

Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
Some Little Insights

As we bustle and run trying to get ready for the holidays, it's hard to find the time to slow down and smell the ...well, not roses, but perhaps the poinsettias.

I was reminded to do this last week, driving down a busy street in Paris. There was a small scene taking place in the sunny, pleasant afternoon.

There sat a lawn mower in the middle of a half mown lawn. Its driver was busy with something else, something much more important. He was throwing a football gently to three small children who laughed and scrambled through the leaves in delight. It was nice to see that having fun with those kids was more important than getting a lawn done.

During the Deport Christmas Parade Monday it was awful. Cold, we all watched in despair as signs and decorations ran, melted, fell apart and we all turned into a bunch of "drowned rats". But the joyous part was the fun everyone actually had. In spite of the weather everyone laughed, grinned and generally accepted that what cannot be cured must be endured. It was a great parade in spite of the wet.

An employee pointed out something doesn't make a lick of sense. On the label of a box of Christmas lights... "For indoor or outdoor use only". Okay, indoor or outdoor use ONLY. Wellll, I hadn't really considered using them underwater, and that's the only place I can think of which is neither indoors or outdoors. Or, wait! I know....you aren't supposed to use half the string inside and then run the rest of the strand outside?

Finally, I looked up the other day to see three small boys lined up looking in the office windows. They had the brightest, most innocent looks on their faces as they gazed in awe at Santa Claus and his computer slowly moving back and forth, back and forth. It was just wonderful to see the joy on their little faces as they chattered back and forth about the window display.

Take a little time to slow down, to look at the youngsters and their excitement, their joy and excitement. Take a little time to appreciate the beauties of the season, and to spend time with those to whom it means so much. It brings home the true spirit of the season.



Craft Sale Canceled

The Rivercrest Band has canceled the Craft Sale scheduled for Dec. 12 due to the small response.

The group will try to hold a sale sometime in the spring. For more information contact Richard Davis, Band Director at Rivercrest High School 632-5204.

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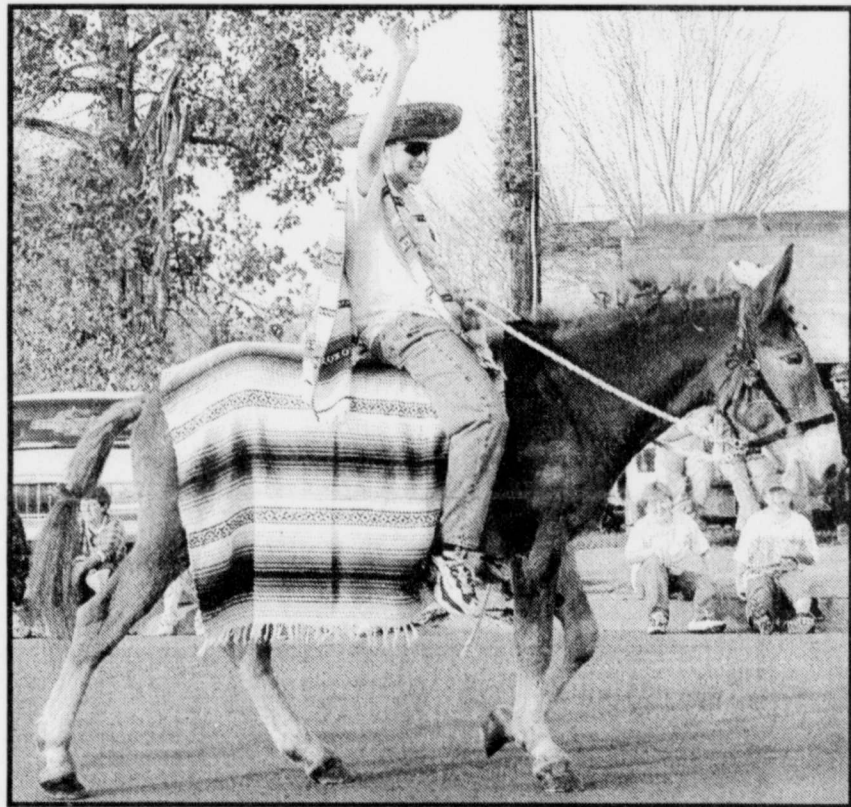
A visiting Judge has ruled that \$500,000 must be put up in order to continue the opposition to a \$9 million Talco-Bogata ISD Bond Election held recently.

Randy Carroll, Roy Marris and Darla Ottinger filed a petition to have the election set aside because of what they alleged were "Voting Irregularities".

The bond issue by only 10 votes in July after a lengthy campaign both for an against the proposal, which was a \$9 million bond issue to construct a centralized campus at Johntown, next to the current River-

crest High School. Visiting Judge H.G. Andrews of Rockwall, sitting in Red River County District Court at Clarksville, ordered the contestants to post the \$500,000

bond to "protect the school's interest against any loss it might incur because of the delay brought on by fighting the suit". The school district has not been able to continue with their consolidation project while the court issue remained unresolved.



SENIOR FEO- (Mr. Ugly) also known as Jared White won his title by being the student to collect the most donations for the Rivercrest Spanish Club. A member from all 4 classes at RHS competed and Jared, a Sophomore, won and also won the right to ride the mule in the Talco and Bogata Christmas parades. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Time to submit your Christmas Memories

It's time to sit down and write down a favorite Christmas memory again.

This annual contest, which results in the publication of Christmas Memory stories sent in, is open once more.

Readers are urged to write down their story, whether happy, poignant or funny, and send them in to us here at Thunder Prairie Publishing P.O. Box 98
Deport, Texas 75435.

First, second, third place and a number of Honorable Mentions will

be awarded. All prize winners will be published in the big Christmas Edition of all five newspapers, as well as as many of the other entries as space allows.

First place will receive a beautiful photo album to collect more memories in!

Please share Christmas past or present with readers. Subscribers always say that they love to read the Christmas memories entries so much.

Deadline for entering is December 11, so hurry!

Student Council sponsoring food drive

Once again, this year, the Rivercrest Student Council is sponsoring a food drive for the Christmas Season. Each fifth period class is involved in the competition. The class that brings in the most food will be rewarded with a trip to Paris for lunch on

Food Baskets to be ready December 21

The food baskets which are annually given to people who need them in Bogata will be passed out at 9:00 a.m. December 21 at First Baptist Church-Bogata. Please be there by 9:00 a.m. to pick them up.

If you need a food basket please call Shirley Vickers at 632-5447 after 3:00 p.m.

Franklin County Genealogical Society seeking info

The Franklin County Genealogical Society is seeking information for their files. If you have old obituaries, pictures or any kind of information you think would be helpful, please mail to Franklin County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1563, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457. They are located in the museum, south of the water fountain, one block off the square, in Mount Vernon. They are open Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.



OLD PHOTOS keep memories, history alive. Jean Williams (left) and daughter Davy Jo Williams have assembled a wonderful collection of historic photos in the Cunningham Community Center. The centerpiece belongs to Melba Baker, and the frame is made from the Cunningham School Mascot that was painted on the center of the gym floor. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Cunningham Community Center houses many memories

By Thomas Nichols

There is a lot of history on the walls of the Cunningham Community Center. Photos of the school and military history of the residents of the Cunningham Community grace the center, thanks to Jean Williams and her daughter, Davy Jo Williams.

The military photos date back to the Civil War, featuring John C. Cunningham, father of Sam Cunningham who founded the community by giving any family who would settle there 2 acres of land. Other photos represent Veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam who came from Cunningham.

Photos of Senior Classes graduat-

ing from the Cunningham School date from 1936 through 1970.

Some of the old school photos were lost or destroyed, but the mother and daughter team have worked relentlessly to make copies of individual or created some of the lost and destroyed class photos at their own expense.

One large picture frame that stands out among the rest belongs to Melba Baker. The big red frame houses various photos of individuals and captures a part of the community's past. The frame is constructed from hardwood removed from the center of the Cunningham School's gymnasium. The school's mascot, the Cunningham Warrior, represented the school and

the community's pride for nearly thirty years. Now it is once again a symbol of that pride.

Cunningham is typical of many communities in this area. They no longer have a school, but they still take pride in their memories. They are fiercely loyal to their community, meeting to support the fire department, or to rally around anyone who suffers a loss or disaster. They hold well-attended homecomings, meet at the center for a variety of events, and have many active churches.

The Cunningham Community Center shines with that loyalty and feeling of community which hallmarks so many of the smaller towns in this area. It is a pleasure to behold.

"Captain Safety" visits Talco School

Captain Safety (Kenneth, D-Boy Jones) visited the Talco School students in grades Kindergarten through Fifth grade Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998.

Captain Safety came blasting out of a safety box and began sharing his safety tips with the students.

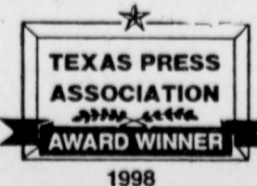
"Helmets for bicycles, go-carts, three and four wheelers should always be worn", said Captain Safety.

He encouraged students to never be in the yard when parents or anyone is mowing the grass because of flying objects which can travel at speeds of 160 mph. Seat belt use, bus safety, fire safety and more were discussed with the students. Captain Safety also encouraged students to come up and share safety rules with him and all present.

After a very informative presentation, Captain Safety visited classrooms where students were eager to visit and give him a hug. Each child received safety stickers. Captain Safety is from Texas Utilities safety program. Helping Captain Safety were Cathy Brooks and Don Hutchings.



SPECIAL VISIT-Talco Kindergarten through Fifth grade students enjoyed a visit from "Captain Safety" also known as Kenneth (D-Boy) Jones, on Wednesday Dec. 2. He is pictured visiting Mrs. Jan Grissom's second grade class and receiving a special hug from Justin Bryan. Also pictured are Tyrone Sanders, Jordan Wright, Mrs. Grissom and Captain Safety's helper, Mr. Hutchings.



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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin

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'Tis the season... and it is fast approaching... too fast in fact! But this week we are featuring some different candy recipes for everyone to try. I know that everyone is getting ready to hit the kitchen and start that baking and candy-making.

Also this week we have a recipe for a pie crust mix that was sent in from one of our readers. It makes enough for several crusts and can be stored unrefrigerated for up to four months.

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

Date Krispie Balls--These will keep well covered and recipe can also be frozen. For a more festive air, add red or green food coloring to coconut!

Marshmallow Divinity--tired of your divinity being running... well this is a sure-fire recipe for everyone!

Peanut Butter Fudge--no one will be able to resist this favorite!

Old Fashioned Fudge--this recipe is an original and was made way before marshmallow creme came into style!

Cap'n Crunch Snacks--this is another one of those snacks that cannot be eaten a little bit at a time!

Crispy Pecans--store these in an airtight container... if they last that long!

Pie Crust Mixture--everyone needs a good pie crust recipe and this one make enough to keep a supply of crusts. This one was sent to us by Nanie Bell Hamm of Deport. She received it from her friend Pauline Gilliam of Malvern, Ohio. She tells that the crust can be stored unrefrigerated and when she wants a crust she just measures out a portion and mixes for the amount of crusts she needs. She has kept this up to as long as 4 months in an airtight container. A baked crust also can be kept for an indefinite time.



Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight, and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

* Get well wishes to Daphney Pointer who is in McCuiston Hospital with a broken hip and to Burl Moore.

