

Nichols
Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
I need to give a
Christmas
present...but don't
know how!

I want to do something special for Christmas. Something that pertains to the real meaning of Christmas, something that is personal and real.

But what? I'm short on time, short of the physical ability to stand on my feet for long, and short on ideas.

We give a little to the Salvation Army, but that's still not exactly what I need to do.

We've tried to help out with some ads and stuff on the Christmas From the Heart meal, but with our two families to celebrate with it's not possible to actually take much of a hand in the preparation or serving of the meal.

I try to leave a light on during the holiday season in the old tradition of "there is a welcome here" but I don't really expect a hungry family to show up on our doorstep.

I guess what I'm wanting is to know that I could make a difference between a not so merry Christmas and a merry one. I think it's what Christmas should be about.

We have so much...family to celebrate with, gifts to exchange, friends to visit with, a warm, comfortable place to live. And I know that there are people that could use some help providing a child with "Santa", elderly folks who could benefit from a visit, or a gift, families in a bind this year. I couldn't take care of it all, but it would be nice to be able to help someone.

And, ironically, I don't know who needs help, or where to find out about it, because I want to do it on a local level...not through a big organization.

I've spoken with some local ministers, and they don't know what to recommend either.

So I am faced with the question of "is there really no need right here locally, or do we just not KNOW of the need?"

If there is truly no need, that is a wonderful thing. But somehow, I don't think that's the case. I suspect that there are plenty of people too proud to impose or ask for a visit, or financial help. I suspect I'm not the only person who would help if they knew how.

Do you know someone who could use a little Christmas? Call me if you do. I need to give a Christmas present, and I just know that someone around here needs to get a Christmas present. Do you have the answer?

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Talco-Bogata Board names finalist for superintendent's position, accepts resignation

The Board of Trustees of the Talco-Bogata CISD met on Monday, December 9, 1996 at 8:00 p.m. in the Rivercrest Board Room.

The consensus agenda was approved by the Board. The consensus agenda included, minutes of the November 11 meeting, financial reports, cafeteria report, tax report and payment of bills.

The trustees still do not have a nomination for a position on the Red River Appraisal District Board.

The Board gave the superintendent the go ahead to purchase a new pickup truck for the maintenance department as soon as all quotes are received from the vendors.

The superintendent gave reports on the maintenance of the school house the sewer plant project and the dissolution of the County Education District.

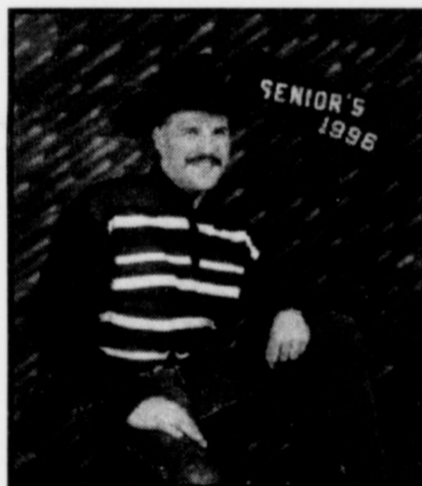
The board accepted the resignation of Trevor Upchurch and interviewed a candidate for the superintendents' position for the 1997-98 school year and resolved to name Gary VanDeaver as a finalist for the position.

The January meeting was set for Thursday, January 9, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

Local students receive regional welding award

Rivercrest High School students, Scott Johnson and Chris Gentry have received the \$500. Best of Region Award for their Region II, Division I entry in the 1996 School Shop Arc Welding Awards Program of the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation. The national program, which recognizes excellence in the application of arc welding techniques to school shop projects, granted a total of \$25,150.00 in awards. Division I entrants are 18 years old or younger; Division II is for career students over 18.

Scott Johnson and Chris Gentry's



Scott Johnson



Chris Gentry

Duncan appointed to Precinct 4 position

Lane Duncan of Avery has been named to serve as commissioner of Precinct 4 in Red River county.

According to County Judge L.D. Williams, Duncan is an ex-commissioner for Pct. 4. He was sworn in to office on Monday, December 2.

Duncan will serve the unexpired term of Alton Peek who was found shot in a pasture near his home in Boxelder November 11, 1996. Peek's death has been ruled murder and is still under investigation by the Red River County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Ranger Division of the State of Texas.

People 'n Things

The Calvary Baptist Church in Talco will hold their annual **Christmas Cantata on Dec. 15** beginning at 5:00 p.m. A covered dish supper will be served following the program. Everyone is invited to attend.

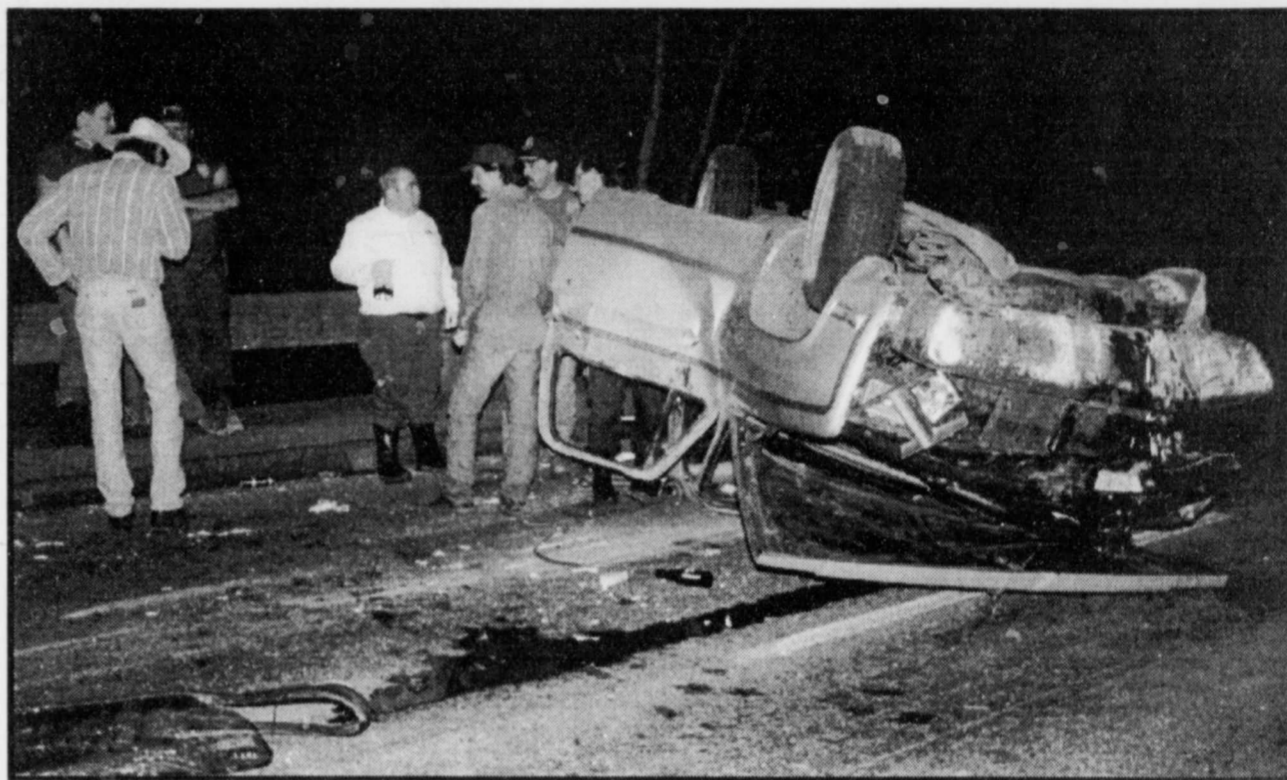
The Talco Student Council and sponsor Tammie Case are holding a **food drive** Dec. 9 through Dec. 13 for needy families in our area. All donations will be appreciated. You may contribute at the Talco School office or to any Talco Student Council member.

The **PIPS** members will take a Christmas break and begin practice on **Jan. 5 from 2-3 p.m.** at Rivercrest gym. The group will perform on **Jan. 10** at the Rivercrest vs Honey Grove basketball game. For more information contact Lori Franks at 379-9430.

Order your Lady Rebel tee shirt or sweat shirt **now!** The tee shirts will be \$12 and the sweat shirts will be \$18. You may order from any Varsity Lady Rebel or at the Rivercrest High School office. The shirts will picture a globe on it's stand with the arched lettering "This is Your World" on the front. On the back of the shirts will be pictured a basketball in place of the globe and the arched lettering "This is Ours" Lady Rebel Basketball 96-97. Show your support and order now.

Notice

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 P.M. in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rec. Room in Clarksville. Everyone is Welcome.



MISHAP: On Tuesday night at approximately 9:30 p.m., this mishap occurred on the Sulphur River bridge on Highway 271 north of Talco. According to Franklin County DPS Officer Willie Drabble, this pickup struck the north guard rail of the bridge before rolling over one time, coming to rest on its top. The driver, identified as Irvin Ashlock of Paris, was not seriously injured, however, was placed under arrest for DWI, according to the officer. Rescue units from Bogata and Talco Volunteer Fire Departments responded to the scene. Highway 271 was completely closed from Bogata to Talco for approximately one hour, allowing officers to investigate and remove debris from the bridge. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



DENTAL HYGIENE-Dr. Candi Ward (right) and assistant of Mt. Pleasant spoke to Mrs. Via's and Mrs. Grissom's second grade classes this past week. Dr. Ward explained the importance of caring for your teeth and the proper way to do so. All the student received a new tooth brush from Dr. Ward. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Red River Healthcare Center to host Christmas Open House December 15

Red River Healthcare Center will host a come and go Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 15 from 2:00 until 4:00 P.M.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Talco Baptist Church will be singing Christmas Carols in the halls through the afternoon for the entertainment of the residents.



FOOD DRIVE-The Talco Student Council and sponsor, Tammie Case are sponsoring a food drive Dec. 9 through Dec. 13 to help those who need help during this holiday season. The group hopes their efforts will help make for happy holidays for others. Anyone wishing to donate may do so at the Talco School office. All help will be appreciated. Pictured are student council members Chance Wolfe and Nathan Carroll. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



Talco Christmas parade held Dec. 3

The annual Talco Christmas parade was held Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 4:00 p.m. The event was sponsored by the Talco PTO and prize money for the entries was donated by: Talco State Bank, Via Well Service, City of Talco, Talco Pharmacy, Hale Electric, Roach Paint and Body Shop, H & S Motors, Doug Wright Tractor and Movies and More.

There were over twenty-eight entries including car, float, 4 wheeler, bicycle, horsebackriders and the most important, Santa.

Receiving first place in the float division was the Talco First grade's "Winter Wonderland" with Prince and Princess, Laramie Lum and Emily McCuller. Second place went to a "Texas Christmas" sponsored by Mr. and Miss Talco Elementary, Kayla Clemmons and Robert Caul Rhoades. Third place was won by the Red River Health Care Center with their "Christmas Pavilion".

