

By Nanalee Nichols

I think I must have missed something. Life's highway is littered inconsistencies, oddities with and things that don't make sense. And with society's modern-day obsession with warning lables there are a lot more of those things that don't make sense or that border on the sublimely ridiculous. But this one may take the cake .. not because it is so obviously overcautious....but because it is so contradictory.

I was standing in a drugstore to be waited on and, being the compulsive reader I am, I was reading the lables on the over-the-counter medicines nearest me.

A large bottle of pinkish liquid announced that it was the generic form of a liquid Tylenol for children.

It first announced that it was cheaper than the National Brand. Then it went on to list that it was Sodium Free, Sugar Free, Aspirin Free, Good Tasting.

The box repeated several times that it was excellent for bringing down children's fevers. It repeated just how tasty it was for children, that they would enjoy taking it.

In other words this medicine is designed for children, to be given to children.

Well, I'm with them so far. But the closing line of this tribute to the contents of this box of children's medication reads: "This container not intended for homes with younger children"

Whoa what in the world have I missed here?

This container is NOT intended for homes with younger children! Excuse me...but if this is medicine intended for children....why wouldn't they package in a man-

ner that was intended for chil-

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SANTA (Bro. Brett Castle) presented the Calvary Baptist Sun-

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shine Club's door prize winners with gifts Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Winning was Bill Aston and Josephine Mankins. (Staff Photo)



Talco-Bogata C.I.S.D. Holds Open Forum

Thursday, December 16, 1993

regular session Thursday, December 9 at Rivercrest High School. All members of the board were present. Others present were B.G. and Nancy Bowden, Richard Garrison, John Ragsdill, Michael and Cheryl Stinson, Jimmy Lee, Ray Miller, Johnny Gable, Janice Franks and Freddy Wade.

Board President Jerry Russell gave those present an opportunity to speak in open forum. The Board then approved unanimously the items of consensus agenda.

Guest Richard Garrison spoke for the Rosalie Communty Club and requested the board deed the Rosalie School property to the Rosalie Community so the community could build a permanent structure on the property. The Board asked the superintendent to work with the Rosalie Community and pursue the proper course of action to enable the community to assume ownership of the property if such transfer is allowed by law.

The Board went in Executive Session to hear an appeal concerning parental supervision. Following the Executive Sessions, the Board heard reports by the Superintendent on the cost of bus maintenance and the legality of school sponsored raffles.

The Talco-Bogata C.I.S.D. met in The Superintendent related to the Board that student organizations are prohibited from conducting raffles according to Attorney General Op. 217-1776 (1990). Parent Teacher groups or other organizations may do so if they have obtained an exemption from federal income tax from the IRS.

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The 1993 Tax Roll was adopted by the Board prior to entering into a cost cutting study concerning reduction in force. The trustees selected the following areas for the Superintendent to do a feasibility study on personnel cuts in the areas of Counseling program, coaching staff, support services and elementary grades when total enrollment of a grade level doesn't necessitatea second teacher. The superintendent is also to provide the board a dollar figure on the cost reduction if the seventh and eighth grades were combined at Talco or Rivercrest High School.

The Board accepted the resignation of Cheri Tubb, third grade teacher at Bogata Elementary. Ms. Tubb has accepted a position with the Sulphur Springs ISD.

The Trustees then went into Executive Session for the purpose of evaluating the Superintendent. They returned to the open session and adjourned at 11:35 p.m.





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I confess that I just do not see the logic in this.

I also confess that in a world of disclaimers, over-protective lables, and warnings this seems a glaring error.

As I said I think I must have missed something. I suppose it's just one more of those irrational markers alongside the highway of

Booster Club Fund Raiser Successful

The Rivercrest Booster Club held a fund raiser with the winner of half beef being Lucille Beakley. The award was made December 4th at the Rivercrest Basketball Tournament.

Holiday Schedule For School Tax Office Announced

According to Talco Bogata CISD tax collector, Kay Ross, the Tax Office will be closed December 20-29. It will be open the 30th and 31st from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The regular schedule will start again when school umes on January 3rd.

JV CHEERLEADERS AT **TEND COMPETITION- Riv**ercrest High School Junior Varsity Cheerleaders - Amber Spencer, Marla Williams, Tabitha Jones, Kelly Anderson, and Jana Weatherall recently attended competition in Dallas.(Photo by Judy Screws)

Talco Timos

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A Youth Rally will be held at the

A singing will be held at Maple

Nevills Chapel Church Dec. 20 at

7:00 p.m. . All youth are invited to

season's greetings for area resi-Brown)

dents. (Staff Photo by Nancy



People and Things

The Calvary Baptist church's Springs church sunday Dec. 19. Har-Childrens Christmas Program will be ris Chapel Church will also be attending and sharing the evening and held Sunday, Dec. 19 at morning services. Everyone is invited to at-Christmas program at 7:00 p.m. Evtend . A Sunday School Reception eryone is invited to attend.

The Talco Student Council will have a pickup day along their chosen stretch of Hwy. 271, south of Talco

Talco PTO Reports On Parade

The Talco PTO reports a good turn out for the Talco Christmas Parade held Dec. 8 at 4:00 p.m. Winning in the car class were: 1st place, Freshman Queen Amber Spencer-Rivercrest; 2nd place, Junior Queen, Jamie Primm and 3rd place, Talco 8th grade, Queen Brandi Gaddis.

In the Float class 1st went to Talco-Bogata Pre-K class; 2nd place, Sophomore Queen Crystal Bell and 3rd, Red River Haven Nursing Home.

First place in Motorized Class were Talco Prince and Princess Ryan Case and Ashlei Moles of 6th grade and

Friday, Dec. 17.

winning inthe bike class was Shelly Hollis. First place prizes were donated by Triple M Trailers of Mt. Please and Pacesetter of Talco. Second place prizes were donated by Roach Paint and Body of Talco and Simmons General Contractors of Talco. Third place prizes were donated by Wright Excavating and Movies and More, both of Talco and the bicycle and motorized classes were donated by Mayor Mike Sloan.

The PTO wishes to express appreciation to all who participated and helped to make the parade a success.

BIKE DIVISION-Winning 1st place in the Talco parade Bicycle division was Shelly Hollis. (Staff Photo)

Talco Kiwanis Club Fund **Raiser Winners Announced**

The Talco Kiwanis Club Secretary Jo Anschutz reports that the Club's fund raiser to help needy kids in the Talco area have a happier Christmas has been very rewarding. The Club has been giving chances

to persons who donated to the project.

Winners were announced at the

Talco Parade last Wednesday, Dec. 8. Winner of the \$100.00 Wal-Mart gift certificate was James Gray, and Candace Davis won the Ham.

Members of the Talco Kiwanis will distribute Christmas items to the children next week.

Rivercrest Classic Scheduled For Friday and Saturday Nights

The Rivercrest Gymnasium will finally be ready. The new bleachers are in place and a full house is expected Friday and Saturday nights when the Rebels host the Rivercrest Classic

Games Scheduled are:

Friday 4:00 P.M. Rivercrest JV vs Pleasant Grove.

Friday 6:00 P.M. Paris High vs Pleasant Grove.

Friday 7:30 P.M. Rivercrest Varsity vs Arkansas High.

Saturday 4:00 P.M. RHS JV vs Pleasant Grove.

People 'N Things

The Talco school Music Program will be held Thursday, Dec. 16 at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Talco-Bogata 7th grade and

Saturday 6:00 P.M. Paris Hish vs Arkansas High.

Saturday 7:30 P.M. RHS vs Pleasant Grove.

CoachWakeWood commented "The Classic we are having is not a tournament. These are just matched games between some classic teams. These games should be great ballgames. All four teams are highly rated teams. I hope everyone will come out and support our basketball program. I know you will enjoy the games."

8th grade boys will play in a tournament at Mt. Pleasant Thursday through Sat. Dec. 16-18. The 7th grade team will begin play Thursday at P.E. Wallace at 5:45 p.m. The 8th grade team will begin play at Brice gym at 6:45 Thursday. Everyone is encouraged to come suport our young teams.



Country Cook- Lillian Taylor, of Bogata is the featured cook in

the Country Cooking column this week. (Photo by Judy Screws)

If at first you don't succeed you're running about average. -M. H. Alderson

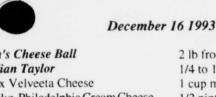


Country Cooking By Judy Screws

I had not met Lillian Taylor until she came into the office one day to put an ad in the paper for her Stanley Products. I'm glad I did get to meet her. Anyone who knows Lillian, knows that she is bubbly and smiling most of the time. A person could make the mistake on first impression of thinking she is a little scatterbrained. Not so. She is friendly and enthusiastic about things, but she knows exactly what she is doing at all times and she wants things to be done right.

