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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!

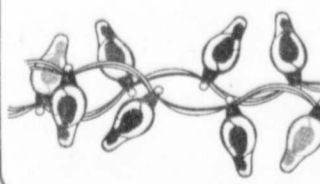
It's enough to make me forget the reason I'm putting those lights out!

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!



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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.

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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!

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.

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.

Retirement party to honor Clara Gaddis

Retiring Red River County Clerk, Clara Gaddis, will be honored with a come and go retirement party on Wednesday, December 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Courthouse Inn, which is located just north of the courthouse in

Clarksville. Ms. Gaddis has served as District clerk since 1978.

Everyone is cordially invited to drop by during the appointed hours to honor Ms. Gaddis. Refreshments will be served.

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.

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Bogata Missionary Baptist welcomes new youth minister

Bro. Brian Alston has joined the staff of the Bogata Missionary Baptist Church as the Youth Minister. Bro. Brian comes from the Nevill's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant, where he has attended all his life. He is the oldest of the four children of Jim and Marsha Alston of Mt. Vernon, formerly of Mt. Pleasant.

Bro. Brian graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 2001, attended one semester at Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary in Henderson and is currently attend-

ing North Texas Community College, where he is now a Sophomore.

The Bogata Missionary Baptist Church is happy to have him working with the young people and they believe he will be a great asset to our community as well as the church. Bro. Brian is looking forward to getting acquainted with all the youth of this area. He can be reached by leaving a message at the church, 903-632-9922 or at the home of the pastor, Bro. Billy Daniels at 903-632-9948.



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)



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 Tumlinson-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

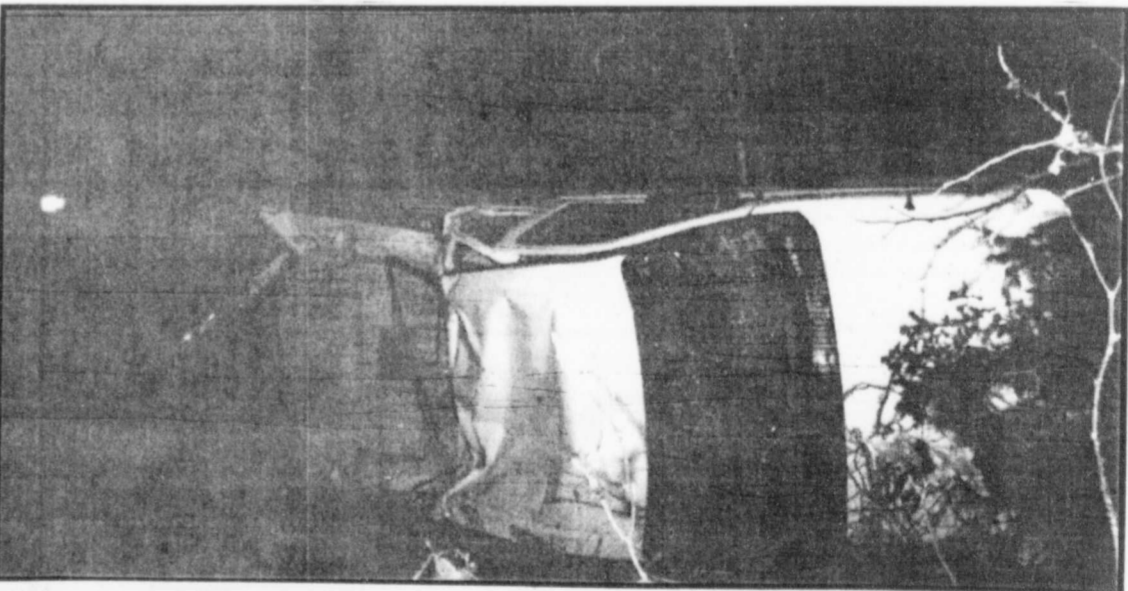
Bogata Fire and Rescue, for assuming a leadership role in EMS by achievement in the areas of patient care, public access, medical control, disaster preparedness, public education and training has been named "First Responders of the Year".

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 totaled 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)

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Bro. Brian Alston

Editor's Quotes

Too Late-There is a wealth of unexpressed love in the world. It is one of the chief causes of sorrow evoked by death: what might have been said or might have been done that never can be said or done. Arthur Hopkins

Bogata Council to meet

The Bogata City Council will meet Monday, December 9 at the Community Center at 7 pm. for their regular meeting. Anyone interested is urged to attend.

