

Who did I call? This time of the year is hectic and crazy. It's the time of year when I need to be calling dozens and dozens of people asking them about their Christmas greetings ad. Renewals are pouring in, and there are parades, parties and events that need to be photographed.

As much as I love it, I'm tired. To top it all off, one of our best employees, Mike Francies, has been made a job offer he "can't refuse" and is leaving. Yes, if you are looking for an almost-full time job, call me at 652-4205. It requires that you be able to work late on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but you don't have to come to work at all on Fridays!

But, back to my other story. I've managed to get so many

calls going to advertisers that I shorted out. Here I am, taking call backs, and suddenly l haven't a clue who these people are. Then, it gets worse. I can't remember whose number I just dialed, and when they answer I'm stumbling around trying to remember who I'm talking to!

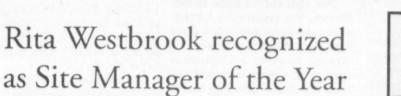
It was terrible. I quit for a while and went to work on something else, trying to clear my head.

It didn't clear, and I ended up mispelling words like Alignment. When did it get an "H" in it? Of course, it doesn't.

So, I decided to stroll down the street and get away from it all for a little while.

I did, and enjoyed visiting with a few people on Main Street. Did you ever notice how nice it is to do that? It's one of those small town joys.

After about twenty minutes I came back to the real world and began making phone calls again. The very first one I made I did my stumbling, forgetful act again. I didn't sound professional, I sounded like an idiot! Hopefully, they want to help the handicapped! Any way, I stopped . It was apparent that this particular job would have to wait for another day. I'm okay today, I think. But, if you are one of the people that I stuttered and stumbled at over the phone, please accept my apologies...I promise I'll get it all scraped back together again! Could it be I'm getting old?



USDA Rural Development an- erties Management and owned by nounced that Rita Westbrook has Kenneth Hamilton. Westbrook has been selected as the Local Service worked for the management com-Center Mulit-Fanily Housing site Manager of the Year. She was presented a certificate of nomination at a luncheon sponsored by the tenants and Hamilton Property management.

Westbrook was nominated by the Mt. Pleasant office of USDA Rural Development to represent the LSC in a statewide competition. Programs for the 10 counties are administered through the Mt. Pleasant LSC.

The Bogata Seniors Apartments are managed by Hamilton Proppany for over seven years and was assigned to Bogata Seniors a year ago and also manages Clarksville Seniors Apartments and DeKalb Seniors Apartments.

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Thursday, December 12, 2002

Serving Local Businesses and Local People

**RITA WESTBROOK-was honored at a luncheon Wednes**day by the USDA. She was named "Site Manage of the Year". Rita (right) is pictured receiving her award. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

### Christmas baskets to be distributed December 20 Those who are able to pick up

The Bogata Lions Club announced this week that the Christ- their baskets are urged to stop by. mas Baskets for those in need will Appreciation is expressed to all of be given out on December 20, those who are helping and have 2002 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the helped in any way with this year's Bogata First Baptist Church Fel- Christmas Basket Drive. lowship Hall.



### Letter to the Editor

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First Responders/Rescue of **Bogata**, Texas:

The Lions Club wants to congratulate Bogata's First Responders in their outstanding accomplishment in being named First Responders of the Year. I know that I speak for the members of the Bogata Lions Club and many of the members of the community in saying that the award is very deserving. The First Responders have been outstanding in being there when help is needed; whether it's training in disaster preparedness or public welfare calls, patient care assistance, life saving and many others in good and bad weather; when and wherever they were needed and they were there. You have unselfishly given your time and expertise to the community. We are, as members of the community, grateful and thankful that we have such an outstanding and professional group active in our community. Sincerely,

Arthur E. Spencer **Bogata Lions Club President** 

Red River Healthcare Won First Place in the Parade. Their Photo díd not come out, but we are trying to obtain one.

# RHS Choir/Band

Concert Dec. 15 The Rivercrest Rebel high school, junior high and 6th grade bands and choir will hold a concert on December 15, 2002.

The concert will begin at 2:00 p.m. at Rivercrest auditorium. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the students talents. The band and choir are under the direction of David Terry.

### Bogata Rodeo Association to hold meeting

The Bogata Rodeo Associaton will meet on January 6th, Monday night at 7:00 at the Bogata Community Center.

They will have a stew supper. All members need to attend and anyone wanting to become a member is invited to attend also.

### **Bogata News**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY-"Site Manager of the Year" award was not all Rita Westbrook received at the luncheon held in her honor Wednesday at the Bogata Senior Housing. It was her birthday and her husband, Jerry presented her with a beautiful bouquet of red roses. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

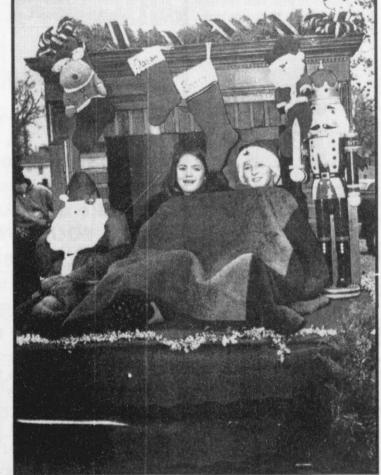
## **Bogata First Assembly** to sponsor "Parents Night Out"

ents Night Out' on Saturday, De- 3 for each additional children. cember 14, 2002 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for children ages 0-5th grade.

crafts, games, balloons and re- the First Assembly Youth.

The Bogata First Assembly of freshments and will cost \$5 per God Church will sponsor a "Par-child or \$5 for the first child and \$

Get your shopping done or go to a movie and leave your children in a safe, fun place. All pro-The night will include movies, ceeds from the event will benefit



FIRST PLACE-in the 4 wheeler division at the annual Talco Christmas Parade went to Seventh Grade Christmas King and Queen Aaron Rolen and Emily McCuller. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

FIRST PLACE-in the car division at the annual Bogata Christmas Parade was Mr. and Miss Rivercrest Elementary, James Don White and Kelsey Franks. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

## Council appoints Linda Miles to serve until election

Mayor Randy Kennedy presided over four councilmembers at the regular meeting on December 9 at the Bogata Community Center.

