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Who Else Am I?

I have been touched by all of you who took the time to call and tell me how much you enjoyed last week's column. It apparently did what I intended, and got people to thinking about how much we all are a product of both ancestors and the other people who enrich our lives!

I think I left out a side of who I am, though. I may have been shaped by my pets more than I realized!

Friday night it was pretty cold, and after going out on a fire call, Thomas built a fire in the wood heater.

Sometime around 2:30 a.m. Thomas awoke to the sound of our heating system running. It just wouldn't shut off. So, he got up and went to see what was going on. He found the door by the heater open! Gunter, who is a big cat (23.5 lbs, and counting) and a very strong cat, has always been able to yank any door in the house open if the latch doesn't completely catch. And, apparently, that's what happened.

Thomas woke me up, telling me the door was open and Gunter was apparently outside.

You have to realize...Gunny doesn't GO outside. He's one of those spoiled purebreds born and raised in comfort and luxury, and he lives that life-style at our house. Still, he is a cat, and they are curious!

So here I am, displaying a facet of myself that I'm really glad the rest of the world couldn't see.

3:00 a.m. and here I go, wandering around the yard in my gown, a coat and a pair of boots without socks! Ahhh, I'm sure I made quite a ravishing sight.

Flashlight probing the shrubs and under porch furniture, I made the rounds, but no golden spotted animal appeared.

I pulled open the door under the house, but no glowing eyes appeared. I'm not sure, but I think I heard a pair of coyotes out in the bushes west of the house having a good laugh at me before running off!

Finally, I gave up and went back in the house to get warm.

I tried to lay back down and go back to sleep, but I just couldn't. Visions of my spoiled baby outside in that bitter frost was too much for me. I got up once more, went out on the deck and called one last time. And then I heard it, low and tentative "mrrooww". And in my flashlight beam appeared those huge, green eyes, panicked and not happy at all.

I grabbed him up and he began to howl and growl like I was attacking him. But, being the good-natured cat he is, he never laid a claw on me.

Inside again, he promptly curled himself up against me to warm up, and boy, his blubber was chilled!

He'd better be glad I am who I am....a softhearted animal lover, because not too many people would wander around out in the freezing dark trying to locate an errant cat without the good sense to know when he is well off!

National FFA Week observed February 18-24

February 18-24 is the week observed this year as National FFA Week. In honor of the occasion newspapers around the country will honor their local school FFA organizations and the Rivercrest ISD has cause to very proud of their organization, its staff and students. Serving as Chapter Officers for Rivercrest High School FFA are; President, Zach Ward; Vice President, Kayla Belcher; Secretary, Shari Wisinger; Treasurer, Sara Alsup; Reporter, Mark Evans; Sentinel, Paige Boyd and Advisor, Danielle Easterling. Kayla Belcher also is serving as District Representative for the Paris District. Serving as Greenhand Officers are; President, Haley Hawkins; Vice President, Matthew Ross; Secretary, Payden Franks; Treasurer, R.C. Pitts; Reporter, Dawn Wilson; Sentinel, Kacey Van Deaver and Advisor, Kerri Simmons.

The group has gathered several awards this year among which are; at District Convention: First place-Chapter Quiz; Third place-Chapter

Conducting; Second place-Greenhand Conducting; Second place-Job Interview. At Area Convention the group received awards in Ag. Industry; Ag. Mechanics; Meat Processing and Livestock Production.

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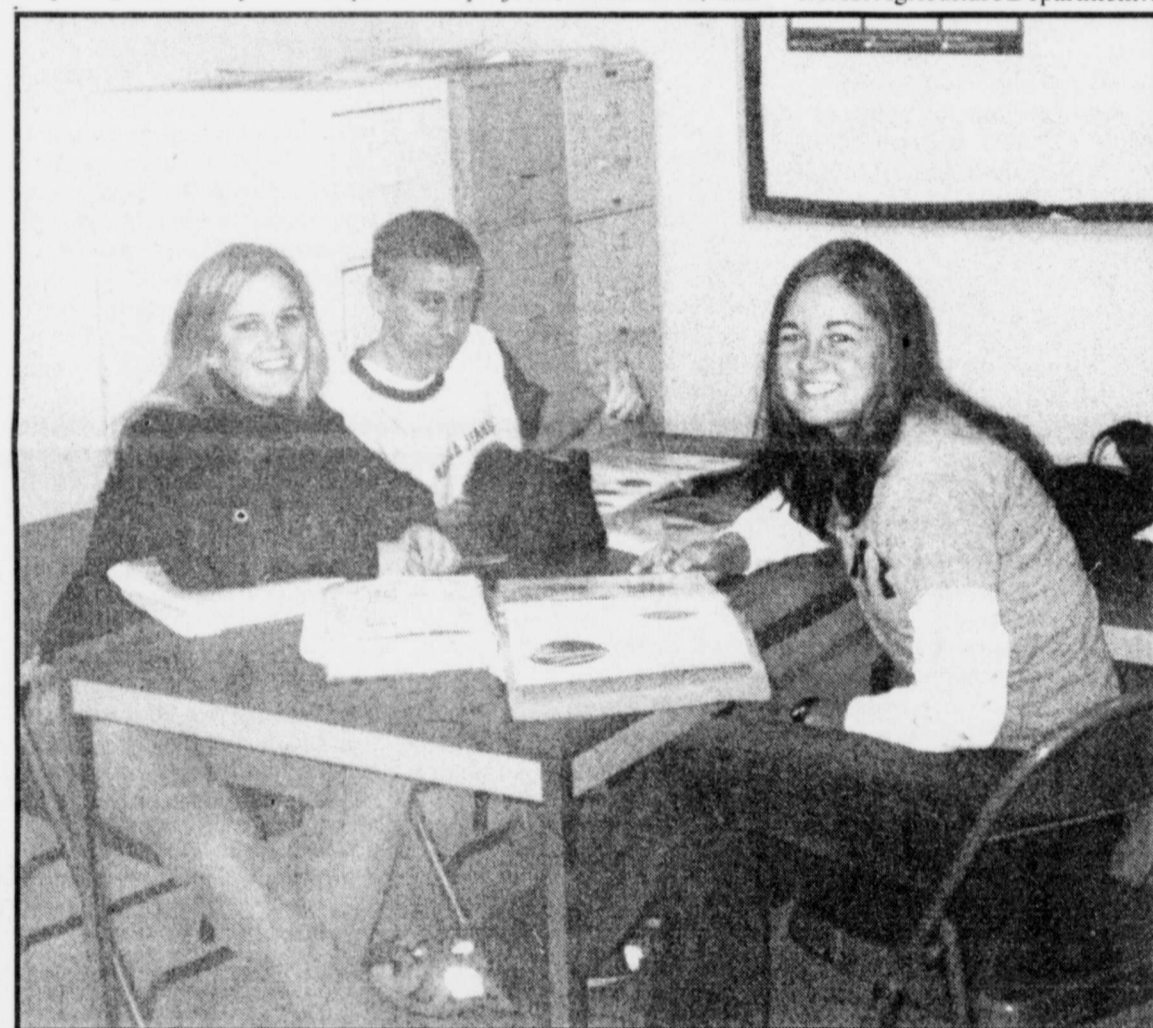
RIVERCREST PRINCIPAL Keith Brown displays the "Distinguished School" award presented to Rivercrest High School by the Texas Education Agency this year. The school will officially accept the award at an Awards meeting at Region 8 later this spring. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rivercrest High School receives "Distinguished School" status

Rivercrest Principal, Keith Brown reported this week that Rivercrest High School has received "Distinguished School" status from the Texas Education Agency. The award is the highest given and schools receiving the honor are required to meet criteria which includes Exemplary standard for school year 2000-2001 and Exemplary or Recognized standard for the previous school year. The outstanding academic performance of Rivercrest students has earned the school this

award two times. The award will be accepted at an awards meeting at Region 8 later this spring.

Other area schools receiving awards were; Detroit ISD; Detroit Junior High-Distinguished School; Avery ISD; Avery High School-Distinguished School; Pewitt ISD; Pewitt High School-Distinguished School; Sulphur Bluff ISD; Sulphur Bluff High School-Distinguished School; Prairiland ISD; Prairiland High School-Honored and Avery ISD-Avery Middle School-Honored.



HARD AT WORK-Rivercrest horticulture students, Molly Hare, Jeffrey Abernathy and Alison Foster hit the books as well as the hands on experience the class teaches.

Gifted/Talented nominations open

Rivercrest Elementary and Junior High will be taking parent nominations for the Gifted and Talented Program.

To receive a nomination form,

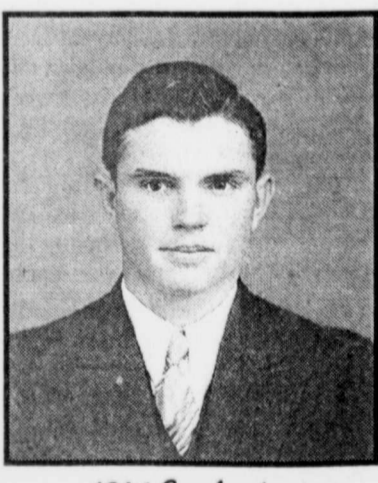
please contact your child's teacher or Karla Palmer at 632-5214. The deadline for forms to be returned to the school is Friday, March 1, 2002.

Editor's Quotes

Some defeats are only installments of victory



1933 Graduate Bogata High School



1941 Graduate Bogata High School



1925 Graduate Bogata High School

Bogata Homecoming is April 13!!

Bogata graduating classes of 1942 (graduating 60 years ago) and classes back to 1925 (graduating 77 years ago) will be homecoming at this year's Bogata Homecoming.

Can you recognize the graduates in these pictures?

The graduates in pictures #1 graduated in 1933, 69 years ago. Graduates from 1933 who may attend homecoming are Maurine Grayson Sharkey, Merle Nance Cawthon, Mary Edna Jones Pool, Frances Roach Rozell and M.A. Ferguson.

The graduate in picture #2 graduated in 1941, 61 years ago.

Graduates from 1941 who may attend homecoming are Billie Mac Gibson, Martha Kate Roberts King, Wanda Dill, Marcelle Wood, Merle Ward, Kathryn Fuller Boville, Earl Wayne Grogan, pansy Alsbrook Vaughan, Oliver Dawson, Leland Shadow Sims, Norman Sims, Jack Pike, Harley Vaughan, James Albert Ward, Charles Wilkinson, Helen Webster and Frances Lee Parks.

The graduate in picture #3 graduated in 1925, 77 years ago. Graduates from 1925 who may attend homecoming are Margaret Howison and Maggie Harden Lee.

Did you recognize the graduates?

They are: #1, 1933 graduate Frances Roach Rozell; #2, 1941 graduate Harley Vaughan; and #3, 1925 graduate Maggie Harden Lee.

YEA BULLDOGS! Look for more graduates next week. If you are a graduate of one of these three classes and your name was left out, let us know at: Class of 1953, Homecoming Host, Box 476, Bogata, TX 75417.

A meal will be held from 12 noon until 2 p.m. with visiting to follow.

Bible lectures to be held at Talco Church of Christ

The Talco Church of Christ invites the community to their annual Northeast Texas Bible Lectures.

This year's theme is; "Examples Of, And Questions Concerning Conversion". The lectureship will be held Wednesday through Friday, Feb. 20-22 beginning at 5:00 p.m. daily. On Saturday, Feb. 23 the day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with events scheduled for 9am; 4:10 pm and 9pm. Sunday, Feb. 24 regular services will be held beginning at 10:45 a.m. with Sunday School. A pot luck lunch will

be served at 12:00 noon and the Sunday evening lesson will begin at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a program on Saturday especially for youth beginning at 12:15 p.m. Lunch will be provided for those who attend.

The speakers will come from all over Texas and Colorado. Wednesday through Saturday lessons will conclude with the speakers of that day participating in a question and answer session. For more information please call 903-379-2582.

Talco Sugar Bakers gearing up for "Relay of Life"

The Talco Sugar Bakers are gearing up for the "Relay of Life". The group's first fund raiser will be on Friday, March 1, 2002. A chicken soup luncheon, with dessert will be held at the Talco Calvary Baptist Church fellowship hall.

Serving will begin at 10:00 a.m. Deliveries will be made to Mt.

Pleasant, Talco and Bogata areas. All outside delivery orders will need to be made by Wednesday, February 27, 2002. They may be placed by calling Joy Easley at 903-37-5976, Jo Anschutz at 903-379-3611 or Rhonda Brown at 903-379-5431. All proceeds from the event will go to the American Cancer Society.

Sugar Baker bake sale March 1

The Talco Sugar Bakers will hold a Bake Sale, March 1, 2002 at the Talco Post Office beginning at 8:00 a.m. Stop by and get your weekend treats. All proceeds from the sale will go to the American Cancer Society.

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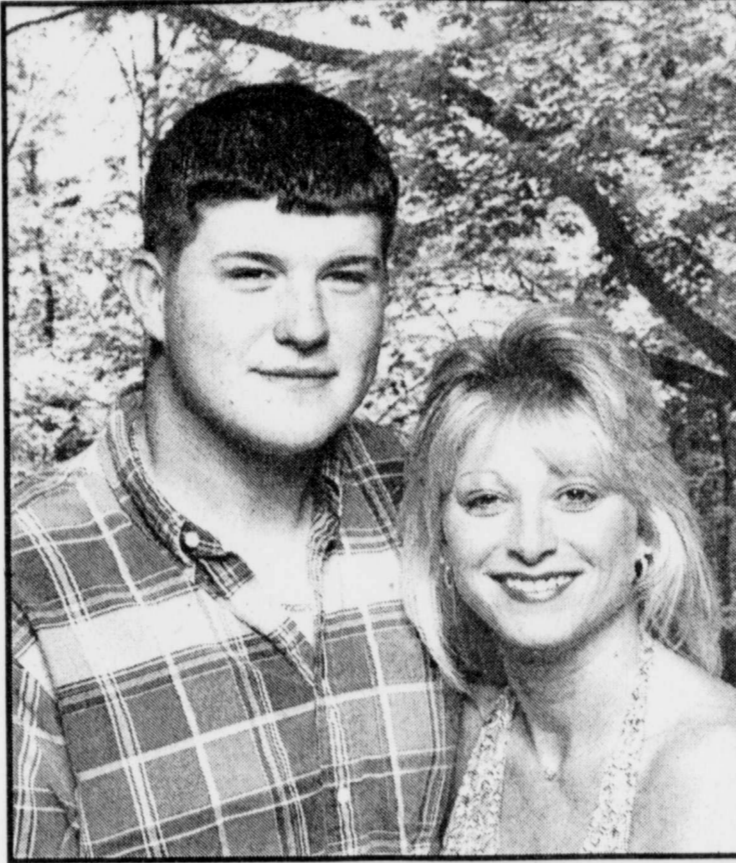
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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Did you know that history first knew of rice existing back in 2800 B.C.? Coming from China to Greece and also from Persia to the Nile Delta. Several thousand years later, on a stormy night, a ship from Madagascar ran off course and came to rest in Charleston, South Carolina. As a gift of thanks for the harbor, the ship's captain presented a local farmer with some "Golde Seed Rice" (named for its color).
The land was ideal for the milling process of rice and the seed soon spread throughout the Carolinas and Georgia. The Civil War and harsh weather on the East Coast forced the plantations to move west and today the major rice growing states include Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida, Missouri and California.
The rice arrives at the mill in its "hull" or shell. The "hull" is discarded and used for fuel in power plants and in various other products. The brown rice kernel is then exposed and the miller can polish off the brown fiber layers and make white rice.
There are three major types of rice. They are long, medium and short grain.
The shorter the grain, the stickier the rice. When brown rice is consumed, it is chewy and has a nutty flavor. Brown rice is recommended by health advocates as a means of vitamins and minerals. Compared to white rice, brown

rice has 250 percent more fiber, Vitamin B6, Folicin, Vitamin E, Magnesium, Phosphorus and Potassium. White rice is the perfect addition to main dishes around the world. Although most of its vitamins and minerals have been polished off the kernel, most white rice is enriched to restore nutritional value.
That is our history lesson for this week.....and yes, our recipes are rice recipes and some really good ones, I might add! Try some and let me know! See you in the kitchen! You may e-mail me at lizwin@hotmail.com
CREAMY RICE PUDDING-a sure favorite with everyone
SPICY MEXICAN CHEESY RICE CASSEROLE-not your traditional Spanish Rice!
CROCKPOT CREAMY ITALIAN CHICKEN-prepare chicken in crockpot and serve over rice or noodles!
MOVING DAY BEEF-kind of a strange name, but it takes 12 hours in a crockpot to prepare.....okay.....so when husband goes to work, move furniture in house and surprise him when he gets home!
FIREHOUSE TEX MEX CASSEROLE-guys will love this one.....not only does it have spices, it is loaded with barbecue sauce!
UNSTUFFED BELL PEPPERS-not stuffed peppers, but loaded with them!