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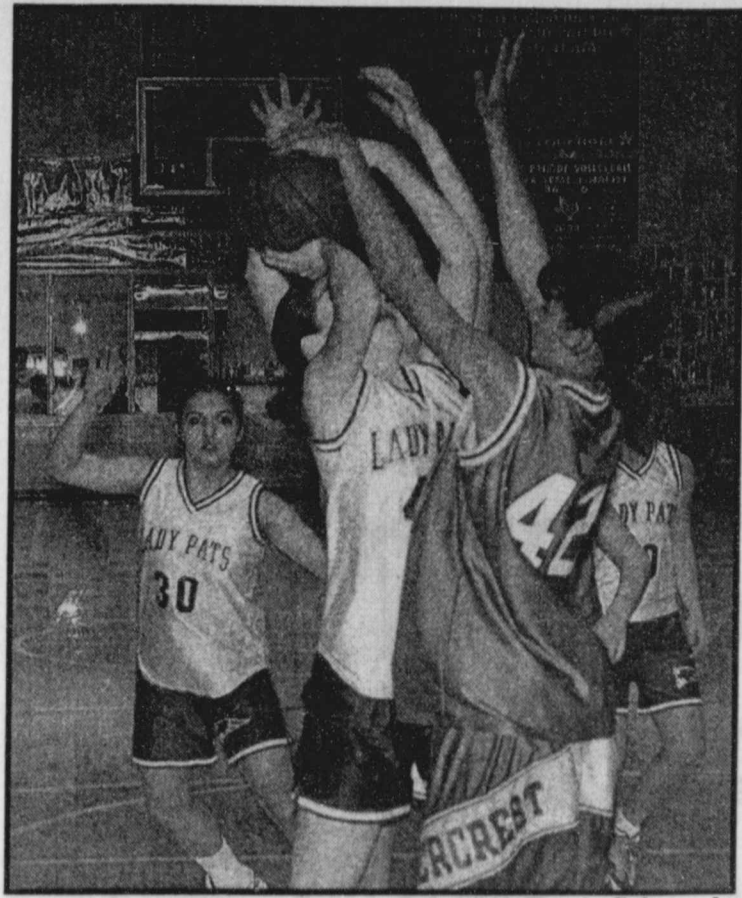
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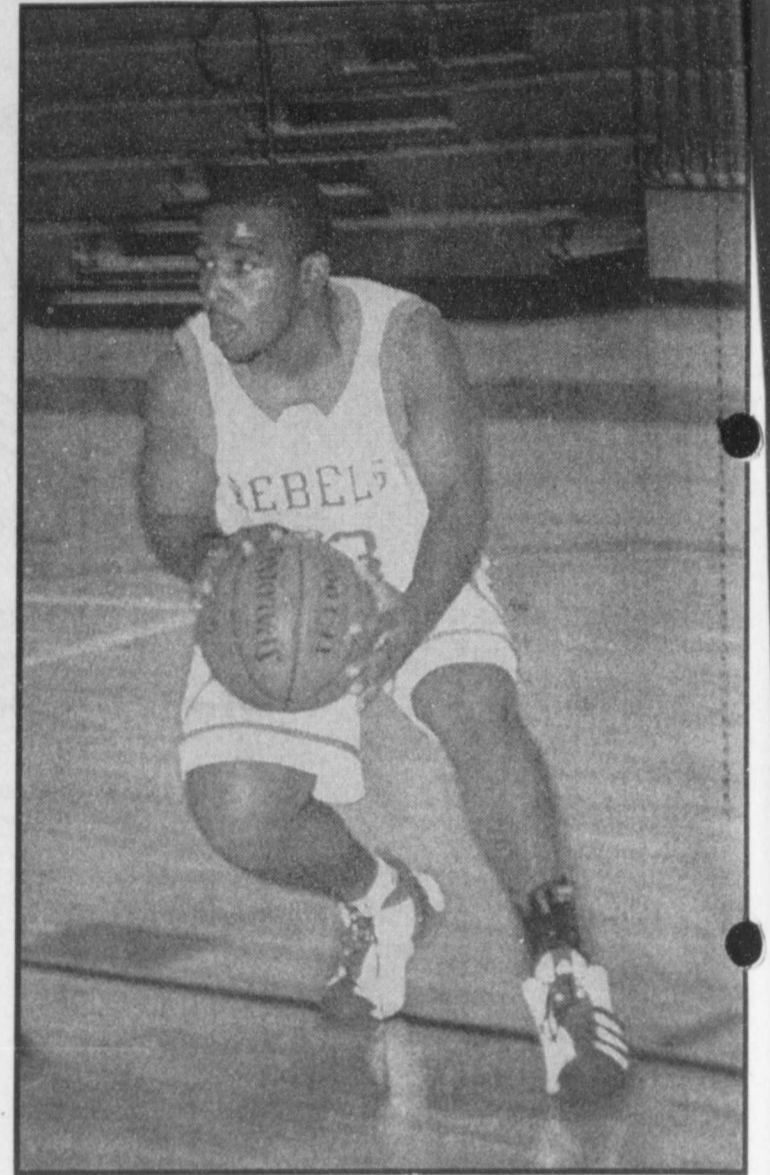




CLEAN BLOCK-8th grade Lady Rebel #42, Torrie Grissom has a clean block made as the Lady Rebels met the Lady Patriots at Prairiland Monday night. After an exciting game the Lady Pats were victorious with a score of 21-16. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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

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.