In the car division First place went

to the Rivercrest Senior class and queen Jennifer Roberts whose theme was "Jesus the Greatest Gift of All". Second place went to the Talco Fourth grade Prince and Princess, Denise Huff and John Ed Graf whose theme was the "Treasures of Christmas". Receiving third place were Talco First grade Prince and Princess, Laura Beville and Alex Savage whose theme was "Berry Merry Christmas".

Winning First place in the 4 wheeler division was Talco Elementary Christmas Queen and King, Alex Wright and Cody Huff and winning First place in the bicycle division was Talco fourth grader, Sarah Hargrove.

Everyone agreed this was one of the best parades ever and the Talco PTO would like to express their appreciation for all who donated and entered the parade. Special thanks goes to Santa (Tony Bynum) and to the judges, Ricky Poole, Ken Schindley and Chris Durrant, who had a hard time declaring winners.





JUNIOR 4-H MEMBERS from Blossom Prairie 4-H are the featured cooks this week. Pictured left to right is Ashley Athas, Jessica Stapleton and Brittany Hart. The girls competed on Saturday, December 7 in Dallas at the District Food Show. Ashley prepared Sausage Balls, Jessica made Banana Pudding and Brittany created Picant Sauce Salad. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS from Blossom Prairie 4-H are featured cooks this week. Amy Bryan and Chad Johnston competed in the senior division with Candy Cane Cookies and Pizza Meatballs in Dallas at the District 4-H Food Show on Saturday, December 7. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)

**December 12, 1996
Blossom Prairie 4-H County
Food Show Winners**

Candy Cane Cookies
Amy Bryan

1/2 cup margarine
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup powdered sugar
1 egg
1-1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
1 teaspoon vanilla
2-1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon red food coloring

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cream together butter and shortening. Mix in powdered sugar, egg and flavorings. Blend in flour and salt. Divide dough in half. Blend food coloring into half. Shape 1 tablespoon of dough of each color into 4 inch rope. Twist rope together and shape into candy canes. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Repeat until all dough is used. Bake for 9 minutes until light brown. Makes 4 dozen.

Picante Sauce Salad
Brittany Hart

1-16 ounce package shredded cabbage and carrot cole slaw mixture
1-8 ounce package shredded red cabbage
1 green bell pepper-chopped
1 small white onion-chopped
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1-4 ounce can sliced black olives
1-16 ounce jar picante sauce

Mix all ingredients except picante sauce in large bowl. Before serving add picante sauce and toss. Serve with crackers in a clear serving dish and garnish with slices of black olives and fresh jalapeno peppers.

Pizza Meatballs
Chad Johnston

1 pound ground beef
1 cup seasoned bread crumbs
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1/8 teaspoon salt
4 ounces mozzarella cheese

1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/8 cup cooking oil
14 ounces pizza sauce
brown sugar to taste (optional)

In a bowl, combine the first five ingredients just until mixed. Shape into 24 small meatballs. Cut mozzarella into 24 cubes, 1/4 inch each, push a cube into the center of the meatball and cover with cheese completely. Roll lightly with flour. In a skillet, cook meatballs in oil until browned-drain. Add pizza sauce, bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, simmer for 25-30 minutes or until meatballs are no longer pink. Serve over pasta or rice, in buns or as an appetizer.

Banana Pudding
Jessica Stapleton

1 large package instant vanilla pudding
3 cups cold milk
1-14 ounce sweetened condensed milk
12 ounce thawed Cool Whip
1/3 box vanilla wafers
4-5 ripe bananas

Mix instant pudding and milk according to package directions. Add 1 can sweetened condensed milk. Mix thoroughly. Mix in 12 ounces Cool Whip. Do not overbeat. In a glass dish put a layer of vanilla wafers in bottom of bowl. Proceed with these layers ending with pudding on top. Top with slices of bananas and crumbled vanilla wafers.

Sausage Balls
Ashley Athas

2 pounds lean sausage
1 cup low-fat grated cheddar cheese
1-1/4 cup bisquit mix

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Mix all ingredients thoroughly and roll into balls. Place on cookie sheet and cook at 400 degrees until golden brown. Drain. Freezes beautifully.

**Alpha Blalock
dies December 7**

Alpha Blalock, age 85 of Talco died Saturday, December 7 at Pleasant Oaks Nursing Home.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. December 10 at Talco Cemetery under the direction of Bates-Cooper-Weems-Robison Funeral Home. The Rev. R.T. Blalock officiated.

Ms. Blalock was born June 18, 1911 in Maple Springs, a daughter of Alfred and Myrtle Temples Blalock. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a sister, Ila Williams of Talco and a niece, Janie Wilson of Dallas.

“Those that seek me early shall find me.”
Proverbs 8:17b

Obituaries

**Syble McGregor Green
dies December 8**

Syble McGregor Green, age 82 of Clarksville died Sunday, December 8 in Regency Nursing Center, Clarksville.

Services were held Tuesday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with the Rev. A.B. Kellam and the Rev. James Brown officiating. Burial followed in Boxelder Cemetery.

Mrs. Green was born in Bowie County, TX on November 17, 1914, a daughter of Frank and Cora Stinson Teague. She was a member of the Salem Baptist Church. She married Cape McGregor, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by a brother and five sisters.

Survivors include sons, W.C. “Dub” McGregor of Clarksville and Coy McGregor of Blossom; a daughter, Barbara Aydelott of Clarksville; a sister, Ruby Turner of Sandersville, GA; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Boxelder Cemetery Fund.

Bearers were Chuck Hancock, Charles Turner, H.L. King, Howard Barnwell, Todd Duren, Craig McGregor, Ray McGregor and Carl Raymond.



**Mary M. Scoggins
dies December 7**

Mrs. Mary Magdalene Scoggins, age 85 of McCrury community, died Saturday, December 7 at her residence.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday in the Bogata Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Joe Merrill officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Scoggins was born January 4, 1911 near Deport, a daughter of Patrick Henry “Bud” and Clara Gertrude Bogan Furgerson. She married Homer Scoggins October 20, 1927 in Paris. He preceded her in death December 16, 1995.

She was a retired public school teacher, teaching a number of years at Cunningham. She was an original member of the Red River Council for Aid of Person’s with Mental Problems Inc. and was a special coordinator in Clarksville for several years. She was a member of the National Education Association, Texas Retired Teachers Association, a former member of the Bogata Book Club and was very active in Red River County 4-H.

She was a former adult Bible class teacher of Lake Chapel Church and at the time of her death attended Life Tabernacle Church in Cunningham. Survivors include three children, Billie Lindsey, Harley Scoggins and Dean Scoggins, all of McCrury community; a sister, Gladys Sikes of Bogata; a brother, Travis Furgerson of Pasadena; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Charlie Lewis, Robert Lewis, Paul Newby, Johnny Musgrove, Frankie Norwood and Freddy Henry. Honorary bearers were her granddaughters.

**Rickey Lynn Harper
dies December 6**

Rickey Lynn Harper, 39, of Clarksville died Friday, December 6, 1996 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, December 8, in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with the Reverend James Brown officiating. Burial was in Lone Star Cemetery.

Mr. Harper was born May 25, 1957 in Clarksville, a son of Howard and Helen Proctor Harper. He worked in concrete construction.

Survivors are his wife, Jennifer Smith Harper of Clarksville, his mother of Bogata, a son, Paul Story of Clarksville, a daughter, Amanda Harper of Clarksville, three sisters, Janet Sipes of McKinney, Nancy Phillips of Bogata and Shirley Miller of Mount Pleasant; two brothers, Howard Harper, Junior and Charles Harper, both of Bogata and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Jerry and Benjamin.

Card of Thanks

The Bible tells us, death is a time for rejoicing. At the present, I cannot find that destiny or time in my heart. In 1996, I have brushed the blazes of Hell’s fire. I have knocked upon Heaven’s door. I have felt the cold of death’s hand. I long to catch a glimpse of the distant rainbow, where life begins again. N.P.

The family of **Rickey Harper** would like to express their thanks and appreciation for the flowers, food, donations and visits. A very special **Thank You** to the residents of Theford Homes, Mary Jo Whatley, Nina and John Stoner and Reverend Mitchell White.

Helen Harper & family

Chad Johnston is another of the “old-timer” in 4-H. He has held various club and county offices and if anyone needs any help with the program, just call Chad. He is Lamar County Council President, District Council Public Relations Chairman and President of the Blossom Prairie club. He is 17 and a junior at Prairiland. Hubert and Peggy Johnston are his grandparents and great supporters of the program also. In fact, Peggy has been a club manager for several years.

Chad has been involved in the Foods project, Consumer Decision Making team, Clothing and Textiles and Swine. His extra time is spent running Cross Country, Debate, Ex-temporaneous Speaking, Teacher’s Aide, works in his spare time at the Blossom Food Mart and attends the Lindale Church of Christ. Chad’s recipe is for Pizza Meatballs and are quick and easy to make.

Jessica Stapleton is in the 6th grade at Blossom and is 11 years old. Her parents are Kevin and Kim Stapleton. She enjoys showing Beef and Dairy animals, Rabbits, Dairy Judging, Fashion Show and being in the Food Show. Jessica made Banana Pudding with those two special extra ingredients, condensed milk and Cool Whip! You can’t beat it!

Ashley is our last cook and she is 12 and a 7th grader at Blossom. She is the daughter of Beverly Athas. Ashley enjoys the Food Show and Clothing projects. You can find her in her spare time with some type of ball in her hand, whether it be a volleyball, softball, basketball, running track or going horseback riding. Her recipe is for Sausage Balls and what a perfect time of year for them. Nothing better, hot and fresh out of the oven!

Thanks, 4-Hers and we will see you in the kitchen!

Card of Thanks

In memory of Alpha Blalock June 18, 1911-December 7, 1996 “We never lose the ones we love. For even though they’re gone Within the hearts of those who care Their memory lingers on.” Thanks to friends and relatives for all expressions of sympathy. **Alpha’s Family**

Card of Thanks

The family of Jim Gardner would like to thank everyone for all the phone calls, food, flowers and concern during the loss of our loved one. A very special thank you to the Wood Funeral Home. Nell and Jackie Gardner Vicki & Slater Sawyer

There may be more beautiful times: but this one is ours.
—Jean Paul Sartre

Card of Thanks

With the many generous donations from individuals, businesses and churches and money raised from various events, we were able to add 231 donors to the National Bone Marrow Registry in hope that someone might be a perfect match for me or someone like me needing a donor. I would like to thank all of you who gave blood or donated money so that all of this was possible. Words cannot express my gratitude. Please continue to keep me, my family and others like me in your prayers. Sincerely,
Martha Reep

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By Betty Rodgers 652-6051

Harold Epps of Mt. Vernon visited his mother, Ethel Epps, Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Daley Woodall of Oklahoma spent Sunday with James Latimer and Ruby Chandler and fixed lunch for them. Jimmie King attended an Eastern Star meeting and Christmas party at the Masonic Hall in Deport on Tuesday night. Kutchie King and Rosa Harley of Reno spent Wednesday with Jimmie King. Butch, Kay, Wendy, Kane and Devin Peek went to Kilgore College to watch the late Chris Weddle's son, Jamie Weddle, in the play "A Few Good Men". Kristi and Jamie had birthdays on the 10th and 11 of December. Kristi is 23 and Jamie is 22. Clovis and Katy VanDeaver went Friday and Saturday nights to the basketball tournament in Detroit where their grandson, Dru Denison, was a player for Rivercrest. Karen Baker visited a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hill of Longview and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Douglas, Matt and Leah of White Oak. The children of Janette Weddle

Chafin gave her a 71st birthday party December 3. Kay and Butch Peek visited Edgar and Mary Lee Tippit last week. Duane and Bobby King of Paris visited Jimmie King Friday night and took her to supper at Ted and Beth Grants in Clarksville. Karen Baker accompanied by Brenda Jenkins of Paris visited Dianne Woods of The Colony, Carole Ingram of Euleess and Kim Johnson of Irving in Detroit Saturday to attend the Christmas parade. Betty Rodgers met Monte and Shelley Rodgers and Deanna Cope in Paris for lunch Saturday and later visited Jodi Newberry in her home at Shady Grove. Jodi had been a patient in St. Joseph Hospital for a few days. Dick King of Paris visited his mother, Jimmie King Thursday and Sunday. Ethel Epps visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Epps in Rosalie. Betty Rodgers and Marcella Wright went to Bonham Sunday to the flea market. A great time was held by everyone at the community Christmas party Monday night.



