

Nichols
Worth



It's a Chinese Plot
Ahhh, the Christmas lighting season. That season of joy and decorating. That special time of the year when all those Made in China lights are ready to be put up.

The Chinese don't need nukes, armies or anything else to conquer with...they are succeeding by virtue of manufacturing Christmas lights.

I'm particularly fond of the label on one brand that reads "for indoor and outdoor use only". Um hm...and where else would we use them? Underground perhaps?

But, mostly it's just the mindboggling deviousness of the light strings.

As an example, I tested the strings of lights that go on my front bushes. They all glowed merrily. I put them on the bushes, and ran the extension cord and guess what? You got it...first guess. Half of them didn't work. I messed around with them for quite a while and finally managed to find that one, elusive loose bulb.

Then, there is our angel. We hammered the angel out on the floor of the barn years ago, out of rebar. Then we put lights on it. They had to be redone last year, and we used good, commercial grade lights.

Commercial grade or not, the angel's wings were unlit this year! Rather than pull the lights off, we took the easy way out and simply taped another set of lights over the old ones!

And lastly, there are those nice twinkle lights that I pitch over the monkey grass in front of the house. I was so excited ... only half of one strand refused to burn.

I wadded the non-lighted half up and tucked them out of sight, then continued on.

Last night, though, I plugged in the lights. Everything but that line of lights came on. I stood there in total frustration as I stared at the hundreds of non-functioning lights. Then, a full 60 seconds later, they came on!

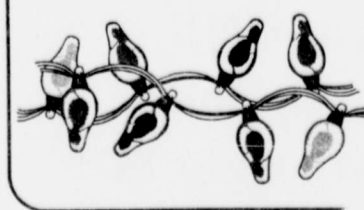
It's enough to make me forget the reason I'm putting those lights out!

I know I'm not alone. I think messing with Christmas lights is probably more frustrating than shopping!

Everyone I talk with has the same problem keeping those little blinking, twinkling, shorting, breaking, language degenerating strings of lights burning.

And have I mentioned how they tangle? Thomas winds them up carefully on little handles specially created for "tangle free" light storage. But when another year rolls around, they seem as difficult to deal with as ever. Just finding the plug end and working it free is a massive task!

So, I repeat, the Chinese are driving us crazy swiftly, efficiently and completely, and all by reason of string after string of tricky, cranky lights!



We need your favorite memories, win awards, share the treasures of the past

Thunder Prairie Publishing is once more holding their Christmas memories contest.

As in previous years, memories of favorite, unusual or even sad Christmases are being accepted.

First Place memory winner will receive a certificate and a photo album. Second, Third and Honorable Mentions will receive certificates.

All winners, plus as many other memories as possible will be published in the big Christmas edition on December 19th.

Please mail your memory to P.O. Box 98, Deport, TX 75435; or e-mail to tppub@1starnet.com or drop by the Bogata News Office or Deport times Office. We need it by Dec. 16th.

YOU MAY ENTER AGAIN< EVEN IF YOU HAVE ENTERED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

We want your memories, please send them in to help make the Christmas edition special. Readers report that the memories are one of their very favorite things, and they go in all five of the newspapers.

Get your thinking cap on!



RIVERCREST ELEMENTARY-Librarian, Linda Gray is pictured helping students at the annual Book Fair being held this week. This year students may buy one and get one free on most all the items offered. Mrs. Gray invites the public to stop by and browse. Books make wonderful Christmas gifts. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Cattle can leave state without restrictions in 2003

The holidays may be brighter for the Texas cattle industry, since federal officials on Wednesday, November 27, gave notice that Texas feeder cattle will not have to meet additional movement restrictions as of January 1, 2003. Representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) meeting with state animal health officials, announced a delay of at least nine months for any new movement requirements that would impact the interstate movement of Texas feeder cattle.

"The Texas cattle industry has been extremely worried for several months, because after finding two infected cattle herds since summer 2001, Texas lost its 'free' status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication," said Dr. Linda Logan, executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "During the spring and summer, a TB working group comprised of representatives from Texas cattle businesses met with USDA representatives repeatedly to seek relief from unnecessary burdensome restrictions on feeder cattle movement."

Included in the TB working group were leaders of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, Independent Cattlemen Association, Texas Cattle Feeders, Livestock Marketing Association, Texas Veterinary Medical Association and Texas Farm Bureau. Dr. Logan applauded the livestock industry for their teamwork to minimize the federal regulatory impact on the cattle producers.

"Our livestock industry moves about 1.5 million feeder steers, feeder bull calves and feeder heifers out of state each year. Had the movement restrictions been imposed, we would have been required to identify feeder steers with an official ear tag, and not only tag, but also TB test all feeder heifers and feeder bull calves," said Dr. Logan. "These requirements would have cost millions, not only for the ear tags, which would have been provided by the USDA, but also for the industry's labor costs to handle each feeder animal individually. The cattle industry's ability to move feedlot cattle efficiently would have been damaged."

"I expect that, by late January, the USDA-APHIS staff will complete its risk assessment to determine if Texas feeder cattle pose a health danger to other states' cattle," commented Dr. Logan. "According to our cattle TB records, less than one in three million Texas feeder cattle have been found to have TB, so we see these animals as a negligible risk for the disease. However, should a statistically significant risk be shown, the USDA could propose and publish additional movement requirements. Any new federal regulations on this issue, however, likely would not go into effect until at least Fall 2003."

Dr. Logan explained that, due to detection of the two infected herds in Texas, the USDA in June 2002 downgraded the state to the second-highest federal status, known as "modified accredited advanced." She noted that the USDA's action to delay implementation of any additional restrictions will not affect current requirements for Texas breeding cattle.

"Texas breeding cattle still must have a negative TB skin test and be identified with an official ear tag prior to being transported out of Texas. The TB test can be waived only if the breeding animals originate from a TB accredited-free herd, are going directly to a slaughter plant or are transported to an approved (restricted) feedlot," she said. About 150,000 breeding cattle are hauled from the state each year.



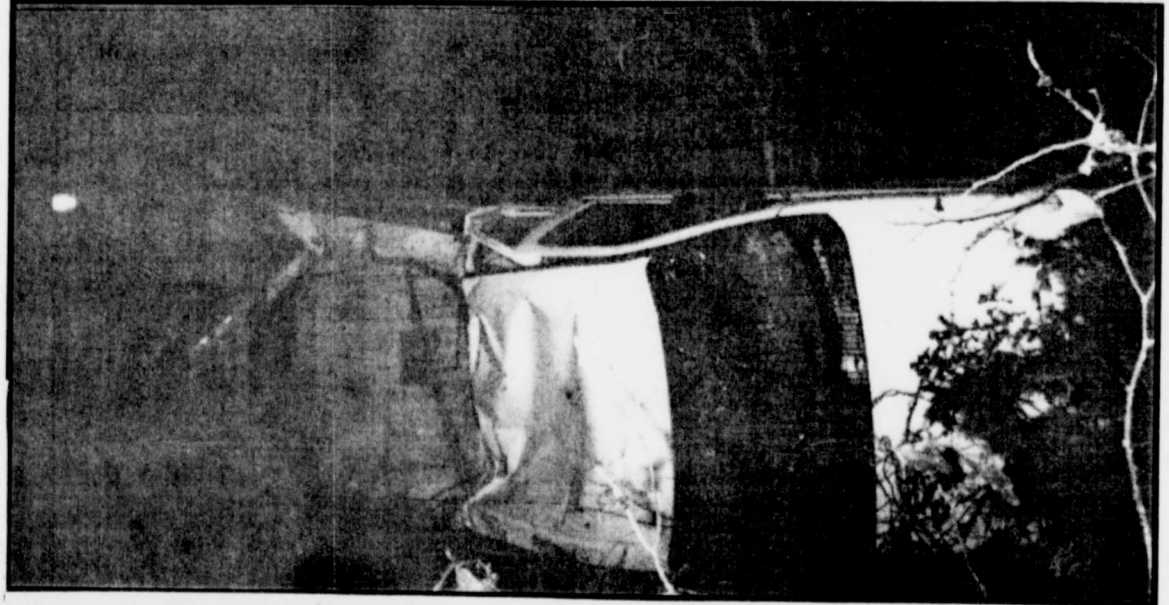
PICTURED-receiving the First Responders of the Year Award in Austin, Texas last week are from TDH members, Regional Director and State Bureau Chief are; (from the left) Valerie Tumlison-TDH; Pat Dilday-TDH; Bret Hart-TDH Regional Director; Randy Kennedy, Leslie Allen, Donna Campbell, Tim Campbell and Cathy Perkins-TDH State Bureau Chief.

Bogata First Responders/Rescue named First Responders of the Year

Bogata Fire and Rescue, for assuming a leadership role in EMS by achievement in the areas of patient care, public access, medical control, disaster preparedness, public education and training has been named "First Responders of the Year".

The group includes 23 members and covers approximately 160 square miles in Red River County. Averaging 275 calls annually, BFR was the first organization in Red River County to purchase an AED, which has already been credited with saving one individual's life. BFR has assisted six other local departments in establishing first responder organizations and has been instrumental in finding instructors and continuing education classes for all the responders in Red River, Titus, Lamar and other Texas counties.

During the December 2000 ice storm in north Texas, BFR was incident command for response in Red River County, and was responsible for clearing of the roads, medical care with assistance from Lifenet, fire calls, welfare concern calls, food and shelter concerns for displaced community members and other needs or problems as needed. BFR is also very active in teaching injury prevention and 9-1-1 awareness to the community.



TOTALLED-this late model pickup truck was totalled in a roll over accident on FM 909 near Bogata Saturday evening, Nov.30 The driver was unhurt in the accident. (Staff Photo by Scott Riney of Sleeper Racing)

Santas are everywhere

One of America's most famous working seniors, Father Christmas, or Santa Claus to the younger generation, is also one of the most popular holiday inspirations for senior artisans on Geezer.com. These senior artisans work countless hours creating the likeness of one of their very own. As a result, on line shoppers can choose from more than 250 handcrafted Santas made with a variety of materials from wood to wrought iron, slinky's to bowling pins, with prices ranging from \$5.95 to \$375.00. Geezer.com is a non-profit e-commerce website designed to provide senior artisans with a medium to launch and market their creative products on the internet.

It features over 14,500 handcrafted products created by more than 1300 senior artisans from around the nation and Puerto Rico.

Geezer.com was created to help senior artisans and crafters, primarily from rural areas, to use the internet to run a 24-hour, seven day a week e-commerce business. This site also offers a small business resource area and a discussion forum for artisans to share stories and seek information. The artisans themselves determine the prices, maintain their product inventory and ship items directly to the customer. Since the artisans who sell their products on the site are primarily from small communities across the nation, shoppers feel they are touring the back roads of rural America.

For more information, visit www.geezer.com or call 1-877-803-1468 to become a Geezer.com senior artisan.

APL offering low cost pet spay/neuter

The Hopkins County Animal Protection League is offering low cost pet spay or neutering at their office at 401 Gilmer, Sulphur Springs.

Contact 903-439-2953 for scheduling information.

Little Dribblers sign-up continues

The Rivercrest Little Dribblers are holding sign ups this week. This involves children in 1st-6th grade. Your child should have brought home a form on Monday. Please return the form to school by Friday, Dec. 6th. Do not send any money. The money will be collected by the coaches at a later date. It is very important that the form is returned to school by Friday. Teams will be chosen on Sunday.

The 3rd - 6th teams will travel to Chapel Hill, Winfield, and Harts Bluff to play. You must provide your child's transportation to and from games and practice. The 1st and 2nd grade teams will play at Rivercrest. Practices will be held at Rivercrest or Talco.

If you are interested in coaching you must attend the next meeting on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 1:30 at Rivercrest High School cafeteria. If your child did not receive a form or you have questions please call Ricky Franks at 379-9430.

Talco Times

USPS 532-900
Published Every Thursday
By Thunder Prairie Publishing
P.O. Box 98, Deport, TX 75435-0098
Periodicals postage paid at Deport, TX

Nanalee Nichols Publisher-Editor
Thomas Nichols Managing Editor
Nancy Brown Talco News Editor

SUBSCRIPTIONS
\$23.00 A Year For Red River, Lamar & Titus Counties.
\$25.00 A Year For Out Of Area Counties/States
DEADLINE:
For News and Advertising: 3 weeks before
POSTMASTER: Send Change of Address To:
Deport Times
P.O. Box 98
Deport, TX 75435-0098

Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



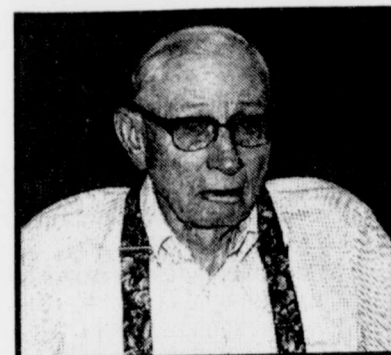
Hello everyone! Twenty days until the little, red, fat man comes down the chimney.....will you be ready.....or are you ready! There is always cooking to do and new recipes to try. But first, as this year comes to a close, let me say thank you for all of the positive comments made about the column and we hope to continue to "make this the first thing that you read when you get your paper!"
So, on we go.....I have found some more great candy recipes for you this week and guess what.....I found the recipe for Fried Twinkies! They seemed to be all the rage this year at the state fairs and gatherings and it peaked my interest to find out just what it was all about.....so I did!.....and here we go! See

you in the kitchen! lizirwin@hotmail.com or tppub@1starnet.com
FRIED TWINKIES-full of everything that you don't need.....but they sound great!
FANNIE MAE CARAMELS-the recipe makes about 110 pieces and is almost identical to the originals!
MRS. FIELDS DECADENT FUDGE-chocolate walnut.....YUMMY!
SEE'S FUDGE-this rates medium-difficult on the scale, but definitely worth it!
RUSSELL STOVER PEANUT BRITTLE-only one word.....wonderful!
OLD FASHIONED ROCKY ROAD-easy and oh so good!



Bogata V.F.W. News
* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.
*The Ladies Auxiliary will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.
* The VFW men will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.
*The Post has a shuffle board tournament every Saturday beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and share the fun. The board has recently been renovated and is ready for play.

