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**Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving. We talk about it, we write about it, we gather together about it. And, I'd like to take this time to declare my list of things I have to be thankful for.

You see, I had begun to think it hadn't been a very good year. We've had surgeries, bills, losses, and more hassles with putting out five newspapers than usual. The nation faces some really heavy stuff. The economy isn't exactly bright and healthy.

But, I sat down to give myself a pep talk, and came out feeling pretty good.

Here's a partial list:

I have a beautiful little great-niece, to add to the healthy, happy other great-nieces and nephews.

I'm thankful for my family, and my husband's family, they are such a joy.

I'm thankful for my husband, who has to be one of the finest men in the world.

I'm thankful for my friends, we have quite a few of the type that you really can call at 4:00 a.m.

And, if I lost them all, I would still have to be thankful that I had ever had them in my life.

I'm thankful for each and every loyal subscriber and advertiser that makes it possible for us to continue providing a community newspaper.

I'm thankful (remind me of this on Tuesday nights about 8 P.M., please) for the opportunity to serve our communities by publishing the newspapers.

I'm thankful for my titanium knees, that leave me free of pain. There are a few new things I've learned to be thankful for this past year, too.

I've learned to be thankful for the wonderful emergency service we have, and the emergency room staff. Doing clinicals on both the ambulance and at ER has made me aware of what a difference quality care can make.

And, because of those experiences, I've learned to cherish those I care about so much more.

I'm thankful more than ever for every single volunteer firefighter and first responder.

I'm thankful for strangers who do kind things when you are "in a bind". Twice I've witnessed the kindness of strangers recently, and it's beautiful.

To turn to the much-done...I'm thankful for this nation. For all its faults and foibles, all its problems and prejudices, I'd still rather live here than anywhere else, and I still believe with all my heart we have a future.

To turn to the less mentioned, I'm thankful I live now...and not back when the Pilgrims sparked this holiday. They had a pretty pitiful collection of things to be thankful for compared to our blessings now.

My list is long and I'm glad. Go through your own, folks, and you'll be amazed!



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# BOGATA NEWS

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## Send in your Christmas Memory now!

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 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!

## Annual Book Fair to be held December 2-6 at RES

The Annual Book Fair will be held at Rivercrest Elementary School from December 2 through December 6.

December 2 will be a viewing day only. Sales will begin on December 3 through 6. This year is buy one get one free!

The public is invited to come out and do some Christmas shopping and give a gift that will help install the love of reading.

All proceeds from this event supports the Rivercrest Elementary Accelerated Reading Program.

## 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!



**DESTROYED**-this house on North Hudson Street in Bogata was totally destroyed by fire Monday, Nov. 25th. Bogata Fire Department, along with Rosalie and Cuthand fire departments, saved adjacent structures from also being consumed by the flames. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

## Bogata Lions Club to prepare Christmas Baskets

The Bogata Lions Club will prepare Christmas Baskets for those in need again this year. Those in need of help through the holidays are urged to sign up in order to receive a basket suitable for their family.

The deadline for sign up will be December 11, 2002. To sign up

call Linda Eilers at 903-632-4530 or Shirley Vickers at 903-632-5447. If no answer at either phone, please leave a message and your call will be returned. The Bogata Lions Club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## All trash collection will be done by noon

B&B Equipment will begin bringing two trucks to Bogata every Friday and have all trash picked up by lunch. Citizens are reminded they will need to have their polycarts out Thursday night or before 7:00 a.m.

## Christmas Parade dates set

The dates for the annual Talco and Bogata Christmas Parades have been set.

On Tuesday, December 3, 2002 the Bogata Lions Club will sponsor the annual Bogata Christmas Parade beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Entries will line up on South Main St. as they have in past years for judging. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Car Division and Float Division.

All area groups are invited to participate.

On Wednesday, December 4, 2002 the Talco City Council will sponsor the annual Talco Christmas Parade. Entries will line up in front of the Talco School building as they have in past years for judging. Prizes will be awarded in car, float, 4 wheeler and bicycle. All area groups are invited to participate.

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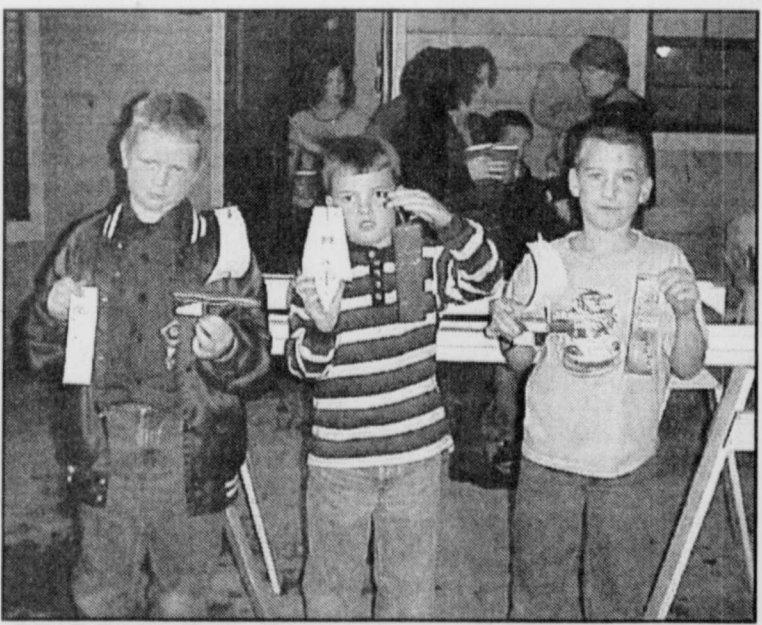
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The hero is one who kindles a great light in the world, who sets up blazing torches in the dark steets of life for men to see by. The saint is the man who walks through the dark paths of the world, himself a light.  
Felix Adler

## Buckle up this holiday!

Texas is launching the second phase of "Click It or ticket" as part of a national effort to reduce deaths and injuries from traffic crashes. From November 24 through December 1, state troopers and local law enforcement throughout Texas will be cracking down on drivers and passengers who aren't using safety belts.

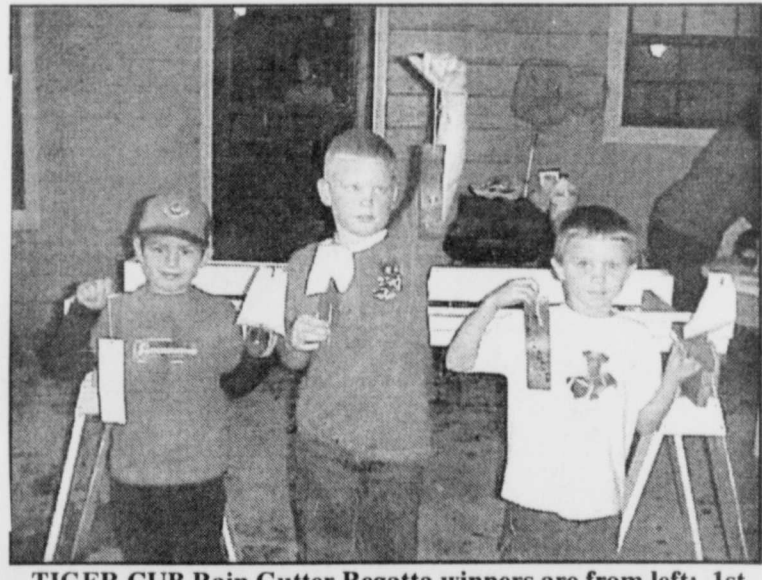
Texas law requires drivers and front seat passengers to use safety belts. Children and teens up to the age of 17 have to be buckled up in the front or back seat. Child safety seats are required for children under four years old or less than three feet tall. Fines for violations range from \$25 to \$200.00.



**BEAR RAIN** Gutter Regatta winners are (from right to left): 1st Jordan Thompson, 2nd - Carter Kelsey, and 3rd - Jed Burge.



**WEBELO** Rain Gutter Regatta winners are (from right to left): 1st - Alec Moreno, 2nd - Ty Halbert, and 3rd - Chase Richards.



**TIGER CUB** Rain Gutter Regatta winners are from left: 1st - Paden Lum, 2nd - Sam Burge, and 3rd - Ashton Sellers.



**WOLF RAIN GUTTER** Regatta winners are from left: 1st - Dakota Ward, 2nd - Jayden Duck, and 3rd - Aaron Eudy.



**BOGATA PACK 135** Cub Scouts held their first ever Rain Gutter Regatta. This is a race using small wooden boats (similar to the pinewood derby) and rain gutters as the racing track. Around 15 scouts were in attendance and all had a great time. Visit [www.scouttroops.org/tx/cs/135](http://www.scouttroops.org/tx/cs/135) for more information on Bogata Scouts Pack 135.



## 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.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Wilma "Sally" Mathena wishes to thank our friends, neighbors and relatives for their love and prayers during the loss of our Mother, Grandma Sally and Ma Sally. The flowers, food, calls, cards and donations were greatly appreciated and touched our hearts. Special thanks to Bro. Bill O'Neal, Harold Morrison and the James Wood family for the beautiful service and to Donna Farris, Rick and Carlene Roberts for their thoughtfulness. We wish to also thank Dr. Michael Leddy and staff for their care of our Mother and Father over the years, our employers, Regency Nursing Home and Locke Liddell and Sapp for their understanding and patience with our shifting needs and especially to the wonderful people who worked extra hours and duties to cover those needs. Last but not least, we thank our husbands and children. Their love and support enabled us to care for our parents as we did. May God bless you all.

Roxie Mathena Massey  
Evelyn Mathena Tillman  
Sandra Mathena Adams



William Lee Stringfellow  
William Lee Stringfellow dies November 15

William Lee Stringfellow, 82, former Johntown resident, died in New Iberia, LA Friday, November 15, 2002. Funeral and burial were in New Iberia on Monday, November 18.