RRV Genealogical Society to meet

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Christmas meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society. The December meeting will be held at the Blossom Library on Monday evening, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Those attending are asked to bring finger foods and other refreshments. Representatives from the library and museum will speak on the facilities and the library's growing genealogical collection. Members and guests are encouraged to come tour the library and enjoy the fellowship.

Editor's Quotes
Brooding over one's troubles insures a perfect hatch.

Have you seen an Angel?

The angel tree has arrived at the Clarksville Wal-Mart Store. As you stop by, you may adopt your own angel from the tree and leave your unwrapped gift(s) at the Wal-Mart customer service desk or drop them off at the Clarksville Fire Department. Each angel has been screened for eligibility and the gifts are equally distributed.

Please have all your adopted angels gifts returned by December 18.

If your schedule does not permit you to shop for your adopted angel, you may send your donation to the Clarksville Fire Department, 300 Pecan Street, Clarksville, TX 75426.

Please help spread the word to Red River County families that may be in need of assistance so that their children may have a Merry Christmas. All applications must be in by December 7.

Internet service affects millions of men

Millions of young men were given an easier way to fulfill a civic and legal responsibility on December 2. As of that date, 18 through 25-year old male U.S. citizens everywhere were able to register with the Selective Service System using the Internet.

Federal law requires virtually all men to register with Selective Service within 30 days of turning 18. About 1.8 million men are required to register each year. Although late registrations are accepted, a man cannot register after reaching age 26. Failure to register is a felony. Registration is linked to many federal and state benefits. Male immigrants who fail to register as required cannot obtain citizenship. Half of the states have supporting legislation which precludes men who are required to register, but who have not done so, from receiving many state benefits, like state tuition assistance, eligibility for state jobs, and enrolling in state post-secondary institutions.

Although the U.S. relies on an all volunteer military today, the Selective Service System and the registration program help America remain prepared to reinstate a timely and fair draft in a future crisis, should a draft become necessary.

Vehicle vandalism is Crime of the Week


Just after 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, unknown suspects smashed a door glass from a red Dodge Neon in the 600 block of Fitzhugh St. in Paris. Once inside the vehicle, the suspects stole a purse that contained cash, several pieces of jewelry as well as other items. This burglary of a motor vehicle, resulted in over \$3,000 in lost and damaged property.

If you have information on this or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers by December 14. If an arrest and indictment is made of the persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1,000. All calls remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court.

Call Crime Stoppers today at 785-TIPS.

December 10, 1998 Christmas Candy Recipes

- Date Krispie Balls**
1 stick margarine
3/4 cup sugar
2 egg yolks-beaten
1 cup chopped dates
2 teaspoon vanilla
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 cup pecans-chopped
2 cups Rice Krispies cereal
1 package Angel Flake coconut
Over low heat, cook margarine, sugar and egg yolks; add dates. Cook and stir for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and add remaining ingredients except coconut. Cool slightly and roll into balls in coconut.
- Marshmallow Divinity**
1 pint marshmallow creme
1/2 cup water
2 cups sugar
pinch salt
1/2 cup chopped pecans
Place marshmallow creme in large bowl. Combine sugar, water and salt in saucepan. Bring to rolling boil and boil only two minutes or softball stage. Pour hot syrup over creme and stir until mixed. Stir until candy loses gloss. Add pecans and drop by spoonful on to waxed paper or pour into buttered dish and cut into pieces when cool.
- Peanut Butter Fudge**
2 cups sugar
1/2 can condensed milk
1/4 cup light corn syrup
1 cup peanut butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix sugar, milk and syrup in pan. Cook on low heat until it reaches a soft-ball stage. Remove from heat and add peanut butter and vanilla. Mix well and pour into 8-inch buttered pan.
- Old-Way Fudge**
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup cocoa
1 cup sweet milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
Mix sugar and cocoa in saucepan. Pour in milk a little at a time until all ingredients are mixed. Add vanilla and melted butter. Cook until soft-ball stage or thick. Cool and stir until thick. Pour into buttered platter or pan.
- Cap'n Crunch Snacks**
1 cup Karo syrup
1 cup sugar
12 ounces peanut butter
4 cups Cap'n Crunch cereal
1 package dried apricots-chopped
1 jar dry-roasted or salted peanuts
Combine syrup and sugar together in a saucepan. Boil for 1 minute. Add peanut butter, cereal, apricots and peanuts. Mix well and drop by spoonful onto wax paper.
- Special K Drops**
1 cup sugar
1 cup white corn syrup
2 cups peanut butter
1/4 teaspoon salt
6 cups Special K cereal
Bring sugar and syrup to boil; take off heat. Add peanut butter and salt. Beat until smooth. Add cereal and drop by spoonful onto wax paper.
- Crispy Pecans**
2 pounds shelled pecan halves
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 cups sugar
1/2 cup honey
5 cups oil
water
Wash pecans thoroughly. Fill wok or heavy pot with water about halfway and put in pecans. Bring to boil and let boil for three minutes. Drain and wash them again. Pour 4 cups water into pot. Add salt, sugar and honey. Return pecans to pot and cook 20 minutes or until liquid begins to thicken. When thickened, pour contents into a large bowl and let them soak for 24 hours. Remove pecans and drain with strainer. Heat oil to 350 degrees and add pecans. Stir occasionally until pecans turn golden brown. Remove and let cool completely.
- Pie Crust Mixture**
6 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
2-1/4 cup vegetable shortening
Mix together flour and salt using a pastry blender or your fingertips. Work shortening into flour mixture until resulting crumbs are about the size of dried split peas. Store tightly covered in container. To make crust measure out 3 cups of mixture and add 8 tablespoons of water. Mix and shape into dough. If necessary add more water.



Have A Great Weekend

There Are Many Ways To Say "THANK YOU"

We do it each year by baking and preparing some of our favorite recipes and offering them at our Christmas Open House. This year the Open House will be the week of December 14-18. Please Come. We would personally like to say "Thank You" and wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a New Year of prosperity and blessings.

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Bobbie L. Shelton dies December 4

Bobbie L. Shelton, age 58 of Hagansport, died Friday, December 4 at his residence.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, December 7 in Lake Chapel Church with Rev. James Martin, Kenny Shelton and Mike Shelton officiating. Burial was in Conners Cemetery in Hopkins County under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Shelton was born July 22, 1940 in Hopkins County, the son of Erma and Vilene Beatrice Sheppard Shelton. He married the former Etta Faye Fain on January 20, 1961. He was a retired oil field worker.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Billy Shelton of Hagansport and Mike Shelton and his wife Sheila of Neosho, MO; two brothers, Ken Shelton of Hagansport and Jim Shelton of Seattle, WA; and four grandchildren.

Mollie Foreman dies December 7

Mollie Leona Foreman, age 89 of Bogata, died Tuesday, December 7 in the East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Her remains were interred on the McFarren ranch in Cuthand with Wood Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was born August 12, 1909 in Walls, OK, the daughter of Walter and Jane Potter Cleaver. She was a retired cook/waitress.

Surviving are her daughter-in-law, Pat McFarren of Cuthand; her daughter, Freida Mauldin of Pattonville; two grandchildren, Rita Malone of Pattonville and Roger Mauldin of Deport; two great-grandchildren, Misty and Laura; and a nephew, Bill Hicks of Benton City, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her son, Kelsie McFarren; her daughter, Norma Jean Yoe; two brothers, Delmer and Earl Cleaver; and a sister, Betty Hicks.

Billie L. Moore dies December 5

Billie L. Moore, age 77 of Blossom died Saturday, December 5 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Paris.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 9 at the First United Methodist Church of Blossom with the Rev. Byron Allen officiating. Burial was in Knights of Honor Cemetery.

He was born September 25, 1921, in Blossom to Raymond A. and Wanda Vivian Lamberson Moore. He married Eunice Irene Allen on November 23, 1950 in Blossom. She died March 25, 1961. He served in the Army during World War II and was retired from Automatic Gas Co. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Blossom.

Surviving are a daughter, Deborah Hunt of Blossom; granddaughters, Rebecca Hunt, Elizabeth Yosten, Rachel Hunt; a great-granddaughter, Gabrielle Torres; a brother, Raymond A. Moore, Jr. of San Angelo; and a cousin, Beatrice Williams of Dallas.

Bearers were Raymond Allen, Orville Allen, Robert Coleman, Holley Ables, Harold Blackburn and Tom Watson.

Card of Thanks

The family of Bertha Boren would like to express their sincere thanks for every act of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Whether you sent flowers or food or however you may have expressed your sympathy, we will always be grateful for your thoughtfulness.

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Drake-Ferguson exchange wedding vows

Todd and Bill Ferguson and Brittani and Steven Drake announce the marriage of their parents, Linda Drake of Bogata, to James Ferguson of Meeker, CO on December 5.

The wedding took place at the home of Maurine Womack, mother of the bride, with the Rev. David Norwood, cousin of the bride, officiating.

The couple's chosen colors of red, green and white were used throughout the house. Music selections were pre-recorded by Lana Pritchard, cousin of the bride. Corsages and wedding decorations were made by Ms. Drake's mother and her aunt, Barbara Smith of Bogata.

Ms. Drake was escorted to the altar

by Zackery Drake, her grandson. Attending the couple were their children, Brittani Drake and Todd Ferguson. Flower girl was granddaughter Alexandra Drake and ringbearer was Paul Burke.

Ms. Drake is the daughter of Maurine Womack of Reno and the late Steve Womack.

Mr. Ferguson is the son of Suzie Ferguson of Meeker, CO and the late Clarence Ferguson.

After a brief honeymoon, the couple will reside in Meeker.

Out of town guests were Judy Graeff, Bill Ferguson, Todd Ferguson, Brittani Drake, Tammy Drake and Claire Carrol.

Christopher family has dinner

The Christopher family held their annual Christmas Dinner in Mesquite on December 6.

Attending were Sarah and Floyd Bartholemew of Wylie, Margee and Don Christopher of Caddo Mills, Sheryl Watkins of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Kristy Swell and Brian Kreymeyer of Wylie, Robert J. and Christine Christopher of Dallas, Staci and Greg Blackard of Dallas, Melba Henry of Haltom City, Nina Swink of Glen Rose, Pistol, Kathy, Brittini, Trey and Michaela Rawdon of Carrollton, Bryan, Lisa, Cortney, Andrew and Paden Sperling of Athens, Ida Christopher of Clarksville, Gene and Carol Davidson of Garland, Gussie Musick of Bogata, Julie, Marcus and Seth Wood of Princeton,

Thomas, Catherine Lauren and Shannon Rawdon of Carrollton, Linda and Rob Chaney of Dallas, Sherry, Darrell and Jason Warren of McKinney, Robert, Phyllis and Christopher Kreymeyer of Wylie, Teresa and Mike Boyd of Wylie, Greg Griffin of Mesquite, Thomas Christopher of Kilgore, James Timothy and Katrina Christopher of Garland, Janice Henry of Wilmer, Lowell and Bonnie Griffin of Mesquite, Edith McTee of Wylie, C.D. and Zella Warren of Athens and Randy Christopher of Clarksville, Melinda Shelton of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Jeff Donders of North Carolina, Phillip Kreymeyer of Wylie and Raymond Christopher of Henderson.

Steeley to review new book

Former Paris resident, James Steeley, will review the new book he co-authored with Dan Utley, *Guided With a Steady Hand: The Cultural Landscape of a Rural Texas Park*, in the Maxey House Book Shop on

December 12 at 2 p.m.