Obituaries



Robert Frank Fischer dies November 25
Robert Frank "Bobby" Fischer, age 63 of Pilot Point died November 25, 2002 in Denton, TX. Mass of Christian burial was held Friday November 29 at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Pilot Point with Rev. Mel Bessellieu. Burial followed in St. Thomas Cemetery, Pilot Point under the direction of H. Slay funeral Home in Pilot Point. Rosary was Thursday at St. Thomas Catholic Church.
Mr. Fischer was born June 7, 1939 in Pilot Point, son of the late Frank and Loraine Zipperer Fischer. He married Jeanne Hoffman on August 19, 1961 in Windthorst, TX and was retired as an Engineering Technician with Texas Instruments after 33 years of service.
Surviving are his wife, Jeanne Fischer of Pilot Point; children, Sheryl Dusang of Plano, Sandy Wood of Bogata, Curtis Fischer of Dallas, Stacey Meyer of Plano and Craig Fischer of Plam; seven grandchildren, Tim and Patricia Wood of Plano, Liz and Samantha Wood of Bogata, Delton, Megan and Abigail Meyer of Plano; one brother, Gary Fischer of Pilot Point; four sisters, Marilyn Self, Mildred Boerner, Janice Pietrosky, all of Pilot Point and Carol Ballard of Denton; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father in 1983 and his mother in March, 2002.
Pallbearers were Tim Wood, Kenny Hoffman, Brent Ballard, Corey Fischer, Damian Hoffman and Bruce Zoltz.
He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. He was a member of St. Thomas Men's Club holding various offices, Knights of Columbus, Pilot Point Bearcat Booster Club, St. Thomas Parish Council St. Thomas Choir and former member of the Pilot Point School board. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pilot Point Bearcat Booster Club or the St. Thomas Men's Club.

Elvis Wright dies November 29

Elvis Wright, age 96, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend of Minter died Friday, November 29, 2002 at Christus St. Joseph's Hospital South, at which time Bright-Holland Funeral Home received him into their care.
Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 2 at the First United Methodist Church in Deport with Rev. Neil Hollis officiating, assisted by Rev. Ted Willis. Burial was in Minter Cemetery. The family received friends from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.
Mr. Wright was born September 10, 1906 in Amarillo, the son of Joseph Edward and Ona Cass Wright. He married Pauline Haskins on September 10, 1930. She preceded him in death on November 29, 1989 after 59 years of marriage, all of which were spent in the Minter community. He was also preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.
He was a farmer, rancher and carpenter. He drove a school bus for Deport Schools and Prairiland Schools for 20 years before his retirement. He was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church of Minter where he served as Sunday School superintendent and treasurer for many years, until it closed. He then became an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Deport.
Surviving are one son, Kerry Wright and wife Millie of Mansfield, LA; one daughter, Juanita Taylor and husband Silas of Cunnigham; a brother-in-law, Vertis Bell of Centerville; five grandchildren, Eugene Wright and wife Lisa, Judy Low and husband Bill, Allan Wright and wife Claire, Lynda Reagan and husband Tilman and Larry Taylor and wife Stacy; seven great-grandchildren, Trey and Anna Low, Lindsey Wright, Sephane Regan and Laura, Robert and Luke Taylor; a long-time family friend, Howard Sparks; along with several nieces, nephews and many friends.
Casketbearers were Eugene Wright, Bill Low, Allan Wright, Tilman Reagan, Larry Taylor and Trey Low. Honorary bearers were Howard Sparks, J.A. Sparks, Delbert Haskins and Allen Callahan.

Looking for a dog or cat?

Are you thinking of getting a dog or cat? Please visit the Clarksville shelter first. There are many darling puppies and very friendly cats and kittens available.
Call Joe Cain, Animal Control Officer if you can provide a good, loving home for any of these animals.
The Red River County Humane Society will spay or neuter shelter animals at no cost. 903-427-3836.

Genealogical society to meet December 9

The Red River County Genealogical Society will meet December 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bogata Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Members are reminded to bring finger foods for the buffet. The group will tour one of the oldest homes in Bogata following the meal.

Support group to meet December 9

The December 9 meeting of the Bereaved Parents Support Group will be "Remembering Our Loved Ones", a candlelight memorial service.
Each person may light a candle honoring his or her loved one.
Bring a picture to place near the candle.
Candles will be furnished and refreshments will be served.
The meeting will be held at the TU Electric Building at 7 p.m.

Ray Sweet dies in Greenville

Ray Sweet, was laid to rest in Memoryland Memorial Park in Greenville, Saturday, Nov. 30th. He had a courageous 14 month battle with cancer. He was a U.S. Army veteran with a military funeral conducted in his honor.
Surviving are his wife, Jeri of Greenville; daughter, Pam Richardson and family of Bonham; daughter, Michelle and husband, Rusty; grandchildren Brooke Burton of Cooper, Matthew and Megan Burton of Detroit.
Attending the funeral from Detroit were; David and Penni Carpenter; Blake, Karen and Blair Bowmer; Russell and Jorene Carpenter.

Card of Thanks

We the family of Hazel extend our sincere appreciation to Red River Healthcare, Sue Martin and Frances Richeson for the kind response to the letter we placed in the paper regarding the thief who took the 4 cases of Ensure from our mother and grandmother. Although the alleged never lived up to their actions, the act of kind people in our area replenished her much needed nutritional supplement. We greatly appreciate your sharing kindness.
God bless you,
Joan Weatherall, Krista Parish and Jana Williams

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Ollie Robinson would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to our friends, neighbors and family for all the prayers, calls, visits, flowers, memorials and food during the loss of our love done.
Special thanks to Mother's neighbors for all their love and concern in the past. Thanks to Dr. Kumar Sreerama, Dr. B.C. Muthappa, employees of CNC, the nurses in ICU at ETMC for their care and concern. Special thanks to Rev. C.G. Renfro and the Jim Wood family for the beautiful service.
May God bless you,
Reba and Marion Mitchell
Burl and Donna Robinson
Aaron Robinson
Mark and Debbie Mitchell
Brothers and Sister

Thursday, December 5, 2002 Candy Recipes

Fried Twinkies

1 cup milk
2 tablespoons vinegar
1 tablespoon oil
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
6 frozen Twinkies
4 cups vegetable oil for frying
Heat oil to 375 degrees. Prepare batter by mixing milk, vinegar and oil. Blend in another bowl flour, baking powder and salt. Whisk dry ingredients into wet ingredients until smooth. Refrigerate while oil heats to proper temperature. Dust Twinkies with flour and dip into batter. Rotate until batter until Twinkie is covered all over. Place carefully in hot oil. Twinkies will float, so it must be held under until golden brown; about 3-4 minutes. Remove to paper towel and let drain. Can be dusted with powdered sugar.

Fannie Mae Caramels

2 cups light corn syrup
14 ounce can sweetened condensed milk
1-1/2 cup milk
1 cup whipping cream
1 cup butter
4 cups sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 cups nuts
tempered dipping chocolate-optional
Butter 9x13 baking pan. In heavy 6 quart Dutch oven combine sugar, corn syrup, milks, cream and butter. Place on medium heat and stir constantly until mixture reaches 240 degrees or soft ball stage. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and nuts. Pour without scraping into pan. Allow to stand overnight. Cut into 1 inch pieces and wrap in wax paper or dip in chocolate.

Mrs. Fields Decadent Fudge

1/2 cup light corn syrup
2 cups sugar
3/4 cup evaporated milk
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup walnuts
1/4 teaspoon salt
1-1/3 cup miniature marshmallows
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 cup milk chocolate chips
Place sugar, milk, corn syrup, salt and butter into a 2 quart saucepan that has been sprayed with Pam. Place on medium heat and stir until mixture comes to boil. Do not scrape sides of pan. When mixture boils, reduce heat and place a lid on pot for 60 seconds. When time is up remove lid and let boil lightly until mixture reaches a soft ball stage. Turn off heat and add chips, vanilla and marshmallows. Stir gen-

tyl until all is melted. Pour while mixture is still hot into a glass or stainless steel mixing bowl that has been sprayed with Pam. Add nuts and stir well. Pour into 9x9 pan that has been sprayed with Pam and let fudge set to cool.

See's Fudge

1/2 cup butter
6 ounce package semisweet chocolate chips
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups sugar
5-3/4 ounce can evaporated milk
10 large marshmallows
1 cup chopped nuts
Combine butter, chocolate and vanilla in medium pan. Set aside. Place sugar, milk and marshmallows in medium saucepan. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to low and cook 6 minutes stirring constantly. Pour hot mixture over in bowl. Beat with electric mixer until fudge is thick and dull. Stir in nuts. Pour into lightly sprayed 8 inch square pan.

Russell Stover Peanut Brittle

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup water
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons butter flavoring
1-1/2 cups pecan pieces
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons butter flavoring
Stir together sugar, corn syrup, water, salt, butter flavoring and butter. Bring to simmer on medium heat and place lid on pot for lone minute and remove. This will steam sugar crystals on side of pot and they will slide down side into mixture. Place a candy thermometer in pan and continue to cook on medium until soft crack stage. Add nuts and mix thoroughly. Continue to cook until mixture reaches hard crack stage. Remove from heat and add baking soda. Mixture will foam. Make sure to blend soda well. Pour onto non-stick cookie sheet. Let cool and crack or break into pieces.

Old Fashioned Walnut Rocky Road

20 ounces Ghirardelli Candy Making and Dipping Bar-double chocolate
15 large marshmallows-quartered
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Lightly spray baking pan with Pam. Layer bottom of pan with one third melted chocolate. Line pan with marshmallows and pour nuts on top. Melt chocolate and pour on top of marshmallows and nuts. Gently spread chocolate over marshmallows and nuts. Let set at room temperature and cut into pieces.

Memorial Christmas tree

The Bereaved Parents Support Group will have a memorial Christmas tree at Bywaters Park in Paris, located in the northeast corner of the park.
The group will furnish red bows. Initial placement of the bows and ornaments will be after

the Christmas parade on Saturday, December 7 at 11 a.m.
You are invited to bring an ornament in memory of a loved one to place on the tree.
For information call 785-4366, 785-7781 or 982-6176.

Attend the Church of Your Choice

20% Off Everything in the store
For a limited time
Hurry in! These deals are first come, first served!
WHOLESALE MERCHANDISE RECOVERY & AUCTION CO.
1 mi. E. of downtown Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 67 E.
Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (903)537-7673
Best Deals Under The Sun
Auction will be held on the 21st

Incredible Buys!
Your Choice 1/4 CARAT \$99 of diamonds
GENE THE JEWELER
21 Clarksville St., Paris, Tx. (903) 784-6711

When it comes time for you to consider your financial needs, take a look at CNB.
Visit with our loan department, we've got the financing that is just right for your needs.
Stop by any time.
COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK
Hwy. 82 West of Detroit, Texas
903-674-4355
MEMBER F.D.I.C.
CNB

**We're Starting
EARLY!
CHRISTMAS**

Sale

SAVE

\$2

**Your LOCAL Paper
IS NOW ON SALE!**



Compare OUR coverage for local news and photos against any area daily...we come out CLEARLY the winner for LOCAL news!

EVERYONE loves to read about themselves, their family and friends in their local, award winning Newspaper.

Get a great cooking column, state award winning columns, feature stories, sports, school news, church news and so much more. Wrap up your Christmas Shopping the easy and fun way.
Don't forget to put yourself on the list!

**\$21 A Year in Lamar, Red River, & Titus Counties
\$23 A Year Anywhere Else**

**Wrap Up Your Christmas List Now...With The PERFECT GIFT AT A GREAT PRICE!!
The Papers Are Only On Sale ONCE A YEAR and We've Started Early This Year!**

MAIL TO:
The Deport Times
P.O. Box 98
Deport TX 75435
or
The Bogata News
P.O. Box 310
Bogata, TX 75417
or
The Talco Times
P.O. Box 157
Talco, TX 75487
or
The Blossom Times
P.O. Box 5
Blossom, TX 75416

Please Return This Coupon With Your Check

Name-----

Address-----

City-----

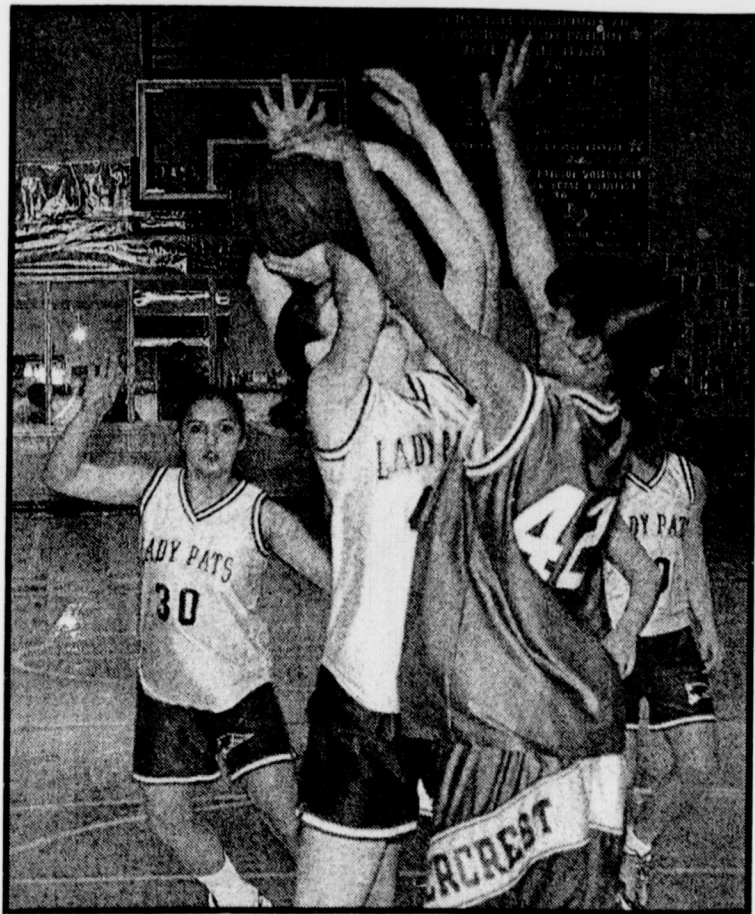
State-----ZIP-----

Are You Getting The Paper Now?

Is This A New Subscription?