He was born August 5, 1920 in DeKalb, TX to Thomas Carroll and Vera Smith Stringfellow. Mr. Stringfellow was a World War II veteran, having served in the Army Air Corps September, 1942 to November 1945. He was also a Mason for 50 years. He was preceded in death by his father in 1982, his mother in 1975, two brothers and two sisters, Carroll Wayne and Neoma Jo in 1937, Ray Thomas and Luella in 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; five sons, William Ronald of Bogata, Paul Lee (Buddy) and wife Ellen of Bagwell, Jimmy York of Blossom, Wayne Thomas of Naples, Idaho, David Lee and wife Lorry of Jasper; one stepson, Eddie Dore and wife of New Iberia; 19 grand and step-grandchildren; 25 great and step-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his first wife, Dixie York Stringfellow of Bogata and several nieces and nephews.

Attending the funeral from this area were Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow, Jimmy Stringfellow and friend JoAnn, Joe Stringfellow, Billy Stringfellow, Felina and Chad White, Dixie Stringfellow and Dee Richardson.

## Obituaries

Mrs. Ollie R. Robinson dies November 20

Mrs. Ollie Ruth Robinson, age 83 of Bogata, died Wednesday, November 20, 2002 in East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 22 under the pavilion of Bogata Cemetery with Rev. C.G. Renfro officiating. Wood Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Robinson was born June 17, 1919 in Cunningham, the daughter of Gene and Madge Ladd Burns. She worked for Kisner Grocery in Bogata for a number of years and then worked at Buckman Drug in Bogata for many years.

She is survived by two children, Reba Mitchell and her husband Marion and Burl Robinson and his wife Donna, all of Bogata; two grandsons, Mark Mitchell and his wife, Debbie of Bogata and Aaron Robinson of Clarksville; a great-grandson, Tim Peebles and his wife Misty; two brothers, Gerald Burns of Ft. Worth and Royce Burns of Redwater; and a sister, Billie Lewis of Bogata. He was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Henry Burns on September 11, 2002.

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Bogata, TX

Benjaimen Sanders, Jr. dies November 21

Benjaimen Sanders, Jr., age 65 of Detroit, died Thursday, November 21, 2002 at his residence.

Funeral services were set for 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 25 in the First Baptist Church of Detroit with Rev. Danny Robbins and Rev. Mark Sanders officiating. Burial followed in Liberty Cemetery in Red River County. Fry and Gibbs funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Sanders was born January 14, 1937 in Seminole, OK to Noah Ben and Mayble G. Tanner Sanders. He married Dorothy Belcher in Eureka, CA on July 27, 1965. Mr. Sanders was an iron worker and member of the Iron Worker's Union Local 229 of San Diego, CA. He attended the First Baptist Church of Detroit.

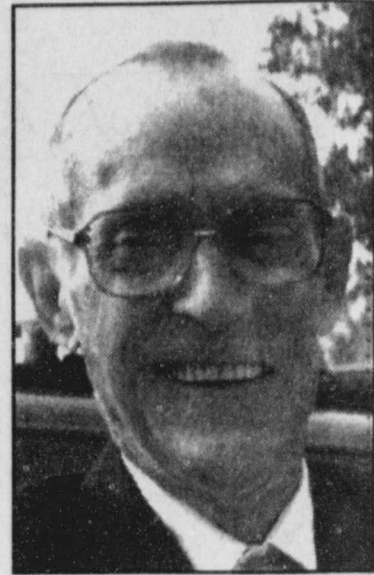
Mr. Sanders is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Detroit; eight children, Clara Mae Crabb of Ft. Smith, AR, Sue Williams of Eagle, ID, Mary June Stamper of Bogata, Ben Sanders, II of El Cajon, CA, Wanda Himes of Lavaca, AR, Cindy Gray of Shawnee, OK, David Belcher of San Diego CA and Randy Franks of Detroit; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ray Corp of Hastings, OK and Paul Sanders of Shawnee, OK; and two sisters, Ruth Henderson of Goose Creek, SC and Barbara Mellot of Shawnee, OK.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and one sister.

Mr. Sanders' grandsons served as bearers.

### Light show returns

The 20th annual Christmas Light Fantasy has returned to the home of Allen and Pansy Parsons and everyone is invited to come view the spectacular array of lights. This year's show will begin November 22 and run through December 29 and display over 900,000 lights with new displays. The lights can be viewed from



Oral Dwayne Rhodes  
Oral Dwayne Rhodes dies November 19

Oral Dwayne Rhodes, age 76, passed away on Tuesday, November 19, 2002 after a lengthy illness at Christus St. Joseph's Hospital South.

Funeral services were set for 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 21, 2002 at the First Baptist Church of Deport with the Reverends Glynn Renfro and Freddie Burden officiating. Burial was made in Highland Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes has charge of the arrangements. The family received friends from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born on February 20, 1926 in Deport, the son of Oscar and Mamie Blankenship Rhodes. He was a Seaman's Mate, Second Class on the USS Alabama in WWII from January 1944 until February 1946 in the United States Navy.

Mr. Rhodes was a member of the Veteran's of Foreign War and The American Legion Post of Deport, and a United Methodist. He was employed with Reno Paint and Body in Paris and retired from B&W in 1988.

He married the former Virginia Crawford on September 9, 1950; she survives him today, as do his sons, Rick Rhodes and wife, Coeta of Grafard, Mike Rhodes and wife, Sonya of Petty, Mark Rhodes and wife, April of Lewisville; brother Ray Rhodes and wife Phoebe of Paris; sister, Juanita Davis and husband, Sonny of Deport; grandchildren, Ronda Delmer, and husband, David, Ryan Rhodes, and fiancée Diana, Jordan and Drew Rhodes, Maxwell and Alex Ann Rhodes. Sean Stanton and wife, Kristan, and Cody Stanton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Mamie Rhodes; brothers, John Albert Rhodes; James Rhodes, Juan Rhodes; Annie Rhodes Roberts, Faye Rhodes Neal and Mary Rhodes Norman.

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**RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS**

Mary Hausler, former Red River County Clerk, has two old photos of the Thompson family of Red River County that she would like to see returned to a family member. Pictured in the photos are Edward Thompson and Ann Holloway Thompson and their children, Margaret Thompson, John F. Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson Tompkins and Mollie Thompson. Daughter Swan Thompson was not in the group photo, which was taken in 1918. Interested persons may contact Mrs. Hausler at 903-427-2808 or write her at 1601 W. Jackson, Clarksville, TX 75426.

If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send to the Red River Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

**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.

\* Blindeye Band will play for a dance November 30 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Everyone is invited to come out and listen to good music, dance and visit with friends. Admission will be \$3.00 each or \$5.00 per couple.

**This time of Thanksgiving is when we all should be aware of all the wonderful loved ones and friends we have.**

The Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department would like to express how thankful we are for all the support we received from the businesses, churches and all the wonderful people that help in so many ways.

We also are thankful that our members are dedicated and we come back from a call safe.

Thank you, Ed Ring, Pattonville Fire Chief

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.

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# Give Thanks



O Thou, whose bounty  
fills my cup  
With every  
blessing meet!  
I give Thee thanks  
for every drop-  
The bitter  
and the sweet.  
I praise Thee for  
the desert road,  
And for the riverside:  
For all Thy goodness  
hath bestowed,  
and all  
Thy grace denied  
-----Jane Crowdson

**Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Pastor, Neil Higginbotham  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.  
Hwy. 82 W.  
Blossom, TX

**Faith Baptist Church, SBC**  
Ruth St, Deport, TX  
Pastor, Dr. L.C. Stout  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.  
Youth Class ..... 7 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
801 N. Main  
Bogata, TX 632-5218  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 6 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, G.A.'s, R.A.'s,  
Mission Friends, Coed Youth Group

**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Hwy. 271 S, Bogata  
Pastor Randy Lemme  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Class ..... 7:00  
For Information, call 632-4311

**First United Methodist Church**  
202 N. Main, Bogata, TX  
903-632-5610  
Rev. Joe Gist  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.

**First Methodist Church**  
Cunningham, TX  
Pastor Ted Willis  
Service Times:  
Morning Worship ... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.

**NAZARENE CHURCH & CHILDCARE**  
100 Front St., Blossom, TX  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.  
Wed. Cottage Prayer ..... 7 p.m.  
Daycare ..... M-F, 6:30-5:30  
Pastor Michael Bolton

**Abundant Life Church**  
Minter, TX 652-2304  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday service ..... 7 p.m.  
Sunday p.m. services  
2nd & 4th Sunday ..... 6 p.m.  
Tony Corso, Pastor

**Deport First Baptist Church**  
Pastor Freddy Burden  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . 10:55 a.m.  
Sunday evening ..... 6 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
177 Pecan St., Deport, TX  
Ted Willis, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 6 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome

**Cuthand United Methodist Church**  
Hwy. 1487, Bogata, TX  
Rev. Joe Gist  
Service Times:  
Church ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday nights, Youth  
John Purviance, Youth Leader

**United Methodist Church**  
315 Faucett St., Blossom, TX  
Pastor Mike Topliff  
Service Times:  
Sunday ..... 11:00 a.m.

**United Methodist Church**  
Detroit, TX 674-4455  
Pastor Lee Everett  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 6 p.m.  
Sunday Choir Practice . 7 p.m.  
Tuesday Quilting ..... 1:30  
Wednesday Youth ..... 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church Detroit, TX**  
Pastor, Danny Robbins  
Youth Director: Jody VanDeaver  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Youth ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Evening Worship ..... 7 p.m.

