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A slice of America

These days there is so much talk about our lives as Americans. Some believe we can never be safe again. (we aren't ever perfectly safe, September 11th just brought that to our attention). But, in the past week or two I have witnessed a true slice of American life. And it is so beautiful.

We've been to a number of Christmas parades. What a joy they are! In all the chaos children's faces shine with excitement. Parents hover anxiously, arranging tinsel, straightening hair, getting some last minute tape to make a brief repair.

Parade organizers and directors frantically place floats and cars in the proper order. The amount of volunteer work they dedicate to these events is large. Finally, everything falls into place and the parade moves out. Downtown streets are lined with proud parents and grandparents, fellow students, old people and tiny babies.

Volunteer Fire Departments have their trucks shined to a bright gleam. Local bands march and play cheerful Christmas music.

What a wondrous amount of imagination goes into the creation of the entries! Themes that range from Christmas in the country, to toyland, to the Nativity, and everywhere in between abound. Cabins built of cardboard, robes made of bedsheets, Christmas trees and Santa, reindeer made from everything from tissue paper to wood grace entry after entry.

Decorated boats, trailers and pickups carry proud "queens and kings".

Cars are topped with elves at work, giant bows and stars.

Horses parade proudly, many with bows on their tack or tails.

Wagons and carts sport wreaths and tinsel, four wheelers are transformed into everything from sleighs to horses.

Bicycles wobble down the street, covered in glittering substances. Dogs in cloths trot along, a little uncertain about all the crowds.

A shower of candies rain down, and Santa Claus is on hand to the delight of all.

This year, there were veterans on cars, and an abundance of flags and patriotic entries.

As I stood for the third time on the street, watching all of this, I felt so good, so proud, so happy.

New York City it isn't. No slick, commercially commissioned floats went by in regal splendor. No helium filled giants shadowed overhead. No beauty queens, no celebrities graces the entries. No vast amounts of money were spent. But the creativity was just as astounding.

Things may never be the same, but then some things are very much the same.

Our future, the future of small towns, smiled out at us with happy young faces. Our older citizens clapped and beamed. We were one in a joy that we take for granted. It is happening all over this vast nation. Somewhere else is the world these parades would not be possible. Here, they are commonplace. Thank God.



No notices to be sent in December

Just a reminder, during December there are so many renewals that post cards telling people their paper is due will not be sent.

If you think your paper is due this month, just call 652-4205 or 632-5322 and ask, or renew now while they are on sale.



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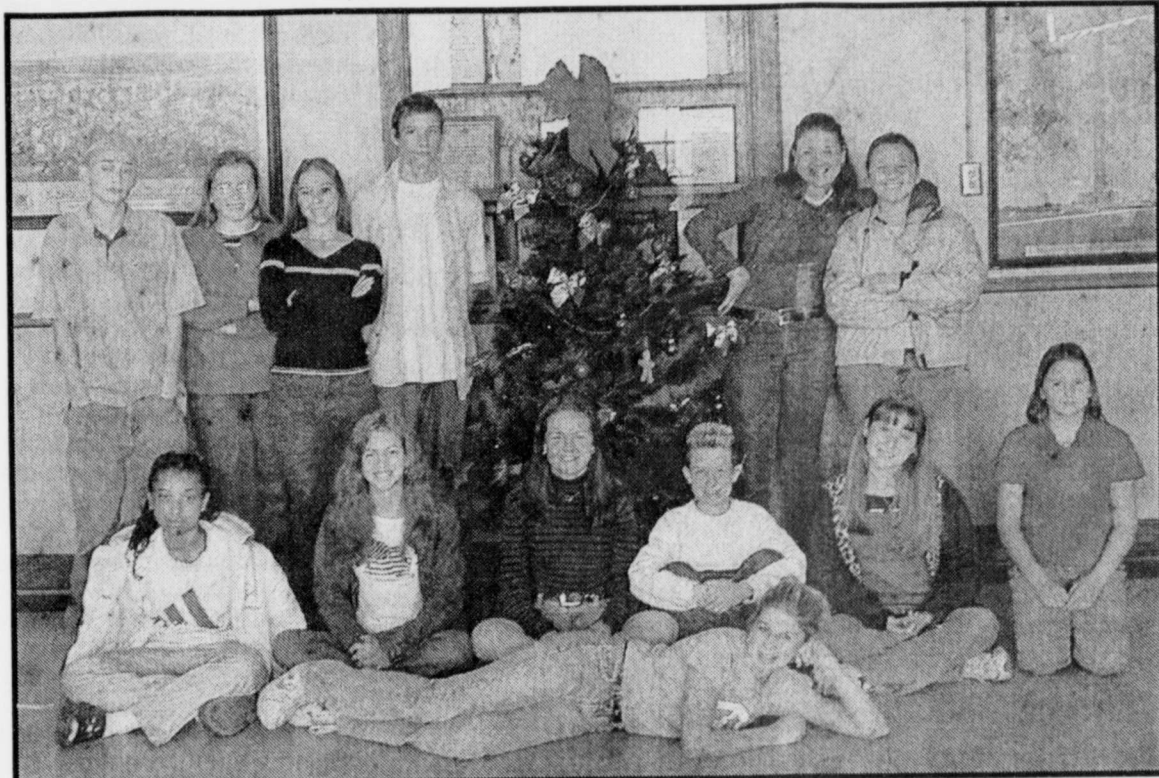
Talco Times

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MEMBERS OF THE RIVERCREST-Junior High One Act Play are pictured around the Christmas tree. The students will be presenting, "Of Poems, Youth and Spring" in UIL competition in January. Cast and crew are, (not in order) Bradley Rollen, Ashley Shew, Bailie Spencer, Whitney Savage, Carissa Carroll, Lauren Beers, Micah Haynes, Christin Holland, Cory Wood, Sarah Hare, Micah Upchurch, Katelyn Van Deaver and Heather Presley. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Candlelight Worship set in Bogata

Everyone is invited to the First United Methodist Church of Bogata's Candlelight and Communion service at 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Christmas carols will be sung, along with hearing the story of the angel's visit with the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks.

Luminaries will surround the church on Christmas Eve as God's love is celebrated. Candlelighting will take place as everyone sings "Silent Night".

Everyone is also invited to the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service for a time of fellowship, hot chocolate and Christmas cookies.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Worship is a special part of the most special time of the year. All are welcome.

First United Methodist Church is located on the corner of North main and Second Streets. For information, call 632-5610.

Ramsay enters Ag race

State Representative Tom Ramsay announced today that he is seeking the office of Commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"I entered public service because of a deep commitment to rural Texas and a sincere dedication to the future of our great state," Ramsay said. "After five terms in the State House my commitment to the families of rural Texas and my dedication to creating a brighter future for our communities are stronger than ever."

Ramsay, a 61-year old farmer, rancher and real estate broker, is from Mt. Vernon where he is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and a former school board member. He and his wife Laurie have four children and are members of the first baptist Church.

Ramsay was first elected to the House in 1992 and for the last two legislative sessions has served as Chairman of the House committee on County Affairs.

Papers on sale now, save money, give the perfect gift

This year, when you are looking for an easy, yet great way to fill your Christmas gift list, think about your local newspaper. As usual, the Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are on sale NOW for \$2 off the yearly price. Regularly \$20 for an entire year, during the last two weeks of November and through December the paper will only be \$18 in Lamar, Red River or Titus Counties, and only \$20 everywhere else!

These newspapers have been around serving local people with the best in news, photos and advertising for many years. The Deport Times began in 1908, as a matter of fact! And though times have changed, one thing hasn't,

that's the fact that people love to see their kid's pictures in the paper, they love to read humorous columns (that have won numerous state-wide awards) they love to clip the recipes out of the cooking column, and they love to keep up with upcoming events and what their friends are doing. Everyone enjoys feature stories and photos of local people.

Any of these papers are a great gift for old and young alike. Young families look forward to the school news, photos and sports, retired people enjoy those recipes. Everyone enjoys knowing what is going on in THEIR own town, somewhere far from home.

So use the handy coupon on the full page ad and send in your subscriptions today!

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Coats for Kids

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

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

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

Christmas parade held Tuesday

The annual Talco Christmas Parade was held Tuesday, December 11 which was a cold and rainy day.

