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By Nanalee Nichols
There are too many choices in this world?

There may be too many choices in this old world. I went to a store the other day to buy (what else) cat litter. Now that is fairly simple for me...I know what I want and I pursue it with single-minded determination. With my household of cats I need anti-bacterial, scoopable, multiple cat litter of a certain brand. But there was a first-time cat owner there trying to figure out what she needed.

And, after talking to her and giving her some advice I realized just what a problem that could be.

There are: non clumping, regular cat litters; non-clumping scented cat litters; non-clumping dust free cat litters; clumping (or scoopable) cat litters without scent; with scent; anti-bacterial; scoopable for multiple cat households; dust free, anti-bacterial, scoopable for multiple cat households and about twenty different brands with names like "Happy Cat"; "Cat's Pride"; "Tidy Cat" and many others.

Well, that got me looking at all the choices we have in cat foods, dog foods and then cleaners!

After that I took a long look at the paper towels and other paper products. How on earth is one supposed to keep up with not only the different brands of paper towels but the different types? There are double rolls, microwave paper towels, extra long sheets, half size sheets, multi-purpose, quilted, extra-absorbent, and more. Then of course, there are the designs. They come in plain, seasonally decorated, plaids, flowers, herb prints and about a million other designs.

The list of choices goes on and on...brand after brand, style after style.

So what is a poor consumer to do? Most of us have been in the situation where we are in a tearing hurry, grab up something from a shelf and find when we get home that this really isn't what we wanted!

Well, I guess we just need to read our labels closer...and remember that all these amazing varieties of choices are part of our long-standing free enterprise system.

One thing that puzzles me though...have you ever noticed that almost every single thing you buy is labeled "New, improved, better than ever and superior to all other brands". Hey, somewhere, sometime there just HAS to be an inferior brand!

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"National FFA Week" is February 15-22 at RHS

FFA members across the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will organize events and activities to foster awareness of agricultural education and support for FFA during National FFA Week, Feb. 15-22, 1997. National FFA Week is held each year during the week of George Washington's birthday to recognize his leadership and commitment to American agriculture.

This year's theme, "FFA-- Leaders with a Vision," promoted through communities nationwide, emphasizes how FFA enables students to develop leadership skills, prepares them to set goals and visions, and empowers them to achieve success. They are the leaders who will carry the agricultural industry and the nation into the next millennium.

Instructors are: Kenny Swinford, who teaches horticulture and Ag 101 and 102; Jimmy Rodgers, who teaches computer drafting, ag resources, ag structure and wildlife; Craig Ingram who teaches meat lab, ag mechanics, metal fabrication and ag 1010 and 102.

There are 130 students in agriculture, 87 of which are FFA members. They participate in Forestry Judging, Land Judging, Livestock Judging, Dairy Judging, Poultry Judging, Meat Judging, Horse Judging and Farm Business Management.

Chapter Officers are: President Alan Hudson; Vice President Brooke Belcher; Secretary Patricia Ponthieux; Treasurer Katie Hare; Reporter Andrea Palmer; Sentinel, Jason Dyess; Student Advisor John Ross.

Greenhand Officers are: President Nicole Hervey; Vice President Jill Foster; Secretary Donna Harrison; Treasurer Erin Stansell; Reporter Cody Wolfe; Sentinel Pearis Abernathy; student advisor is Phillip Roland.

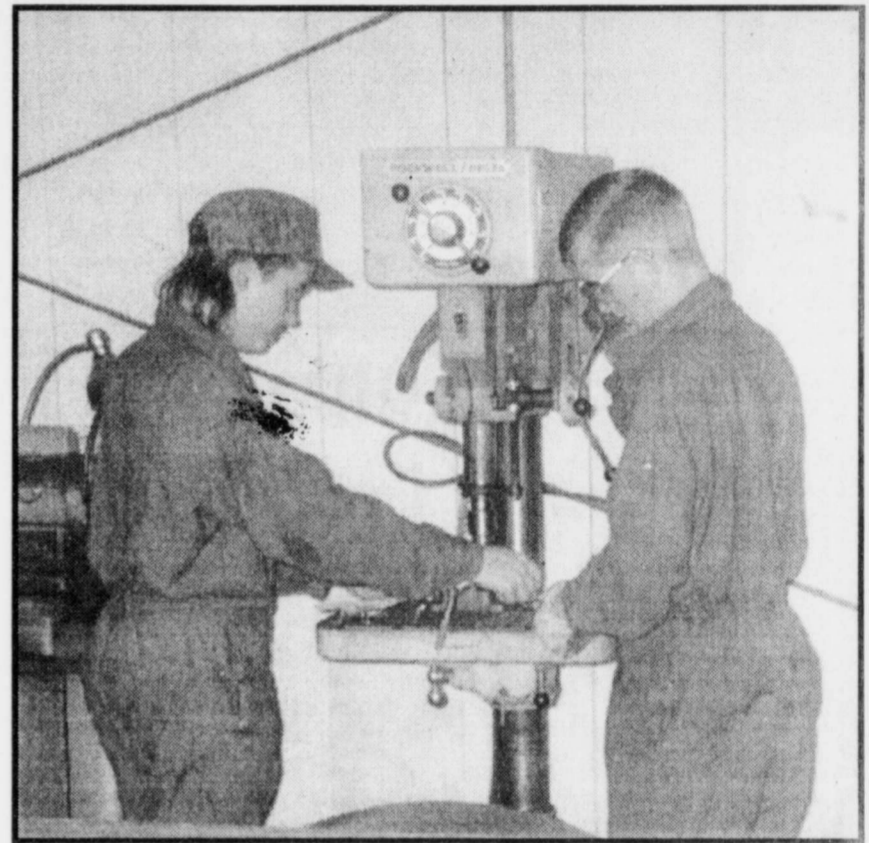
Last year's awards include: Lincoln Arc Welding, Chris Gentry and Scott Johnson received best of Region II and received \$500 Gold Division, each and Chris also received the silver award for \$125. Winning the Bronze Award were Bryan Hamric and Toliver Noey who received \$75 each. Under Merit Awards, \$50 each went to Randy Forsyth, Justin Grissom, Jody Ottinger, Jason Giles, Kelly Brown.

They have recently formed an FFA Booster Club anyone wishing to join is encouraged to contact Craig Ingram for more information.

FFA is a national organization of 452,885 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The organization has 7,263 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. FFA's mission is

to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills acquired through agricultural education.

Rivercrest High School has a co-op program, preemployment meat lab and horticulture lab. These programs are for students interested in entering the workforce after graduation. They also offer 20 Ag. classes each year.



RIVERCREST AG. MECHANICS--students John Covington and Courtney Huddleston work with the drill press.

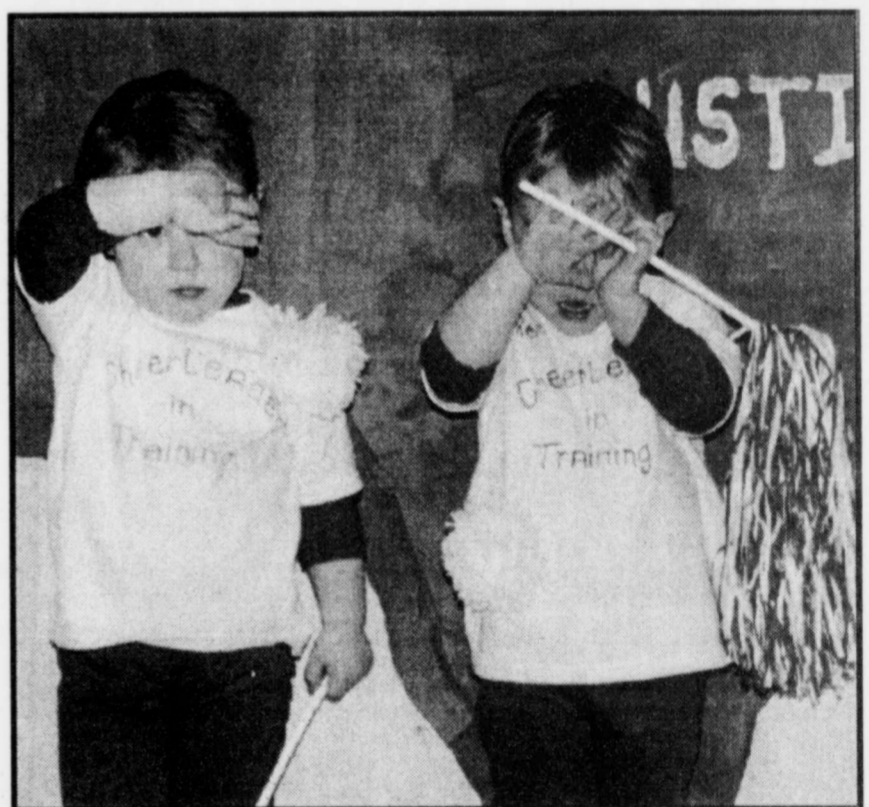


WORKING-on the construction of a storage building in the Rivercrest Ag. Mechanics class are; (left to right) Stephan Cannon, Joey Taylor and Chad Goodwin.