Mr. Steeley is director of National Register Programs at the Texas Historical Commission. There is no charge for the book review.

Oops!!

We goofed. Under the picture of Kathy Sue Williams on the front page of the December 3, 1998 Bogata News we stated that the calendar was being sold by the Bogata United Methodist Youth, which was correct as far as it went. What we neglected to mention was that the Methodist Youth who were selling the calendar was not only Bogata United Methodist young people but also Cuthand United Methodist Young people. We are sorry for the mix-up. It was all our fault, not Kathy Sue's.

The group also welcomes young people from any church group, and is attended by many area youth. Young people who are not affiliated with any church are also welcomed.

Cunningham News
By Linda Anderson
652-3502 or 652-2059



Thanksgiving holiday visitors of Clyde and Bobbye Slusher were Steve Slusher of Denton, Clint and Kasey Hyde of Dripping Springs and E.C. and Stephanie McLaughlin of Burkburnett.

Charles and Jackie Taylor of Paris hosted the annual Thanksgiving festivities at their cabin at Lamar Point.

In addition to the hosts, others present were Mike, Carrie, Charles II and Grant Taylor; George, Bonita, Sarah, Kate and Madeline Struve; Bobbie Hall; Tracy and Cindy Holbert and sons, Ryan and Seth of Bryan; J.M. and Mary Fisher of Paris; Stephanie and E.C. McLaughlin of Burkburnett; Shane McLaughlin of Denton; Clint and Kasey Hyde of Dripping Springs and Steve Slusher of Denton.

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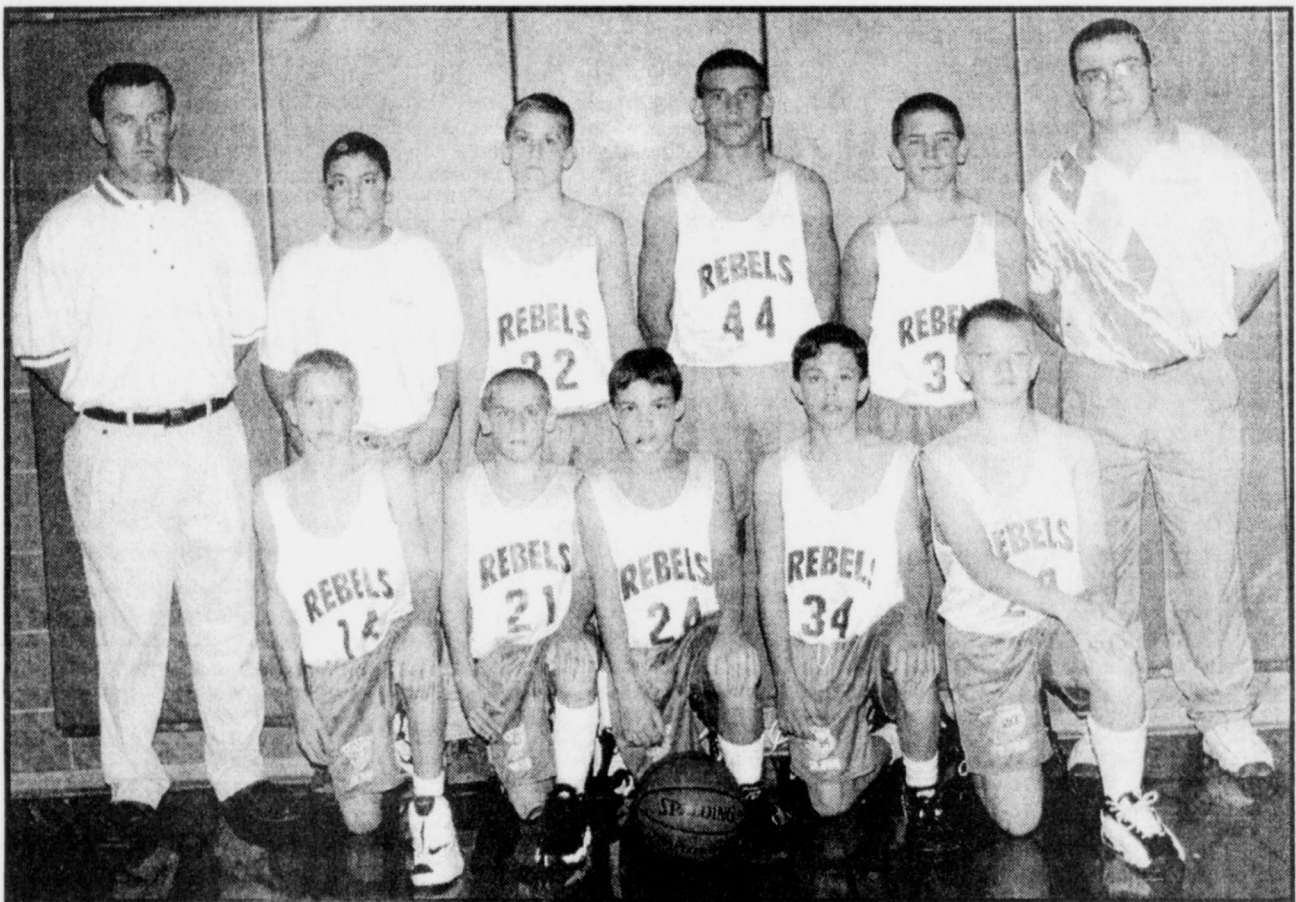


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CHOIR STUDENT OF THE MONTH-for the month of December at Rivercrest High School is Daphane Baird. Daphane is the daughter of Cotten and Sharlot Barid of Talco. She is a Sophomore student at Rivercrest. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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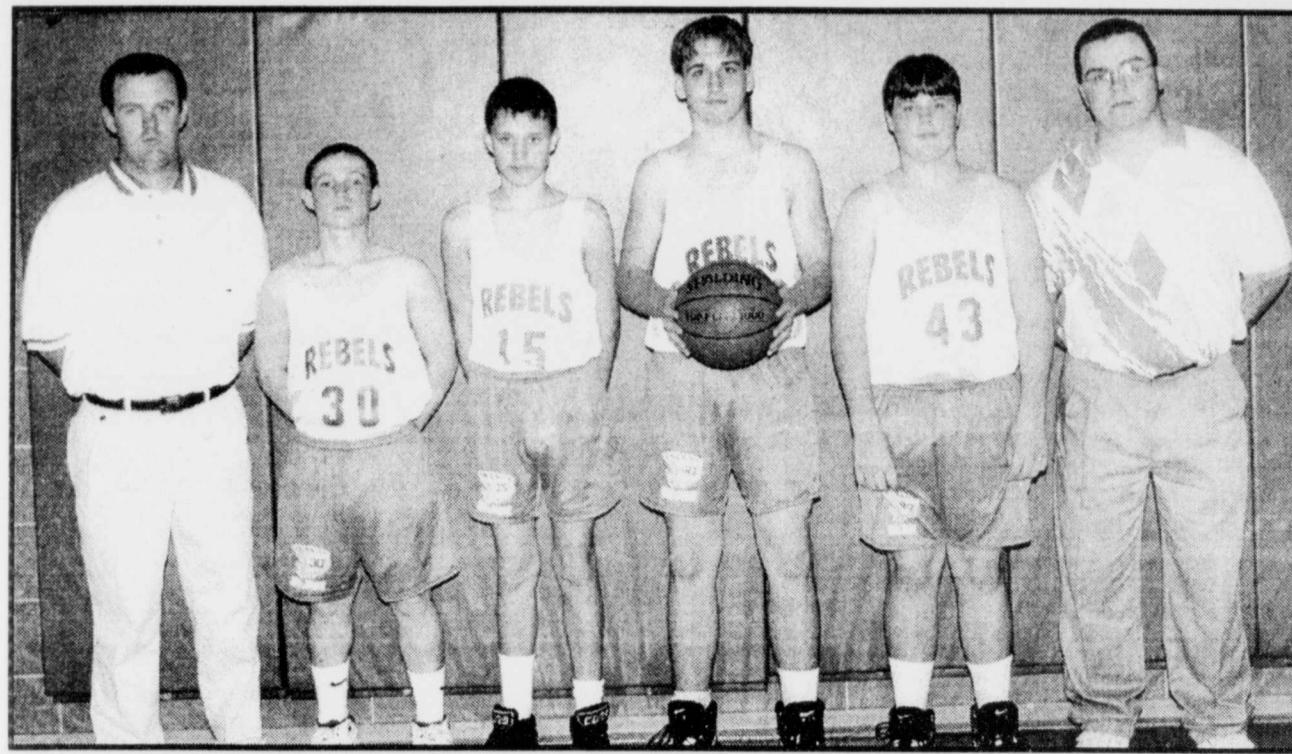


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1998-99 EIGHTH GRADE REBELS-are (from the left) Coach James Daugherty, Justin Exum, Clay Craig, Dustin Jones, Steven Allen and Coach Jeremy Abshier. Not pictured is member Ryan Newton. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rebel Junior Varsity host tournament Dec.3-5

The Rivercrest Rebel Junior Varsity hosted a basketball tournament Dec. 3 through Dec. 5. The Rebels met Cooper in their first game on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

In the first 2 minutes of the game the Rebels looked slow and unsure and then Clinton Cheatwood and Kerry Posey went to work on the offense. The slow start was long forgotten by the quarter's end. Brandon Bell came off the Rebel bench to add good offense and defense and the team ended the quarter with only 3 personal fouls and leading 16-6 of points made by Cheatwood, Posey and Josh Griffin. To begin the second quarter Cheatwood inbounded the ball to Bell who scored, setting the pace for the Rebels. The Bulldogs put up a good fight but Josh Griffin stole the show with a block and scoring 7 points off passes from Nathan Carroll and Brandon Bell. Brendin Jones and Jeremy Grissom came off the bench to add good defense and offense. Score 30-20 Rebels.

The third quarter saw good Rebel defense but the offense had slowed. 4 minutes of the quarter had passed before the Rebels scored. When the Bulldogs got close the Rebels took the wake up call. Kerry Posey had a great second half of the third scoring 8 points. Eric Posey came off the bench to add good defense and offense. Score 40-26 Rebels. In the final quarter the "Ready Rebels" kept a fast pace. Josh Griffin drew the offensive foul off the Bulldogs and a frustrated Cooper team committed the Intentional foul giving the Rebels 2 free shots and the ball. Brendin Jones, Steven Shade, Eric Posey and Jeremy Grissom came into the game to finish off the Bulldogs with a final score of 55-43 Rebels.

Although the Rebels had a good

game they and the other teams Junior High through Varsity boys and girls must improve at the free shot line. Of 25 free shots taken by the Rebels only 9 were made. High score honors went to Clinton Cheatwood, who made 6 of eight free shots, scoring a total of 17 points, followed by Kerry Posey and Josh Griffin both with 16 points. Also scoring were Nathan Carroll and Brandon Bell.

On Friday the Rebels met Mt. Vernon. In the first quarter of the game the Tigers took an early lead. Josh Griffin got into early foul trouble and the Rebels put up many shots which were over shot and wild. The Tigers out hustled the Rebs to hold a 12-6 lead at the quarters end. In the second the Rebels left the lane open to often and the Tigers drove in. The Tigers beat them on the man to man defense and on the offense it was not a good quarter for the Rebs. However, the Rebs did move to within 4 points of the Tigers by the half time break. Score 16-20 Tigers.