Lisa Gail Watkins with fiancé Bradley Shane Dill

Watkins-Dill to exchange vows

Love was meant to be shared with parents, family and friends. Lisa Gail Watkins and Bradley Shane Dill invite you to share with us a celebration of their love as we exchange our marriage vows on the evening of Saturday, the

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Thursday, February 21 Rice Recipes

- Creamy Rice Pudding**
3 tablespoons rice
3 tablespoons sugar
1 quart milk
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup golden seedless raisins
1 dash cinnamon
Combine milk, rice, sugar and salt in a 6 cup baking dish. Bake in moderately high oven at 325 degrees for 2 hours or until rice is soft, stirring every 20 minutes. Stir in vanilla and raisins, sprinkle with cinnamon and bake without stirring until light and fluffy or golden crust forms, about 15 minutes longer.
- Spicy Mexican Cheesy Rice Casserole**
4 cups cooked rice
1/2 cup reduced-fat cheese-shredded
4 ounces green chilis-chopped
4 green onions-chopped
2 ounces red pepper-chopped
1 cup sour cream
3 tablespoons recaito-cilantro based spice
1/2 teaspoon cumin
chili powder to taste
salt to taste
1/4 teaspoon pepper or to taste red pepper flakes
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In mixing bowl, combine rice, cheese, chilis and green onions and mix together. In small bowl, stir together sour cream, recaito, cumin, chili powder, salt and pepper. Add to rice mixture and stir well. Spray oven-proof dish and spread rice mixture to bake uncovered for 30-40 minutes until cheese melts. Top with additional cheese.
- Crockpot Creamy Italian Chicken**
4-6 skinless boneless chicken breasts
1 envelope dried Italian salad dressing mix
2 ounces water
8 ounces cream cheese-softened
1 can reduced-fat cream of chicken soup-undiluted
1 can mushrooms stems and pieces-drain hot cooked rice
Place chicken halves in crock pot. Combine dressing mix and water until smooth, pour over top of chicken. Cover and cook 3 hours on low. Combine cream cheese and soup until smooth and blended. Stir in mushroom pieces. Pour soup mixture over chicken. Cook 1 hour
- or more until chicken is cooked through. Serve over hot rice.
- Moving Day Beef**
2-1/2 pounds beef stew meat
2 cans low-sodium cream of mushroom-undiluted
1 package dry onion soup mix
1/2 cup red wine or water
1 teaspoon dill weed
Mix all ingredients together in crockpot. Cook on low for 10-12 hours. Serve over rice.
- Fire House Tex Mex Casserole**
3 cups minute brown rice
1-1/2 cups hot water
1 pound lean ground beef
1/2 cup barbecue sauce
19 ounces canned stewed tomatoes
14 ounces refried beans
1-1/2 tablespoons chili powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 cup grated cheese
2 green onions-thinly sliced
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place rice in 3-quart casserole dish. Add hot water, cover and let stand for 5 minutes. Meanwhile brown meat in large fry pan. Add sauce, tomatoes, beans and chili powder. Mix well and bring to boil/ Spoon meat mixture over rice. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Cover and bake 30 minutes and garnish with green onions.
- Unstuffed Bell Peppers**
8 cups water
3/4 cup long grain brown rice
1-1/2 cup onion-diced
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 large red bell peppers
2 large green bell peppers
2 cups celery-chopped
3/4 cup diced carrots
2 teaspoons leaf oregano-crumbled
2 teaspoons dried leaf basil-crumbled
1/2 teaspoon ground celery seed
12 ounce can tomato paste
2-1/2 teaspoons mild chili powder
3 tablespoons tamari salt
Bring water, rice, onion, olive oil and diced pepper to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered for about 25 minutes or until rice is tender. Add celery, carrot, garlic, oregano, basil, celery seed and tomato paste. Continue simmering about 30 minutes or until added veggies are tender and rice is completely cooked. Add chili powder, tamari and salt to taste. Simmer 5 minutes or until flavor is blended.

Drama students to hold reunion

A reunion of former drama students will be held February 23 when the PJC Theater will be rededicated to honor Ray Karrer. The rededication will be held in conjunction with a reunion of the students.
The days events will begin at 10 a.m. with registration in the McLemore Student Center lobby. A lunch will be held at noon and a Poor Man's Dinner of red beans and cornbread for former students and friends will be served in Music Building 105 at 6 p.m.
The rededication ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Louis B. Williams Administration Building and a performance of "Children of a Lone Star" will be given at 7:30 p.m. From 10 until midnight, a reception for former students will be held in the Onyx Room at the Best Western Inn.
The cost of the luncheon, poor man's dinner and play is \$20.00. Reservations are required by calling 782-0488.

Girl Scout cookies to be delivered soon

Girl Scouts throughout the area will be delivering the cookies ordered by customers in January and February. Eight varieties are available at \$3.00 per box.
For those who have not yet ordered their Girl Scout cookies, or would like to add to their original order, Girl Scouts from area troops will have cookie booths set up at several locations each week-

Free foot screening is March 1

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System will sponsor a free footscreening for diabetics at its Bogata Clinic on Friday, March 1. Hours will be from 9 - 11 a.m. The public is invited, however anyone suffering from diabetes, or who is a suspected diabetic, is especially encouraged to attend.
Door prizes and "goody bags" will be given.
The March 1 screening is the second in a series of free healthscreenings and programs scheduled for the first Friday of the month at the Bogata Clinic. The first of the series included free blood glucose tests, and in April a program is planned on creating special diets for diabetics.
Those wishing more information about CHRISTUS St.

Joseph's DiabetesManagement Program may call Lisa Allen, RN, at 737-3924.



* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.
*The Ladies Auxiliary will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.
* The VFW men will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.
*The Post has a shuffle board tournament every Saturday beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and share the fun. The board has recently been renovated and is ready for play.
*The Post will be having a benefit meal March 2, 2002 beginning at 12:00 noon for Mary Elrod. More details will be available soon.
* Get Well Wishes are sent to: Georgia Hudson, Dorothy Smyth, Bill Eudy, Ressie Crow, Betty Mullins and Dennis Carr.
*Happy Birthday to: Peggy Carr, Jackie Gray and Carolyn Coggins.
*Durwood Harper was the lucky winner of an Afghan donated by Margie Garrett as a fundraiser for the Ladies Auxiliary. Margie and everyone who purchased a chance on the Afghan are appreciated.

Public awareness group to speak March 24

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education-Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14 at Love Civic Center in Paris. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a

common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.
A free dinner will be catered by Rocking W Barbeque for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Delta, Fannin, Lamar and Red River counties. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one call systems and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.
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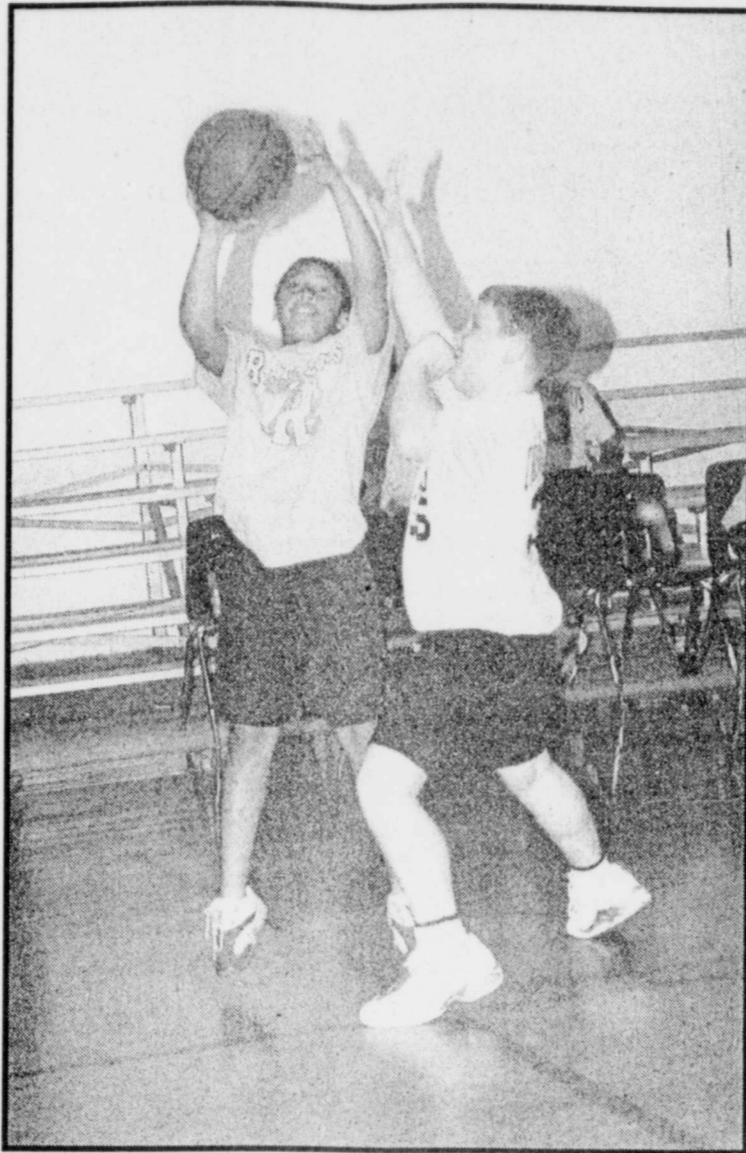
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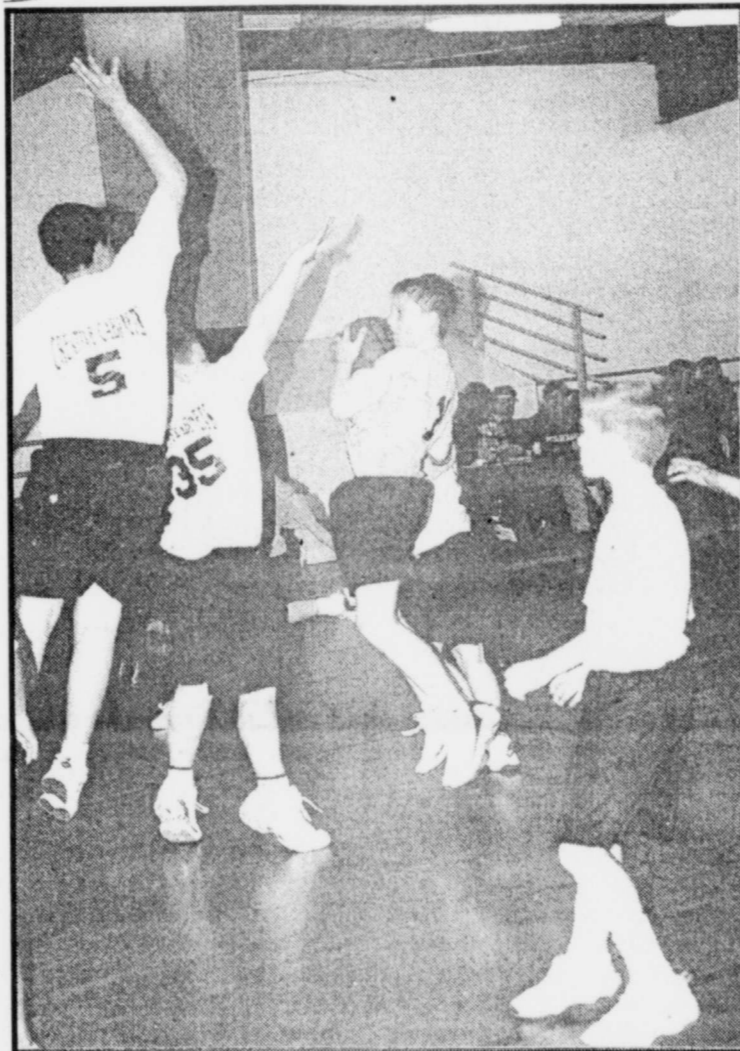


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ALEX SAVAGE puts the ball up over his guard Friday night in Little Dribbler action at Harts Bluff. Alex, a member of the Rivercrest Rattlers, and his teammates took a win over Harts Bluff. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



SETH HAWKINS meets a crowd on the way up for a shot as the Rivercrest Rattlers met Harts Bluff at Harts Bluff in Little Dribbler action last Friday night. The Rattlers were victorious. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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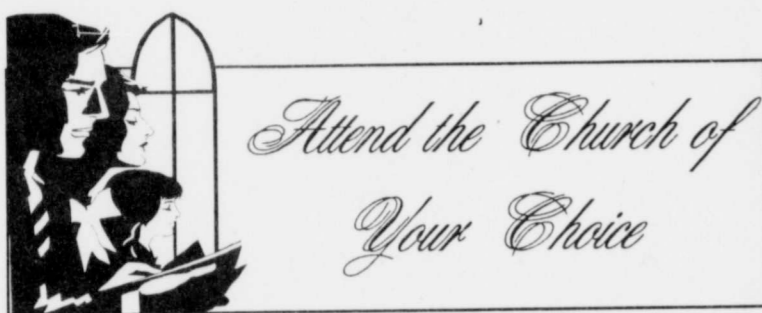
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Bogata Locals

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Happy Birthday to: Lucah Strickland, Jim Anderson, Keith Mankins, Woody Duffee, Edie Tidwell, Jan Lewis, Jason Reed, Shelby Taylor Bryson, Ruth Couch, Brian Hays, James E. Freelen, Kelly Jean Cortez, Christopher Brunson, Billy Littrell, Carolyn Brooks, Bailey Sheffield, Whitney Sherman, Edith Williams, Donna Herriage, Tyler Tidwell, Lauren Gibbs, Rachel Ward, Jackie Gray, Sierra Gordon, Taylor Stafford, Kory Lawson, Sammy Newsum, Christopher Coffin, Rusty Damron, Pam Watkins, Hunter Binion, Jeff Davidson and P.W. Stringfellow.