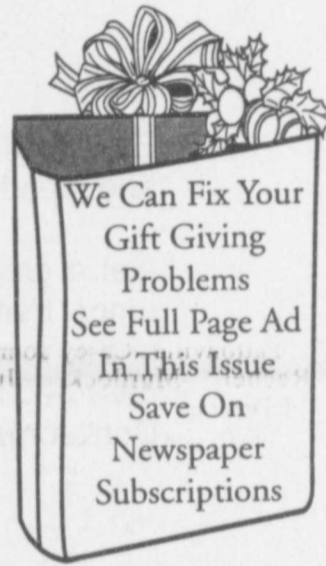
The Rebels took over the game in overtime led by Calan Wilcox getting several rebounds and Zach Perry scoring eight points in the period to obtain a big victory. The entire Rebel squad contributed to the victory. Leading was Zach Perry with 18 points, Aaron Palmer had 13 and a very clutch trey, Ryan 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."

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.



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 Beville 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, Frankie 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.



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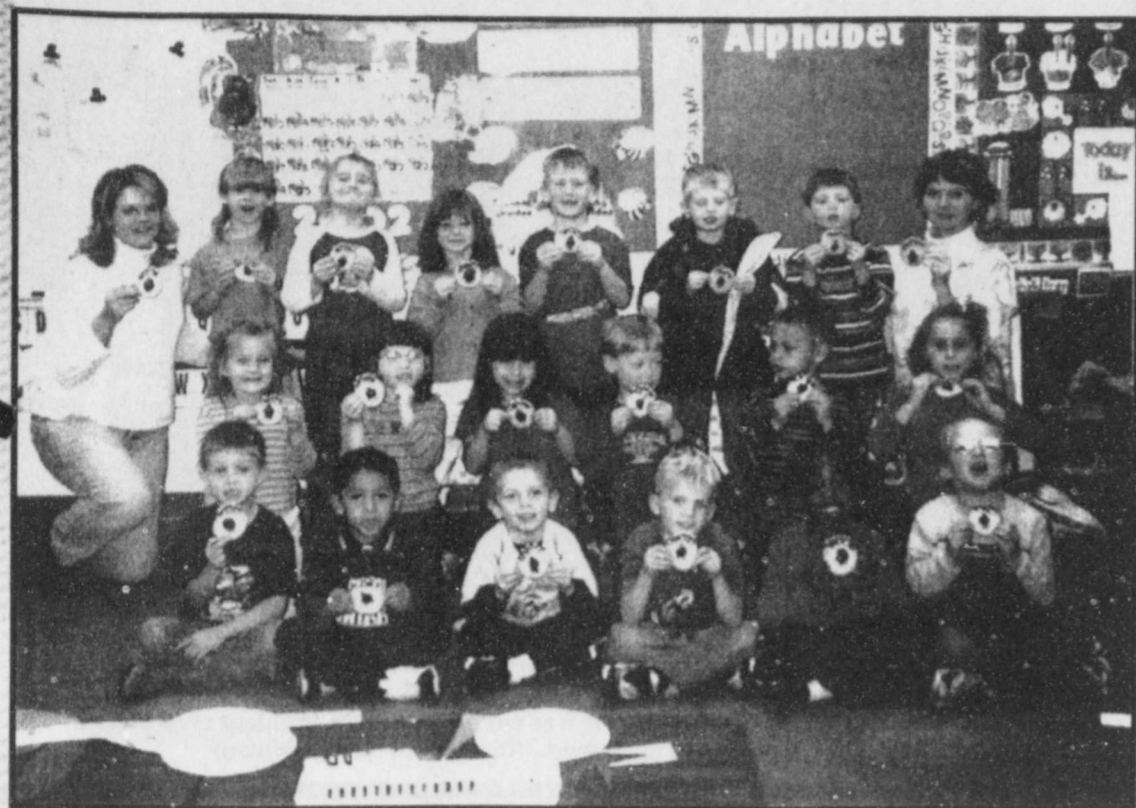
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MRS. BROWN'S-Rivercrest Elementary Kindergarten class made Thanksgiving treats with the help of room mothers, Tiffany Easley and Stacy Piper. The class decorated cookies with Hershey Kisses, candy corn and M & M's to make turkeys. They had a great 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.
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Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Couch (Jack and Ruth) celebrated their 65th anniversary on Sunday, November 17 at the China Star Restaurant in Paris. They received many cards and calls from family and friends.