TAAS Busters working hard

Talco School has begun an after school program called "TAAS Busters", designed to help students accomplish higher skill levels in Math and Reading. A total of 21 students are in attendance on Monday through Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:40. The purpose of the program is to brush up on Math, Reading, and computer skills as well as basic written math and reading. These students may have homework on some evenings

and parents are asked to encourage their their students to finish all homework and do their best in these sessions. Teachers for "TAAS Busters" are Pam Martin (Math - Grades 3-8) and Cylena Holeman (Reading Grades 3-8). To date, the enthusiasm is at a high level for this program, and Mrs. Setliff, Talco principal, says that she will work along with the teachers to keep the every level and commitment going!



OH NO WE CAN'T LOOK--Cheerleaders in training, Jessica and Jerrica Weatherall had their Rivercrest Booster Club pom poms ready to wave in support of the Rebels and Rebel team member, their uncle Jody Nolen at Friday's game at RHS. Although the camera may have added to the girls sudden shyness, the picture says, the game is so close we can't look. Support the Rebels by bringing your Booster Club pom poms out to wave at the Bi-District game Friday in Mt. Pleasant. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Free blood pressure clinic February 21 in Bogata

There will be a free Blood Pressure Clinic at the Bogata Seniors Entertainment Center on Friday February 21, 1997. The Clinic will be held from 10:00 AM until 12 Noon. Cookies and coffee will be provided.

The Clinic is sponsored by Genesis Home Care of Mt. Pleasant.

People & Things

The Talco School will enjoy a Black History music program and guest speaker Beverly Jenkins Hargrave on Friday, Feb. 21 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Get your Rebel Pride bumper stickers and support the school in all activities. They can be purchased at Rivercrest High School for \$1.00 each.

The Talco-Bogata Little Dribblers will begin play on Saturday, Feb. 1. Action will begin at 9:00 a.m. at both gyms. Everyone is encouraged to come and support our youngest basketball players.

Get your playoff tee shirts now! Rivercrest Coach Keith Brown still has 11 size large shirts available and will take your order for other sizes. Support the Rebels as they enter the playoffs with a Rebel shirt. To order call Rivercrest High School at 632-5204.

The Rivercrest Cheerleaders have tattoos and ribbons on sale at the Talco, Bogata and Rivercrest campuses on Thursdays and Fridays. Either item is .50 cents and may be purchased in the school offices. Support your cheerleaders while supporting your team.

Due to request the Talco First Baptist WMA has reordered one hundred copies of their new cook book. For your copy call Joyce Alexander at 379-2985 or Ann Roberts at 379-6421.

1997 School Election Calendar	
February 17	First day to place name on ballot
March 19	Deadline to file application for ballot-5:00 p.m.
March 19	Begin mailing early voting ballots to applicants who register
March 20	Recommended date to conduct ballot position
March 28	Last day for candidate to withdraw
April 3	Last day on which a person may register to vote
April 3	Deadline for write-in candidates for office or trustee to file declaration of write-in by 5:00 p.m.
April 4	First day of election may be cancelled if each candidate whose name appears on ballot is unopposed
April 14	Early voting by personal appearance only
April 25	Last day to receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail
April 29	Last day to vote by personal appearance
May 3	Election day 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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KEEP AGRICULTURE #1

FFA changes lives.



REBEL PLAY OFF SHIRTS--Courtney Huddleston and Jeff Savage display the Rebel play off tee shirts. The front of the shirt is shown by Courtney while Jeff is showing the back of the shirt. All that's missing in A--tin is US! Coach Keith Brown still has 11, size large shirts and will take orders for other sizes. The price is \$10.00 each. For more information or to order call Rivercrest High School at 632-5204.



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

FEATURED COOK OF THE WEEK is Peggy Parson of Pattonville. Peggy is standing by a picture Monda Fults painted from a photograph of Peggy's old homeplace down the road in Pattonville.



Country Cooking

If there is someone you'd like to see in the Country Cooking column, call 982-5829. Look for us on the internet!

Liz Irwin

<http://www.1starnet.com/tpp>

Our featured cook this week is Peggy Parsons from Pattonville. She is married to Keith Parsons and is a lifelong resident of this area.

Peggy retired from the Prairiland School District four years ago and has been going steady and strong since then. She still is trying to get Keith to slow down from his hay-baling operation long enough to do some traveling.

Along with traveling, she enjoys cooking, crossword puzzles and her 5 grandchildren.

They have three sons. Greg is married to Connie and they live in Whitehouse with their daughter Alisen. Mark and Tonya live in Rowlett and have a daughter and son

Haley and Ty. Kristi and Rany live just "across the pasture as the crow flies" and they also have a daughter and son Drew and Leah.

After 33 years of teaching school, she still finds time to teach several classes of Driver's Education a year for Prairiland.

Peggy has given us her recipes for Meat Loaf, Salisbury Meat Balls, Mexican Lasagna and a Casserole recipe. Her Frozen Fruit Cups, Really Big Chocolate Chip Cookie, Vanilla-Strawberry Pie and a Peanut Butter Pie recipe also sound great. Thanks Peggy!

Have a great week and we will see you in the kitchen!

February 20, 1997
Peggy Parsons-Pattonville

Meat Loaf
2 pounds ground chuck
2 cups soft bread
2 beaten eggs
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon worchestershire
1 small onion-chopped
3 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon sage-optional
Mix all ingredients together and bake at 350 degrees for 1-1/4 hours. The last 1/2 hour baste with this sauce. 3 tablespoons lemon juice, 1/2 cup catsup, 1 tablespoon worchestershire sauce, 1/2 cup water and 1 tablespoon brown sugar.

Salisbury Meat Balls
1 pound ground chuck
1 beaten egg
1/2 cup cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons catsup
1 tablespoon worchestershire
1/2 chopped onion
salt and pepper
1 can cream mushroom soup
1 can water
Combine all ingredients except soup and water. Mix well and form into meat balls. Roll lightly in flour. Brown in oil and drain on paper towel. Place browned meat in baking dish and spoon soup on top of meat balls; add water and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes covered.

Mexican Lasagna
1 pound ground chuck
1 chopped onion
1 can cream mushroom soup
1 can cream chicken soup
1 can enchilada sauce
1 can green chilis
1/2 cup picante sauce
1 can ranch style beans
Brown meat and onions. Add everything else and stir. Layer with flour tortillas and cheese in crock pot. Cook on high for 4 hours. Stir with knife around tortillas to keep from sticking to crock pot.

Casserole
1 can shoe-peg corn-dained
1 can french-style beans-drained
1 carton sour cream
1 can cream celery soup
1 cup grated cheese

salt if desired
Topping: 1 roll Ritz crackers-crushed
1 stick melted oleo
Mix and put on top of the above. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes.

Frozen Fruit Cups
1 can Eagle Brand Milk
1 small Cool Whip
1 can crushed pineapple-drained
1 can cherry or strawberry pie filling (may also use fresh or frozen fruits)
1/2 cup chopped nuts-optional
Combine and mix above ingredients. Serve as a fluffy salad or freeze in muffin tins lined with bake cups. Makes 24 cups.

Really Big Chocolate Chip Cookie
1/3 cup shortening
1/3 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-1/2 flour
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup white chocolate chips
3/4 cup chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Mix first 6 ingredients and mix and add all dry ingredients. Stir in chips and nuts. Spread on a greased round pizza pan, leaving a 1 inch border. Spread thinner in the middle. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-15 minutes until lightly browned. Cut with pizza cutter into 6 slices.

Vanilla-Strawberry Pie
1 pound vanilla wafers crumbled in bottom of baking dish and cool until thick and pour over wafers: 2 eggs-beaten; 1 cup sugar and 1/2 cup butter. Layer over wafers and sauce 1 large Cool Whip or 1 pint whipping cream with 1 quart strawberries or 2 frozen boxes. Chill and serve.

Peanut Butter Pie
1 cream cheese
1 cup sugar
1 cup crunchy peanut butter
1 cool whip
Mix together in order listed. Pour into graham cracker crust and freeze until ready to serve.

Josephine Wynne Robertson dies at 86

Mrs. Josephine Wynne Robertson, age 86, died Thursday, February 13, 1997 at Titus Regional Medical Center in Mt. Pleasant.

Services were held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 15 at Bates-Cooper-Robison Chapel in Mt. Pleasant with burial at Neville Chapel Cemetery. Bro. Jamie Duncan and Bro. Glenn Griffith conducted the service.

She was born on August 9, 1910 in Titus County, the daughter of F.G. Wynne, Sr. and Hattie (Owsley) Wynne.

She was a Methodist. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Robertson, one son, Howard Robertson, sisters Florine Beard and Beaulah Loving and her parents.