*If you would like to advertise your church service times on this page, please call the Deport Times, 903-652-4205. Cost of the page is \$10.00 per month, \$120.00 per year.*

**Martin Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Detroit, TX 674-4455  
Pastor Lee Everett  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 6 p.m.  
Sunday Choir Practice . 7 p.m.  
Tuesday Quilting ..... 1:30  
Wednesday Youth ..... 7 p.m.

**Blossom Church of Christ**  
640 W. Front St., Blossom, TX  
982-5667  
Service Times:  
Bible Class ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday evening ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday evening ..... 7 p.m.  
Ministers Evan Butler, 982-6083  
David Ballard, 982-7245

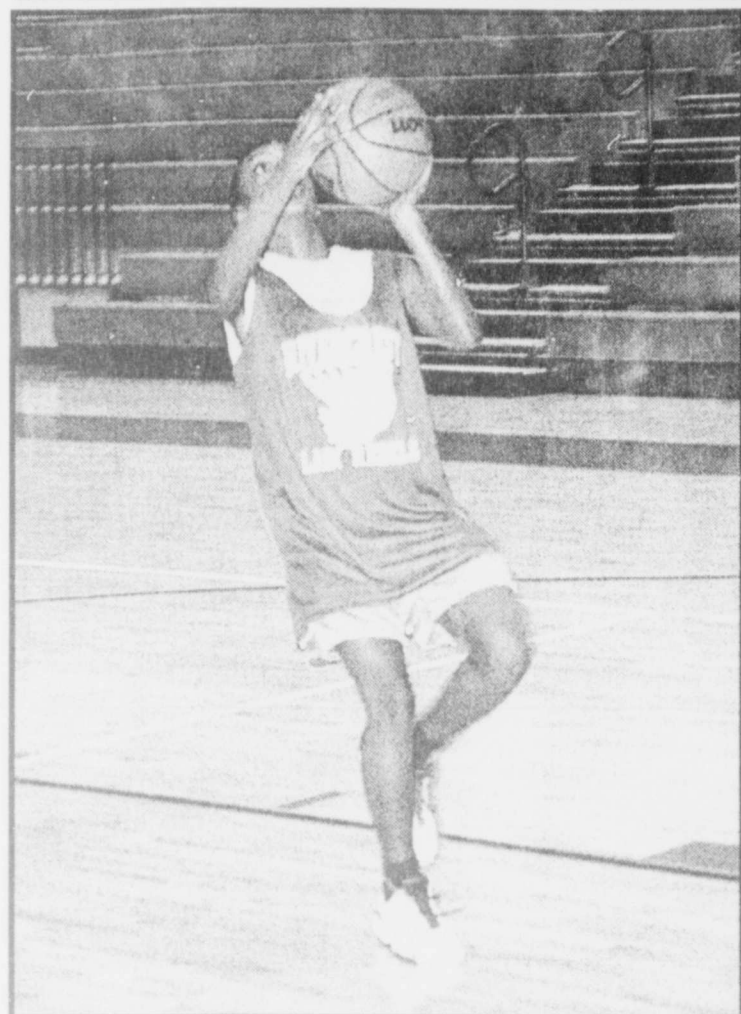
**Bogata Missionary Baptist Church**  
Hwy. 271, Bogata, TX 632-9922  
Pastor Billy Daniels 632-9948  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Discovery Bible Clubs ..... 6:45 p.m.  
Teen Discovery ..... 6:45  
Adult Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.  
Revival, July 22-26 ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Detroit First Assembly of God**  
Pastor Claud Plunk  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Wednesday:  
Whiz Kids ..... 6 p.m.  
Bible Study & Royal Rangers

**Day Spring House of Prayer**  
Pastor Buddy Hines  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7 p.m.  
115 Church St., Deport

**Deport First Presbyterian Church**  
Visiting Pastors  
Service Times:  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.





LAY-UP-Cassandra Norman had her eye on the goal as she went in all alone off the fast break for a lay-up as the JV Lady Rebels of Rivercrest met the Lady Brahmins of Paul Pewitt in scrimmage play Saturday at RHS. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



TWO HAND PUT UP-Monique Savage of the Lady Rebel JV uses both hands to make sure her shot is on the mark as the team met Paul Pewitt in a scrimmage game Saturday at RHS. The Lady Rebels were over victorious. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

## Lady Rebels host Chapel Hill

by Nancy Brown

The Rivercrest Lady Rebel JV and Varsity hosted the Chapel Hill Lady Red Devils last Tuesday night. In the JV game the Lady Rebs were up 11-8 after one quarter. But, in the second quarter their lead was shortened to only 3 points at the half. Score 18-15. The second quarter had both teams scoring 7 points with an even match, 2 field goals and 3 free shots.

In the third the Lady Rebels came back slow. The ladies from Chapel Hill held them scoreless in the quarter while netting 13 points for themselves. In the final quarter the Lady Rebs took the wake up call and swished in 20 points while holding the Lady Red Devils to 3 points for the quarter. Final 38-31.

Leading scores for the Lady Rebels was Mandy Crawford with 11. Also scoring were Casey Hammonds-9; Cassandra Norman-8; Monique Savage-3 and Cassie McCuller-7.

The Lady Rebel Varsity did not start off well trailing the Lady Red Devils 10-24 at the end of the

first quarter. However, this became a game as the Lady Rebels worked to catch up. At the half they trailed 29-32.

In the third the Lady Rebels worked hard and overtook the Lady Red Devils 44-42. Fifteen points were earned by the Lady Rebels in the quarter with Rachel Case leading the scoring. Case had an outstanding game for the team as did Tina Carder, Erica Williams and Ashley Beers. In the final quarter of a very rough, fast paced game the Lady Red Devils matched the Lady Rebels and if a game was ever won on free shots, this one was. The Lady Rebels were forced to foul to try and regain ball control. Gina Baker seemed to be the Lady Red Devil with the ball each time the Lady Rebels fouled and she put in 7 of 10 shots putting the Lady Red Devils up 60-57.

Leading scores for the Lady Rebels was Erica Williams with 17 followed by Rachel Case with 16. Also scoring were Ashley Beers-13, Tina Carder-7, Jessica Rose-2 and Molly Hare-2.

## Rivercrest boys complete busy week

by Coach Steve Weddle

The Rivercrest Rebel basketball teams recently completed a very busy week of hoops. Tuesday the J.V. played Hughes Springs and came away with a 26-19 victory. Troy Morris and Jake Needham played good defense while Brad Rollen and Dustin Perry were dominating the inside defensive play. Adam Horn had two big buckets in the lane to help maintain the lead. Payden Franks pushed the ball up the floor finding open men for some fast break points.

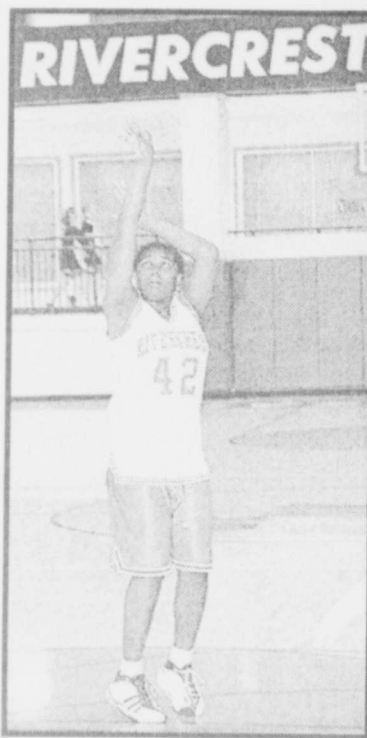
The Rebel Varsity took the floor against a much bigger opponent. The Rebels were hot early and mounted a 16-4 lead in the first quarter. The Rebels were able to maintain a double digit lead throughout the game. Aaron Palmer was hot and hit 4 out of 6 three point attempts, while Josh Cabell had 6 rebounds, Jon Shade and Jordan Edge helped keep Hughes Springs huge 64 post off the boards with constant blocking out and rebounding. Ryan Newton scored 12 points and caused numerous turnovers from his point

position on defense. McKenzie Ellis, Calan Wilcox and Josh Weatherall played the wings on a defense that only gave up 40 points for the game. The final score was Rivercrest pounding Hughes Springs 57-40.