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.
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 Pattonville: Casey Johnson, Rachel Mardock, 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 Johtown and Pittsburg and Dorothy Golden Morton of Paris.

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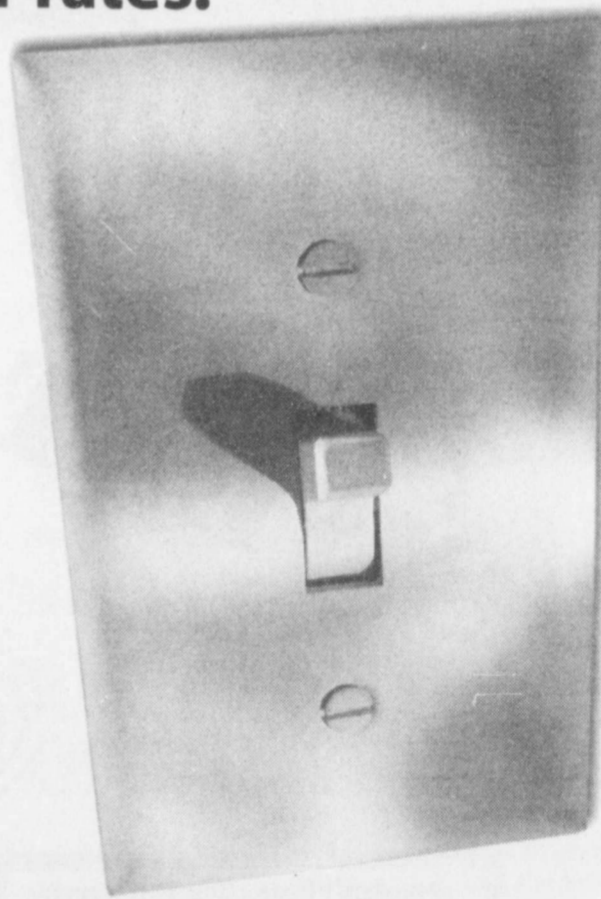
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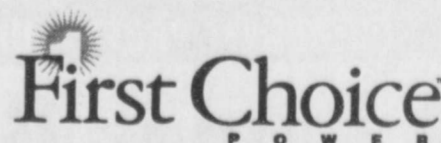
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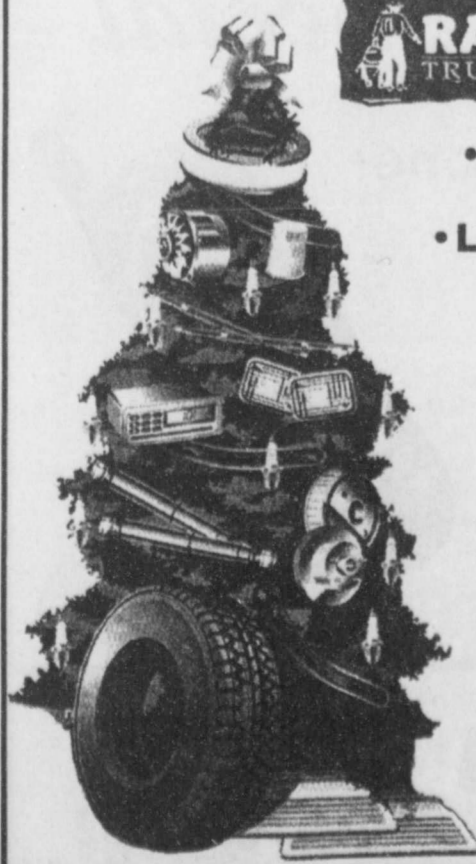
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Lunch
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creamed potatoes
green beans
hot rolls
milk

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

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Breakfast
Breakfast pizza
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Corn chip pie
beans
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pickles
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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)

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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 Powerly 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, Brantlin, 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, Matt 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 Luran 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 Powerly 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.

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

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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 group 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.