After the invocation by the mayor, Sammy Gist of Gist enterprises asked the council if they were satisfied with the progress on the streets. Council agreed that the streets look good. North St. John Street still needs one seal coat and will be completed as soon as weather permits. Ms. Linda Miles also addressed the council concerning her desire to be appointed to the council seat vacated by Brian Strickland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, as well as bills and final water bill accounts. Police report was given by Officer Hider, in the absence of Chief Clegg. Fire Marshal Wayne Martin gave his report. Water Supt. Wendell Davis reported 22 work orders, including four leaks, a damaged fire hydrant on Patterson site. St., replaced two culverts re-

placed., N. Bryson lift station repaired, two dogs to vet and one welfare concern for dog.

The Texas Forestry trees will be picked up on Thursday, December 12 and the Lions Club has volunteered to help plant trees for people not able to plant them.

The Executive Session was not held

Ms. Linda Miles was appointed as councilmember to serve until the next election. No action was taken on the street light on 7th SE. Council voted to enter into an inter-jurisdictional mutual aid agreement between Red River County and the City of Bogata where by the city would receive aid from the county in the event of a disaster.

Council agreed to let councilman Screws check into the possibility of obtaining a grant for refurbishing the elementary school building or demolishing it and rebuilding a new building on the

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Rivercrest Elementary Calendar of upcoming events

December 17-Music Program in the cafeteria at 1: 30 p.m.

December 18-School will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Because of Semester Exams at the high school, buses will run at 2:30 p.m.

December 19-School will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.

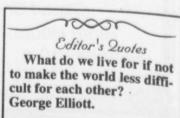
December 20-Christmas Music Program in the cafeteria at 9:00 a.m.School will dismiss at 2:15. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m. January 3-Teachers workday

at each campus.

January 6-Classes resume from Christmas/New Year Holidays.



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Country Cooking By Liz Irwin

Well, here we are ..... thirteen days before Christmas.....so, I have declared this week, Thunder Prairie Christmas Cookie Week! That's right, just cookies this week and I think I have found dome "doozie" Christmas recipes that you will love. So, here goes! See in the kitchen! you lizrwin@hotmail.com or tppub@lstarnet.com

CASHEW MERINGUEStwenty minutes top prep time......2 grams fat; no cholesterol; 10 grams carbs and 1 gram saturated fat!

PEPPERMINT MERINGUES-

prise!

**Cashew Meringues** 

4 egg whites l teaspoon vanilla 4 cups sifted powdered sugar 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar 2 cups chopped cashews or mixed nuts

12 vanilla caramels-unwrapped 2 teaspoons milk

In large mixing bowl, allow egg whites to come to room temperature for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, grease cookie sheet and set aside. Add vanilla and cream of tartar to egg whites. Beat with mixer on medium speed until peaks form. Gradually add powdered sugar, about 1/4 cup at a time, beating on medium just until combined. Beat for 1-2 minutes more or untilsoft peaks form. Do not continue beating to stiff peaks; gently fold in nuts. Drop egg whites by teaspoonsful about 2 inches apart onto cookie sheet. Bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes. Cool. In small saucepan heat caramels and milk. Place cookies on waxed paper and drizzle mixture over tops of cookies. If desired sprinkle with finely chopped nuts. **Peppermint Meringue Cookies** 

2 egg whites

- 1/8 teaspoon cider vinegar 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup white sugar

3 peppermint candy canes-crushed Preheat oven to 225 degrees and line cookie sheets with foil sprayed with Pam. Whip eggs, vinegar and salt to soft peaks. Gradually add sugar while continuing to whip un-til stiff peaks form. Fold in 1/3 of crushed candy and reserve the rest. Drop by teaspooons onto cookie sheet. Remaining crushed peppermint may be sprinkled on tops.

crush the peppermint to give these a minty flavor!

PEANUT BUTTER AND CANDY COOKIES-these can be made ahead of time and frozen!

SESAME-PECAN WAFERSthese are thin crunchy cookies with chocolate drizzled over the tops if you desire!

FROSTY SNOWBALLS-roll in powdered sugar and candy sparkles after baked!

CHOCOLATE-COVERED CHERRY COOKIES-bite into these cookies for a wonderful sur-

### Thursday, December 12, 2002 Christmas Cookie Recipes

1/2 cup ground pecans or almonds 2 ounces semi-sweet chocolate 1/2 teaspoon shortening

In large mixing bowl beat butter with electric mixer on medium to hi speed for 30 seconds. Add sugar and vanilla; beat until combined. Beat in as much of the flour as you can with the mixer. Stir in remaining flour, sesame seed and nuts. Divide dough in half and chill. On lightly floured surface, roll half of dough to 1/8" thickness. Using cookie cutters, cut into desired shapes. Place i" apart on cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 7-8 minutes. Cool. In saucepan combine chocolate and shortening; heat to melting and drizzle over tops of cooled cookies.

Frosty Snowballs l cup butter-softened 1/3 cup granulated sugar tablespoon water l teaspoon vanilla 2-1/4 cups all purpose flour l cup chopped nuts l cup sifted powdered sugar colored sugar crystals In large mixing bowl beat butter

with electric mixer on high for 30 seconds. Add sugar and beat until combined. Beat in water and vanilla until combined. Beat in as much of the flour as you can with mixer. Using wooden spoon stir in any remaining flour with chopped nuts. Shape dough into l-inch balls and placed on ungreased cookies sheet. Bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes and cool. Place 1/3 cup of powdered sugar in small bowls and mix with sugar crystals. Roll cookies in desired colors.

**Chocolate-Covered Cherry** Cookies



\* 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 Cook Books are here. If you have one ordered or would like to have one contact Phyllis Duffer at 903-632-4312; Margie Garrett at 903-632-5890 or Zelma Mauldin at 903-632-4135. Books may also be purchased at the Bogata VFW Post. They cost \$10 each and will make wonderful Christmas gifts.