Please Check One Of The Above Boxes

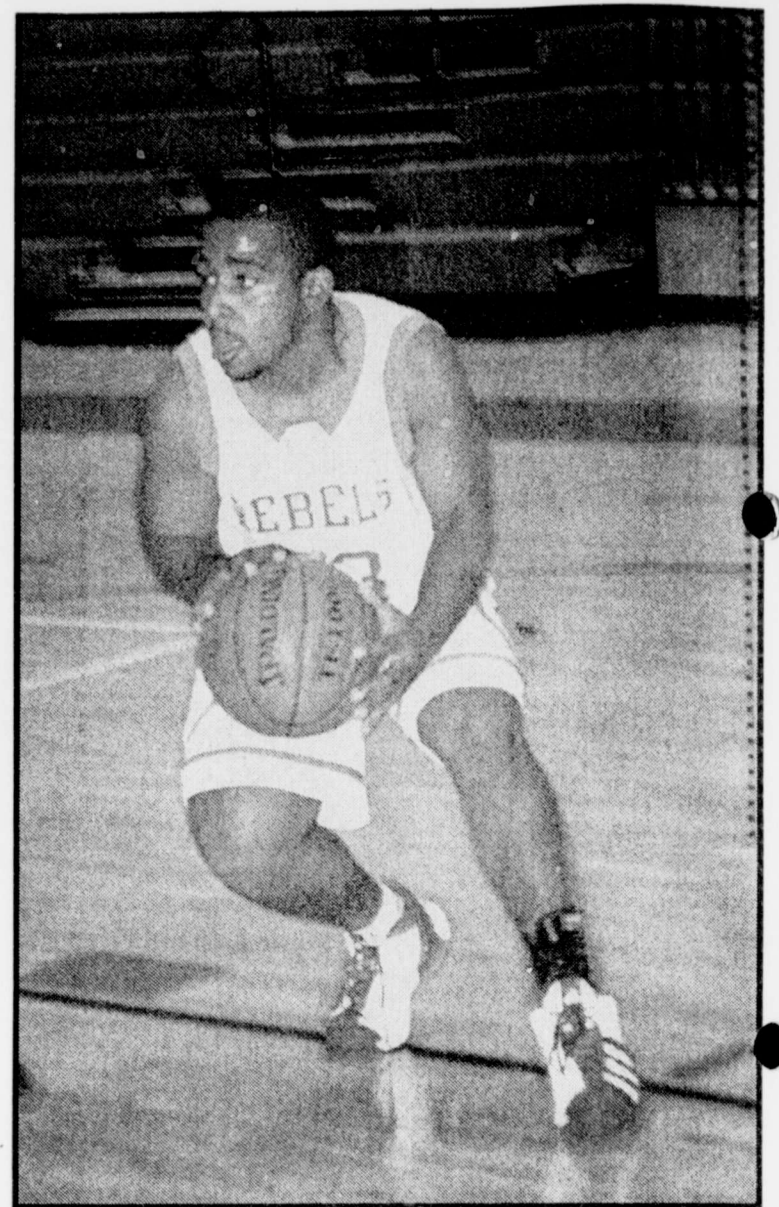




CLEAN BLOCK-8th grade Lady Rebel #42, Torrie Grissom has a clean block made as the Lady Rebels met the Lady Patriots at Prairiland Monday night. After an exciting game the Lady Pats were victorious with a score of 21-16. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



DEREK MORRIS-gets a shot off around his defender as the Rebel Junior High B Teams played their first game of the season vs the Cooper Bulldogs Monday night at RHS. The Rebels came out on top 38-5. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



HE'S GONNA DRIVE-Rebel Zach Perry didn't hesitate to drive into the goal as the Rebels met Hughes Springs at RHS last week. The Rebs were victorious. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rebels meet Saltillo and Dodd City Rivercrest PIPS performances

by Coach Steve Weddle

The Rivercrest JV boys were able to gain a 25 point victory over the Saltillo JV Tuesday at Rivercrest. Leading the way in scoring was Payden Franks with 16 points. Troy Morris and Jake Needham contributed numerous fast break points off of steals while Jonathan Ridens added 12 points from his post position. Brad Rollen and Adam Horn provided baskets on the inside while controlling the defensive rebounds. Clinton Vandever provided five points in the second half while Dusting Perry continued his strong defense. The Rebels record is now 4-2 as they continue to build for the future.

The Rivercrest Varsity took the floor in the night cap against the Saltillo Lions. The Lions were intent upon running a very deliberate style that along with several missed shots led to a low scoring game. The Rebels showed the ability to change defenses running a man defense that held the Lions to single digits in each quarter. The Rebels were able to gain a one point victory over the Lions by a score of 34-33. Scoring for the Rebs were Aaron Palmer with 12 including 4 treys; Josh Cabell with 7. Ryan Newton with 5 and 6 rebounds, Calan Wilcox with 2

and 5 rebounds, Jordan Edge had 6 rebounds, Josh Weatherall had a huge 4th quarter basket on an inbounds play and Zach Perry had 6 points. "I think this was a very important win for our young team, we were able to change defenses with success which I don't think Saltillo had prepared for man to man since we had just shown zone. We need all of your positive support so that these young men will continue to believe and have a learning experience this season. Our record is not 4-1 and we have won two very close games this week."

The Rebels traveled to Dodd City Saturday to face Dodd City in non-district action and what a game it was!

The Rebels started slow but finished strong to gain a 62-57 overtime victory. The Rebels were tied with the Hornets 7-7 after one quarter. The Rebels had a two point lead at the half, but that didn't last long as Dodd City came out hot in the 3rd quarter and managed to obtain a five point lead at the end of the quarter. The Rebels fell behind by as much as nine early in the 4th quarter before the come back began. The Rebels began to rain in three point shots hitting five in the quarter.

Hitting big shots late in the game were Zach Perry with a trey, McKenzie Ellis a trey and a shot in the lane for five in the quarter. Ryan Newton and Josh Cabell hit buckets in the lane and Aaron Palmer nailed three treys including one with only three seconds left to force overtime.

The Rebels took over the game in overtime led by Calan Wilcox getting several rebounds and Zach Perry scoring eight points in the period to obtain a big victory. The entire Rebel squad contributed to the victory. Leading was Zach Perry with 18 points, Aaron Palmer had 13 and a very clutch trey, Ryan Newton had 10 points and 4 steals, Calan Wilcox had 8 points and 10 rebounds, Josh Cabell had 8 points and the job of guarding the Dodd City big 6'6, 250 lb. post, Jordan Edge had an assist and an offensive rebound, McKenzie Ellis had 5 points and Josh Weatherall contributed a steal. "This was a nail bitter. I was so proud to see the guys step up when we were down 9 in the 4th. I think we have a good mix of young players and older players contributing right now. If we all stay focused on the our TEAM goals, we will have an enjoyable season."

The performance schedule has been set for the coming season. The group will perform on the following days:

- January 7 at 6:45 p.m.
- January 14 at 6:45 p.m.
- January 21 at 6:45 p.m.
- January 28 at 6:45 p.m.
- February 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Harts Bluff School
- February 4 at 6:45 p.m.

All performances will be during the Rivercrest High School games half times at Rivercrest High School gym with the exception of one visit to Harts Bluff.

Lady Rebel Junior High travels to Prairiland Monday

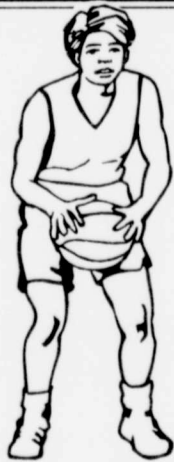
The Rivercrest Lady Rebel Junior High teams traveled to Prairiland on Monday for district play. In the first game of the evening the 7th and 8th mix B teams played with Prairiland taking a large 20-6 win. Scoring for the Lady Rebels were Brooke Hale, Laura Bevil and Kelly Shade.

In the 7th grade game the action was tough, fast and furious. At the half the Lady Rebels trailed by one 9-8 and the best that can be said is the game was more like football than basketball.

In the final quarters the Lady Rebels worked hard to take the lead and did manage to tie the game up shortly before time expired. But a Lady Pat score put

the team up for good, 17-16. Leading scores for the Lady Rebels was Megan Savage. Also scoring were Miriam Williams, Frannie Galyean and Jessica Thompson.

The Lady Rebel 8th grade was also defeated by the Lady Pats 21-16. Young officials were a key in all of the games. At the half the Lady Rebels were down 14-7 but made a move for the lead in the third, 16-10. The Lady Pats stopped all Lady Rebel drives and managed to score for themselves taking the win. Leading scorer for the Lady Rebels was Rachel Smith with 7 points. Also scoring were Courtney Merchant-3; Lauren Beers-4 and Kaitlin Moore-2.



Good Luck Teams!

The following businesses extend the best of luck to area school sports teams this year!



Deport Nursing Home
Hwy. 271, Deport
903-652-CARE

CNB COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK
Member F.D.I.C. Detroit
(903)674-4355

Lamar National Bank
"Simply the Best"
200 S. Collegiate • 785-0701 Member FDIC

Darden-Sparks Department Store
Main St., Deport
652-4515

Bobby W. Ragan, D.D.S.
Detroit, TX 674-5165

LaRue New Holland
3380 N.E. Loop 286, Paris, Tx.
784-7627 1-800-304-FORD

Buckman Drug, Inc.
Bogata 632-5811

Thunder Prairie Publishing
Publishers Of
Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times,
Detroit Weekly, Talco Times

Blackland Prairie Gin
Deport 652-2288

elliott
928 West 16th Street, Mt Pleasant, Texas.
(903) 572-4371/800-281-4371
928 W. 16th St., Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455

Cypress
Ford Lincoln Mercury
Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455 903-572-3486
www.cypress@1starnet.com

WELCH GAS
BOGATA PROPANE GAS, INC.
Bogata, TX 632-5341

Ballard Insurance Agency
1465 N.E. 20th, Paris, TX
903-785-0467

M&M Food Mart
Hwy. 271, Pattonville, TX
903-652-2321

Christus St. Joseph's Family Clinic-Bogata
605 N. Main 903-632-9102

Guaranty Bond BANK
Deport, TX 903/652-3615
Talco, TX 903/379-3611
Bogata, TX 903/632-5269
Member F.D.I.C.



MRS. BROWN'S-Rivercrest Elementary Kindergarten class made Thanksgiving treats with the help of room mothers, Tiffany Easley and Stacy Piper. The class decorated cookies with Hershey Kisses, candy corn and M & M's to make turkeys. They had a great time making the cookies but the most fun was eating them. The class is pictured with their cookies and room mothers, Mrs. Easley and Mrs. Piper.

Rivercrest Elementary Calendar of upcoming events

December 2- return from Thanksgiving Holidays.
 December 3-Bogata Christmas Parade at 4:00 pm. School will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Buses will run at 12:30 p.m. (Staff Development for teachers at the high school auditorium.)
 December 4-Talco Christmas Parade at 4:00 pm. School will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Buses will run at 12:30 p.m. (Staff Development for teachers on each campus.)
 December 6-Letters to Santa are due.
 December 17-Music Program in the cafeteria at 1: 30 p.m.
 December 18-School will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Because of Semester Exams at the high school, buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
 December 19-School will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
 December 20-School will dismiss at 2:15. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
 January 3-Teachers workday at each campus.
 January 6-Classes resume from Christmas/New Year Holidays.

LONE STAR LAND BANK, ACA
 Agricultural Credit Association
 Part of the fabric of rural life

1-888-333-7735
903-784-7461

When you think of "Rural America" think of Lone Star Land Bank

- ★ Farm & Ranch Loans
- ★ Recreation Loans
- ★ Agri Business Loans
- ★ Homesite Loans
- ★ Interim Construction Loans

Give us a call today.....
 James.welch@farmcreditbank.com
 655 Clarksville St. Paris TX

Mr. and Mrs. Couch observe 65th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Couch (Jack and Ruth) celebrated their 65th anniversary on Sunday, November 17 at the China Star Restaurant in Paris. Helping them celebrate were their two sons and daughters-in-law, Jackie and Anita Couch of Bogata and Johnny and Nina Couch of Welsh, LA. They received many cards and calls from family and friends.

Paris Body Works
 American & Foreign Collision Repair
 Free Estimates
 Unibody Alignment
 Frame Straightening
 Insurance Work
 Paint Mixing System

3320 Park Place
 Paris, TX
 903-784-7455
 (NE Loop 286, East of Toyota of Paris)

Local students included in Who's Who

Students from this area included in the 36th annual edition of Who's Who Aong American High School Students, 2001-2002 include:
 Blossom: Jamie Allen, Ashley Athas, Kathryn Branham, Amber Philpot, Robert Robertson, Jill Self, Randal Smith, Brandon Walker, Brandon Wright, Ashley Anderson, Emilee Bolton, Gary Malone, Brandon Ricks, Jennifer Scallan, Catherine Smith, Hardy Stewardson, Amanda Williams
 Bogata: Michelle Bryant, Tim Carder, Dustin Jones, Danielle Varner.
 Deport: Charla Hines, Josh Osborn.
 Detroit: Lacy Beaty, Sharon

Coleman, Wayne Hagler, Lashell Johnson, Stonar McKinney, E.C. Nikhols, Heather Price, Michael Silva, Nichole Smith, Nancy Snodgrass, Amber Tucker, Sara Blassingame, Robert Ford, Felicia Huzzie, Katie Mankins, Monica Melton, Elvis Nichols, Joshua Robbins, Kristi Smith, Sarah Smith, Lisa Somerville, Vhon Wilson.
 Pattonville: Casey Johnson, Rachel Murdock, Justin McDowra.
 Talco: Rachel Case, Chassity Hale, Charles Johnson, Paula Stewart, Jamie Wilson, Andrew Emery, Robyn Hollis, Julie Smith, Keri Taylor.

New Arrivals

Rusty and Amber Ramsey of Pittsburg proudly announce the arrival of their daughter, Brooke Delight Ramsey, born on November 1, 2002 at Titus County Regional Hospital weighing 6 lbs. 1 ozs. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Toni (Hawkins) and Preston Combest and Bill Ramsey all of Pittsburg and the late Nancy Golden Ramsey. Brooke has two great grandmothers, Lucille York Hawkins Childers of Jowntown and Pittsburg and Dorothy Golden Morton of Paris.

CBS MODELS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

visit our world class Airline Memorabilia Center "Cop Shop"

For Police & Emergency Vehicles
 See & Buy Rubber Band-Powered Flying Models like granddad used to fly.
 Downtown Deport 903 652-6111
 web site: www.cbsmodels.net

Have A Nice Weekend

GRASSHOPPER® YEAR END SPECIALS

618: 18 HP, Front Deck, 52" Flip-up
\$690.00 Down
 60 Months @ \$123.00 (W.A.C.)

218: 18 HP, Mid-mount, 48" Deck
\$585.00 Down
 60 Months @ \$104.00 (W.A.C.)