Relatives from the area attending the wedding of Mark Stringfellow and Ruth Ralston in Sunnyvale, Texas Sunday, February 17, 2002 were; Dixie Stringfellow, Vicki Tabb, Danny Tabb, Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow and Mary Nell Hendricks. They were met by Dee and Maggie Richardson. Mark is the son of Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow of Bagwell and the late Mary La Rosa and the grandson of Dixie Stringfellow of Bogata and William L. Stringfellow of New Iberia, LA. Later Jud Maddox joined Dixie, Vicki, Danny, Dee and Maggie for supper at the Trail Dust Inn in Mesquite. Maggie returned home with

Vicki for a few days visit. Happy February to: Robert and Jan Lewis; Gary and Delores Cheatwood and James A. and Betty Sue Watts.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Pat-Belcher. Bill and Joyce Barton of Munster visited in Bogata Sunday with his grandmother, Helen Williams. They all attended church and enjoyed lunch at the 909 Diner following services.

Billy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow visited Monday with Dixie Stringfellow and brought her supper. Maggie Richardson and Vicki Tabb visited Dixie on Tuesday.

Happy 82nd Birthday to Ruth Couch!!

Sympathy is extended to the family of Francis Griffin.

Tricia Bradley, Corey and Casey have returned to their home in Bismark, Arkansas after a week long visit with Phyllis and Kenneth Duffer.

**Financial Aid Night
February 25**

The annual Rivercrest High School Financial Aid Night for graduating seniors will be held February 25, 2002 in the Home-making room beginning at 7:00 p.m. Gayla Jeffery, from PJC, will be there to help students fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and to answer questions.

Students will need to bring social security number and parents 2001 income tax return, W-2 forms or the last pay stub for 2001 showing year-to-date income.

Parents and senior students are urged to attend. The information presented will be extremely helpful in funding college education. Call Tiffany Easley for more information at 632-5204.

2002 elections are upcoming

Texas is gearing up for the 2002 elections. Are you ready?

Texans will be voting for federal, state and local officials. Primaries for the Democrats and Republicans are just a little more than a month away.

The deadline to register to vote is February 11 for the March 12 primary.

On primary election day, Green and Libertarian parties will be conducting their precinct conventions. These parties make their nominations through conventions rather than elections.

After the primary election, Independent candidates begin circulating petitions for ballot access. Independent candidates are not affiliated with any party and obtain ballot access by filing petitions signed by eligible voters.

You may register to vote in Texas if you are: a U.S. citizen, Texas resident, 17 years and 10 months old, not a convicted felon (unless sentence, probation and parole are completed), and not declared mentally incompetent by a court of law.

You may submit a voter registration by mail or you may register at several state agencies including the Department of Public Safety when you apply for or update your driver's license and at your county voter registrar's office.

You may request a form by calling the Election Division's toll free number at 1-800-252-8683 or request one online at www.sos.state.tx.us. In most Texas counties, the voter registrar is also the tax assessor-collector.

If you have recently registered, a new voter registration card should be mailed to you within 30 days. Make sure you have the new orange voter registration card. If you have not received your card, contact your county voter registrar.

If you have moved within your county, you must update your address with your local voter registrar in order to be able to vote in your new precinct. The deadline for changing your address is February 11.

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Lunch
Chili dogs
potato wedges
pork & beans
cheese sticks
cake
milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast
Oatmeal
toast
juice & milk
Lunch
Taco salad w/salsa
Spanish rice
refried beans
lettuce & tomato
milk

WEDNESDAY

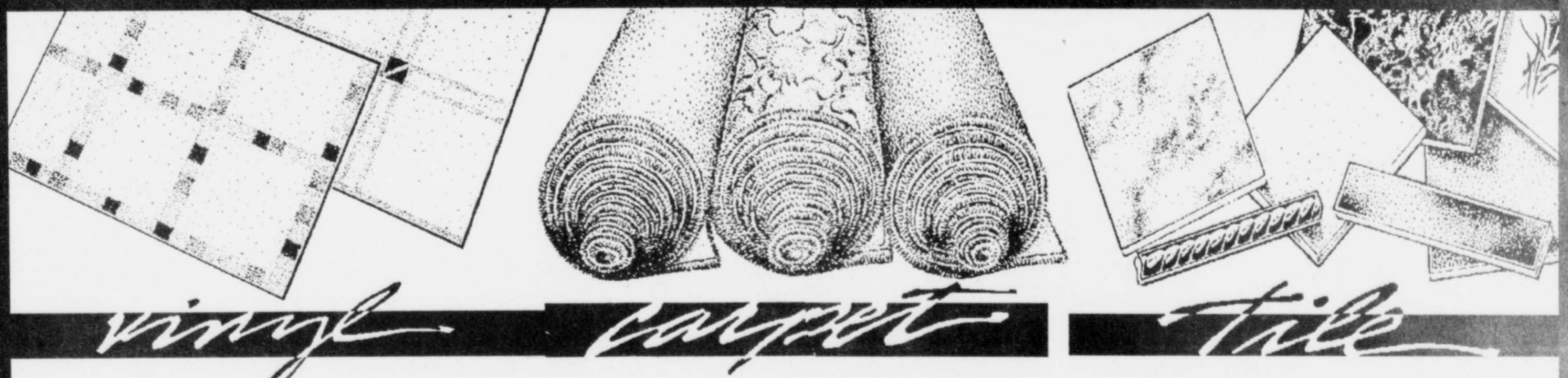
Breakfast
Pancakes w/syrup
fruit mix
juice & milk
Lunch
Steak fingers
cream potatoes w/gravy
green beans
rolls
milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast
Sausage & biscuit
fruit mix
juice & milk
Lunch
Pizza
corn
salad
fruit
milk

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Breakfast
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juice & milk
Lunch
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Deport Times
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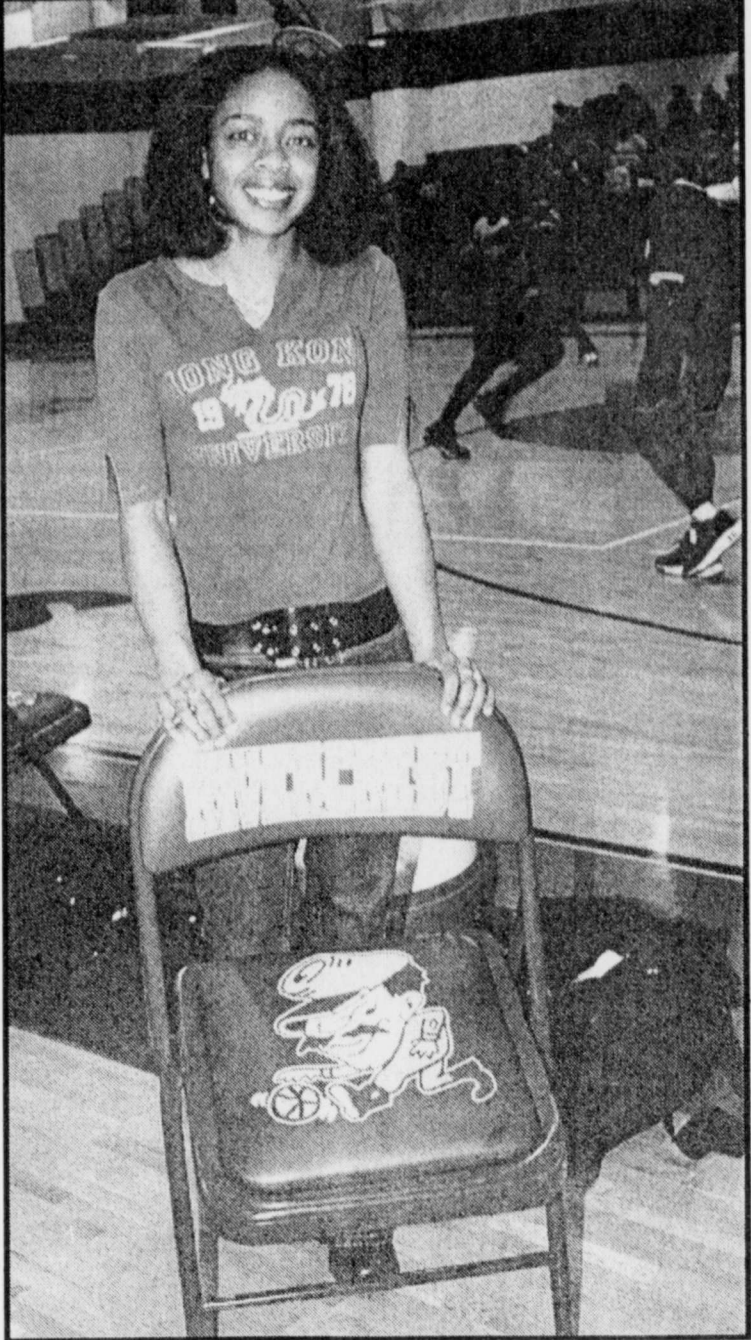
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SENIOR LADY REBEL-Charla Hines displays the new chairs provided by the Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club and Rivercrest Athletic Department. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



JONATHAN MOORE gets his shot off as the youngest basketball player from Rivercrest ISD played last week. Johnathan is a member of the 1st and 2nd grade Rivercrest Youth Basketball teams and if memory serves correct, his team took a win. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

BMW meet **Helping Help Find You**

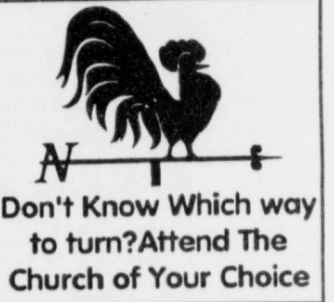
The Bogata Methodist Women met Wednesday, February 13, 2002 in the Fellowship Hall for the regularly scheduled meeting. Naoma Goodman, program chair, read an opening prayer given by Rev. Wright before a Senate Committee in Kansas.

Anaya Phillips, guest speaker, introduced by Naoma. Anaya's testimony given told of her personal experiences in dealing with the recent deaths of family members. Having faith and trust in God, knowing that he provides for our needs, gave her strength and courage. The support of family and friends was also a great comfort. Pamphlets, "Grief has port of Grieving persons", were given out to the group.

Mary Kathryn Cotten presided over the business session. The March meeting will be a trip to Christians in Action in Paris, Texas on Wednesday, March 13, 2002.

The meeting closed with dismissal prayer. The following members and guests were present: Mary Kathryn Cotten, Dorothy Gill, Naoma Goodman, Gale Hervey, Judy Marshall, Margie Myers, Virginia O'Donnell, Anna Belle Patton, O'S Rutherford, Jimmie Lou Pope, Frances Rozell, Edith Ruth Swaim, Anaya Phillips and Sylvia Coggins.


In an emergency, the only thing more important than knowing what to do is knowing that help knows where to find you. A recent Harris Interactive poll found that the number one cell phone feature desired by Americans is the ability to be located in an emergency. Currently, 911 operators can not determine the origin of a wireless call. There is a new type of wireless phone called the Magnovox® MobilePAL+GPS that can locate in a large, red button-instead of a dial pad-to reach the Personal Assistance Link (PAL) monitoring center. In seconds, the assistant pinpoint the caller's location within 30 feet and notify the nearest emergency services (police, ambulance, roadside assistance, etc.). The phone also has a built-in, 95-decibel siren for added security and runs on alkaline batteries that never need recharging.



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Bake sale to benefit Humane Society

The Red River County Humane Society will hold their annual bake sale on Saturday, March 31 from 8 a.m. to sunset, out on the Wal-Mart sidewalk in Clarksville. Baked goods are needed and cash donations will be accepted. For information, contact Terri Henneise at 966-2000.

Blood drive is March 21

Stewart Regional Blood Center and East Texas Medical Center and Lennox Health Resource Center will hold a community blood drive on Thursday, March 21 at ETMC in Clarksville from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Lennox Health Resource Center from 2 until 6 p.m.

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PET TALK

If Sparky separates the kibbles from the bits, it may be a sign he is a picky eater. But don't worry - it may be typical of some pets, says Dr. Melanie Landis, a veterinarian at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine who has some suggestions to keep your pet from turning up his nose.

"There are at least three ways to make your pet a picky eater," says Landis.

The first is by feeding an animal the same food its entire life, and while this helps prevent gastrointestinal problems, a picky eater may result. Later in life, if the animal's diet must be changed for health reasons, the pet may be reluctant to change.

The second way to a picky pet eater may occur when an animal is bottled-fed and makes a slow transition from soft or semi-solid food to dry food. The third way is when owners feed their pets table scraps, ordinary pet food may become less appealing.

Pets have a tendency to hold out for the "good stuff" when they know their owners will give in, Landis said.

"Some common signs of a picky eater are leftover food and sniffing at or nibbling at the food that is offered and then begging to be fed again," Landis explains.

"Most animals will have a brand or flavor preference. If a pet is eating a particular brand and it is not necessary to change to a different brand for health reasons, let the animal eat its preferred brand," says Landis.

She says to use caution when feeding table scraps to animals. Feeding people food to animals can cause gastrointestinal problems and add unnecessary calories that could lead to obesity, Landis confirms.

A few simple ways to modify the behavior of a picky eater is by first paying special attention to the eating habits of your pet.

Dogs will usually not starve themselves, but cats can and will starve themselves if they do not receive the food they like. Always throw out uneaten food and refill the bowl with fresh food at each mealtime. If the diet must be changed, do so very gradually to give the pet a chance to accept the new food.

"When in doubt or if the animal has not eaten in several days, have a veterinarian examine the pet. There may be a health problem disguising itself as a picky eater," Landis believes.

When feeding cats canned food, make sure the food is near body temperature or at least room temperature, Landis explains. Using a microwave oven can often alter the taste of foods, so place cold cans in a dish with hot water.

The food should be stirred and hepatic lipidosis (fatty liver syndrome), may occur especially in heavy cats that have become anorexic, Landis adds.

"Cats are nibblers and it may be necessary to feed them numerous small meals throughout the day," Landis said. "They also tend toward a food shape preference in relation to how the kibble is formed or shaped more than dogs."

Landis says to avoid switching brands and/or flavors frequently. It is okay to stay with one brand unless health reasons dictate a change. Remember to check the expiration dates on cans and bags of pet food. Your pet may be reacting to mild degrees of food spoilage.

"Picky eating does not cause a health problem for most pets, but be sure to monitor your pet's overall attitude, as well as appetite," Landis says. Changes in either, especially in older pets or those without a past history of pickiness, may indicate a health problem, Landis notes.