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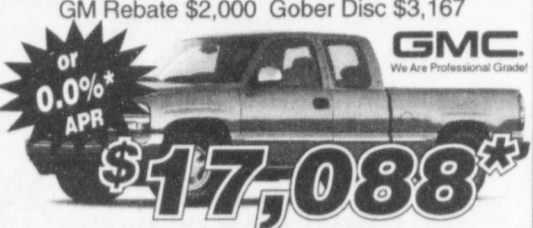
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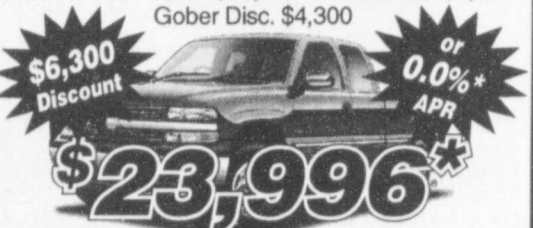
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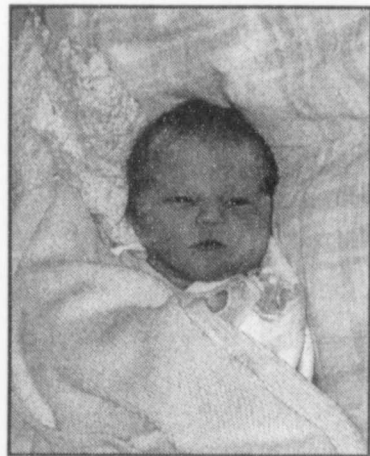
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A.D. and Miriam Stephenson



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



The directors and employees of Lone Star Land Bank
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DR. WALLY KRAFT

for being selected as the
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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.



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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".



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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.

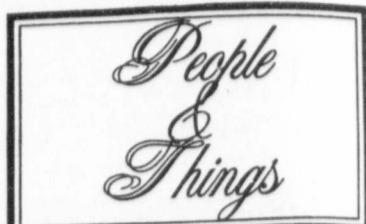
The Foundation also administers the Courtney M. Townsend Scholarship, which is open to those pursuing a career in the health field. The recipient for the Spring, 2003, will soon be announced.

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.



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Phone numbers for the three campuses of Rivercrest ISD are:
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Rivercrest Elementary School: 903-632-5214.

TUESDAYS

BAM (Bogata Area Moms) play group for stay at home moms and their children meets Tuesdays form 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.
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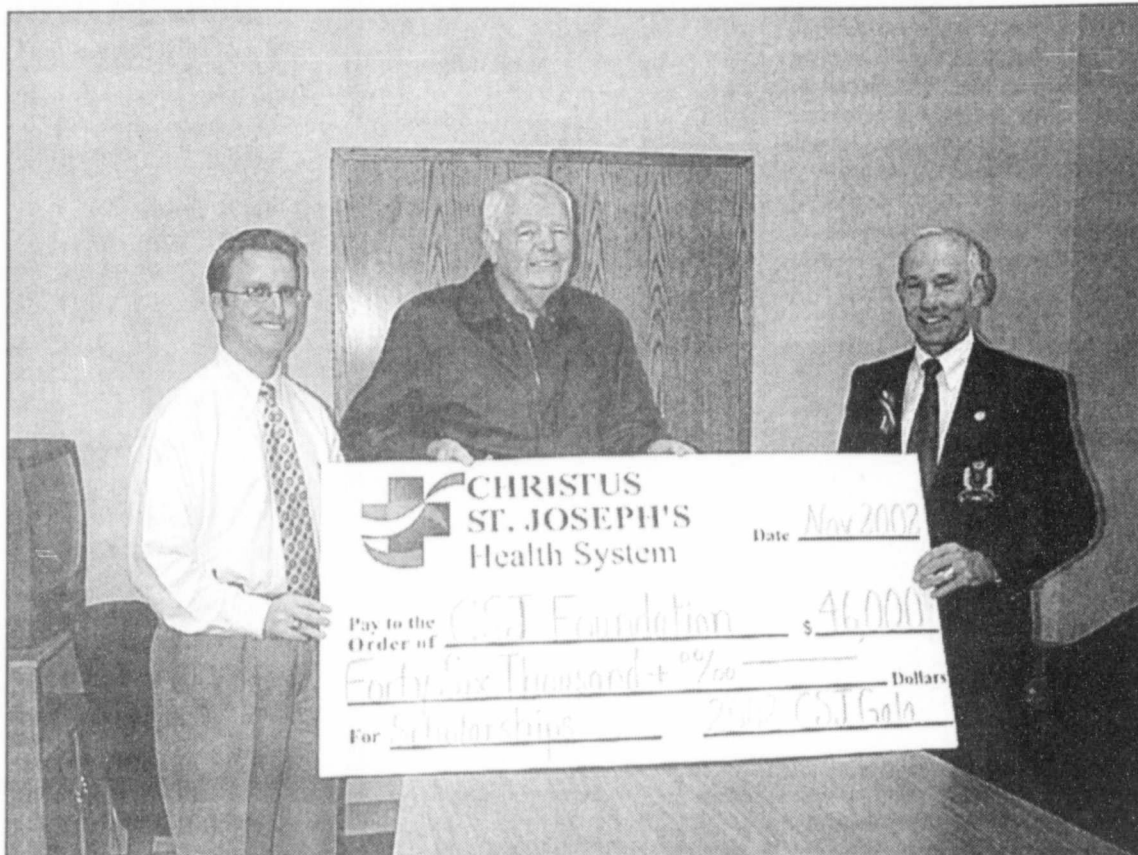
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Volunteer Fire Fighters Lay It On The Line

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.