\*Back by popular demand the Blyne-Eye Band will play for a dance on December 14. The group will also be at the VFW on New Year's Eve. Make plans to come out and enjoy the music, dancing and fellowship.

\*Happy December Birthday to: Bobbie Hervey, Jeri Knowles, Jeanett Morris, Zelma Mauldin, Wootie Harville, Dennis Carr, Linda Gray, Todd Duffer and Richard Rainey.

Mitzy Swinford, Jean Mullin, Daphney and Melvin Pointer, Georgia Hudson, George Smith, Bill Farris, Betty Mullin and Marie Carr.

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Flashes..

### Letter to the Editor

### To the editor:

Thursday, December 12, 2002

I enjoyed your Nichols Worth column about putting up Christmas lights. We just enjoy people's decorations and don't think of all the frustration.

I would like to share with your readers that part of our family visited in Alabama this past summer with Rozell relatives. Some of the family still live on grounds the Rozells, who left Alabama for Texas in 1884.

One of them is Louise Rozell Dugan. We received a Christmas card from her a few days ago. How about the address? If anyone receives a Christmas card with a more neat address than 193 Butter and Egg Road, I wish they would share it with

Frances M. Rozell

Dear Editor,

I keep watch in the Country Cooking section for a vinegar cobbler recipe, the kind that you have to roll out the crust and cut into strips that are all through the cobbler.

I have found all kinds of vinegear pie recipes, but that is not what I want. If any of your readers has the recipe, I would sure appreciate having a copy of

Thanks, Jeanette Bivens

## Looking for a \* Get Well Wishes are sent to: dog or cat?

Are you thinking of getting a dog or cat? Please visit the Clarksville shelter first. There are many darling puppies and very friendly cats and kittens available.

Call Joe Cain, Animal Control Officer if you can provide a good, loving home for any of these ani-

The Red River County Humane Society will spay or neuter shelter animals at no cost. 903-427-3836.

I would always walk over near friend Rita came running out from of traffic's path I could have the

# Obituaries

Margaret Wood

dies December 8

2002 in Fayetteville, AR.

Home.

Clem Wood.

a homemaker.

Ralph Brown.

ews.

Longview.

Fate.

Margaret Wood, age 86, for-

Services were held Wednesday,

December 11 at 1:30 p.m. in

Woodland United Methodist

Church with Rev. Lee Everett of-

ficiating. Burial followed in

Woodland Cemetery under the di-

rection of Clarksville Funeral

Mrs. Wood was born August

13, 1916 in Woodland, a daughter

of Amos Gordon and Marguerite

Virginia Stuart Phillips. She was

preceded in death by her husband,

land United Methodist Church and

She was a member of the Wood-

Pallbearers were Ken Posey,

Surviving are three nephews,

Vince Shirley, Brock Posey, Boyd

Harmening, Jim Gatlin and Dr.

Billy Phillips of Abilene, Rex

Phillips of Houston and Boyd

Harmening of Addielou; two

nieces, Sandra Posey of

Fayetteville, AR and Dianna

Stubblefield of Lubbock; numer-

ous great-nieces and great-neph-

Opal B. Duncan, age 93, for-

merly of Red River County, died

Thursday, December 5, 2002 at

Crest Care Nursing Home in

Funeral services were held Sat-

urday, December 7 at 1:30 p.m. in

the First Baptist Church of Bogata

with Rev. Wayne Ramsey offici-

ating. Burial followed in McCrury

Cemetery under the direction of

She was born in Red River

County on July 19, 1909, a daugh-

ter of Lemuel Jasper and Mary

Alice White Cooper. She was a

member of the Catholic faith and

a retired school teacher. Her hus-

band, Marvin Luther Duncan, pre-

Harry and Mark Duncan, Dale

Crawford, Jeff Cameron and Scot

Surviving are sons, Kirby

Duncan of Nacogdoches, and

daughters, June Cameron of Sul-

Pallbearers were William,

ceded her in death in 1982.

Clarksville Funeral Home.

Opal B. Duncan

dies December 5

merly of the Woodland commu-

nity, died Sunday, December 8,

### Robert Lee Smith

### dies December 8

Robert Lee Smith, age 77 of Detroit, died December 8, 2002 in Christus St. Joseph South.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home w Benny Cogburn officiating. Burian followed in Bluff Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Matt Burchinal, Steve Jones, Johnny Maynard, Johnny, Thomas and James Elrod and Wesley Alley.

Mr. Smith was born March 27, 1925 in Bogata, a son of Gilbert and Viola Richardson Smith. He was a retired highway department employee.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn Helms Smith of Dettroit, whom he married October 9, 1943; sons, Jimmy Wayne and wife Peggy Smith of Detroit and Jerry V and wife Josie Smith of Detroit; daughter, Jan and husband Tommy Chesshire of Detroit; a sister, Eula Mae and husband Hugh Pratt; brothers, Jessie Skaggs and James Skags, both of Texarkana; seven grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

### Maurine Hill Nash

### dies December 6

Maurine Hill Nash, age 80 of Clarksville, died December 6, 2002 at ETMC, Clarksville.

Services were held Sunday, December 8 at 2 p.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. James Brown officiating. Burial followed in Detroit Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

She was born in Detroit on August 21, 1922, a daughter of Albert Sidney and Essie Brown Hill. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Harry "Happy" Nash of Longview, whom she married in Clarksville on August 6, 1945; a brother, Billy M. Hill of Clarksville; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were James Pryor, Billy R. Hill, Ed Wadley, Bill Simpson, Brian Hill and Mike Hill.

Card of Thanks

A huge thank you to the Daisy Marvin E. Duncan of Mansfield; Troop 175, Troop 131, Troop 254, Cub Scout Pack 135 of Bogata

### ... Walking Home by Jack Ballard

I never, never will forget the moment on the walk that day my the side of the street. Safely out

mals.