Winners in the various division were:

Cars: 1st place the Rivercrest Sophomore Queen, Nikki Burgess; 2nd place the Rivercrest Elementary 7th grade King and Queen, Destry Nolen and Alex Wright and 3rd place; the Rivercrest Elementary 2nd grade class favorites, Camen Calvin and Jacob Harville.

Floats: 1st place the Rivercrest Senior class; 2nd place the River-

crest JV Cheerleaders and 3rd place; Red River Healthcare.

4 wheeler division: 1st place Rivercrest Junior High 6th grade Queen, Emily McCuller; 2nd place Rivercrest Junior High 7th class favorites Cortney Merchant and Micah Haynes and 3rd place to Heath Parker.

Bicycle division: 1st place, Jerica White.

Regardless of the bad weather the parade was beautiful and the children enjoyed seeing Santa in the parade and at the Talco Guaranty Bank following.

Christmas drama set at Lake Chapel

Lake Chapel House of Prayer will present "Behold the Lamb", a Christmas drama, on Thursday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Free admission and everyone is welcome.

Lake Chapel is located six miles north of Mt. Vernon on Highway 37.

Christmas basket donations needed

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

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



Bogata and Talco
Parade Photos
Next Week!



UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT-The cafe in Talco, formerly the old Snack Shop, is now open under new management. NiNi's Kitchen is owned and operated by Janet St. John and daughter, Jamie Anderson. The cafe is open Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. A daily lunch special is offered as well as a variety of dishes. On Saturday the cafe is open from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. Call in orders are welcome at 903-379-3079. Everyone is invited to stop by for a delicious meal. Pictured are Jamie Anderson and Jarod (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rivercrest students to present "Steel Magnolias"

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

Our cook this week is Pat Graham of Blossom. Pat recently opened a restaurant...or should I say, reopened a restaurant, down the road from where she was previously in Blossom. It is located on Highway 82 and is a remodeled green house that you can't miss just up from her former location that was the Front Street Grill.

When looking for a holiday cook to come to mind and all ways has some great recipes. She and her husband James work together in the business and are members of the Blossom United Methodist Church.

She started back in 1995 when she decided that working for other people was something that she did not want to do all her life. Thanksgiving of 1995, she and a friend of hers made cakes for their Sunday School class to sell and again at Christmas, but added pies. About that time, she was approached to do lunches and special dishes for school and that is when it took off. They picked up some catering jobs and started Friday nights and all of the golf tournaments at the Clarksville Country Club.

She had wanted a restaurant and

decided it was time to take a chance. They did well at the other location, so off she went. She offers an all-you-can-eat buffet and good, clean, down-home country food at good prices. They also offer baking specials, catering and can sit 20 for small parties.

We hope you enjoy her recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

Very Best Potato Salad-this recipe is made with instant potatoes with a pinch of sugar! Cabbage Slaw with Poppy Seed Dressing-Pat says she likes to serve this with fish or barbecue! My Favorite Buttermilk Pie-this is a favorite with everyone!

Pie Crust for 3-4 pies-Pat makes some of the best pies and crust around!

Pat's Bread-she says that if you have a Kitchen Aide mixer, this bread is a snap.

Berry Mandarin Salad-just mix all ingredients and serve with dressing and is delicious!

Lemon Chess Pie-too much sugar, too intense heat or too long cooking will cause custard to be watery! Pat got this recipe from the late Georgia Nell Watson from one of her cookbooks and Pat has used it for years.



COOK OF THE WEEK is Pat Graham of Blossom. Also pictured with Pat is her grandson Levi Graham. She has just opened her remodeled restaurant on Highway 82 in Blossom and prepares, good, down home country food for everyone. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Obituaries

Henry Burl Barton dies December 6

Henry Burl Barton, age 74 of Bagwell died Thursday, December 6 in Hospice of East Texas in Tyler.

Services were held Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 p.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Benny Cogburn officiating. Burial followed in Blanton Creek Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mr. Barton was born in Bagwell on March 29, 1927, a son of Kirk and Eva Hastings Barton. He was a longtime rancher and auctioneer. He was a member of the Church of Christ, was a longtime member of the Red River General Hospital and the 410 Water Supply.

On February 26, 1955 he married the former Patty Hobbs in DeKalb.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Ida Mae Giles in 2001.

Surviving are his wife, Patty, of the home; his mother, Eva Coleman of Clarksville; a son, Bill Barton of Bagwell; a sister, Kay Wells of LaMesa; a brother, Jackie Barton of Bagwell; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Joe Yarbrough, E.L. Livingston, Danny Coffman, Hank Walton, James Miller, Jimmy Ellis, Danny Lile and Bud Gordon.

E.G. Lum

dies December 10

E.G. Lum, age 90 of Boxelder died Monday, December 10 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 13 in Salem Baptist Church with the Rev. Marlin Robey officiating. Burial was in Boxelder Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes, Bogata. The family received friends from 6 until 7 p.m. at the funeral home on Wednesday.

He was born August 19, 1911 in Boxelder, the son of Eddie Gerald Lum, Sr. and Emma Lee Jones Lum. He married the former Wanza Sueas Brooks at Cuthand on August 19, 1942. He was a retired school teacher with a MS degree. He taught school for over 34 years. He was a US Army Veteran, serving as a Staff Sergeant during World War II. He was a long time member of Salem Baptist Church of Boxelder.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Eric Lum and wife Belinda of New Boston and Vincent Lum of Allison; one daughter, Annette Welch and husband Tommy of Clarksville; one brother, Alvis Merle Lum of Cash, OK; six grandchildren, James Welch, Tracy Lum, Brandon Lum, Michelle Wilson, Sueann Welch and Aaron Lum; one great-granddaughter, Katie Ann Welch; two great-grandsons, John and Zack Wilson.

Bobby Talley

dies December 9

Bobby Talley, age 61, formerly of Deport, died in Amarillo on December 9.

Wood Funeral Homes made burial on Wednesday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. in Highland Cemetery, Deport.

He was born in Deport on September 16, 1940, the son of Hershel and Lois Ball Talley. He is survived by his son, Bobby Talley, Jr., of Los Angeles, CA; a daughter, Kim Talley of Houston; sisters, Sylvia Cariker of Lake Jackson and Brenda Hunter and Sharon Traver, both of Lubbock.

Card of Thanks

The family of Rufus Merritt would like to thank everyone for your love and kindness you gave to him and his family during his illness and after he went to be with the Lord. To Bro. Freddy Burden and Bro. Billy Daniels for the beautiful service, the ladies of the Deport Church for the wonderful meal they served the day of the funeral, the ladies of the Johntown Church and others that brought food to our home, your prayers, calls, flowers and cards. To Wood Funeral Home who helped in our time of grief. He was loved by so many. We, his family, loved and will miss him. **Shirley Merritt & Family** **Bob & Pat Merritt & Family** **David Merritt & Family**

Ralph Westbrook dies December 7

Ralph N. Westbrook, age 89 of Deport, died in the Christus-St. Joseph Hospital, North Campus on Friday, December 7, 2001. Wood Funeral Homes conducted chapel services on Monday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. with Freddy Burden officiating.

Serving as pallbearers were Doc Enox, Mack Humphrey, Jerry Westbrook, John Beard, Earl Gresham, and Kenneth Gifford. Honorary pallbearers were Hobart Loven, Gordon Isbell, and Randy Gresham.

He was born on October 3, 1912 in Deport, Texas, the son of Samuel H. and Sarah Blanch Harris Westbrook. On October 31, 1952, he married the former Jayne Dugger in Hugo. Mr. Westbrook managed a grocery store in Dallas for 30 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Deport. He was preceded in death by a son, Dale Westbrook in 1955; two sisters, Artie Westbrook and Mollie Westbrook; and eight brothers, Cecil, Otis, Jim, Esker, Elbert, Earl, Donald, and Boyd Westbrook.

Survivors include, his wife Jayne of Deport; his daughter, Brenda Calhoun of Houston; four grandchildren, Dawn Sandoval and husband Darrell, Chip Calhoun and wife Sarah, Shawn Calhoun and wife, Sarah, and Daniel Calhoun; four great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Edith Westbrook of Paris, Mary Westbrook of Virginia Beach, VA, Clydelle Westbrook of Paris, Louise Dugger of Forney, and Margie Dugger of Seven Points; brother-in-law, Jerry Dugger and wife Donnie of Bedford; special nieces, Teressa Minor, Vicky Jane Massey, Ouida Ann Humphrey; many other nieces and nephews.