In the last half it took the Rebels just under 6 minutes to score while the Tigers added points. Josh Griffin netted the field goal and drew a foul to score. It was another bad quarter for the Rebs and the Tigers eased away. Score 36-21 Tigers. In the final quarter Rebel shots would not go in and when it did the Tigers quickly answered with scores of their own. The entire Rebel team got playing time but a working combination could not be found. Final 47-37 Mt. Vernon. High scorer for the game was Clinton Cheatwood with 9 points. Also scoring were Kerry Posey, Nathan Carroll, Josh Griffin, Myron Ellis, Brandon Bell and Brendin Jones.

On Saturday the Rebels played Chapel Hill who had shown a quick

hustling team on Friday. It was to be a tough game for both teams. In the first quarter the Rebels were back to themselves after Friday's nightmare. They netted 18 points in the first quarter with Myron Ellis having an excellent quarter for the team on both offense and defense. Score 18-15 Rebels. In the second the Red Devils used their speed but it was a high fouling quarter and Nathan Carroll shot 99% from the free shot line for the Rebels. At the half time buzzer the Red Devils scored to hold a two point lead going into the last half. Score 37-39 Red Devils.

The Rebels came back strong in the 3rd and ran neck and neck with the Red Devils. Kerry Posey did a great job rebounding the ball while Ellis, who had been sidelined due to fouls and Carroll showed the Red Devils some Rebel quickness. Scoring for the quarter was led by Clinton Cheatwood and helping him out were Ellis, Brandon Bell, Posey, Griffin and Brendin Jones. Score 59-52 Rebels. The last quarter saw Carroll finish the game shooting 97% from the free shot line. Brendin Jones had a great quarter for the team on the defense and the Red Devils fouled in the process of trying to catch the Rebel. Josh Griffin was lost to foul trouble and the Rebs had three players, Ellis, Cheatwood and Posey, with 4 forcing them off on the defense. The Rebel offense held out with scores from Ellis, Bell, Cheatwood, Posey, Griffin, Carroll, Jones and Jeremy Grissom. Final Rebels 78-Red Devils 63 and a second place trophy for the Rebs. High scorer for the game was Clinton Cheatwood with 20 points. Also scoring were Myron Ellis-10, Brandon Bell-9, Kerry Posey-11, Josh Griffin-12, Nathan Carroll-13, Jeremy Grissom-2 and Brendin Jones 3.

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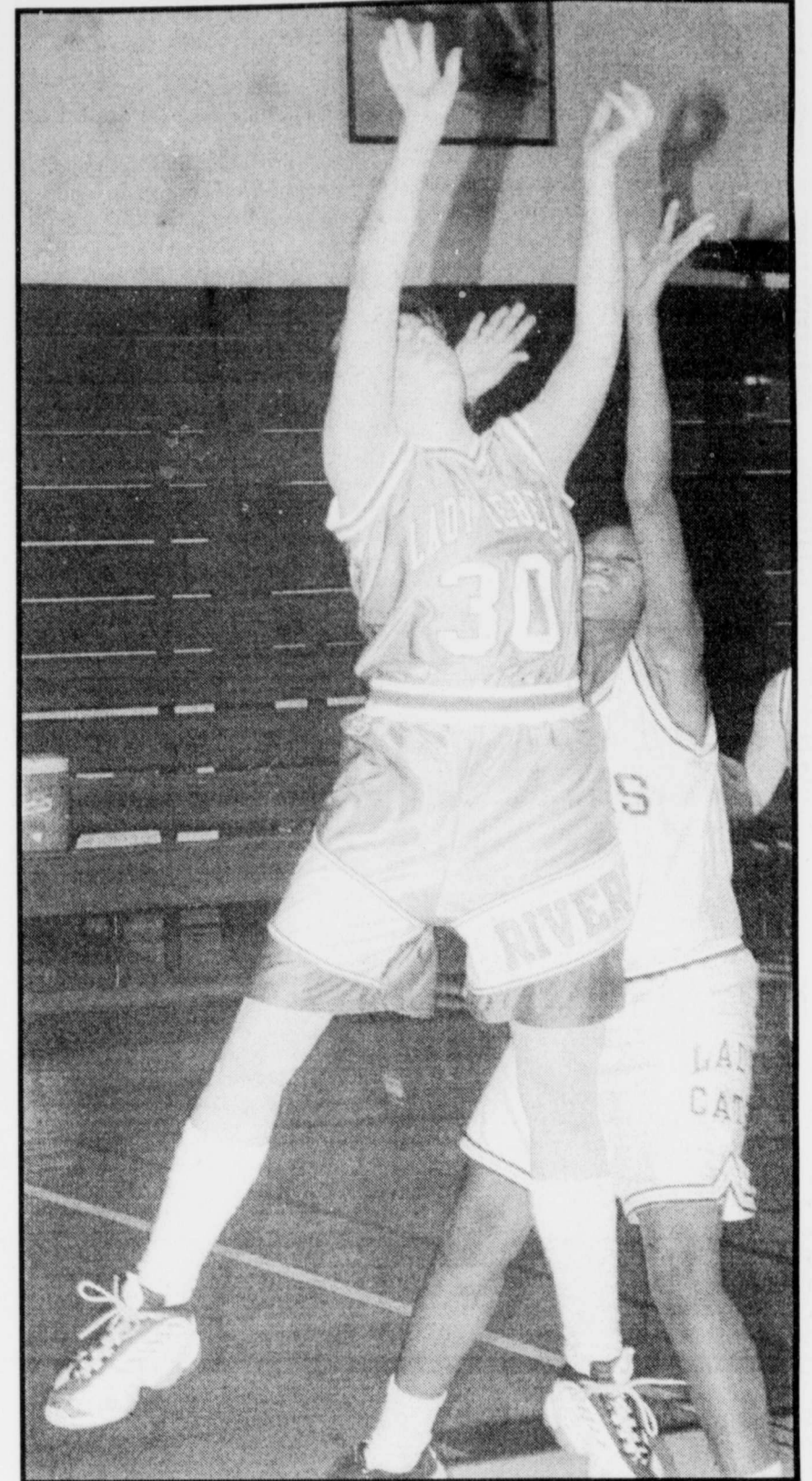
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UP AND IN-Cheryl Griffin, JV Lady Rebel puts up a shot as the team met Paris High in the Mt. Pleasant JV tournament held Dec. 3-5. The Lady Rebels won the contest to take the Consolation trophy. Cheryl was also high scorer for the game. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lady Rebel varsity compete at North Lamar

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel varsity traveled to North Lamar for tournament play Dec. 3-4-5. On Thursday the team met Naaman Forrest a 5A team from Garland. After a tough game the Lady Rebels were defeated. On Friday they met the North Lamar JV and took the win placing them to play Trinity Christian on Saturday.

In Saturday's game the Lady Rebels did not get the first tip of the ball but recovered and missed their first shot of the game to set a bad pace for the team. The ladies of Trinity towered over the Lady Rebels in height and were also excellent shooters. There were only 3 minutes left in the first quarter before the Lady Rebels were able to score on a field goal from Kim Ross. Score 16-3 Trinity. In the sec-

ond the Lady Rebels worked hard. Tiffany Prentice showed good hustle in the quarter and Katie Hare, Missy Carroll, Kim Ross, Kim Shirley, Jill Foster and Prentice scored to end the half at half the Trinity score. 30-15 Trinity.

The Trinity team simply outclassed the Lady Rebels but it did not keep them from giving a game to the larger, in size and number team. In the third they got within 9 points of Trinity. Hare led the scoring with 8 points. Ross netted a trey and Prentice added 4 points. Score 39-30 Trinity. In the final quarter the Lady Rebels lost post, Missy Carroll to fouls but Cara Morgan came in to take up the slack. Courtney Jones also did well

under the goal for the Lady Rebs. Bad calls ate the Lady Rebels up. On step forward called for two steps back and with a little officials help the Trinity team took the win 57-39. This was a loss for the Lady Rebels but the team played a good game against large odds. Every Lady Rebel got playing time and every Lady Rebel hustled. Candias Nickerson is still out following knee surgery and Kembre Baker has also been sidelined with a knee injury. Both girls will add to the team when they are able to return. Posting high score for the game was Katie Hare with 12 points. Also scoring were Kim Ross-9, Tiffany Prentice-8, Kim Shirley-6, Missy Carroll-3, Cara Morgan-2 and Jill Foster-1.

Good Luck Teams!

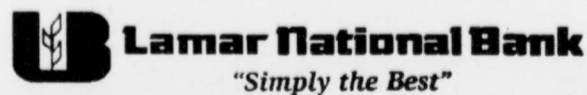
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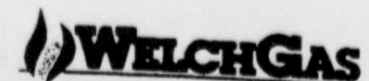
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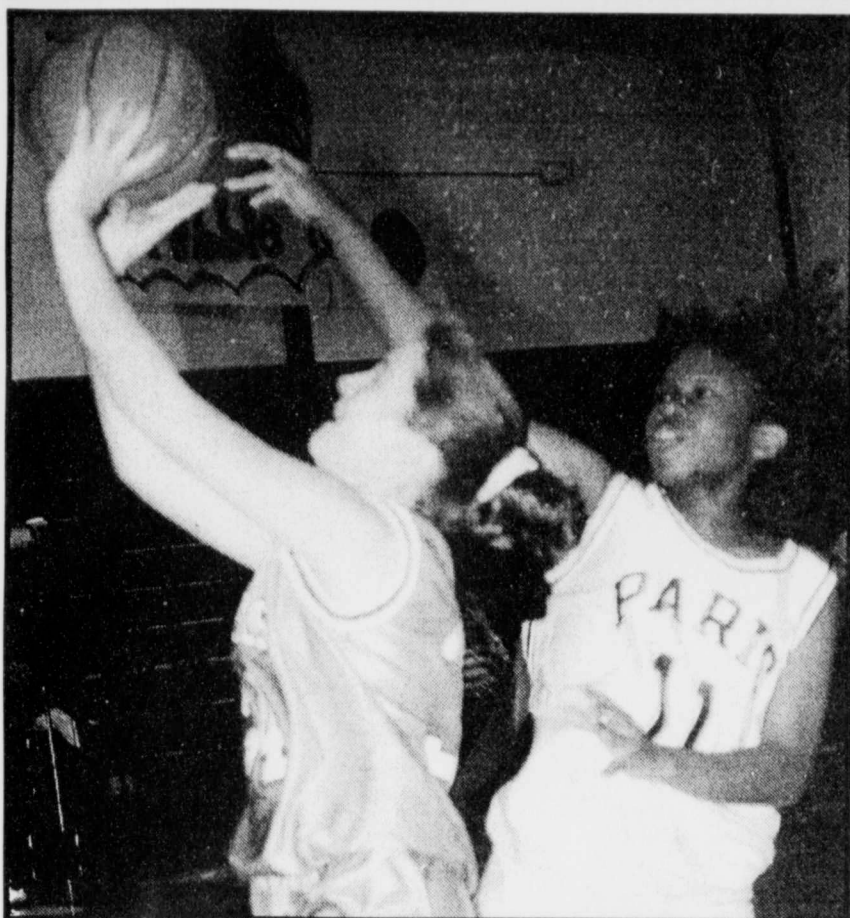
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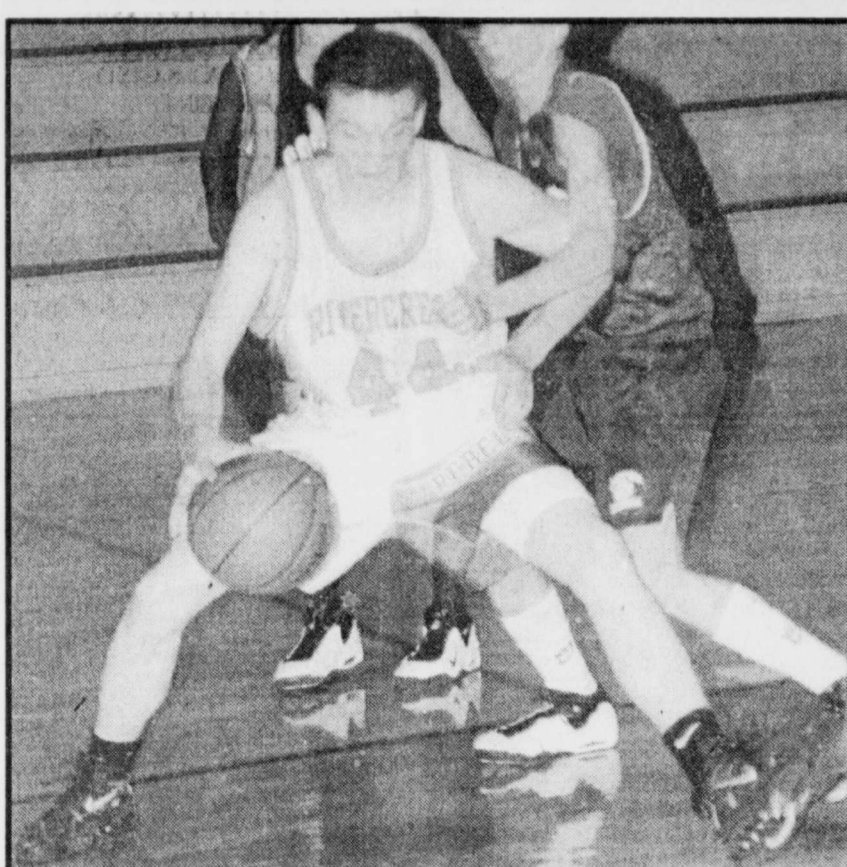
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JENNIFER HAYS-goes to the hoop as the Lady Rebel JV defeated Paris High JV at the Mt. Pleasant tournament on Saturday. The Lady Rebels received the Consolation trophy for the 57-46 win. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