Peanut Butter and Candy Cookies

1-3/4 cups all purpose flour 1/2 cup granulated sugar 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup butter 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter 1/4 cup honey l tablespoon milk 24 miniature chocolate-coated caramel-topped nougat bars with peanuts

In large mixing bowl, stir together flour, sugar, baking soda and sait. Using pastry blender cut in butter and peanut butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Using wooden spoon, beat in honey and milk until combined. For each cookie, pat I tablespoon of dough into a 2-inch circle. Place 1 piece of candy in center of circle. Shape dough around candy to form ball. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes.

Sesame-Pecan Wafers l cup butter 2/3 cup sugar l teaspoon vanilla 1-3/4 cup all purpose flour 1/2 cup sesame seeds

1-1/2 cup flour 1/2 cup cocoa 1/2 cup unsweetened butter l cup sugar 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon baking powder 1/4 teaspoon baking soda l egg 1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla 10 ounce jar maraschino cherriesdrain and reserve juice 6 ounce package semisweet chocolate pieces

1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk In mixing bowl combine flour

and cocoa and set aside. In large mixing bowl beat butter with electric mixer on high for 30 seconds. Add sugar, salt, baking soda and baking powder. Beat until well combined. Add vanilla and egg; beat well. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Shape dough into 1-inch balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Press down center of each and place cherry in center. In small saucepan combine chocolate and milk and heat until chocolate is melted. Stir in 4 teaspoons reserved cherry juice. Spoon about I teaspoon frosting over each cherry and spread to cover cherry. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes; cool.

her front door onto the porch and shouted news to me as I strolled down the street. For me, many after school days were memorable because I walked home from school.

The bells rang. Another hard workday at Deport Elementary School was finished. Kids rushed from the schoolyard like birds set free from a cage. Those big yellow buses were always parked in their standard long straight lines awaiting hyperactive afternoon passengers.

Most days my first stop was across the street at Mrs. Wright's grocery store. Waiting there were Dr. Pepper and Baby Ruth. After a snack, I would grab up my satchel full of books, homework and such and head out for home.

choice of the smooth pavement. gravel or the softness of the grassy yards and ditches. Deport pecan and elm trees had been around for years so the street walking path was mostly shaded from the rays of the harsh afternoon sun.

While a young fellow, being built close to the ground had its advantages. I could stroll by the yards enjoying the blades of grass, the leaves on the trees and the blooms in the gardens. My route home that day took me by the old Methodist church and Dr. Brittain's dentist office. Big porches and big dogs many times were full of adventure.

Oh, yeah. The news that Rita shouted to me from her porch. It was November 22, 1963.

## Fulbright community to hold Christmas dinner

The Fulbright Community will hold a covered dish Christmas dinner at the Fulbright Community Center on Monday night, December 16 at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited. If you live in Fulbright, have family or friends living here, or just want to come visit with others, come join in the fellowship and food.

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phur Springs and Patricia Duncan of Flint; a sister, Lois Tipping of Hughes Springs; a brother, L.L. Cooper of Waco; 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.



and the wonderful parents of these kids for some of our clients who wouldn't have had a Thanksgiving dinner. You made it possible with your generous donation of food baskets. We deeply appreciate all that you have done. Again, thank you for the effort and hard work in getting these baskets together.

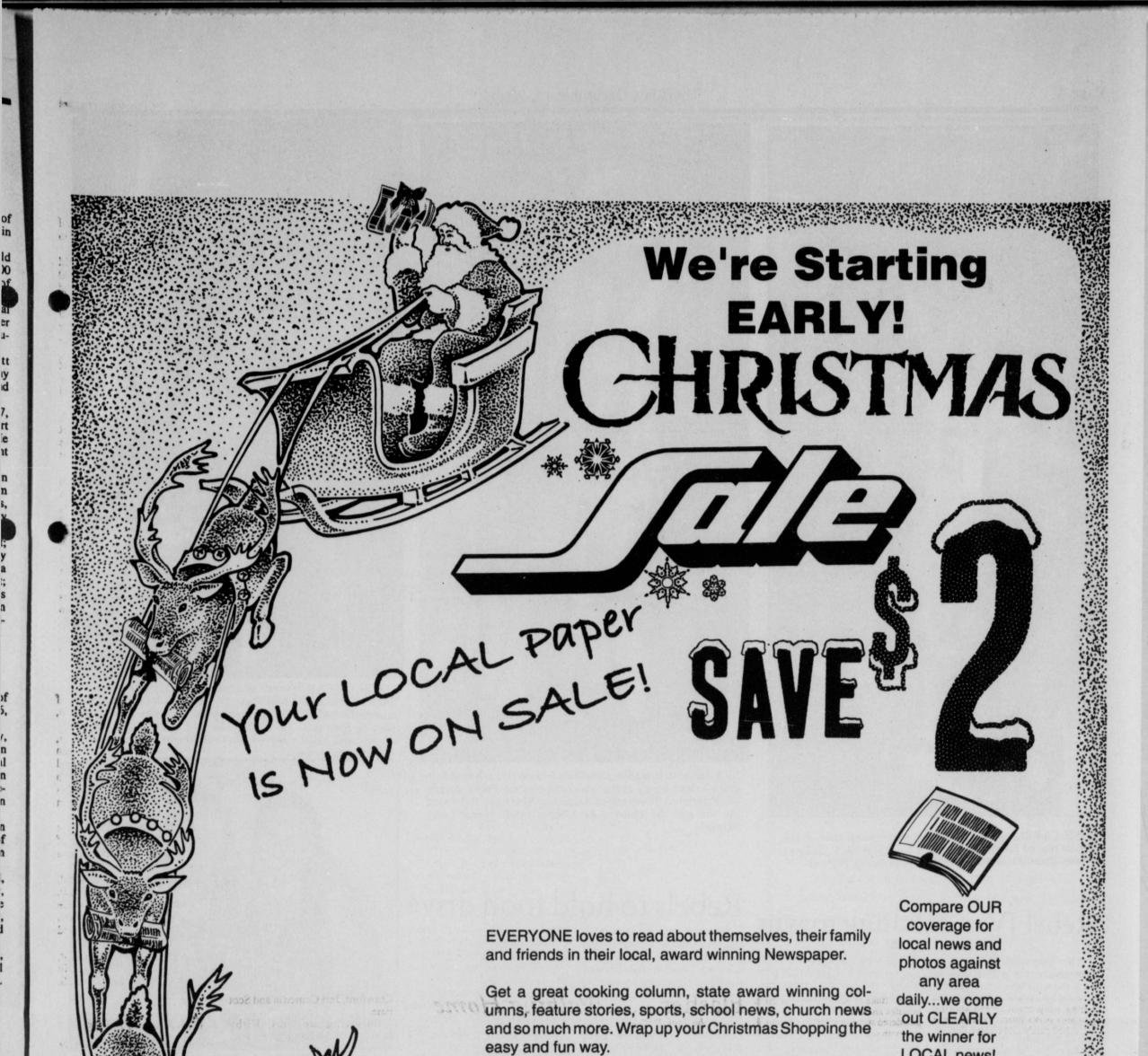
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Conscience is the inner voice that warns us that someone may be looking. -H.L. Mencken