Lillian was secretary to the principal at Rivercrest High School for 24 years. She has retired now, but has not lost interest in the welfare of the school and the children. The Taylors (Pete and Lillian)both retired from the school. He was an agriculture teacher until his retirement. The Taylor's daughter, Misty, is a senior at Rivercrest. Their other daughter, Sherrie and her husband Alan, have two children, Shannon and Allison, son, Larry and his wife, Gail, have three children, Lance, Lindsey, and Logan. Lillian says that her family is pretty much her hobby. She enjoys nothing quite so much as being with her husband, kids, and grandkids.

When I asked Lillian if I could feature her in this column, and talked her into saying "yes", we decided that a picture with her Christmas Tree



1 large pkg. Philadelphia Cream Cheese 1 jar jalapeno Cheese Whiz (small) 1 c pecans chopped (reserve 1/2 c. to Let all cheese set at room tempera-

ture for 3 or 4 hours. Mix all ingredients and roll into a ball. Roll in balance of chopped pecans. Serve with crack-

1 (14 oz.) can Eagle Brand Milk

would be good since she puts quite a bit of work into Christmas decorating. Of course, my photos are hit or miss, but if the Christmas tree doesn't show up to be breathtaking, it should. The tree is done entirely in mauve colored ornaments and shiny ribbons and bows. The mauve color scheme is carried out in all of the decorations in the house. Lillian said she had intended to use only one color of Christmas gift wrap, but she found more that she liked, so now she has gifts wrapped in 3 different colors of paper, but they match perfectly as well as matching the decorations on

the tree and the rest of the house. The Taylors have an official greeter. A taffy colored, perfectly groomed cocker spaniel, named Miss Snuggles, enthusiastically meets folks entering the house. She is 10 years old and thinks she is a kid.

Although Lillian is retired, she is still a busy lady. She sells Stanley Products and helps out at Boyd's Travel Agency, in Paris. She says that sweets are her favorite thing to cook. Son, Larry and Son in law, Alan love her coconut pie. She served me cheese ball and crackers and fruitcake. The cheese ball is wonderful, and I practically inhaled the fruitcake. Lillian's other recipes are Potato Casserole, Magic Pumpkin Pie, and Wassail.

2 lb frozen hashbrowns 1/4 to 1/2 cup chopped onion 1 cup margarine (2 sticks) 1/2 pints sour cream (8 0z) 8 oz jar cheese whiz

soup corn flakes Mix potatoes and onion and spread in bottom of large casserole dish. Melt one stick of margarine, add salt and pepper. and pour over potatoes. Mix together cheese whiz, sour cream, and undiluted soup and pour over potatoes. (Melt in microwave for smoother consistency) Melt other stick of margarine and mix with enough cornflakes until all margarine is absorbed. Spread over potatoes. Bake 1 hr. at 350 deg

1 can cream of chicken or cream of celery

Arthur L. Smith Dies December 12

Arthur L. Smith, 85, of Deport died Sunday, December 12 at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 14 at Wood Funeral Home Chapel in Deport with burial in Highland Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born May 26, 1908 in Lamar County, a son of Charley Taylor and Bessie Pomroy Smith. He married Nannie Walker October 14, 1933, in Hugo, OK. He was a retired farmer and rancher.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Nannie; his nieces and nephews, Melba Bestul of Reno, Alva Seat of Chicota, Joe Lee Davidson, Charles Davidson and Jackie Davidson, all of Deport; Harold Davidson of Paris, Judy Booth, Linda Hines and Laura Miller, all of Blossom, and LaJuan Newman of Irving; two brothers, Floyd Smith of Garland and Clyde Smith of Carlsbad, NM; and a sister, Aleen Thraughber of California.

Mittie Ashford Dies December 8

Mittie E. Ashford, 87, of Carthage, formerly of Deport, died Wednesday, December 8 at Willis-Knighton Medical Center, Shreveport, LA.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 11 in Wood Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Deport and Jimerson Funeral Home of Carthage.

Mrs. Ashford was born August 12, 1906 in Deport to John and Mittie Susan Keys Whitney. She retired rom Frito-Lay Co. and was a member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church. She married Clarence E. Ashford in October, 1928. He died March 16, 1986. She had lived in Carthage for six years, moving there from Troy.

Surviving are a daughter, Claudine Holder of Carthage; two sons, Perry Ashford of Mesquite and Kelly Ashford of Powder Springs, GA; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who donated time and food items to make the Detroit Tournament a success. We appreciate the continued suupport of the community.

Detroit Booster Club

Obituaries

Juandell Cochran **Dies December 9**

Juandell Cochran, 57, died Thursday, December 9 in Deport Nursing HOme

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 12 in Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bill Draper officiating. Burial followed in Woodland Cemetery in Red River County.

Mrs. Cochran was born November 18, 1936 in Woodland, a daughter of Andrew Grady and Thelma Pauline Meredith Gibson. She attended Detroit schools and was a Baptist. She married Charles J. Cochran on June 12, 1987. He died June 6, 1988.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth Lee Mitchell of Monroe, Michigan; two daughters, Paula Faye Ross of Paris an Anita Sue Hoffman of Pattonville; five grandchildren; three brothers, Fred Gibson and Tex Gibson, both of Paris and Jack Gibson of Gilmer.

Bearers were Gene Brothers, Shane Rose, Mark Vickers, Jimmy Schwartz, Wayne Buford and Bennett Broadway.

Morris H. Brumley **Dies December 9**

Morris H. Brumley, 68, died December 9.

Services were held Saturday, December 11 at 10 a.m. at David Clayto & Sons Chapel in Duncanville with Rev. Billy H. Combest officiating. Interment followed in Little Bethel Cemetery in Duncanville.

Mr. Brumley was born January 6, 1965 in Red River County. He was a World War II veteran and a retired Dallas Police officer with 27 years of service. He was named Patrolman of the Year in 1953.

Survivors include his wife, Faye M. Brumley; sons, Clay and Sherry Brumley, Mark and Debbie Brumley; grandchildren a brother, Kenneth Brumley; sisters Chloe Hamm, Thelma Nusehke and Joy Hesch and many other relatives.

Card of Thanks

The family of Lillie Mae Gardner wishes to thank all of our friends and relatives for the love, kindness and sujpport shown us during the loss of our loved one. For all the food, flowers, calls, visits, cards, contributions, prayers and any other act of love.

A special thanks goes to the pall-

Thursday, December 16, 1993

Melt In Your Mouth Fruitcake. 1 lb. candied pineapple

1 lb. candied cherries 1 lb chopped dates 1 lb pecans 1 lb angel flake coconut 1/2 cup flour 3 1/2 cans Eagle Brand Milk Cut fruit in half. Mix with 1/2 cup flour. Add all other ingredients. I mix by hand. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 hrs, in 3 loaf pans sized 7 7/8 inches X 3 7/8 inches. Wassail 4 cups pineapple juice 1 1/2 cups apricot nectar 4 cups apple cider-1 cup orange juice 1/2 cup bottled lemon juice-1/2 cup sugar 2 sticks cinnamon-2 Tbsp whole cloves

1/2 cup red hots Put cinnamon, cloves, and red hots in basket. Put other ingrtedients in 24 cup percolator. Perk Serve hot.

Card of Thanks

Thank you so much for all the acts of kindness shown to us in the loss of our home. Thank you Bogata and Detroit Fire Department for assistance rendered. May God bless each and everyone of your for your kindness.

Special Thanks

Little Dudes and Darlings

Card of Thanks

We want to say thanks to all of our family, our friends and our loved ones for such a beautiful 65th wedding aniversary party. Thanks for the calls, cards, gifts and for beign with us on such a special day. God bless you all. **Odis and Marie Watson**

bearers, Wood Funeral Home, Geneva Norwood, Rev. C.G. Renfro and for the care she received at the Deport Nursing Home.

We will never forget you. May God bless each and every one for everything.

The Travis Talley Family The Melvin Kincaid Family **Betty Gardner**



Mrs. Ethel Epps visited her son and family, Charles Epps Sunday in Rosalie

Mrs. Jimmie King attended a regular O.E.S. meeting at the Masonic Hall in Deport Tuesday night. A covered dish supper was served at 6:00 p.m. and Christmas program was enjoyed by all.

Twyman Baker is seriously ill in Clarksville General Hospital.

Jimmie King had the Good Neighbor Christmas party at her home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Arriaga and Betty Rodgers were in Dallas and Boyd during the weekend visiting his parents and Mrs. Bernice Thomas.