JOSH GRIFFIN-takes a bounce before putting his shot up as the Rebels met Chapel Hill on Saturday in the Rivercrest JV tourney. The Rebels won the game 78-63 to take second place. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



BAND STUDENTS OF THE WEEK-at Rivercrest High School for the week of Nov. 30 and Nov. 23 were Johnandrea Crane and Brittany Bull. The girls are both Freshman at RHS. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



BAND STUDENTS OF THE WEEK-Kissrryn Munns has been named Band Student of the Week for Dec. 7 from the Rivercrest High School Band. Chad Davis was named 6th grade Band Student of the Week for the week of Dec. 14. Both are students at Talco Junior High. Chad is the son of Zack and Mary Meade of Talco. Kissrryn is the daughter of Darrell and Kay Stevens of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lady Rebel JV win consolation

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel JV traveled to Mt. Pleasant for tournament play Dec. 3-4-5. On Thursday, the team lost a 10 point lead forcing them into overtime with the Bulldogettes of Cooper. Cooper took the win placing the Lady Rebels into the consolation bracket. On Friday, the Lady Rebels made a strong comeback defeating Sulphur Springs by 30 points. Cheryl Griffin had a great game for the team even contributing a 3 pointer which is unusual for a post player.

On Saturday the girls met Paris High, who were taller and had good speed on the court. The first quarter was a slow one for the Lady Rebels but it was obvious to fans they were the better team. They trailed by one point at the end of the quarter, 8-7 Paris High. Jennifer Hays and Cheryl Griffin had posted the Lady Rebel points. In the second the pace picked up. Cassee Wilcox, who was sickly, pushed herself hard to overcome illness and shot 100% from the free shot line. Griffin, Charla Hines and Kayla Sears also added points to put the Lady Rebels up going into the half time break. Score 25-18.

In the third the Lady Rebels started the quarter with good team work on both the offense and defense. Jennifer Hays had a good offensive quarter for the team scoring 6 points. Wilcox also added 6, two of which were free shots and Griffin and Hines also added points. Score 43-28 Lady Rebels. In the final quarter the Lady Wildcats had the Lady Rebels playing frantic for no reason. Post players, Wilcox, Hays and Griffin went cold on the board and the Paris High team gained. A sudden change came from the Lady Rebels. Without a time out the team slowed the pace and Wilcox and Griffin went to the hoop and Hines harassed the Lady Wildcats with steals. Misti Tucker added to the defense even though it was not a good personal game for her. Cassee Wilcox finished the game shooting 100% from the free shot line and the Lady Rebels brought the Consolation trophy home. Final 57-46. Posting high score was Cheryl Griffin with 19 points. Also scoring were Wilcox-18, Hines-9, Hays-9 and Sears-2. Congratulations Ladies!!!



CHRISSY WILSON-Rivercrest Horticulture student displays one of the beautiful poinsettias the group have been taking orders on. The flowers arrived Saturday and are ready to be delivered or picked up at the green house at Rivercrest. The group has some extra flowers for anyone interested in purchasing one. The cost is \$5.00 each. Chrissy is also one of the high salespersons and will be treated to dinner out along with the other high salespersons by teacher, Ken Swinford. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Junior High Rebels defeated by Brahmas

The Junior High Rebels played host to the Paul Pewitt Brahmas on Monday, Dec. 7 at Rivercrest gym.

In the 7th grade game the first quarter saw the Rebs trail 4-8. There was a definite height disadvantage for the Rebel team but otherwise the two teams were well matched. Calan Wilcox and Micah Chaloner were the Rebel scorers in the first. The second quarter saw the Rebels make a drive for the lead. Chance Belcher added 5, Chaloner 3 and Jason Jones 3 to move the Rebels into a 16-16 tie at the half. Wilcox and Belcher were both headed into the last half in foul trouble.

In the third the fighting Rebels added points but the Bulls added a few more. Belcher was lost to fouls and the quarter ended with the Rebs trailing 21-28. Early in the final quarter Calan Wilcox was lost to fouls but the young Rebels continued to strive for a win. Jon Shade and Cody Clark came off the bench to replace Wilcox and Belcher and both boys did a good job of the team. Point guard, Jeffery Abernathy struggled to get the ball in with Chaloner being the only post

left on the floor for the Rebels. Jason Jones drew Bull fouls but the Rebels could not gain ground. Final 25-35 Paul Pewitt. Posting high score for the game was Micah Chaloner. Also scoring were Calan Wilcox-4, Chance Belcher-5, Jason Jones-6 and Jon Shade-1.

The 8th grade "Fab Five" went into their game with the odds heavily against them. The Bulls had an awesome size advantage and used it in the first quarter to take a 14-6 lead. Ryan Newton was the lone scorer for the Rebels netting 4 of 6 free shots and a field goal. The Rebels played a fantastic game giving their all and if they had been able to make their free shots would have stayed closer or maybe even have taken the win. Of 14 free shots taken in the second quarter only 4 were made. The half ended with a score of 12-20 Pewitt and Keith Perry, who was the smallest and youngest player on the court in foul trouble. Perry is a 7th grade player who filled in for the team due to the absence of Clay Craig who has a cracked bone in his hand. Fan were

in shock when Perry drew several of his fouls surrounded by three of the Bulls who were at least 2 foot taller each than Perry.

In the final half, the third quarter saw the Rebels work hard. Again free shots could have put them up. Of 11 shots 3 were made. Justin Exum was the lead foul drawing Rebel followed by Dustin Jones. With 1:33 left in the third Perry drew his final foul leaving the Rebels with 4 players. The Pewitt coach saw fit to leave 5 players on the court throughout the rest of the game, which really only made the Rebel 4 work harder. In the fourth the Rebs drew 10 fouls making half 4 players against 5 is tough and Steven Allen, Justin Exum, Dustin Jones and Ryan Newton could not cover the Bulls completely. Final 40-30 Pewitt. Posting high score for the game was Justin Exum with 12 points. Also scoring were Ryan Newton-10 and Dustin Jones-8. The Rebel team can be overly proud of themselves this week. They stayed in reach throughout a rough game.

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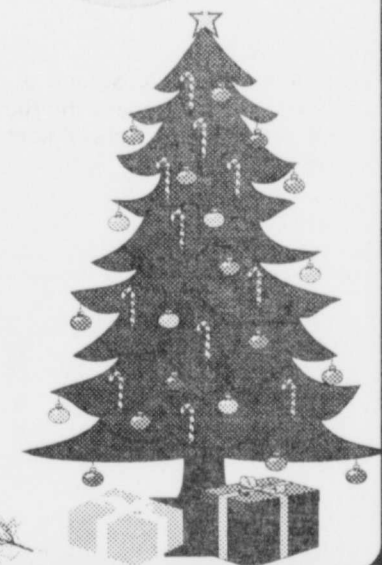
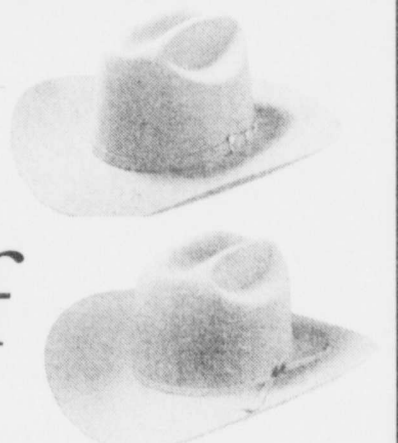
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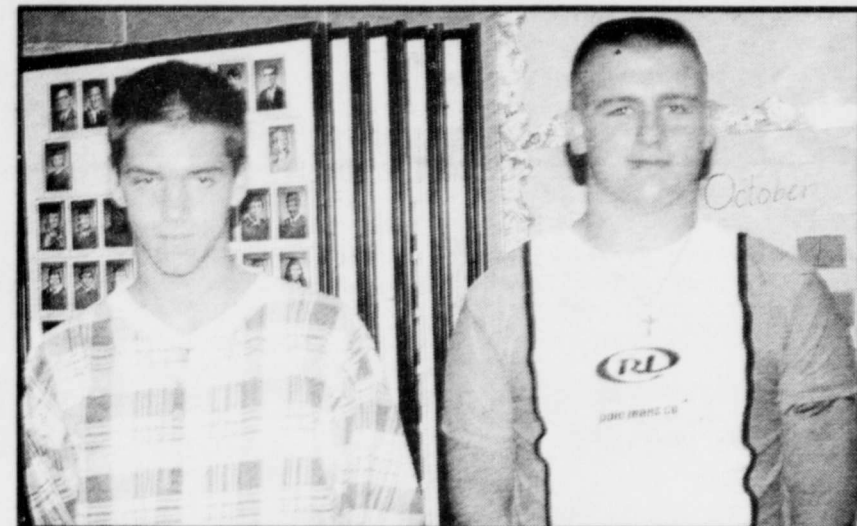
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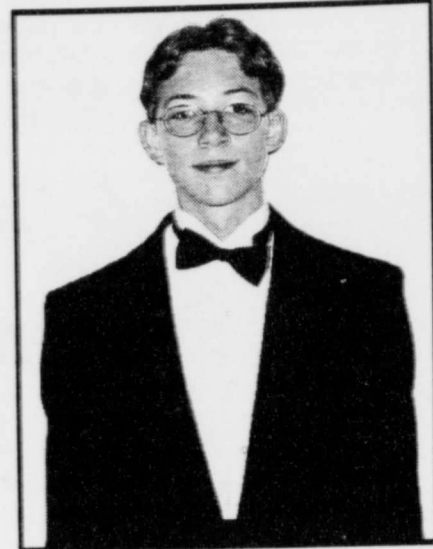
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LEADING THE WAY-The Rivercrest Rebel Band led the way in the Talco and Bogata Christmas parades held on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Talco and Thursday, Dec. 3 at Bogata. The band does a wonderful job even though they are few in number. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CONGRATULATIONS-to Jason Thomas and Phillip Rolen Rivercrest Rebel debaters who continue to do well. The Rivercrest teams finished 4-2 overall at the Paris Wildcat Debate Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 21, 1998. The team of Phillip and Jason took wins over Texas High and Mt. Vernon. The team of Ryan Case and Jeremy Jones took 2 wins over New Boston. Phillip and Jason's 2 wins and 105 points qualify them to represent Rivercrest at the All East Texas Debate Tournament to be held March 6, 1999. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



Jason Dean Graf


Jason Dean Graf performs with orchestra

Jason Graf performed with the Houston Youth Symphony and Ballet Philharmonia Orchestra, Sunday, Nov. 8, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. at the Rice University's Stude Hall.