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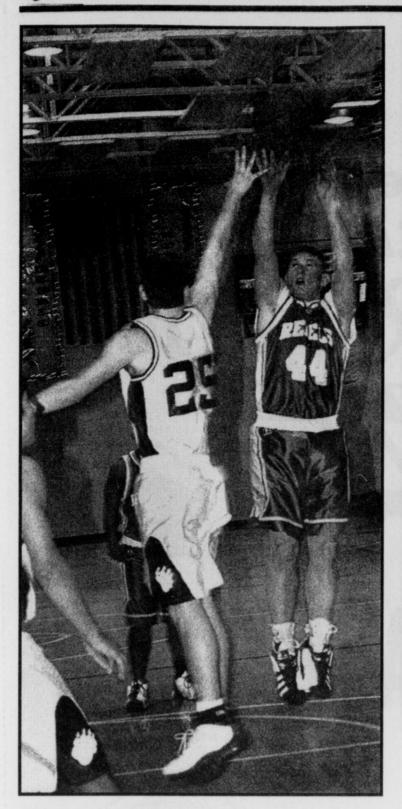






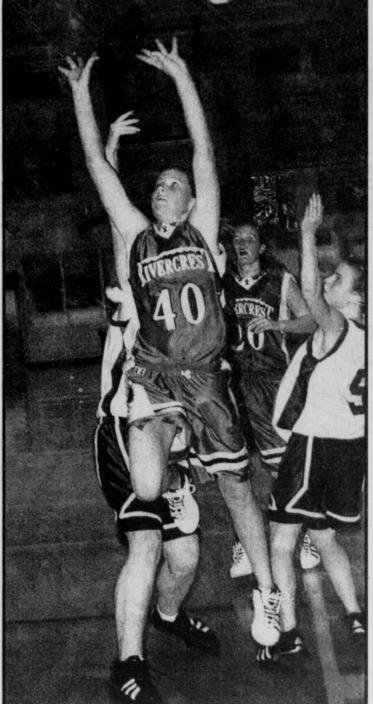
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JOSH CABELL-gets off the floor for a jump shot as the Rebels played for the Consolation trophy at the Prairiland Tournament this weekend. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

### Thursday, December 12, 2002



LAY-UP-even in traffic, Lady Rebel Rachel Case was able to make a clean lay-up as the team competed for Third place in the Prairiland Tournament Saturday. The Lady Rebs took the win and the Third place trophy. (Staff Photo Nancy **Brown**)

## Rebels to hold food drive Rebel JV continuing to win

The Rivercrest JV boys obtained two victories this past week with the wins, the young Rebels move their record to 6-2.

The Rebels played Chapel Hill Monday night and used a 4th quarter comeback to obtain a 40-36 victory. The Rebels entered the 4th trailing by 7 points but used a press (full court) to regain the lead and the win.

Rebels were able to win by holding Cooper's 6' 4' Freshman post to only two second half points. The Rebels began to blockout and eventually were able to draw several over the back calls.

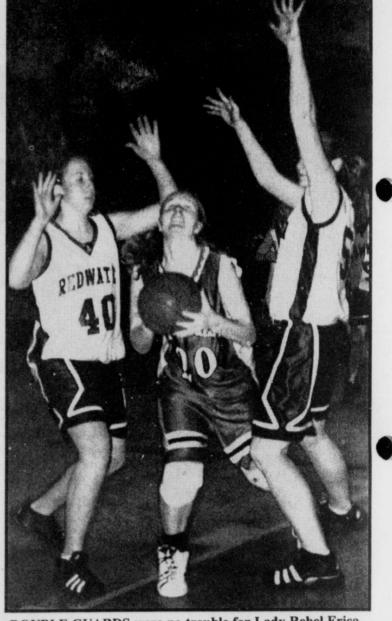
JV team members are: Payden

We need your help! was the statement made by Rivercrest Rebel Head Coach, Steve Weddle this week. Coach Weddle, his staff and Rebel players are sponsoring a food drive to help those in need during the holidays.

Canned food donations are being taken by the coaches and play-Franks, Clinton Vandever, Chris ers or they will be glad to come by Cannon, Jake Raulston, Jonathan and pick up any donation you Ridens, Troy Morris, Adam Horn, would like to make. Everyone is ated.

asked to please give any donations directly to a Rebel player or Rebel coach. Coach Weddle said, "We hop to learn a very important life lesson through this drive; it is better to give than receive"

All items received will be given to a local charity for distribution. Please help us help others during this special time of year. Your donations will be double appreci-



**DOUBLE GUARDS-were no trouble for Lady Rebel Erica** Williams who is pictured about to make one of many inside shots in the Lady Rebels final game of the Prairiland Tournament on Saturday. The Lady Rebs won Third place in the tourney and Erica received All Tournament honors. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



ALL TOURNAMENT-Erica Williams and Molly Hare re-

The team continued their winning ways with a victory over the Cooper Bulldogs Friday. The

