: Cattle complaint on Hwy. 37 north; male arrested on 30 day court commitment; report of attempted murder in Avery; abandoned vehicle on Albion Cemetery Road.

December 27: Possible prowler in Annona; suspicious circumstances in Lone Star; male arrested on further warrants for unauthorized use of vehicle and burglary of habitation; male

arrested for allowing fire to escape to other property; male arrested on charge of attempted murder; male arrested on charge of driving while intoxicated; minor accident on Hwy. 82 east in Avery.

December 28: Report of theft; report of missing person; report of burglary of habitation; report of suspicious vehicle in Kanawha; report of road hazard on Hwy. 37 south; report

of noise disturbance.

December 29: Report of abandoned vehicle in Detroit; major accident on Hwy. 82 east of Annona; report of suspicious circumstances in Bogata; report of theft; report of theft in Detroit.

December 30: Report of 4 wheeler disturbance in Kanawha; report of shots fired along Red River; attempted theft north of Clarksville; report of theft in Avery.

December 31: Suspicious vehicle on FM410 north; unauthorized use of motor vehicle in Avery; major accident on FM910 south; criminal mischief in Kanawha.

January 1: Minor accident on CR 2127; burglary of habitation in Haywood community; burglary of habitation in Whiterock; male arrested on no liability insurance, capias no drivers license when unlicensed; male arrested on driving while licenses suspended; male arrested on parole violation, failure to appear on driving while intoxicated Bowie County, failure to identify Red River County charge.

Red River County currently holds 91 inmates.

Huddleston DRAWING \$50 in Groceries Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

HUDDLESTON'S GROCERY

SPECIALS GOODEVERY DAY: Thurs Jan. 6th Thru Wed. Jan. 12th
OPEN Mon.-Sat. 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
BOGATA 632-5624 7 Days A Week

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<p>CHARMIN TISSUE 24 Roll \$5⁹⁹</p>	<p>FAMILY STYLE BREAD Large Loaf 79¢</p>	<p>DEL MONTE KETCHUP 40 Oz. 99¢</p>	<p>PARADE SUGAR 4 Lb. \$1²⁹</p>						
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<p>TOSTITOS Reg. \$3²⁹ \$2⁴⁹</p>	<p>CHEF BOYARDEE RAVIOLI Mini Beef 14.5 Oz. 79¢</p>	<p>KRAFT MINUTE RICE 14 Oz. \$1³⁹</p>	<p>PET RITZ COBBLERS All Kinds 26 Oz. \$1⁷⁹</p>						
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<p>VAN CAMP PORK & BEANS 16 Oz. 3/\$1</p>	<p>FAMILY STYLE HAMBURGER OR HOT DOG BUNS 79¢</p>	<p>PARADE BUTTERMILK BISCUITS 4/\$1</p>	<p>COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER</p>						
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