Survivors include: daughters & sons-in-law Betty and Troy Jones of Ft. Worth and Lou & Roger Hall of Talco; daughter-in-law Venita Robertson of Mt. Pleasant; four grandchildren, Jimmy (Jabo) Robertson, Mt. Pleasant; Bryan Jones, Winfield; Karla Jones, Talco and Chasity Calvin, Talco; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Zora Lee Raney of Kentucky; two brothers, F.G. Wynne, Jr., Mt. Pleasant and Thomas H. Wynne of Ft. Worth.

Card of Thanks

The family of Bill Talley would like to take this time to express our sincere thanks for everything in the loss of our loved one.

To Dr. Surber, Dr. Kilgore, Dr. Harbaugh, Dr. Kerley and Dr. Cochran.

To everyone at the Paris Regional Cancer Cenet for being so kind and helpful.

To McCustion Hospital. To Taylor Medical Supply for prompt delivery of needed supplies.

To Wood Funeral Home for their kindness.

To Tony Corso for the beautiful service.

To Melinda Corso for the song. Our heartfelt thanks for the food, flowers, phone calls and visits every day during our seven months of a trying time.

Most of all, for the prayers that were said on our behalf.

Mrs. Edna Talley, Randy and Cindy Talley, Sharon and Jackie Emeyabbi, Pat and Stanley Smith, Travis and Pat Talley, Liz and Lynn Howard, Ruth and Don Wear, Mary and Eran yoder, Lloyd and Becky Farris, Eddie Farris, Darrell Farris and Carol Lane.

Plas W. Lamb dies at 78

Plas W. Lamb, 78, of Paris died Sunday, Feb. 16k 1997 at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 in Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lorenzo Johns officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

He was born July 11, 1918, in the Tigertown community, to Allen and Sara Smith Lamb. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He was a Baptist and a retired trucker.

He married Louise Wilson May 23, 1961 in Texarkana, Ark. She died Oct. 2, 1992. He was also preceded in death by a son, Billy Wayne Lamb, who gave his life for his country in Vietnam.

Surviving are six sons: Bill Lamb of Paris; William Ray Lamb, Charlie Lamb and Gene Lamb, all of Milton, Florida; Ray Morphew of Paris and Glenn Morphew of Corsicana; a daughter, Mary Lamb of Milton, Florida; two brothers, Leon Lamb of Deport and John D. Lamb of Dallas; a sister, Mary Ruth of California; 22 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Michael Morphew, Chris Morphew, Bill Lamb, William Lamb, Ray Morphew and Glenn Morphew.

Johnny Bruce Pyles dies February 13

Johnny Bruce Pyles of Houma, LA, formerly of Paris died Thursday, February 13 in Houma.

Services were held February 18 at Falgout Funeral Home in Houma.

Surviving are his wife, Dora Cope of Houma; a son, Johnny Bruce Pyles II; a stepson, David Pyles; three step-daughters, Aleasha, Sue Ann and Nicki, also of Houma; his mother, Loyce Gares of Houma; his father, John W. Pyles of Galveston; stepfather, Randall D. Gares; five brothers, Ronnie Pyles of Paris, Danny Gares of Paris, Kenneth Pyles, Douglas Pyles and Tommy Gares, all of Houma; one sister, Jacqueline Jetton of Paris; and three grandchildren; an aunt and uncle, Askimo and Annie Smith of Deport.

Card of Thanks

The family of Boddy (Bud) Jeans would like to thank our many friends for every expression of love and support extended to us during the recent death of our loved one.

Thanks to Brother James Brown for the beautiful service and kind words. Thanks to the Clarksville Funeral Home, Clarksville Florist and Mickey's Flowers.

MA special thanks to Detroit First Baptist Church, the Annona First Baptist Church, Salem Baptist Church and the Boxelder Methodist Church. May God Bless you all.

The Family of Bud Jeans

Julia Harper dies February 12

Julia Harper, age 103 of Bogata died Wednesday, February 12 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 16 in Red River Healthcare Center Chapel with the Rev. Bill Pirtle officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery by Wood Funeral Home.

She was born March 15, 1893 in Mt. Pleasant to Will and Nancy Jane Sith. She married Jack Harper on December 2, 1920. He died August 26, 1976.

Surviving are two daughters, Ila Mae Brown of Mt. Pleasant and Louise Smith of Roys City; one son, Delbert Harper of Bogata; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one son, J.D. Harper.

Mrs. Bobby Carpenter dies February 11

Mrs. Bobby (Virginia M.) Carpenter, age 62 of the Woodland community, died Tuesday, February 11 at Paris Healthcare Center.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 15 in Woodland Methodist Church with the Rev. Pat Sherman officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery by Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home.

She was born April 4, 1934 in St. Morris, LA to William Truman and Ethel H. Gray Smitherman. She was retired from Lennox and was a member of Woodland United Methodist Church. She married Bobby Carpenter on March 1, 1966 in Hugo, OK.

Surviving are her husband; four sons, Melvin Ray Carpenter of North Richland Hills, Melvin Wayne Allinder of Bedford, James Nelson Allinder of Ft. Worth and William Ronnie Allinder of Granberry; a sister, Agnes Addington of Clarence, LA; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Gary Stuart, Arnold Wayne Vandergriff, Tim Walls, Calvin Gibson, Cotton Coble, Ronny Hargon and James Smith.

Curtis Lee Farris dies February 14

Curtis Lee Farris, age 24 of Blossom died Friday evening, February 13 in a one vehicle accident north of Blossom.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 17 in Knights of Honor Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Bridges officiating. Services were under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

Mr. Farris was born May 29, 1972 in Dallas, the son of Billy Wayne and Lawana Brown Farris. He was employed as a machine operator for Paris Industries.

He is survived by his parents of Blossom; one son, Cody Lee Farris of Woodland; grandparents, Juli Farris of Paris and Sam and Bessie Brown of Sulphur Springs; three half-brothers, Larry Conaway of Powderly, Chris Farris of Ardmore, OK and Mike Farris of Hawaii.

He was preceded in death by a half-sister, Sherri Jean Farris and a half-brother, James Conaway. Bearers were Greg Barnes, Ricky Chennault, Dean Brown, Norris Farris and Larry White.

Jerry Tigert dies at age 70

Jerry Tigert, age 70, of Rt. 8, Mt. Pleasant died Thursday, February 13, 1997 at Titus Regional Medical Center.

Services were held Saturday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Gladewater Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant with interment in Gladewater Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant.

He was born June 14, 1926 in Sugar Hill a son of Clifton Tigert and Modelle Allen Tigert.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the Gladewater Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 brother, Harry Tigert.

He was a retired Crane Operator for Lone Star Steel.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Driggers Tigert, Mt. Pleasant; daughter and son-in-law Lana and Jim Houchine; daughter Janet Arellano, four grandchildren, Keely Houchin, Chris Houchin, Amy Johnson and Kristi Barnett; three great-grandchildren, Cole, Landon and Dillon Johnson; and sister, Jo Crayton, all of Mt. Pleasant and numerous nieces and nephews.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank our family and our many friends for their support, concern and many acts of kindness during our stay at Medical City and since our return home. A special thanks for the flowers, food, cards, visits and telephone calls that have helped brighten each day.

We will remember your kindness always.

Fred & Jane Swint

Obituaries

Ethel Monk dies February 15

Mrs. Ethel Hutchinson Monk, age 96 of Bogata, formerly of Deport, died Saturday, February 15 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 17 in Highland Cemetery with the Rev. Glenn Renfro officiating. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Monk was born June 18, 1900 in Deport, the daughter of Doak and Eddie Jeffus Hutchinson. Her husband, Sam Monk, preceded her in death on January 3, 1978. She lived her entire life in the Deport area, her parents and her husband were prominent farmers. She had been a resident of Red River Healthcare in Bogata since 1985. Her husband wrote songs and music and taught gospel music.

She is survived by one son, Charles E. Monk of San Antonio; five nephews, Henry Skidmore of Dallas and John Bennett of Brenham, Hoyle Phillips of Paris, Donald Monk of Arizona and John Monk of California; three nieces, Mary Dolce and Fay Hupfeld both of Dallas and Dean Blakney of Odessa.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jimmy Monk.

Mildred Adelene Bennett dies February 13

Mildred Adelene Bennett, 73, of Bogata died Thursday, February 13, 1997 in Mt. Pleasant.

Services were held Saturday, February 13 at Calvary Baptist Church in Talco with the Rev. Glenn Connell officiating. Wood funeral Home made burial arrangements held at the Talco Cemetery.

She was born October 8, 1923 in Bogata to Les and Minnie Swarts.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Holleman of Longview and A.E. "Skip" Holleman of Overton; a sister, Inez Henson of Bogata; a brother, Richard Swarts of Bogata; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Betty Joyce Tow dies February 12

Betty Joyce Tow, age 67 of Paris died Wednesday, February 12 in St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home conducted services at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, February 15 at Calvary United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gifford Long and the Rev. Glynn Vickers officiating. Burial was in East Post Oak Cemetery.