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Ronald Luis Smith dies December 6

Ronald Luis Smith, age 40, born September 24, 1961 in Odessa, TX died December 6 in Dallas.

Memorial services were held Sunday, December 9 at Wood Funeral Home chapel in Deport with the Rev. Glynn Renfro officiating.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Edith Smith. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Sheryl Smith; a son, Michael Dale Smith; a stepson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Bibb; three step-grandchildren; a sister and her husband, Jeannie and William Denton of El Paso; three brothers, Mike and Carla Smith of Rowlett and Gary and Donny Smith of Dallas; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles and many friends. He was the grandson of the late Curtis H. and Fay Elmore.

The family met at the home of Lee and Kathy Bice in Deport.

Dorothy Ellen Gray dies December 7

Dorothy Ellen Gray (Mobley), age 75 of Deport died in Christus St. Joseph's Hospital South on Friday, December 7.

Services were held Saturday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Deport Presbyterian Church with Rev. Harold Isaacs officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

She was born in Rugby on August 21, 1926, a daughter of Paul Willis and Ruby Ella Chesshir Wood. She was retired from the Prairiland School System; was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Deport and was active in the Presbyterian Women. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Terry Gray and a grandson, Paul Wayne Everett, both in 1973; and an infant brother, Noel Wood.

Surviving are her children, Dick Gray and wife Yvonne and Mark Gray and wife Delayna, all of Pattonville; a daughter, Deann Gray Flores of Ft. Worth; a brother, Paul W. Wood, Jr. of Irving; two uncles, Lawrence Wood and wife Martha Kate of Rugby and Carl Wood of Bogata; one aunt, Francis Franklin of Deport; three grandchildren, Terry Burge, James Gray and Israel Flores; two great-grandchildren, Chase Burge and Madison Brooke Gray.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped me celebrate my birthday. The cards, gifts and phone calls were wonderful. Also to my family and friends for their love and support while I was ill. I'll always be grateful for your love and help. Love, **Esther Tillman**

Thursday, December 13 Pat Graham, Blossom

Very Best Potato Salad

- 1 gallon prepared instant potatoes
- 3 boiled eggs
- 1 onion-chopped
- 1 large chopped dill pickle
- 1 cup or less sweet relish
- 1 cup Miracle Whip or salad dressing

Berry Mandarin Salad

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1-1/4 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon ground mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon grated onion
- 1/4 tablespoon celery seed
- dash salt
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 8 cups torn mixed salad greens
- 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 1 cup mandarin oranges-drained
- 1 medium sweet onion-slice into rings

Lemon Chess Pie

- 4 eggs-well beaten
- 1 tablespoon flour-sift with sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornmeal
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon rind-grated
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup butter-melted

Unbaked Fruit Cake

- 3 cups graham crackers-crushed
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- 2 cups chopped English walnuts
- 8 ounce package chopped dates
- 8 ounce package chopped candied pineapple
- 8 ounce package chopped candied cherries

Pat's Bread

- 3-1/2 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon yeast
- 1-1/4 cup hot tap water
- 1/2 stick margarine
- 1/4 cup sugar
- salt
- 1 large egg

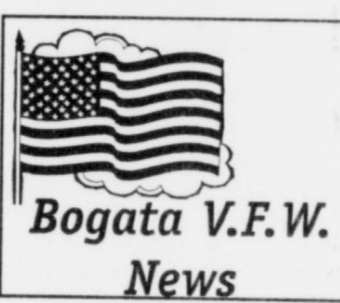
and turn out onto floured surface and let rest for 10 minutes. Knead about 10-12 times. Roll out and cut in rolls or make a large loaf of bread. Let rise double and bake at 375 degrees until golden brown.

Combine all ingredients. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake 45 minutes at 375 degrees.

Mix bottom and sides of loaf pan with waxed paper. Pack very tight into pan. If packed tight, cake will come out of pan and hold shape. Place in refrigerator and slice as needed. Will keep in refrigerator tightly wrapped for two months.

Mix all ingredients together well. Line bottom and sides of loaf pan with waxed paper. Pack very tight into pan. If packed tight, cake will come out of pan and hold shape. Place in refrigerator and slice as needed. Will keep in refrigerator tightly wrapped for two months.

When yeast works (about ten minutes), add sugar, salt egg and margarine; stir. Start feeding flour mixture into mix and work for 10 minutes. When all flour is added place in a large greased bowl and let rise until double; punch down



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

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

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

* Get Well Wishes are sent to: James Minshew, George Smith, Mary Elrod and Betty Mullins.

Happy Birthday to: Bobbie Hervey, Geri Knowles, Wootie Harville, Dennis Carr, Linda Gray and Todd Duffer.

Sympathy is extended to Shirley Merritt and family.



RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS

We have two queries this week. The first is from Christy Westell, whose e-mail address is cwestell@flex.net. She is researching her great-great-grandfather, John D. Anderson, who is believed to have been living in Red River county in 1890. The John D. Anderson who was shown in the 1890 Veteran's Schedule was residing in the county at that time. John was married to Nancy "Nannie" Francis Alexander, whose father was James Sloan Alexander. Mr. Alexander was a Red River County resident in 1890. John and Nannie Anderson had three known children, Sarah "Sallie", Ulin and Lolo Nono Anderson. John was a marble dealer in AR in 1880 and made headstones, as did his son, Lolo. Some of the family moved to Brownwood and Vernon, MS. Westell would like to know anything at all about this Anderson family and their time in Red River County.

Also, there is a query from Barbara Kindrex Davis who is searching for information on her lineage, beginning with her father and mother who moved to Red River County in 1930 from Forrest City, AR. She is told that her father and a sister, Vader and Tom Bales and his mother, Margaret Boxer Bales died in Red River County sometime around 1930. Her father, uncle and aunt Ida Mrg. Ross Herzig and James Carl Herzig, also lived in Red River county. They had a daughter. Her father may have married Thelma Lumpkin. Anyone with information about this family, please contact her at 309 N. Waco St., Groesbeck, TX 766421331.

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

A Message To The Many Who Love & Respect **Thelma Ladd**

Currently "Miss Thelma" is in **Deport Nursing Home**

She is recovering from recent problems with her health. She remembers all of you fondly and regrets that she will be unable to send greetings to you during the holiday season. Please accept this message as her best wishes to all of you.

We treasure and appreciate your love and concern for this special lady.

Melba & Carlos, Marianne & Joe Ladd

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Lady Rebels host Fannindel

by Coach Debbie Williams

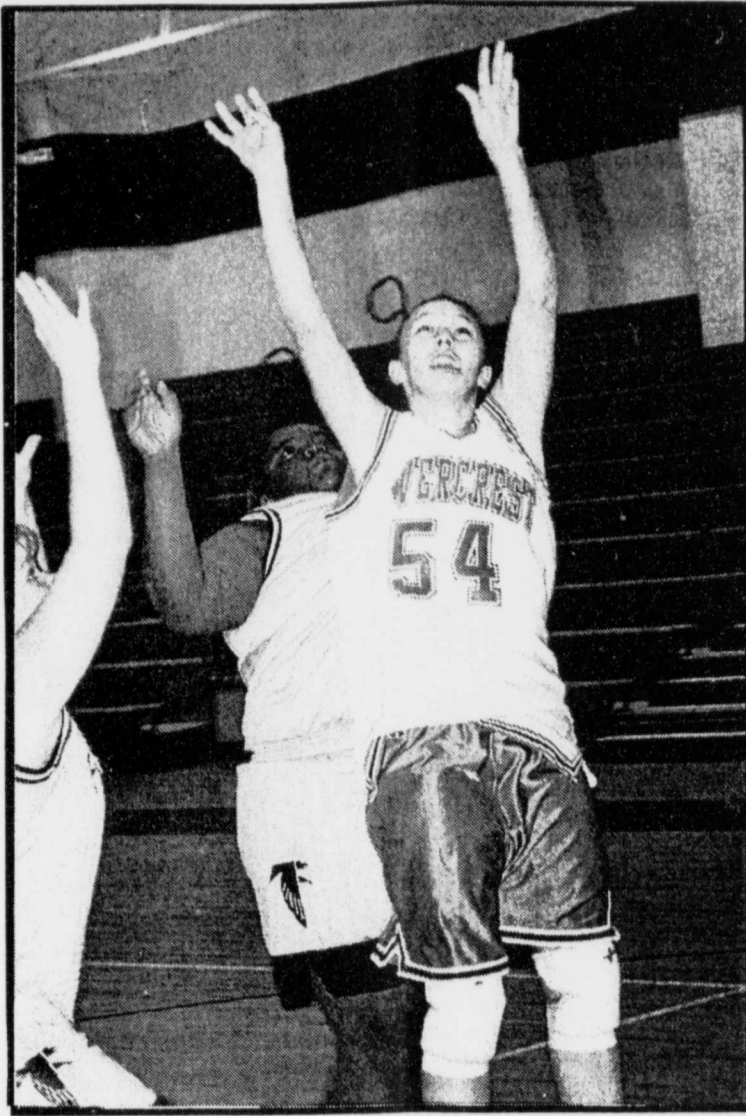
December 4, 2001 we hosted Fannindel Lady Falcons and the JV Lady Rebels had a great victory. All the girls had points for the team and all played a good game. They put out good effort throughout the game and with a team mind!