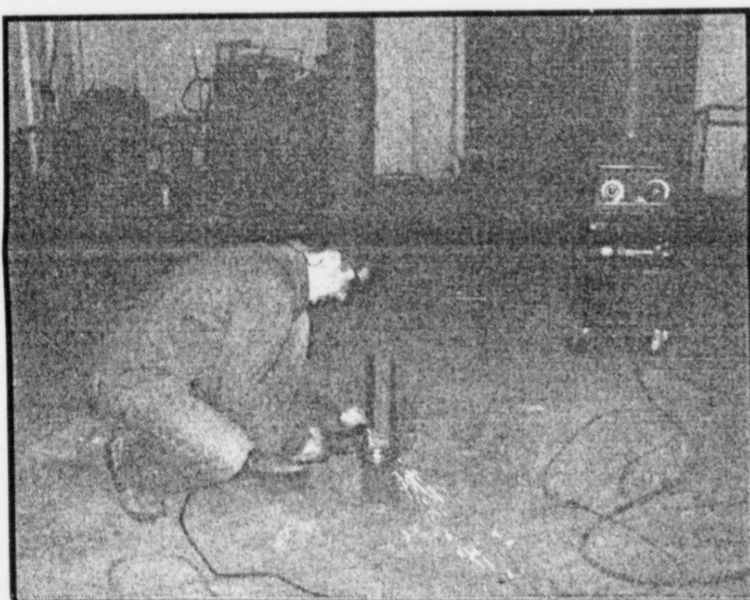
been true to us, yes, but they haven't been true to themselves.
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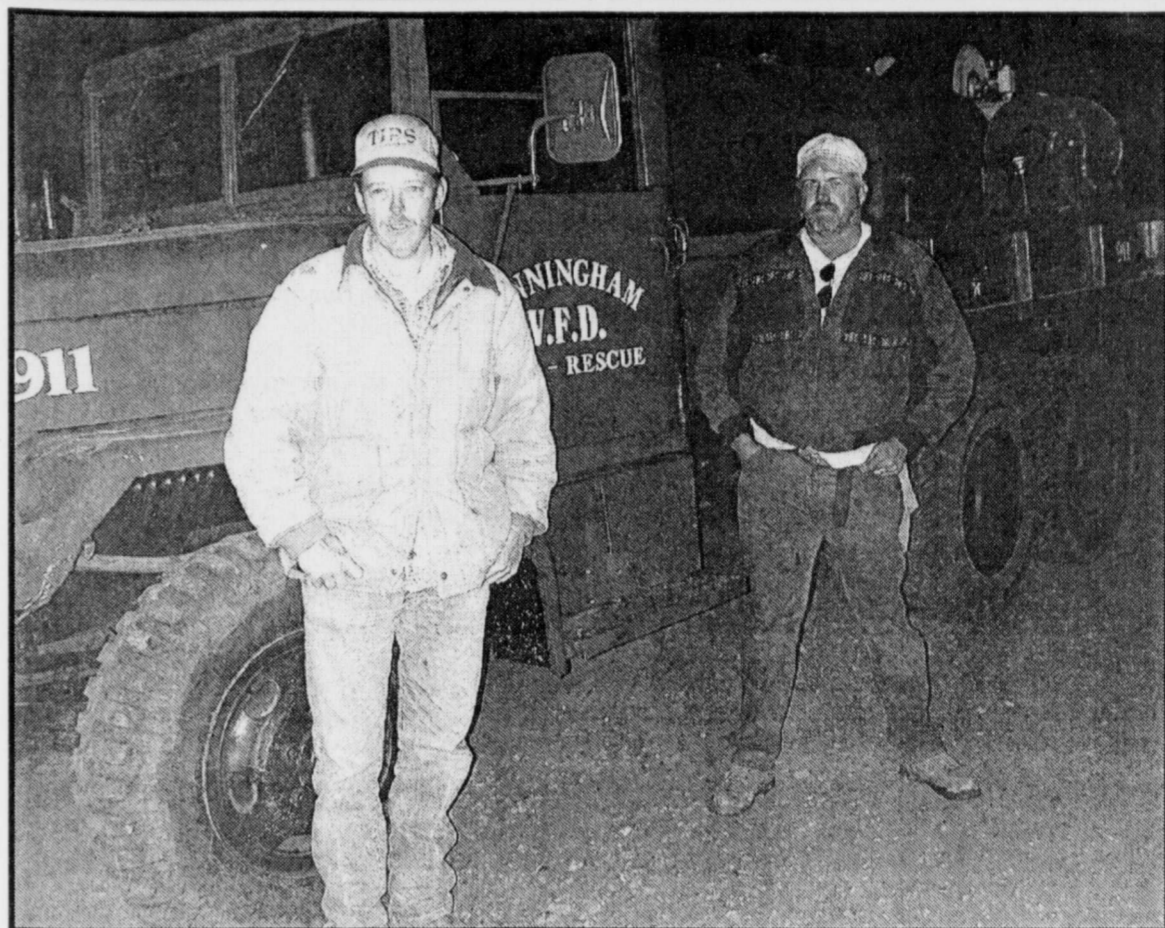
WOODWORKING-using a saw in wood work class as Rivercrest High School are Anthony Thompson, Donny Taylor and Sonny Paredes.



WORKING TOGETHER-Erica Williams takes the time to explain, question and work with Justin Meade in the classroom at Rivercrest Ag Department.



GRINDING METAL-Marcus Deming is hard at work using the metal grinder in his Rivercrest Ag. class.



NEW TRUCK-the Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department has a new truck. The big military truck was provided through the Texas Forest Service and is rigged out as their fire and rescue vehicle. Jerrod Bankhead and Roger Hines show off the vehicle. (Staff photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Deport Times

11 May 1923, Friday

Electric current was turned into the supply line Tuesday to supply the people of Bogata with this great labor saving convenience, according to R. B. Bryant, who constructed the line from Deport to that place. Business houses of Bogata have been wired and are being served, but it will take a little time to get the wires strung over the town to serve all residences desiring the service.

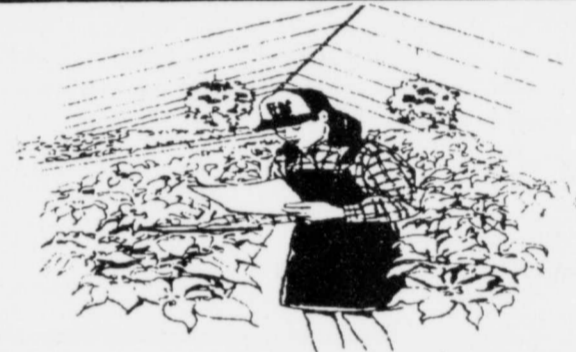


Special Day for man's Best Friend

Somehow most people just feel better after a slurpy smack from a canine companion like Beau, the ten year-old golden retriever shown here. Don't forget to buy something for that other love in your life-your dog.

Pets give constant, unconditional love and have a great therapeutic effect on their owners and everyone they come in contact with. It has been shown that simply stroking a pet lowers heart rates and reduces blood pressure and anxiety levels. There's little doubt that a pet's calming effect improves emotional well-being too. Many nursing homes have resident dogs on site or participate in visiting therapy dog programs to boost the morale of the elderly and infirm.

Treats are a great way to show pets love and reward them for good behavior. What is better than when your buddy returns its love with a big sloppy kiss overflowing with undeniable, irresistible fresh breath?



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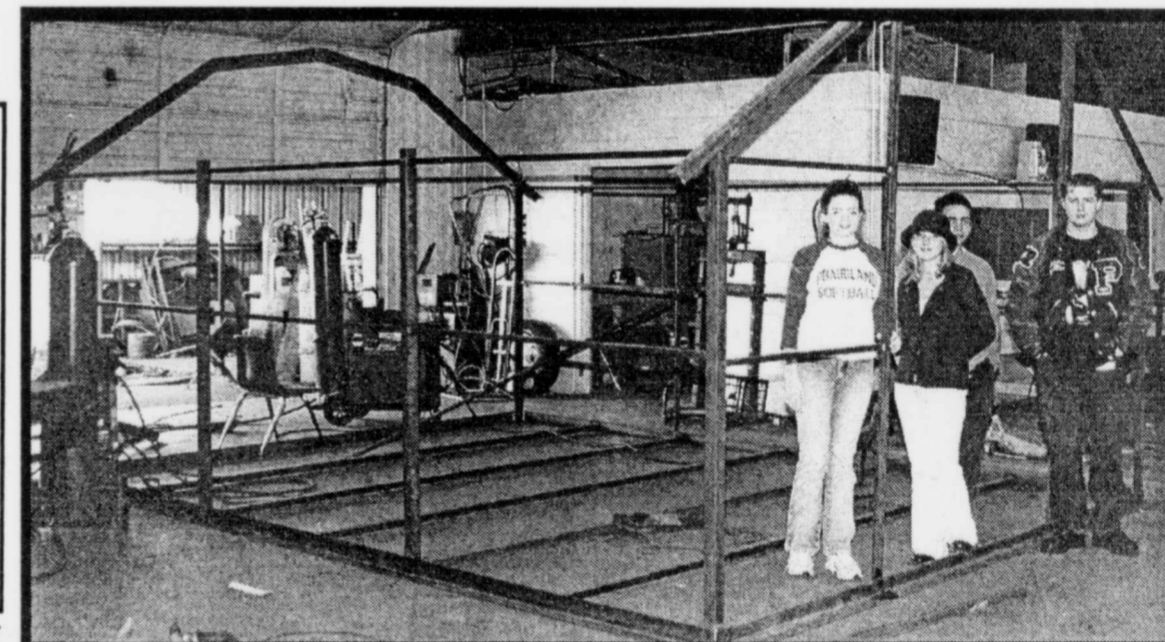
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Sign-ups are February 23

The Bogata Baseball/Softball Association will hold signups for all boys and girls ages 7-15 on Sunday, February 23 at 2:00p.m. at the Bogata Community Center. The fee for the year will be \$25.00 per child.

If this cannot be paid now, please go ahead and sign up and make arrangements for your fees to be paid at a later time. This will be the final sign up for the year. If you have not signed up yet please do so at this time.

The group met on Sunday, February 17. They elected officers

for the 2002 year. They are Mark Hare, President; Randy Kennedy, V. President boys; David Mauldin, Vice-President girls; Kathie Thompson, Treasurer and Regina Easley, Secretary. Sign renewals are being sent out and anyone wishing to purchase new signs may do so at this time.

Another meeting was scheduled for March 3rd at 2:00p.m. at the Bogata Baseball field. Plans for the 2002 season will be made at this time. Anyone wanting to coach for the season need to be present.

Sign renewal is here!

Bogata Baseball/Softball Association is in the process of renewing signs for the 2002 season. Those of you buying signs last year the renewal fee for a whole sign is \$75.00. If you had a half sign that fee is \$50.00. You will receive a notice in the mail. We

plan to hang signs before the 1st of April.

If you would like to purchase a new sign the cost is \$125.00 for a whole sign and \$75.00 for a half sign. If you are interested, please call Kathie Thompson at 632-4591.

Lady Rebel Softball 2002 Rivercrest High School

Feb. 21-23	Chapel Hill Tournament	away	TBA
Feb. 26	Dodd City	away	4:00
Feb. 28 - March 2	Whiteboro Tournament	away	TBA
March 5	* Paul Pewitt	home	4:00
March 8	* DeKalb	away	5:30
March 12	* Chisum	home	4:00
March 15	Maud	away	4:30
March 19	* Hughes Springs	away	4:00
March 22 or 23	* Prairie Land	home	4:00
March 25 or 26	* Chapel Hill	away	4:00
March 29	* Paul Pewitt	away	4:00
April 2	* DeKalb	home	4:00
April 5	* Chisum	away	4:00
April 9	Bye		
April 12	* Hughes Springs	home	4:30
April 16	* Prairie Land	away	4:30
April 19	* Chapel Hill	home	4:30

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Notice

To the parents of girls who played on the 7 & 8 year old Bogata girls softball team, "Stars" in the 2001 season: If you have not yet returned in your daughters uniform (shirt, shorts, socks), please bring it to the Bogata Community Center on Sunday, February 24, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.

A \$25.00 fee must be paid for all uniforms not returned in order for the team to get replacement uniforms for the upcoming team. For more information call Jim Ann Ward at 903-632-0237.

RRV Dixie Softball meeting

The Red River Valley Girls Softball League will meet on Sunday, February 24, 2002 at the Bogata Community Center at 4:00 p.m.

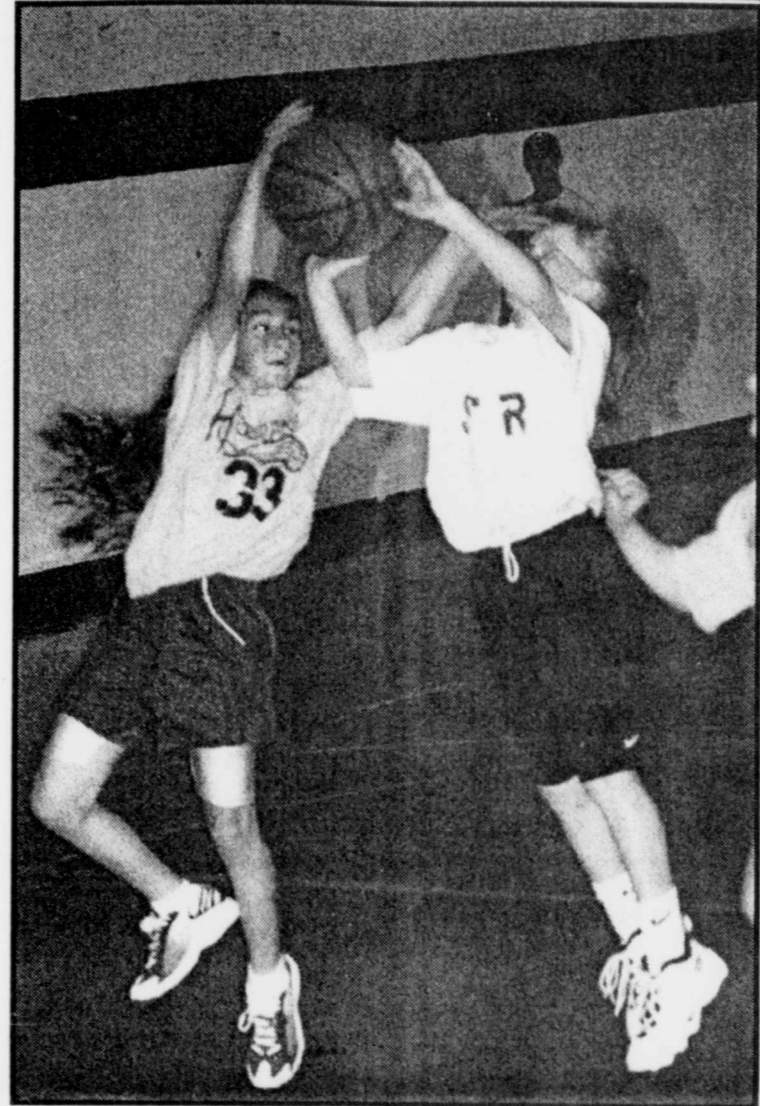
This will be the first meeting of the season and all officers and coaches from Avery, Blossom, Bogata, Clarksville, Deport, Detroit and Talco are urged to attend and help set up the coming season. For more information contact David Mauldin in Bogata.