Keith Williams, Dustin Perry, Brad Rollen, John Ed Graf, Keith Perry and Jake Needham.

ceived All Tournament honors at the Prairiland Tournament held this weekend. Erica is the daughter of Lee and Fred Booker and Brian Williams of Bogata. Molly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hare of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



# Good Luck Teams!

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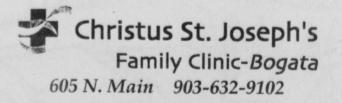
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Thursday, December 12, 2002



GENEROUS GIFT-the Red River Genelogical Society presented Thomas and Nanalee Nichols a framed front page of the Deport Times from February 11, 1909. The publishers of Thunder Prairie Publishing hae been helping out with getting the early editions of the newspapers microfilmed for posterity. From left are Miriam Stephenson, Nanalee Nichols and A.D. Stephenson. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

## Genealogical society meets for Christmas

The Red River County Genea- the evening. logical Society met for a finger food buffet December 9 at the Bogata Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

After the bountiful buffet, the group toured one of the oldest homes in Bogata. A short history of the home was given to each member. Hot cider was served as the group was hearing the history of the home.

Thirty-five members enjoyed brary at 7 p.m.

The society entered a Texas State Genealogical Society Grant contest. The Red River County Society was one of three in the state to be selected as a winner. To enter, a society had to present history through preserving history by book, fiche or microfilming of county materials.

The January 13 meeting will be held at the Red River County Li-

### Bogata Methodist Women meet

The Bogata Methodist women met Wednesday, December 4, taco salad meal was enjoyed by 2002 for their regularly scheduled meeting and Christmas program. Mary Kathryn Cotten and presided at the business session.

Anita Stubblefield, program chairman, presented the Christmas program. A Christmas Son game was played. Given pictures and clues, members were to name ary 8, 2003 with Stephanie Adkins the Christmas songs. Anita read from the Paris Women's Shelter

Roberta Anderson, Mary Kathryn Cotten, Dorothy Gill, Gale Hervey, Eleanor McCluer, Judy opened the meeting with a prayer Marshall, Marjorie Myers, Virginia O'Donnell, Jimmie Lou Pope, Betty Puckett, Frances Rozell, Anita Stubblefield, Edith Ruth Swaim and the church pastor, Rev. Joe Gist.

Fun, fellowship and a delicious

The next meeting will be Janu-

**Rivercrest** Schools Menus Dec. 16-20

MONDAY Breakfast Cereal toast condiments juice & milk Lunch Chicken pot pie salad Jello w/fruit milk TUESDAY Breakfast Oatmeal biscuits condiments juice & milk Lunch Bar-B-Q sandwiches

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pickle spears fruit milk WEDNESDAY Breakfast Sausage & biscuit condiments juice & milk Lunch Burritos w/chili & cheese salad beans chocolate cake

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FRIDAY

Cereal toast condiments juice & milk Lunch Cheeseburgers beans burger salad chips ice cream milk



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for dinner at the Bogata Bakery for a fun night and a wonderful dinner made by Wanda Lou Bradley. There were 18 in attendance. The next meeting will be held at the Bogata Methodist Church Library on Thursday, January 9, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. At that time it will be decided where our next dinner will be held. All membes will be noti-

Grief Support

The Bogata Ladies Grief Sup-

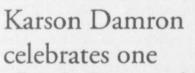
port Group met December 5, 2002

group meets

garlic sticks milk Breakfast fied. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. For more information call Anaya Phillips at 903-632-5596 or Ruth Reynolds at 903-632-5781. The group wishes ev-

### Breakfast Breakfast pizza condiments juice & milk Lunch Spaghetti w/meat sauce corn salad

two modern versions of the Christ- as guest speaker. Our quilters will mas stories: "Joseph's Letter also begin work in January. Home" and "The Birth of Jesus".

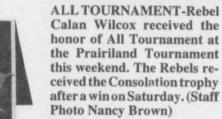


Karson Ray Damron, son of Ray Lou and Kristie Damron celebrated his 1st birthday at his home in Bogata on November 8, 2002. The party theme was John Deere and was carried out in the decorations and cake. Guests were served hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings as well as birthday cake and ice cream.

Attending were: Nanna Linda Wisinger, Pee Paw and Granny, Buddy and Bobbie Damron, Granny Maxine, Aunt Shari Wisinger, Uncle Rusty and Aunt Michelle, Courtney and Gracee Damron, Uncle David and Aunt Deanna, Cody and Faith Vickery, Aunt Terry Howell, James Don and Scott White, Stoney Davis, Haley and Jacob Eudy, Rick, Cylena and McCartney Holeman, Brad, Teresa and Chance Alison, Jamie and Claire, Gary and Beverly Holeman. Unable to attend but sending birthday wishes were Uncle Scott and Aunt Dusty, Haley and Devon Pettiet and Uncle Bobby and Aunt Stephanie Davis.









Karson Ray Damron

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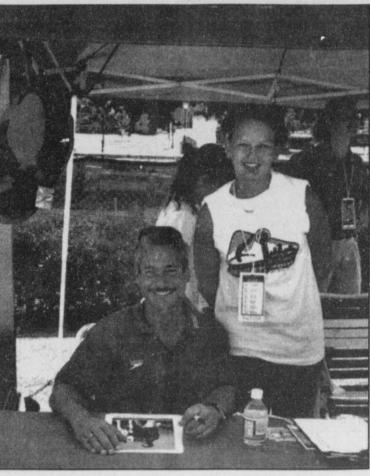
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MANDY CRAWFORD, pictured with Greg Louganis, will be Rivercrest'S first Varsity UIL diver. She will compete 4A in **District 11 Region III.** 

# W.R. Shaw to be honored on 90th birthday

oring him with a reception celebrating his 90th birtdhay. the reception is on Saturday, December Catholic Church Fellowship Hall, 2108 Ridgewood Drive, Longview.