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS- Goldie DeBerry on her birthday with her nephew, Dan DeBerry, his grandson and his children.

Goldie DeBerry celebrates 100 years

Goldie Hudson DeBerry was born November 22, 1896 in Chetopa, Labette County, Kansas, the daughter of Banister Franklin and Lucinda Priscilla Roberts Hudson. She along with her brothers and sisters were raised by their Uncle, Wiley Hudson after the death of their parents. Their father died in 1899 and their mother in 1905. Goldie graduated from Bogata High School in 1916, along with her best friend, Iva Lou Lassiter Hooker. She and Iva remained best friends until Iva's death. She married Paul Hubert DeBerry November 25, 1919 in Bogata, Red River, Texas at the home of her Uncle Wiley Hudson. She was given in marriage by her brother Ona Winifred Hudson. She and Paul lived in Bogata during the early years of their marriage. They later moved to San Antonio, Texas where she was a dietician in one of the schools. Her husband passed away in 1952. They did not have any children. Several years after his death she moved to Idabel, McCurtain, Oklahoma where she took care of her older sister, Kate, until her death. She continued to live on the farm until fire destroyed the house, then she moved into an assisted living home as she was getting too old to live by herself any longer. She had a friend take her and she took care of getting herself into the home. She is still very alert in good health, still reads, and watches TV. Her greatest problem is hearing. A party has held on November 30, 1996 at the First Methodist Church in Idabel, Oklahoma by her friends and family.

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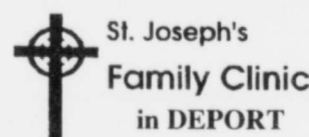
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Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bounds

Bounds celebrate fifty years

The family of Travis and Dorothy Bounds hosted a reception honoring the couple's golden wedding anniversary, Saturday, Dec. 7, 1996 from 2-4 p.m. at the Mount Olive Baptist Church fellowship hall in the Hagansport community. Travis and Dorothy were married on Dec. 10, 1946 in Plainview, TX. They have three children, Travis Bounds Jr. and wife Melba of Hagansport, Sandra Taylor and husband John of Hagansport and Linda Bethard and husband Tony of Mt.

Pleasant. They have nine grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. Travis is the son of the late Washington Lee and Ruth bounds of Quinlin, TX. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from Rockwell International in Sulphur Springs in 1983. Dorothy is the daughter of the late Alton Ray and Maudie Crowston of Hagansport, TX. She is still employed at Carlton Manufacturing in Mt. Vernon.



Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Love

Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Love To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Love of Mt. Pleasant will be honored on their 50th anniversary with a reception hosted by their children Sue & Handy Stansell and Gary & Dorothy Taylor on Sunday, December 15th from 2-4 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. & Mrs. Love were united in

marriage on December 14, 1946 in Naples by the Rev. C. L. Yeatman. They are the parents of two living children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Friends and family are invited to share in this golden anniversary celebration.



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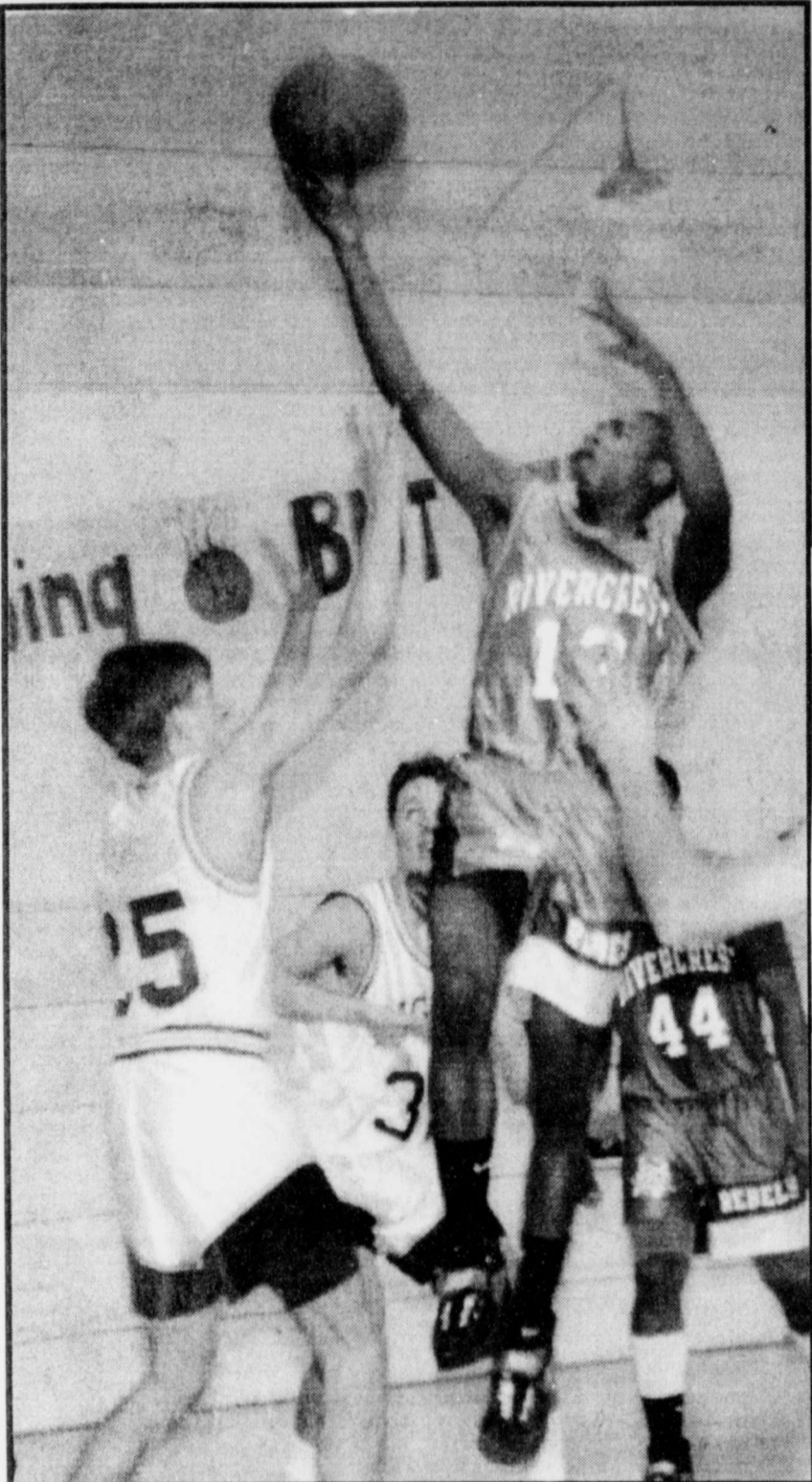
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IN FOR THE LAY-UP- Rebel Alvin Savage goes above and beyond the Mt. Vernon Tigers as the Rebel team won their first game of the Detroit Tournament on Thursday. The Rebs continued on to go undefeated in the tourney and to bring home first place. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rivercrest Rebels undefeated in this season

The Rivercrest Rebels played host to the Mt. Pleasant Tigers at Rebel stadium on Dec. 3.

For the second time in eight days the Rebels defeated the Tigers. The Rebels just simply outplayed the taller quicker Tigers. The win moved the Rebels record to 6-0 for the young season.

The Rebels defense was the main factor in the contest as the team held Mt. Pleasant to a mere 45 points, which was the Tigers lowest total for the year. The Rebels also had a great team effort offensively as nine players contributed in the scoring.

The Rebels played Mt. Vernon in

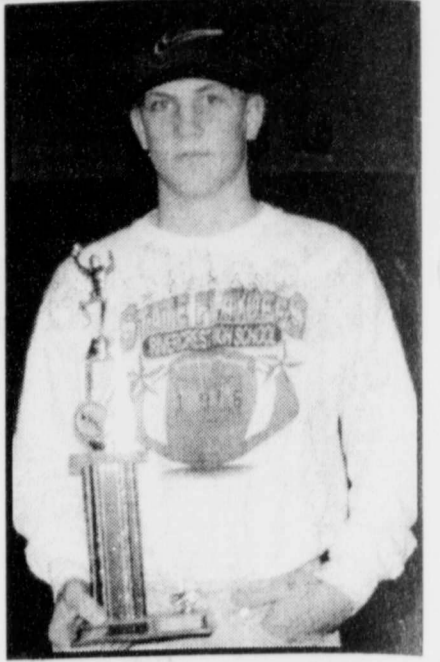
the opening round of the Detroit tournament on Thursday, Dec. 5. The Rebels defeated Mt. Vernon 58-32. The win set the stage for the show down on Friday between two of the best teams in North East Texas. The Prairiland Patriots and Rivercrest Rebels would enter Friday's contest undefeated. The Rebels came out the victor with a 62-34 score over the Pats. Alvin Savage posted high scores for the Rebs with 17 points. Also contributing to the scoring were; Jeff Savage, Dru Denison, Broderick Fulbright, Mitch Ellis, Andre' Morgan and Justin Smith.

The Rebels moved on the play for

the first place trophy on Saturday vs the Detroit Lions. Rivercrest was led in the battle by Jeff Savage who netted 24 points, including four three pointers. Although the Rebels did not play their usual run and gun game until the final quarters, they caged the Lions to take the win 63-56.

Jeff Savage and Alvin Savage received the All Tournament awards.

The Rebs finish the week with 9-0 record and will travel to North Hopkins for tournament play Dec. 12 through 14. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the team. Go Rebels!!!!



FIRST PLACE-Junior Varsity Rebel, Brian Giles proudly shows the first place trophy he and the Rebel team won this past weekend at Rivercrest. The team went undefeated to earn first place. Coach Steve Weddle and his Running Rebels will travel to North Hopkins Dec. 12-14 for more tournament action. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rebel JV take first place in round robin play

The Rivercrest Rebel JV and 9th grade teams hosted a round robin tournament at Rivercrest gym on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Rebel 9th grade faced the Cooper Bulldogs first and stayed on their heels throughout the game. Rebel Coleman Brown netted 35 points for the team as the Rebs trailed the Bulldogs. After an exciting game the Bulldogs were able to take a 2 point win. Final 63-61 Cooper. Also scoring for the Rebels were; Paul Billingsley, Cody Wolfe, Ryan Case and Jared White.