Detroit Youth Sports Association to have Dixie League signups Sunday

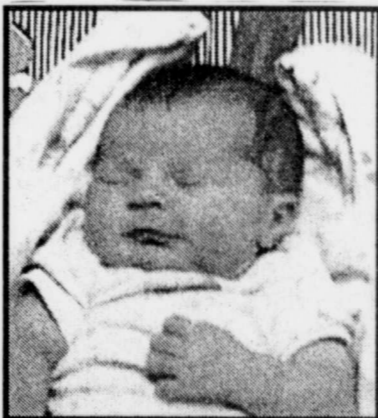
The Detroit Youth Sports Association will hold a Dixie League Baseball Signup on Sunday, February 24th between 2 and 3 p.m. Anyone interested in playing Dixie League Ball is urged to attend.



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CONTRIBUTING TO THE WIN-Jerica White gets off the floor for points as she and teammates of the Rivercrest Stars played in Little Dribbler action at Chapel Hill Saturday. Jerica's was the winning team. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



New Arrivals

On February 14, 2002 in Christus St. Joseph's North Hospital in Paris, Tx. at 9:47 a.m., Mattlynn Allena Draper arrived weighing 7 lbs. 7 1/2 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Lucinda Sue Godfrey and Matthew Allen Draper. Mattlynn joins two sisters, Tyler and Bettye.

One dies, two injured in accident

One teenager died and two were injured in the early hours of Saturday morning, February 16th during a one vehicle accident in Detroit. All three were from Clarksville.

Charles David Cole, Junior, age 19, died and Kenyadda Moore and Jason Williams, ages 18 and 19, were taken to Christus St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris by Lifenet Ambulance after the accident.

According to DPS Trooper Jim Trammel, it appears the driver of the vehicle fell asleep at the wheel. The 1989 Pontiac LeMans left the roadway, struck a culvert and went airborne, flipping and landing on it's top.

Cole's body was transported to Brown Riggs Funeral Home in Clarksville.



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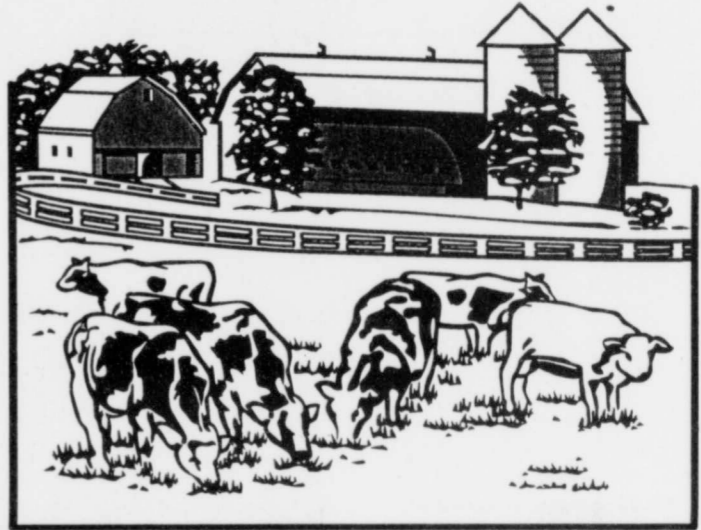
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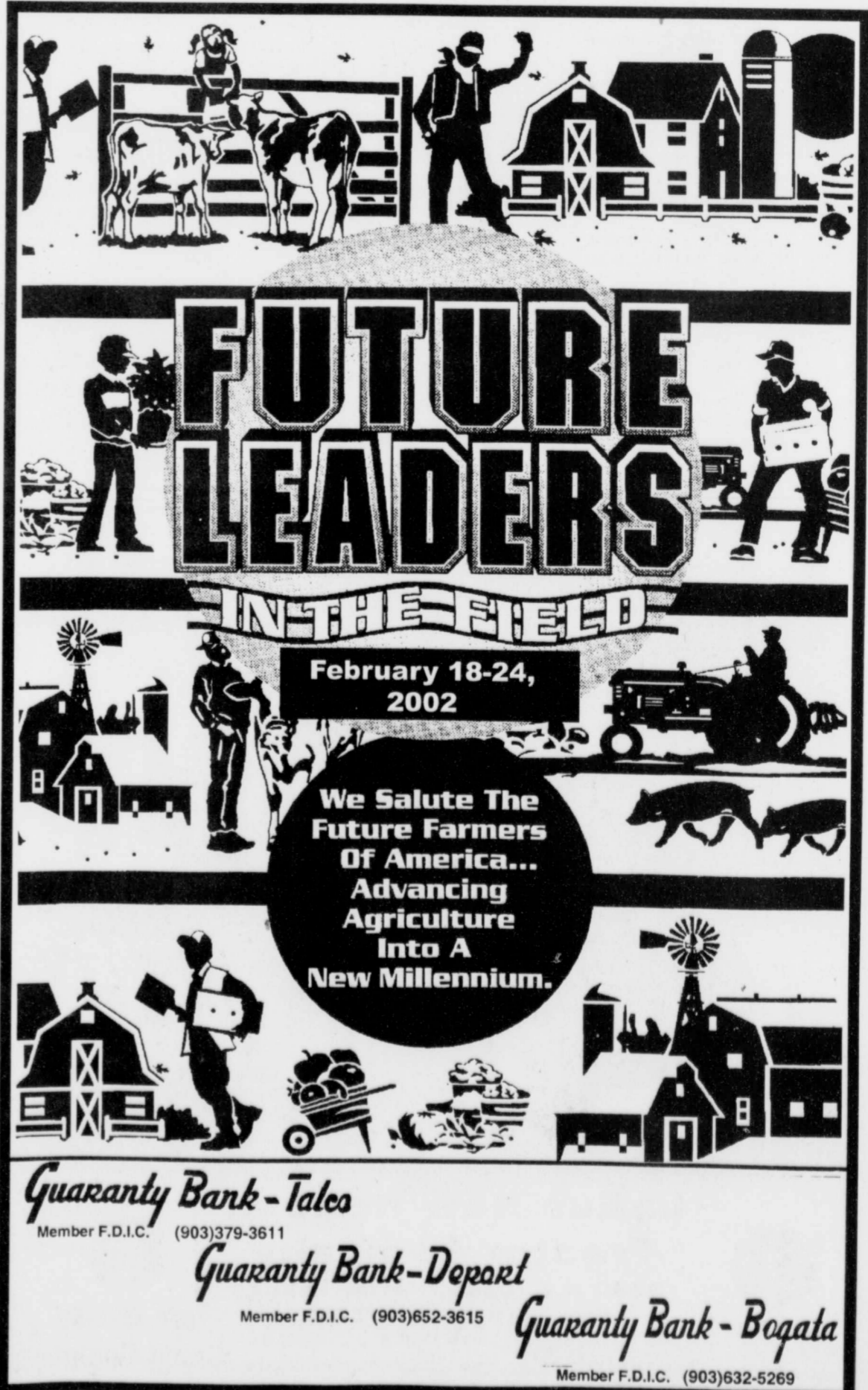


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SHEEP SHEARING STALL-Keith Hargrove is pictured testing the sheep shearing stall used to hold the animals while they get a close cut under the guidance of teacher, Craig Ingram.

National Child Passenger Safety Week

Today, Austin area law enforcement and state officials kicked off National Child Passenger Safety Week by emphasizing the importance of properly restraining children while transporting them.

Texas and Austin SAFE KIDS Coalitions, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Department of Health Safe Riders Programs, the Texas Department of Transportation and Henna Chevrolet participated in a car seat checkup and news conference.

During the conference, National SAFE KIDS also released the results of a national study on how many children ride unrestrained.

Despite nationwide efforts to educate the public on the importance of using passenger restraints, failure to use safety restraints remains the leading cause of child traffic fatalities. In 1999 alone, a total of 299 Texas children ages 16 and under were killed

in traffic crashes, and 154 of these were not restrained. According to the National Traffic Safety Administration, 64 percent of children killed in traffic collisions nationwide were completely unrestrained.

Since Sept. 1, Texas law requires the following:
 Children under 4 years old or less than 36 inches tall must ride in a child safety seat in accordance to the manufacturer's instructions. All children ages 4 through 16 must be restrained in a seat belt, regardless of their position in the vehicle, and
 All persons age 17 or older must be restrained in a seat belt when seated in the front seat.
 Children under 18 cannot ride in the open bed of a pick-up truck or trailer on a public road.
 National Child Passenger Safety Week runs through February 16.

Rivercrest Elementary announces 4th six week honors

Students of the Rivercrest ISD have completed the 4th six week period of the school year. Students receiving academic honors at the Rivercrest Elementary are as follows:

First Grades, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Moles and Mrs. Miller's classes: All A-Destiny Anderson, Hannah Rhoades, Bailey Rhodes, Cody Williams, Nidia Alvarado, Hope Bivins, Allix Brunson, Wesley Davidson, Emily Hale, Dakota Parrott, Candace Stansell, Emily Ward, Carli Brown, Hailey Brown, Kari Jones, Destini Geese and Lucchese Gordon.

All A & B-Monica Bassett, Tiffany Black, Matt Early, Logan Domer, Rebekah Jones, Jonathan Moore, Joshua Newsom, Dustin Rose, Kevondrick Savage, Aaron Whitney, Aaron Eudy, Eli Hale, Russell Jimenez, D.J. Phipps, Valerie Rhoades, Dyna Williams, Doyle Brooks, Morgan Cox, Bradley Guest, Jessica Lewis, Kellen Stringfellow, Paige Vandever, Rob Ward and Chase Wilson.

All B-Ruben Hernandez and Crissy Hume.

Second Grades: Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. Grissom and Mrs. Weddle's classes: All A-Jacob Wright, Brooklyn Bishop, Carter Kelsey, Blake Richardson, Jake Sheffield and Jordan Thompson.

All A & B-Tyler Easley, Niko Perez, Haley Strunc, Raven Travillian, Edward Waymire, Joey White, Zia Anderson, Jed Burge, Anshuman Ganguly, Jordon Smith, Shelby Steen, Marley Tidwell, Brittany Walesiak, Chris Brooks, Camen Calvin, Jacob Harville, Chloe Hodge, Heather Holt, Trevor Jessee and Juan Leija.

Third grades: Mrs. Reeder, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Ingram's classes: All A-Brady Kennedy, Carmen Allen, Kyle McCuller, Colton Phipps, Shala Ridens, Haley Steen, Haley Lemme, Sarai Martinez, Alison Mauldin, Kari Taylor and Kelsi Thompson.

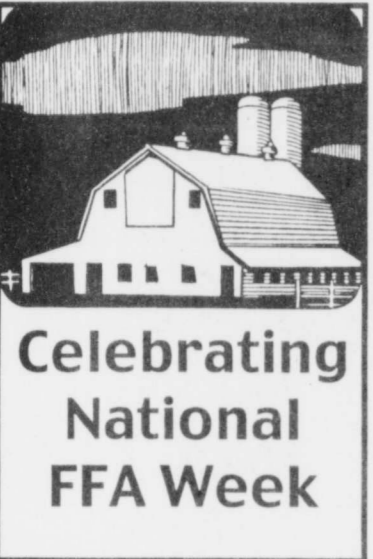
All A & B-Dillon Cortez, Loren Rivera, Jessica Smith, Taylor Stafford, Amber Whitney, Ashley Thurosson, Haley Bivins, T.J. Stahley, Morgan Buchanan, Tamara Moore and Miriam Ramirez.

Fourth grades: Mrs. Purviance, Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Holeman's classes: All A-Kassie Anderson, Brittany Littrell, Josh Moore, Chase Richards, Amber Via, Jessica Jessee, Jordan Jones, Clay Rose, Garrett Sheffield, Kayley Stringfellow and Brandi Via.

All A & B-Callie Anderson, Kelsey Franks, Ashley Stinson, Michael Strunc, Lacey Bryan, Dakota Earley, Aaron Hall, Seton Hawkins, Lance Henley, Ryan Kennedy, Ashley Savage, Heather Story, Valerie Vaughan, Garrett Carroll, Matthew Hall, Alex Moreno, Hailey Screws and Jerica White.

Fifth grades: Mrs. Gable, Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Scott's classes: All A-Ty Brown, E.J. Via, Kaimbri White, Tara Cunningham and Cheyenne Williams.

All A & B-Bud Douglas, Matthew Haynes, Chris Nolen, Tara Raulston, Emily Rector, Jesslin Rivera, Jillian Sloan, Saul Vasquez, Jessica Bassett, Corey Branch, Joshua Budro, Terrance Cannon, Jarod Davidson, Jimmy Schmidt, Sarah Ashley, Justin Bryan, Stephen Jackson, Niki Lewis and Kayla Whitney.



Celebrating National FFA Week

Power Lifting Teams compete Feb. 16

By Leah Bull

On February 16, 2002 Lady Power Lifters from Rivercrest, Athens, Caddo Mills, Cross Roads, Van Alstyne, White Oak, Longview, Wynnboro, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Rusk and Lovelady competed at the 3rd Annual East Texas Lady Lifters Championships in White Oak. The Caddo Mills Power Lifting Team placed 1st; White Oak placed 2nd and the Rusk team placed 3rd.

Taking 1st place in the 97 lb. weight class was junior, Tina Carder with a squat of 205; bench press of 110 and dead lift of 245. Tina's total lift was 560 lbs. which keeps her ranked first in Region III.

Freshman, Kacey Van Deaver competed in the 105 weight class with a squat of 130; bench press of 55 and dead lift of 170 for a total of 355 lbs. As of February 12, Kacey was ranked 13th in Region III.

Competing in the 114 weight class were Stephanie Williams, Alison Foster and Shari Wisinger.

Stephanie took 1st place with a squat of 240, bench press of 115 and dead lift of 255 for a total of 610 lbs and puts her in 2nd position in the Regional standings. Alison placed 4th with a squat of 210, bench press of 100 and dead lift of 215 for a total of 525. She was ranked 13th in the Region III, but should move up in the rankings after this meet. Shari placed 11th with a squat of 150, bench press of 80 and dead lift of 165 for a total of 395 lbs. She is currently ranked 21st in the region.

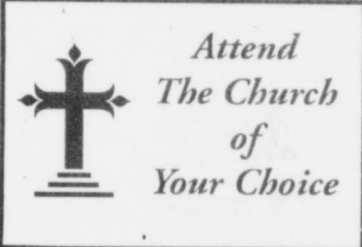
Senior, Brittany Bull and Sophomore, Paige Boyed competed in the 123 weight class. Brittany placed 7th with a squat of 200, bench press of 110 and dead lift of 235 for a total lift of 545 lbs. She is currently ranked 7th in Region III. Paige placed 15th with a squat of 150, bench press of 90 and dead lift of 185 for a total of 425 lbs. She is ranked 20th in Region III.

Junior, Krystal Valenzuela placed 4th in the 132 weight class

with a squat of 215, bench press of 110 and dead lift of 265 for a total of 585 lbs. She is currently ranked 19th in the region, but, should move up in the standings after this meet.