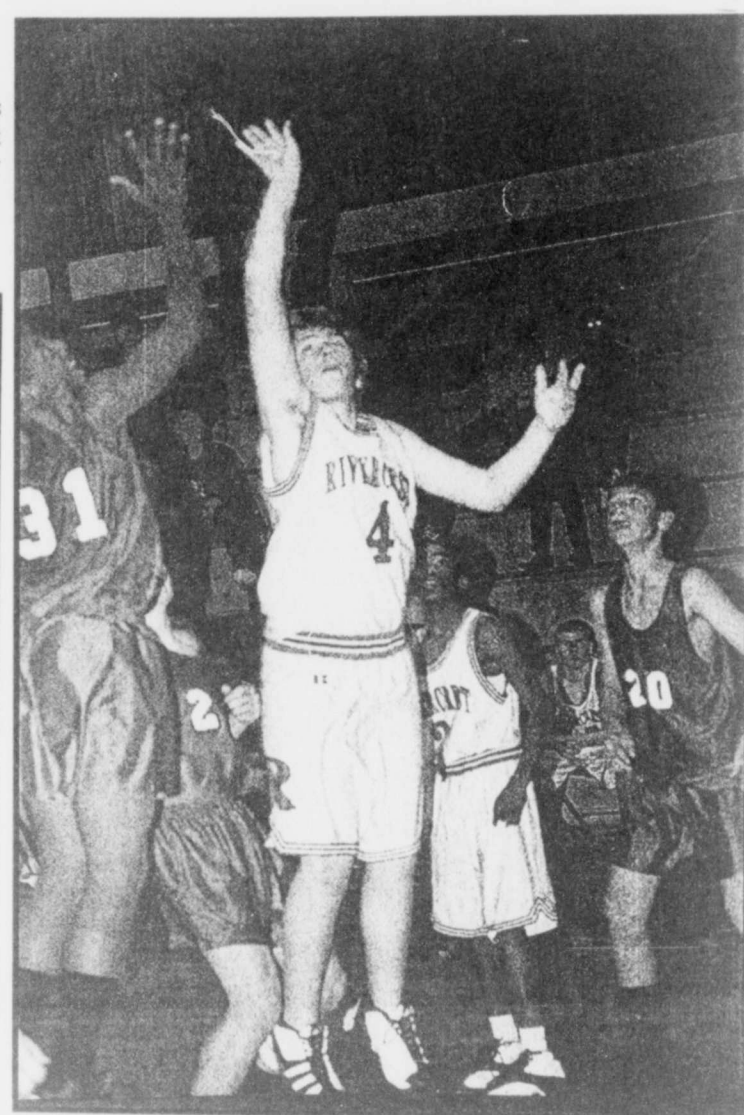
The Rebel JV participated in the North Lamar Tournament and finished in 4th place losing to the tournament champions, North Lamar by only 5 points on Friday. "Our JV was the talk of the tournament because of the way we played the larger North Lamar team so tough. We lead for most of the game. Final score North Lamar 40-35 Rebels. The Rebels suffered their first loss of the season. The Rebels advanced to play North Lamar by defeating Chisum 9th grade with a score of 50-28. All the team members got playing time as they built a huge lead in the first half. McKenzie Ellis, Troy Morris and Jake Needham were scoring on a regular basis, while Clinton Vandever and Adam Horn out rebounded the Mustangs. Brad Rollen and Chris Cannon were very active inside

as well. Dustin Perry showed his "in your face" defense and Jonathan Ridens showed his normal "hard-nosed hustle".

The Rivercrest Varsity improved their record 2-1 with a win over Savoy at Savoy's Homecoming on Friday night. The Rebels were sluggish in the first half but came out hot in the third quarter scoring 21 points as Zach Perry hit two treys and the Rebel defense held Savoy to only 10 points. Calan Wilcox led the scoring with 16 points, Ryan Newton and Zach Perry had 14 each, Josh Cabell added 8, Freshman, Aaron Palmer had 5 and Jordan Edge added 2. "I am proud of the fact that we went on the road and beat Savoy at their Homecoming. It was our first road game of the season and the first time some of these young guys played a varsity game in another gym. I was proud that the guys responded at half time to our adjustments and hustled so hard in the third quarter. For the week, the high school boys won 4 out of 6 games."



IT'S ALL ABOUT FORM-Monica Savage, Lady Rebel JV member puts up a free shot as the team met Chapel Hill last week at RHS. The Lady Rebels were victorious. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



OFF THE FLOOR-Rebel JV player # 4 Payden Franks gets off the floor for a shot as the Rebels met Chapel Hill last week at Rivercrest. The Rebels took the win after a good game. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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*Country Cooking*  
By Liz Irwin



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING** and well, it looks like it is time to start making a list and checking it off twice.....how time does fly.....stores are advertising Christmas specials, there are already folks with their decorations up and everyone seems to be getting ready for that special time of the year!

I have found a few recipes that will jump-start you on your way with candy-making.....everyone loves to do this, either for themselves and family members or to give as gifts!

So, here we go.....it will be here before you know it.....see you in the kitchen!

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**MASHED POTATO CANDY**-this one really does sound simple and easy to make!

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**PEANUT CLUSTERS**-another easy recipe with just three ingredients!

**CHOCOLATE SCOTCHEROOS** - spread into a pan and cut into squares....easy!



**KAYLA BELCHER AND TIM CARDER**-were on hand at the Rivercrest basketball games last Tuesday selling chances on a Play Station 2 for the Rivercrest Education Foundation. The Foundation helps provide senior scholarship for Rivercrest students and some day hopes to offer scholarships for all Rivercrest graduates. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**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.

**Santa Letters due in by 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.

**Rivercrest PIPS performances**

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.



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Thursday, November 27, 2002  
Candy Recipes

**Mashed Potato Candy**  
3/4 cup cold mashed potatoes  
4 cups shredded coconut  
4 cups confectioner's sugar  
1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
4 ounces baking chocolate

Cook and mash potatoes with no other ingredients. Add sugar and mix well. Stir in coconut, vanilla and salt. Press into large pan about one inch thick. Melt chocolate and pour over top of candy. Chill and cut into bite-size squares.

**Butterfingers Candy**  
1 cup peanut butter  
1/3 cup light corn syrup  
1 cup sugar  
1/3 cup water  
melted chocolate

Cook corn syrup, sugar and water to 310 degrees and remove from heat. Stir in warmed peanut butter until completely blended. Pour onto greased cookie sheet and score into pieces. When cool and hard, dip into melted chocolate.

**Easy Turtle Candy**  
4 ounces pecan halves  
24 caramel candies  
1 teaspoon shortening  
6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips

Heat oven to 300 degrees. Cover cookie sheet with foil, spray lightly. For each candy, place 3 pecan halves into a "Y" shape. Place a caramel in center of "Y". Bake just until caramel is melted about 9-10 minutes. Heat shortening and chocolate. Dip or spread over cooled candies and let allow to set.

**Noodle Candy**  
1 small package chocolate chips  
2 small packages butterscotch chips  
1 can cashew nuts  
1 small can Chinese noodles

Rinse salt from cashews and break into halves. Melt chocolate and butterscotch chips together. Remove from heat. Mix cashews and noodles; stir in melted chocolate. Drop by spoonful onto waxed paper. Allow to cool.

**Peanut Clusters**  
1 pound almond bark  
12 ounce package chocolate chips  
13 ounces salted peanuts or more

Melt almond bark and chips in double boiler. Add nuts and mix well. Drop by spoonful onto waxed paper and cool.

**Chocolate Scotcheroos**  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup light corn syrup  
1 cup peanut butter  
6 cups rice krispies  
6 ounce package chocolate chips  
6 ounce package butterscotch chips

Bring sugar and corn syrup to boil in 3 quart saucepan. Remove from heat and blend in peanut butter and cereal. Press into buttered 13x9 pan. Melt chips over low heat and spread over top of bars. Let set and cut into squares.



**Cunningham News**  
by Neva Jean Oats

Congratulations to the Prairiland Lady Patriots volleyball team. They won second place at the state volleyball tournament in San Marcos Saturday. Lucy Davis represented Cunningham very well. Those making the trip to support the team were Vickie, Jesse and Roy Davis, Bruce, Bradlee and Brett Watson, Crystal, Heath and Conner Sessums, Jonnie, Jamie and Landon Syrus, Drew and Danielle Syrus, Skeeter Davis, Colint Davis, Belinda and Ashley, Lyndsey Sugg, Michael, Jenna and Dancy Smith, Josh Allen, Justin Wright, James and Pat Norwood, Mendy, Todd, Lacy and Kelby Cole, Bobby and Shelby Kenned, Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats, Spur Norwood, Logan Norwood, Chance Bankhead, Charity Musgrove and Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson.

Charles and Cindy Norwood had an early Thanksgiving dinner

Casey Galloway spent Saturday night with Amber and Matt Galloway. Matt went deer hunting in Oklahoma Saturday.

Geneva Norwood had her family and Charity Musgrove as Sunday guest.

**Talco Locals**

Please call your locals news in to 379-4445

Wes Mears is home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mears this week. The family plan to travel to have Thanksgiving with daughter and sister, Wendy and her husband.

Congratulations to Tonya (Hawkins) and David Grider who are expecting twins in the spring.

Visiting Eddie and Nancy Brown and Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson Sunday were Jack, Jennifer and Jaden Brown of Powderly.

Arthur, Patsy and Melanie Smith and Brad and Laura Smith attended the Elysian Fields/Hooks playoff football game in Mt. Pleasant Friday night. Brad and Laura returned home with the Smith's for an overnight visit. They returned home to Elysian Fields Saturday evening.

Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson attended a birthday party for Lauren Livesay at the home of Lauren's grandmother, Judy Scott Wednesday.

Ruby Horn was released from

Titus County Regional Hospital Sunday. She is reported doing better and planning a big Thanksgiving with her family.

Patty Kuhl of Snyder arrived home Thursday to spend the holidays with her mother and grandmother, Jo Horn and Ruby Horn and to visit other family and friends. On Monday, Patty and Vickie Howard picked Michelle Kuhl up at DFW airport. Bobby, Chad, Brayson and Kristen Kuhl all of Snyder will join the family on Wednesday.

Jerry Horn arrived this week to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with his mother, Ruby Horn and family. Jerry will be visiting for 2 weeks before returning home to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown spent the night in Plano Monday. On Tuesday Eddie underwent treatment on his back.

Happy November Anniversary to Charles and Wanda Graf.

Saturday. Those attending were Jon, Erika, Torrie and Chance White and Robert, Ann, Ruth Ann and Melissa Dye. Jon and his children spent Saturday night and went home Sunday afternoon.

Sunday guests of Johnny and Nelta Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zariska Morton, Celest Coward, Joel, Natalie, Doran and Benjamin Hutchison, Lara Miller, Tony Duncan, Ann and Ruth Ann Dye, Treda and Spur Norwood, Amber Galloway, Chance Bankhead, David Gore, Tim Oloflon, Lynn and Betty Holeman, Rick and Teresa Mannis and Lary and Pam O'Neal.

**DAR to meet**

The Martha Laird Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Saturday, December 14 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Methodist Church at 2019 N. Edwards, Mt. Pleasant, TX.