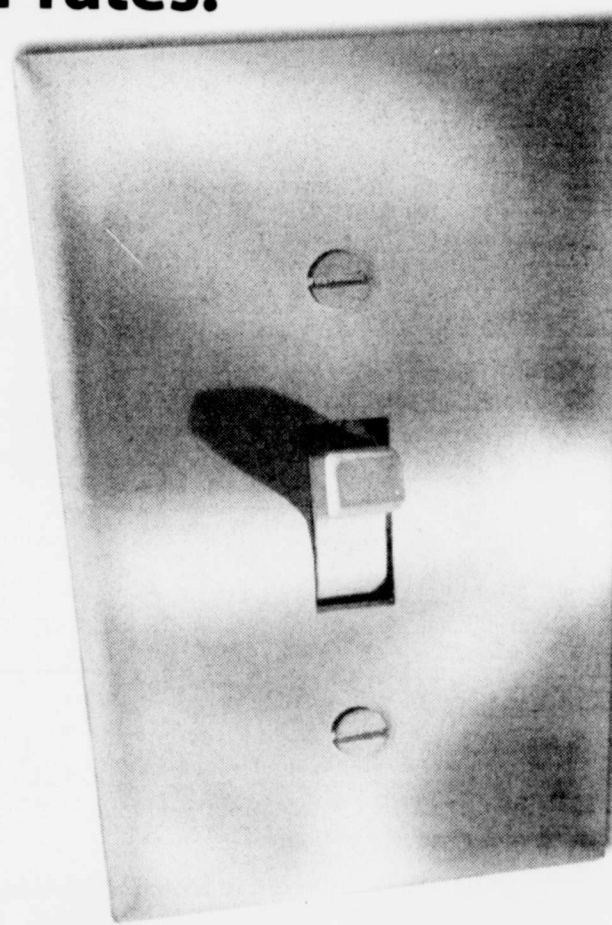
220: 20 HP, Mid-mount, 52" Deck
\$680.00 Down
 60 Months @ \$121.00 (W.A.C.)
 *Sales tax not included

CONROY TRACTOR
 1 Mile N. of I-30 on 271 Bypass - Mt. Pleasant
 (903) 572-2629

Rivercrest Elementary Calendar of upcoming events

December 6-Letters to Santa are due.
 December 17-Music Program in the cafeteria at 1: 30 p.m.
 December 18-School will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Because of Semester Exams at the high school, buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
 December 19-School will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
 December 20-School will dismiss at 2:15. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
 January 3-Teachers workday at each campus.
 January 6-Classes resume from Christmas/New Year Holidays.

Better service. Lower rates.



ENERGY WITH A SMILE.

Texans are switching to First Choice Power for better service and lower electric rates. As a customer, you can save up to 18 percent or more on your electric bill. But there is much more to First Choice Power than lower rates. Our employees surpass the national average for electric utilities in customer satisfaction. And, our reliable power supplier, Constellation Power Source, was voted the "Best Power Marketer" by Energy Industry Outlook. As the retail energy affiliate of Texas-New Mexico Power Company, we are dedicated to providing you with friendly service, fair pricing and simple solutions to your energy needs. Visit us at www.firstchoicepower.com or call toll-free 866-469-2464 for more information.



OUR FAVORITE PART OF THE HOLIDAYS
 Save on all your truck accessories and trailer supplies.

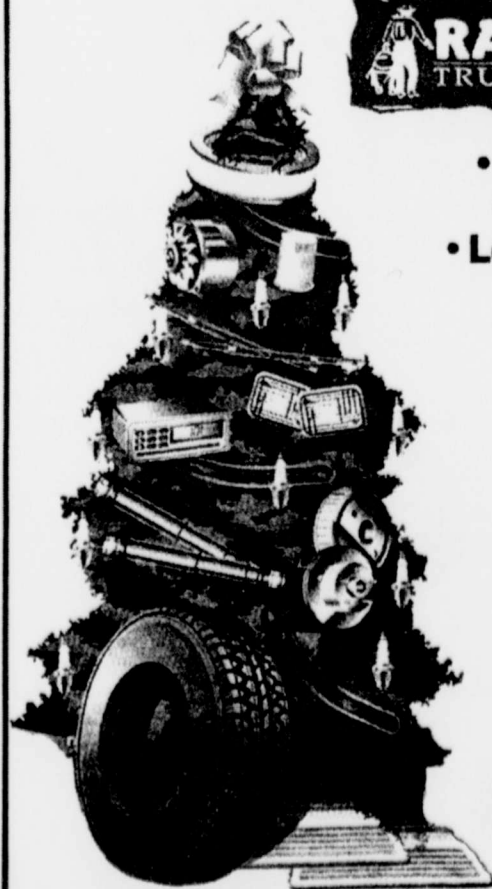
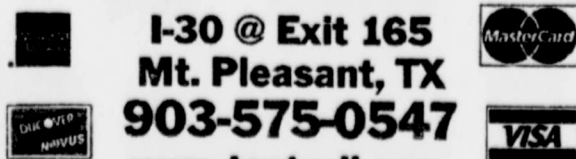
RANCH HAND TRUCK ACCESSORIES & FRONTIER

- Grill Guards • Headache Racks
- Front Bumper Replacements
- Lots More For All Makes & Models



Come See Us Today! Tex Trail.

TRAILER PARTS
 I-30 @ Exit 165
 Mt. Pleasant, TX
 903-575-0547
www.textrail.com



JEFF KROGMAN SAND & GRAVEL

✓ MORTAR SAND ✓ PEA GRAVEL
 ✓ TOP SOIL ✓ FILL DIRT
 ✓ BASE GRAVEL ✓ WHITE ROCK

784-8627
 Hwy. 19 & 24 South * Paris * P.O. Box 1336

Rivercrest Schools
Menus
Dec. 9-13

MONDAY

Breakfast
 Breakfast burrito
 condiments
 juice & milk
Lunch
 Fish sticks
 cole slaw
 fruit
 hush puppies
 milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast
 Cereal
 toast
 condiments
 juice & milk
Lunch
 Salisbury steak
 creamed potatoes
 green beans
 hot rolls
 milk

WEDNESDAY

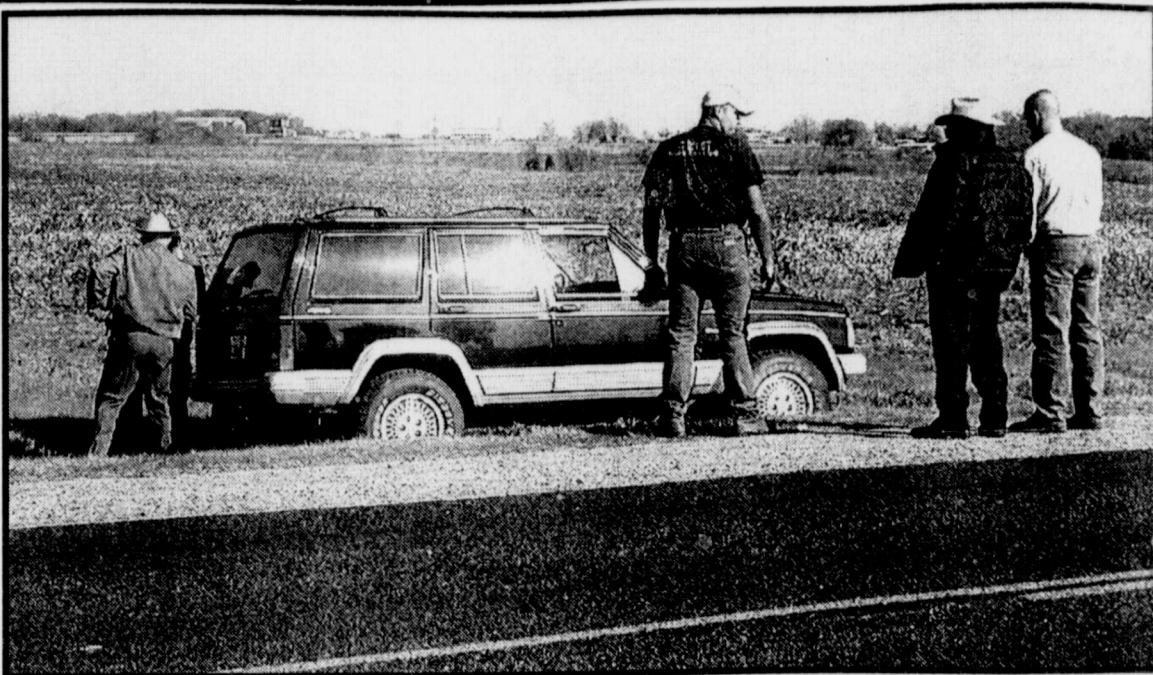
Breakfast
 Cinnamon rolls
 condiments
 juice & milk
Lunch
 Chicken sandwich
 pork & beans
 lettuce & tomatoes
 cake
 milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast
 Breakfast pizza
 condiments
 juice & milk
Lunch
 Corn chip pie
 beans
 cheese sticks
 pickles
 fruit
 milk

FRIDAY

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



TEXAS HIGHWAY PARTROLMAN FORD, Bogata Police Chief, Charles Clegg and Bogata Rescue members are pictured investigating a one car accident that occurred on Hwy. 271 N. of Bogata Wednesday afternoon. The driver apparently was in medical distress and was taken by ambulance to a Paris Hospital. He was not injured in the accident even though the truck traveled several yards into an open field. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Cattlemen's Livestock Commission Co.
 Paris, Texas 75460

NEW ADDITION TO CATTLEMEN'S!! CATTLEMEN'S WEST AUCTION MARKET

LOCATION: 7/10 MILE WEST OF CATTLEMEN'S LIVESTOCK COMMISSION ON CLEMENT RD. (Formerly Paris Livestock Auction!)

MARKETING SHEEP & GOATS

SALE EVERY MONDAY

Cafe will be OPEN
 Accepting
 Consignments On Sunday

Charles Mallicote 1354 Clement Rd. A.G. (Garth) Robinson
 903-784-2238 Barn Paris, Tx. 903-784-7800
 903-785-7191 Home 903-785-4820

Talco Locals
 Please call your locals news in to 379-4445

Enjoying Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith in Mt. Pleasant were Eddie and Nancy Brown, Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson, Carla and Neil Minor and Kate Herrera of Overton.

Kim McGee is reported home and doing well following surgery in Paris last week.

Jackie Crowley, Jolee Kirkland, Carla McClanahan and Maxine Harrell attended "Deck the Hall Bazaar" at the Mt. Pleasant Civic Center Saturday.

Happy November Birthday to: Aaron Antone.

Happy November Anniversary to Sammy Joe and Velma Ellis.

Judy Easley and her 4 grandchildren, Tyler, Austin, Loren and Callie Easley spent Friday in Kilgore with T.J. Williams and Tommie D. They had lunch and games at Chuck E. Cheese in Tyler and then traveled to Lindale and drove through Santa Land and viewed the beautiful Christmas lights. On Saturday morning, before returning home, they helped Auntie D. put up some of her Christmas decorations. Everyone had a real good time.

Enjoying Thanksgiving Day at the home of Doyle and Sharon Price were: Arthur, Patsy, Russell, Melanie, and Chad Smith, Jimmy and Gaylene Smith of Arlington, Brad and Laura Smith of Elysian Fields, Zach Smith of Marshall, Josh Smith of Arlington, Aaron Smith of Lufkin, Jeff and Vicki Frankland, Jeremiah, Danielle, Josiah and Makala of Paris, Vickie and Frank Mazzacappa and Dillon of Denison, Jana and John Melvin, Joshua and Jayla of Bells and Chase Huddleston of Paris.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eddie

Brown, Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson Thursday evening were Jack, Jennifer and Jaden Brown of Powderly and Carl, Sarah, Aaron and Madysen Antone and friend, Jimmy of Arizona.

Enjoying Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Franks were: Mike, Stephanie and Layton Wright, Clint, Melanie, Marley and Caitlin Tidwell, Brantin, Amanda and Trevor Carr, Bill Newman, Carol Laing, Jeremy Abshier, Timothy Williams, Reagan Kirkwood, Tony and Jo Anschutz, Marc, Cynthia, Aly and Lindsey Anschutz, Ricky, Kelly, Brady and Ashlyn Kennedy and Cal and Mary Lemmons.

Celebrating Thanksgiving with supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Weatherall were Jana and Gracie Williams, Chad, Krista and Sarah Parish, Stanley and Charlene Walesiak, Hazel Northcutt and Elsie Weatherall.

Craig, Tiffany and Callie Easley hosted a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday. Attending were: from Sugar Hill, Scooter and Linda Parish, Phillip, Staci, Heath and Laci Hinton, Chad, Krista and Sarah Parish, Tommie, Judy and Tim Easley; from Maple Springs, Johnny and Joy Easley; from Bogata, John, Regina, Tyler, Austin and Loren Easley; from Dallas, Teresa Whitney. After lunch the kids enjoyed a "Turkey Egg Hunt". One special egg was hidden and in it the word Turkey was written. A fresh turkey was the prize. Austin Easley found this egg. It was something different and the kids had a ball searching.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Kenneth Finney.

Visiting in the home of Bill Newman and Carol Laing over

the holidays were Jeremy Abshier of Bridgecity, David Newman and friend, Trish of Houston, Max Newman of Lubbock and Laura Newman of Austin.

Happy December Birthday to: Rhonda Taylor, Marilyn Graf, Barbara Smith, Charles Graf, Tracy and Stacy Howard, Tawala Padgett, Carol Laing, Destry Nolen, Jerry Pittman, Taylor Anderson, Callie Anderson, Gena Gage, Tony Anschutz, Bradley Smith, Russell Smith, James Crawford, Laquita Crawford, Mary John Brown, Bobbie Price Erin Stansell and Janie Wilson.

Visiting in the home of Charline Black, Jackie Crowley, Frankie and Maxine Harrell over the Thanksgiving holiday were: Faye and Waylon Perdue of Kilgore, David and Cathy McMullen, Crystal and Trent of Royce City, Carla and Mark McClanahan of Dallas, Justin and Jonathan Kirkland and Dave Yoshida of Dallas, Lance, Robin, Justin, Jessica and Lauran Swanner of Marshall, Danny Black of Paris, Butch and Harrolyn Black of Garland.

Cindy Watts, Steve, Tina, Susan, Cameron and Riley Finney traveled to Pensicola, Florida to spend Thanksgiving with their mom and grandmother, Ann and Herb Ellis. They report a wonderful time.

Jack Mills underwent by-pass heart surgery in Tyler Monday. He is reported doing well.