Ethel Epps and Jimmie King went to Bogata Thursday night for a covered dish dinner and played 84 in the home of Willie Mae Gray.

Betty Rodgers and Marlene Bolin

met Mr. and Mrs. Dee Newberry Paris Saturday for a visit.

Karen Baker came in for the weekend to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane King of Paris had supper with Mrs. Jimmie King Saturday.

The community had their Christmas Party Monday night at the center. There were 27 attending and everyone enjoyed the meal and fellowship and gifts. The young people presented the program while Mr. and Mrs. Mel Beatty and Kay Peek instructed them.

New families in the area recognized were Mr. and Mrs. Guthrey and children, Mr.a nd Mrs. Mel Beat and children and Mr.a nd Mrs. Lawrence and family. We appreciate them.

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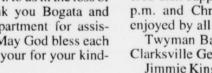
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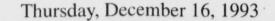
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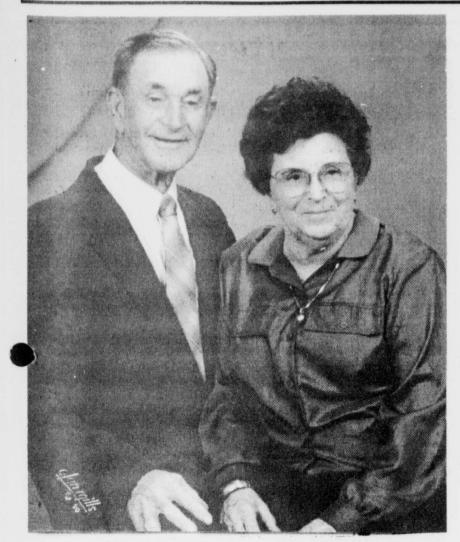
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Mr. and Mrs. Almer Norwood, married 65 years

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood To 2elebrate 65th Anniversary

celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with a reception on Sunday, December 19 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Life Tabernacle Church in Cunningham.

Hosting the reception are Mrs. Gene Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. Darold Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. James Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. Canard Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. Talma

Almer and Alma Norwood will Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Norwood and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nichols.

Almer and Alma Norwood were married December 24, 1928 in Pattonville, Texas.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

The couple requests no gifts, please.

Wrap Up Your Christmas

Attend The Church of Your Choice This Sunday

Red River Haven News Visiting with Donovan Strain were Mary Hudson's visitors were Mary Tina Strain Feagill, Jeannie Strain Cooper, Doris Skaggs, Lois McRae,

Johnson, James and Sarah Strain, Inez Gill, Betty Gibson, George and Charline Mohr. Oma McKinney's visitors were

Odella Cheatwood, Mary Ellen Kain, and, Junior McKinney.

Visiting with Ada Holmes were Kenneth and Helen Holmes. Beulah Roddam's visitors were

Betty Harper, Colin Harper, and Charles Pratt.

Visiting with Bertha Anderson were O.V. Head, Ardis Head, C.L. Smart, Naomi Dingman, J.C. and Hattie Abernathy. Maude Legate's visitors were Jo

Gordon, Robbie Cooper, Rosalie Legate, and Dawn Oats. Dollie Carroll's visitors were Laura

Cochran, Randy, Missy, Stephanie, and Nathan Carroll, and Lynn and Brenda Carroll. Visiting with Clyde and Ardena

Roberts were Inez Montgomery, Carmen Roberts, and Katie Brown. Eunie Turner's visitors were Lorene

Bogie, Nell Harville, Stephen and Carmen Turner, Seb and Maurine Mankins, and Martha Wood. Visiting with Bea Askins was Lee

Hood Irene House's visitors were Mary Ellen Kain, and Raymon Mauldin. Visiting with Ruth Harrison were Roger and Rachel Elson.

Jim and Thelma Davis were visited by Jerry and Dorothy Jones, Allie Swafford, and Harold Bonham.

Visiting with Thelma Jones were Jerry and Dorothy Jones and Harold Bonham.

Visiting with Hobert Roberts was Carmen Roberts.

Allie Black's visitors were Wanza Sheffield, Lillian Williams, Bob and Sue Wright, Nolan and Janie Belcher, Doris Baker, and Frances Sheffield.

Visiting with Ann Walker was Doris Strain.

and Mary Colflesh.

Jimmie Duffie's visitors were Dorothy Foster, Roy and Shirley Potter, and Katie Brown. Visiting with Delbert and Julia Harper were Charles and Barbara

Harper and Katie Brown. Clara Lowe's visitors were Jessica Hines, Gerlyn Gray, and Willie Mae Gray.

Visiting with Essie Cole and Lillie Massey were Jo Gordon, Inez Gill, Tana Guest, and Linda Embrey.

Juanita Kelley's visitors were Lillian and Kathy, Arthur and Nell, Marie Crafts, and Johnie Crane.

Gladys Prater was visited by Leonard Prater.

Visiting with Alice Craig was Inez Gill.

Mae King's visitors were Liz Legate, Mary Cooper, Lois McRae, and Era Smelser.

Visiting with Jewel Summers was Dude Lassiter.

Annie Garren's and Annie Hare's visitor was Louise Bean.

Visiting with Lantie Smith were Lorene Bogie, Weldon and Joyce Smith and Lacy and Kacy Harper. Mack Glover was visited by Wel-

don Smith. Hattie Crabtree's visitor was

Gwendolyn Bowen. Lynn Kerley's visitors were Kathy and Mandy Alford, Nikkie Hammonds, David Stringer Jr., Susie Bryan, and Opal and Arol Kerley.

Visiting with Georgia Easterling were Pat Kelley, Inez Gell, Minerva Gentry, Jewel Joyce, Lank Easterling, Chris, Billy, and Martha Walls. Hazel Brown's visitors were Marie Crafts, Lillian Cannon, Cowboy

Denny, and Nina Stewart. Visiting with Ollie Lee were Jo Ann Morsman, Betty Mullen, and Carl Wood.

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LADY REBEL Michelle Giles puts pressure on a Lady Patriot, Trinity Bowden in basketball action last weekend at

the Prairiland Tournament. The Rebels lost 56-32 but fought hard. (Staff Photo by Tony Bowden)

Rivercrest Rebels Win Prairiland Tourney

The Rivercrest Rebels showed everyone that they are a tough team to beat as they beat each team entereed in the Prairiland invitational tournament this past week end. The Rebels entered the tournament at 4-5, but with three straight impressive victories raised their record to 7-5. Rivercrest losses have been; twice to Mt. Pleasant, a 4 AAAA school and still undefeated, Bradley, Arkansas, the number one class A school in Arkansas and undefeated Hooks by 1 point and undefeated and finally to pleasant Grove which has 1 loss.

Tourney Resutlts: Rivercrest 65-Prairiland 42. THe Rivercrest Rebels started off slowly and led only 24-20 at the half against Prairiland, but a strong third quarter put the game out of Prairiland's reach the Rebels employed a tough half court man to man defense and stopped Prairiland's offense cold. Eddie Williams led the Rebs in scoring with 27 points. The second game of the Prairiland Tourney matched Rivercrest against class AAAA N. Lamar. Despite N. Lamar towering players the Rebels were able to maintain control throughout the game. Forward Clay Pirtle hit clutch baskets the second half to spark the Rebels to a big win over a 4-A school. Leading scorers for the Rebels were, Eddie Williams 22 points, 15 points each for Clay Pirtle and Jerry Francis. Freshman guard Jeff Savage turned in a great floor game with 5 assists and great defense. Players, Andy Speir, Andre Morgan, Jeremy Weatherall, and Shannon Richeson all turned in good performances. Finals- Rivercrest 78 Grant, Oklahoma 68. The Rebels blitzed a strong and highly rated Grant, Oklahoma team Saturday night in the finals of the Prairiland Invitational Tourney. Coach Wood commented," We

surprised Grant, I think. They underestimated us and before they could regroup, they were beaten. We got off to a great start, almost too good, and this really helped up confidence. Being ahead 36-18 at the half was almost too much of a lead and we let up a little the second half. Eddie Williams' three fouls at half time held back his game and hurt our defense. Eddie had to play easier on defense, but our other players took up the slack. I thought this was our best offensive game overall for the year."