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)



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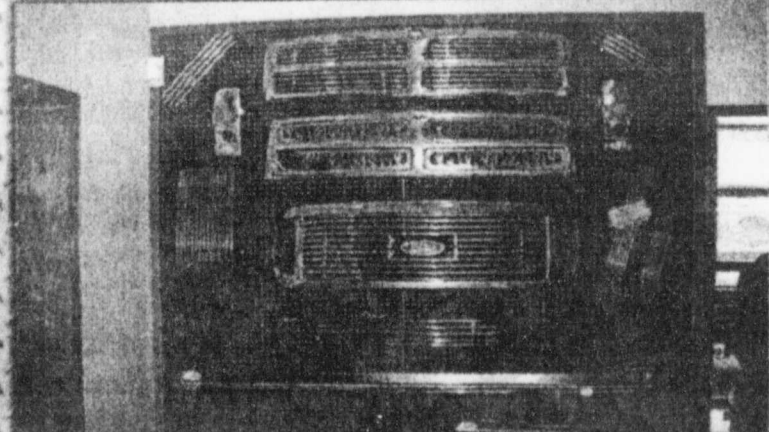
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Seven homes will be toured this year including: Sherry Huddleston's; Duane and Martha Bryson's; Jerry and Jannette Brooks; Curtis and June Young's;

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.
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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, Donnie 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 famliy of San Antonio, Roland Burson of Albuquerque, NM.

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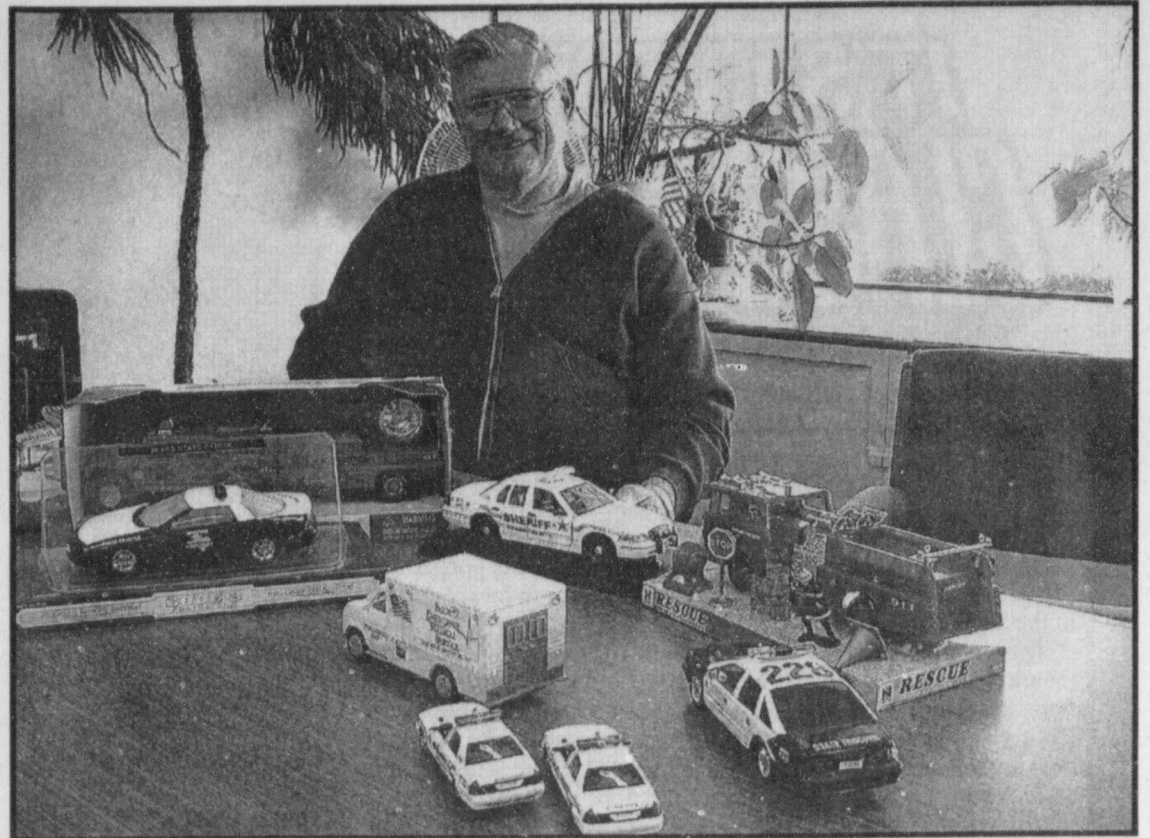
This year, when you are looking for an easy, yet great way to fill your Christmas gift list, think about your local newspaper. As usual, the Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are on sale NOW for \$2 off the yearly price. Regularly \$23 for an entire year, during the last two weeks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