Nancy Brown, Jack, Jennifer and Jaden Brown of Powderly traveled to Prairiland High School Monday night to see their nieces, Susan Smith and Rachel Smith participate on the Rivercrest Lady Rebel Junior High 7th and 8th grade basketball teams.

BANKRUPTCY, REAL ESTATE WILLS & PROBATE

ERIC S. CLIFFORD
 Attorney at Law
 2765 NE Loop 286
 Paris, TX
 Experienced & Understanding to Your Needs
 903-785-7332
 Free Consultation

Not Certified by the Texas Board of Specialization



Don't Let the Stockings Go Empty
 Subscribe To Your LOCAL NEWSPAPER For A Perfect Gift see full page ad in this paper

OOPS PROOF....

NO SWEAT

FREE CHECKING
 No Monthly Service Charge
 Check Safely Online
 10 Free Copies Per Year

OVERDRAFT PROTECTION UP TO \$300

Overdraft Protection Is A Service Granted To Qualified Personal Checking Accounts.

- ★ Enjoy Convenience of Overdraft Protection Of Up To \$300
- ★ Avoid the embarrassment of returned items
- ★ No merchant return item fees
- ★ Access Overdraft Protection in Case Of Emergency

FREE CHECKING OVERDRAFT PROTECTION

Lamar Bank

Member FDIC 200 S. Collegiate - 6270 Lamar Rd. (Reno) 785-0701

Equal Housing Opportunity LENDER

PIPS
 practice schedule

The schedule has been set for the Rivercrest PIPS (Players in Progress) practices. It is very important that each member attend. Shoe that have been worn outside may not be worn on the floor. All members and their parents are urged to remember "Discipline is a must during practice and performances". If your child misses the practice before a performance, they will not be allowed to perform. If you have any questions concerning the schedule for practice, please call Lori Franks at 379-3094.

Practice will be:
 December 8-2:00-4:00 p.m.
 December 15-2:00-4:00 p.m.
 January 5-2:00-4:00 p.m.
 January 19-2:00-3:30 p.m.

Year End Bargains TL and TN Tractors

| | |
|--|--|
| New Holland TL 80 68HP, 2WD, 12 x 4 Trans Tag 13445 \$1,760 Down \$265 Per Month* | New Holland TN 70 2WD, 57HP Tag #13238 \$1,670 Down \$252 Per Month* |
| New Holland TN 55 2WD, 42 HP Tag #13278 \$1,520 Down \$229 Per Month* | New Holland TN 65 2WD, 47HP, Tag #13275 \$1,570 Down \$236 Per Month* |

CONROY TRACTOR
 1 Mile N. of I-30 on 271 Bypass - Mt. Pleasant
 (903) 572-2629
 *72 month contract with approved credit

December Special

Talk about a clever phone!
Motorola 120t
\$29⁹⁵

Cigarette Adapter and Leather Case with One Year Contract



Offer Good Dec. 1 - 31

LAMAR COUNTY CELLULAR

3940 Lamar Ave. Paris, TX
 903-785-8852

Library/Museum begins new project: "History of Bogata and its people"

Articles written about the community of Bogata and people of the community are needed at the Bogata Library/Museum. The articles may be about anyone past or present who have made a difference in your life and a difference in the community, articles about your family and your ties to the community, articles about businesses now and then, schools, churches, about the old train and the motor that once came through Bogata, about Saturday nights in Bogata when it was such a busy place, maybe about life on the farm, hog killing days, some family traditions handed down as well as entertaining stories you have been told. Please submit no more than two pages about each person or thing that you write and please sign each page.

We hope everyone will enjoy this project. The Library/Museum is open Friday from 10 to 4 and Saturday from 10 until 2. You may drop off information during this time or at the drop box on the front porch of the library, or may be mailed to P.O. Box 508, Bogata. Pictures are also welcome with the articles.

The Library/Museum committee talked with Mark Stephenson who graduated from Rivercrest in 1977 and lives in Los Angeles, CA. He is Business Administrator at Methodist Church in Santa Monica and he wrote an article about this parents, Miriam and A.D. Stephenson. They were both instrumental in getting the Library/Museum started and it is very fitting to begin the project with them.

*Miriam Stephenson
A.D. Stephenson*

Miriam was part of the initial

organizational efforts to establish a public library in Bogata, and has been president since its inception in the year 2000. She, along with the involvement of numerous community members, have constructed a fine institution that serves the area residents with literature, videos and historic documents and items obtained from many people, far and wide. The rich heritage of Bogata is displayed for all to see and if it weren't for the efforts of Miriam and others, the history of the area would have remained dormant and untapped. A.D. has been working side-by-side with Miriam in this project from the beginning to present.

Having served as president of the Red River County Genealogical Society for six years, Miriam has increased the membership and stature of this organization. Her leadership has secured the society with grant and foundational money that had not been acquired before her tenure. These contributions have enhanced the programs and services provided by this RRCGS. Also, members of this organization are from the county as well as throughout the nation, as far as Alaska. A.D.'s involvement has been important. His role of treasurer has aided the RRCGS. The amount of volunteer hours that they spend the help the RRCGS is truly amazing. They've done their job well.

Miriam and A.D. are currently serving one-year terms with the newly created Rivercrest High School Scholarship Foundation. They were part of the successful effort that raised \$14,000 in scholarship to aid fourteen students in

furthering their post high school education.

Miriam and A.D. are both active, long-time members of the Bogata United Methodist Church and each has served in various capacities with the church. Miriam adds her sweet voice to the choir each Sunday.

Miriam has been an active member of the Bogata Book Club since the mid-1960's and has served in various official positions including President several times. She served as a Girl Scout Leader for four years. Four of the girls in her troop received their Gold Award before graduating from high school.

At this time, 2002, A.D. is being honored with a 50-year service pin with the Masonic Lodge. Miriam has been a member of the Eastern Lodge since the early 1950's when she joined in Puerto Rico when A.D. was stationed there.

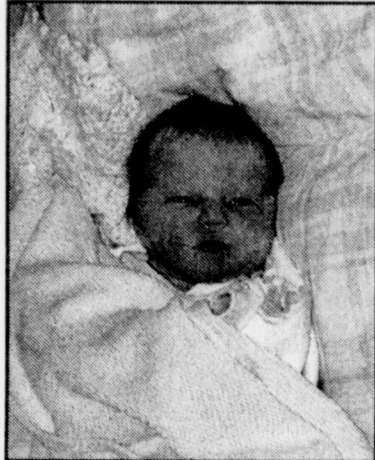
A.D. proudly serves his country as an officer with the Air Force. He served 22 years before returning to Bogata to manage his 600 acre ranch. He provided a great service to the area by being the Executive Director of the Bogata Housing Authority for a good number of years. He devoted much time and energy in improving the project.

Miriam is an excellent artist, and many people have received her paintings through community service events and gifts.

Miriam Stephenson and A.D. Stephenson have given much of themselves to improve the lives of others in Bogata and Red River County, while also having a positive influence beyond the area.



A.D. and Miriam Stephenson



BARRY and Ashley Shiver of Paris would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Camille Shiver. She was born on Tuesday November 26, 2002 at 1:26 pm. Sydney weighed 7 lbs 6 ozs and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Richard and Kay Ross of Bogata and Cliff and Marlia Harris of Paris.

Letter to the Editor

In the November 28th issue of the Clarksville Times in the Police and Sheriff Report there was a Michael Murphy who was arrested for possession of marijuana. We would like to clarify this is NOT Michael Paul Murphy from Bagwell, Texas.

Thank you,
*Michael and Cami Murphy,
Mike and Paula Murphy
and James and Linda Eilers*



Members of the Bogata Fire and Rescue Department are pictured near their new truck Monday night after receiving word they have been awarded the "First Responders of the Year" Award. Members of the group put in their own personal hours and money to protect the citizens of Bogata and the surrounding area. They greatly deserve the award and are greatly appreciated. Member Charles Don Lewis said "This may be a once in a lifetime award and we are so proud to have received it".



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
BOGATA FIRE AND RESCUE**

For Being Awarded The

FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Great Job! Best Wishes From The Bogata News
(Thunder Prairie Publishing)



What makes resisting temptation difficult, for many people, is that they don't want to discourage it completely.
-Franklin P. Jones

JOE MACK SAID..... SELL IT!

**0% APR / 0 DOWN / 0 PAYMENT for 90 DAYS
AVAILABLE ON ALL 2002 & ALL 2003*
Chevrolet-Buick-GMC Cars/Trucks**
*With approved credit. Excluding 2003 Corvettes.

| | |
|---|--|
| <p>2003 Chevrolet 1500 Regular Cab Tilt/Cruise, Stereo, Air Conditioned. Stk #104986 MSRP \$18,776 GM Rebate \$2,000 Gober Disc \$2,000</p> <p>\$4,000 Discount</p> <p>\$14,799*</p> | <p>2002 GMC Sierra 1500 X-Cab 4 Door, Tilt, Stereo, 40/20/40 Seat, Smooth Ride Suspension. Stk #326781 MSRP \$22,255 GM Rebate \$2,000 Gober Disc \$3,167</p> <p>or 0.0% APR</p> <p>\$17,088*</p> |
| <p>2003 Chevrolet Cavalier Pwr Steering/Brakes, Stereo. Stk #161680 MSRP \$14,595 GM Rebate \$3,000 Gober Disc \$800</p> <p>\$3,800 Discount</p> <p>\$10,795*</p> | <p>2003 Chevrolet X-Cab LS Buckets, CD, 5.3 V8, Trailer Tow, Alum Wheels Stk #117418 MSRP \$30,296 GM Rebate \$2,000 Gober Disc \$4,300</p> <p>\$6,300 Discount</p> <p>\$23,996*</p> |

WE WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD BY ANYONE / ANYWHERE!!

800-JOE-MACK

*All prices plus TT&L. All cars and trucks similar to illustration and subject to pre-sale.

GOBER MERRELL AUTO GROUP

1230 South Broadway - Sulphur Springs, Texas
www.gober-merrell.com **903-885-9521**
Open Monday thru Saturday
8:00 am to 6:00 pm



The directors and employees of Lone Star Land Bank would like to congratulate

DR. WALLY KRAFT

for being selected as the
Texas Veterinary Medical Association's

GENERAL PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR.

Dr. Wallace E. Kraft II has gained the respect of his peers over the years for his compassion, energy and knowledge, and this year he was honored by the TVMA, being named General Practitioner of the Year.

Dr. Kraft has been active in many areas of organized veterinary medicine. He is a member of the AAEP, AABP, AAHA and the Northeast Texas VMA. He also serves on the Council of Education at the AVMA, which is responsible for accrediting veterinary schools.

Being involved in his community, including local 4-H clubs, the Junior Livestock Association and FFA, as well as serving on the Lone Star Land Bank Board, keeps

Dr. Kraft busy outside of the office. Most importantly, he believes in spending time with his family, making sure he never neglects this part of his life.

Besides this year's award from the TVMA, where he served as President in 1995, Dr. Kraft has received many honors throughout his career. He was named Paris Boss of the Year in 1991. He is also an FFA Honorary State Farmer and received the Friend of Youth 4-H award from the Lamar County 4-H Council.

It's our pleasure to honor Dr. Wally Kraft for all of his accomplishments. He is truly a dedicated professional whose success is well deserved.



PARIS CREDIT OFFICE
655 Clarksville Street • Paris, Texas 75460-5935
903-784-7451

NEW BOSTON CREDIT OFFICE
P.O. Box 6 • New Boston, Texas 75570-0006
903-628-5031

DENTON CREDIT OFFICE
P.O. Drawer A • Denton, Texas 76202-1646
940-366-1626

SHERMAN CREDIT OFFICE
P.O. Box 3205 • Sherman, Texas 75091-3205
903-893-3443

CELEBRITY CREDIT OFFICE
P.O. Box 819 • Cleburne, Texas 76033-0819
817-558-4902

STEPHENVILLE CREDIT OFFICE
P.O. Box 1177 • Stephenville, Texas 76401-1177
254-965-3612


SWEETWATER CREDIT OFFICE
P.O. Box 1519 • Sweetwater, Texas 79556-1519
915-235-0844

ABILENE CREDIT OFFICE
2 Village Drive • Century Plaza II, Suite 102
Abilene, Texas 79606 • 915-793-1810

1-800-530-1252
www.lonestarlandbank.com

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
1111 Santa Fe Drive
Weatherford, Texas 76086
817-341-4000

TRIANGLE CARPET



Center Street
1555 N. Main Street
Carpet Binding
& Area Rugs

1555 N. Main Street * Paris, TX
903-784-5989
Hours: 9-5 M-F, 9-12 SAT
Large Selection of Carpet
Wholesale Prices*Mill Direct*We Install

Gala proceeds go to scholarship funds

The CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Foundation has netted \$46,000 from its recent gala, "Some Enchanted Evening," and has since turned those profits over to the Foundation's scholarship committee for distribution and investment.

Some \$16,000 of the \$46,000 is to be distributed to nursing applicants over the next year, and the remainder is to be invested and added to each year following the Foundation's annual giving campaign.

Scholarships will be available to qualified applicants who are residents of Lamar County and who are interested in pursuing a career in nursing or seeking an advanced degree in the field. Successful candidates will also be required to work for a minimum of one year at CHRISTUS St.

Joseph's Health System or to repay scholarship funds. Preference will be given those applicants who are currently working to become a RN and Associates who have a good work record at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's.

In order to help ease the nursing faculty shortage, some scholarships will be specifically targeted for RNs who are pursuing a master's degree in nursing and agree to teach at PJC School of Nursing for a period of time following graduation.

The Foundation also administers the Courtney M. Townsend Scholarship, which is open to those pursuing a career in the health field. The recipient for the Spring, 2003, will soon be announced.

Applications for all Foundation scholarships will be available at

the CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Human Resources Department by Dec. 1. Those wishing more information about either of the scholarship programs may contact either the Human Resources Department or Jim Brown, CHRISTUS St. Joseph's vice president.

The Foundation earmarked proceeds from this year's gala to help meet the increasing nursing shortage, which is being felt both locally and nationwide. CHRISTUS St. Joseph's currently has a 15 percent vacancy rate among its registered nurses, and it is expected that the need for additional nurses will grow as the maturing "baby boomer" generation grows older.

The Foundation also plans its annual giving campaign in December, with mailings planned at that time.



RIVERCREST ISD PHONE NUMBERS

Phone numbers for the three campuses of Rivercrest ISD are:
Talco School Rivercrest Junior High: 903-379-3841
Rivercrest High School: 903-632-5204
Rivercrest Elementary School: 903-632-5214.