Freshman, Lacie Hinton placed 12th in the 148 weight class with a squat of 165, bench press of 130 and dead lift of 240 for a total of 535 lbs. She is currently ranked 14th in Region III.

February 23 will be the last day to qualify for the Regional III meet, which will be held at White Oak on Saturday, March 2, 2002. The Lady Rebel Lifters will know where they stand in the Regional rankings by the end of this week. The top 12 lifters in each weight class will qualify for the regional meet. You can track the placement of the Lady Rebel Lifters on the Internet at <http://www.thswpa.com>, click on Regional Links, then click on Region III. Good Luck Lady Rebels in your quest for regional!



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RWNT to meet

The Republican Women of Northeast Texas will meet Monday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor community room of Pilgrim Bank in Mt. Pleasant. Gail Suttle will present a program on Republican women's activities around the state.

The meeting is open to all ladies who have an interest in learning about and participating in Republican activities and campaigns. For information, contact Debe McGuire, 572-6661.



HALEY STEEN looks to take a shot as the Rivercrest Stars participated in Little Dribbler action Saturday at Chapel Hill. The Stars, coached by Ricky Franks and Stanley Jessee were victorious. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



STEVE DUNN of Harrison-Walker & Harper points out the cracked paint on the walls of the Red River County Court House, which is currently under renovation. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Talco Locals

Please call your locals news in to 379-4445

Janie Wilson has been a patient at Titus County Regional Hospital where she underwent surgery. She is reported doing well.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Chas Hobson.

Carl Smith was treated and released from Titus County Regional Hospital Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday he was taken to Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler where he underwent heart surgery. He is reported home and doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown were in Tyler Thursday for his annual heart check-up. They enjoyed lunch and shopping before returning home.

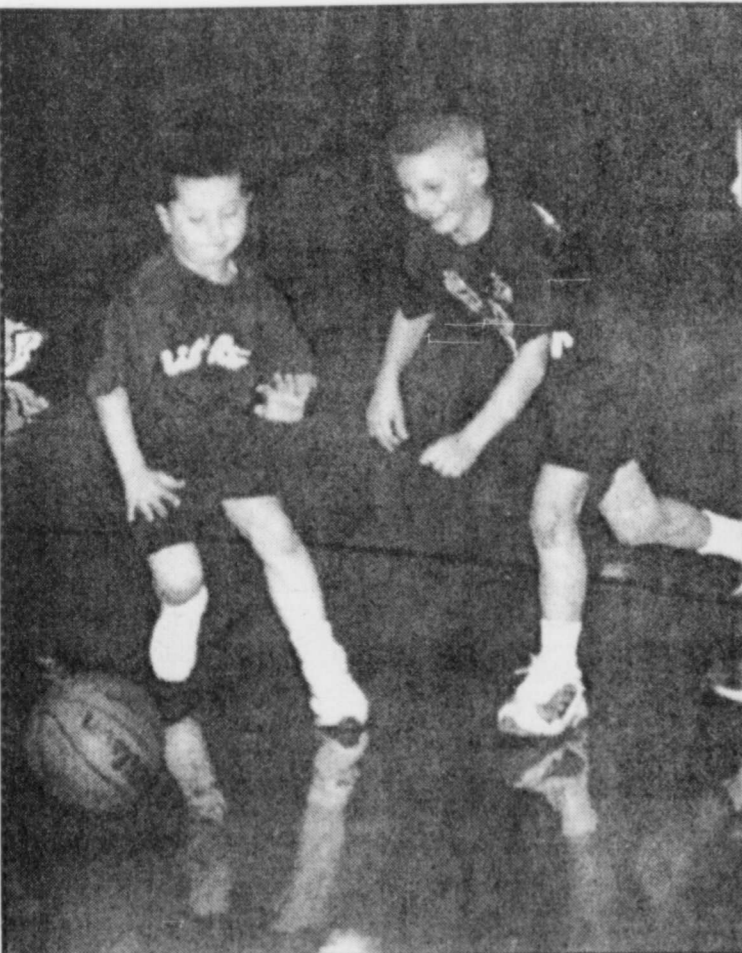
Jack Brown visited his mom, Nancy Brown Thursday afternoon. Wanda and Katherine Graf enjoyed shopping in Texarkana Thursday.

Congratulations to Penny and Cleveland Cannon who are expecting a new arrival in the fall.

Happy February Birthday to Jamal Curtis and L.B. Morris.

Eddie Brown was in Tatum on IBEW business Wednesday.

Jamal Curtis was honored with a birthday party at the Talco Park on Sunday afternoon. Guests enjoyed the beautiful weather, cake, drinks and ice cream. Jamal received many nice gifts and had a wonderful time with his guests. Jamal is the son of Mary Jane Savage and Jerry Curtis of Talco.



TWOLITTLE REBELS: ONE BALL-Rivercrest Youth Basketball players, Jacob Harville and Trevor Jessee go after the ball as the two teams met at Rivercrest last week. The boys are members of the 1st and 2nd grade Rivercrest teams and will one day be varsity Rebels. The future looks bright!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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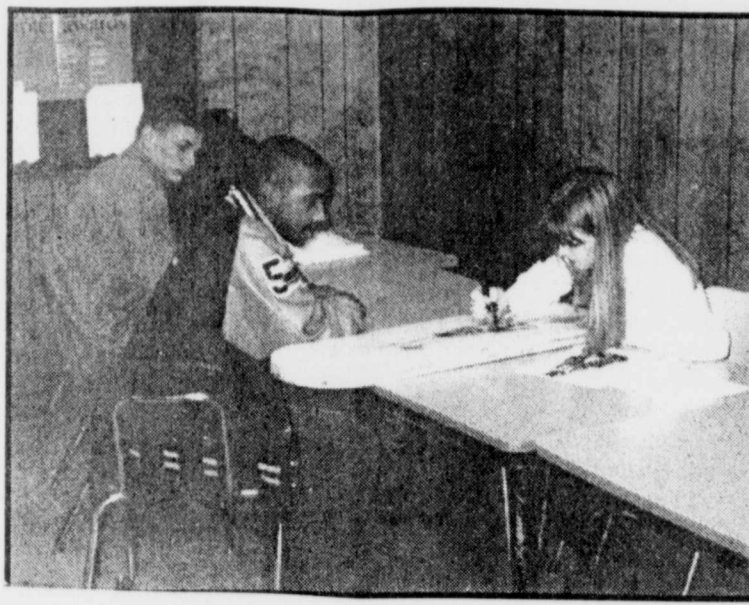


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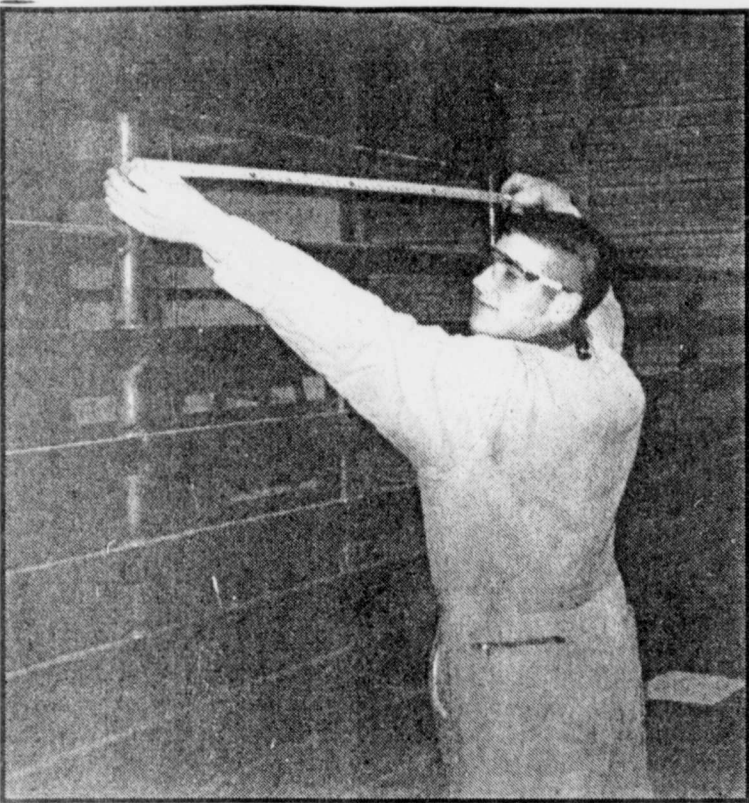
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WOOD WORK-Rivercrest students Zach Perry, Josh Cabell and Kayla Belcher are shown working on a project for wood shop.



MEASUREMENTS ARE A MUST-Jared Huddleston is pictured taking measurements in his Rivercrest Ag. class.

Rebel golf umbrellas on sale

The Rivercrest Junior High Cheerleaders and Pep Squad are taking orders for Rivercrest Rebel umbrellas. The umbrellas are a large 60 inch arc with a metal shaft and wooden handle. They are blue and white and will have the Rivercrest emblem on them. The cost will be \$12.00 each. Order forms will be sent home with all Rivercrest students and

the form and money must be turned in by Tuesday, March 19, 2002 to Becky Carlisle, Junior High Cheerleader sponsor, at the junior high campus. All proceeds will go toward items needed for the junior high cheerleaders and pep squad. Your purchase will be appreciated. For more information contact Becky Carlisle at Rivercrest Junior High 903-372-3841.

Don't thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.
---Benjamin Franklin

Voting places listed for Red River County's election

The following is a list of Democratic voting precincts in the upcoming election:

Clarksville: Precinct #1, Colgate Avenue Baptist Church; #2, St. Paul Methodist Church; #3, Red River County Library; #4, Clarksville City Hall.

Bogata, #5, Bogata Community Center.

Fulbright, #7, Fulbright Community Center.

Rosalie, #9, Rosalie Community Center.

Johnstown, #10, Johnstown Baptist Church.

Lone Star/McCoy, #11, Lone Star Methodist Church.

Detroit, #13, Detroit Community Center.

Bagwell, #14, Bagwell Community Center.

Negley, #15, Negley Community Center.

Woodland, #17, Woodland Methodist Church.

Manchester, #18, Pine Creek Fire Station.

North Avery, #19, Avery Methodist Church.

North Annona, #20, Annona Baptist Church.

English, #21, English Community Center.

Acworth, #23, Acworth Voting Building.

Hopewell, #24, Hopewell Baptist Church.

South Avery, #27, Avery Methodist Church.

South Annona, #28, Annona Methodist Church.

Boxelder, #29, Boxelder Methodist Church.

Lydia #30, Lydia Voting Building.

Cuthand #31, Cuthand Methodist Church.

Early Voting #32, County Clerk's Office.

The following is a list of Republican voting precincts in the upcoming election:

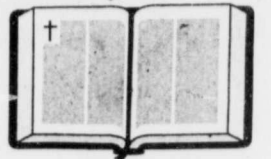
First Federal Community Savings, Clarksville: Clarksville 1,2,3,4; Negley 15; Acworth 23; Hopewell 24.

Bogata Volunteer Fire Station; Bogata: Bogata 5; Fulbright 7; Rosalie 9; Johnstown 10; McCoy 11; Cuthand 31.

Detroit Volunteer Fire Station; Detroit: Detroit 13; Bagwell 14; Kanawha 16; Woodland 17; Manchester 18.

United Methodist Church; Annona: North Annona 20; English 21; South Annona 28; Boxelder 29.

Avery Volunteer Fire Station; Avery: North Avery 19; South Avery 27; Lydia 30.



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Most family pets are better kept indoors or in an appropriate kennel when its owners are away. Cats, birds, fish and small animals can adapt to suitable living quarters.

But certain animals, such as active dogs, require more space and need more daily exercise.

Always consider temperament and physical abilities when selecting a pet. Your pet should be suited for the activities you enjoy. Is your pet suited for outdoor activities and weather conditions, or quiet time at home?

Consider the temperament and needs of animals and identify those that best match your lifestyle, he believes. And remember that pets depend on their caregivers for daily affection and needs.

Feeding, grooming and exercise are daily time commitments that must be considered. Family members should decide what kind of animal they want, who will be responsible for needs of the pet and the amount of time that will be devoted to the pet.

There are two types of dogs, purebred and mixed-breed, and each animal has its own personality and temperament. You should consider size and hair coat as well as specific breed traits and characteristics.

For some families, the best choice is an older housebroken dog whose behavior has been established. Obedience training for a puppy or adult dog to promote good manners and reinforce the bond between you and your pet.

Cats come in many sizes and colors as well as purebred and mixed breeds.

Select a kitten that is neither too shy nor too aggressive. Kittens are easily housebroken, adapt to a variety of environments and do not have to be walked. Hair coats -- long, short or curly -- should also be considered when selecting a cat.

Birds, rabbits and other exotic animals can be family companion animals, too, and I would suggest researching the care and needs of these animals. Some have special diets and temperature requirements.

To be a responsible pet owner, plan ahead by choosing your pet wisely. You should try to research the needs and habits of different breeds and species before you bring your pet home.

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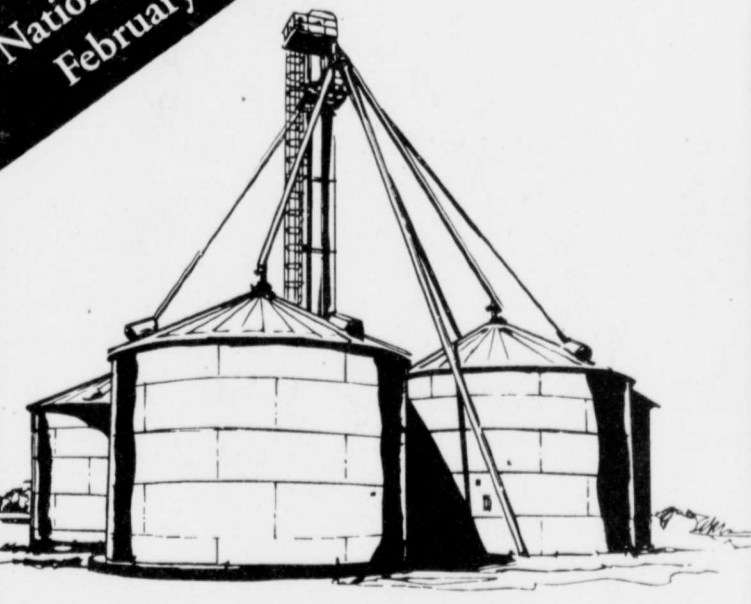
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This story is one that Martha Jayne Guest Anderson, formerly of Deport, wrote for a "Grandmother's Memories" book for her grandson, Scotty Floyd. His little daughter, Sydney, told her to "not forget this story". We thought it would be worth doing.

A Man And His Dog
Christmas 1994 Scotty got a puppy and named him Snuffy. The new puppy was a blue heeler. The two quickly bonded as Snuffy rode in the back of the pickup truck in the pasture and where ever they went.

When Snuffy was about two years old, he fell from the pickup near Reno. Kenda (Kenda is Scotty's mother) and I (Jayne) met Scotty looking everywhere for his dog. He told us about his loss and was very sad. Everyone started to search for the lost Snuffy. There was a lot of publicity in the papers under Lost Pets.