Mrs. Tow was born August 10, 1929 in Blossom, a daughter of Howard and Ruby Ford Crawford. She graduated from school in Blossom and attended Paris Junior College. She married Ben J. Tow in Blossom on March 20, 1948.

She had worked for Westinghouse, Hollywood Vassarette and served 18 years as bookkeeper for B&J Welding Supply. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, the Couples Sunday School Class, and a former member of Blossom Garden Club. Her favorite hobby was fishing with her husband.

Surviving are her husband; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Charlotte Tow of Texarkana; her mother, Ruby Crawford of Deport; a daughter-in-law, SuLaine Tow Callaway of Mesquite; five grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Mae Crawford of Blossom; a sister and brother-in-law, Edwina and Danny Babb of Tomball; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ben H. "Cubby" Tow on November 10, 1984, her father on July 12, 1990, and a sister, Lou Vancill on December 1, 1980.

Pallbearers were Steven Foster, James Prunty, Don Stuckey, Mitch Campbell, John Graves and Paul Landers. Honorary bearers were Danny Babb and Christy Hammond.

Russell Ford Martin dies in Clarendon

Graveside services were held Saturday, February 9 in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon for Russell Ford Martin, age 69. The Rev. Truman Ledbetter officiated with Robertson Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

He was born August 25, 1927, a son of Robert E. and Eva Lena Russell Martin, formerly residents of Lamar County.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clarendon, a veteran of the Korean War and was a service supervisor for Ingersol-Rand, later Dresser-Rand and retired in 1992.

He married the former Dorothy Joy Alexander in 1948 in Clarendon. Survivors include his wife; three sons, Robert, Randy and Ricky Martin of Midland; one brother, James Randolph Martin of Pampa; two sisters, Eulalah Howell and Merle Pitts of Amarillo; five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter; and numerous cousins including Ruth O'Brien and Hammond Day of the Metroplex. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, and a brother.

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WINNER-Lori Randolph and son are pictured with Rivercrest Booster Club member Traci Osbourne collecting the special Valentine cake they won at the ball game Friday night. The cake was donated by Pat Cox and Lori's was the lucky name drawn. All proceeds from the sale of chances on the cake will go to help the club give senior scholarships. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



*Mr. and Mrs. Norris Lee Ragsdill
married 50 years*

*Mr. and Mrs. Norris Ragsdill
observe 50th anniversary*

Norris Lee Ragsdill and Virginia Anderson Ragsdill celebrated their 50th anniversary on Saturday, February 8. Their daughter, Jenny Lea, son-in-law, Jeff and grandsons Taylor and Davis Gill hosted a breakfast celebration in their honor at Oakridge Country Club in Garland. The tables were decorated with red roses and pictures from the past to share with a one hundred special friends and family. Bookmarks with a special anniversary verse were handed out by their grandson, Taylor. The meal was blessed in prayer by Dr. John Poe Hensley, former Methodist minister in Deport in 1946-47. He was their minister while they were dating. A

poem was written about their 50 years of happiness and read by a special friend, Sally Leeper of Allen.

The couple's brothers and sisters in attendance were Jonell Skidmore of Clarksville, Mack Ragsdill of Carrollton, Gladys Hadley of Canton, Velma Floyd of Dallas, Roy Anderson of Paris. Ulyuss Anderson of Paris was unable to attend due to family illness. Other Lamar County guests included Helen Anderson, Nora Lee McDowra, Marla, Katie and Trent Evans, Reva Dean Stout, Tammy and Annie Stankus, Billy, Pam and Leia Butler, Peggy Parsons, Nina Sparks and Bocky Norman.

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Earning to live; Living to serve**



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Their grandchildren are Bubba and Jeff Abernathy and Robbie, Lisa, and Dori Somerville.

Bubba and Jeff are the sons of Buddy and Cindy Abernathy of Bogata, Texas. Bubba placed 4th in his class and returned to the show ring to participate in the showmanship division. Jeff placed 6th in his class.

Robbie, Lisa, and Dori are the daughters of Tim and Marcelle Somerville of Detroit, Texas. Robbie placed 23rd in her class; Lisa placed 13th in her class; and Dori placed 18th in her class.

This is Mr and Mrs. Abernathy's second round of Polled Hereford Livestock Shows. Their son and daughter began showing in 1966 while attending Cunningham Elementary School and continued showing until Buddy graduated from Rivercrest High School in 1975. This was their first round of showing spanning 9 years.

Their second round began when their oldest grandson, Bubba, began showing in 1991 at the age of 9. Each year following another grandchild started showing. Robbie began in 1992; Lesa began in 1993; Jeff in 1994; and Dori in 1995. They all show at the Red River County Fair in Clarksville, Texas along with all the spring and fall shows in the areas that they can attend. Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy are still attending as many as they can; making it a family affair.



Staff Photo

PICTURED IS J.C. AND HATTIE ABERNATHY and their five grandchildren at the 1997 Ft. Worth Stock Show. Left to right is Robbie Somerville, J.C. and Hattie Abernathy, Bubba Abernathy, Dori Somerville, Lisa Somerville and Jeff Abernathy.



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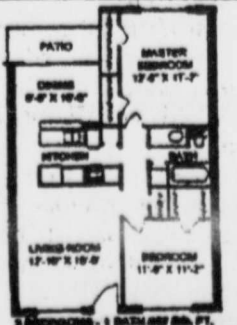
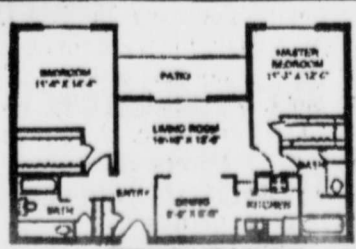
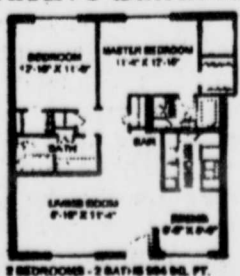
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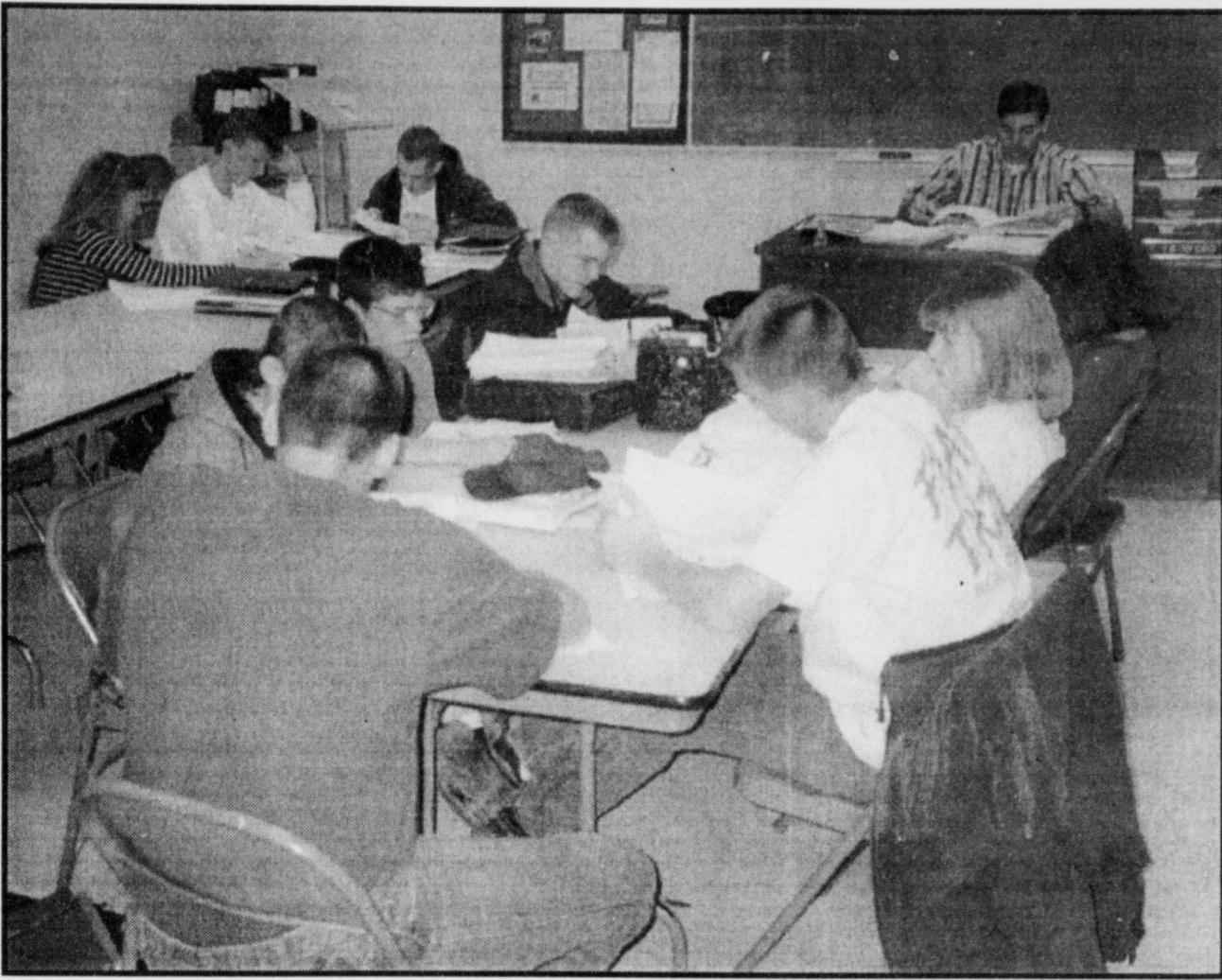
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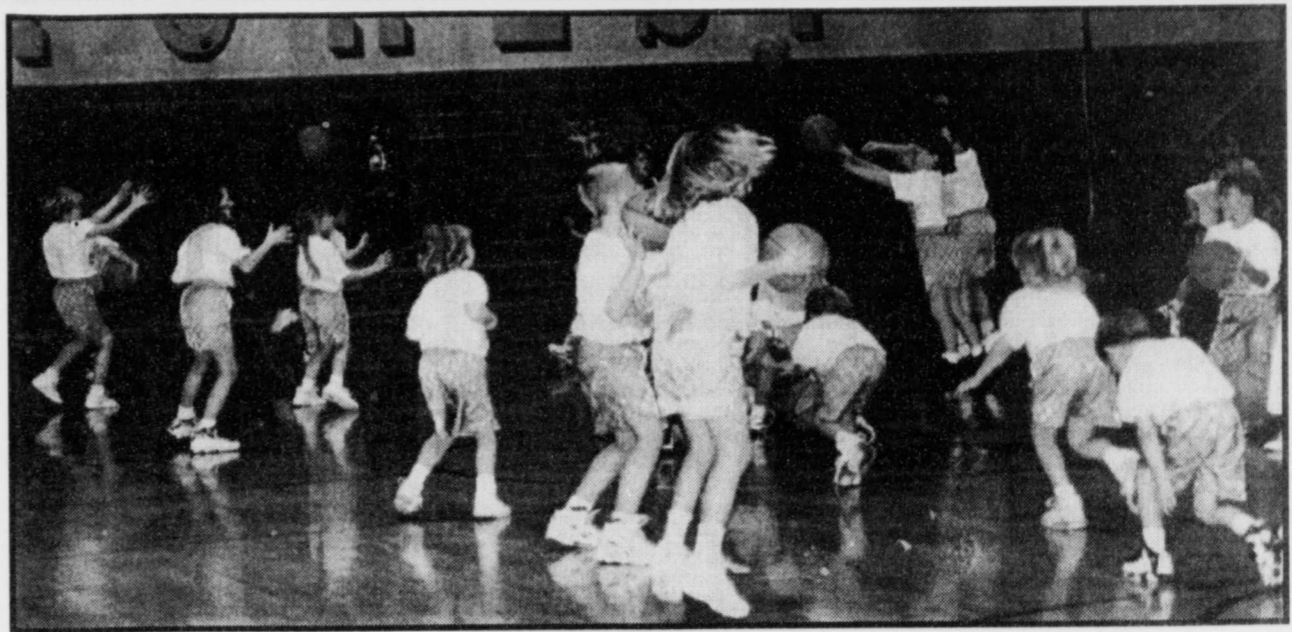
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AG. 102-Rivercrest students are bent to their task. The Ag. 102 class is taught by Kenny Swinford.