The program will be "A Musical Christmas Celebration" performed by the Hampton Family.

**Bogata Locals**

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Happy November to: Diana Huddleston, Roxanne Couch, Matt Lammon, Lee Jordan, Ellen Stringfellow, Clay Sikes, Teresa Allison, Matt Childers, Timothy D. Crow, Jerry Baskin, Debbie Hudson, James Gibbs, Donny Dakan, Leslie Allen, Morgan Hutson Smith, Dr. E.E. Brooks, Elizabeth "Bessie" McCluer, Wayne Binion, Wyatt Bush and Eugene Cox.

Happy November Anniversary

to: Mike and Mollie Williams.

Judy Scott hosted a birthday party for her granddaughter, Lauren Livesay last week at her home in Bogata. Attending were Lauren's mother, Julie, Ruby and M.A. Anderson, Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson, Anthony, Julie and Savannah Hearn and Shirley Vickers. The party theme was Barbie and guest enjoyed Barbie cake and ice cream. Lauren received many nice gifts.



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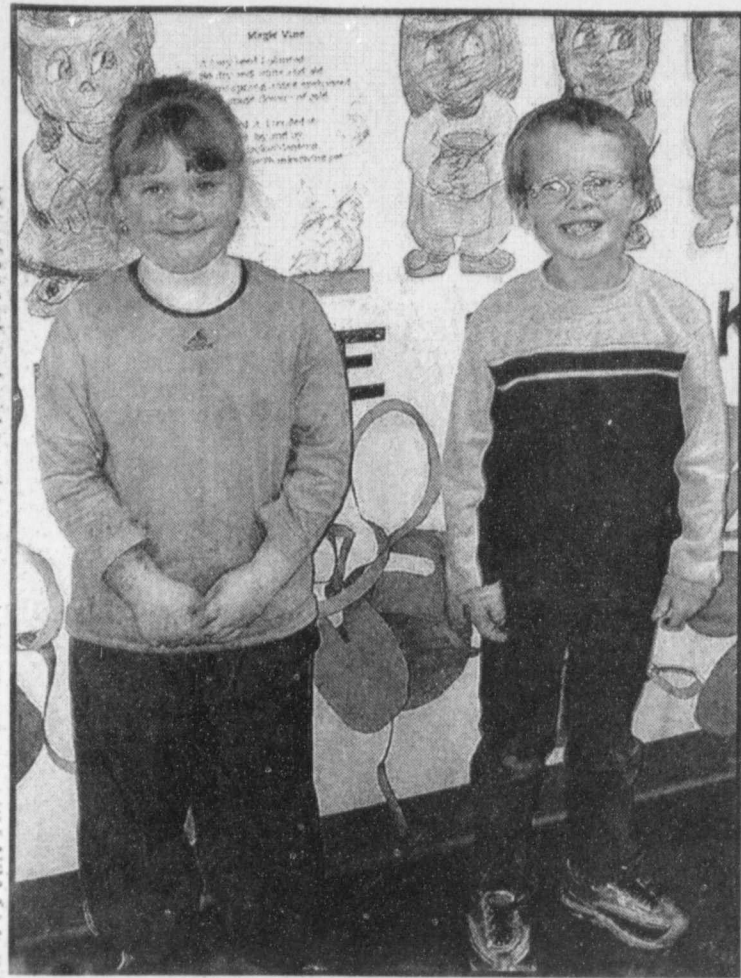
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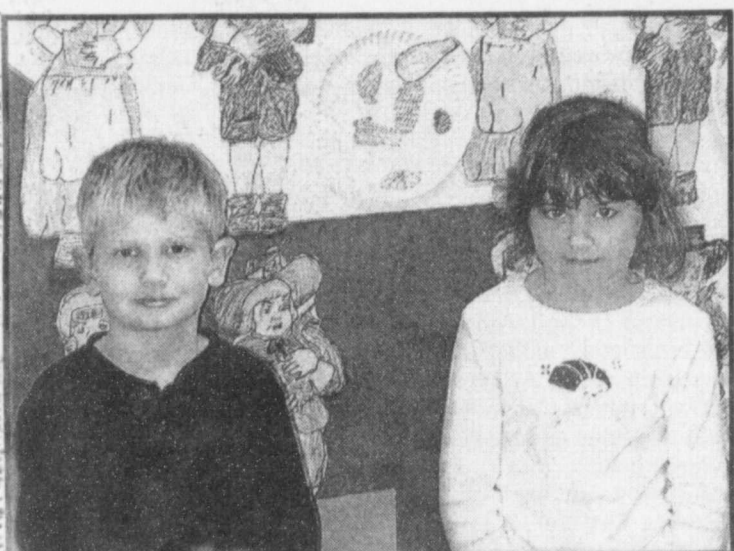
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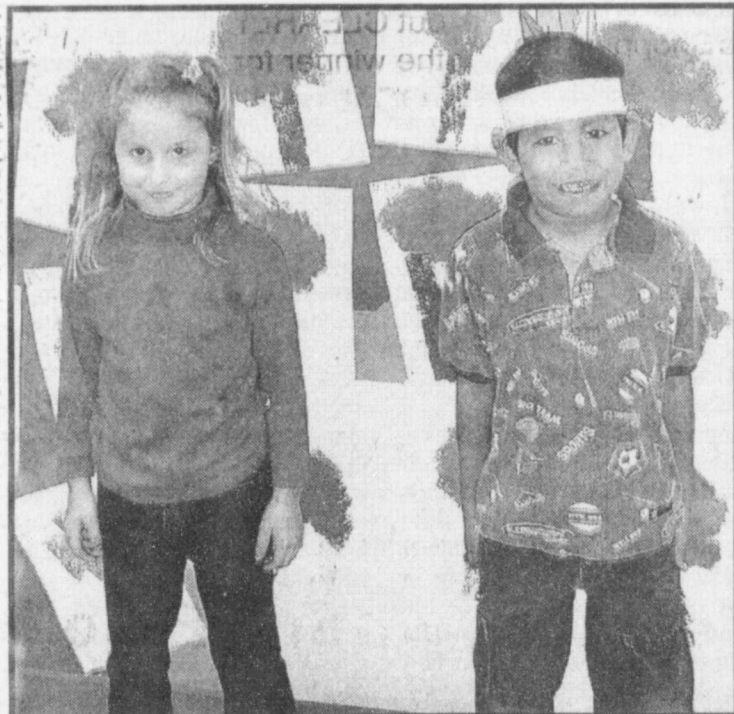




**FROST ON THE PUMPKINS**-Rivercrest Kindergarten students McKenzie Fields and Marty Field were happy to show their and their classmates work in the hallways of Rivercrest Elementary this week. Pumpkins and Indians were the theme of the wall they displayed. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



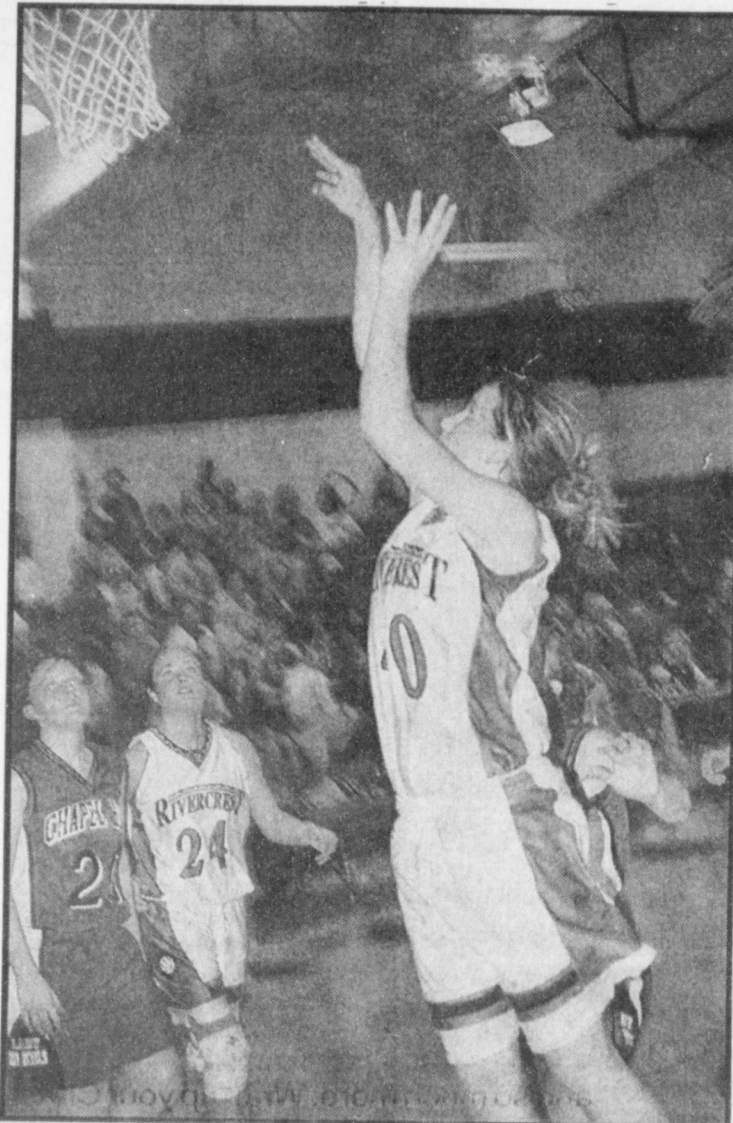
**PILGRIMS GALORE**-Alex Duck and Seth Gist, Rivercrest Kindergarten students display the colorful Pilgrims the classes colored in honor of Thanksgiving. The students work was displayed in the halls of the school for all to enjoy. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