The varsity Lady Rebels played well the first half. We started off strong getting shots, but the first 4 or 5 shots didn't fall for us so the score looked as if they were playing with us. We continued on and finished the first half 37-15 our favor.

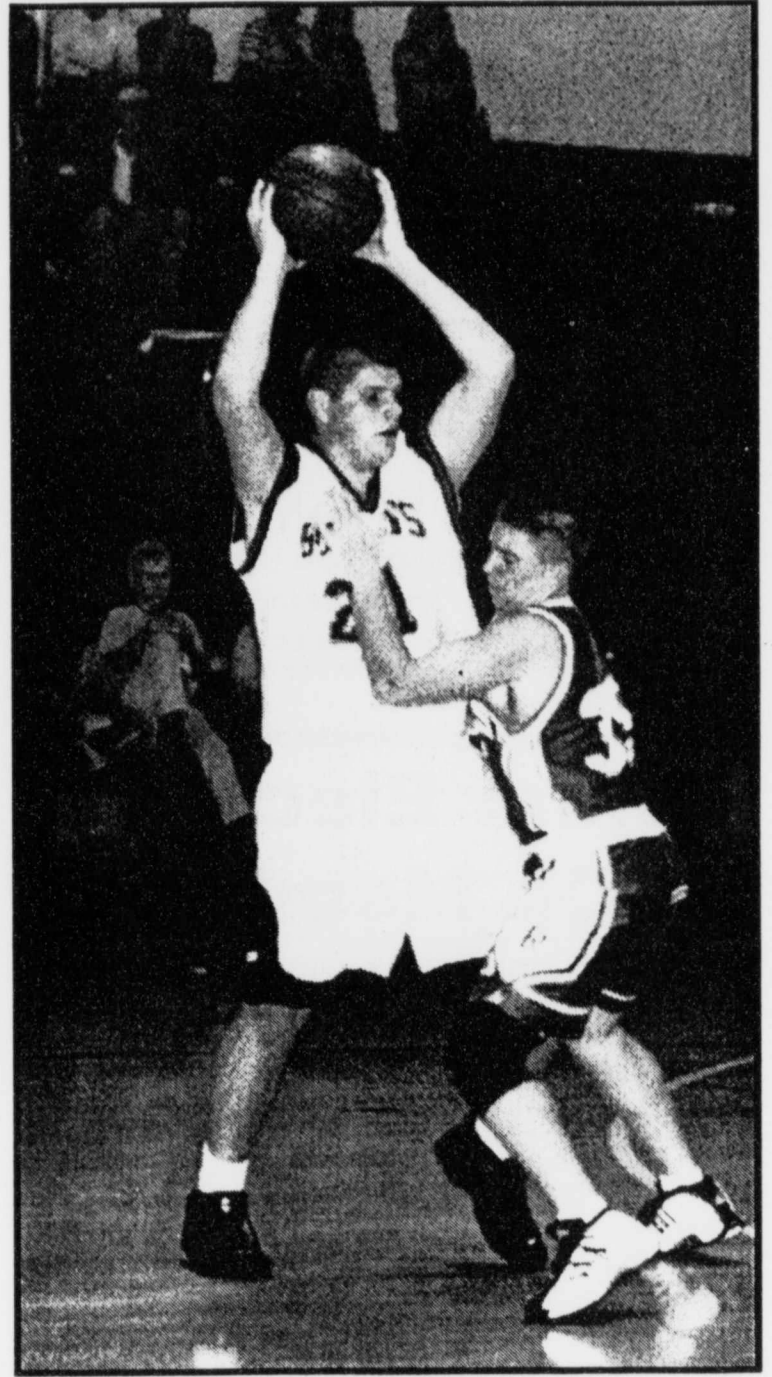
In the final 16 minutes we must learn to play a full game and then some if necessary because in the

second half we got outscored 33-22. We didn't press full court, but we shouldn't have had to in order to keep up the intensity. As a team, the second half wasn't very pretty and as coaches we expect the ladies to play at their potential at all times! We know we will have to do this to be there for the playoffs. Every district game is going to be tough and they must step up and do what they are capable of doing or we won't have the playoff experience.

Ashley Beers came out this game and offensively stepped up. The win will take us into the North Hopkins tournament on Dec. 6-8.



BLOCK OUT AND REBOUND-JV Lady Rebel Niki Jones goes up for the rebound while blocking out the young lady from Fannindel. The Lady Rebels won the competition easily. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



RIVERCREST Chance Belcher tried to put the stop on this Avery ball player last Friday night at the Prairiland Tournament. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Lady Rebels compete in North Hopkins Tournament

by Coach Debbie Williams

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels traveled to North Hopkins for tournament play Dec. 6-8.

We played North Hopkins on the first round Thursday. We played with more effort as a team than any game so far. The rebounding was there. We dominated the boards as a team and this is what must take place to win and we did. We came out strong and continued to play solid defense. We showed team work on both ends against a good team. They were scrappy also and the officials consistently let both teams play physical. Jessica Rose really stepped up in this game and sparked the team on the floor. We need to work on our patience on offense when we have a lead. In the final quarter we did well but let them get too close to us on the scoreboard.

We came back Thursday evening and played Mt. Vernon. They have good size inside and shooters outside. We played hard, it was especially good to see the effort after the fast pace tough game they played just 4 hours earlier. We lost the game, but Coach Oats and I are still seeing many highlights from all the players. We had indifference with each other as teammates and we know we all are in this great boat together. So, therefore we must all push each other to have high expectations of each other and

yet at the same time be a teammate! Encouragement goes a long way especially when the coaches seem to always be on your case and expecting more. This group of ladies are fun to watch when they all play at their potential and each are having good games and when we all get together on this, LOOKOUT!

Saturday we met up with the Honey Grove Lady Warriors and their 1-3-1. We always know their 1-3-1 and it is always a good one. We had good looks and played well, but came up short on the scoreboard 41-32. Turnovers were a short coming for us. We had 32 turnovers for the game and this is hard to overcome. We are looking to pass inside, because when we go inside good things happen. Our post girls can score inside, but when they don't have their move, they kick it out for a good shot. We ended up shooting 40% for the field and this is what we strive for. We only shot 30 shots for the game. We must all believe in our shooting ability and they will fall. 5 of 8 free throws were made, 27 rebounds for the game, with Erica Williams and Jessica Rose top rebounders. We begin our 2nd season of the year Tuesday night with Hughes Springs at home. This is district and we will put it all together starting with the JV at 5:30 p.m.

Junior High Lady Rebels compete and win at Chisum

by Coach Tammie Case

The Junior High Lady Rebels participated in the annual Chisum Tournament December 6-8.

The 8th grade team won the Championship by defeating Cooper, Chisum and Mt. Vernon.

The 7th grade were 1 & 1 in tournament play. Their first game saw them against a much bigger, more skilled Honey Grove team giving them their first loss but they came back to a big victory over Cooper.

In the 8th grade division the Lady Rebels had an easy victory over Cooper on Thursday night. Friday and Saturday games were more evenly matched but the Lady Rebels came away victorious.

"I thought the girls did an excel-

lent job each day. Tournament play is always a good experience. It gives us a chance to practice different things and for the girls extra playing time".

On Monday, Dec. 10 the teams met Chisum Rivercrest. The 8th grade took another win as did the 7th "B" team and the 7th "A" team. The girls will travel to Prairiland Monday, December 17 for their last game before the holidays.