LAST PERFORMANCE-The Talco-Bogata PIPS (Players in Progress) performed for the last time this season at the half time of the Varsity boys game at RHS Friday night. The group has done a wonderful job learning their drills and the crowds have greatly enjoyed their performances. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Old News
Excerpts Taken From
BOGATA NEWS
The Week of February 21, 1947

Fifty Years Ago This Week

Receiving Bogata Bulldog Football jackets this week were Jerry Devlin, Fate Davis, Frank Stubblefield, Johnie Benham, Malcolm Cathcart, Tommie Corbell, Wayne Williams, Jimmy Gullion, Billy Vickers, Dalton McCrury, Roy Dempsey, Doyle Solomon, Bobby Hinson and Dean Leggett business manager and Coach Dunn.

Members of the junior League enjoying a skating and bowling party in Paris were Sally Jones, Betty Hudson, Betty Allen, Faye Grayson, Virginia Donaldson, Swan Foster, Kathryn Kidd, Helen Harbor, Margie Brown, Buddy Lawson, Mary Jane DeBerry, Frankie Brown, Miriam Grayson, Betty Sue Bell, Storey Hamilton, Ruth Wharton, Kenneth Butts, Mrs. C.C. DeBerry and Mrs. Alf Brown. They were accompanied by Mrs. W.C. Howison.

Joy Pike of Dallas spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Lowry of Talco spent Monday and Tuesday at their home in Rosalie.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Huddleston of Deport were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Huddleston of Bogata.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Johnson and daughter, Nelda Kay, were visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, Sunday at Deport.



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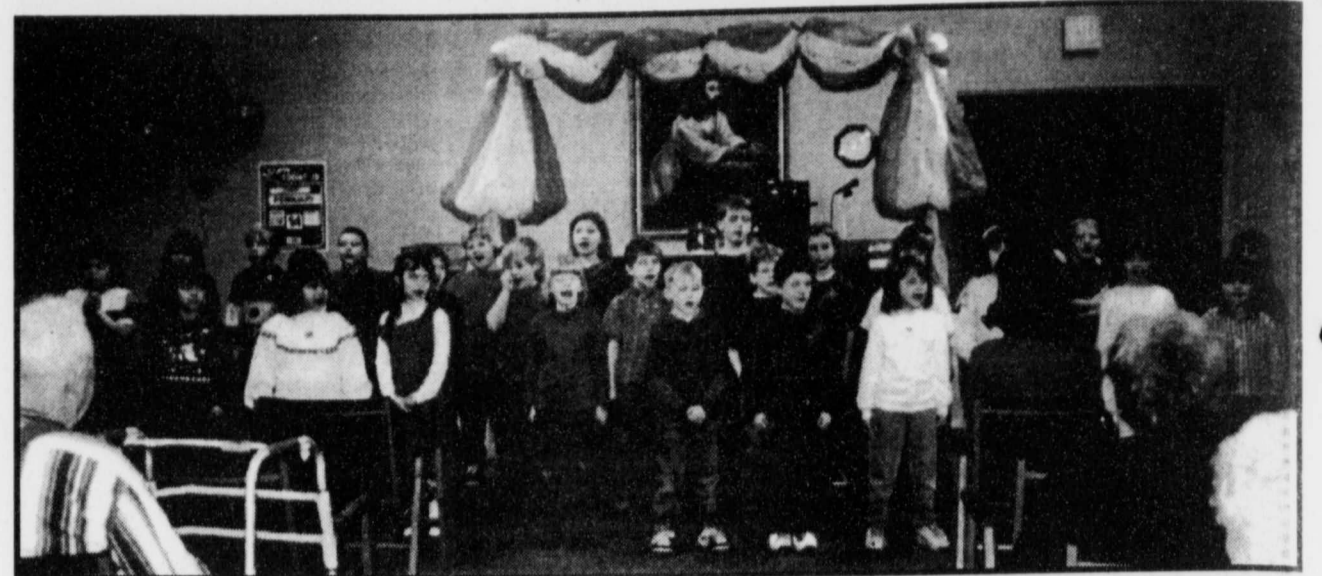
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MUSIC DIRECTOR-Neve Jean Oats brought Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Hudson's first grade classes

from Bogata Elementary School to Red River Healthcare Center Friday, February 14 to en-

ertain the residents. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)

Talco Locals

By Nancy Brown
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Talco-Bogata CISD board members Eddie Brown, Mark Hare, Ricky Franks and Molly Williams attended a meeting and supper at Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday, Feb. 11 where they enjoyed hearing the Commissioner of Education speak.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail and Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Presley visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kennedy in Scurry on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hare and Charlie Hines attended a special Valentine lunch at Talco School on Friday. Jack Brown, Julie Love and Mr. and Mrs. Kent Ford enjoyed supper at the Mansion on the Hill restaurant in Tyler Friday, Feb. 14.

John D. Wright, Mona Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Shane Wright and Jacob, Mayra Clark and Luke and Marta Rhoades enjoyed supper at the Fish Fry in Paris Saturday evening.

Richard Swarts has been hospitalized at Titus County Regional Hospital in Mt. Pleasant this past week. He is reported doing well.

Jackie Dixon of New Mexico arrived Saturday for a visit with his mother Colean Dixon. Mr. Dixon and his wife Nancy have plans to move back to the area soon.