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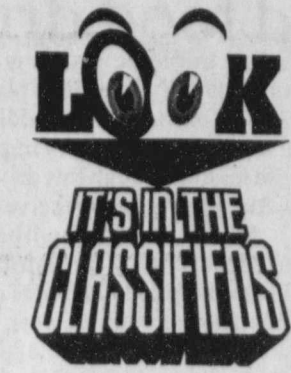
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Christmas Tour of Homes at Maxey House

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.



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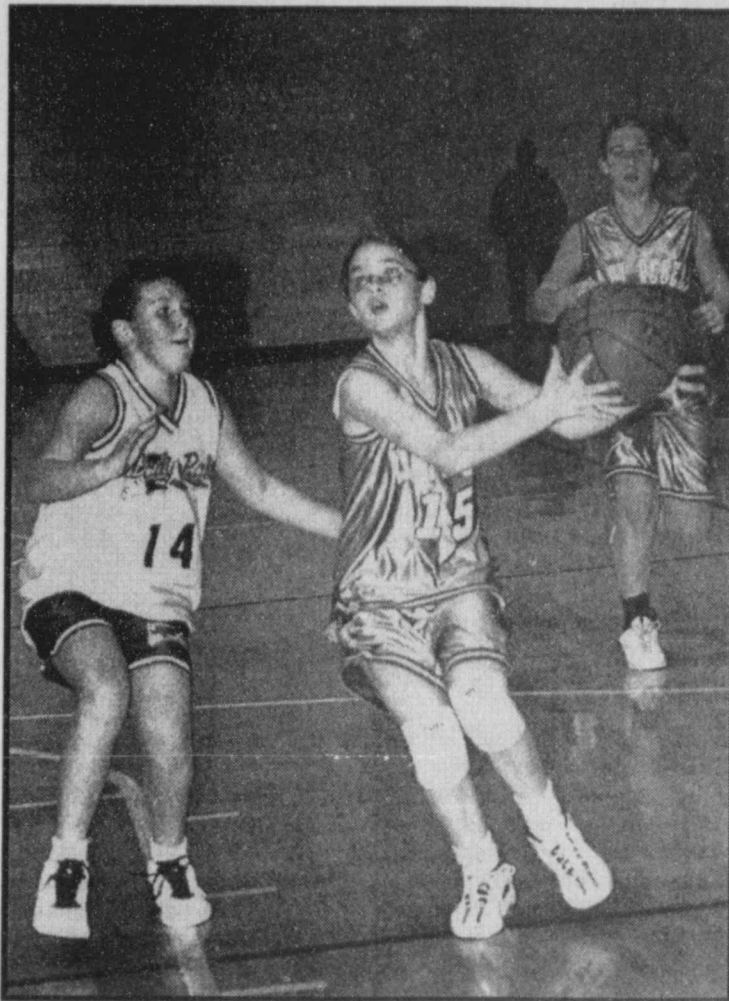
The right person: One must believe in Christ and repent of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). Therefore, according to scripture, infants are not fit subjects for baptism. They are not capable of believing and have no sin of which to repent. Jesus taught that children are innocent and pure (Matt. 18:3; 19:14). 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.