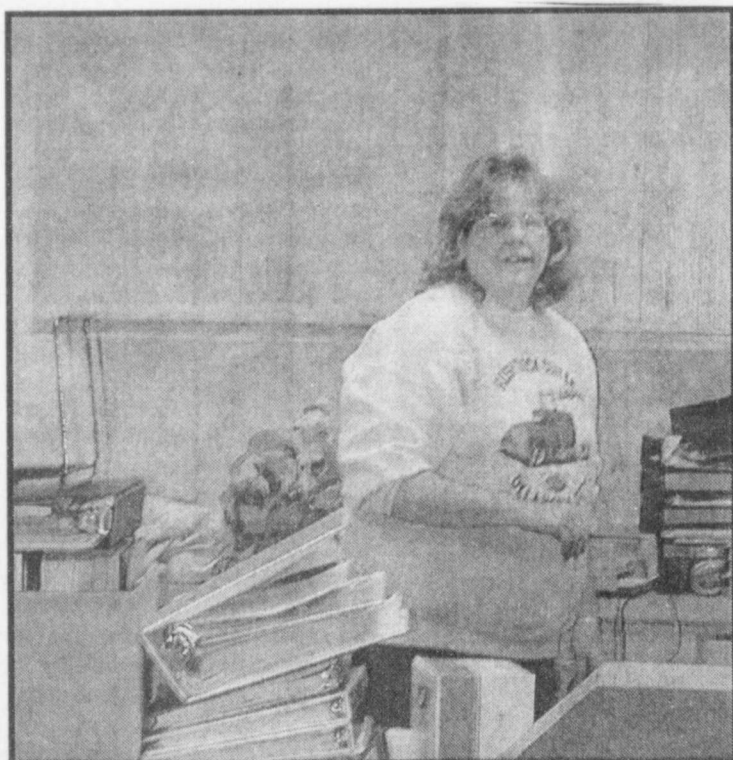
**FALL COLORS**-Rivercrest Kindergarten students Caitlin Tidwell and Anthony Pena display their and their classmates work coloring fall leaves. The students work was very colorful and was displayed in the halls of Rivercrest Elementary. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**GRANDPARENTS DAY**-was observed on Wednesday of last week at Rivercrest schools. Guests are pictured sharing lunch with their students at Rivercrest Elementary who expected over 700 lunches to be served. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**RACHEL CASE**-puts up two as the Lady Rebel Varsity met Chapel Hill at RHS last week. The Lady Red Devils took the win after a very exciting game. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**CLASSROOM**-items were not all that was moved into the new Rivercrest High School on Monday, Principal Keith Brown and his Secretary, Teresa Taylor had to move into their new office at the school. Mrs. Taylor is pictured at a loss saying, "I don't know how we had so much in so little space at the other office". (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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**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 hop to learn a very important life lesson through this drive; it is better to give than receive".  
All items received will be given to a local charity for distribution. Please help us help others during this special time of year. Your donations will be double appreciated.



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**TUESDAYS**  
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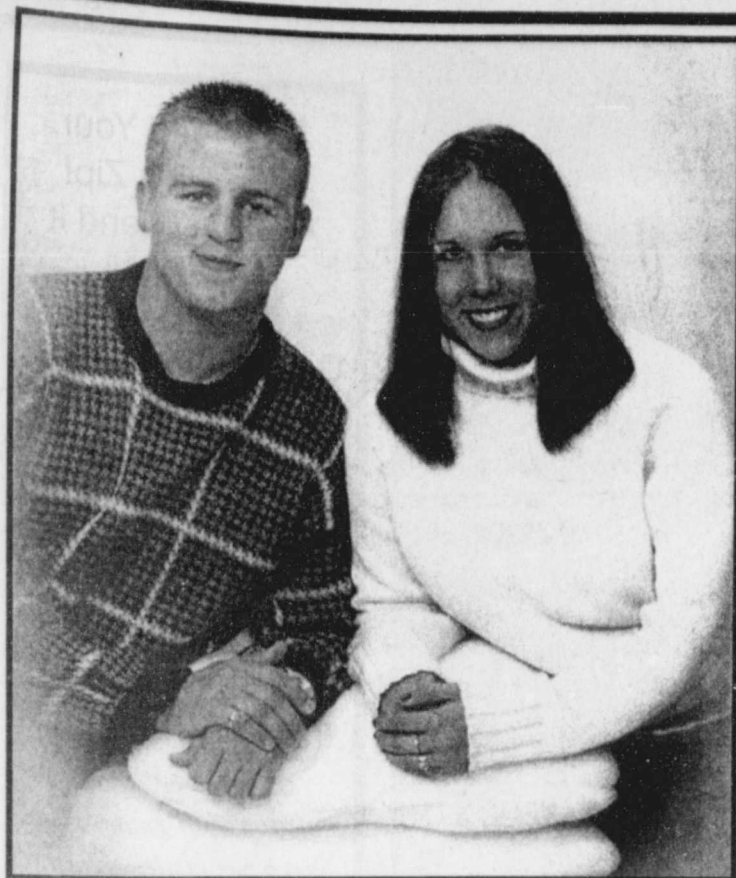
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Amie Nicole Huberd and Phillip Houston Rolan

### Huberd-Rolan to wed December 21

Kathy Huberd of Janesville, WI. and Doug Huberd of Edgerton, WI. are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amie Nicole Huberd to Phillip Houston Rolan of Bogata.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Craig High School in Janesville, WI. She attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and Tech School at Sheppard Air Force Base.

The prospective groom is the son of William and Becky Rolan of Bogata. Grandparents are Ralph and Bobbie Cawley and Davey

and Sherry Rolan of Bogata. Great Grandparents are Bula Cawley and Mildred Thompson both of Bogata. Phillip is a 2000 graduate of Rivercrest High School. He attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and Tech School at Sheppard Air Force Base.

The couple will repeat their vows on December 21, 2002 at First Assembly of God Church in Bogata at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Phillip and Amie will be stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San, Antonio, Texas.

### Rivercrest Schools

#### Menus

Dec. 2-6

#### MONDAY

**Breakfast**  
Eggroll  
toast  
condiments  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
Corn dogs  
mac & cheese  
purple hull peas  
Applesauce  
milk

#### TUESDAY

**Breakfast**  
Breakfast bar  
toast  
condiments  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
Beans & meat  
diced potatoes  
corn  
fruit  
cornbread  
milk

#### WEDNESDAY

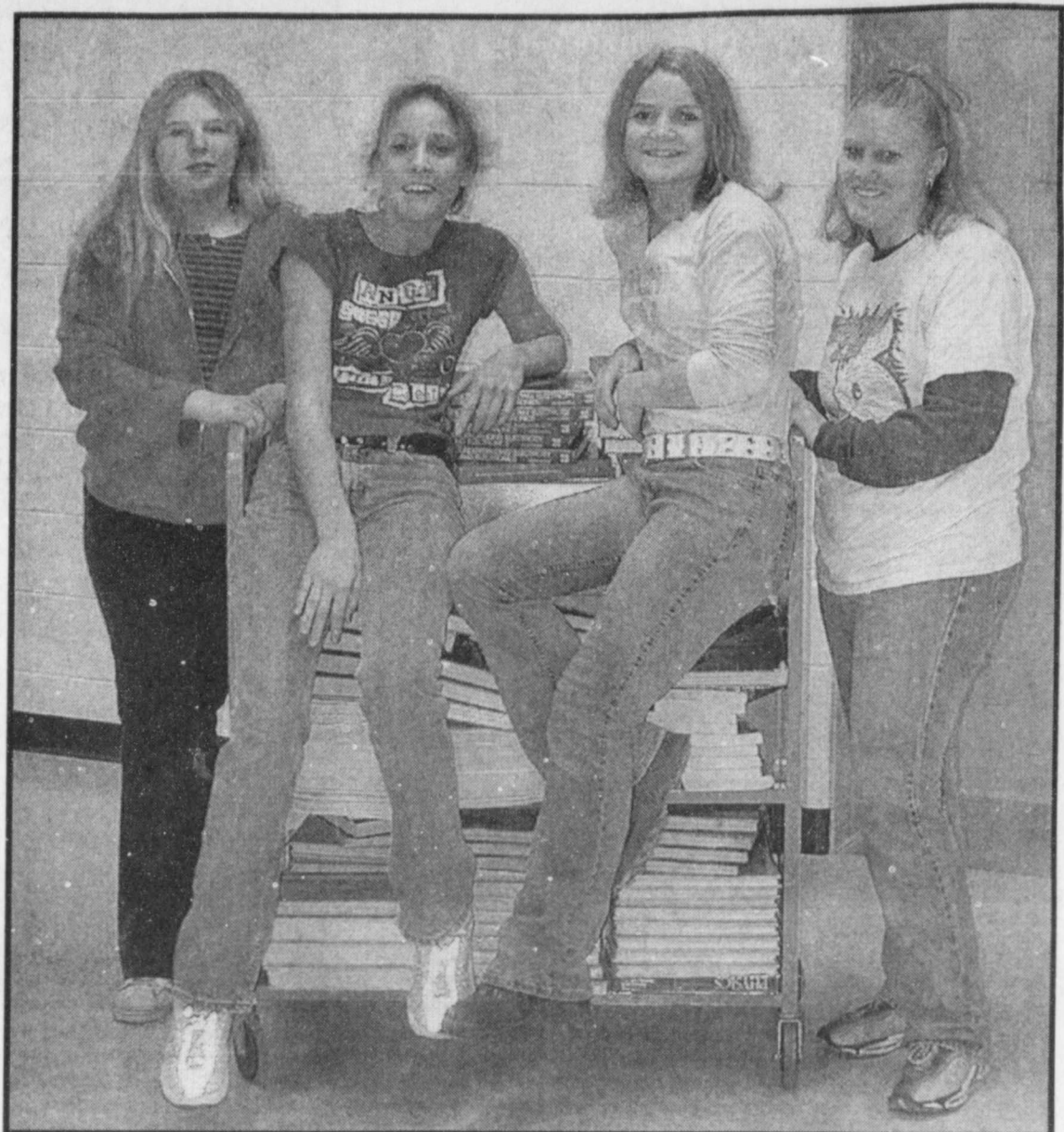
**Breakfast**  
Waffle stick w/syrup  
condiments  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
Chicken crispiro w/cheese  
beans  
salad  
cookies  
milk

#### THURSDAY

**Breakfast**  
Cereal  
toast  
condiments  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
Chicken nuggets  
creamed potatoes  
green beans  
hot rolls  
milk

#### FRIDAY

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



MOVING DAY-Rivercrest High School students were not at work studying Monday, they were at work moving into their new school building. These young ladies were busy with books by the cartful. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

## No place to hide: drug abuse in rural America

The Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University has recently released the results of study on drug abuse in rural American communities. This study, funded by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, is shocking and rattling the rafters of rural America. For Example, the study finds that 8th graders living in rural American communities are 34 % more likely than their urban counterparts to smoke marijuana; 83 % more likely to use crack cocaine; and 104 % more likely to have used amphetamines within the last month.