I made signs and Lou (Scotty's Great aunt) went with me. I hammered stakes everywhere. The signs read LOST DOG and had phone numbers and all information. We just kept hoping someone would return Snuffy to Scotty.

Several calls were received and each one was checked out carefully, but no Snuffy was found.

About two weeks passed and I decided to pray. The Bible says "ask anything in my name", so I did, I asked for the little dog's safe return.

I was driving north on S.E. 24th St. in Paris, the first block past Clarksville Street, and I talked to

God. I asked God to bring Snuffy back TODAY, dead or alive. I explained how much he meant to his family!

It was close to the due date for the birth of Sydney, Scotty's little daughter. Her mom, Dashielle was in the hospital, having contractions. Scotty was leaving work and just before he left received a call-a blue heeler dog was at the gravel pit between Loop 286 and N.E. and Pine Mill Rod. The description just fit Snuffy to a "T". Scotty had to make a quick decision-hospital or gravel pit!

Perhaps this is Snuffy! But, he needed to be at the hospital, after all, it's his wife there, having a baby.

So, he asked his cousin, Kasey to check things out at the gravel pit. Kasey reported back, Yep, it's Snuffy, but he won't let me catch him. He acts like he will bite me". Snuffy had become unfriendly while he was lost and scared.

So, Scotty hurried to the gravel pit. Much to his surprise, Snuffy turned his back on him and started back to his hiding place! Scotty yelled a loud and firm, "Hey, Snuff, come here!". Snuffy turned around and ran to his master, jumped into his arms and bathed him with many licks and kisses.

Snuffy had recognized Scotty, but he wasn't very clean and he didn't smell too sweet.

Scotty went home quickly and put his tick-covered dog in a safe place, then rushed back to the hospital and took Dashielle home. Sydney was born a few days later.

Needless to say, this was a

happy reunion. Snuffy had traveled two weeks cross country to FM Rd. 195 and up pine Mill to the gravel pit, and after a bath he curled up and took a long, long nap.

Four years later, history repeated itself. This time Snuffy was lost for one month. This was during the summer and a Texas heat wave covered Red River and Lamar Counties.

A family friend who lived in Detroit was "dog sitting" for a few days when Snuffy disappeared. Everyone had heavy hearts. He was much older and the heat was a threat. Once again, Snuffy searched for his master. He traveled cross country from Detroit and headed toward Viewpoint, Texas (his home). In the meantime, Scotty was on his first day job assignment in Pattonville. He was working outside on a house when he felt something touch his ankles. He didn't think much about it and continued working. Then, there was a second nudge. Scotty turned to look and behold, Snuffy had collapsed at his master's feet. Snuffy could no longer stand, he was weak and had severe injuries, probably from coyote attacks. But, he had found his master.

Scotty picked him up and headed for the vet. After many stitches and IVs, Snuff was taken home and given lots of TLC.

One leg will always be lame, but Oh, what a happy family reunion of four this time...Sydney has a new baby brother, Ryder, to help her love a little cowdog named Snuffy.



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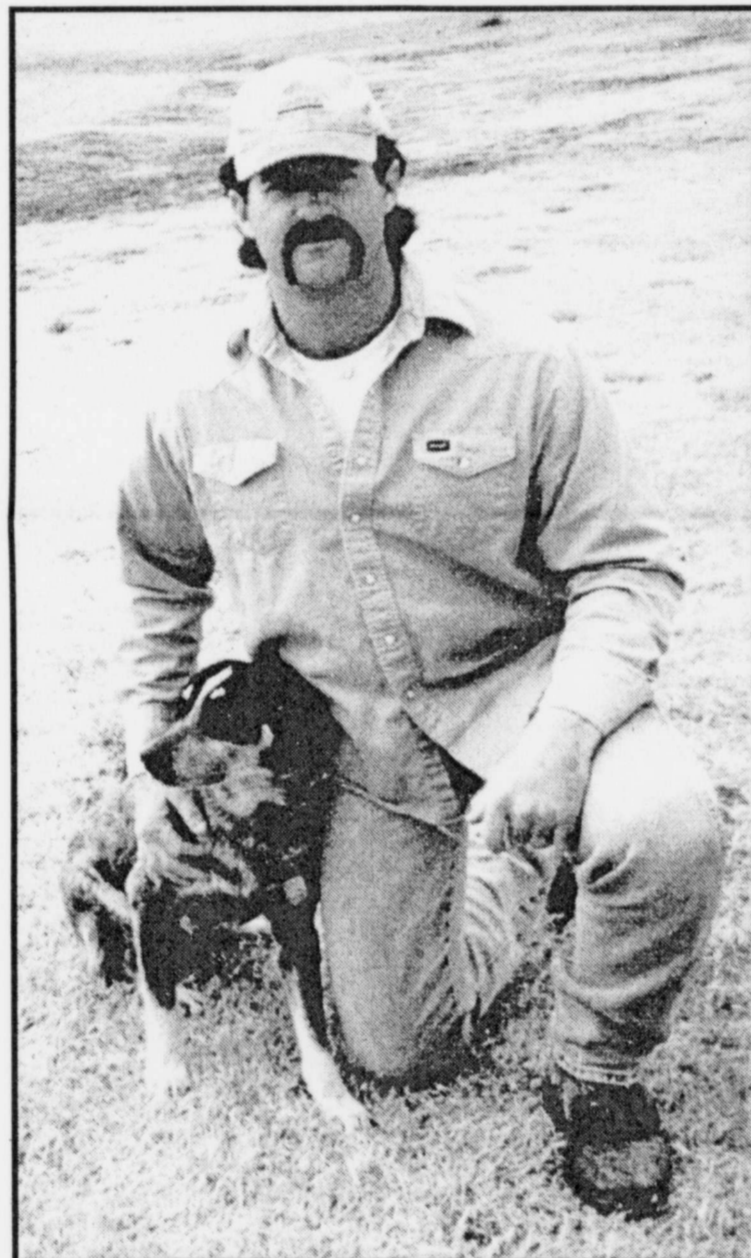
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Co-Ed basketball tournament

The Franklin County Youth Basketball Association will host a Co-Ed basketball tournament on March 1-2 at the Mt. Vernon Varsity Gym.

There will be 12 member teams/18 years or older, 6 men and 6 women. Entry fee is

\$120.00. Guaranteed two games, double elimination.

First and second place will receive shirts.

All proceeds go to the Franklin County Basketball Association.

For information, call 537-4694.

Council raises basic water charges effective April 1

Mayor Kennedy, all councilmembers, seven employees and ten guests were in attendance at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Bogata City Council on Monday, February 11 at the Bogata Community Center.

The invocation was given by the Mayor and Jason Stephens of B&B Equipment talked to the Council concerning extending their contract for trash pickup. Council voted to table this until the next meeting.

Minutes of the previous meetings and bills and final waterbill accounts were approved.

Police Chief Clegg gave his report and reported that Jason Henry will begin working with Wyatt Bush one day a week on code enforcement and will be paid from Crime Control Board.

Water Superintendent Wendell Davis reported 65 work orders the past month, 14 sewer stops, infiltration fixed and ten dogs picked up.

Kay Neading reported on health insurance. The council voted to table this until later this year, and perhaps have a workshop for this purpose and if the city can afford employee insurance it will be budgeted. A report was given by the City Secretary concerning office personnel crosstraining.

An ordinance concerning unattended placarded trucks was

tabled until next month.

The ordinance to expand the Police Department to include the Chief of Police, two full time peace officers, one part time peace officer and two reserve officers was approved.

Council voted to raise the basic water rate from \$8.00 to \$9.00 for 2,000 gallons. People living outside city limits on city water will have to pay \$18.00 for the first 2,000 gallons. This will be effective with the April 1 billing. Council voted to approve an ordinance to contract with a collection agency to collect delinquent water bills and to add their charge for collecting to each delinquent water bill they collect.

The council clarified the Drug Policy for City employees as non DOT. No action was taken on training for City Secretary's Assistant. They decided to get bids for prices for two security lights at the Community Center. They also voted to charge \$10.00 for fire reports from the Fire Marshal.

An election to elect two councilmembers to two year terms and a special election to elect a Mayor and two councilmembers to fill unexpired terms of one year each was ordered and will be held on May 4. First day to apply for a place on the ballot is February 18 and March 20 is the deadline. Council adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Jaidin Swarts celebrated her 2nd birthday Friday, February 15, 2002 with a party at the home of her grandparents, Johnny and Pete Swarts and Aunt, Joanie Swarts. The party theme was Blue's Clue's. Guests were served hot dogs with all the trimmings, drinks, cake and ice cream. Special guest was Jaidin's great grandmother, Virginia Roach. Others attending were Jaidin's mother, Jamie Swarts, father, Jerome Lee, aunts, Carolyn Holland and June Banks, cousin, Jennifer Banks, Lance Bynum, Shelia Keel and Shawn, Brook Richeson, Grayson and Julia, Amanda, Emily and Samantha Jones. Jaidin had a wonderful time and received many nice gifts.

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RIVERCREST CHAPTER OFFICERS AND GREENHAND OFFICERS-for 2001-2002 are: (back row from the left) Christie Crawford, Ryan Winniford, Johna Ingram, Kacey Van Deaver and Haley Hawkins and (front from the left) R.C. Pitts, Clayton Watkins, Kayla Belcher, Matthew Ross, Dawn Wilson, Grace Edge and Mark Evans.

RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS

This week's query is from Sharon Eastwood, P.O. Box 541, Boswell, OK 74727. She is searching for information on Fernando Adolphus "Bud" Phillips, who was born January 24, 1858 and married Marie Blackburn on July 7, 1881 in Red River County. She would like to hear from anyone who may be connected to this family in any way.

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

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All attending the homecoming are reminded that a 12:00 noon catered luncheon will be held and all activities are held during the day. Please make plans to attend and spend a wonderful day of good food and fellowship.

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Honors for Genealogical Society

The state genealogical convention was held in Tyler, Texas. Red River County Genealogical Society won third place in the state for entering a year's quarterlies.

The state Genealogical Society Quarterly is named, "Stirpes". In the December issue there was a review of some of Red River

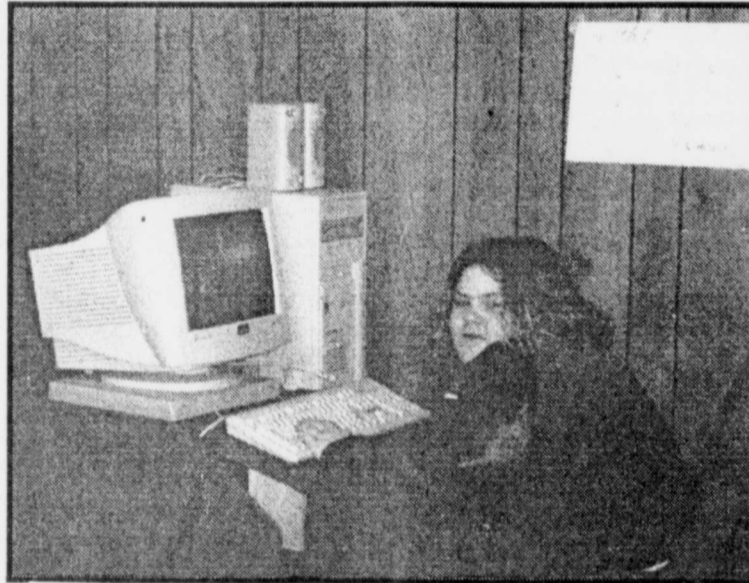
County Society's quarterlies. The society received a favorable review and published report by Judy Womack.

Sharon Black is editor of the quarterly. The quarterlies are very informative due to the outstanding work by Mrs. Black.

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KIM YOUNG works on computer at the Rivercrest Ag Department. Computers play an important role in all classes at RHS nowadays.



Students receiving honor roll awards for the 4th six weeks of school at Rivercrest Junior High are as follows:

6th grade: All A-Laura Beville, Kristen Clark, Megan Savage, Jessica Thompson and Katelyn Van Deaver.

All A & B-Taylor Anderson, Christine Holland, Courtney Lemme, Carmen Martin, Lauren Mauldin, Emily McCuller, Kaylee McIntire, Aaron Rolan, Jordan Stafford and Miriam Williams.

All B-Colby Horn and Susan Smith.

7th grade: Academic Excellence (5.95 or better) Lauren Beers, Carissa Carroll, Andrew Deaton, Jessica Espinoza, Brooke Hale, Lee Jordan, Jeremy Moore, Kaitlin Moore and Vallery Schmidt.

Honor Roll (5.0 or better) Danica Easterling, Micah Haynes, Kirby Needham and Destry Nolen.

8th grade: Academic Excellence (5.95 or better) Mandy Crawford, Jessica Griffin, Adam Horn, Miranda Mauldin, Jake Needham, Aaron Palmer, Monica Savage, Monique Savage, Whitney Savage and Katy Smith.

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Hydrocodone: legal drug that lends itself to abuse

by Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff

Many Texans know what they know about drug abuse from the nightly news or the daily paper. While illegal drugs like cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine, and heroin remain in the headlines, a lot of folks may be surprised to know that a legal drug called hydrocodone could lurk right behind them as one of the most widely-abused drugs in our state.

Hydrocodone is a powerful painkiller found in popular prescriptions like Vicodin and Lortab that are used by doctors to treat moderate to severe pain. It can provide short-term relief after surgery, manage chronic pain in cancer patients, and play a vital role in hospice care for the terminally ill. But hydrocodone is a narcotic that can produce a calm, euphoric state similar to heroin or morphine—and despite such important and obvious benefits in pain relief, evidence is pointing to chronic abuse.

In fact, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration believes hydrocodone may be the most abused prescription drug in the country. Nationwide, its use has quadrupled in the last ten years, while emergency room visits attributed to hydrocodone abuse soared 500 percent. Here in Texas, our State Board of Pharmacy reports hydrocodone is at the top of the list of drugs that are stolen from pharmacies or diverted to illegal use.

Subject to individual tolerance, many medical experts believe dependence or addiction can occur within one to four weeks at higher doses. Published reports of high profile movie stars, TV personalities and professional athletes who are recovering from addiction to hydrocodone are grim testimony to its debilitating effects.

Vicodin, Lortab and more than 200 other products that contain hydrocodone are regulated by state and federal law. But they are not controlled as closely as other powerful painkillers. The lack of regulation makes them vulnerable to widespread abuse through forged prescriptions, theft, over-prescription, and "doctor shopping."

All controlled substances in the

United States are regulated under the Federal Controlled Substances Act and state laws and classified into one of five categories—or schedules—based on medicinal value, harmfulness and potential for addiction or abuse.

Schedule I is reserved for the most dangerous addictive drugs that have no recognized medical value, like LSD. Schedule II is the category for narcotics that have a high potential for abuse, but are medically useful under tight restrictions, like morphine. Schedule III includes drugs with less potential for abuse that are used more broadly in medical treatment, such as anabolic steroids and pharmaceuticals that mix smaller amounts of narcotic substances with other less powerful drugs. Schedules IV and V cover drugs with the least potential for abuse.