TUESDAYS

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

Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will-his personal responsibility in the realm of faith and morals.
-Albert Schweitzer

CRISTMAS IN FAIR PARK

SATURDAY DEC. 7th 9a.m.-4p.m.

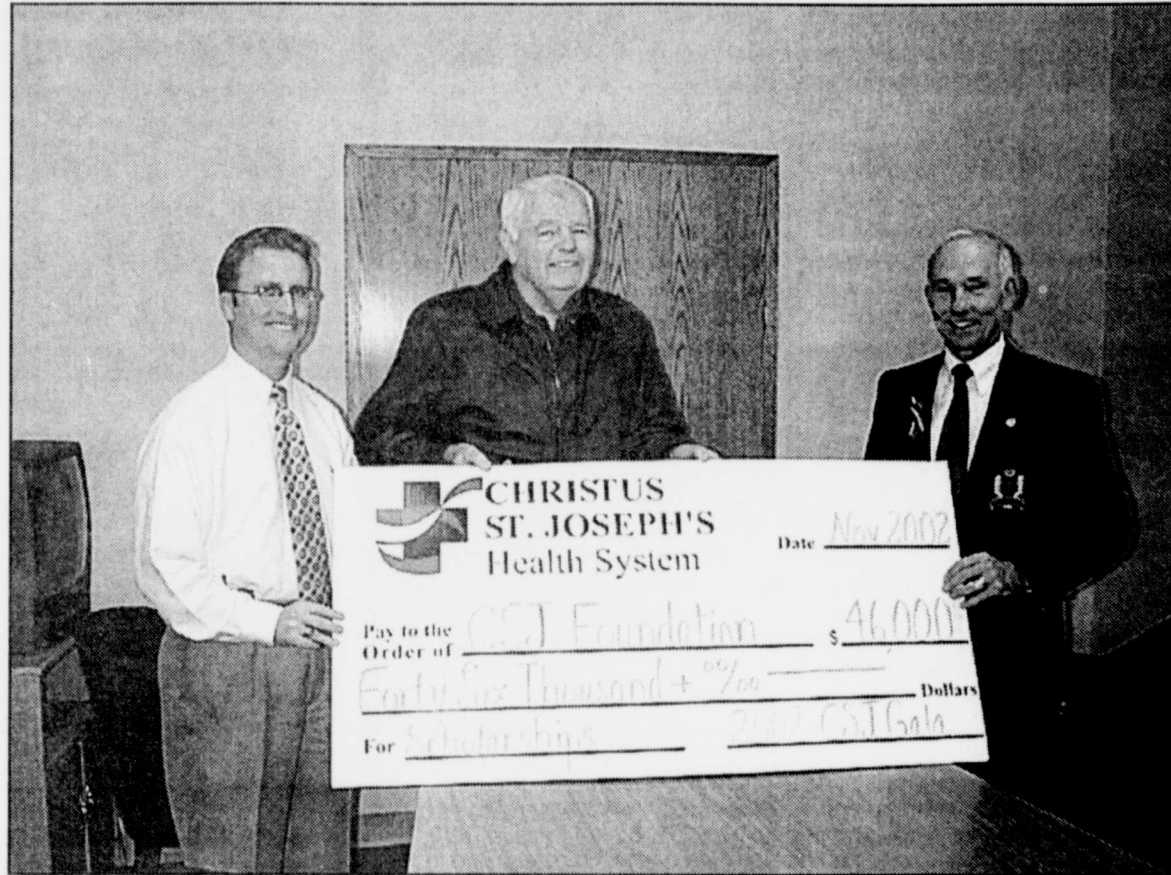
Paris - Lamar County Fairgrounds
*Food Consession *Arts & Crafts
*In All 4 Buildings CEC Bldg. B
West Side - Coliseum

PARIS - LAMAR CO. CHRISTMAS PARADE BEGINS 10a.m.

ATTENTION.... Christmas Parade Theme- "A Patriotic Christmas" Entry Fee \$5
For information, and entry forms, call 903-785-7971. Your help and support is greatly appreciated....come and enjoy

VISIT WITH SANTA

FREE ADMISSION
FREE TRAIN RIDES
FREE PARKING



2002 GALA CHAIRMAN Dr. Jim Brunette(right) presents E. Ridley Briggs, Chairman, CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System Foundation and Jim Brown, CSJ Vice President, a check for \$46,000 to be used to nursing educational scholarships. The total is the profits from the October gala.

Volunteer Fire Fighters Lay It On The Line



RIVERCREST HIGH SCHOOL-Librarian, Margaret Fowler was pleased to accept the donation of Mrs. Genetta Brown's book, "A Walking Miracle" this week as the libraries first donation in the new building. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Santa Letters due in Dec. 6

It's time for all the area children to get their crayons down and write that special letter to Santa. Letters may be mailed in the mail box outside the Bogata News Office or at the Bogata Post Office addressed to Santa, North Pole, % P.O. Box 310, Bogata, Tx. 75417 (no stamp is necessary)

At Talco, Santa letters may be mailed at the Talco Post Office to Santa, North Pole, % of Talco Post Office, 75487 (no stamp is necessary).

All letters received will be printed in the Talco Times and Bogata News in the Christmas Edition. Mom's please check spelling, don't change letter, but make sure above or below that we know what your child is asking for.



Seven homes to be toured in Christmas Parade of Homes

The Annual Parade of Homes has been set for December 12, 2002. The event is sponsored by the Bogata Missionary Baptist Church and will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a candlelight dinner followed by the tour. Tickets this year will be \$20 per person and they will be available November 1, 2002.

Seven homes will be toured this year including: Sherry Huddleston's; Duane and Martha Bryson's; Jerry and Jannette Brooks; Curtis and June Young's;

Mike and Mollie Williams'; Mike and Kim Fields and Randy and Christy Kennedy's.

Tickets will be available November 1, 2002. To reserve your tickets or for more information call: Donnie Lewis at 903-632-5387; Dana Neeley at 903-632-5762 or Mary Lou Daniels at 903-632-9948. Any church member can also help you.

The homes promise to be beautiful and the meal delicious. Plan to attend for a wonderful evening.

Bogata Locals

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

Helen Williams of Bogata and Patty Barton of Bagwell spent Thanksgiving Day with Bill and Joyce Barton at Muenster.

Enjoying Thanksgiving Day lunch with Donald, Judy and Tana Screws were: Mike, Lila, Kara and Hali Screws of Deport, Bren and Taylan Cobb of Deport and Jerry, Chris Anna, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

Jennifer Livingston of Pittsburg visited overnight with her grandparents, M.A. and Ruby Anderson and cousins, Anthony, Julie and Savannah Hearn Friday. Saturday Cindy and Alexandra Livingston, Carmen Livingston and friends all of Pittsburg and Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson of Talco and Tony and Stephanie Livingston of Waco visited throughout the day.

Tommy and Glenda Corbell had Thanksgiving dinner for 17 guests including: Chrystine Baker, Mike, Angie, Ashley and Loren Corbell of Norfolk, VA., Joe Corbell of Tyler, Steve and Becky Corbell of Mt. Pleasant, Melinda and Whitney Corbell of Houston, Sammy Flemming of Houston and Sammy Joe, Carol Ann and Jason Ward of Bogata.

Happy December Birthday to: Kelly Ann Corbell, Charles Corbell, Dale Pybus, Von Pybus, Tracy Lynn Corbell, Creig Yale, Shawn Waters, Tracy Branch,

Jerry Hutson, Ronny Bennett, Stephanie Stringer, Cara Morgan, Micah Upchurch, Hallie Greer, Brent Higgins, Aaron Eudy, Mac Bell, Ben Townes, Gerald "Pop" House, Jessie Ross, Brooksey Crow Jr., Bubba Alford, bobbie Cawley, Esther Tillman, Jerry Gordon, McKayala Stowe, Tabitha Martin, Randy Clarkson, Kay Legate, Dameon Driggers, Rayla Dakan, Ben Glass, Janette Brooks, Donna Vaughan, Robbi Marshall, Karen Williams, Jimmy Mauldin and Joseph Gibson.

Happy December Anniversary to: M.J. and Edna Earl Dodd and Donald and Judy Screws.

Carol and Bill Baker of Athens held Open House at their new home on the Mears Ranch over the Thanksgiving holiday. Attending lunch and enjoying their new home with them were: Bob and Sue Mears, Doyle and Nina Smith and Von Pybus of Denton, Dale and Annette, Lawton and Kerri Pybus of Dallas, Scott and Melissa Gaddis of Dallas.

Visiting Jettie and Doug Bond over the holidays were Janice, Michael, Michael, Jr., from Anchorage, Alaska and Oklaoma city, also Sabre Alderett, Shylene, Shynia of Wichita Falls, Shyanne Burson of whiteface, J.R. Burson and family of San Antonio, Roland Burson of Albuquerque, NM.

DIAMOND TRAILERS

Highway 271 South, Mt. Pleasant, TX
903-572-8855 • www.diamondctrailers.com

COMPLETE TRUCK OUTFITTERS!

- Window Tint
- Maverick Grill Guard
- Front End Replacements
- Hide-A-Hitches
- Warn Winches
- Sporty Icicles Eyewear
- Layaway
- Gift Certificates

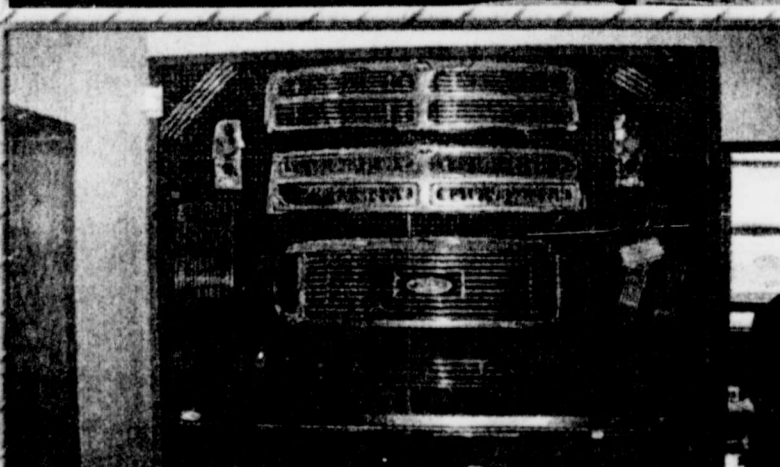


Sales & Service
"Engineered To Deliver"

Highway 271 South, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455
Truck Accessories & Parts
Custom Trailers • Window Tint

Free Gift With Purchase

With this coupon and purchase of \$50.00 or more.



My grandad says to come by and see the friendly staff at Diamond C Sales and Service for ALL your truck accessory needs and gift ideas.



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

This year, when you are looking for an easy, yet great way to fill your Christmas gift list, think about your local newspaper. As usual, the Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are on sale NOW for \$2 off the yearly price. Regularly \$23 for an entire year, during the last two weeks of November and through December the paper will

only be \$21 in Lamar, Red River or Titus Counties, and only \$23 everywhere else!

These newspapers have been around serving local people with the best in news, photos and advertising for many years. The Deport Times began in 1908, as a matter of fact! And though times have changed, one thing hasn't, that's the fact that people love to see their kid's pictures in the paper, they love to read humorous columns (that have won numerous state-wide awards) they love to clip the recipes out of the cooking column, and they love to keep up with upcoming events and what their friends are doing. Everyone enjoys feature stories and photos of local people.

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

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



EMERGENCY VEHICLES In Miniature! E.J. Weldon of CBS Models in Deport shows off his new line of police, fire and emergency vehicles that are customized for the area. He has Lamar County Sheriff's department vehicles, both volunteer and paid fire department vehicles, and ambulances. They plan on having emergency vehicles available for the entire Red River Valley and can do custom detailing. The Weldon's opened their shop in Deport with a line of airline collectibles, and continue to expand the unusual business. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

ALLEN'S FOOD MART
652-3520

DELI
DIESEL
FULL LINE OF GROCERIES

- Sliced Brisket Plate \$4.95**
- Sausage Link Plate \$4.50**
- All Plates Include Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad & Bread
- Chopped BBQ-\$6.50 Lb.**
- Chopped BBQ Sandwich**

- AMERICAN CHEESE \$1.99 LB.**

- SMOKED DELI HAM \$2.99 Lb.**

CLARKSVILLE NURSING CENTER
"Where Caring Makes a Difference"

- * Physical Therapy
- * Occupational Therapy
- * Speech Therapy
- * Respiratory Therapy
- * Social Services
- * Therapeutic Diets
- * Activity Programs
- * Care Trax Systems for Wandering Residents
- * Laundry Services
- * Transportation Services
- * Skilled Nursing Facility

903- 427-2236
Fax 903-427-5235
300 E. Baker, Clarksville TX 75426
Member of the Complete Care Services
Hotline # 1-817-640-2122 RESIDENT PLACEMENT

Christmas Tour of Homes at Maxey House

The Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Site will hold its Christmas tour of Homes on Sunday, December 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. The Paris Council of Garden Clubs is sponsoring the event, in addition to Tim and Erica Chapman, John and Marie Figgins and Dr. Randall and Debbie Perry. Tour tickets are \$5.00 with proceeds going to Paris and Lamar county beautification projects.

A tour of the Maxey House will also be available for an additional \$2.00. This year's theme is Topiary Tidings. Live music will be performed in the parlor by the Paris Chamber Ensemble, Arvin Starrett, Charles Shelton and Linda Flannery. Maxey House decorations will be on display from December 8 through 29.

GED testing scheduled

Testing for the General Education Development (GED) will be held at Paris Junior College on December 3 and 4, according to Linda Miles, Student Development Center.

All students desiring to test must report at 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 3 to room 205 of the McLemore Student Center on the PJC campus. Students must provide a valid Texas Driver's License or Department of Transportation ID and a social security card along with the \$60 payment for testing.

Individuals who are age 17 or younger are required to provide additional documents. They will need to call the Student Development Center at (903) 782-0426 for instructions prior to registering.

It is mandatory that anyone who wants to test must attend the 8:30 a.m. meeting on Dec. 3.

For additional information contact the Student Development Center at Paris Junior College.

GO PATRIOTS!!

Attend the Church of Your Coice

GRAND OPENING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th

VanDeaver Equipment Co., Inc.