The 9th grade team faced Mt. Vernon in Friday evening play. The team were defeated by a score of 58-34. High scorer for the game was Coleman Brown with 15 points. Also scoring were; Cody Wolfe-5, Jared White-6, Ryan Case-21, Paul Billingsley-2, J.C. King-2, Jimmy Forsyth and Shawn Austin both contributed 1.

On Saturday the Rebels played Chapel Hill, whose team was suffer-

ing for numbers.

The Rebels held a 23-10 lead at the half and increased their lead as the game progressed. The Red Devils just couldn't hold the Rebels down and the final score stood 54-26 Rebels. High scorer for the game was Coleman Brown with 19 points. Also scoring were; Cody Wolfe, J.C. King, Bubba Abernathy, Ryan Case and Paul Billingsley.

The Junior Varsity Rebels began play vs Cooper on Thursday. The Rebels took an easy 65-49 win over the Bulldogs. High scorer for the team was Cortney Huddleston with 22 points. Also scoring for the Rebs were; Michael Allen, Jody Gray, Brian Giles, Jody Nolen and Cory Tucker.

The Rebels took on Mt. Vernon on Friday. The Tigers presented less competition for the Rebs than the Bulldogs did on Thursday. The Rebels had three players in double digits and five other players scoring. The final score was Rebel 72-Tigers-42. High scorer for the Rebs was Cortney Hud-

dleston with 17 points. Scoring in double digits was Michael Allen and Jody Nolen. Also adding points were; Chad Holland, Brian Giles, Aaron Martin, Josh Posey and Jason Freelen.

On Saturday the Rebels met the Chapel Hill Red Devils. Due to the Mt. Pleasant Christmas parade, the Red Devils barely had enough players to compete.

Chapel Hill is a new high school and a building program. The Red Devils never threatened the Rebels but fans admired the teams hustle against the more powerful Rebs.

Although the Rebels took an 89-38 win over the Red Devils, Kenny McNutt who is small in the size department never gave the Rebs a break. He and his team fought to the final buzzer.

The Rebels were undefeated and received first place. The team will compete in the North Hopkins tournament Dec. 12-14. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the team as they compete this weekend.

Lady Rebels receive consolation

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel Varsity traveled to Detroit on Thursday, Dec. 5 to begin tournament play vs Mt. Vernon.

The Lady Rebels did not participate in the first quarter and Coach Debbie Williams went to her bench for back up. Katie Hare did a good job for the team on the defense. The Lady Tiger held a 19-7 lead at the end of the first.

The wake up call given by Coach Williams brought the Lady Rebels back to life and the second quarter saw them make a move but they did not challenge the Lady Tiger until late in the game. The half time score saw the Lady Rebels down 32-17.

The third quarter saw the Lady Rebels really take a look. They narrowed the Lady Tiger lead to 38-31 by the end of the quarter.

In the final quarter Jana Weatherall and Kristi Hines netted the three pointers while the team struggled to take the lead. The team was dealt a blow when Candias Nickerson was lost to foul trouble in the final minutes. Of 26 free shots took, the Lady Rebels were only able to net 8. The team must correct this to stay competitive in the district. Although the last ditch effort was exciting, the Lady Tigers prevailed. Final 59-49.

The Lady Rebels returned on Saturday to play Chapel Hill for the consolation prize.

Rebels and Lady Rebels Junior High place at Chisum

The Rebel and Lady Rebel Junior High girls and boys, 7th and 8th grade teams traveled to Chisum this past weekend for tournament play.

The seventh grade Lady Rebels brought home a second place trophy and were knocked out of first place by a one point loss in the final seconds of the game to Honey Grove after easily beating the Cooper Lady Bulldogs on Friday. Although the entire team had a good tourney, Kendall Stansell and Crissy Huff did an outstanding job for the young Lady Rebs.

The eighth grade Lady Rebs returned with a first place win. The team defeated the Cooper Lady Bulldogs in their first game of the tourney. They squeezed by Roxton with a two point win. Kim Shirley was the Lady Rebel who saved the game with her two netted free shots. On Saturday the Lady Rebels took an easy win over Chisum to go undefeated in the tourney. The team is undefeated so far this season.

In the boys division the seventh grade Rebels were defeated early by the Cooper Bulldogs but came back to take third place after defeating the Chisum Mustangs.

The eighth grade Rebels went into the tourney undefeated, tackled and took down the Cooper Bulldogs but Roxton changed the young Rebels perfect record which put first place out of reach for the Rebs. The team defeated Chisum to bring home a second place trophy. The loss to Roxton spoiled the young Rebels undefeated record but they will certainly try to make that loss the last loss of the season.

On Monday, Dec. 9 the Lady Rebels traveled to Lone Oak.

Both the seventh and eighth grade teams took easy wins. Every player on both teams contributed to the game in scoring and defense.

While the Lady Rebels were at Lone Oak, the Rebel seventh and eighth grade teams played host to

Lone Oak at RHS gym.

The seventh grade team simply could not get things going in their direction. The team suffered a 57-23 loss. High scorer for the team was Nathan Carroll. Also scoring were; Chance Wolfe, Brandon Davis, Jeremy Grissom, Keith Hargrove and Zack Ward.

The eighth grade Rebels were just the opposite of their seventh grade counterparts. Nothing could or did go wrong for the team.

At the half the Rebs held a 36-6 lead. The crowd was entertained by the Talco-Bogata PIPS (Players in Progress). Everyone enjoyed the performance. The Rebels went on to win the game with a score of 41-20. Every player got playing time and contributed to the win. High scorer for the night was Keith Hines with 32 points. Also scoring were Chase Collins, Kyle Stansell, Cody Cheatwood, Michael Smith, Colby Guest and Michael Galloway.

Junior High Teams fare well at Lone Oak

Rivercrest Junior High Lady Rebel teams traveled to Lone Oak Monday night.

The seventh grade came away with a 26-13 win, and the Eighth grade girls finished 38-15 against the Lone Oak team.

Brittany Barnett scored 12 points for the seventh grade and Val Morgan scored 11 points for the seventh grade.

The eighth grade girls are still undefeated.



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Billy Ray, Neva Jean and Brandon Oats ate lunch with Joe and Georgina Oats Sunday.
The Baptist Church had their combined Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner Sunday.
Ricky and Linda Anderson went to Bob Sandlin lake to visit Dorothy and Burl Boyd Sunday. Marty, Ricky and Linda Anderson left last Saturday for west Texas to help Tommy and Evelyn Presley move to Minter. They arrived in Minter last Monday night. Tommy and Evelyn Presley moved into the Norrell house.
Jennifer Syrus is very sad over the disappearance of her Dalmation dog. Please notify Johnny Syrus if you have any information.
Charlie and Stephanie Packard visited her grandmother Boyd in Canton.
Fran, Johnny, Johanna and Jenna Patterson and Connie McKnight ate dinner with Pete and L'Wanda McKnight Sunday.
Annaya and Bret Phillips, their daughters and John McPeak visited Bush and JoDell Cooper Sunday.
Sheila Norwood from Denton visited her parents Darvell and Ida Mae Norwood for Thanksgiving. Darvell and Ida Mae visited Sheila in Denton Sunday and attended her Christmas party.
Marie, Jarvis, Renea, Bruce and Brad Watson, Vickie Davis and Chad Legate visited Dean Watson in South Texas. They went to Mexico Thursday, shopping in San Antonio Friday then returned home Saturday.
Sue and Charles Davis spent the week end with Kathryn Sugg Sunday. Sue and Charles visited his mother Mrs. Lucille Crafton who is a resident in Paris Health Care Nursing Home. Lindsey and Kelsey Kingler spent Friday night with Kathryn. Annea spent the week end with her father, Stephen Sugg.
Heather Stephens from Paris spent Friday night with Charles and Jennifer Baker.
Dorothy and Joyce Meadows of Greenville, Dora Hester and Velma Cox had dinner at the Golden Corral Saturday.
The Methodist Church had their Christmas supper Sunday night. They had a lot of visitors and enjoyed a lot of singing after dinner.

Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove had lunch with Nelta and Johnny Musgrove Sunday.
Billy Ray, Neva Jean Oats and Geneva Norwood went to Houston to attend a banquet honoring the Occupational Therapist Class. Georgina Oats is a student in the class.
Zack and Latner Kennedy spent Saturday night with Bobby and Shelby Kennedy.
Danny, Sharon Norwood and children spent Saturday night with Almer and Alma Norwood. Geneva Norwood visited with them Sunday.
Jonathan Arnold and Dee Williams spent the week end with the Charles Williams family.
Monday morning, Ollie Ruth, Carl Bufford and June Guthrie from Talco, Terri Sinclair from Winfield, and Larry and Virginia Bell visited with Norman and Rachael Sain.
Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. George Green and Francis Thomas from Joliet visited Norman and Rachael Sain in Paris.
Friday, Ollie Ruth, Carl Bufford and June Guthrie from Talco visited with Norman and Rachael Sain in Paris. Ollie Ruth spent the week with Rachael.
Sunday Larry and Virginia visit with Norman and Rachael Sain.
Kristie (Stansell) Anderson will be honored with a **baby shower** on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Wright, 104 North Fourth St., in Talco. The Anderson's welcomed the arrival of daughter Kara on Nov. 13, 1996. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.
The Rivercrest JV Lady Rebels will travel to Mt. Pleasant High School for tournament play on Dec. 13-14. The Lady Rebels will play their first game of the tourney vs Mt. Pleasant at 4:00 p.m on Friday, Dec. 13. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the young Lady Rebel team.
The Talco-Bogata Junior High Rebels will travel to Mt. Pleasant for the P.E. Wallace basketball tournament Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the young Rebels as they compete.
The Rivercrest Rebels JV and Varsity and Varsity Lady Rebels will travel to North Hopkins for basketball tournament play on Dec. 12-13-14. The Lady Rebels will play their first game on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 12:30 p.m. vs Trenton. The JV Rebels will play on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 11:00 a.m. vs Clarksville and the Rebel Varsity will play Thursday, Dec. 12 at 2:00 p.m vs Clarksville JV. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Rebels and Lady Rebels as they compete.