Pure hydrocodone is a Schedule II substance, closely controlled with restricted use. But very few prescription drugs are pure hydrocodone. Instead, small amounts of hydrocodone are mixed with other non-narcotic ingredients to create medicines like Vicodin and Lortab. And that means they can be classified under Schedule III with fewer restrictions on their use and distribution.

The most frightening part of the problem with hydrocodone is that so few people are aware of it. I have grown increasingly concerned about the threat it may pose to Texas and recently asked the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, chaired by Senator Mike Moncrief of Fort Worth, to look into the misuse of prescription painkillers in Texas—especially Schedule III substances containing hydrocodone.

Knowledge is a powerful antidote that can protect the health and well-being of all Texans as we seek to balance the benefits of prescription painkillers to people who need them with the ever-present potential for addiction and abuse. I hope all Texans will educate themselves, their children and their parents on the problem and actively join our legislators in their fact-finding mission and debate.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Detroit Independent School District is soliciting requests for proposals from accounting firms for audit of the 2001-2002 school year.

As required by the State of Texas, a financial audit of the District must be performed to determine two issues: (a) whether the financial statements present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flow or changes in financial positions of the school district in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals, and (b) whether the district has complied with laws and regulations for those transactions and events that may have a material effect on the financial statements.

DISD Board of Trustees will meet March 7, 2002 to review submitted proposals. Please send all bids to Curtis Barnett, Superintendent, Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, TX 75436, or if further information is needed, call 903-674-6131. 2-21

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 02-002
 SUPERSEDES ORD. NO. 1-2-96
 An Ordinance of the governing body of the city of Blossom, Lamar County, Texas, providing for the regulation of truck and heavy equipment traffic and truck and heavy equipment parking; providing for a penalty clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an emergency clause that this ordinance take effect immediately.

SECTION I

A. It shall be unlawful for any truck, tractor and semi-trailer, or any commercial motor vehicle, or heavy equipment, with a rated capacity and one and one-half (1 1/2) tons or more, according to the manufacturers classification, or the equivalent thereof, being operated as local traffic, to enter or use any City street, public right-of-way, or utility easement maintained by the City of Blossom.

B. Exceptions to the above regulations are as follows:

1. Vehicles as may be permitted by franchise agreement ordinances adopted by the City for public utility vehicles to provide for normal utility maintenance of City utility services.

2. Vehicles involved in immediate delivery or pick-up of commercial items or product, directed to or from an address within the City limits. Such deliveries shall be required to utilize state and/or County roads when available, and/or utilize routes approved by the City.

3. Semi-truck tractors, not connected to semi-trailer; whose owner or lease driver's legal residence is inside the City limits, when in the immediate process of driving to and from commercial employment activity. Such vehicles shall be required to utilize state and/or county road when possible, and/or utilize routes approved by the City. Such vehicles must be parked on private property and are not exempt from parking regulations detailed in Section I, paragraph C, below.

C. "Local traffic" as used herein means traffic originating inside or outside the

corporate limits of the City of Blossom with a destination inside the corporate limits of the City of Blossom.

SECTION II

It shall be unlawful to park any truck, vehicle, or heavy equipment, as detailed in paragraph A, above, on any public right-of-way or utility easement maintained by the City or on any property owned by the city.

SECTION III

A. Any person or persons violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a Class "C" misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00. Each day and each instance of violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a separate offense.

B. The Mayor of the City of Blossom, the City Administrator, or his designee, shall be authorized to request the Lamar County Sheriff or any authorized law enforcement officer to assist with enforcement of, or compliance with this Ordinance or Section thereof.

C. As authorized in the "Inter-local Cooperative Agreement for Patrol Services between the City of Blossom, Texas and Lamar County", the City may request the Lamar County Sheriff to serve appropriate citations of alleged violations of this ordinance.

In order to protect the public safety and general welfare of its citizens, the governing body hereby adopts an emergency clause to this ordinance and declares that this ordinance shall take effect immediately, and shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Blossom, Texas, convened in public session in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas, this 14th day of February, 2002.

Ed Hudson, Mayor
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Tuesdays

BAM (Bogata Area Moms) playgroup for stay at home moms and their children meets Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Call Kelly for more information at 903-632-4493.

Purchase Early

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

Rivercrest ISD students will enjoy Spring Break March 11-15. Make plans for a fun week now!

Local student

named to Dean's List

Aubrey Clark, daughter of Charlotte and David Rozell of Bogata and Gary and Susan Clark of Azle has been named to Austin College's Dean's List for the 2001 fall semester.

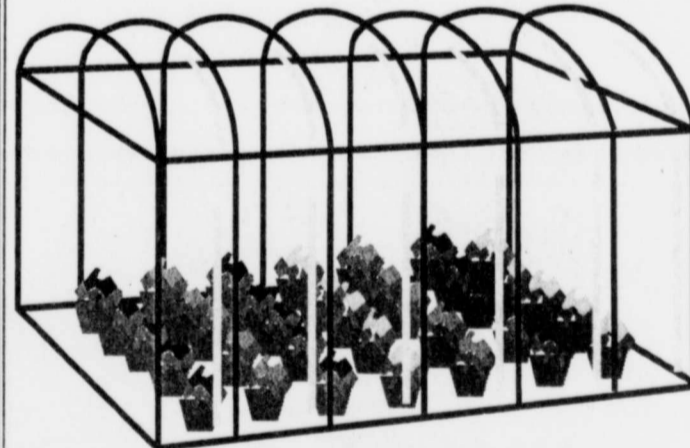
All students named to the Dean's List earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.70 on a 4.0 scale and are ranked in the top 20% of the student body.

84 Club meets

The 84 Club met at the home of Shirley Allums last week. Attending were, Maurine Mankins, Mary Ellen Kain, Wootie Harville, Jimmie King, Bess rutherford, Bonnie Smith, Maggie Lee and the hostess.

A salad lunch and the games were enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be in March with Willie Clark as hostess for the day.

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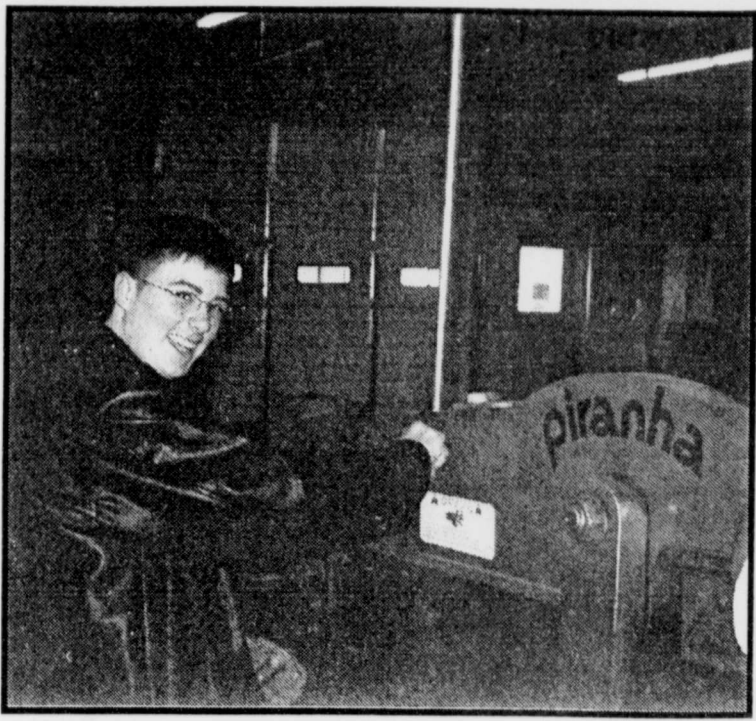
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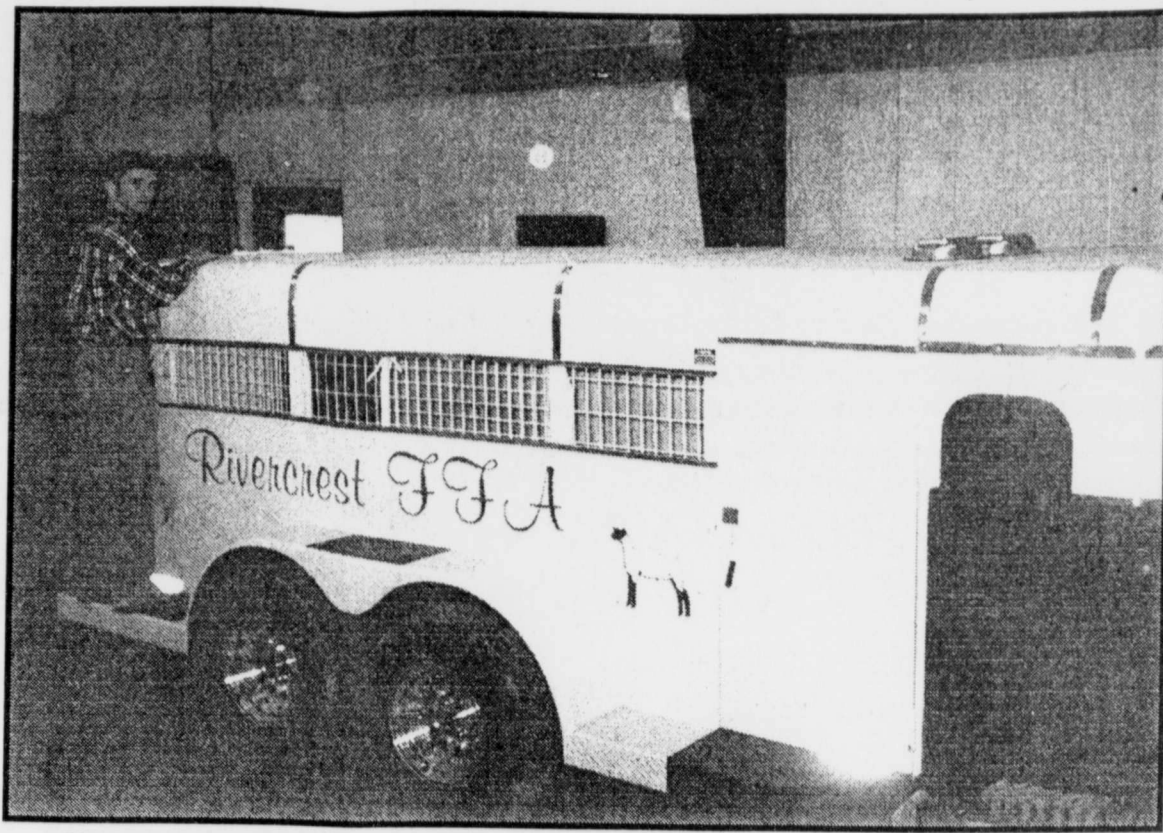
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B.A. MIDDLETON works with a metal cutter at Rivercrest Ag Shop. The class has the most up-to-date equipment possible.



HEATH HINTON-Rivercrest Ag student, checks out the beautiful trailer the Department at Rivercrest built this year.

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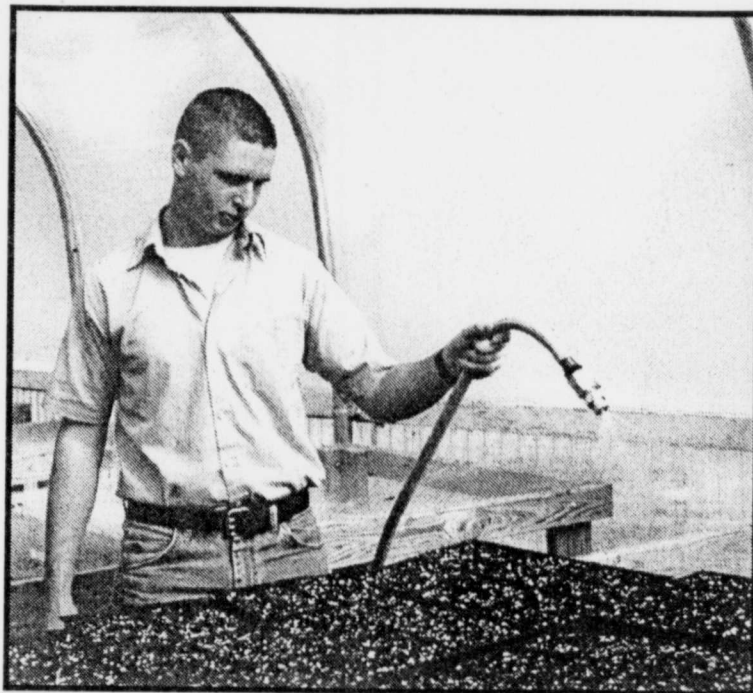
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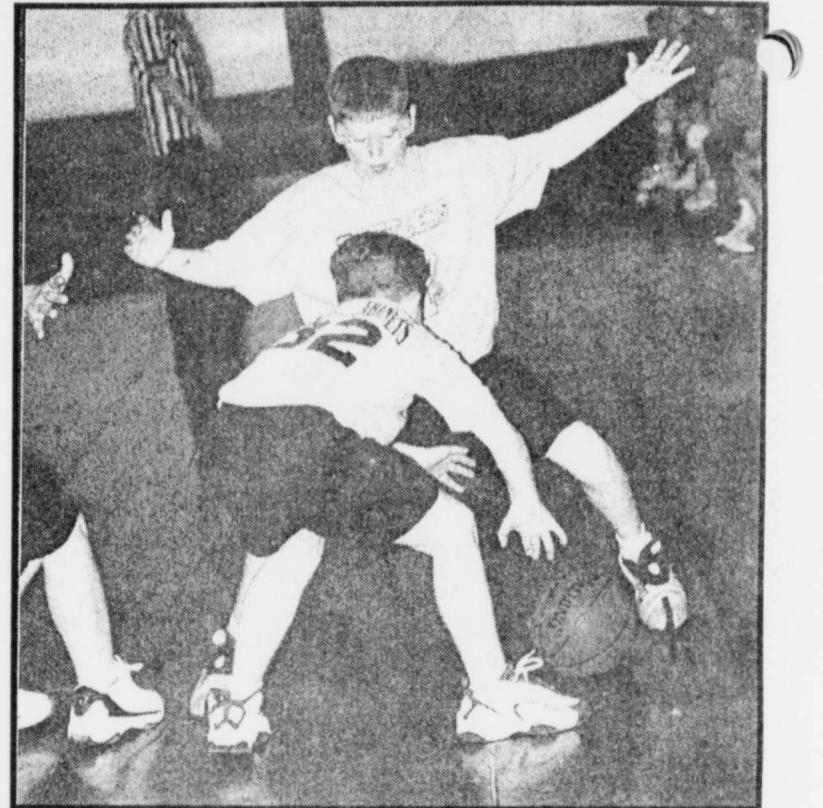
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ANTHONY THOMPSON-is pictured giving the plants a drink in the Rivercrest Horticulture class. The class has produced healthy plants for several years now and has shared them with the public through their spring plant sale.



CHRIS NOLEN-closes the side line as his teammate closes in for the trap as the Rivercrest Rattlers participated in Little Dribbler action Friday night at Harts Bluff. The Rattlers were victorious. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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