389 Hwy. 82 West, Clarksville, Tx. 75426 903-427-1528

We are pleased to announce the opening of VanDeaver Equipment Co., Inc. in our new 6000 sq. foot building located on Highway 82 west of Clarksville. Many of the lines of equipment for which we have obtained dealership rights for the area are listed below. We will be stocking many of the parts you need to keep your equipment running. Thousands of other parts items will be available by special order. Our shop is currently open with a mechanic ready to perform your off season service work. Let us set you up with a Farm Plan account and you can purchase service and the related parts with 60 days same as cash terms through January. Our Grand Opening and ribbon cutting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 10:00 a.m. If you can't make it on the 10th stop by any time for a cup of coffee, tour of the building and a look at some of the finest farm equipment on the market today.

Tommy VanDeaver, Owner, President Charles L. VanDeaver, Owner, Vice-President Jody VanDeaver, General Manager

Hay Twine & Hydraulic Oil In Stock Now!!
We Make and Repair Hydraulic Hoses!!

Check Out Our WINTER SERVICE SPECIALS
Special rates on Service Work and 10% Discount
on all Parts used in shop!

Dealer For:

- AGCO S/T Compact Tractors
- AGCO Tractors
- New Idea Hay Equipment
- LandPride Shredders & Equip.
- KD Loaders Paris Custom Trailers
- Bett's Welding Hay Forks

Parts Available Through AGCO Include:

- Massey-Ferguson
- Allis Chalmers
- White
- Oliver
- Minneapolis Moline

Parts for many other makes are available through other sources.

Grand Opening ,Ribbon Cutting Tuesday, December 10th at 10:00 a.m.
Register ALL DAY FOR DOOR PRIZES DRAWING AT 5:00 P.M.

IT'S IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

Were You Baptized Biblically?

Many have been baptized, but not in the way the Bible teaches. If we have not been baptized in keeping with God's instruction given in the New Testament, then all we have done is gotten wet. We learn from the word of God that for baptism to be acceptable in the sight of God, there *must be*:

The right person: One must believe in Christ and repent of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). Therefore, according to scripture, infants are not fit subjects for baptism. They are not capable of believing and have no sin of which to repent. Jesus taught that children are innocent and pure (Matt. 18:3; 19:14). There is not a single example of a child being baptized in scripture; the practice is utterly without authority. *Therefore, if you were "baptized" as an infant, you were not baptized at all in God's sight.*

The right process: The word "baptism" in our English Bibles is translated from the Greek term which means "immersion." To baptize means "to dip, to submerge." It involves going to a place where there is a sufficient amount of water to be immersed (John 3:23). It is a burial (Rom. 6:3-5) which requires going down into an coming up out of the water (Acts 8:38-39). Thus, sprinkling or pouring water on the head is not biblical baptism. *If you had water sprinkled on you, then you were not baptized at all in God's sight.*

The right purpose: Baptism is "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Paul was told "Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins..." (Acts 22:16). Jesus said, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). It is not done after one is already saved, but in order to enter into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27) to be saved (1 Peter 3:21). *Therefore, if you were taught that you were saved before baptism, then you were not baptized "for the remission of sins"; you were not baptized properly in God's sight.*

According to Acts 19:1-6, those baptized without being properly taught must be baptized again *correctly*. If you were not baptized biblically - as a penitent believer for the remission of sins - you are still in sin and need to be baptized *biblically*. Contact us that we might help you to be saved.

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



FRANNIE GALYEAN-7th grade Lady Rebel pulls the ball up for a shot as the team met the Lady Pats of Prairiland Monday night at PHS. After a rough and tumble game the Lady Pats took a 17-16 win over the Lady Rebs. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rebels to hold food drive

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

Canned food donations are being taken by the coaches and players or they will be glad to come by and pick up any donation you would like to make. Everyone is asked to please give any donations directly to a Rebel player or Rebel coach. Coach Weddle said, "We hope to learn a very important life lesson through this drive; it is better to give than receive".

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

Patchwork Lunches

Inside

Crazy Quilt

Home Made taste

because it IS

Home Made!

Soups Salads

Sandwiches

Check out our

"Dream Pies"

8 Flavors

Make reservations now to have your holiday parties catered.

177 Main St. Deport, TX
(903) 852-2624

Crazy Quilt

Unique New & Used

177 Main St.

Deport, TX

All Occasion Gift Baskets Made to Order

You're Invited To Our Open House

**December 5, 6 & 7 REFRESHMENTS, SALES
SPECIAL SALE...MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS, THEN DRAW
FOR 15%-50% OFF OF YOUR TOTAL SALE!!!**



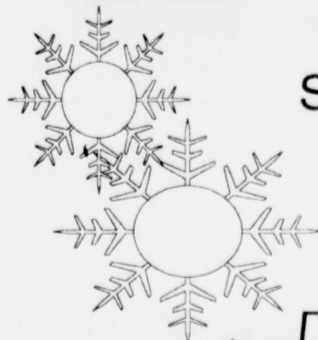
TIMELESS & TIMELY CLASSICS,
Clocks and beautiful clothes
that are always in fashion



Such A Selection! Possible Dreams
Clothtique Santas detailed in every way.
Skiers, bakers, volleyball players, classics,
Old World, so much more.
Perfect to give...and to keep!



WARM FUZZY FEELING!
Flannel Shirt, Comfy Top & Pants



FREE GIFT WRAP



No lines, no parking problems, gifts you can't find anywhere else at great prices, what could be better?

HOLIDAY HOURS

**8:30 - 5:00 Monday through Friday
8:30 - 3:00 Saturday UNTIL CHRISTMAS**

Darden Sparks Department Store

MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Main Street, Deport

903-652-4515

Free Alterations



CLASSIFIEDS GO IN FIVE PAPERS + ON THE INTERNET!
One Call Does It All!! Put Your Ads In Five Papers With One Phone Call
 Call (903) 652-4205 632-5322 379-4445 982-5829 or FAX 903-652-6041
 E-mail: tppub@1starnet.com
We Have Some Of The Least Expensive Rates ANYWHERE!!
 Your Ad Appears In Deport Times, Bogata News, Talco Times, Blossom Times and Detroit Weekly For One Low Price!!

.....WARNING.....
INVESTIGATE BEFORE YOU INVEST
 Thunder Prairie Publishing does everything possible to keep these columns free of misleading, unscrupulous or fraudulent advertising. When a fraudulent ad is discovered in any paper in this country, we usually learn of it in time to refuse the same ad in this paper. However, it is impossible to screen all advertising as thoroughly as we would like to, so we urge our readers to check thoroughly any proposition requiring an investment.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
 The Deport Housing Authority is currently taking applications from individuals who qualify for 1 bedroom apartments. All units have central heat and air conditioning. There is a community building and laundry room at each site. All 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units have washer/dryer connections. Cook stoves and refrigerators are furnished. Water, sewer and trash pickup is provided. Tenant is responsible for lights, gas, phone and cable TV.
 Current vacancies are 1 bedroom units designated for elderly. If there are no elderly applicants consideration will be given to family applicants. All persons are invited to apply for housing and are considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin.
 The Deport Housing Authority operates under guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Applications can be made at 232 3rd Street. Call 903-652-2744 to arrange a time convenient for the applicant and the management office.
 The Deport Housing Authority is interested in your housing needs.
 Melba G. Ladd, Executive Director

LONE STAR LAND BANK, A.C.A.
 Agricultural Credit Association
Farm & Ranch Loans
Rural Residence Loans
 1. Purchase or refinance
 2. Small acreage tracts
 3. Farm and ranch loans
 4. Interim construction
 5. Long-term home loans
For More Information, Call
 1-888-333-7735
 903-784-7461
 James.welch@farmcredbank.com

WELCH GAS
 632-5341
 Sell or Lease Propane Tanks
 Bottles Filled Service & Repairs
 Vanguard Heaters & Fireplaces
Open Monday-Friday, 8 to 5
 Bogata 903-632-5341
 Clarksville 903-427-4266
 visit us on line at www.welchgas.com

AUCTION
 Pattonville, TX December 7, 10 a.m.
 We will be taking consignments until sale day. Call to get on the listing. Lots of equipment already consigned.
 Tractors: 2940 JD; 986 Int.; 4040 JD C/A
 Trailers: Hay trailer, 16' lowboy; cattle trailer and more, JD hydraulic dump trailer; 1 bale hay wagon.
 Equipment: 2-row cult., Schuler feed wagon, 6-row Int. cult., planters, blades, shredders, 4-grain augers, NH feed grinder, field cult., 1-ton Ford truck.
 Misc.: Panels, gates, tanks, troughs, tools, 50 Suzuki 4-wheeler, round hay feeders.
 This is a partial listing. More coming every day.
 Norwood Auction Co. Frankie Norwood #7994 903-652-2477

MINI-ADS
 5 Papers.....
 3 Weeks Only \$10
 One call places your ad in the Deport, Blossom, Bogata, Talco and Detroit papers.
 Call 1-903-652-4205
You'll Love The Classifieds

LONE OAK PET CAMP
 MEMBER APDT Association of PET DOG Training
 FM1503 SOUTH
 4 miles south of Deport
 M-F: 7-1 * 5-7
 Sat-Sun: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
 903-652-9305
 903-652-9704
 Mobile: 739-3933
 Training & Dog Boarding
 Dogs are exercised daily. 60 square feet, climate controlled, luxury suites.
 \$10 per day
 Pet Care Technician on Duty
 WE CARE FOR YOUR FURRY KIDS!

LOST PET???
 Find your lost pet by advertising with a Classified Ad in your local paper
 Call 903-652-4205
LOST PET ADS ARE FREE!!

30th Year In Business 1971 To 2001
BOGATA PAINT & BODY SHOP
 Hwy. 271 S. Bogata Texas 632-4182
 Troy Howerton - Owner
We Do Vehicle State Inspections

Miscellaneous
JOHNNIE'S USED FURNITURE and Appliances: We buy, sell or trade anything of value. We pay top dollar for good used furniture and appliances. Will buy all or portions of estates. West side of Market Square in Paris, TX, 330 Second SW. Phone 903-737-0979, Paris or 903-652-2084, Cunningham, TX. MA t/c

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3BR, 1B, carport, wall panel heat A/C in wall. 125 Circle Drive, Bogata. 903-632-5816 or 632-5444. MA 12-19

Livestock & Supplies
FOR SALE: New tractor specials, TN5542hp Synco-Shuttle, I remote, WAC \$1530 down, \$230 for 72 months. Conroy Tractor, Inc., Mt. Pleasant, 903-572-2629.

HAPPY JACK SKIN BALM: Promotes healing & hair growth on dogs & cats without steroids. Available at Buckman Drug, 125 N. Main, Bogata, TX. t/c

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: \$45 per rick, delivered in Bogata area. Cody Clark, 903-632-5617. MA 12-5

FOR SALE: Quality crossbred Brahman bull, coming two. 652-4352. MA 12-5

WOOD FOR SALE: \$35 a rick, you pick up, 903-982-5829. MA 12-5

FOR SALE: Christmas pony for kids, 5 yr. old female, broken to ride. Call nights 903-632-4168. MA 12-19

Business Services

MAKE DETROIT LOCKER Plant your one stop meat store. We have all cuts of beef and pork which we sell by the piece, quarter or side. All of our steaks are cut to order. We are an authorized distributor for Pilgrims Pride chicken. We also have catfish fillets, french fries, hush puppies & cooking oil to make your fish fry a success. We have freezer packs available with various prices to fit everyone's budget. We accept cash, checks, MasterCard, Visa, American Express & Lone Star cards. Located on Hwy. 82 in downtown Detroit. Call 674-6911 or come by for prices or more information. MA t/c

ROZELL TREE SERVICE: Tree trimming/removal, 70' bucket, stumps ground. Free estimates. Insured \$2 million. David, Neil & Russell Rozell, 903-632-5617. MA t/c

CHARLIE'S HOME REPAIRS: Small job specialist and trim carpentry. all types of wood fencing. 30 years experience. 903-784-3737. Pager 903-783-8608. MA t/c

JACK'S TREE SERVICE: Insured with reasonable rates, trees trimmed or removed. Brush clean-up and stump grinding. Edna & Jack Tucker, Detroit, TX. Home 903-674-4945, mobile 903-491-8321. MA t/c

J AND L LAWN EQUIPMENT at Rugby, Snapper mowers, Briggs-Stratton, Tecumseh engines, Shindaiwasaws & trimmers, Murray, MTD. 903-632-5377, Monday-Thursday. MA t/c

COOPER'S DOZER SERVICE: James Cooper, owner. All job types. Rt. 1, Box 20B, Pattonville, TX, 903-652-5765. MA t/c

DOZER & BACKHOE WORK: Fences, pools, roads, culverts, etc. \$35-40 per hour. Shane Wright, 903-379-7535. MA 12-5

Sales
CAKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-7158 or 572-3825. MA t/c

PRESTONWOOD Flea Market, inside and outside spaces. Open Th-Fri-Sat-Sun, 8 to 6. Paris' newest flea market. Hwy. 19&24 across from Chisum School. Air conditioned. 784-6869. MA t/c

FAMILY OF 5 SALE: Starting 8 a.m. Friday thru Saturday til noon. Furniture, clothes and Christmas decorations. A little bit of everything. Cheap at 294 Jeff St., Deport. Wood for sale, 903-652-2907. 12-5

GARAGE SALE: 110 N. Bryson, Bogata. December 6 & 7, 8 a.m. until ?? Heaters, too much to mention. 12-5

MISCELLANEOUS MULTI-FAMILY SALE: Furniture, dishes, clothes, waterbed, lots of new items. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Old shop at edge of Pattonville on 271S. 12-5

ESTATE SALE: Saturday, 8 a.m., 229 Depot St., Deport. 12-5

SELLING OUT: Store & warehouse merchandise, 803 E. Main St. Clarksville, TX. Smith Trading Co. 10 AM- 5:00 PM daily. Holiday shopping at wholesale prices or below. Tee shirts, leather vest, decorative home accessories, southwest, waterfall pictures, lighted pictures, silk flowers, swags, grapevine wreaths, decorative flags, fiber optic eagles, porcelain dolls, teddy bears, skateboards, metal signs, John Deere, Ford, Lots more merchandise. Dealers welcome. 12-19

LOST & Found
REMEMBER, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

LOST: Coby Pitt male dog, white with brown patches around eyes and on back. Answers to Buster. Reward offered for return. 903-632-0661 or 632-0667. 12-5

LOST: Charolais bull, 1700-1800 lbs. from south of Milton. Please call 652-4348. 12-5nc

LOST BETWEEN Pattonville and Blossom on FM196, hub cap and fender skirt from '58 Chevy. 903-982-5948. 12-12nc

Wanted
SITTER NEEDED in Deport. Ideal for mature junior high or high school girl. Afternoons and during school holidays. 652-2008 or 491-4159, leave message. MA 12-5