The study also reports that drugs are as readily available in rural areas as in large urban cities. Besides striking fear in rural Americas and painting a pretty bleak picture of the fate of our youth, what does this information portend for our future? To answer that, let's backtrack into history 45 years.

In the mid 1950's, illegal drug problem was not yet on society's radar screen. In the 1950's all anyone knew about illicit drugs like marijuana was that Jazz Drummer/bandleader Gene Kruppa and actor Robert Mitchum smoked it, got caught and the media damned them for it. Cocaine? That was a word in a line from the popular Cole Porter hit "I Get a Kick Out of You." As for heroin, that was a drug of horror used only by the most degenerate and despairing individuals. Frank Sinatra's character in the movie "Man With a Golden Arm" teaches us that. Most Americans tended to view drug addiction as an affliction of the urban poor or an evil obsession of a handful of musicians

and actors, too far left of center to worry about. In short, Americans were completely naive to what drug addiction was. And we were most certainly clueless about the role illicit drugs would play in the course of our precious country's future.

Moving forward 10 years, to 1965, the country was in the post mourning years of JFK's assassination. The first onslaught of the English rock 'n' roll music invasion with the Beatles and Rolling Stones hit our shores and took American youth by storm while President Lyndon Baynes Johnson was grappling with the escalating Viet Nam War. LSD was finding it's way from the experimentation laboratories of the Hoffman LeRouche Drug Company to the streets of San Francisco.

It was also at this time the first indications of increased heroin abuse in urban ghettos caught the attention of President Johnson's White House staff. The increased use of heroin, considered small by today's numbers, was enough concern for Johnson to convince congress to enact the Drug Rehabilitation Act and ask for an annual appropriation of \$ 15 million. At the time no one in government at the Federal, State or Local level had any idea that in just over 20 years time heroin abuse in the U.S. would escalate to the point where it would cost tax payers over \$50 million annually to treat the problem. Society's radar screen was beeping. Unfortunately not enough of us noticed.

In the mid 60's adult Americans still tended to view drug addiction as a problem inherent to the underprivileged. By the end

of the decade, however, America's views on drugs began changing. Drugs, in particular, marijuana, hashish, LSD, cocaine and other hallucinogens became socially acceptable on a large scale during the Flower Power era. And while this was alarming to many parents of this period, most of us thought of mid-sized cities and rural America as drug-free oases that would insulate our kids from these pro-drug influences. The truth was that drugs did not respect geographic boundaries; they broke out of the big city limits and began to swarm into the heartland of mid-sized cities, rural towns and farm communities. Hindsight is 20/20, and in looking back it is easy to see our nation's failure to fully recognize and act effectively to stop the drug problem then. However, if we look closer we will see that this failure was driven in no small measure by the assumption of the masses that it was someone else's problem, not our problem. And it was this assumption that allowed drugs the time they needed to seep into every neighborhood in every city and class across America without prejudice.

As we begin the 21st Century in America the message is loud and clear; There is **no place to hide** from the problem of substance abuse and addiction.

This article was written by Gary W. Smith, CCDC, Narconon of Georgia, Inc. which helps friends and families of those whose lives have been afflicted with drugs. For more information call (770) 379-0208 or visit their web site at [www.drugsno.com](http://www.drugsno.com)

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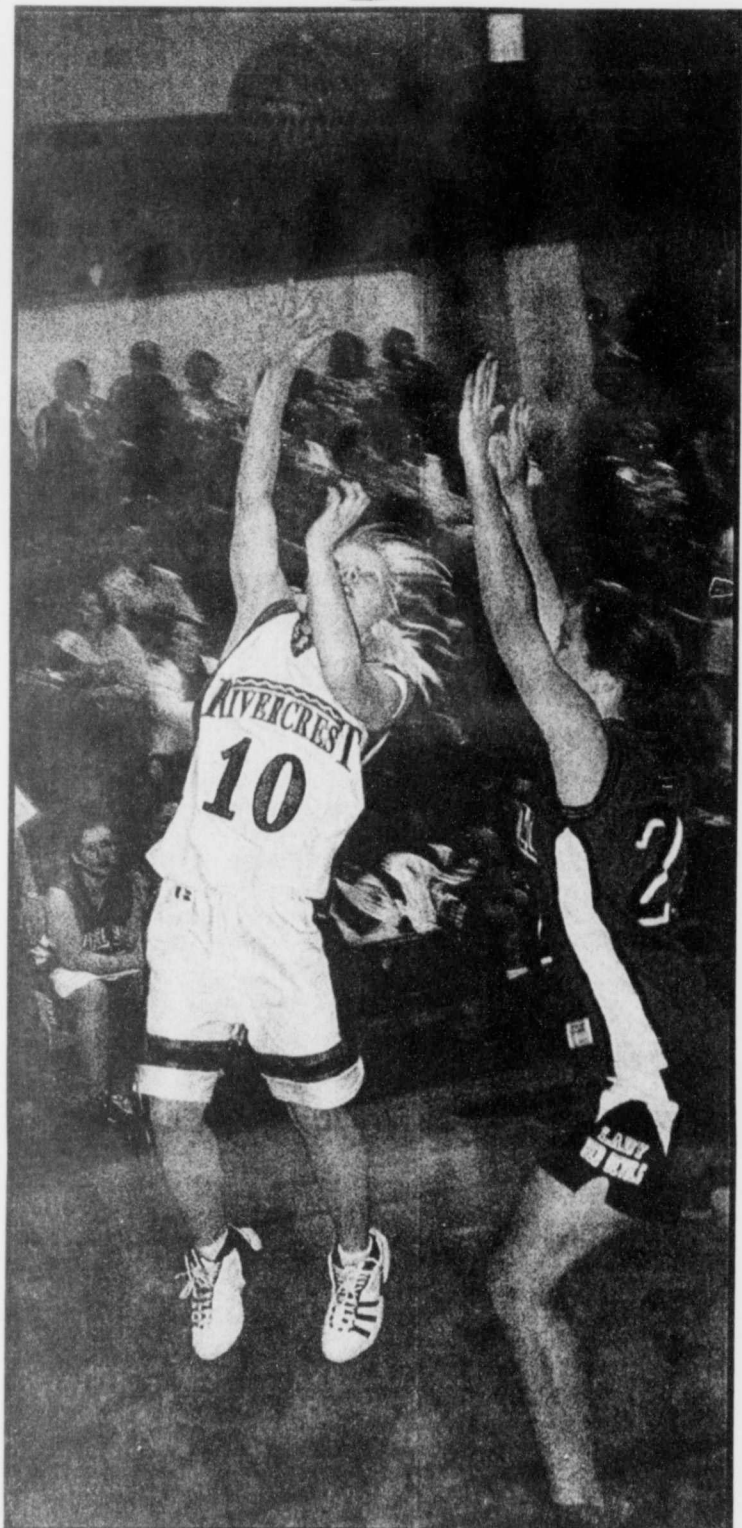




## Rivercrest Junior High Basketball 02-03

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
12-2	Prairiland girls	There	5:00
12-2	<b>Prairiland boys</b>	<b>Here</b>	<b>5:00</b>
12-6-7	Chisum Tourn girls	There	TBA
12-5-7	Chisum Tourn. boy	There	TBA
12-9	<b>Chisum girls</b>	<b>Here</b>	<b>5:00</b>
12-9	Chisum boys	There	5:00
12-13-14	Travis girls	There	TBA
12-16	<b>Clarksville boys</b>	<b>Here</b>	<b>5:00</b>
12-16	Clarksville girls	There	5:00
1-6	<b>Cooper girls</b>	<b>Here</b>	<b>5:00</b>
1-6	Cooper boys	There	5:00
1-13	Honey Grove girls	There	5:00
1-13	<b>Honey Grove boys</b>	<b>Here</b>	<b>5:00</b>
1-16-18	<b>Rivercrest Tourn. boys</b>	<b>Here</b>	<b>TBA</b>
1-23	<b>Prairiland girls</b>	<b>Here</b>	<b>5:00</b>
1-23	Prairiland boys	There	5:00
1-27	Chisum girls	There	5:00
1-27	<b>Chisum boys</b>	<b>Here</b>	<b>5:00</b>
2-3	Clarksville girls	There	5:00
2-3	Clarksville boys	There	5:00
2-10	Chisum boys	There	5:00