Celebrating February birthdays are: Jamal Curtis, Laci Edge and Keylee Clemmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fail of Kilgore Elizabeth Ewing of Paris and Mari-

lyn Presley of Talco visited with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown enjoyed lunch at the Lonesome Dove restaurant in Deport Wednesday.

The Bogata Student Council sponsored a Sweetheart Dance at Rivercrest on Saturday, Feb. 15. Chosen as King and Queen of the dance were Kris Hall of Talco and Kayla Belcher of Bogata. Carey Gable served as D.J. for the students. All reported a great time.

Mrs. Vivian Fail was honored with a birthday lunch at her home in Talco Friday. Attending were; her husband J.C., Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fail and granddaughter Bethany of Palestine, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fail of Kilgore, Marilyn Presley and Yvonne Harris.

Mr. Mike Love celebrated her birthday with lunch at El Chico's in Mr. Pleasant Sunday, Feb. 16. Attending were; her husband Mike, daughter, Julie, daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Kent Ford and Jack Brown.

Elizabeth Ewin of Paris visited her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Presley Sunday and Monday.

Sue Nolen was treated and released at the Titus County Regional Hospital Monday evening. She was very ill with viral flu.



ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR-Sandra Mauldin crowns Valentine King, Raymon Mauldin and Queen Billie Hancock at Red

River Healthcare Center's Valentine's Day celebration. (Staff Photo by Judy Screws)

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Births

Justice Danielle Savage Baird arrived on Feb. 14, 1997 at 11:00 p.m. at the Titus County Regional Hospital in Mt. Pleasant weighing 8 lbs. 7 ozs. and 22 inches long. Parents are Misty Baird and LaDarryl Savage of Talco. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sanders of Bogata and Mr. and Mrs. William Baird.

Talco School Menu
February 24-28

- Monday**
- Lunch
Tostado With Ground Meat
Refried Beans
Salad
Cookie
Fruit
Milk
- Tuesday**
- Lunch
Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes With Gravy
Green Peas
Hot Rolls, Butter & Honey
Milk
- Wednesday**
- Lunch
Submarine Sandwich
French Fries
Strawberry Yogurt Cups
Baked Beans
Milk
- Thursday**
- Lunch
Vegetable Beef Soup
Assorted Sandwiches
Pickle Spears
Crackers
Fruit
Milk
- Friday**
- Lunch
Hamburgers
Burger Salad
Beans
Chips
Ice Cream
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About Bogata High School Football teams

By Frances Mayes Rozell
 Bogata's first football team was in 1925. Walter Phillips Grant, a graduate of Wesley College, was principal at Bogata and taught history. On the second day of school 16 men came out for football. Even though the first year was filled with losses, the team was encouraged by the people of the town, the school principal, the faculty and the pep club.
 The football team members in 1927 were: Lee King, J.L. (Tobe) King, Sammy Smiley, Alvin Wood, N.A. Harbison, Sid Hamilton, Marcus Gibson, Rex Craddock, Travis Hale, Alvin Lemons, Robert Bishop, Jack Howison, James Stuart, Rayford Bryson, Paul Dunn and Earl Humphrey with Coach Phillip Grant.
 In 1937 Coach Dixon Hatcher and assistant coach Gene Garrett lead the Bulldogs. Coach Hatcher attended Wesley College-Greenville; Southern Methodist University-Dallas; and A&M-Magnolia, Arkansas and East Texas State Teacher's College in Commerce. His first coaching assignment was at Bogata in 1937. Floyd McCrury joined the Bulldogs

staff the fall of 1939. Garrett was placed in charge of the basketball team as well as assisting in football.
 Coach Dixon Hatcher and assistant Coach Garret developed a District Championship team in their first season-1937. The 1937 District Champions dropped but two games, both non conference affairs. The teams record; New Boston 0-Bogata 47, Jefferson 0-Bogata 0; Pittsburg 13-Bogata 0; Clarksville 18-Bogata 13; Detroit 0-Bogata 57; DeKalb 7-Bogata 21; Anona 0-Bogata 66;; Deport 6-Bogata 7;; Sulphur Bluff 0-Bogata 55; Deport 0-Bogata 7.
 Bogata News Article 1938;; September 15, 1938 the Attorney General-Elect Gerald C. Mann came to Bogata to dedicate the New Bulldog stadium. "Rounding into shape for the opening game with Picton in the Bogata High School Football team which will step into the first night football game ever played in Bogata-resplendent in new uniforms, featuring white trimmed green jerseys and green sild finish trousers."
 The 1938 team won the Bi-District title. Only three players from the 1937 team graduated. The 1938

games : Picton 13-Bogata 13; Pittsburg 14-Bogata 27; DeKalb 0-Bogata 45; James Bowie 6-Bogata 14; Paris B 9-Bogata 25; Clarksville 13-Bogata 18; Gilmer 18-Bogata 6; Deport 7-Bogata 7; DeKalb 0-Bogata 27; Deport 0-Bogata 35; Cumby 7-Bogata 28.
 The Bulldogs were Bi-District Champions again in 1939 and in 1940 won conference however, after discovering that they had played an ineligible boy (too old) in 1940, the Superintendent and coach forfeited the games and the conference championship.
 A few of the 1940 games; Clarksville 6-Bogata 6; Class A Winnsboro 7-Bogata 14; Mt. Vernon 13-Bogata 7; Avery 13-Bogata 52.
 Bogata News article: November 1, 1940 the Cemetery Association served a banquet in the high school gym for the Bogata Bulldogs in appreciation for their fine play and to be also a pep rally in anticipation of the Deport-Bogata game to be played November 15. A group of supporters who annually honor the team purchased tickets for the players and coaches. Tickets advertised were 35 cents each or three for \$1.00.
 We were happy to receive these memories from various former students:

Jack Pike- Coach Hatcher gave every one a nickname if you didn't have one already. Some were: assistant Coach Gene Garret-Romeo - some of the 1938 team: J.W. Childress-Dub; Alfred Puckett-Jeffy; Cecil Rodgers-Gober; J.A. Scarborough-Whimpy; J.D. McCormic-Tiny; John Harold Childers-Johnnie; C.A. Puckett-Toad; Harold Fuller-Twerp; Leland Simms-shadow; Ralph Simmons-Pete;; Jimmy Grayson-Geezel; James D. Wright-Bud Turf; Jack Pike-Spikie; Frank Edward Moore-Cab; Frank Branson, Jr.- Swede; Gwynne Pike- Dr. Collins and Buzzy.
Jimmy Grayson- Jimmy remembers more nick names: Donald Clifton-Slick; Jack Wilson-Middle Eye; Randel Hunt-O Skip it; Charles Allen- Bookie; Rodney Grayson-Grunt and Charles Wilkinson-Chite.
 Jimmy says, "I remember an earlier scrimmage we were having when David Craddock was running interference for me and I broke his nose on the back of my heel. I don't know to this day how I got in front of him to break his nose, and every time we see each other one of us will bring that

BOGATA BULLDOGS-1937 District Champions. Front Row left to right: Pete Simmons, James Montgomery, Donald "Whiss" Roach, Frank Jr. Branson. Second Row: Coach Hatcher, Gene Garrett, assistant Coach, Nathan Emmons, Lawrence Wood, Billy Ray Whitten, Harold Fuller, Billy Proctor, Frank Branson-Superintendent. Third Row-Arnold Glover, Alfred "Jeffy" Puckett, J.D. "Tiny" McCormic, Cecil Rodgers, Frank Edward "Cabb" Moore, J. A. "Whimpy" Scarborough and Sam Houston Latimer.

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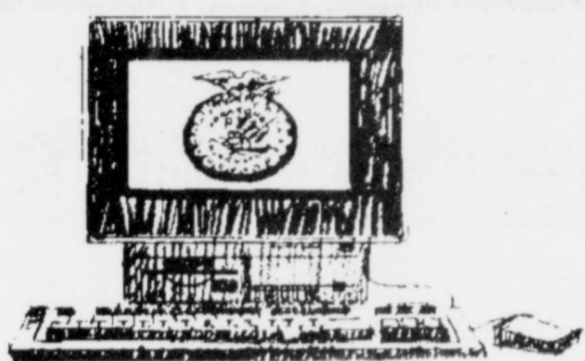
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FIVE YEARS OLD-Keylee McCall Clemmons celebrated her fifth birthday with a party given by her parents, Craig and Kristi Clemmons. The party was held on Feb. 1 at her home in Talco. Those attending were; her parents and sister Kayla, grandparents Russell and Betty Foxworthy and Jone Clemmons, Uncles and Aunts, Sam and misti Wilkerson, Shawn and Nicki Roberts and Kyle and Robin Clemmons and cousin Alan Wilkerson. Keylee also received a birthday call from her Pops, Jerry Clemmons. Guests enjoyed hamburgers and all the trimmings, cake and ice cream.

On Feb. 4, Keylee's birthday, she was taken along with her sister, Kayla and friends Danica and Danielle Easterling and Destry and Chris Nolen to Burger King. They enjoy kids meals and birthday cake. They also enjoyed the play ground. Keylee received many nice and useful gifts.