TWO ANIMALS in Detroit for full time and/or after school child care. Great location, references available. Call Misty, 674-9091. MA 12-12

HELP WANTED: Red River Healthcare, Bogata, evening cook, 11:30-6:30 shift. Experience preferred but will train. Please apply in person with Alice Perry at RRHC. MA 12-19

FREE
FREE TO GOOD HOME: 8 mo. old puppy, black Lab mix, is great watch dog, trainable, healthy, 55 lb.+, will be large dog, needs home with lots of land. Already spayed and current Rabies shot, 632-4493. 12-5nc

PETS
AMHA REGISTERED miniature bay stallion, 8 mos. old, son of Hanking Hanna's Shoe Button (Buttons), member of the animal Hall of Fame. Apache would be a great child's Christmas gift, \$500. 903-427-5435. MA 12-5

AREA WIDE Movers & Storage
 903-577-1983
7 DAYS A WEEK
 Various Size Storage Areas
 Locally Owned & Operated
 Tgm Dale, owner

J.M. Services
 Rt. 1 Box 4302, Deport, Texas 75435
 Phone (903) - 652 - 9305
 (903) - 652 - 9704
MOBILE (903) - 739 - 3933
 E Mail: jmservit@neto.com
Computer Sales, Services, Repair
Maintenance, Software installation
Training is available
PC & MAC Specialist
IN BUSINESS SINCE 1985

BELL SAND & GRAVEL & PROPANE
 Rt. 1, Box 931
 Bogata, Texas 75417
 (903) 632-5386

BALLARD INSURANCE AGENCY
 The Insurance Station
 1465 NE 20th Paris, Tx. 75460
AUTO-HOME-BUSINESS-LIFE-HEALTH
 (903) 785-0467
 www.ballardinsurance.net http://www.ballardinsurance.net
 email:ballardinsurance@yahoo.com cmailto:ballardinsurance@yahoo.com
Ronnie & Vicki Ballard

Medical Equipment & Supplies
 For Rent or Purchase
 Locally Owned & Operated
 Free Same Day Delivery
24-Hour Emergency Service
PARIS MEDICAL SUPPLY
 903-785-6615
 1-800-964-7343
 1515 NE 20th * Paris

We Care.....
 Friendly, Experienced, Professional Staff Concerned For Your Care. Respiratory Therapist On Staff.
PRO CARE SERVICES
 903-127-7154
 1-800-837-2202
 Hwy. 82 W. * Clarksville

RED TAG SALE

CARS

02 Olds Alero
 *02 Chevy Malibu \$9995
 * 5 to choose from
 GM Certified*

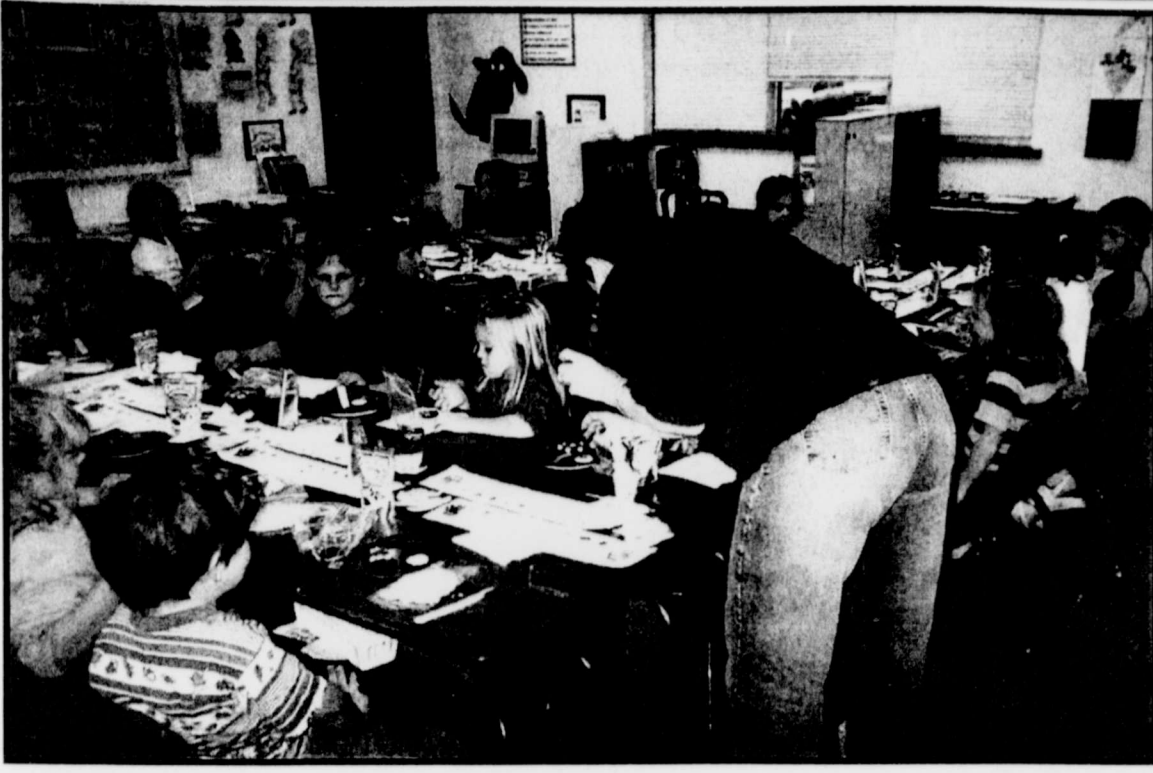
97 LeSabre Limited
 97 Pontiac Grand Am
 98 Buick Riviera
 98 Acura Integra
 98 Pontiac Bonneville
 98 Nissan Maxima
 99 Cadillac Deville
 00 Toyota Avalon
 00 Lincoln Towncar
 00 Pontiac Bonneville
 00 Pontiac Grand Prix GT
 00 Chevy Prism
 00 Chevy Malibu
 00 Dodge Neon
 01 Ford Taurus
 01 Chevy Cavalier
 01 Chevy Prism
 01 Olds Aurora (2)
 02 Chevy Cavalier
 02 Chevy Monte Carlo
 02 Chevy Impala
 02 Mustang Convertible

TRUCKS

95 Chevy C1500 XCab
 98 Chevy S10 Ex Cab
 98 Chevy 2500 Reg Cab
 99 Chevy 1500 X Cab
 99 Chevy Tahoe
 99 Dodge 1500 Reg Cab
 00 Chevy TX/OK
 00 Chevy 1500 X Cab (2)
 00 GMC 1500 TX/OK
 01 Ford Expedition
 01 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab
 01 Dodge 1500 Reg Cab
 01 Chevy 1500 X Cab (4)
 01 Chevy Tahoe LS
 01 Chevy Suburban LS & LT
 01 GMC 1500 X Cab SLE
 02 Pontiac Montana Van

HONEY DO FIX IT
JAKE, SMALL JOB SPECIALIST
 Rt. 1 Box 4302, Deport, Texas 75435
 Phone (903) - 652 - 9305
 (903) - 652 - 9704
MOBILE (903) - 739 - 3933
 E Mail: jmservit@neto.com
Ceiling fans, Fixtures, dripping faucets
Assemble the unassembled,
Doorlocks & More
WE GET THE LITTLE JOBS DONE

Sandlin MOTORS, INC.
CHEVY-OLDS-CADILLAC
 Mt. Pleasant, Texas 903-572-3656



MRS. HUDDLESTON'S-Rivercrest Elementary Kindergarten class made cookie turkeys for Thanksgiving with the help of room mothers, Mrs. Fields and Mrs. Bryson who brought all the goodies to make the fun cookies.



DAISY TROOP #175 planted pansies for Rivercrest Elementary School. This earned them a Rose Petal "Make the World a Better Place." Pictured is Linda Gray, Raney Cortez, Callie Easley, Lexi Earley, Melinda Barbosa, Mayzie Purviance, Manckenzie Fields, Caitlin Tidwell, Ashlyn Kennedy, Jalyn Weddle and Rachel Ince.

It's Tax Time! Need Help?

SECURITY FINANCE
Your Friend When You Need \$\$\$
102 East Main St. Clarksville, TX
Phone 903-427-2373

For A Perfect Gift see full page ad in this paper

Farm & ranch pesticide clinic is December 10

Area producers are invited to the Farm and Ranch Pesticide Clinic to be held Tuesday, December 10 at the Love Civic Center in Paris. It is an annual event sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension offices of Delta, Fannin, Lamar and Red River Counties. Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by a number of program speakers. Registration cost is \$15.00 which includes a noon meal. Private, non-commercial and commercial pesticide applicators attending will receive five hours of continuing education. New this year, producers that do not have a pesticide license may attend a private applicator training and testing during the clinic. Registration begins at 8

a.m. and participants will spend the morning in an adjoining room covering the private applicator training materials. The exam will be given after lunch. Anyone wishing to attend the training and testing to obtain a private pesticide license is encouraged to stop by the County Extension office in Clarksville to purchase an applicator manual. The cost is \$20.00 per manual. Participants in the private applicator training/testing will pay \$30.00 registration which includes the manual and lunch. If you have already purchased the manual and have it with you, the registration cost will be \$10.00. For information, call 427-3867.

Rivercrest Education Foundation to hold raffle

The Rivercrest Education Foundation is selling chances on a Sony Play Station 2 or the equivalent value which is \$199.94. The prize is a DVD player, CD player and Video Game all in one. The drawing will be held December 17, 2002 at the Rivercrest Varsity basketball games. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are available from all Trustees and Members of the Senior class. Tickets are also at

Bogata and Talco branches of Guaranty Bond Bank. The Foundation is already planning the Scholarship Banquet which is set for Saturday, March 21, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds from this raffle and the banquet go toward scholarships for graduating seniors at Rivercrest High School. Last year, \$14,000.00 was awarded to recipients of the Foundation Scholarships.

Wrap Up Christmas Giving See Full Page Ad, This Issue, For Savings On The Perfect Gift....Your Local Newspaper

Attend The Church of Your Choice

Huddleston DRAWING \$50 in Groceries Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

HUDDLESTON'S GROCERY We Honor Manufacturers COUPONS

SPECIALS GOOD EVERYDAY Thurs., Dec. 5th thru Wed., Dec. 11th
OPEN Mon.- Fri. 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sun. 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
BOGATA 632-5624 7 Days A Week

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| TIP TOP HAM Butt Half \$1 ⁵⁹ Lb. Shank Half \$1 ²⁹ Lb. Whole Ham \$1 ³⁹ Lb. | | PILGRIM'S CHICKEN STRIP TENDERS 2 Lb Bag Breaded \$4 ⁹⁹ | | OWEN'S SAUSAGE 2 Lb. Roll Reg. & Hot \$3 ⁴⁹ OWENS SMOKED SAUSAGE 1 Lb. Pk. \$1 ⁹⁹ | | IMPERIAL SUGAR 4 Lb. \$1 ³⁹ LOU ANNA PEANUT OIL Gal. Jug. \$5 ⁹⁹ | | |
| TOP SIRLOIN Boneless \$2 ⁹⁹ Lb. | HENS 4-7 Lb. 69¢ Lb. | COUNTRY CREEK SLAB SLICED BACON 1.5 Lb. \$3 ⁴⁹ | TIP TOP SUMMER SAUSAGE 1.5 Lb. Roll \$3 ⁹⁹ | CRISCO COOKING OIL 48 Oz. Veg. & Puritan \$1 ⁵⁹ | BLUE BONNET MARGARINE 4 Stick 2/\$1 | DEL MONTE CORN Whole & Cream 15 Oz. CUT GREEN BEANS 14.5 Oz. SWEET PEAS 15 Oz. FRENCH STYLE GREEN BEANS 14.5 Oz. 2/\$1 | | |
| BOUNTY PAPER TOWELS Reg. Roll 79¢ | OAK FARM'S ICE CREAM 1/2 Gal. All Flavors \$2 ⁹⁹ | KRAFT COOL WHIP 8 Oz. Reg. & Lite 99¢ | OSCAR MAYER BEEF FRANKS 1 Lb. Pk. \$1 ⁹⁹ | MIRACLE WHIP 32 Oz. \$2 ²⁹ | PARADE BUTTERMILK BISCUITS 4/\$1 | PARADE LIGHT CORN SYRUP 32 Oz. \$1 ³⁹ | SOLO PARTY PLATES 15- 9" PARTY CUPS 20- 16Oz. 99¢ | |
| EGGS Grade A Large 99¢ Dozen | GOLDEN ROYAL MILK Gal. 2% & Homo \$2 ⁹⁹ | CAMPBELL'S CREAM OF CHICKEN Or CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP 10 Oz. 79¢ | KRAFT CHEEZ WHIZ 15 Oz. \$1 ⁶⁹ | KRAFT MARSHMALLOW CREAM 7 Oz. 99¢ | SWANSON CHICKEN BROTH 14 Oz. 2/\$1 | KRAFT PUDDING 4 Pack All Flavors 89¢ | NABISCO CHEESE NIPS 13 Oz. \$1 ⁹⁹ | |
| KRAFT PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE 8 Oz. \$1 ¹⁹ | LAY'S POTATO CHIPS Reg. \$1 ⁴⁹ All Kinds 99¢ | DORITO CHIPS All Kinds Reg. \$3 ²⁹ \$2 ⁶⁹ | GLADIOLA CORN BREAD MIX White & Yellow 4/\$1 | FRITO LAY BEAN DIP 9 Oz. \$2 ¹⁹ | SURF DETERGENT 31-40 Ld. \$4 ⁴⁹ | HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH DRESSING Reg. & Lite 16 Oz. Squeeze \$2 ¹⁹ | TOWN TALK BREAD Lrg. Loaf 69¢ | TOWN TALK BROWN & SERVE ROLLS 2/\$1 |
| BANANAS 49¢ Lb. | PRODUCE POTATOES 10 Lb. Bag \$1 ⁹⁹ | APPLES 59¢ Lb. | MALT O MEAL CEREAL Marshmallow Mateys 14 Oz. \$2 ²⁹ Tootie Fruite 15 Oz. \$2 ²⁹ Honey Nut Toasty Os 14 Oz. \$2 ²⁹ Golden Puffs 18 Oz. \$1 ¹⁹ | NABISCO VANILLA WAFERS 12 Oz. \$2 ²⁹ | COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER 2 Liter 99¢ 3 Liter \$1 ⁷⁹ 12 Pk. \$2 ⁹⁹ 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$1 ⁹⁹ | | | |