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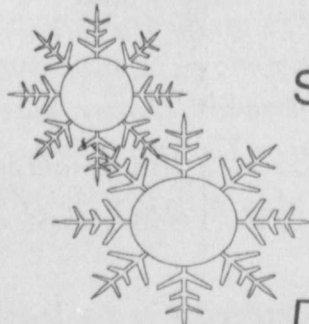
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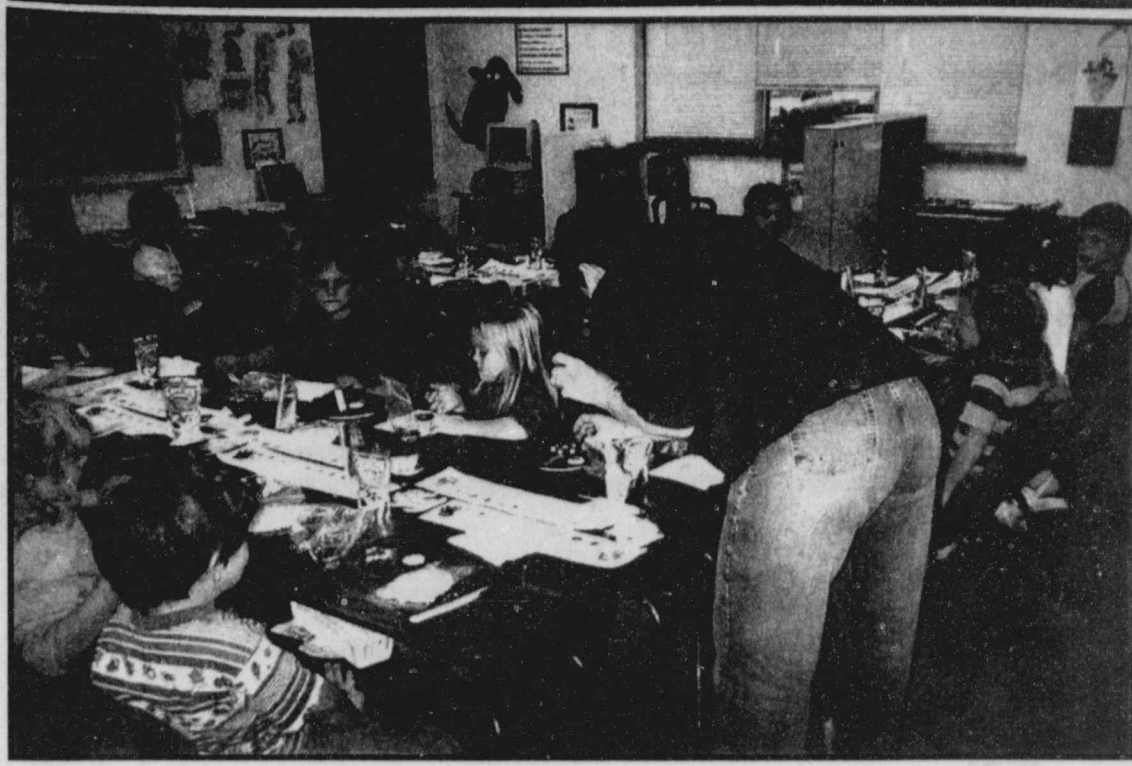
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DAISY TROOP #175 planted pansies for Rivercrest Elementary School. This earned them a Royal Petal "Make the World a Better Place." Pictured is Linda Gray, Raney Cortez, Callie Easley, Lexi Earley, Melinda Barbosa, Mayzie Purviance, Manckenzie Fields,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

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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.

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| 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¢ | DEL MONTE CORN Whole & Cream 15 Oz. \$2 ¹⁹ |
| 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¢ | CUT GREEN BEANS 14.5 Oz. \$2 ¹⁹ |
| KRAFT PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE 8 Oz. \$1 ¹⁹ | LAY'S POTATO CHIPS Reg. \$1 ⁴⁹ All Kinds 99¢ | KRAFT CHEEZ WHIZ 15 Oz. \$1 ⁶⁹ | SWEET PEAS 15 Oz. \$2 ¹⁹ |
| BANANAS 49¢ Lb. | PRODUCE POTATOES 10 Lb. Bag \$1 ⁹⁹ | GLADIOLA CORN BREAD MIX White & Yellow 4/\$1 | FRENCH STYLE GREEN BEANS 14.5 Oz. \$2 ¹⁹ |
| GREEN ONION 3/\$1 | ORANGES 49¢ Lb. | FRITO LAY BEAN DIP 9 Oz. \$2 ¹⁹ | PARADE BUTTERMILK BISCUITS 4/\$1 |
| APPLES 59¢ Lb. | TOMATOES 99¢ Lb. | MALT O MEAL CEREAL Marshmallow Mateys 14 Oz. \$2 ²⁹ Tootie Fruittie 15 Oz. \$2 ²⁹ Honey Nut Toasty Os 14 Oz. \$2 ²⁹ Golden Puffs 18 Oz. \$1 ¹⁹ | SOLO PARTY PLATES 15- 9" 99¢ |
| | | NABISCO VANILLA WAFERS 12 Oz. \$2 ²⁹ | PARADE LIGHT CORN SYRUP 32 Oz. \$1 ³⁹ |
| | | OREOS All Kinds 16-20 Oz. \$2 ⁶⁹ | PARADE EVAPORATED MILK 12 Oz. 2/\$1 |
| | | | NABISCO CHEESE NIPS 13 Oz. \$1 ⁹⁹ |
| | | | KRAFT PUDDING 4 Pack All Flavors 89¢ |
| | | | TOWN TALK BREAD Lrg. Loaf 69¢ |
| | | | TOWN TALK BROWN & SERVE ROLLS 2/\$1 |
| | | | COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE 2 Liter 99¢ 3 Liter \$1 ⁷⁹ 12 Pk. \$2 ⁹⁹ 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$1 ⁹⁹ |
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