Bogata School Menu February 24-28

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| Monday |
| Breakfast
Cereal, Toast & Jelly
Juice & Milk |
| Lunch
Nachos with Meat
Cheese Sauce
Corn
Salad
Fruit
Crackers
Milk |
| Tuesday |
| Breakfast
Donuts & Cereal
Jelly
Juice & Milk |
| Lunch
Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls, Butter & Honey
Milk |
| Wednesday |
| Breakfast
Sausage & Biscuit
Jelly
Juice & Milk |
| Lunch
Submarine Sandwich Ham & Cheese
French Fries
Baked Beans
Strawberry Yogurt Cup
Milk |
| Thursday |
| Breakfast
Pancakes & Sausage on a stick
Juice, Milk |
| Lunch
Vegetable Soup with Beef
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Pickle Spears
Crackers
Fruit
Milk |
| Friday |
| Breakfast
Cereal, Toast & Jelly
Juice & Milk |
| Lunch
Cheeseburgers
Salad & Pickles
Beans
Chips
Ice Cream
Milk |



HAPPY FIRST-Jamal Curtis celebrated his first birthday on Feb. 17 at his home in Talco. The theme for the party was Dallas Cowboys. Attending and helping Jamal celebrate were; parents Mary Jane Savage and Jerry Curtis, sisters, Monica, Monique and Megan and friends and relatives, Bianca, Keondrick, LaShun, Whitney and Alex Savage, Ashley Savage, Tressa, Mark and Fred Brown. Jamal received many nice and useful gifts.

Bogata Methodist Women meet

The Bogata Methodist Women met Wednesday, February 12 in the Fellowship Hall.

Betty Puckett gave the opening prayer and presented the program, Angels, How they help and protect us, was the program theme taken from JoAnn Anderson's book, *Where Angels Walk*. The Author's personal experiences involving a family member's encounter with what she believed to be an angel and similar experiences of others was the basis of the book. Betty selected several of the stories to tell about.

Betty Puckett presided at the business session. Letters of appreciation from the PJC Campus Ministries and the Bogata MYF were read to the group. Members were presented with yearbooks and committee members and program leaders were named.

The meeting closed with the Dismissal Prayer.

Attending were Mary Kathryn Cotten, Judy Marshall, Anna Belle Patton, Gertie Choate, Edith Ruth Swaim, Roberta Anderson, Margie Myers, Eleanor McCluer, Betty Puckett and Gail Hervey



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Bogata Locals

By Judy Screws

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Jerry and Gerlyn Gray hosted a fish fry at their home Sunday at noon. Attending were Jessie and Willie Mae Gary, Willie Gray, Margaret Davis, Jessica Hines, Judy, Harold, Heather and Heath Holt and Linda and Jody Gray. Later in the afternoon Jennifer and Riley Reeder of Paris came and stayed for supper.

June and Carlton Stanley were in Tyler over the week-end visiting with his sister and her husband, Kenneth and Veda Porter. While there June spoke with former Bogata High School classmate, Johnny Johnson, who lives at Emerald Bay. Johnny assured her

that he will be attending the Bogata Homecoming April 12.

Spending the night Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana was Hali Screws from Deport and Sunday overnight guests were Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris. Chris Anna and Jerry Guerra and boys of Paris were lunch guests Sunday.

Chris Anna Guerra visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws Monday and Tuesday.

Lorene and Marvin Hayes and Sheila and Gene Owens of Texarkana visited Era Smelser on Monday. They also visited Margaret Smith at Lone Star.

Bogata Lions Club meets February 6

The Bogata Lions Club met Thursday, February 6 at the community center.

The meeting was called to order by president, Dr. Robert White. Buck Ramsey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The invocation was given by Raymond Franklin. Dr. Robert White and John Denison furnished the meal.

Buck Ramsey gave a report on the flag program, informing the group that letters for the flags will be mailed. Johnny Ragsdill gave a report on membership. Dr. White and Art Spencer gave a report on the marquee, which will cost \$2,000. This program was tabled for the time being.

Texas New Mexico Power will be doing a safety fair for children April 5. A motion was made and approved for the Lions Club to help with the safety fair. Jack Dodd will line up the workers to hand out hot dogs and drinks. Travis Harbison reported that the pavilion in the park needs a new roof. The city of Bogata will buy the material and the club members will help with the work.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



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Fulbright News
By Betty Rodgers
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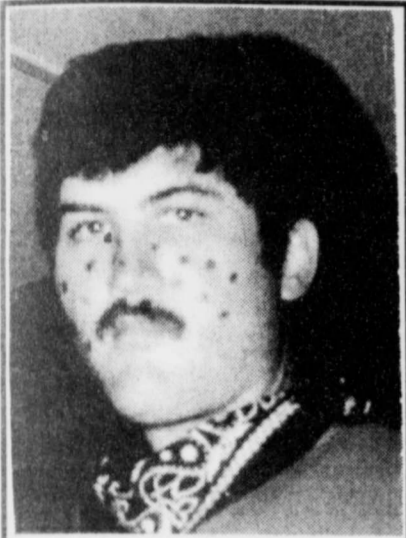
Mrs. Kyle King of Reno visited Jimmy King Wednesday. Betty Rodgers and Melissa Arriaga visited Monte and Shelby Rodgers in Tigertown Sunday. Karen Bker accompanied Linda Miller and Shane of Hugo, Ok. to Wills Point on Saturday to visit Mr.

and Mrs. Howard Willis. They then visited Mrs. Audrey Smith of Dallas and Mrs. Winnie Conway of Carrollton. They were met at Papacita's restaurant in Richardson for dinner by Larry Parker of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harrison of DeSoto to celebrate Larry's and J.W.'s birthdays.

Sunday visitors of Jimmy King were Mabel Austin, Loyd Cavender, Dicky King and Ethel Epps. Thursday night Jimmy King and Ethel Epps attended a dinner and 84 party at the home of Willie Clark in Bogata.

Bogata Book Club meets with Juanita Sparks

The Bogata Book Club met February 13 in the home of Juanita Sparks with fourteen members present. Vicki Wade reviewed the book "Train to Estellene" by Jane Roberts Wood. The book is an account of a young girl before World War I who left her home in Bonham to live in Estellene, Texas and the experiences she had as a first year teacher in a one room school. After a business meeting the club dismissal was read and refreshments were served.



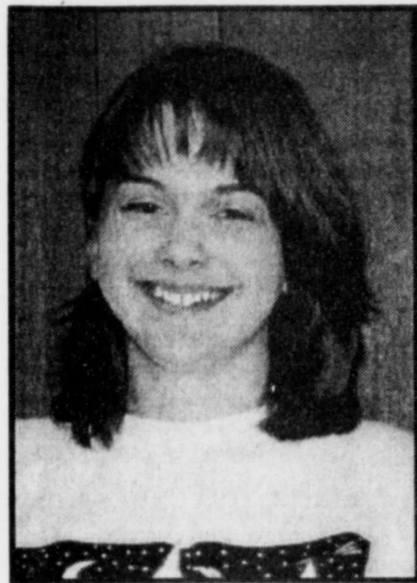
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TROPHY WINNER-Rivercrest Senior, Amber Spencer received a trophy for fourth place in Calculator Applications in her division at the UIL meet held Sat. Feb. 15 at North Lamar. Amber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Spencer of Bogata. Congratulations!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



LITTLE BEAUTY-Brooke Ellen Spann, daughter of Alan and Shelaphon Spann of Mt. Pleasant participated in a 4-State Royalty pageant on Feb. 1 in New Boston, TX. She competed in the beauty and sports-wear divisions. Brooke was awarded Princess and received a trophy. Brooke was also awarded Most Beautiful and received a nice plaque and won Best Fashion and received a banner. Brooke will be able to compete in the State and National levels of the 4-States Royalty and Gingerbread production pageants. Brooke is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Spann of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Simmons of Plainview. She is the great granddaughter of Ellen and the late H.E. Spann, Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Ethridge both of Mt. Pleasant, Lila and the late Bob Simmons of Bogata and Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Newton of Lubbock.



MEET BONNIE PHILLIPS-Rebel band member of the week. Bonnie is the daughter of Brit and Anaya Phillips of the Lone Star Community. Her grandparents are W.A. and JoDelle Cooper of Cunningham and Ted Phillips of Lone Star. Bonnie is a Junior at Rivercrest High School. She enjoys talking on the phone, twirling flag and listening to music. The clubs and groups to which Bonnie belongs are Youth for Christ, Spanish Club(PASF) and is a captain in the flag corp.(Staff photo by Nancy Brown)



MEET LINDY PHILLIPS-Rebel band member of the week. Lindy is the daughter of Brit and Anaya Phillips. They live in the Lone Star Community. Her grandparents are Jodelle and William Cooper of Cunningham and Ted Phillips of Lone Star. Lindy is a senior at Rivercrest High School Her favorite activities are reading and talking to her friends. School groups and clubs of which she is a member include Spanish Club, Beta Club, National Honor Society, Student Council and Youth for Christ.(Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

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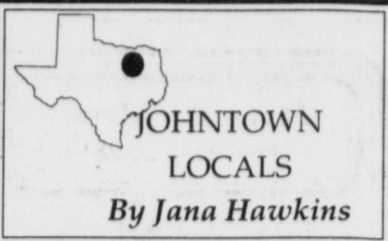
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By Jana Hawkins

Lana Pirtle was home for the week end from college at Arlington.