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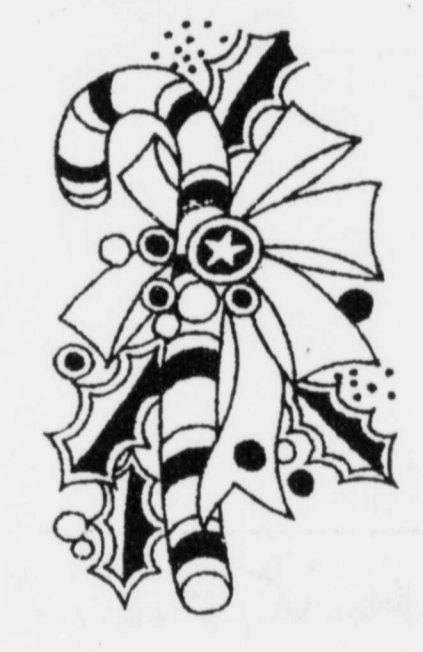
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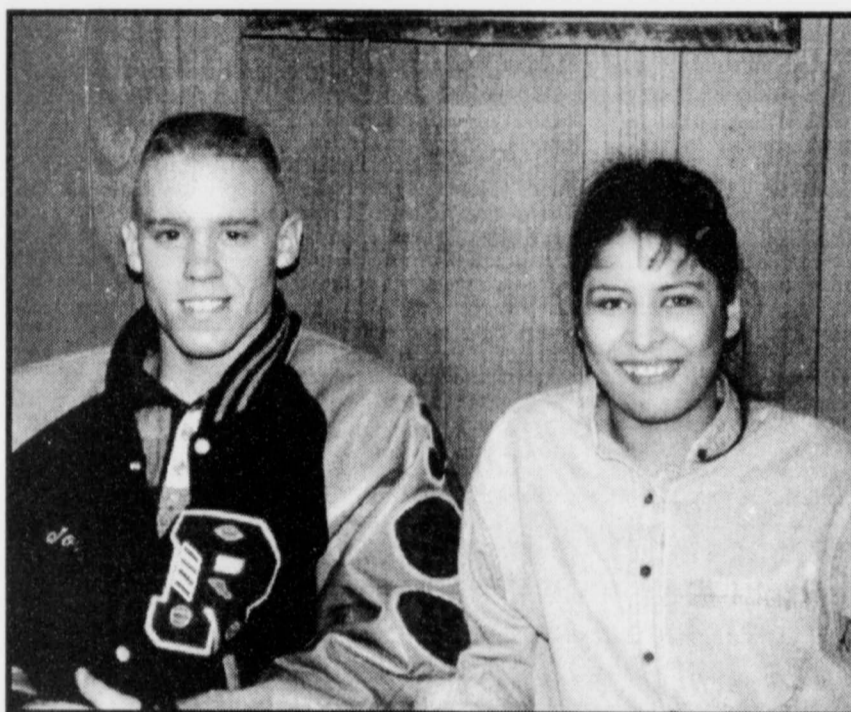
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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-Chosen as students of the month at Rivercrest High School are; Jody Nolen and Maribel Prado. Jody is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nolen of Talco. He is active in football, basketball, baseball and track, was chosen as Most Popular of the Junior class, is an honor student and Beta Club member and received All District Second Team awards for the quarterback position. Maribel is the daughter of Bernardina Garcia of Talco. She is an honor student, active in the Rivercrest Spanish Club, National Honor Society and Beta Club and was chosen as Most Intelligent of the Junior Class. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:
This is a story not only of People with the Christmas spirit but of Community Spirit. Recently my aunt, Ollie Redwine, made a move in Bogata to the Bogata Seniors Apartments. I live in Durham, North Carolina, a

large city where people are still friendly- but the good wishes and help Aunt Ollie received was overwhelming. Our first contact was Coy Coker who made every arrangement fall perfectly in place and his son Steve making plans for his new Bar B Q Restaurant took the time to move Aunt Ollie. My next thought was what can I do to give a little housewarming present that will be lasting. So I called Dee Wood at the Bogata House of Flowers and she suggested almost at the same time I did-Pansies, which she offered to plant. I feel these good folks I mentioned and many more deserve thanks and appreciation for going beyond the call of business as normal. I do hope everyone there has a great Christmas- and the very best throughout the New Year.

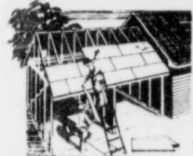
John Parsons

Dear Editor:

On November 23, the Bogata Lions Club had a stew supper and a pie and cake sale. We would like to thank each person who helped with the cooking and serving of the stew. We would also like to thank Mr. J.P. Harvey for offering to be the auctioneer. The people of Bogata are to be thanked and commended for their support of the stew supper. The Lions Club is proud to be of service to the Bogata community and certainly appreciates the support of people in Bogata and the surrounding areas.