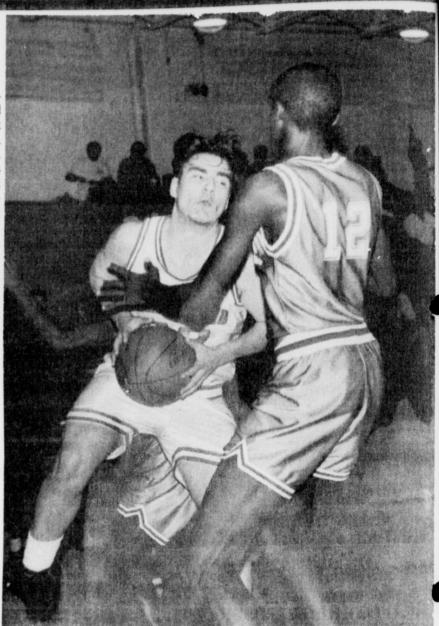
Freshman guard Jeff Savage got the Rebels going early as he hit a 3 pointer and a driving lay-up to give the Rebels a quick 5-0 lead, which they never gave up. Jerry Francis lead all scorers setting a career high 29 points.Francis had his 29 points hitting on 11 of 14 field goal attempts and 6 of 6 from the free throw line. Francis left the game with 4 minutes left with his 5th foul.

Eddie Williams turned in another stellar performance as he came away with 12 blocked shots, 11 rebounds 7 assists and made 11 of 13 free shots.

Other Rebels turning in great performances were Shannon Richeson, 3 of 4 from the free throw line and good defense, Andre Morgan (Fresh man) good quick defense and aggressive play, Andy Speir 2 cf 2 field goal shooting, Jeremy Weatherall good rebounding defense, Clay Pirtle 8 points, 4 defensive rebounds and a good game overall.

"The Rebels just played a great game. To the people that like good basketball, you have just got to come watch the Rebels. They will entertain you," Coach Wood exclaimed.

The Rebels will thay their first game in Rivercrest High School Gym Friday night as they host the Rivercrest Classic.



RIVERCREST REbel Eddie Williams puts the stop on Patriot Brock Blasingame in Basketball action last weekend at the Prairiland Tournament. The Rebels took a hefty 65-42 win over the Patriots. (Staff Photo by Tony Bowden)

Rivercrest Junior Varsity Cheerleaders Attend Competition

Rivercrest Juniors High Cheerleaders attending a Cheerleader competition at Reunion Arena in Dallas, Saturday, December 11 were; Amber Spencer, Marla Williams, Tabitha Jones, Kelly Anderson, Lindy Penn, and Jana Weatherall.

there to compete. The first place winners in each division got to perform at half-time of the Dallas Mavericks VS. Phoenix Suns game. The girls did a great job and learned a lot from watching the larger schools perform. The girls enjoyed staying The girls competed against 14 other and watching the Mavericks and Suns inior Varsity Squads. They re- play and enjoyed going to Dallas



Rebel 9th and JV Play Basketball

eled to Sulphur Springs Thursday Dec. 9 to begin tournament play. The 9th grade team was defeated by Sulphur Srpings after a close game. The JV were defeated by the Paris JV witha score of 60-36. JV high point men were Jay Hancock and Alvin Savage. The teams returned on Friday to meet Liberty Eyleau. The 9th grade chased the L.E. team throughout the game. Half time score was 15-24 L.E. The Rebs shots did not fall in another win out. Final 58-47, and turnovers were hard to overcome. Clarksville. Scoring for the Rebels Final 38-46, L.E. high.

The Rebel 9th grade and JV trav- were Todd Barker, Clint Gage and Justin Smith.

The JV team shaved by the L.E. Team posting a half time score of 16-14 Rebels. Post Jay Hancock and Eric Waller came through for the team repeatedly scoring from under the goal. Final, 39-32 Rebels.

The JV returned Saturday at 2:00 p.m. to play the Clarksville JV. The Rebels struggled to stay within reach of the Tigers but were unable to pull were Jack Brown, Eric Waller, Alvin Scorers for the team were Eric Savage, Steven Thomas and Dru Martin and Mitch Ellis. Also scoring Denison.

ceived an Excellent Ribbon for their performance. There were 100 schools

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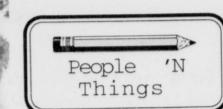
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Red River County Sheriff's Report Dec. 5-11 Suspicious activity reported. December 9: Animal complaint reported, Bogata area. Burglary of building reported, Clarksville area. 9 AM To 7 PM Report of intoxicated driver. Report of illegal hunting. Report of a man with a gun, Nuway area. One male arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, public intoxication and resisting arrest. Report of shooting from roadway. December 10: Inmate released on and invite you to our open house. bond. One transported from City to County Jail. **Received information from Police** Department referring to stolen vehicle. One arrested on charge of driving perfect investment for any age. while intoxicated, second offense. Report of night hunters on Lanes Chapel Road. TALCO BOGATA JV of the Bogata Christmas Parade Terroristic threat reported, Avery CHEERLEADERS-Placing were these talented young area ladies.A Box of Christmas third in the motorized division December 11: Inmate released on Cheer. (Staff Photo) bond. Inmate released to report to Judge Holley's office to pay fines. **BIG STORE WIDE SALE!!!** One male arrested on charage of game violations and evading arrest making alcoholic beverage available to a minor. Animal complaint, Bagwell area. Repot of prank calls. One female arrested on outstanding DPS warrants. Inmate released after paying fines. Report of hit and run, Bogata area. Major accident reported, 37 South. **Red River General Hospital** Admissions and Discharges 903 - 572 - 5560 Smith, Louise Morehead, Clarksville; 12-06-93 - Katherine Hare, Bogata; Clara Sue Coleman, Annona.

Gladys Diabase, Avery; Pauline Alexander, Reba Castor, Clarksville. 12-07-93 - Bobby Martin, Minola Woods, Elaine Burgess, Clarksville; Maudie Pittman, Archie Posey, Tina Ward, Bogata.

December 5: One male arrested

for driving while intoxicated, second

Two inmates released on bond.

One transported from the City.

One male arrested on charge of

Report of disturbance in Annona.

December 6: Inmate released on

One transported from City and re-

One arrested on charges of driving

December 7: Disturbance reported,

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One male arrested on charges of

One male arrested on charage of hunting from a public roadway and

Suspicious vehicle reportedon

December 8: Suspicious vehicle

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hunting from a public roadway and

hunting game animal with aid of arti-

One transported from the City.

Road Hazard, Hwy. 37 North.

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Inmate released on bond.

Major accident reported. Report of suspicious activity.

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Admissions:

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12-08-93 - Barbara Raulston, Bagwell; Eleanor Proctor, Lorean

12-09-93 - Ruth Lovell, Phines Griffin, Clarksville; Charles McKinney, Jr., Annona.

12-10-93 - David Wright, Childress, TX; Jerry Dodd, Bogata; Jackson Miller, Avery; G. A. Hines, Sr., Aaron Timmons, Clarksville.

Lady Rebels Host Mt. Pleasant

The Lady Rebels hosted t. Pleas- 12 points, and made the final shot that ant Lady Tigers Tuesday, Dec. 7. The half ended with the Lady Rebs slightly 54-52, Lady Rebs. The Lady Rebs

put the Lady Rebs on top. Final was behind 21-24. Kathy Hinsly, who was provided one of the most exciting



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injured earlier in the season, was able to see some action for the Lady Rebs. The third quarter saw the Lady Rebs crept back by one point, 35-39 Lady Tigers, but the fourth quarter exploded the game. LaQuitta Norman netted

games of the season with this win. Scoring was led by LaQuitta Norman, also scoring were Michelle Giles, Jana Weatherall, heather Holland and Ashley Ross.

Bogata Baptist WMU Presents Program

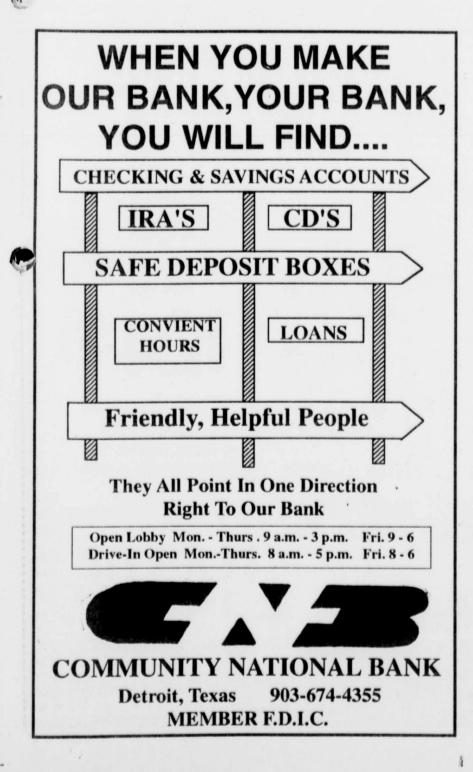
On Monday, Dec. 13 at 10:00 am. Baptist WMU ladies presented a program at the Bogata Nursing Home. 31 attended.