Jason played the tuba for the Philharmonia Christmas Concert conducted by Michael Alexander. Jason also plays other instruments including clarinet and piano. He is the son of Mary Myers of Houston and the late Jimmy Dean Graf. He is the grandson of Zonetta and Weldon Hawkins and the late Buford Dean (Bunkey) Graf and the great grandson of Nina Gentry, Roy Gentry and the late Buford Dean and Virgie Graf.

**Bogata News
 Locals**

By Judy Screws
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Gussie Musick has a house guest Nellie Remmer of Dallas.

Gussie Musick attended the funeral of her mother's double cousin, Ethel Gray in Clarksville Monday.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana Saturday night were Chris Anna and Jerry Guerra, Christopher and Jerred of Paris, Christopher and Jerred spent the night. Sunday afternoon Judy and Donald drove them home.

Visiting Zelma Mauldin this week were her sister, Yvonne Powell of Carrollton and Kenneth and Phyllis

Duffer. While here Yvonne also visited another sister, Margie Farris, and her mother, Jettie Minshew, and helped with a garage sale.

Daphney Pointer fell while decorating for Christmas and broke her hip. She is doing well in rehab. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Russell and Inez Gill celebrated a late Thanksgiving with their daughter and granddaughter and their families. Visitors were Martin (Mutt) and Collette Conlan of Burleson, Mark and Devereaux Collins of LaVerna and their children, Devia, Jeremy, Karrigan, Kendall, Russton and Britton Collette, one month, who made headlines in the local papers when she was born in the Polley Mansion, the 150 year old historical home the Collins' are restoring in LaVerna. Britton was delivered October 28 by 3 midwives. She was 8 1/2 pounds and 21 1/2 inches long.

Pam Dill and Krista, Shannon Rhodes, Lisa Watkins and Anthony and Terry Sessums all traveled to Boloxi, Mississippi to spend Thanksgiving weekend with Sherry Elrod and family. They enjoyed site-seeing down the coast and ending up in Houma, LA where they spent the night with Cathy Griffin and daughter Jazz. They returned home on Sunday following a wonderful visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hines and Charla attend the Kilgore College girls basketball game at Lobo High School in Longview on Saturday evening. They enjoyed seeing niece, Kristi Hines play.

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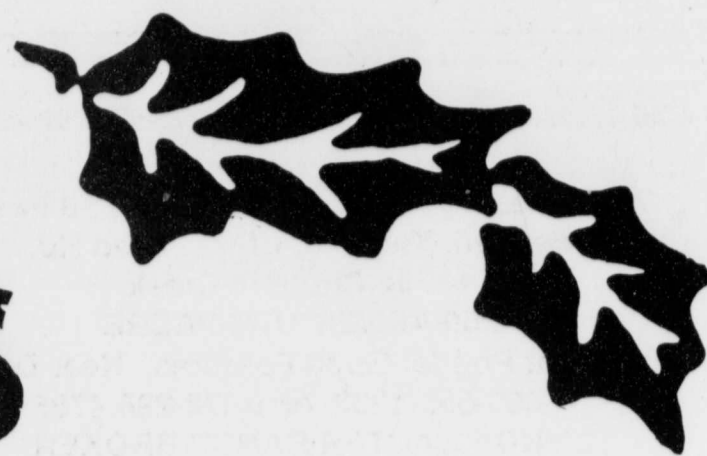
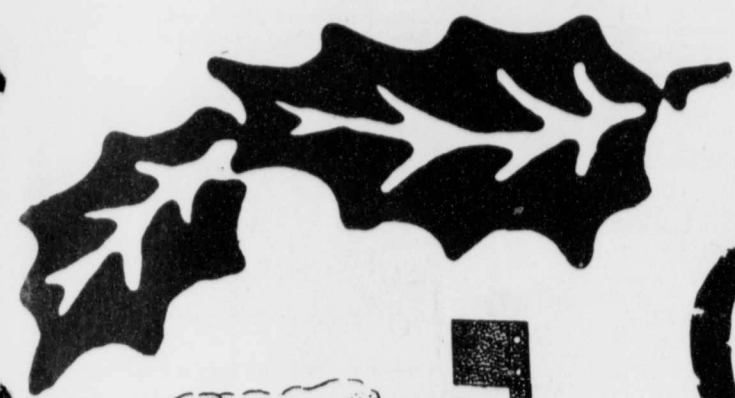
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Matter of Fact

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Texas Agriculture Commissioner

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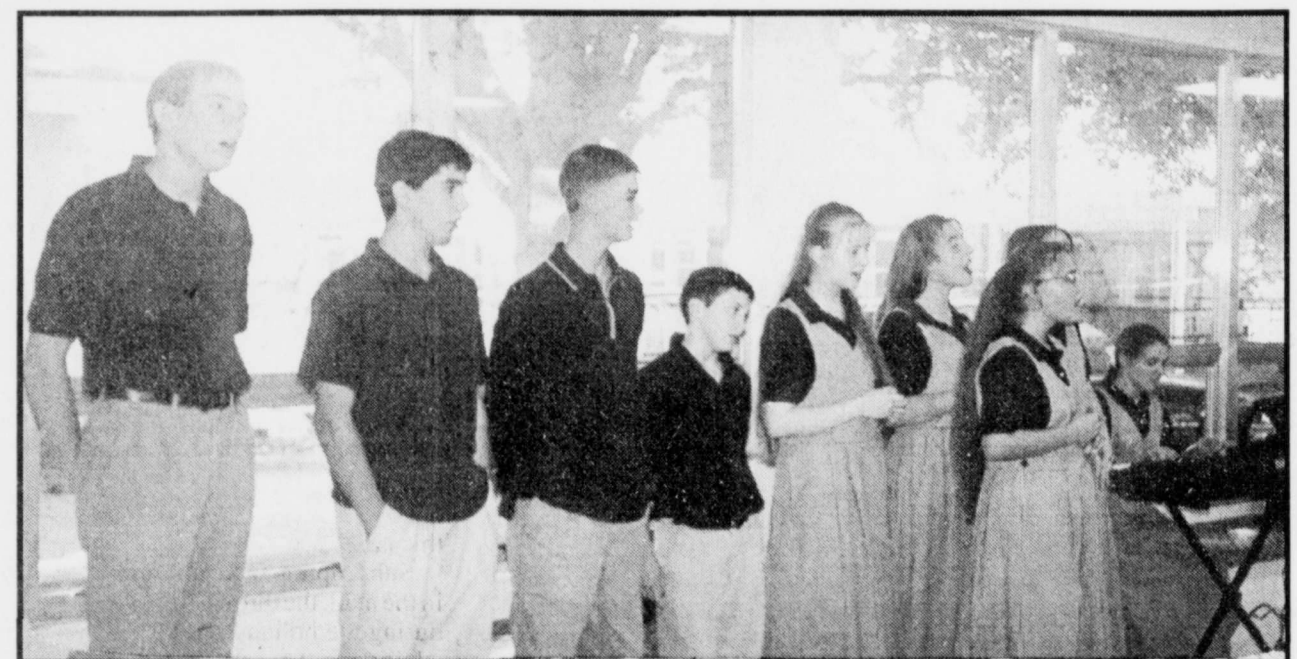
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Gerald and Earlene Miller donated the catfish for the fish fry at the VFW Post 8187 Saturday, December 5. Helping Gerald seine his pools to provide the fish were Rabbit Wisinger, Bill Farris, Dale House, Glen McKegan and (not pictured) David Miller. Gerald and Rabbit cooked the fish, and Harvey Hayes donated the potatoes. As always, donations are appreciated. The meal was a great success.

County C of C meeting to be held in Bogata

All merchants and citizens are invited to attend a very informative meeting of the County Chamber of Commerce on January 14, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bogata City Hall. A representative of the County Chamber will be available to answer

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**Red River County Sheriff's Report
November 29-December 5**

November 29: Male arrested on charge of driving under the influence by a minor and minor in possession of alcoholic beverage; male arrested on charge of public intoxication and minor in possession of alcoholic beverage; male arrested on charge of minor in possession of alcoholic bev-

erage and public intoxication; inmate transported to county jail on charge of driving while license suspended; report of cruelty to animals in Bogata; report of road hunters; report of trespassing on Co.Rd.3115.

November 30: Report of suspicious vehicle in Cuthand; report of disturbance on FM1159; male arrested on charge of theft; male arrested on charge of violation of probation; report of loose horse in Annona; report of open door in Annona; harassment in Detroit; shots fired in Sherry Community; family disturbance in Detroit.

December 1: Assistance from city for theft; report of theft in Detroit; theft in Bogata; cattle complaint on Hwy. 37.

December 2: Suspicious vehicle on FM412; male arrested on Collin

County warrant for theft and DPS warrant for capias pro fine.

December 3: Cattle complaint in Dimple; report of suspicious activity; burglary of habitation on FM1159; public intoxication in Cuthand; male arrested on charge of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia; male arrested on charge of public intoxication.

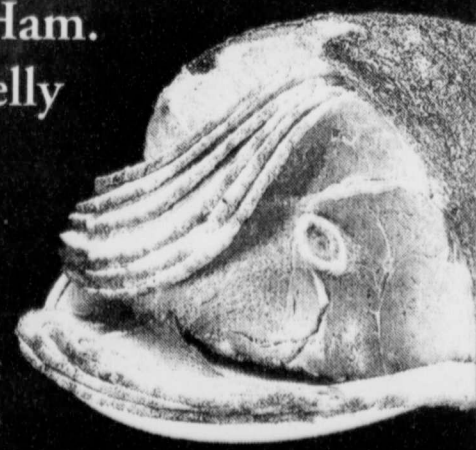
December 4: Report of burglary of habitation; report of cattle complaint near Scatter Creek; cattle complaint on FM114; report of theft; shots fired on FM1159; incident in Detroit; public intoxication on Hwy 82 west; male arrested on charge of public intoxication on Hwy. 82 west.