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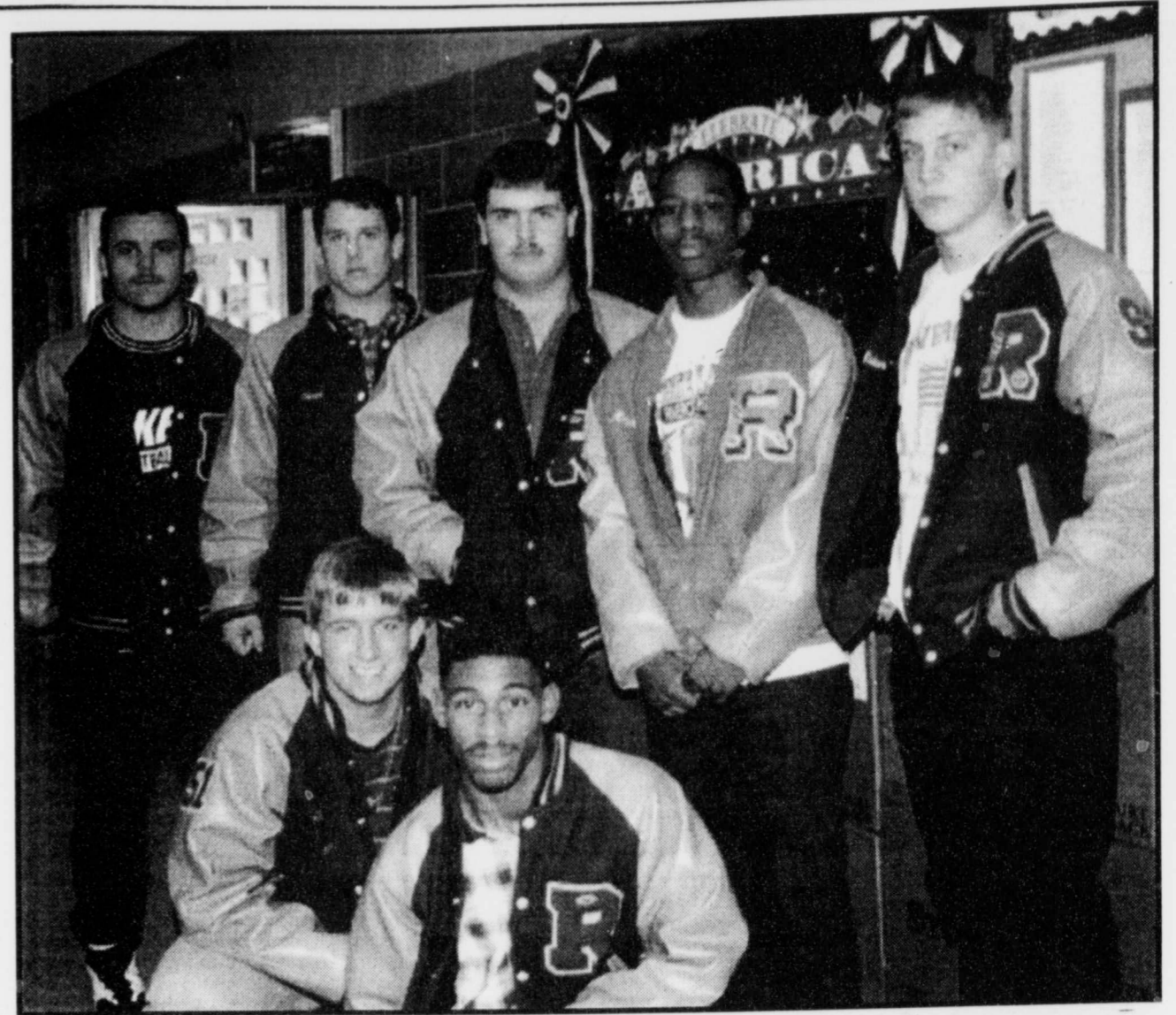
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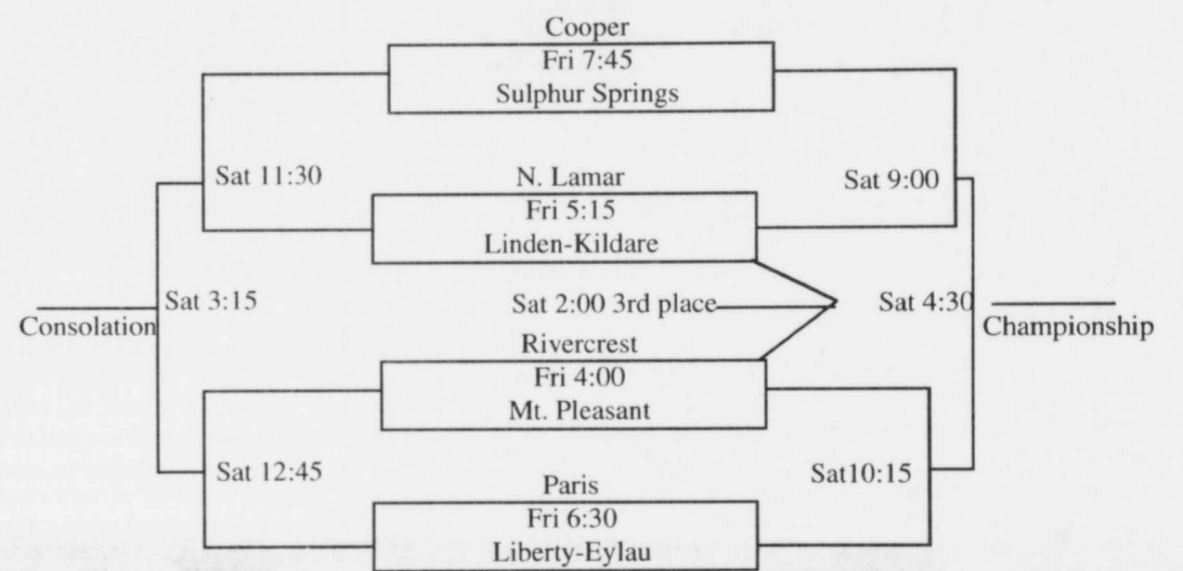
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ALL DISTRICT HONORABLE MENTION-Rivercrest Rebel football players receiving the All District Honorable Mention awards were; (left to right) Honorable Mention Offensive players, Chesley Baird, Derek Belcher, Charles Cruise, Mitch Ellis, and Brian Giles. Receiving Honorable Mention Defensive players were; (left to right) Dustin Wolfe and Michel Allen. Michael also was named to the Honorable Mention Offensive team. Congratulations Rebels! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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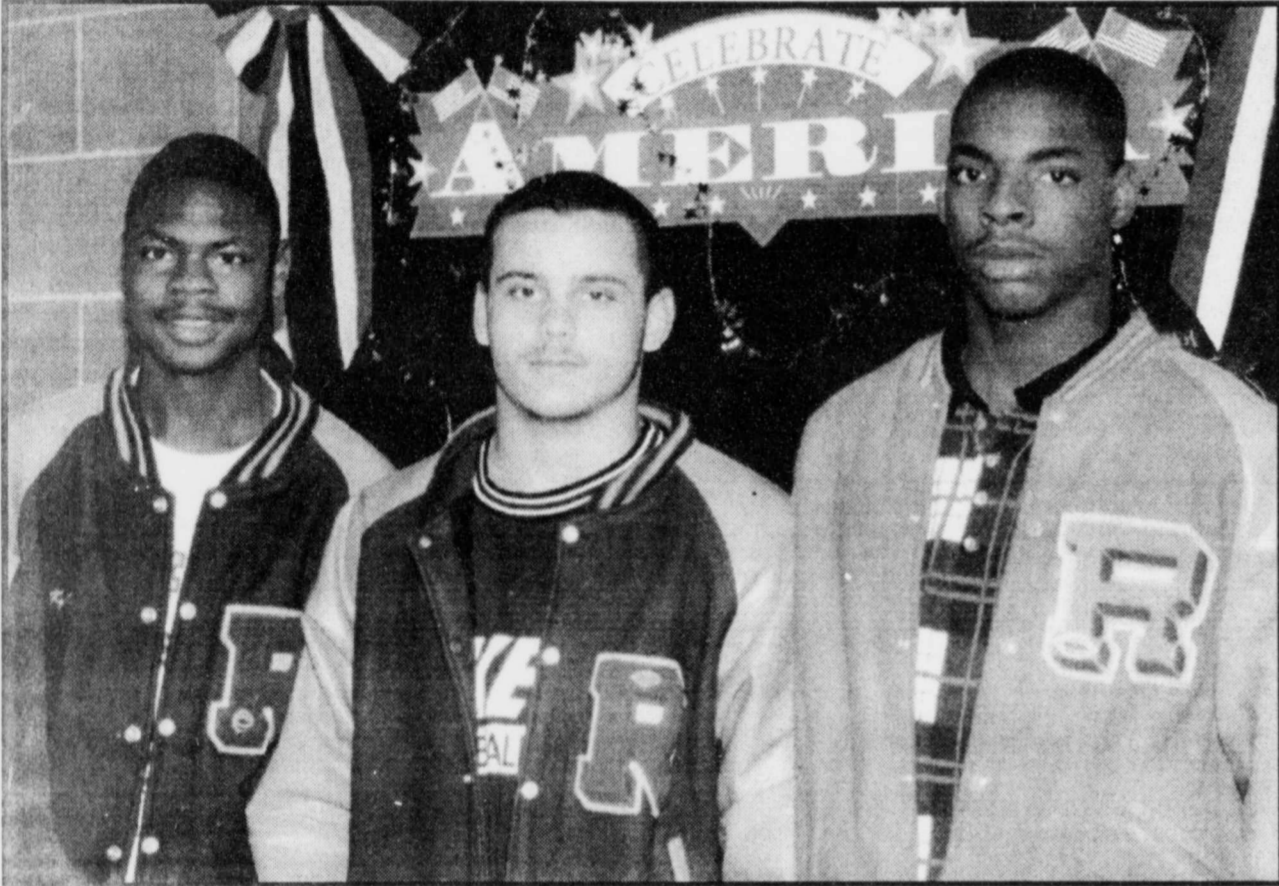
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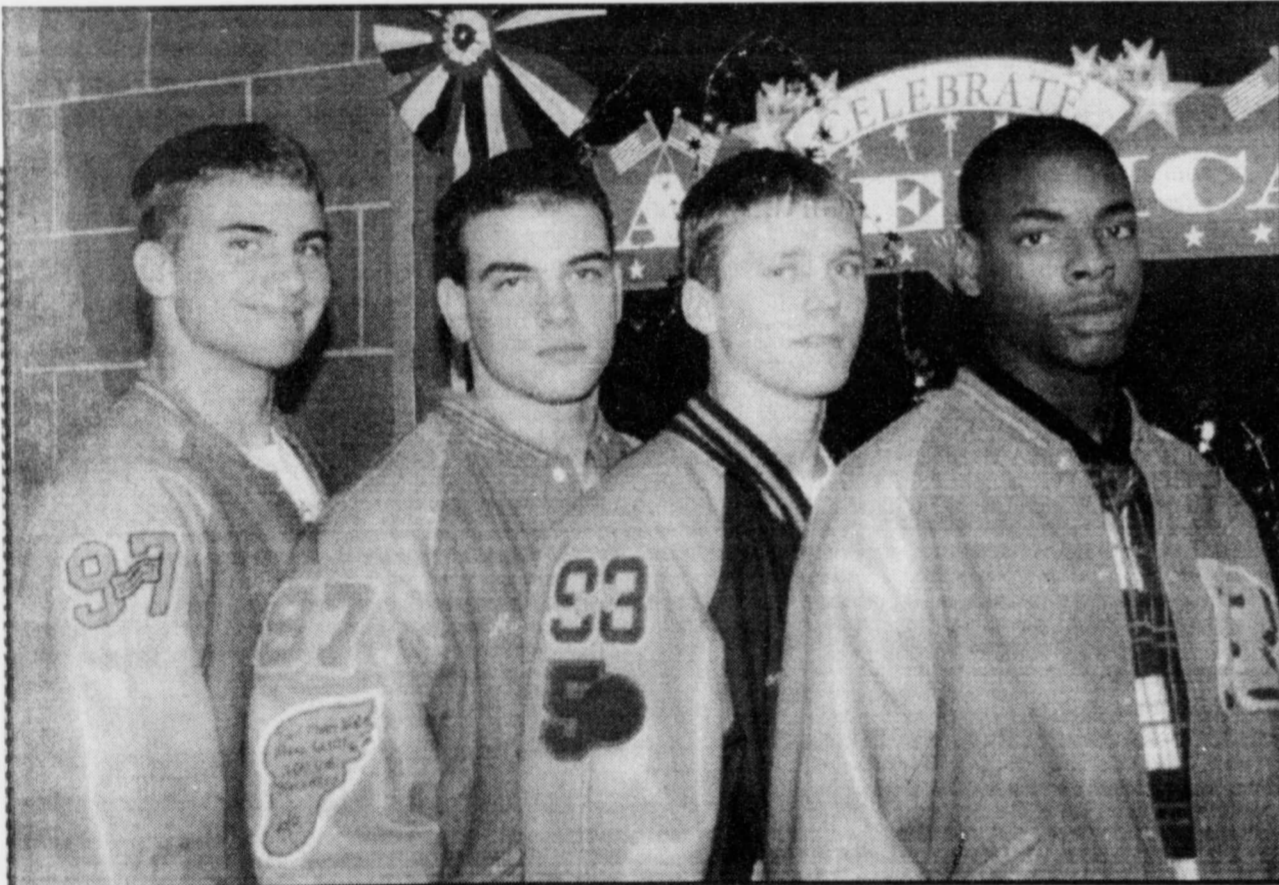
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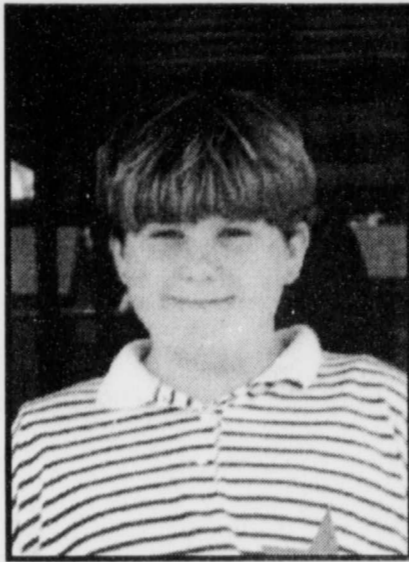
ACADEMIC ALL DISTRICT-Rivercrest Rebel football players receiving the Academic All District award were; (left to right) Michael Allen, Derek Belcher and Jeremy Jones. Congratulations Rebels! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



AWARD WINNERS-Receiving the All District Manager of the Year award was Kyle Hines of Rivercrest. Receiving the Most Valuable Player, Defensive Player of the Year award was Chesley Baird and receiving the Most Valuable Player, Offensive Special Team Player of the Year was Alvin Savage. All three boys are Seniors at Rivercrest. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



FIRST TEAM DEFENSE-Receiving First Team Defense All District honors were; (left to right) Clint Gage-defensive end, Michael Deming-inside linebacker, Jody Gray-outside linebacker and Alvin Savage-secondary. Jody Gray also received the First Team Offense All District award for the running back position. Clint, Michael and Alvin are Seniors at RHS and Jody is a Junior student. Congratulations Rebels! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



BAND STUDENT OF THE WEEK-from Bogata School is Krista Sherri Dill. Krista is the daughter of Leroy and Pam Dill of Bogata. Her grandmother is Bridgett Kennedy of Rosalie and S.M.P. Bertie Dill of Lubbock. Krista is a seventh grader at Bogata School. Her hobbies are shopping and girl scouting. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



BAND STUDENT OF THE WEEK-from Talco School is Stephanie Rynell Carroll. Stephanie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Carroll of Talco. Her grandmother is Lynn Carroll of Talco and her grandpaw lives in Mt. Pleasant. Stephanie's hobbies are riding horses, playing basketball and softball and she is active at the Frist Baptist Church in Talco. She is a member of the Rivercrest Band, D-FY-IT, and is a sixth grader at Talco School. (staff photo Nancy Brown)



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Henry and Patty Barton returned Friday after a business Trip to Andrews and Muleshoe. Helen Williams attended the Tree

Lighting and program at St. Joseph Hospital and Healthcare Center at Paris Thursday evening.

Helen Williams attended the Christmas Dinner Friday evening at

the American Legion building at Clarksville, given for employees and auxiliary members of ETMC.