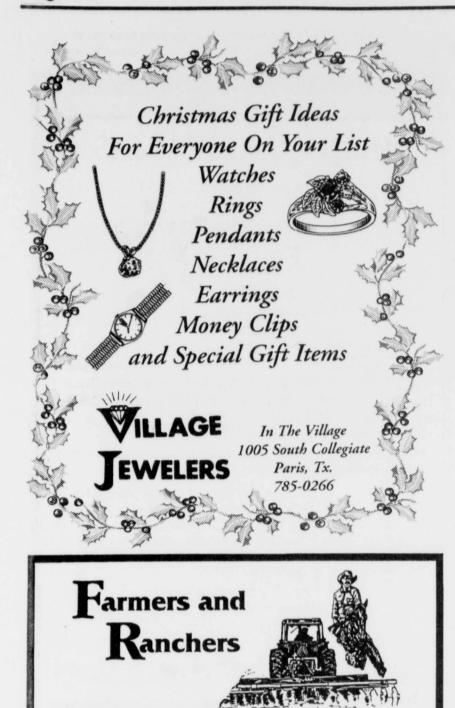
Emphasis was on the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Change the World Now.

Rosemary Sinford opened the program with "Declare His Glory Through Prayer" followed by a

of "Declare His Glory in Agriculture Developement in the Phillipines and Europe". Maurine Mankins spoke on "Declare His Glory amonth the Huring of Liberia and Chilie" Naoma "Smith tld of Zimbabwe. Rose Mary Swinford read the prayer calendar. Wood Armstrong voice the closing prayer.

prayer. Rossie Porterfield then told





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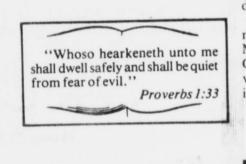
Letters to The Editor

Christmas is a time to be happy, right? For some of the elderly in the community of Bogata, Christmas will be far from happy. For some of the elderly, other days aren't even happy ones. I know some people don't like to deal with the elderly. Some of them can be down right cantankerous. We all would rather leave them be, than to listen to them gripe about things. Just keep in mind that we'll be just like them one of these days.

I called one of my elderly friends Sunday afternoon to check on her. All at once she started crying. I asked her what was wrong. She said that she had waited all day for a phone call from her son and he never called. I tried my best to console her by telling her that there was probably nothing wrong with him or someone would have called and let her know, but she loves him and worries about him. Our elderly people sit and wait for a phone call, or a simple letter from their children, but sometimes they never come.

We take it for granted that there aren't any lonely people in our community, but ther are. Some of them have no family members who live near them. Some of them have children who never phone or write or come to visit them. These people take it for granted that their neighbors will take care of them, but they need to think again. Their neighbors aren't going to check on the elderly because they don't have time, either, and sometimes they are't able.

During the holidays, I wish we would take the time out of our busy schedules to call at least one of the elderly in our community. What would really be nice and would make a big difference in their life, would be if we invited them to spend Christmas with us in our homes. I know we would all receive a blessing. Take the time and call someone. Happy Holidays to everyone. **Linda Eilers**



EQUAL HOUSING

ALL TOURNAMENT PLAY-**ERS-** Rivercrest High School basketball players making the

Major Drug Bust Recorded

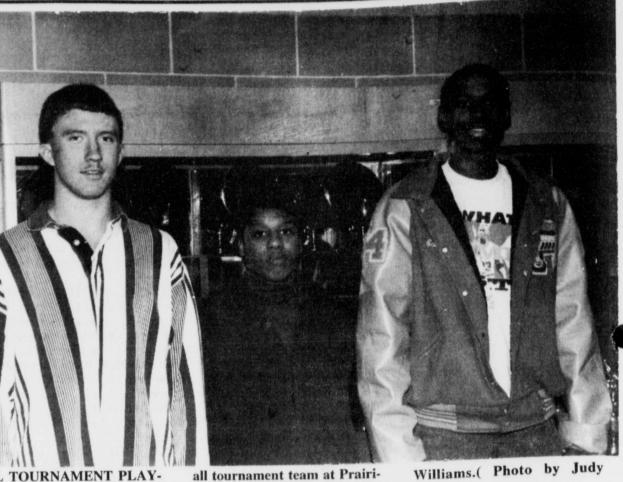
According to Milton R. Hall, Trooper IV, Texas Department of Public Safety, a significant drug seizure was made today(12-13-93) by a Department of Public Safety Trooper stationed in Bowie County.

At 12:15 pm, the trooper (Name withheld on request) observed a 1979 Pontiac 2 door east bound on I-30 at mile Post Marker 218. The driver was not wearing a seat belt.

After making a routine traffic stop for this offense, subsequent questioning led the trooper to believe that the driver may be transporting illegal drugs.

After asking for and obtaining verbal consent, a search was made of the vehicle, and 65 lb. of Marijuana was discovered in the vehicle's spare tire. The estimated street value is about \$58,000.00. No weapons were discovered and no funds were found. Arrested was Charles Hitt, white

male, DOB 12-11-61, of Detroit Michigan. He was placed in the Bowie County Jail and charged with aggravated possession of Marijuana, which is a first degree felony.



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Cindy, Sean, and Steven Robertson, of Euless, spent Saturday evening with Joyce and Tommy Lee Cox. They enjoyed baking a birthday cake for Sean.

Tommy Lee and Joyce, and Glenda, and Dustin Cox, of Johntown and Angela and Tye Crump, of Bogata, went to Paris on Sunday to attend the 3rd birthday party of Sean Robertson at the home of his grandparent Johnnye Robertson. Others present were Sean's brother, Steven, his parents, Gary and Cindy Robertson, of Euless, Gary's brother, Rob and Wanda, Jennifer, Robert,

Talco - Bogata Junior **High Play Honey Grove**

elled to Honey Grove Monday, Dec. 13. The 7th grade B team played the Lady Warriors a very close game. At the half the Lady Rebs were ahead by a score of 6-4. The team could not hold their slim lead and in the third Liz, Laura, and Kate, of Paris. He had a chocolate train cake and chocolate ice cream was served also.

Mrs. Dorothy Foster visited Thursday in Mt. Pleasant with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Penny and toured the new Adult Personal Care Home which will be opening soon.

Clay Pirtle celebrated his 18th birthday Tuesday night at the FIsh Fry, in Paris, with some relatives from the Roach family. Sixteen of the grandchildren and great grandchildren met together and enjoyed eating and visiting. Ike Roach was also celebrating his 18th birthday, which was December 9.

The Junior high lady Rebels trav- score to 23-18 for the Rebs. With 29 seconds on the clock and the Lady Rebs ahead by one point, a turn over gave Honey Grove a break which ended the game 26-25, Lady Warriors. High scorers for the team were Candiss Nickerson, Courtney Jones, and also scoring were Joanie Swarts and Dani Brown. The Jr. high Rebels hosted Honey Grove Monday, Dec. 13 at Bogata. The 7th grade team was defeated by the Warriors. High Scorer for the tearn was Steven Hearron. The 8th grade made up for the loss by taking a large margin win of 56-16. Leading scorers for the team were Cortney Huddleston, Michael Allen and Brodrick Fulbright.





Friends are sorry to hear of the illness of Valley Coyle and very serious illness of Judy Coyle of Irving. They are in a Dallas hospital. Volley is a native of Cunningham and he and Judy were members of the Cunningham S. High School faculty for several years. We wish for them the very best.

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Dwayne Baker had lunch with Mr. &

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Mrs. Almer Norwood Saturday.

Talma and Susie Norwood and

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Mrs. Ronald Kelsoe of Naples vis-

ited Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Taylor last

Mr. & Mrs. Brit Phillips, Lindy

and Bonnie of Lone Star and Mr. &

Mrs. Ricky Cooper, Ryan and K'Lene

of Clardy and Deryl and JoDelle

Cooper celebrated William Cooper's

63rd birthday Sunday with a supper

at the home of Mr. & Mrs. William

Cooper. We wish for him many more

& Mrs. Norman Sain Friday after-

Mary Briscoe of Reno visited Mr.

Nettie Powers attended the funeral

services for her aunt, Mrs. Mittie

Ashford, at the Deport Funeral Home

Odis and Marie Watson celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at the Life Tabernacle Fellowship Hall Sunday afternoon. Seventy-six relatives and friends signed the register. Mr. & Mrs. Durrell Roddy of ctra visited Mr. & Mrs. Odis Watson Sunday and attended their 65th wedding anniversary.

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Bell of Paris visited Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sain Saturday.

Perry Ashford of Mesquite, Kelley Ashford of Powder and Claudine Holder of Carthage visited Mr. & Mrs. Roy Powers Friday.