Plans now are for only one holiday practice, which will be December 29 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Rivercrest.

After the holidays games will be switched from Monday nights to Thursday nights, with play resuming January 10, 2002.

Little Dribblers elect officers

The Rivercrest Little Dribblers Basketball met December 9 to elect officers and make plans for the organization.

Officers elected to serve for next year are: Ricky Franks, president; Joe Travis Kelsey, vice-president; Kathie Thompson, secretary; Melissa Merchant, treasurer.

The organization has elected to have 3 and 4 grade boys, 3 and 4 grade girls, 5 and 6 grade boys and 5 and 6 grade girls to travel to play in the Chapel Hill Youth Basketball League. This will include

traveling to Winfield and Harts Bluff to play as well. The 1 and 2 grade boys and girls will continue to play locally as they have in the past.

Final sign up will be December 14 and the sign up forms need to be turned in to the school. No late forms will be accepted.

The next meeting will be Sunday, January 6 at 3:30 p.m. in the Rivercrest cafeteria. Any person interested in coaching a team should attend this meeting.



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RIVERCREST HIGH SCHOOL recently had a "Deck the Doors" contest to show their Christmas spirit. Each faculty and staff member decorated his/her door and donated a dollar for the prize. Each door was truly unique, however, Don Stockton's door was chosen as the winner. Mr. Stockton's theme was "The Grinch stole my decorations". Judges for the event were Staci Hinton, Karla Palmer and Joe Rose. Congratulations, Mr. Stockton! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**RHS tournament
December 13 to 15**

The Rivercrest Rebels will host a tournament on December 13 through Dec. 15 for JV and Varsity boys. There will be 4 teams competing in the college style bracket, including Ector, Cooper, Detroit and Rivercrest.

On Thursday, Dec. 13 Detroit will meet Cooper at 6:00 pm and Rivercrest will meet Ector at 7:30 pm.

On Friday, Dec. 14 Ector will meet Detroit at 6:00 pm and Rivercrest will play Cooper at 7:30 pm.

On the final day, Saturday, Dec. 15 the Cooper Bulldogs will play Ector at 1:00 pm and Rivercrest will meet Detroit at 2:30 pm.

All the games will be played in the new gym. Come out and support the Rebels as they prepare for district play through tournament play.

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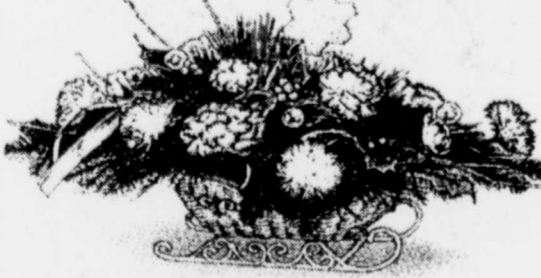
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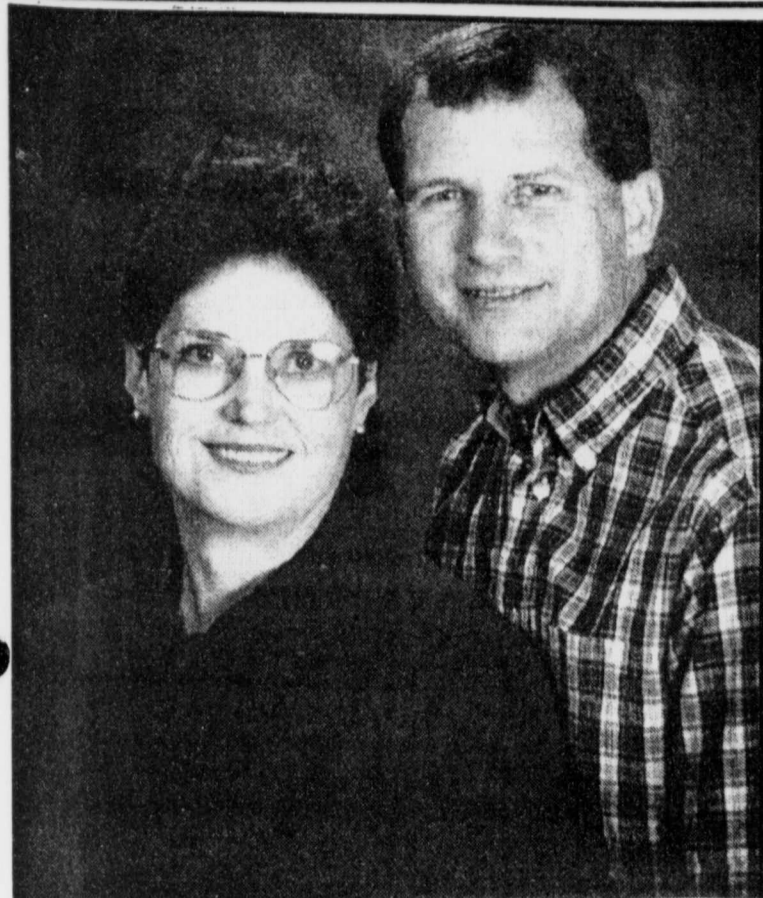
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Nancy Marie Breedlove and fiancé David Gene Ballard

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announce engagement

Nancy Marie Breedlove and David Gene Ballard will be married Friday, December 28 at 4:00 p.m. at Unalakleet, Alaska. Bob Lawrence will officiate the ceremony.

Her fiancé is the son of Robert and Sis Ballard and the grandson of Roland Ballard of Clardy and Veda Wimberly. He is employed by Prairiland High School as a Math teacher.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Agnes Breedlove and the late Henry J. Breedlove of Paris. She is employed by Prairiland High School as a Math teacher.

The couple invites their family and friends to a reception to be held on Saturday, January 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lamar Avenue Church of Christ in Paris.



Mr. and Mrs. Houston Pettit

Pettit's to celebrate 60th anniversary December 18

On December 18, 2001, Houston and Hontas Hill Pettit will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple were married at McCrury on December 18, 1941 with Rev. C.J. Thomason officiating at the ceremony. Austin Pettit and Wilma Meacham Mathena were the couple's only

attendants. Hontas and Houston have one daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Glen Babb; two granddaughters, Rhonda Myrick and Michelle Babb and two great grandchildren, Jared and Jarrae Myrick. Happy Anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Pettit!

Bar-B-Que lunch to be served Friday, December 14

The Talco Baseball/Softball Inc. will sponsor a bar-b-que lunch at the Talco Post Office parking lot on Friday, December 14. Serving will begin at 10:30 am. Brisket or chicken, potato salad, beans and bread will be included in the meal for \$5.00 per plate. Pie and cake will also be available for \$1.00 per slice.

Proceeds will go to help the league play \$11 monthly to the school for the extra electric box on the ballfield. The school pays for one box on both Talco and Bogata fields, however, in the process of trying to get the boxes moved near the concession stand the Talco field has had to have

another box installed. Proceeds will also go to finish out the year's expenses and to begin the next season on.

Orders may be called in ahead of time to Marta Rhoades at 379-3491 or 379-5861; Patsy Smith at 379-2970 or to Nancy Brown at 379-4445 evenings or 632-5322 mornings. Karen Jones will serve as brisket/chicken cook, beans and potato salad will be made by Patsy Smith and Nancy Brown and desserts will be donated by members of the league. Come by and get a delicious meal at a good price and help the group supply summer fun for the area children.



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Many people go through life unconcerned about eternity assuming that they and most everyone else will just automatically be saved at the end of time. But we can learn the truth of this from Jesus. Someone once put this question to him: "Lord, are they few that are saved?" (Luke 13:23). He answered in part: "Strive to enter in by the narrow door; for many, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (v. 24).

A sad scene of Judgment Day is presented to us by Jesus in Matthew 7:22, 23. He tells us: "Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? And then I will profess unto you them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

It would be horrible to be lost and to know that you're lost, but it seems even a worse tragedy to go through life thinking you're saved when you're actually lost. That's the situation with these people Jesus mentions. They had the marks of being religious, and they expected to go to heaven. But they were woefully mistaken, and they discovered it too late.

For this reason the Bible urges us: "Try your own selves, whether you are in the faith; prove your own selves" (2 Cor. 13:5). This can only be done by diligently studying God's word and comparing our lives with what the Bible tells us to be and do. All of us who expect to be with the Lord in eternity must take this admonition seriously. It might be that we have only thought we are saved when actually we are lost.