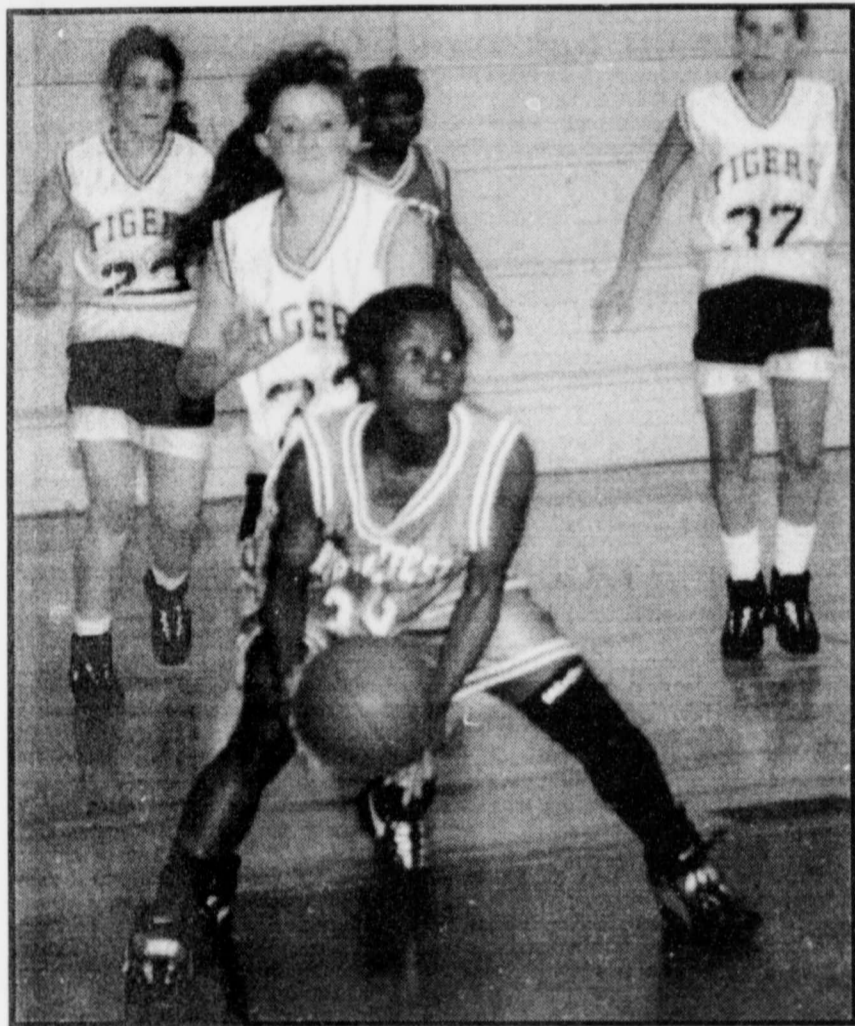
Chrystine Baker and Lucille O'Donnell went shopping Wednesday in Paris and ate lunch at Furr's.

Donna Rozell, her sister, Mary Park and her niece Anna Park attended a Formal dress Medieval Caroling at Texas A&M-Commerce. They were served dinner and were entertained by the School's music department with dancing and songs. After the program, Donna spent the night with Mary and Anna at their home in Sulphur Springs.

Visiting for the Thanksgiving Holidays with Jettie and Doug Bond and Dina Burson and having lunch with Reabeth Abbott were: Charles House and daughter, Schandra of Dallas,

Mrs. Jamie Welch, Matt, Amanda and Casey and San Antonio, S. Sgt. Sabre Mofel, Shyanne, Shaylene and Shinia of San Antonio, A 1st C. Dean Burson and wife A 1st C. April Burson of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. John Abbott, son, Ian, of Nashville, Tennessee, son Abbott of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bond, of Cookeville, David, Marcy Bond, D.J. and Halley of Daingerfield, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Taylor and son, Joey of Talco, Sabrena Tucker of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Boles of Mount Pleasant. Also visiting over the week end was Howard Bond of Texarkana.

Jan McCuller and Betty Puckett hosted the Christmas Party for the York sisters on Thursday, December 4, in the in the McCuller home in Mount Pleasant. Attending were Lucille Childers, Dixie Stringfellow, Edna Earl Dodd, Carol Rhodes, Robbie McCuller and Bill Puckett. Their brother, Kenneth York of Cisco was unable to attend.



QUICK STEAL-Lady Rebel, Candias Nickerson picks off the Mt. Vernon Lady Tiger pass as the Lady Rebels battled to catch up in Thursday action at Detroit. The Lady Tigers took a 59-49 win putting the Lady Rebels into the consolation bracket. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rivercrest Rebel eighth grade boys take second in Chisum

By Sherri Cheatwood

The Rivercrest eighth grade boys took to the floor Thursday night in opening action against the Cooper Bulldogs. The Bulldogs were looking for revenge against the Rebels after the sound spanking the young Rebels gave them on their home court three weeks ago. The Rebels came out cold and Cooper took full advantage. Early fouls soon had the Rebs in foul trouble and Rebel turnovers left the score at the end of the first quarter Rebels 8-Cooper 4. Second quarter action found the Bulldogs pull within two points of the Rebels and halftime score was Rebels 14, Cooper 12.

Third and fourth quarters finally had the Rebels opening up a little more of a lead but cold shooting and multiple Rebel turnovers continued to plague the Rebel team. Final buzzer showed the Rebels on top 34-27.

Second game in tourney

Friday night found the undefeated Rebel Eighth graders pitted against their toughest opponent thus far-Roxton. Not only out numbered but also facing a team with more height than they had the Rebs knew a tough game lay ahead. Roxton took the opening tip off and put the first two points on the board, but the Rebs soon answered with their own two. Kyle Stansell hit a jumper from the outside and the Rebs were on top, but a fast break from Roxton along with a foul beneath the goal put them back in the lead. Turnovers from bad passes left the Rebels on the low score and side at the end of one with a score of Roxton 20 Rebels 8.

The Roxton defense with a powerful press kept the Rebels from getting the ball to their end of the court.

Clinton Cheatwood finally stepped up the defense, stole a Roxton pass and finally put two points on the board for the Rebs four minutes into the quarter. Keith Hines soon added another two, but half time found the Rebels dejected with a score of Roxton 30, Rebels 12.

The Rebels defense soon came alive in the third and slowed the Roxton pace. The Roxton troop continued to frustrate the Rebels and the third quarter ended 44-18 Roxton.

A fresh bench from the Roxton side at 4 minutes in the fourth brought some life back to the Rebels but the score was just too much. Final score Roxton 57-Rivercrest 30. Defeat is never easy, and after such a bright start this season this loss was especially tough. Michael Ray Galloway was high scorer for the Rebs with 8, Keith Hines had 7, Kyle Stansell, Clinton Cheatwood and Chase Collins added 4 each and Colby Guest had 3 for the night.

Rivercrest Eighth Grade Boys Game 3

Saturday morning the Rivercrest eighth grade boys met up with the Chisum Mustangs for the final game of the tourney. A win for the Rebels would guarantee them second place.

The Rebels again were cold from the floor and fouls plagued them from all sides. The Rebels sent the Mustangs to the penalty strip repeatedly, but the Rebs pulled out a victory and brought home the second place trophy.

Congratulations Rebels! Rivercrest Eighth Grade Boys play Lone Oak

The Rivercrest eighth grade boys met with the Lone Oak Buffaloes

Monday night at Rivercrest gym. The Rebs were hoping to get their game back together and Lone Oak was well aware of the frustration the young Rebs had been facing after their first loss of the season Friday night to Roxton. The Rebels came out strong from the tip off with a pass from Kyle Stansell to Clinton Cheatwood for two with only seconds ticked off the clock. Early fouls by Chase Collins and Clinton Cheatwood soon had Lone Oak at the free throw line and a fairly decent full court press by Lone Oak caused several Rebel turnovers but the Buffaloes could not capitalize. The end of one had the score Rebels 21-Lone Oak 2.

Second quarter found the Rebs finally getting into their old sync with good passes after finding teammates open. The Rebels also turned up their defense, limiting Lone Oak to only 4 points in the second quarter. Halftime score was Rebels 36-Lone Oak 6.

Third Quarter action found Coach Brown substituting players and Lone Oak perfected their defensive press limiting the Rebels to only five points in the quarter. End of three score was Rebels 41-Lone Oak 20. Fourth quarter Coach Brown had his five starter on the bench, but Chris Middleton, Kris Hall, Michael Smith, Michael Galloway and Colby Guest kept the Lone Oak Buffaloes busy on the court. Seven team fouls on the Rebels had Lone Oak at the free throw line repeatedly with the Buffaloes connecting on most of them. The Rebels remain undefeated in district play with their win here of 58-43. Keep up the good work boys-Lets make it two district titles!

Ann Cody has just returned from a Thanksgiving with Harold and Billie Ann Pierce and family in Oklahoma City.

Thanksgiving visitors with Zelma Mauldin were Jerry and Belinda Mauldin, Jim and Sue Mauldin from Irving, Yvonne Powell from Carrollton, Susie Meredith and Billy Fowler from Arkansas, James Minshew, Jettie Minshew, Jim Garrett and Ken and Phyllis Duffer from Bogata.

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IT'S UP AND HEADED FOR THE NET as Rebel Mitch Ellis takes a shot and in the Rivercrest vs. Detroit game at the Detroit Tournament on Friday, December 6. The Rebels took the win and went undefeated in the tourney and brought home first place. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



REIGON WINNERS-The Rivercrest Rebel Band members traveled to Ore City on Monday, Dec. 9 to compete at the A/AA Region Band contest. Jeremy Price received 1st chair alternate. Jeremy plays the trumpet, John White received 5th chair. John plays the trombone and Lindy Phillips received 22nd chair. Lindy plays the clarinet. The students are pictured, (sitting left to right) Jeremy Price and Lindy Phillips and (standing) John White. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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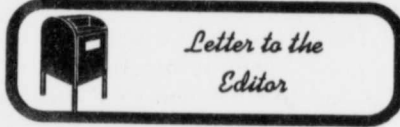
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GOOD FORM-Jana Weatheral pops her wrist as she gets the shot off as the Lady Rebels played the Mt. Vernon Lady Tigers at the Detroit Tournament Thursday. The Lady Tigers took a 59-49 win over the Lady Rebs. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



TO THE EDITOR:

I am a proud member of the Rivercrest High School Band. I have been a part of the band for 10 1/2 long years.

In all this time after all our hard work, you'd think that the band would get a little respect. Obviously not. Those of you "fans" out there who get up and leave during half time at football games and turn the other cheek when we march by in a parade have no right to call yourselves Rebel fans.

I would like to say Thank You to all you loyal people who clapped and cheered after our performances. We really appreciate everything you do. We begin our year on August 1 at 8:00 A.M. We sometimes work until 8:00 P.M. during the school year.

Our band has had many people to get a chair in region band, our flags have done well in competition, and we have been district 18-AA's best band for a few years.