Mable Lynn, Joyce Berry and Mrs. Verta Lynn of Deport, Eddie and Sue Sheppard and Tina, Chris and Tracie Chipman and Riley, and Shirley Lawrence of Minter, Joel and Melissa Chipman and Noah of Novice and Berniece Wyatt of Cunningham celebrated Chris Chipman's birthday and an early Christmas with a delis Pot Luck supper and lots of fun e home of Bill and Ruth Chipman Sunday night.

Vleta Swaim of Grand Prairie has returned to her home after visiting her sister, Bobbye and Clyde Slusher of Cunnigham.

Bobbye Slusher and Vleta Swaim visited several residents in Deport Nursing Home last week. Visited were Johnnie Warren, Mutt Harvey Clyde and Thelma Bankhead and Lena Powell.

Bobbye Slusher and Vleta Swaim visited Larry Bell in Paris last week. They also visited their uncle, Clovis

Morrison and Donny at Caviness. Clyde Slusher has been visiting Harry Slusher in Cherry Street Annex frequently. Harry has been quite ill but we are pleased to report he is making improvement

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William Cooper was dismissed Velma Cox with Dora Hester of from the St. Joseph Hospital Sunday Paris visited Bill Stallings in the St. Joseph Hospital Sunday morning.

Cunningham News

By Berniece Wyatt

Erbert Hume of Paris spent Satur-Mr. & Mrs. Silas Taylor spent Friday with Milow Hume and Stasha. day night with Mrs. Lessie Stuart of Reno and went shopping in Sherman Friends were sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Mittie Ashford of Saturday. Carthage Wednesday. Sympathy is

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Powers attended a pre-Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Rab Skidmore of Deport Sunday

Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Byrd of Bedford, Johnnie Warren of the Deport Nursing Home and Carol Dorsey and Jennifer of Deport had supper with Lucy Fowler Thursday night.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Palmer spent the weekend in Dallas. Jane O'Neal and Sue Jackson went to Paris Junior College Thursday night to hear Janee Jackson sing in the Yule Fest.

Louise Black of Paris spent Saturday night with Mrs. Delsa Wilson. Cindy Nichols of Deport, Mr. & Mrs. Darold Norwood of Paris and Alma Norwood had lunch at TaMolly's Wednesday.

Mr. & Mrs. Murray Jackson and Janee of Paris, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Palmer and family and Mr. & Mrs. Dewayne Drinnon and family had Sunday lunch with Jane O'Neal.

visited Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sain Thursday afternoon.

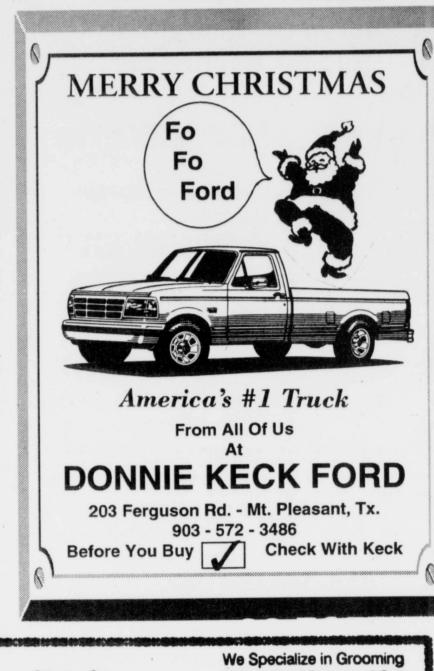
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We would like also to announce that the Bogata Post Office will close early on Christmas Eve. The office will close at 1:00 P.M. Please come by the office before 1:00 P.M. to pick up or mail items. If you have mail that needs to be sent out of town, it will still be picked up at the same times. It would be best to use the mail box near the parking area if you mail after 1:00. We, at the Bogata Post Office, wish everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Postmaster, Ron Thurman and Staff

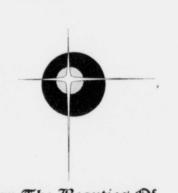
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As soon as children can count, introduce them to money-how to save it, spend it, and make it grow. When giving an allowance, give it in amounts that encourage saving. (If the amount is \$5, give your child 5 ones, with \$1 for savings.) Allow them to make spending decisions, but discuss the pros and cons before spending takes place. Alert children to the dangers of borrowing-don't be afraid to charge

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Beware of Nutrition Claims In Women's Magazines

By Virginia Brock Red River County Agent Home Economics

What types of nutrition messages are the readers of women's magazines receiving?

One recent study showed an overall increase in nutrition claims referring to the absence of specific dietary substances such as fat, sugar or cholesterol from food and beverage products. Many of the nutritional claims reflected topics related to the dietary guidelines recommendations. All advertisements were used to appeal to consumer concerns about taste, convenience and quality. Nutrition claims varied by product type advertised.

Why are these women's magazines so full of nutrition information? Women tend to be especially interested in nutrition information. They read this more from magazines and other forms of print media.

Some of the leading women's magazines have nutritionists, dietitians or home economists respon-

sible for their nutrition articles or food/recipe sections. This increases the reliability when research-based information is used. Beware of some nutrition-related articles not written by dietitians, nutritionists or home economists. These articles may make weight loss claims or claims for use of certain nutrient supplements seem too good to be true. One example is the hype for chromium picolinate touted for weight loss. Chromium picolinate has not been approved for weight loss by the Food and Drug Administration. Consumers need to realize that weight loss comes only by changing lifestyle habits, including exercise and low-fat eating. No "magic bullets" for weight loss exist.

If you have noted some nutritional claim that may be questionable, misleading or inaccurate, contact the local county Extension Office for research-based information related to the particular nutrition claim.

Keep Food Safety In Mind **By Virginia Brock Red River County Agent**

Home Economics

part of Thanksgiving, Christmas and

other holiday events. Entertaining

for family or friends on a small or

large scale is fun, but often demand-

ing, and definitely needs to be done

keep in mind that preparing and han-

dling large amounts of food will take

planning ahead of time for safe prepa-

ration, storage and serving. If large

quantities of food will be prepared

ahead of time, quickly cool and re-

frigerate them. Divide into portions

and store in shallow containers. Deep

containers increase the time the cen-

ter of a pot of food stays warm, en-

couraging bacterial growth. Con-

sider the amount of refrigerator space

If perishable foods are picked up

from a deli or purchased from a ca-

terer, transport them quickly, and

serve immediately; or if purchased

ahead of time, transport them quickly

to your refrigerator where they should

remain until serving time. If you're

purchasing a large quantity of food

items such as meat trays or any per-

ishable foods, ask that they be pack-

aged in small portions, or do this

when you get home. By doing this,

you can replace trays often at the party event and not leave one large

available.

with food safety in mind.

Delicious food is often a special

Holiday Entertaining?

tray out for too long.

If holiday meals are served buffet style, this may mean that the food remains on the table as guests come and go. This is not the safest situation, as foods left at warm room temperatures are susceptible to bacterial growth that causes foodborne When planning a large scale event, illness. Plan serving times so that perishable foods do not remain at room temperature for more than two hours. Use smaller portions on the serving table, and replace them often from the heat source in the kitchen or from the refrigerator.

> On the serving table, or in the kitchen, keep hot foods hot. Chafing dishes may or may not keep foods at the necessary temperature of 140 degrees F. or above. Keep cold foods cold on the table by nestling serving containers in beds of ice.

When replenishing foods on the buffet, it's best to replace containers, rather than putting fresh food in a container that contains food that has been sitting out, especially if the food has been at room temperature.

Make your holiday events special and food safe by following safe food handling practices. If it is an event to remember, make it a pleasant one. Protect you and your guests from foodborne illness.

Merry Christsmas May you Have A Warm And

Happy Holiday

DESTRY JOE NOLEN celebrated his 5thbirthday with a skating party. Attending were Jody, Julie, Sue and Rickey Nolen; Heather Hlland, Wanda and Bill Vickers, Christopher Nolen, Andrew and Laura Deaton, Colton and Francie Martin, Torrie, Dale and Elodia Grissom, Joshua, John and Carolyn Stephens, Melanie, Sally Smith, Alex, Jake, Leslie Wright, Chase, Jillann and Judy Sloan, Micheal Smith, Lacie and Stacie Hinton. The theme of the party was Batman. The kids enjoyed cake and punch. Destry received many nice gifts.