December 5: Male arrested on warrant for capias pro fine; report of major accident on Hwy. 37 north; suspicious activity; male arrested on warrant for capias pro fine for hindering secured creditor and warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection sticker; suspicious circumstances on Hwy. 37 north; unauthorized use of vehicle in Detroit; theft tin Lydia; report of fight in progress in Manchester.

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KIM SHIRLEY-puts up the shot as the Lady Rebels played Trinity Christian at the North Lamar Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 5. The Lady Rebels were defeated by a much taller Trinity team. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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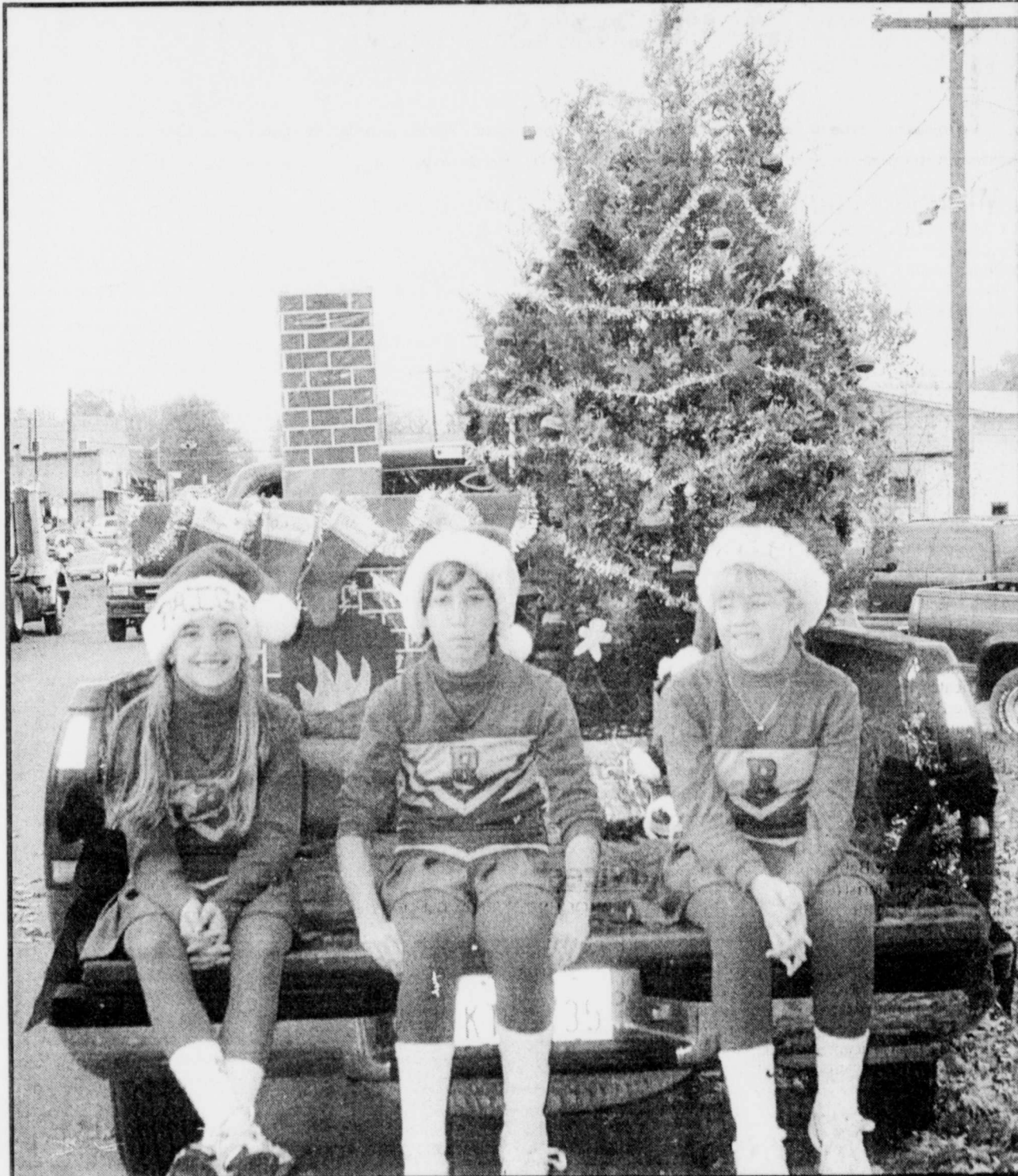
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SECOND PLACE FLOAT IN THE BOGATA CHRISTMAS PARADE WAS ENTERED BY RED RIVER HAVEN-A KUNTRY CHRISTMAS-featuring Red River Haven Residents-Sheila Gibson and Casey York at Bogata and Jimmy Middleton and Stasha Hume at Talco. For second place they received \$60.00. (Photo by Judy Screws)



DIXIE CHEERLEADERS-FEATUREING THE BOGATA JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS-received the second place award for the car division in the Bogata Christmas Parade. The second place prize for cars is \$40.00. (Photo by Judy Screws)

Bogata Lions Club meets

The Bogata Lions Club met at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3. Club president, Buck Ramsey opened the meeting. Neil Rozell led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Raymond Franklin gave the invocation. The meal was prepared by Danny Efav.

Winners of the Christmas Parade were announced as follows: Floats: Talco 4th grade's Unwrap the Magic took first place with a prize of \$100.00. Red River Haven's Kuntry Christmas received second place with a prize of \$60.00 and Warmest Wishes featuring Bogata Student Council Christmas Queen, Alison Foster, received third place with a prize of \$40.00. In the car division: Doggone Christmas received first place with a prize of \$60.00 and Dixie Cheerleaders received second place with a prize of \$40.00. In the RV category the second grade class favorites from Bogata Elementary School, Niki Lewis and Matthew Haynes received first place with a prize of \$30.00.

The Lions Club went to Red River Haven and decorated the central west hall on November 30. Helping with this were Shirley and Kenneth Vickers, Pat Spencer, Margaret Harrison, Mike Haynes and David Rozell. The Lions Club will also be decorating the Christmas Tree in Downtown Bogata.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Bogata Elementary 5th grade students will present "An Elf Impersonator" on Thursday, December 17 at 12:30 p.m. K-4th students will sing following the play. Everyone is invited.

Monday, December 14

Bogata City Council will meet at City Hall.

Thursday, December 17

Bogata Lions Club will meet at the Community Center. This will be the meeting for the annual Christmas Party.

Friday, December 18

There will be music making at Dodd's Old Store in Johntown.

Third Tuesday of each month

Bogata Lions Club sponsors Bingo at Red River Healthcare Center. Lions Club members should volunteer to help when they can.

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.

Life Tabernacle Church will present "The Greatest Gift" Sunday, December 20 at 6:00. There will be a salad supper following the program. Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship.



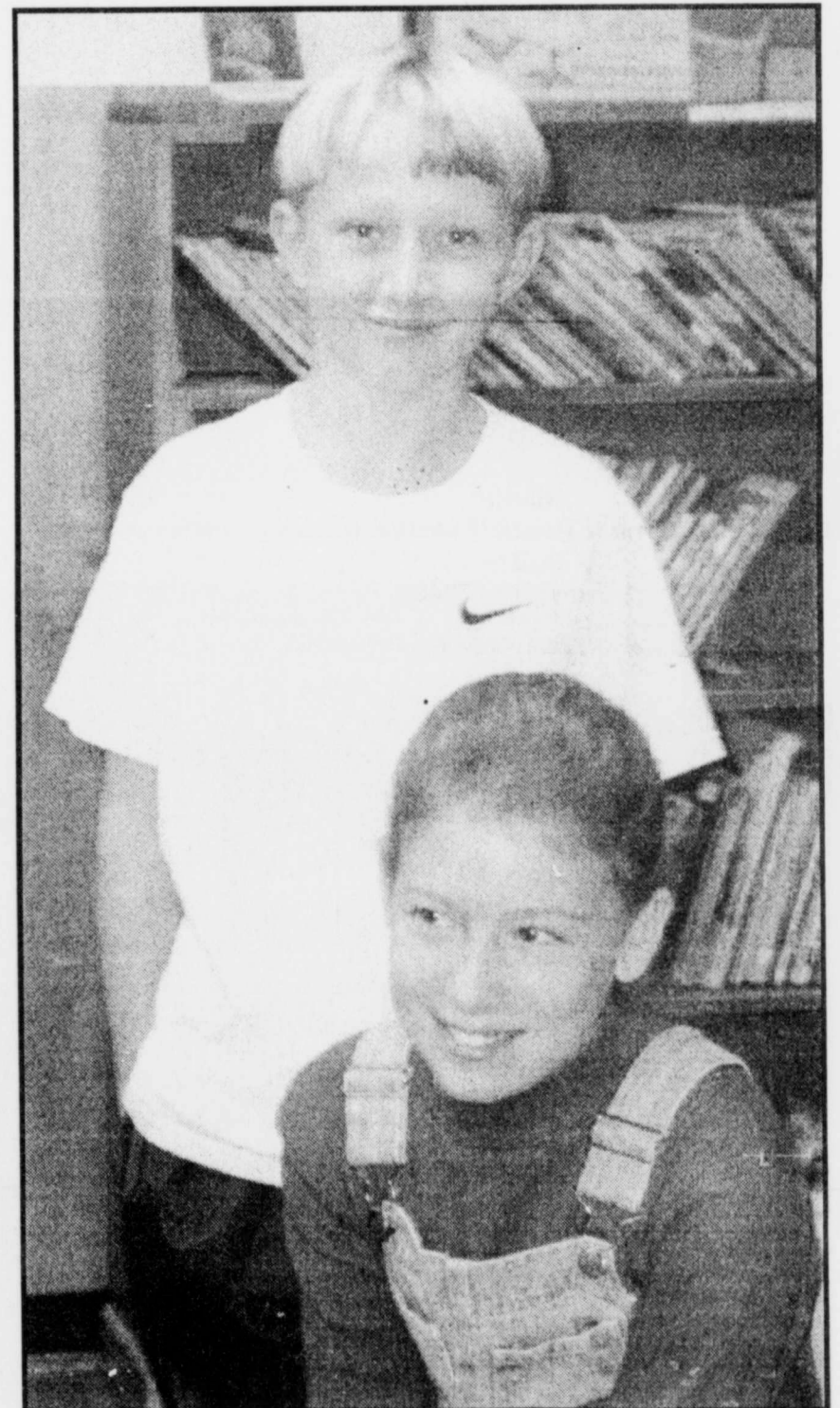
BOGATA SECOND GRADE CLASS FAVORITES-Nikki Lewis and Matthew haynes won the prize for the 4 wheeler division in the Bogata Christmas Parade. The monetary prize was \$30.00. (Photo Judy Screws)

Tour of homes is great success

Bogata and Cuthand Methodist Youth sponsored their third Annual Christmas Tour of Homes December 7. This year's Tour was a complete sell out and made over \$1000.00 for the project. Over fifty people attended the candle light dinner and tour.

Each home had a different personality and they were of all sizes making this year's tour one that will be remembered for years to come. The Christmas spirit abounded every-

where. The youth and sponsors would like to thank Martha and Duane Bryson, Jane and C.D. Glass (Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause) Mary Ellen Kain, Robbi and George Marshall, Jr. Kathie and Steve Hawkins, and David ad Charlotte Rozell, all the van volunteer drivers, Mrs. Ruthardt, Mrs. George Marshall, Sr. Ginger Foster and Sammie McConnell.