He rose in the ranks, so to speak, with American Liberty Pipeline Company. Starting as a gauger, to roughneck, to Assistant Superintendent to District Superintendent. He served his country in the war effort during World War II by staying home and helping to keep petroleum moving and available to the armed forces overseas. Retiring from American Petrofina Reindl, 103 Kimberly Lane, Pipeline Company in 1977 after Longview, TX 754604 or e-mail

The children of W.R. Shaw, consultant to the company when born December 19, 1912, are hon- it sold to Dorchester Pipeline Company.

A former resident of Talco, Mount Pleasant and Athens, he is 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Mary the widower of Frances Hornischer Shaw and Ila Bailey Wheat Shaw. His children are Lois Jordan of Kilgore, Rita Reindl, with whom he resides and Linda Weisinger of Longview and Richard Shaw of Aurora, Colorado. He truck driver, he advanced to has 15 (including 1 deceased) grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson. Friends of Wilson Shaw are en-

couraged to attend the celebration. If you can't attend, send an anecdote/memory of Wilson to be displayed at the reception to R.S.

-	Public	Notices
	REQUEST FOR BIDS On behalf of the Blossom	*Closure, rev, hooks & D ext. 2/1.5 hook & pile int. nar-
	Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (BVFD), the City of Blossom hereby so-	row fly *Suspenders, H-style, heat resistant, fully adjustable
	licits sealed bids from quali- fied responders for the fol-	(approx 2") wide, red in color GLOVES (6 PAIRS)
	lowing Personal Protective Equipment: The BVFD has been	*Shelby, gauntlet style-elk skin *Certified to meet NFPA
	awarded a FEMA Firefighters Grant to pur-	standards RADOTS (6 PAIRS)
	chase six (6) sets of Bunker Gear. Responders must pro-	*Ranger, firewalker tradi- tional fire boot
	vide bids on equipment that is equal to or better than specifications and/or nomen-	*Insulated HELMETS (6 EACH) *Cairns, 660 modern style,
	clature required below: BUNKER COAT AND	thermoplastic with adj. chin strap, adj. headband, earflaps,
	PANTS (6 SETS) (Structural Clothing) *Kevlar 60%/40%	liner, 4" face shield *Yellow in color w/ Scotchlite reflective yellow
	Nomex rip stop, 7.0 oz. (ad- vance outer shell)	markings *Compliant to NFPA stan-
	*Meta Aramid/Basofil 2- layer thermal liner (Meta Aramid facecloth 3.6 oz. w/	dards PROTECTIVE HOOD (6 EACH)
	2 layer Basolie spunlace 3.0 oz.)	*Nomex/Lenzing FR blend, long front w/back draped de-
	*Moisture barrier RT7100/PTEE *Reinforced knees and el-	sign *NFPA compliant Bids should quote total cost
	bows of same material. *Coat and pants cuff-rein-	of above six (6) complete sets of turnout gear, including: 6
	forced with additional layer fabric *New York trim place-	sets coats and pants, 6 pairs of gloves, 6 pairs of boots, 6 hel-
	ment-3" chest/back, sleeve and hem (coat) 3" cuffs	mets with protective hoods, meeting or exceeding the above specifications and/or
	(pants). both with lime, two- tone Scotchlite	nomenclature, without regard for any detailed specific brand,
	*Color-Khaki Additional separate speci- fications for coats and pants	delivered to the City of Blos- som. Sealed bids marked "Bun-
2.1	detailed below:	ker Gear Bid" must be re-

prior to 4 p.m., Thursday,

January 2, 2003, at which time

they will be publicly opened

intents to award the contract at

its regular meeting to be con-

The Blossom City Council

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istrator at the above address or

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and read aloud.

Sealed bids marked "Bun-ker Gear Bid" must be re-ceived at the Blossom City Hall, 1240 W. Front St., PO. mid-thigh \*Length, Box 297, Blossom, TX 75417,

(approx. 35"0 \*Lettering, 3" sewn Scotchlite, lime in color, placement at shoulder (in arch design) to read "BLOS-SOM"

COAT

\*Wristlet w/fabric covered thumbhole \*Closure, 2" hook & pile

ducted at 6 p.m., January 9, ext. with zipper int. 2003, to the most responsive, \*Outer pockets, two (2) qualified, lowest bidder that 9x9x1.5 bellow style with provides the best value to the wide oversized flap closure, BVFD. The City reserves the radio pocket, left chest w/ra-dio antenna notch both sides, right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any technicality that may benefit the City and/ mike tab above radio pocket. Reverse clip on right chest. or BVFD. PANTS \*High back bib style or to receive a bid response

(approx 6") \*Two (2) postman slide take-up straps

\*Two (2) large bellow pockets, 10x10x2 with wide oversized flap closure

### Eighth annual Cousins reunion held

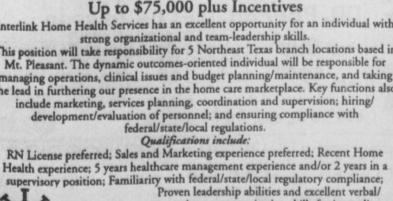
2001, on the shores of Cedar spoof, in the literal sense, of fash-Creek Lake, in the home of Vicki Armstrong, the Baker cousin reunion returned to Bogata, TX. for the "pill box" hat. Baby dolls the eighth year.

After a wonderful weekend in show ever seen before. It was a ions from the past. Pill boxes were adorning a hat, to represent were attached to pajamas, for On Saturday, November 10, the those "baby doll" pajamas. Paper









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### Eternal Life is Conditional

There are those in the religious world who contend that once a person becomes a Christian and is saved from past sins, he can never lose his salvation. This view is known as the impossibility of apostasy, or perseverance of the saints; it is also referred to as "once saved, always saved." Although it is a popular view, it is a radically false and dangerous one. Hundreds of passages in the Bible teach that we must remain faithful to God's word or we will be lost (Romans 11:22; Galations 5:4; Hebrews 3:12ff; 6:4-5; James 5:19-20; 2 Peter 2:320-22; Ezekiel 18:1ff).

Some argue that the Bible teaches believers cannot possibly be lost since God has already given them eternal life. Jesus said in John 5:24, "Most assuredly I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." The Lord said a believer "has (present tense) eternal life." Eternal life has already been given to us; it is already ours. If we possess it right now, then how could we be lost?