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like a "White Christmas". But, only a few weeks ago we had a "White and Silver Thanksgiving" as the

world was covered in a layer of crystal ice Thanksgiving afternoon and the days after. (Staff Photo)

Traditional centuries-old Christmas delights

Everyone, it seems, loves pudding and who can resist the special treats that appear during the Christmas season? Plum pudding is one savorable dessert most closely associated with a traditional English holiday celebration. Cider was a popular beverage in pre-Revolutionary America, drunk by almost every member of the family at almost every meal. John Adams drank a pitcher of cider at breakfast every morning. When guests arrive, what could be easier than serving a luscious helping of pudding with a wine sauce and a mug of steaming hot cider spiced with cinnamon? Family and friends will be delighted to receive a sampling of your culinary creativity.

The following recipe for "An English Plum Pudding" is reproduced from The Virginia House-Wife by Mary Randolph, 1830.

"Beat eggs very light, add to them a pound of flour sifted, and a pound of bowdered sugar; when it looks quite light, put in a pound of suet finely shred; a pint of milk, a nutmeg grated, and a gill of brandy; mix with it a pound of currants, washed, picked, and dried, and a pound of raisins stoned and floured - tie it in a thick cloth, and boil it steadily eight hours."

The modern recipes below for "Plum Pudding" and "Mulled Cider" are reproduced from Yuletide at Winterthur: Tastes and Visions of the Season (Winterthur Museum):

PLUM PUDDING

- cup milk slices stale bread, cubed
- ounces suet, ground cup brown sugar, packed
- eggs, beaten
- cup brandy
- teaspoon vanilla
- cups raisins cup currants
- cup nuts, chopped
- cup candied orange peel
- cup flour teaspoon baking soda
- teaspoon salt
- teaspoons cinnamon
- teaspoon mace teaspoon ground cloves

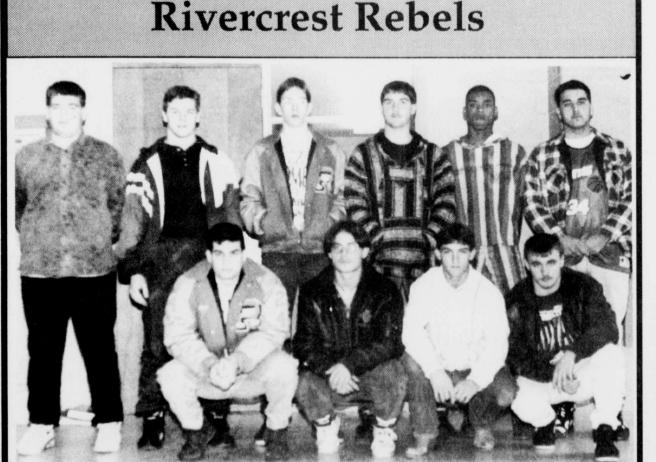
Pour milk over bread and stir. Add suet, sugar, eggs, brandy, and vanilla, and mix completely. In a larger bowl, mix raisins, currants, nuts, and peel. Sift flour, soda, and salt and combine with spices. Add to the fruit and nut

mixture and blend. Add the bread and suet mixture and stir well. Pour pudding into a greased two-quart mold (do not use tube or bundt pans or ring mold). Cover the mold completely with foil using string to secure. Put the mold on a rack within a deep pot or dutch oven. Add boiling water to the pot to about an inch, cover, and steam the pudding for about 31/2 hour Be sure water level is maintained pot. Remove mold and cool for ab 15 to 20 minutes. Remove pudding from mold and place on serving plate. Serve with wine sauce or hard sauce of your choice. Makes twelve to sixteen servings.

MULLED CIDER

- quarts cider
- cup orange juice
- cup lemon juice
- tablespoons sugar
- cinnamon sticks
- teaspoons whole cloves teaspoon nutmeg

Mix all ingredients and bring just to a boil. Cool and strain. Serve hot and place a cinnamon stick in each cu Makes about 16 half-cup servings. SX0374



We Salute The All District

The All District 17AA Rivercrest Rebels are: Back row, left to right, Brent Beers, Offensive Line, Second Team, Brandon Miller, Linebacker, Second Team and Center Honorable mention, Tee Green, Quarterback Honorable mention, Clint Franks, First Team Offensive Line, Elliott Pogue, Secondary Honorable mention and Jeremy Weatherall, Defensive Line Second Team, Front Row, left to right, Clay Pirtle, Wide Receiver, Second Team, Juan Torres, Offensive Back Second Team, Joe Grissom, Defensive Line Honorable mention and Greg Henry Linebacker Honorable mention. Not Pictured Shannon Richeson, Secondary Second Team.



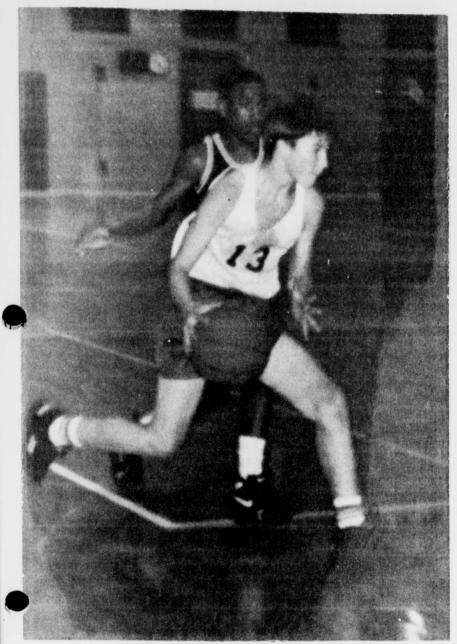
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NINTH GRADERS HAVE Been involved with a busy basketball schedule along with the older teams

recently, and have lots of games yet to come. (Staff Photo)



THE RIVERCREST Ninth Grade Rebels were defeated by liberty Eyleau on Friday at the

Sulphur Springs tournament, ending their play there. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

Incorporate tradition into your Christmas celebration

Traditions are what bind families on the North American continent together at Christmastime. Some are planned and taken on for a specific purpose, such as reading from the New Testament and acting out the nativity scene. Some are the result of our cultural heritage, as are the Christmas tree and Santa Claus. Others are spontaneous, but remembered for generations.

Traditions are comforting. In these times that are so specialized and transient, it takes time to build lasting er, becoming checklists of things that relationships. Traditions can help us know who we are and build self- ate. The most important thing about esteem - giving a feeling of continu- Christmas traditions is that they exist ity, security and joy in Christmases to to use and enjoy, change or discard --

involve decorating a Christmas tree, children hanging stockings, preparing a special dinner or going to church services. Baking special holiday treats such as candy, cookies or fruitcake is an annual tradition. Traditions might be as simple as seeing the The Nutcracker Suite or attending a holiday concert at the local school. When traditions govern us, howev-

have to be done, it's time to re-evaluwhatever a family feels like doing

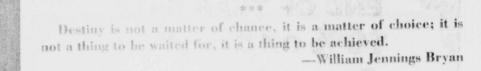
you can build positive and strong family ties and make the season special without its becoming so hectic that you are grouchy or depressed.

In the beginning, Christmas was essentially a day of spiritual obser-vance, without any of the fanfare. There were no bells, carols, lighted trees or big banquets. Some claim the added commericalism, frolic and fun detract from the original intent. But the glitter, gifts, parties and food can still be taken in, while enjoying the peace, goodwill, joy, happiness and spirituality that are a part of the Christian theology. If we can maintain a pleasant attitud

doesn't see all the commericalism



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Many of our customs involve children, often evoking our own childhood memories, but tradition can be for adults, too. The very fact that a family observes Christmas is a tradition

Your family will outgrow some, and you will change others in order to fulfill needs in the home This season, list all the new and old

traditions that you would like to incoron! porate into your future Christmas cel-some of the more popular traditions. With the right traditions,



organize so the holiday doesn't steal prison time or money needed for other necessities, or gain control of how many extra obligations we take into our lives, we can have that special Christmas Varners Hold Christmas Holiday Reunion The children of the late Marvin & Fave Varner held their annual Christmas reunion December 3rd, 4th, and

Those attending were Cledith and Thelma (Varner) Pope of Paris and children Vernon, Julie Pope Carter, Cherlyn Hopper, Troy Jones of Arlington, Ray, Patty and Patrick Pope of San Antonio; Velma (Varner) Westbrook of Deport and David, and Brandi Brooks of Paris; Billy Mac & Judy Varner and children Daryl, Jean, Mallory and Austin Varner of Choctaw, Okla.; Savannah Shaw of Arlington; J. E. and Mary (Varner) Cross, Derek, Alex Cross of Graham; Kathy Matthison and Marcus of Jacksboro; Eunice (Varner) Herd, Justin Herd and Sarah Marc of Sanger; Tony, Erica and Amber Tipton of Denton; Kenneth & Janette (Varner) Burks of Deport; Brad, Meagan and

Derek Burks of Paris; Rainey & Shirley Varner and Lockney, Bobby, Sabernia, Eric & Joshua Ermet of Tulsa, Okla; Kenneth Varner & Sally Carson of Ulysses, Kansas; Larry, Patricia and Heath Varner of Powderly; Richard, Lisa and Trey Varner of Crowell; Ricky, Linda (Varner) and Heath Thomas of Blossom; and Jason Thomas of U.T.-Arlington; Roy Varner and family of Plainview was unable to attend.