Fifth Grade Class favorites at Bogata Elementary School are Erica Moreno and Aaron Palmer. Erica is the daughter of Eric and Debbie Moreno and Aaron is the son of Kenneth and Mary Lynn Palmer and Karla Palmer.(Staff Photo by Judy Screws)

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By Wayne Martin # 1436



WARMEST WISHES RECEIVED THIRD PLACE PRIZE FOR FLOATS IN THE BOGATA Christmas Parade. The float featured Alison Foster, Christmas Queen, representing the Bogata School Student Council. Third place float won \$40.00.

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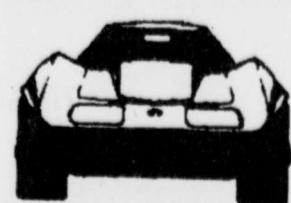
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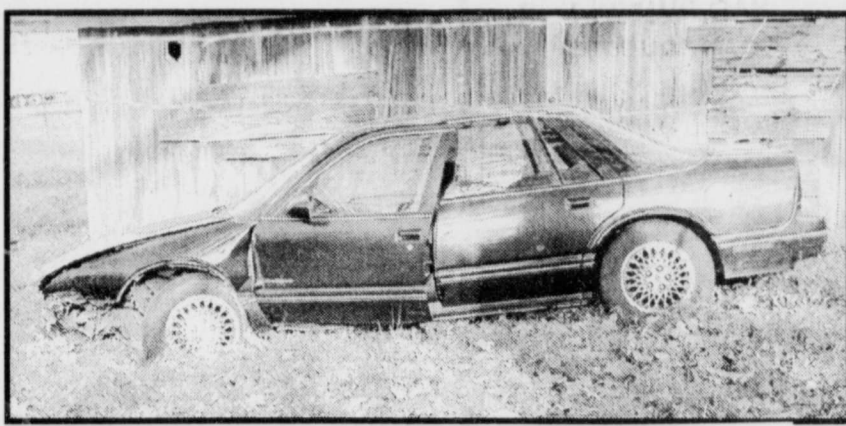
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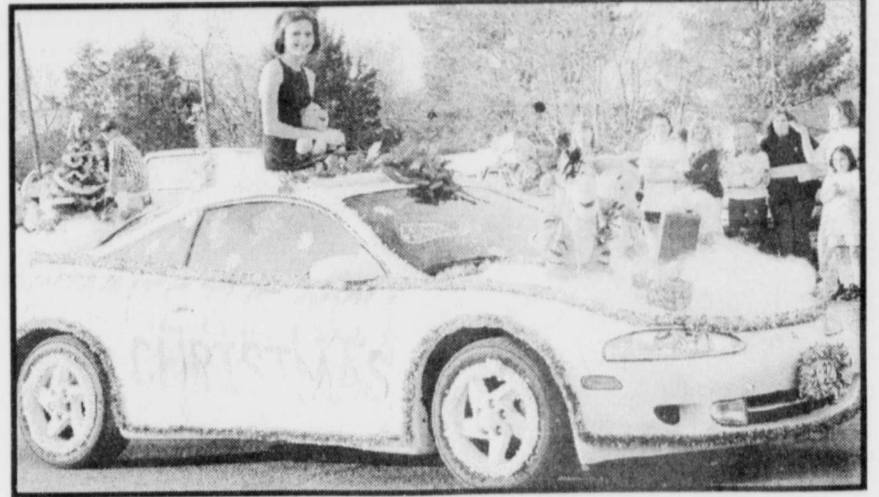
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FIRST PLACE-in the Talco Christmas parade 4 wheeler division were Talco Sixth graders Cassie McCuller and Clinton Vandever. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



BIRDIE BLALOCK-was injured in a one car accident Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998 at the intersection of FM 1402 and FM71 in Sugar Hill. Mrs. Blalock apparently fell asleep and crossed the intersection, going through a barbed wire fence and coming to a stop when her vehicle hit a large tree stump. She was taken to Titus County Regional Hospital for minor injuries. She is reported home and doing well. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



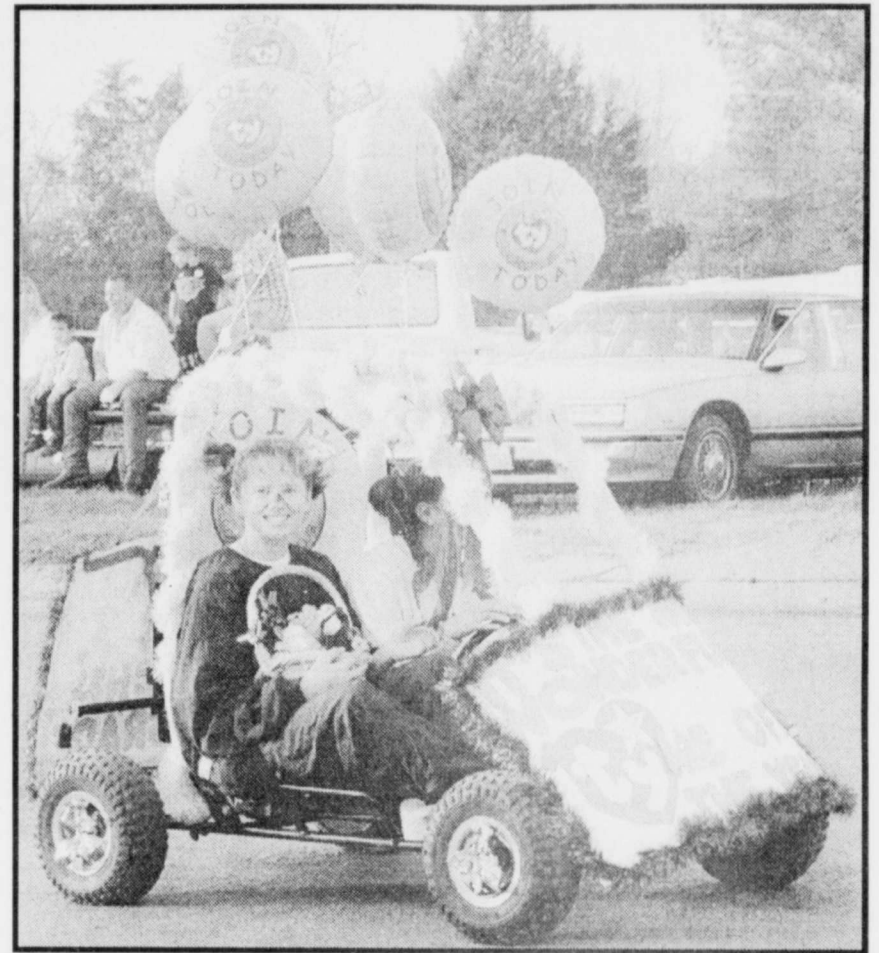
SECOND PLACE- in the Talco Christmas parade in the car division was won by the Rivercrest High School Freshman class with a Winnie the Pooh theme and Queen, Dusty Townes. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



WINNING FIRST AND SECOND PLACE- in the Talco Christmas parade bicycle division were, (pictured from the left) 1st-Angie White and 2nd-Katie Walker. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



GUARANTY BANK-had its own entry in the Talco Christmas parade, a decorated golf cart driven by Virgil Jones, bank president. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



SECOND PLACE-in the Talco Christmas parade 4 wheeler division were Rachel Case and Danielle Easterling. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Thanksgiving Day guests at the home of Ronnie and Evette Birchfield, Jacob, Chris and Wendy Gentry were Missy Gentry, Hunter and Mark Wade Richeson, Andy Gentry, W.D. and Shirley Holt, Weymouth, Toni, Mitzi, Megan and Kenzie Holt, Trina Justice, Jamie Taylor and Pauline Thompson.

Celebrating Thanksgiving at the home of Mildred Birchfield were Larry Birchfield of Dallas, Rita Birchfield of Mt. Pleasant, David Birchfield, Ronnie, Evette and Jacob Birchfield, Johnny, Andrea, Kendra, Cole and Kayla Birchfield all of Talco.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nichols enjoyed lunch at the Lonesome Dove in Deport Thursday. They also enjoyed visiting with Donna and Frances Rozell.

Jeremy Abshier was honored with a birthday dinner at the home of his aunt and uncle, Jerry and Joyce Franks and Amanda on Sunday. Attending were Jeremy's mom, Carol Laing, Jo Anschutz, Kelly, Brady and Ashlyn Kennedy, Cynthia and Aly Anschutz, Larry and Lou Gaddis of Duncanville, Mary Lemon of Mt. Pleasant, Velma Franks and Stephanie and Mike Wright.

Jimmy Smith of Arlington spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith and visited with other family and friends. He enjoyed deer hunting while here and

killed an 8 point buck on a private lease Saturday.

Ruston Kale Jones was admitted to Titus County Regional Hospital Thursday with possible pneumonia. He is reported doing better. Ruston is the infant son of Ginger and Richard Jones of Talco.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Rachel and Susan attended the Kilgore College girls basketball game at Lobo High School in Longview Saturday

evening. They enjoyed seeing Kristi Hines of Talco play and their children, Katherine Graf and Justin Smith serve as managers for the team which is coached by the former Scottie Wood of Talco. Also attending the game were Margaret Hines, Kristi's mom and Kyle Hines, Kristi's brother.

Nancy Brown of Talco and Cindy Allen of Manchester enjoyed lunch at the home of Mike Francis and Dave Seber Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith and Russell and Vickie Craig attended the Elysian Fields football playoff game in Nacogdoches Saturday. They enjoyed seeing grandson and nephew, Chad Smith play in the big win over Troupe and seeing grandsons and nephews, Zack and Josh perform with the Elysian Fields band. The win will send Elysian Fields on to the semi-state finals vs Goldthwaite. The game is tentatively set for Friday in Texas Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown, Carol

Laing and Tonya Hawkins enjoyed supper at the Fish Fry in Paris Saturday evening.

Tina Nolen and Sue Nolen enjoyed shopping at the Canton Trade Days Saturday.

The Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church enjoyed a covered dish combination Thanksgiving-Christmas lunch Sunday, Dec. 6. Following the meal everyone drew numbers for Christmas ornaments off the tree. The fun came when the person following the one finding their number gift had the right to take the gift or chose one from the tree. Noone's gift was save and several exchanged hands more than one time. The children opened gifts and everyone received a special bag of fruit, nuts and goodies. It was a fun afternoon with good food and fellowship for all.

Thanksgiving visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Alexander were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Capel of Houston, Mrs. Don Mewborn, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Louderman and Hanna of Mineola, Lea Mewborn of Denton and Gladys Garretson of Bogata.

The Trail Blazers of the Talco First Baptist Church traveled to Lindale on Tuesday, Dec. 1 to visit Santa Land. They also enjoyed dinner at Catfish Haven while there.

There was a fellowship held Sunday night after services at the Talco First Baptist Church to honor Cyndi Blankenship on her 12th birthday.



SECOND PLACE-in the Talco Christmas parade float division was the Rivercrest Senior class Rebel Rodeo Christmas with queen, Brennan Russell. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



HUGE FLOWERS-The Talco Second grades and their teachers, Jan Grissom and Lisa Via enjoyed a visit from Judy Sloan this past week in art class. Judy taught the students to make tissue paper flowers and each student chose different colors. Judy is pictured with the students and their rainbow of colored flowers. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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