The truth is that when the Bible says a believer has eternal life, it means he has it in prospect, in promise. Jesus said if we faithfully follow him we shall "receive a hundredfold now in this time...and in the age to come, eternal life" (Mark 10:30). Notice that eternal life is not something we have now; we receive it in the age to come.

Another text forever settles the issue of how the child of God possesses eternal life. Note 1 John 2:24-25: "Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that He has promised us-eternal life."

Here we learn that eternal life is something God has promised us, but it is a conditional promise. If we abide in him, then we will have the promise of eternal life. If we do not, we will be lost (2 John 9).

So believers have eternal life, but they have it in promise, and that promise is a conditional one. Do not be led astray by the damning doctrine of "once saved, always saved." Contact us if we can help you understand how to inherit eternal life in heaven through Christ.

The Church of Christ in Talco meets at 5th and Lide. Please join us for bible study: Sundays-9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesdays-7 p.m.



surgery in a Texarkana hospital Monday. He is reported doing well.

Visiting Ruby Horn on Wednesday last week were Doug and Carol Jean Chidress of Idabel, OK, Bobby, Patty and Kristin Kuhl and Chad, Michelle, Kasey and Braison Kuhl of Snyder, Rickey and Callie Howard and Ashley Mankins of Mt. Pleasant,

Lee Antone is a patient at East Texas Medical Hospital in Tyler where she underwent surgery Tuesday. She is reported improv-

visiting Jo Horn on Wednesday of last week were; Bobby, Patty and Kristin Kuhl, Chad and Michelle Kuhl, Braison and Kasey all of Snyder; Rickey, Vickie and Callie Howard and Ashley Mankins all of Mt. Pleasant; Joe, Trish and Maria Kuhl of Mt.Vernon and Barry Gage of Talco.

Karen Jones and Alex Wright and a group of members from the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco attended a Christmas program at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano Saturday. They report a wonderful time.

Steve Hall and Jesi Navia.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown were in Plano Tuesday where he is be-

Arthur Smith underwent back ing treated at the Texas Back Institute.

> Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson entertained guests from California and spent 6 days in Branson, Mo. Upon returning all went on to El Paso, Tx. for a week to have Thanksgiving with relatives.

> Thanksgiving Day guests at the home of Ruby Horn and Jo Horn in Talco were; Vickie and Callie Howard and Ashley Mankins all of Mt. Pleasant; Bill Stevens of Detroit, Joe, Trish and Maria Kuhl of Mt. Vernon, Bobby, Patty and Kristin Kuhl, Chad and Michelle Kuhl, Braison and Kasey all of Snyder, Joey and Becky Buster of Lufkin, Jean Horn of Lufkin, David and Jeannie Jones of Houston, Jerry and Alta Horn and Maragret of Medera, California, Lewis, Christy, Christian and Jordan Reid of Dallas, Patrick, Brandi and Ethan Wicks of Dallas, Barry, Susan, Conner and Hanna Gage, Stephen and Gena Gage and Hoyt and Gene Taylor all of Talco.

Enjoying a Thanksgiving hunting trip to south Texas were Karen and Johnny Jones, Shane, Leslie, Alex and Jacob Wright, Marta and Robert Caul Rhoades and Happy December Birthday to: Troy Morris. Troy killed his first deer while there.

Helen Williams and Patty zell, Christine Cruise, Wesley Barton were in Huntsville over the weekend for the wedding of their granddaughter and niece, Susan Hobbs and ryan Templeton at the First Presbyterian Churh in Huntsville Saturday evening. They also enjoyed Sunday morning breakfast at the Elkins Lake

Bogata Locals (Call your news in at 903-632-5322.

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Davidson, Mac Bell, Jarrod Miller,

Randy Edge, Kaitlyn Clark, Misti

Simmons, Colby Horn, Jeff

Vaughan, Kayla Duffee, Clay

Pirtle, Joe Stewart, Judy Screws,

Sherry Smith, Lawrene Wood and

to: Charley and Donnie Lewis and

Enjoying Thanksgiving lunch

at the home of Misty and Clint

Gage were Lillian and Pete Tay-

lor, Alan, Sherrie, Shannon and

Allison Boyd, Larry, Gail, Lindsey

and Logan Taylor of Red Oak and

Lance Taylor and friend Leslie of

Randy and Barbara Gibbs were

Dorothy and John Townes, James

and Paulyne Gibbs, Lisa and

Russell English, Shane, Michele,

Alley and Leah Gibbs, Sonny and

Lauren Gibbs, Bubba, Tiffany,

Colin and Jaxon McGuire, Jana

Heather, Haley and Hana

Hawkins. Shannon Gibbs, sta-

tioned in Ft. Benning, GA was

Thanksgiving dinner guests of

Happy December Anniversar

John H. Parrish.

Denton.

Joe and Angela Rose.

Club house with George and janet Hobbs of Huntsville, Jeff and Rosann Miller of Humble and Jerry and Mary Alice Stewart of Clarksville.

Enjoying seeing the Rockettes at New Stage in Grand Prairie on Friday were Sherrie Boyd and Allison, Misty Gage and Lillian Taylor.

Doyle and Nina Smith of Denton visited Saturday and Sunday with Chrystine Baker. They enjoyed a meal at El Mexicano. Also visiting were Tommy Corbell and Billie Welch of Blossom.

Happy December birthday to Pam Fenner, Rita Westbrook, Chelsey Gideon, Ike Roach, Terry Watkins, Ray Tabb, Johnnie Clyde Adcock, James Lee, Kaylee McIntire, Rusty Screws, Elizabeth Ro-

### unable to attend. Junior High Rebels competing

by Coach Pasternak

Basketball for the Junior High boys has begun with wins at every level A & B teams. The A team is 3-1 while the B team is 4-0 with wins over Cooper twice,

Honey Grove and Prairiland.

"Both teams are improving every day. Their shooting fundamentals and their hustle has been a big contributor to our success"



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