Also attending were L. C. & Jo Castleman of Paris, Idla Scroggins, John Blizzard of Bogata.

Special guests included Santa Claus from the North Pole who gave presents and fruit to the children, and Robert Belcher and family of Dallas. Robert is an "Elvis Presley" impersonator and entertained with Christmas songs and music.

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Thursday, December 16, 1993

The joy of the season is giving a gift from the heart

Still, as Christmas-tide comes round, They remember it again -Echo still the joyful sound, "Peace on earth, good-will to men!

-Lewis Carroll

What do you cherish most about Christmas? Quiet, serene family gatherings? Loud, boisterous parties, perhaps? Fireside chats with eggnog or warm apple cider, carolers at your door, a yule log crackling on the hearth, stockings on the mantle, the "mystery" of old St. Nick fitting down the chimney, or gifts clustered around a handsomely trimmed tree?

As Christmastime approaches, Carroll's words from his poem, Christmas Greeting from a Fairy to a Child, reflect the essence of the Christmas season, which is supposed to linger year-round in the hearts and minds of peoples everywhere, yet which, by many, is too soon forgotten after the holidays: "Peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Christmas heralds a time when har

endure, and a generosity of spirit transcends the ordinary cares of daily life. Such words remind one of the importance of cultivating and maintaining, year-round, one's own interpretation of the true Christmas spirit.

mony and warmth between mankind

The art of giving originates not with the pocketbook, but with the heart. Even a Christmas gift budget where the sky's the limit is no match for the true Christmas spirit: good will. The efforts you expend on finding ways to give, and to share, with those you love will be deeply rewarding.

Reflection, rejuvenation and regaining strength are the activities that delineate the spirit of the season: preparing you and yours for a fresh, new year, and all the hopes and dreams that accompany new beginnings. It's an opportune time to rethink the meaning of Christmas, and let it inspire you to greater heights of achievement, not just at the holidays, but throughout the entire year.

So may you give into the spirit this season, and reap the rewards - for the biggest reward is in the heart!

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NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-November students of the month at Rivercrest

High School were Andy Speir and Kathy Hinsley.(Photo by Judy Screws)

Hinsley And Speir Rivercrest Students Of The Month For November

Andy Speir and Kathy Hinsley were chosen as Rivercrest Students of the Month for November.

Kathy Hinsley is the daughter of Larry and Jo Hinsley. She is a senior, and is currently playing for the Varsity Lady Rebels. Kathy is a member of D-FY-IT and the Drama Club. She participates in UIL writing events. Kathy is a member of the Daniel's

Chapel Methodist Church. Andy is the son of W.A. and Pauta

Speir, of Bogata. He is a Junior and plays on the Varsity Boys Basketball team. Andy is a member of the Spanish Club. He is Treasurer of the B Club, and participates in Math UN. events. Andy attends the First Baptist Church, of Bogata.







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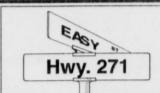
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The First Baptist UMA met December 6th at 7:00 p.m. for their Annual Christmas party. After a covered dish supper, Jo Coil, president, called the meeting to order for a devotion and short business session. The group sang Christmas carols. Gifts were exchanged from a pretty decorated tree. Secret pal names were revealed and new names were drawn for the 1994 year. The dismissal prayer was given by Joyce Alexander.

Home For Christmas, a cantata, will be presented by the First Baptist Sanctuary Choir on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 6:00 p.m. The story is of a young woman's warm and treasured memories, a very deep and extraordinary love shared between those in a very ordinary family. Everyone is invited to enjoy the memories and the promise of peace of the most glorious Christmas of all.

Hazel Northcutt returned home Sunday from a hospital stay at Titus Co. Memorial. She is reported doing well.

Jo Horn was honored with a birthday supper at thehome of Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Howard, Ashley and Callie Saturday. Attending were Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Kuhl and Kristin, Ruby Horn, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Kuhl, and

Maria and Linden Horn. Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Fail visited Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Kennedy in Scurry Monday-Tuesday. Also visiting with the family were Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Crocker of Waco. They all enjoyed cake and coffee at the home of Sharon and King Cook while there.

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Celebrating December birthdays are Gerald Tate, Carol Laing, Roger Hall, Cecelia Smith, Bryant Blalock, Vera Pittman

The Talco Assembly of God church enjoyed their Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 12, at the morning service. The group had a covered dish lunch following the program.

Mr. & Mrs. T. G. Temples of Mexia visited with Mr. & Mrs. Charles Graf and children Sunday afternoon.

Amy Jolly of Paris visited with Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Fail and Mr. & Mrs. Ronny Presley and Paul Saturday.

Vickie Howard and Ashley spent Friday in Dallas where Ashley got a good doctor's report.

Celebrating an early Christmas at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Troy Jones in Ft. Worth Saturday were Mr. & Mrs. Roger Hall, Bryan Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Chad Calvin and Camen, Jo Robertson and Jessica and Carla Johnston.

The Talco School reports the Santa's Workshop held by the P.T.O. was a huge success Friday, Dec. 10. Moreitems will have to be ordered to fill the amount chosen by students. The Talco City Council celebrated Christmas with a party at El Chico's in Mt. Pleasant Monday, Dec. 13.

Talco Locals

By Nancy Brown

Mr. & Mrs. Tommie Easley attended the Continental Ozark Christmas jparty in Fayetteville, Ark. this past week.

The Calvary Baptist Church Fidelis Class had their Christmas party at the home of Betty & Leonard Rollins, Dec. 9th. Nine class members attended. Everyone had a great time. Bro. & Mrs. Brett Castle celebrated

their wedding anniversary Dec. 13, 1993 Bill and Juanita Aston celebrated

their 33rd wedding anniversary Dec. 8, 1993.

Nicky and Linda Brown celebrated their wedding anniversary the first week of December.

Mr. & Mrs. Frankie Harrell celebrated their wedding anniversary Dec. 13, 1993.

Visiting Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Kuhl and Kristin Friday were Callie Howard, Maria Kuhl, Ashley Mankins and Joanie Swarts.

Steven Paul Fail of Gladewater visited Gary and Daniel Fail over the weekend. Steven also visited with family and friends while here.

The Maple Springs church enjoyed their Christmas dinner following morning services Sunday, Dec. 12. After lunch the group attended a puppet show produced by the youth of the church.

The Calvary Baptist Church held its Christmas Cantata Sunday, Dec. 12, at 5:00 p.m. A good turn-out was reported for the program. A bar-beque meal was served following the program. The Talco Student Council enjoyed

a party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Franks, Amanda and Stephanie. The students enjoyed caroling for neighbors and eating refreshments when they returned.

Chad Kuhl will return home Saturday from his station in California with the U.S. Navy. He will enjoy the holiday with family and friends.

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Stewart celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary Dec. 7, 1993.

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Wisinger and family visited Mr. & Mrs. Skeet Wisinger in Doddridge, Ark., Sundav

Talco Ladies Tennis League Holds Banquet

held their Fall Tennis Banquet Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Lupes in Mt. Pleasant. Several of the members were unable to attend and no decisions for Spring League were made. The group discussed buying wind breakers for the tennis court at Rivercrest. Prices will be checked into. Winning first place and receiving a \$25 gift certificate and tennis towel was Tana Screws. Winning second place and receiving a \$15 gift certificate and tennis towel was Sue



The Talco Ladies Tennis League Nolen. The group will have a Spring league with the starting time to be announced later. If you would like to participate contact President Rachel Ware at 379-7221 or Vice President Cecelia Smith at 379-5462. Game are played at Rivercrest and Mt. Pleasant and all players for beginners up are welcome. Attending and enjoying the meal were Tana Screws, judy Screws, Larol Laing, Rachel Ward. Cecelia Smith, Sue Nolen, Vickie Howard, Lisa Via, Patty Kuhl and Beverly Taylor.

Sunshine Club Meets

The Calvary Baptist Sunshine Club met Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Brett (Santa) Castle gave devotional from 2nd Luke, 2nd Chapter The door prize winners were Aston and Josephine Mankins. Men brought men's gifts and ladies brought ladies gifts and the group enjoyed drawing for a gift.

A covered dish lunch was shared by all.

The Sunshine Club meets every second Tuesday of the month. Plan to attend the next meeting.





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