Bold print denotes home games



TINY TINA-Tina Carder may be small but there is nothing small about her athletic ability. She is pictured putting up a shot against the Chapel Hill Lady Red Devils at Rivercrest last week. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

## Rivercrest Lady Rebel 2002-2003

### Basketball Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
11-30	Dodd City	There	2:00
12-3	Pittsburg	Here	5:00
12-5-7	Tournament	Prairiland	TBA
12-10	Yantis	Here	4:30
12-12-14	Tournament	N. Hopkins	TBA
12-13	Greenville (JV)	There	5:00
12-17	Avery	Here	4:00
12-20	Open		
12-27-28	Tournament	Detroit	TBA
1-3	*Cooper	There	6:00
1-7	*Honey Grove	Here	6:00
1-10	*Prairiland	There	4:00
1-14	*Chisum	Here	4:00
1-16-18	JV Tourney	Chapel Hill	TBA
1-17	*Clarksville	There	4:00
1-21	*Cooper	Here	4:00
1-24	*Honey Grove	There	4:00
1-28	*Prairiland	Here	4:00
1-31	*Chisum	There	4:00
2-4	*** Clarksville	Here	4:00

(\* denotes District games  
(\*\*) denotes Parents Night

## Rivercrest Rebel 2002-2003

### Basketball Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
11-30	Dodd City	Here	2:00
12-5-7	Tournament	Prairiland	TBA
12-6	Cooper JV	Here	5:00
12-10	Yantis	Here	4:30
12-12-14	Tournament JV	Cooper	TBA
12-13	Greenville	There	5:00
12-17	Avery	Here	4:00
12-19-21	Tournament	Rivercrest	TBA
12-27-28	Tournament	Detroit	TBA
1-3	Union Hill	There	5:00
1-7	Paul Pewitt	There	5:00
1-10	*Prairiland	There	4:00
1-14	*Chisum	Here	4:00
1-17	*Clarksville	There	4:00
1-21	*Cooper	Here	4:00
1-24	*Honey Grove	There	4:00
1-28	*Prairiland	Here	4:00
1-31	*Chisum	There	4:00
2-4	*Clarksville	Here	4:00
2-7	*Cooper	There	4:00
2-11	*Honey Grove	Here	4:00

(\*denotes District games

### 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.

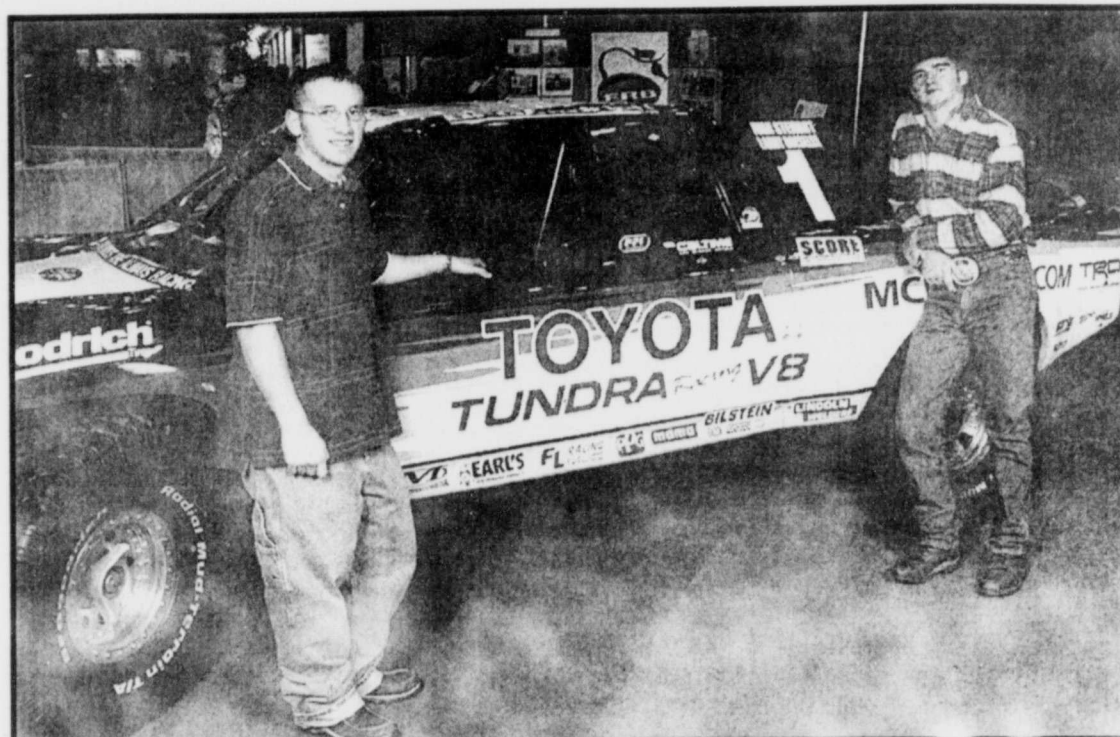
Practice will be:  
November 17-2:00-3:30 p.m.  
November 24-2:00-3:30 p.m.  
December 8-2:00-4:00 p.m.  
December 15-2:00-4:00 p.m.  
January 5-2:00-4:00 p.m.  
January 19-2:00-3:30 p.m.

### Rivercrest PIPS performances

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.



KASEY EASLEY, left, and Heath Hinton, members of the Rivercrest FFA chapter, stand next to Toyota's championship off road racing Tundra truck during the 2002 National FFA Convention held in Louisville, KY, which was attended by more than 50,000 people, October 30-November 1. Toyota's focus for the National FFA Convention centers on community service.



GONE-this house on North Hudson Street was engulfed in flame when the Bogata VFD arrived Monday evening. The blaze destroyed the home. Bogata, Rosalie and Cuthand Fire Departments were able to keep adjacent buildings from burning, but there was no way to save the house. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

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## 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 p.m. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.  
January 3-Teachers workday at each campus.  
January 6-Classroom resumes from Christmas/New Year Holidays.



### PJC announces continuing ed classes

Paris Junior College's Continuing Education Department has scheduled a varied selection of classes for December and early January, according to Robbie White, Director.

A Hyper Speed Reading class will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday/Thursday, December 3 and 5. This class is designed for anyone who is at least in high school.

Exploring Your Whole Potential - Career Search is scheduled to meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on December 7.

A Microsoft Word 2000 class will meet from 6-9 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Dec. 2-11.

The Microsoft Access 2000 will be held from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Dec. 3-12.

A Microsoft Excel 2000 class is scheduled from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Dec. 3-12.

The Basics for Starting a Small Business workshop will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Dec. 6.

A CPR for health care providers (course C), certified by the American Heart Association, will be presented from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 6.

The CPR Recertification for health professionals will meet from 6-10 p.m. on Dec. 6. Written examination and successful demonstration of skills is required.

A Medication Aide Update will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 10.

The Defensive Driving course, offered by Paris Junior College #067, is offered in accordance with the standards established by the National Traffic Safety Institute of Texas, Inc., license #C0297, and consists of six hours of classroom instruction. The class will meet from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 7. It will be repeated from 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 9-10. This class will be offered again on January 11 and 13-14.

The next Driver Education class will meet January 6-28.

The Kids Hurt Too seminar will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 3, and repeated from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Dec. 14.

De-stress yourself for the upcoming holidays. The class will be held from 5:30-6:45 p.m. each Tuesday, Dec. 3-17.

A Child Development Training II class will meet from 6-9 p.m. beginning January 6. This class is a continuation of the requirements for the Child Development Associate National Credential (CDA).

Child Care Pre-Service training is offered each month for anyone seeking employment in a daycare. Participants must be at least 18 years of age and provide a high school diploma or GED certificate.

A Real Estate MCE Update will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on January 4-5. Course #15-12-062-1691, provider #0067.

The Law of Agency will meet from 6-9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, January 13-19.

The 200-hour Basic Truck Driving class will meet from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, January 6-31. Successful completion of this class will allow participants to take the Commercial Drivers License (CDL) exams and be Department of Transportation (DOT) certified.

To register for these classes, or for further information, call (903) 782-0447 or 782-0445.

## RJS 2nd Six Weeks Honor Roll

Students making the 2nd Six Weeks Honor Roll at Rivercrest Junior High are as follows:

Sixth Grade: All A-Cheyenne Williams and Joe Wright.

All A & B-Ty Brown, Justin Bryan, Tara Cunningham, Seth Hawkins, Matthew Haynes., Santiago Lopez, Tara Raulston, Jesslin Rivera, Jillian Sloan, E.J. Via and Kambri White.

Seventh Grade Academic Honor Roll: 5.95 GPA or better: Laura Bevell, Kristin Clark, Christine Holland, Colten Crawford, Courtney Lemme, Carmen Martin, Kaylee McIntire, Lauren Mauldin, Megan Savage, Jordan Stafford, Jessica Thompson, Katelyn Van Deaver and Mariam Williams.

Honor Roll 5.0-5.94 GPA: Chrystal Anderson, Taylor Anderson, Nikki Ebarb, Frannie Gaylean, Lyzzette Gaylan, Aaron Lum, Destini Hurst, Colby Horn, Emily McCuller and Susan Smith.

Eighth Grade Academic Honor Roll: 5.95 GPA or better: Lauren Beers, Andrew Deaton, Lee Jordan, Courtney Merchant, Kaitlin Moore, Kelly Shade, Vallery Schmidt and Ashley Shew.

Honor Roll: 5.0 -5.94 GPA: Lillian Baird, Danica Easterling, Torrie Grissom, Brooke Hale, Jesse Harville, Micah Haynes, Kirby Needham, Destry Nolen, Julie Pirtle, Danielle Pirtle, Sherea Roach, Cole Sheffield, Rachel Smith, William Vaughan and Alex Wright.

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