This article is from the Church of Christ that meets in Talco. Please join us for services: Sunday Bible Class, 9:45 a.m.; worship hours 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible class, 7 p.m.

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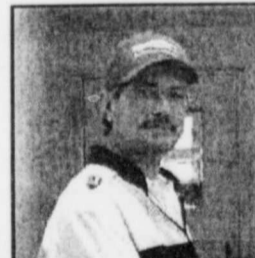
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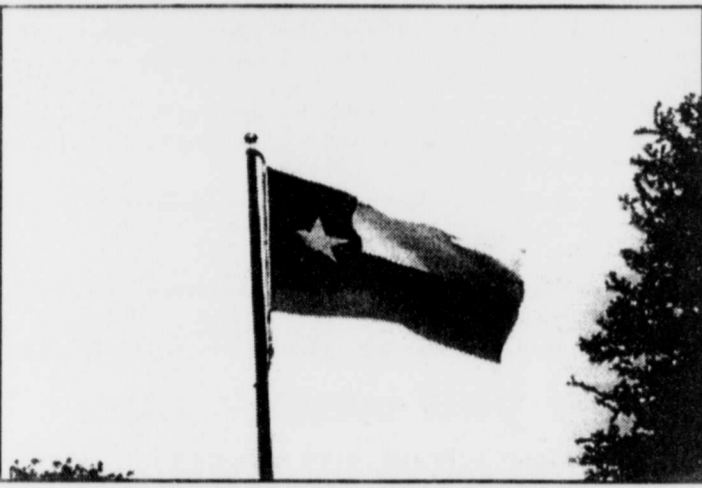
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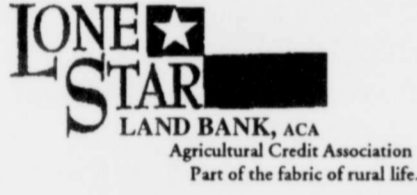


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December 14 & 15

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

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

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

December 20

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

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Lunch
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Lunch
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Lunch
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Editor's Quotes

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

Red River County Sheriff's Report

December 3-9

December 3: Inmate released for the weekend; theft at Rivercrest High; inmate released to Lamar county on their charges; inmate released to Franklin County on their charges; inmate released on 10 year probation; inmate arrested on DPS Garland warrants and released with fines paid.

December 4: Inmates transported to Hunt county; suspicious person on CR4320; one arrested for violation of probation; inmate released to Upshur County; inmate transported to county on violation of probation; criminal mischief on Church st. & Main; minor accident on FM910S.

December 5: Suspicious vehicle on FM410; traffic violation in Detroit; burglary of habitation on CR124; emergency message to Detroit; inmate transported to county from Grayson County; missing hunter on FM1159; loose cattle on 412S.

December 6: Loose cattle on 37N; criminal mischief in Avery; suspicious person in Avery; inmates transported to county on

bench warrants; loose cattle on 37N; criminal mischief; family disturbance on CR1425; one arrested on Lamar County warrant for theft by check; loose cattle on 37N; one arrested on charge of DWI and carrying a prohibited weapon; minor accident on CR1699 and CR1158.

December 7: Criminal mischief in Fulbright; one arrested on Collin County warrants and released on bond; one arrested on Lamar County warrants an possession of drug paraphernalia; one arrested on charge of no DL, DWI 2nd and unregistered motor vehicle; one arrested on charge of public intoxication; loose bull on 82E; two spotlighting calls on CR4420; theft in Detroit.

December 8: Suspicious vehicle on CR1360; inmate released on bond; domestic dispute in Detroit; noise disturbance in Detroit; possible public intoxicated male on FM195; possible fight in progress on Main Street.

December 9: animal complaint in Avery; burglary in Bogata.

Wayne Huffman to be featured speaker at Bogata First Assembly

Reverend Wayne Huffman, Assemblies of God missionary to France, will be the featured guest speaker at Bogata First Assembly of God located on Hwy. 271 S, on Sunday, December 16, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. according to Reverend Donnie Sherrill, pastor.

France is a nation of mystique for much of the world, drawing millions of tourists to Paris, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and countless other historic sites across the country. Nearly 60 million French take great pride in their language, culture and history. But that pride has also created a self-sufficient society where few people give thought to their relationship to God. Although Christianity has a long history in France, most of the nation's ancient churches are empty monuments to the past. The Assemblies of God in France is a growing fellowship of churches cooperating to reintroduce the gospel to the masses. More than 900 churches across the country minister to about half a million people.

Wayne and Drue Huffman are looking forward to their return to

France. Years ago, they had the opportunity to serve as assistant pastors at the Paris Evangelistic Center, a thriving church of more than 300 people. This experience with ministry to the French was helpful when they later accepted a pastorage among the French speaking Acadians of south Louisiana.

For the past 10 years, the Huffmans have served as the first Assemblies of God resident missionaries to Romania. They partnered with a local Romanian congregation in pioneering three churches and a Christian orphanage ministering to abandoned children. Wayne preached in churches across Romania, while Drue was heavily involved with Women's Ministries. "Much of what we saw God accomplish in Romania we would like to see take place in France", Wayne says. "Again, we plan to partner with an established church and help them fulfill God's vision for their church and their nation.

The public is invited to attend the Huffman's missions presentation.

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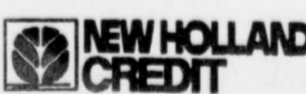

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In January, the Bogata Volunteer Fire and Rescue will be hosting an ECA (emergency care attendant) class in the city of Bogata, two nights a week.

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

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

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter is for the purpose of informing ALL members of the Lamar Electric Co-op of the pending election of the Board of Directors. Please attend the meeting on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. at Love Civic Center in Paris. If there is absolutely no way you will be able to attend, please sign and give your proxy to an LEC member in time for it to be certified prior to the meeting. DO NOT MAIL your proxy vote to LEC. Do NOT sign the front, sign ONLY on the back.

It is strictly my opinion, as evidenced by the proposed merger with Cap Rock electric, that the present Board of Directors do not have the best interest of the Co-op at heart. There are too many unanswered questions regarding the proposed merger. Will someone honestly explain to me how AND why the board members will be entitled to approximately \$60,000.00 each? The board members are NOT employees, they are just plain Jane regular people (working class) just like you and me. If this proposed merger were to go through, why cannot all members of LEC receive compensation also? I pay my bill just like everyone else so I feel, along with you, are as entitled to compensation just as each board member. The Co-op members have built Lamar Electric Co-op. We purchase the electricity for our homes, farms and businesses. We have made this entity what it is. ALL members of the Co-op should therefore be compensated (and not with Capital Credits).

I do not feel that merging with Cap Rock will be beneficial to MEMBERS of the Co-op. Like the old adage goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Why do we need to sell to Cap Rock? Honestly, ask all board members.

Our Co-op has operated very well until the past four years. Then this proposed merger and the vision of individual monetary gain for the board members came along. After seeing dollar signs, the board has decided we have problems. Get real!

Remember, do not mail your proxy to the LEC office. Be there to vote in person. Ask questions, if absolutely impossible for you to be there, please give the proxy that has been signed ONLY on the back, to a Co-op member (not a board member).
Thank you,
Betty C. Whiteman

Methodist Women meet Dec. 5

The Bogata Methodist Women met Wednesday, December 5, 2001 for their Christmas meeting and luncheon. Anita Stubblefield read the poem, "Christmas Is", written by her aunt, Nan Allen. Mary Kathryn Cotten presided at the business session.

Anita Stubblefield, program chairman, entertained the group with a Christmas game and these Christmas stories: "The Manger was Empty" and "Trouble at the Inn", bringing a meaningful Christmas message with a touch of humor added. She closed with

the reading, "Keeping Christmas" saying that Christmas should be kept in our hearts.

The meeting closed with dismissal prayer. A taco salad lunch was enjoyed by Roberta Anderson, Mary K. Cotten, Dorothy Gill, Gale Hervey, Eleanor McCluer, Judy Marshall, Margie Myers, Virginia O'Donnell, Anna Bell Patton, Jimmie Lou Pope, Betty Puckett, Frances Rozell and Anita Stubblefield. After dinner music was provided by Brother Joe Gist playing Christmas carols on his guitar with group singing.