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Thank you,
John White, Junior at RHS and Assistant drum major of the Rebel Band

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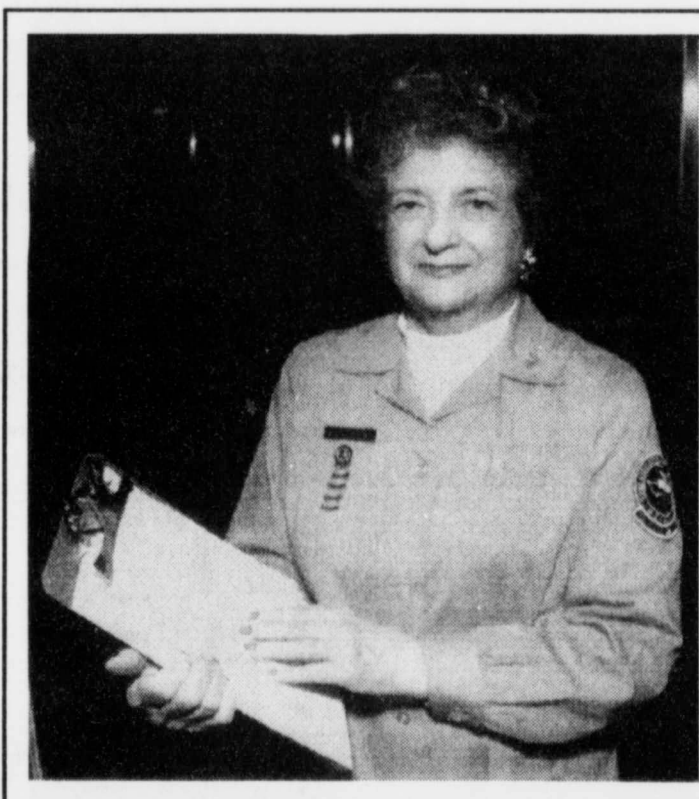
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WINTER WONDERLAND-was the theme for the float sponsored by the Talco First grade Christmas Prince and Princess, Laramie Lum and Emily McCuller. They received first place in the float division at the Talco parade held Dec.3. (Staff Photo Karen Jones)



FIRST PLACE-in the 4 wheeler division of the Talco Christmas parade held Dec.3 went to the Talco Elementary Christmas King and Queen, Alex Wright and Cody Huff. (Staff Photo Karen Jones)



JESUS IS THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL-was the theme for the car sponsored by the Rivercrest Senior class and Christmas Queen Jennifer Roberts. They received first place in the car division at the Talco parade Dec. 3. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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- Lunch**
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- Wednesday**
- Lunch**
Sliced Turkey with Gravy
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Green Beans
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- Friday**
- Lunch**
Hamburgers
Burger Salad
Beans
Chips
Ice Cream
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TEXAS CHRISTMAS- was the theme for the float sponsored by Mr. and Miss Talco Elementary, Kayla Clemmons and Roert Caul Rhoades. They received second place in the Talco parade held Tuesday, Dec. 3. (Staff Photo Karen Jones)

Talco Locals

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BEST BICYCLE-winning first place in the Talco Christmas parade Bicycle division was Sarah Hargrove. Sarah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tuck Hargrove of Talco and is a fourth grade student at Talco Elementary. (Staff Photo Karen Jones)

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and Jack Sunday were; Kim and Paul Anderson of Bogata, Rhonda Graf of Omaha, Julie Love of Mt. Pleasant, Jeremy Weatherall and Katherine Graf.

Gina Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker of Coopers Chapel represented the Winfield School as Junior High Christmas Queen in the Mt. Pleasant Christmas parade Saturday.

Neal and Carla Minor, Jamie and Katie of Overton visited with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith and Carl E. Saturday. They helped Mrs. Smith celebrate her birthday while there.

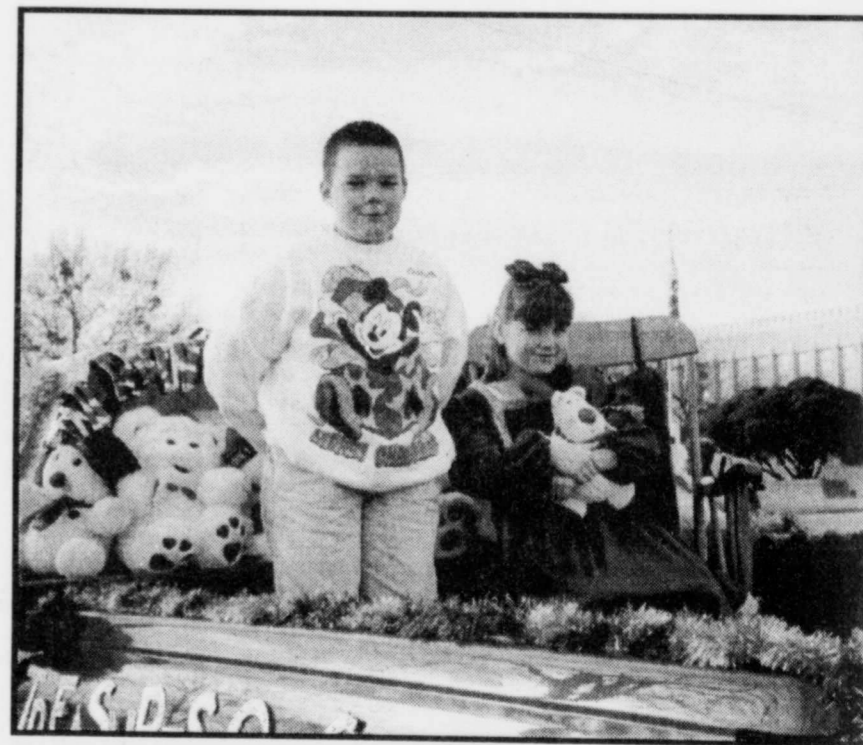
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown were in Tyler Tuesday for a doctor's visit. Mr. Brown will return for further test Thursday.

The Maple Springs Church enjoyed a combination Thanksgiving-Christmas covered dish lunch Sunday following services. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

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Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hawkins Sunday were; Rhonda Graf of Omaha, Jimmy Taylor of Mt. Pleasant and Tonya and Junior Bishop of Clarksville. They all enjoyed lunch at the Maple Springs Church following morning services.

Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Temples of Mexia visited this week with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cox and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf and family and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith.



TREASURES OF CHRISTMAS-was the theme for the car sponsored by the Talco Fourth grade Christmas Prince and Princess, John Ed Graf and Denise Huff. They received second place in the car division of the Talco parade held Dec.3. (Staff Photo Karen Jones)



BERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS-was the theme for the car sponsored by the Talco First grade Christmas Prince and Princess, Laura Beville and Alex Savage. They received third place in the car division at the Talco parade held Dec.3. (Staff Photo Karen Jones)

Talco Baseball-Softball Association meets Dec. 4

The Talco Baseball-Softball Association met Wednesday, Dec. 3 at the Talco City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Marta Rhoades at 8:10 p.m.

Treasurer, Judy Sloan reported she had not received a bank statement so the groups exact fund amount was not available but the total is near \$200.

The first order of business was to settle the mistake made with J.C. King, the high salesman of candy. The candy company used did not fulfill their promise and J.C. did not receive his promised gift. Motion was made by Marta Rhoades and second by Nancy Brown and carried to pay J.C. \$100 as his prize. Judy Sloan and Marta Rhoades will contact the candy company to see if the promised gift can be received. If the company complies, the gift will be used as a raffle prize next year.

Next on the agenda was discussion of a Christmas through New Year's fireworks stand. Motion was made by Janice Savage and second by Judy Sloan to use the same company as the group used in July. Randy Hollis reported finding a portable building to be used by the group to sell fireworks. The building belongs to Johnny Mears and Mr. Hollis reported he will let the group use it. Mayra Wright was elected to find a place to put the building. She will contact Stovall's about possibly setting the

building up on their lot.

Firework sells will begin on Dec.20. The group voted not to renew their 1996 firework license as the present license is good to Dec.31. They will renew in 1997. After discussion the best way for the group to handle firework stand workers was to give each officer and board member one day to be responsible for acquiring workers for the stand. No one under 18 years old will be allowed to work in the stand without adult supervision. A schedule was made out and any officer or board member who can not take care of getting workers or working themselves is asked to contact Judy Sloan as soon as possible. The tentative list is as follows: Marta Rhoades-Dec.20, Dale Grissom-Dec.21, Marcus Savage-Dec.22, Janice Savage-Dec.23, Darla Ottinger-Dec.24, Nancy Brown-Dec.25, Judy Sloan-Dec.26, Randy Hollis-Dec.27, Patsy Smith-Dec.28, Mayra Clark-Dec.30, Nancy Brown-Dec.31. A list of these people and dates will be mailed to each officer and board member.

The group voted to hold elections for the 1997 officers on Jan.9. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Talco City Hall on Jan.9 and officer elections will be at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The group voted to add to the by-laws the position of Girls Director, Boys Director and T-Ball Director.

The responsibility of the directors will be to attend all league, district and if possible state meeting for Dixie girls and boys and to take care of any business necessary for their group.

The group discussed possible new officers and board members and will be seeking both before election time Jan.9.

Judy Sloan will get a list of meeting and times for district and state to be given to the directors when they elected in January.

Randy Hollis reported the group may receive help from the City of Talco in getting a sewer line to the field. If the city is able to help the group will build new bathrooms for the coming season.

Signs on the field were discussed. Some signs that were paid for have not been painted. A committee will be formed in January to tend to this. Talco Feed, Rivercrest Booster Club and Talco Pharmacy signs will be the first to be painted and put up.

The group discussed sending letters to businesses for donations in cash or merchandise. Judy Sloan and Marta Rhoades will type and send these this week.

Fees for the coming season and possible coaches were discussed. All ideas were tabled until the next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting will be Jan.9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Talco City Hall.



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Crowston is deployed

Steve Crowston, son of Bill and Rita Crowston of Talco, stationed onboard USS Ramage, has been deployed to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis in the Mediterranean Sea. Crowston is a postal clerk and is responsible for the sending and receiving of this command's mail and intends to make the Navy a career.

Misty Taylor honored with Christmas Shower

Misty Taylor of Bogata, bride-elect of Clint Gage of Paris, was honored with a Christmas bridal shower Monday, December 9, at Lollypop Learning Center in Paris where Misty is employed. Honored guests were her mother, Lillian Taylor and niece Allison Boyd, her fiancé, Clint Gage, his mother and sister, Debra and D'Lynn Gage and his grandmothers, Virginia Gage and Ruby Smyers.

Hostesses were Angel Shook and Penny Burnett. Their gift to the couple was an artificial Christmas tree. Other guests were employees of Lollypop Learning Center. Refreshments served were dips and chips, tortilla roll-ups, Christmas cookies and cold drinks. Misty received a lovely array of Christmas decorations.



Veterans stories will be run in January

There have been several Veteran's Stories turned in to us since the Veteran's Day issue. To those who have done so, don't give up, we are going to publish them. During January, when things are "slower" we plan on putting together another round of stories, look for them then.

TNP names new manager and coordinators for North Texas area

Texas-New Mexico Power Company recently named Neal Walker as business unit manager for the North Texas area as part of its reorganized operations. Walker will oversee operations for TNP's area offices and construction centers in Olney, Pilot Point, Bogata, Emory, Nocona, Whitewright and Princeton. TNP also created a new position to refocus efforts on community and civic relations and economic development. Filling the new customer relations coordinator slot in the north Texas area includes Gary Petty, Bogata/Emory.

Newly named operations coordinator for the Bogata/Emory area is John Brooks. Customer service manager is Sue Reynolds.

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Mama & Granny

From
Donald, Tana, Chris,
Brea, Kara, Christopher,
Hali, and Jerred

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<p>BANANAS</p> <p>39¢ Lb</p> <p>SALAD MIX</p> <p>\$1³⁹ Lb. Bag</p> <p>BELL PEPPER</p> <p>4/\$1</p>	<p>PRODUCE</p> <p>POTATOES</p> <p>\$1⁶⁹ 10 Lb. Bag</p> <p>WHITE ONIONS</p> <p>29¢ Lb.</p> <p>GREEN ONIONS</p> <p>3/\$1</p>		<p>FLOUR</p> <p>Gold Medal All Purpose 5 Lb. Bag</p> <p>79¢</p>	<p>COKE-SPRITE</p> <p>DIET COKE 2 Liter</p> <p>99¢</p>	<p>COKE-SPRITE</p> <p>DIET COKE 6 Pack Cans</p> <p>\$1⁴⁹</p>	