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The parlor of the Maxey House will be full of sounds of Christ-

mas on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1 until 2 p.m. The house is decorated to celebrate the 1894 wedding of Sam Bell Maxey Long and Lala Williams.

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We've made many improvements to the party area during the past year, we've just added a "cabin" for shelter and are in the process of opening a gift shop. We also have a professional photographer available upon your request to record your special moments.

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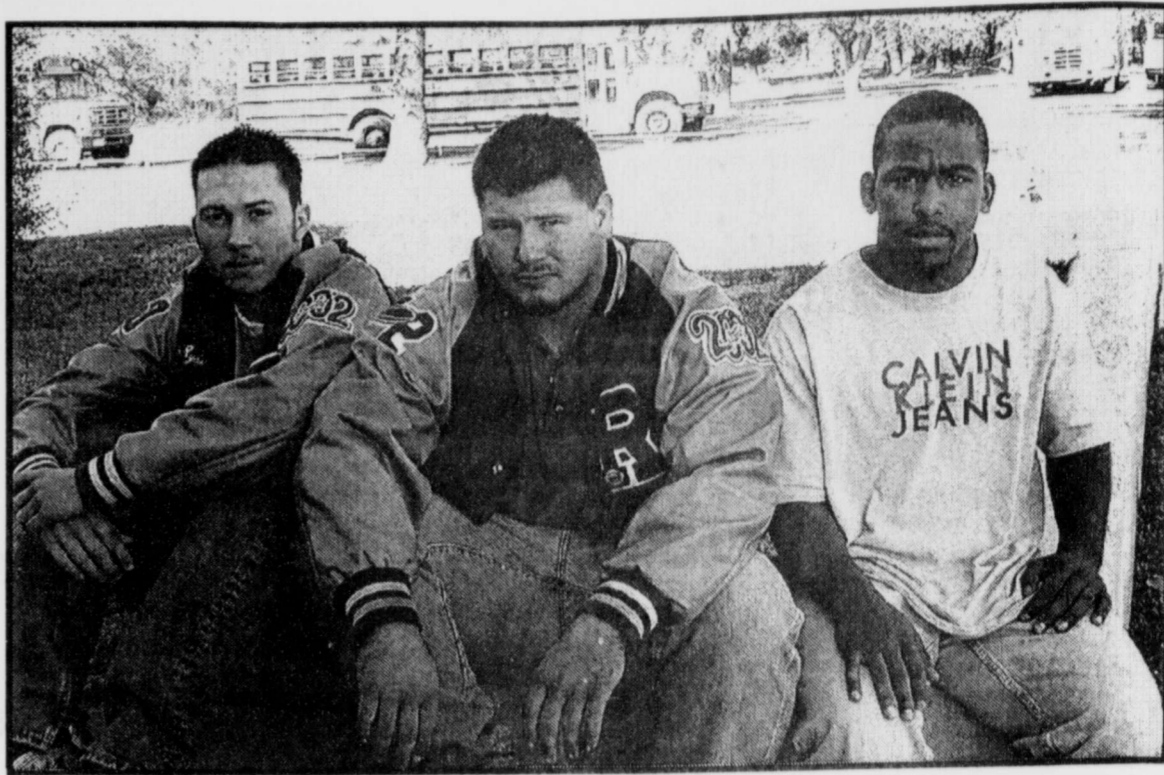
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ALL DISTRICT OFFENSE-Rivercrest Rebel football players who made the All District Offensive Team are; (from the left) Ryan Hawkins, Honorable Mention tight end; Zach Ward-Second Team offensive lineman and Zach Perry-Honorable Mention fullback. Congratulations boys! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



ALL DISTRICT DEFENSE-Rivercrest Rebel football players making the All District Defensive Team are; (back) Nathan Carroll-Honorable Mention defensive back; (front from the left) Brandon Davis-Second Team linebacker; Josh Cabell-Second Team end and Chance Wolfe-Honorable Mention defensive back. Congratulations boys-!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



ACADEMIC ALL DISTRICT-Rivercrest Rebel football players making the Academic All District Team are; (from the left) Brandon Davis, Steven Shade and Nathan Carroll. Congratulations boys!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Bogata Lions meet December 6

The Bogata Lions met on December 6, 2001 at the Bogata Community Center with 18 members and 1 guest present. The meal was prepared by Charlotte Rozell.

The club agreed to prepare the Christmas baskets on December 21. The Lions Club Christmas party was discussed and finalized for December 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The Club is also sponsoring a coat drive this year. Anyone who has coats (any size) may drop them off at Kim's Kut and Kurl, Main Street Florist in Bogata or send them to the Rivercrest Elementary or High School Office. Western Cleaners in Clarksville will clean all items received and the schools will dis-

tribute them as needed.

Marc Spencer, son of Lion members Art and Pat Spencer spoke to the club as he was home from the Army for a few days. Marc is with the 49th Quartermaster group stationed in Ft. Lee, Virginia. He detailed their duties as being support for troops in the form of fuel and water distribution. Marc has just returned from Egypt where his group and others from the various branches of the military staged a lengthy, joint training mission with Egypt, France and other countries. Thanks is extended to Marc for his insightful words concerning our present military. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Talco Locals

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Happy December birthday to Jeremy Abshier.

Visiting and enjoying supper at the home of Eddie and Nancy Brown Sunday were Jack, Jennifer and Jaden Brown of Powderly and Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson.

Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson and Katherine Graf enjoyed shopping in Paris Saturday. They had lunch at Chili's before returning home.

Tammie Case was surprised by her basketball team for her birthday Friday following their game

in the Chisum tournament with balloons and a gift. The best gift of all was the team's 1st place win on Saturday.

Marc, Cynthia and Ali Anschutz and Colby Chitsey have moved to Tatum. They will be missed in the community and are wished well in their new home.

Nancy Brown, Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul attended the Junior High games at the Chisum Tournament Friday. They and Jesi Navia enjoyed shopping and supper in Paris before returning home.

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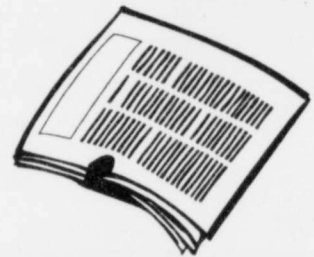
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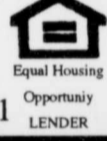
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BOGATA COMMOTION-a 12 and under ASA Softball team recently completed their first fall season. The team played a total of 15 games from September through October. They placed 2nd in their tournaments. The final tournament was a third place win for the team. The team consists of girls from Paris, Bogata, Talco, Deport, Mt. Pleasant and Oklahoma. Pictured are: (front from the left) Denise Anadon, Cassie Woods and Susan Anderson; (middle from the left) Lauren Mauldin and Katie White and (back from the left) Coach Joe David White, Jamie Harrell, Jillian Sloan, Coach David Mauldin, Jill Fennell, Coach Ronald Fennell, Katie Clark and Cecily Heath.



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Letters to Editor

Letter to the Editor:

The Bogata News has spotlighted (printed in the paper) the light display in Ratan and giving directions to this display, thereby encouraging people to go out-of-town to view this display of lights.

This year, there were two pictures in the paper. These were in the paper dated 11-28 and 12-7 respectively. No pictures were in the paper dated 12-7, however, instructions were given as to location, yet for the past two years not a single mention of the beautiful light displays located in our own city.

There are some beautiful displays in our city, erected by private citizens, at their own expense, labor, toil and by trial and error to present to everyone.

I am disappointed that the paper representing our city has not mentioned the light displays located here in our city.

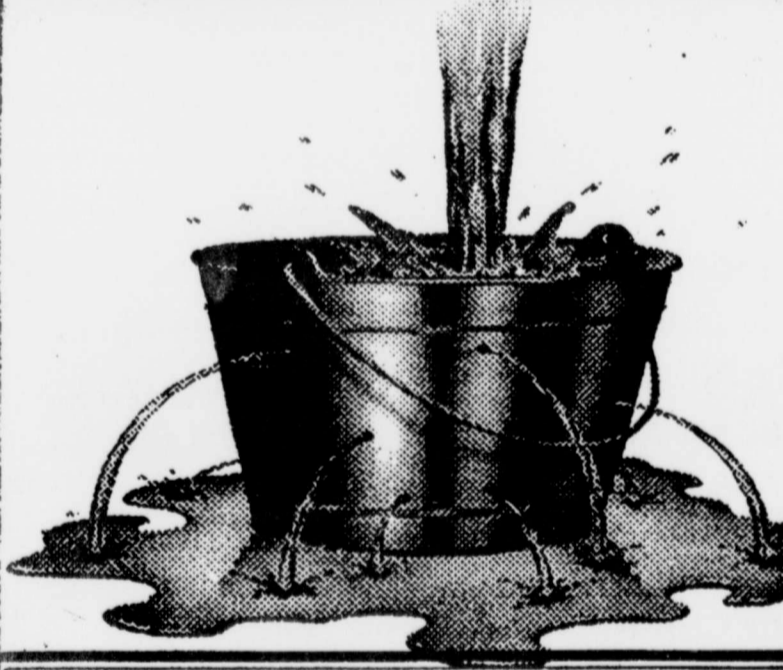
Sincerely, Cecil Doyle

Oddly, Nancy Brown had already taken a photo of several Bogata houses and their lights before Mr. Doyle's letter.

The stories we have run on the out of town light displays were submitted to us for publication.

I confess that I made the assumption that absolutely everyone who enjoys Christmas lights would have been riding around their own town (and neighboring towns) to see the lights. Every year we make the rounds for all five of the towns we have newspapers in, enjoying the tremendous lighting displays. The Parsons Light Display is, however, absolutely exceptional, and well worth the drive. It can be walked through or driven through. We Did NOT encourage people to go out of town instead of seeing their own, local lights, but to enjoy lights all over, wherever they can be found.

Please, take this as a reminder...get out and enjoy your home town lights. A lot of creativity goes in to them, they are close at hand, and worth seeing.
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ROZELL TREE SERVICE: Tree trimming/removal, 70' bucket, stumps ground. Free estimates. Insured \$2 million. David, Neil & Russell Rozell, 903-632-5617. MA t/c

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

NEED ADDITIONAL telephone jacks or wiring? I do residential or business work, 30 yrs. experience. Call Claude, 632-0090. MA 12-27

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

WANT TO PICK UP pecans on the halves? Call 632-5389. MA 12-13

Sales

CAKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-1158 or 572-3825. MA t/c

NEW FLEA MARKET: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Inside and outside spaces available. Prestonwood Village, formerly Highland Lumber/Paris Antique Mall on Hwy. 19&24, 1/2 block from Chisum School. Blue Grass band performing. MA 2-28

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.

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Bogata 1949 class reunion planned

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

Bogata Locals

(Call your news in at 903-632-5322. If the machine is on please leave a message.)



Donald, Judy and Tana Screws enjoyed dinner Saturday at the home of John Lee and Cokie Roach in Deport. Also attending were: Philip and Susan Roach, Chase, Jenny, Austin and Cory Collins, Mike, Lila, Kara and Hali Screws, Bren and Taylan Cobb, Beth, Cory, Kaitlan and Kayla Spray. Happy December Birthday to: Bobbie Cawley, Judy Screws, LaNell Franklin, Susan Roach, Susan Ray, Wesley Davidson, Mac Bell, Jarrod Miller, Randy Edge, Kaitlyn Clark, Misti Simmons, Colby Horn, Jeff Vaughan, Kayla Duffee, Clay Pirtle, Joe Stewart, Sherry Smith, Lawrence Wood, John H. Parrish, Donnie R. Gentry Sr., Lacy Williams, James Walker, Shirley Earley, David Coffin, Noah Paul Taylor, Cortnee Damron, Pete Taylor, Mary Joplin, Williams Rolen.

Neoma Goodman returned home Sunday from a 7 day visit in Dallas, Irving and DeSoto. Recent visitors with Zelma Mauldin were Jerry and Belinda Meredith and son, Kevin Meredith and son, Hurst of Texarkana, Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer, Todd and Rachell and Susie Fowler of McCaskill, Arkansas. Frances Rozell and Eleanor McCluer and Helen Williams attended the morning coffee for RSVP members at the Chamber of Commerce at Clarksville Wednesday.

Ed and Loyce Huddles were visited by their son, Ronnie Huddleston and Faye of Cornith, Texas. Also, their granddaughter, Amanda and Jeff Baldwin and daughter Savannah, of Lake Dallas visited. And their great-great-grandson Hunter Huddleston. All visited on Saturday.

Happy Birthday this December go to Craig Yale, Shawn Waters, Kathy Ann Corbell, Tracy Corbell, Vaughan Pybus, Dale Pybus

PIPS practice schedule

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

Dec. 16: 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Jan. 6: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Jan. 20: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Feb. 3: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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Left to R. Back Row, Laura Gordon, Misty Lewis, Jennifer Briscoe, Sandy Waldroup, Brooke Smith. Front Row: Lisa Essary, Aimee Oglesby, Theresa Stephens.

Happy December Anniversary to: Steve and Geri Knowles; Duane and Martha Bryson and Larry and Jo Ann Evans. Visiting in the home of Helen Williams while here to attend the funeral of Henry Baron were Granville and Haletha Jones of Commerce, Lynn and Annette Jones of Georgetown, George,



BOGATA TAEKWONDO CLUB-tested for new belts last week. Visiting and giving instruction and demonstrations for the group were black belts, George Johnson and Mark Hale. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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CHUCK ROAST \$2 ¹⁹ 	COOK'S CURED HAMS Whole \$1 ³⁹ Lb. Shank Half \$1 ²⁹ Lb. Butt Half \$1 ⁴⁹ Lb. 	DUNCAN HINES CAKE MIX 18 Oz. All Kinds 99¢ 	PET RITZ PIE SHELLS 2 9" 99¢ 1 Deep Dish \$1³⁹
PARADE MARGARINE 4 Stick 3/\$1 	EAGLE BRAND MILK 14 Oz. \$1⁹⁹ 	BETTY CROCKER FUDGE BROWNIE MIX 9 Oz. \$1¹⁹ 	FOLGER'S COFFEE 13 Oz. All Grinds \$1⁶⁹
BOUNTY PAPER TOWELS Lrg. Roll 6Pack \$7⁶⁹ 	PRINGLES CHIPS ALL KINDS 5 3/4 Oz. 99¢ 	OAK FARMS ICE CREAM 1/2 Gal. All Flavors \$2⁹⁹ 	BLUE BELL ICE CREAM & YOGURT All Flavors 1/2 Gal. \$3⁴⁹
SWANSON CHICKEN BROTH 14 Oz. 2/\$1 	PARADE ORANGE JUICE 12 Oz. 79¢ 	PARADE BUTTERMILK BISCUITS 4/\$1 	KRAFT COOL WHIP Reg. & Lite 99¢ CHEESE WHIZ 16 Oz. \$2⁶⁹ VELVEETA CHEESE 2 Lb. \$4⁹⁹ PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE 8 Oz. 99¢
EGGS Grade A Large 79¢ Dozen 	GOLDEN ROYAL MILK Gal. 2% & Homo \$2⁹⁹ 	TOWN TALK BREAD Lrg. Loaf 59¢ 	FRITO LAY BEAN DIP 9 Oz. \$1⁷⁹
OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE 16 Oz. 89¢ 	FIRE SIDE VANILLA WAFER 12 Oz. 2/\$1 	LAY'S POTATO CHIPS Reg. \$1 ⁴⁹ All Kinds 99¢ 	DORITO CHIPS All Kinds Reg. \$3 ²⁹ \$2⁶⁹
GAIN LAUNDRY DETERGENT Reg. 40 Ld. With Bleach 31 Ld. \$4⁹⁹ 	GLADIOLA CORNBREAD MIX White & Yellow 4/\$1 	REYNOLD'S FOIL Heavy Duty 37.5 Sq. Ft. \$1⁶⁹ 	PRICE PIMIENTO CHEESE 14 Oz. \$2¹⁹
BANANAS 49¢ Lb. CELERY STALK 2/\$1 APPLES 59¢ Lb. 	PRODUCE POTATOES 10 Lb. Bag \$1⁹⁹ CARROTS 39¢ 1Lb. ORANGES 49¢ Lb. GREEN ONIONS 3/\$1	DEL MONTE CORN Cream Style & Whole Kernel 14.5 Oz. CUT GREEN BEANS 14.5 Oz. SWEET PEAS 15 Oz. 2/\$1 	COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER 2 Liter 99¢ 3 Liter \$1⁷⁹ 12 Pk. \$2⁹⁹ 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$1⁹⁹