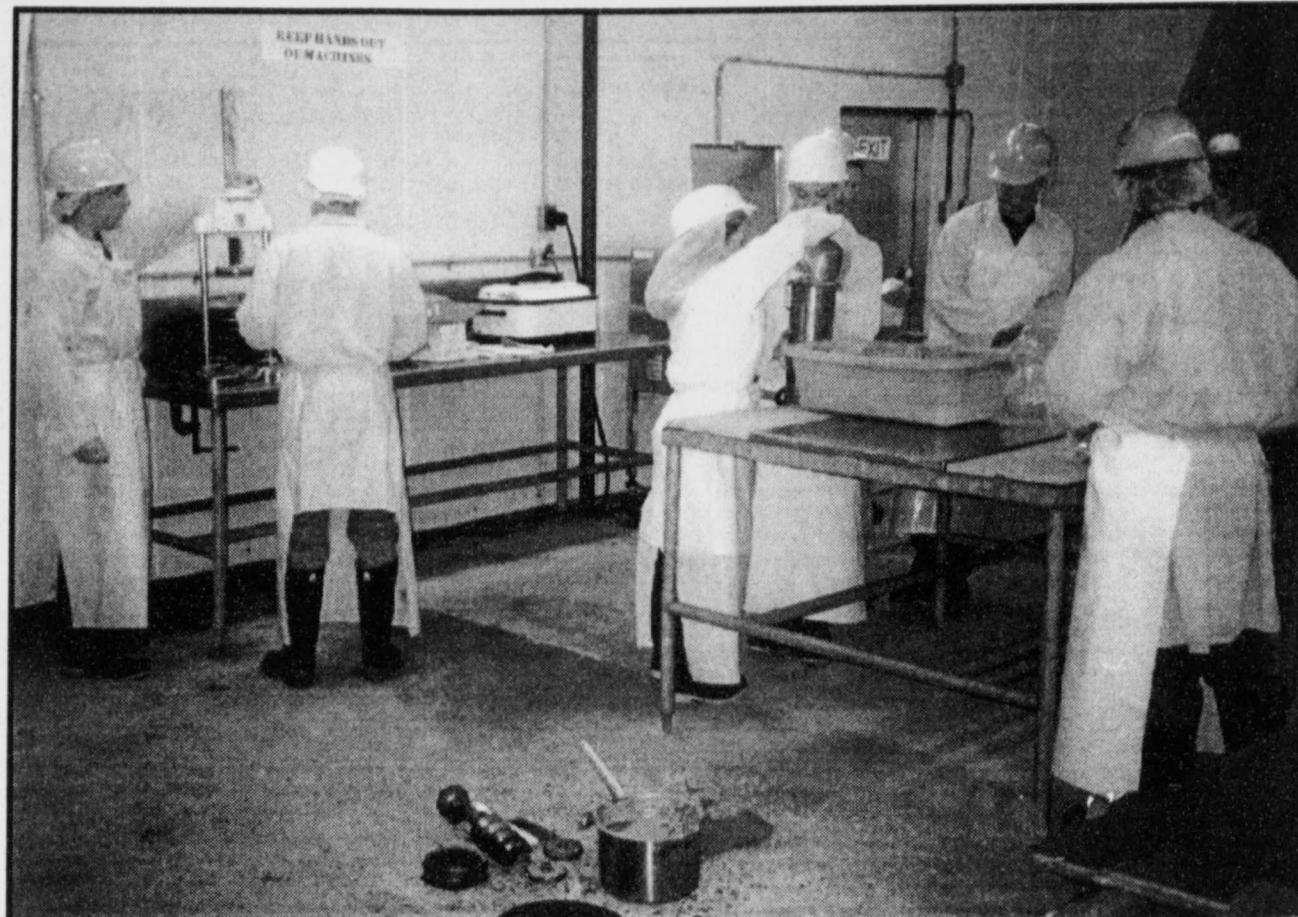
Kyla and Jesse Harville, Haley and Heather Hawkins spent Monday with Drue and Billie Pirtle.

Jacob and Kristin Harville spent time this week with Drue and Billie Pirtle.

Ed and Jo Pirtle visited Friday with Billie and Drue Pirtle on their way back to Kansas.

Saturday night supper guests of Kelley, Jeff, Jacob and Kristin Harville were Robin, David and Candice Stansell of Mount Pleasant.

Sunday, Kelley, Jeff, Jacob and Kristin Harville visited with Bo Harville in St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris.



MEAT LAB STUDENTS-at Rivercrest High School are busy grinding and preparing beef. The group also prepares pork and game.



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The program will begin at 6:30 PM in the District Courtroom. All area gardeners are invited to attend the free program. Two hours of recertification credit for private pesticide license holders will be available to participants.

For more information, contact the Extension office at 903/427-3867.

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On December 15, 1992 the Clarksville Police Department and the Red River County Sheriff's Department investigated a homicide which occurred at 203 S. Reagan Street, southeast section of Clarksville.

The victim, Louesa Simmons, an elderly black female, was found lying on the bedroom floor in her residence. The victim had died as a result of several blows to the head with a blunt instrument. The apparent mo-

tive was robbery, as a large sum of money and some other items were missing from the residence.

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If you have information about any crime, please contact John Penny, Red River County Crime Stoppers at 427-TIPS.

Rosalie Community Center-VFD report

By Jack Dodd

The community of Rosalie wants to thank everyone for supporting our super garage sale February 8. We made, after some expenses, a little over \$900.00. Thank you.

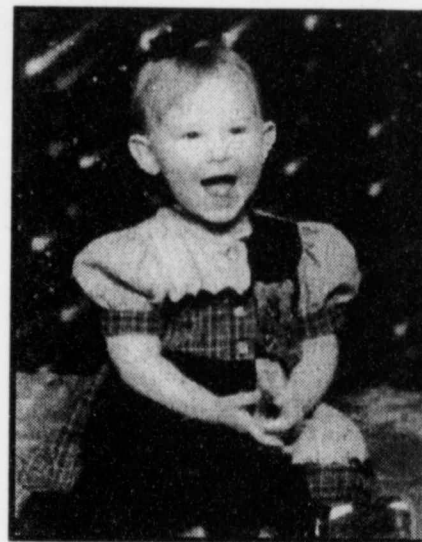
We also have a new used fire truck. Since the garage sale we are fixing it up to replace the old red one. The new white truck should be in service in about 2 weeks.

Our next regular meeting is March 11. We will have a covered dish supper after a short meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.. Most of you have paid your dues, but a few have not. Your dues are due now for 1997.

New officers for 1997 are: President; Johnny Ragsdill, Vice President; Joe Travis Kelsey. Relected Secretary-Treasurer; Billie Garrison and the new board member is Berney Huddleston.

There were a lot of leftovers from the Garage Sale. If you will donate \$100.00 for everything left over call Johnny Ragsdill at 632-4280 or Joe T. Kelsey at 632-4168. The first one with \$100.00 takes it all away. You must take it all. If no one wants it, we will take it to a charitable organization Saturday.

Thanks for your support.



Emily Ruth Ward

Emily Ward celebrates birthday

Emily Ruth Ward was honored with a birthday party on February 8 in celebration of her second birthday, which was February 10. The Sesame Street Party was hosted by her parents, Allan and Tina in their home. In attendance were several family members and friends including her grandparents, John and Nina Stoner and Nadine Ward, Lela Ford, Mark, Donna, Brooke, Kati and Matthew Ward, Debbie and Johnna Ingram, Regina Tyler and Austin Easley, Julie Binion, Joe Ward, Lissa Stoner, Melissa and Courtney Merchant, Nell Harville, Tealeesa, Brooks and Shelby Varley, Janice and Faith Gentry, Donna and Carmen Allen, Christy and Chris Kennedy, Anne Randolph, Stormy and Cari.

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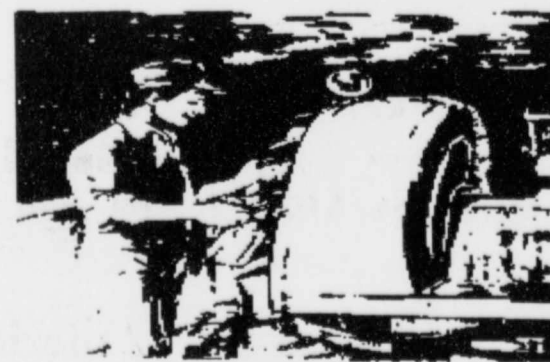


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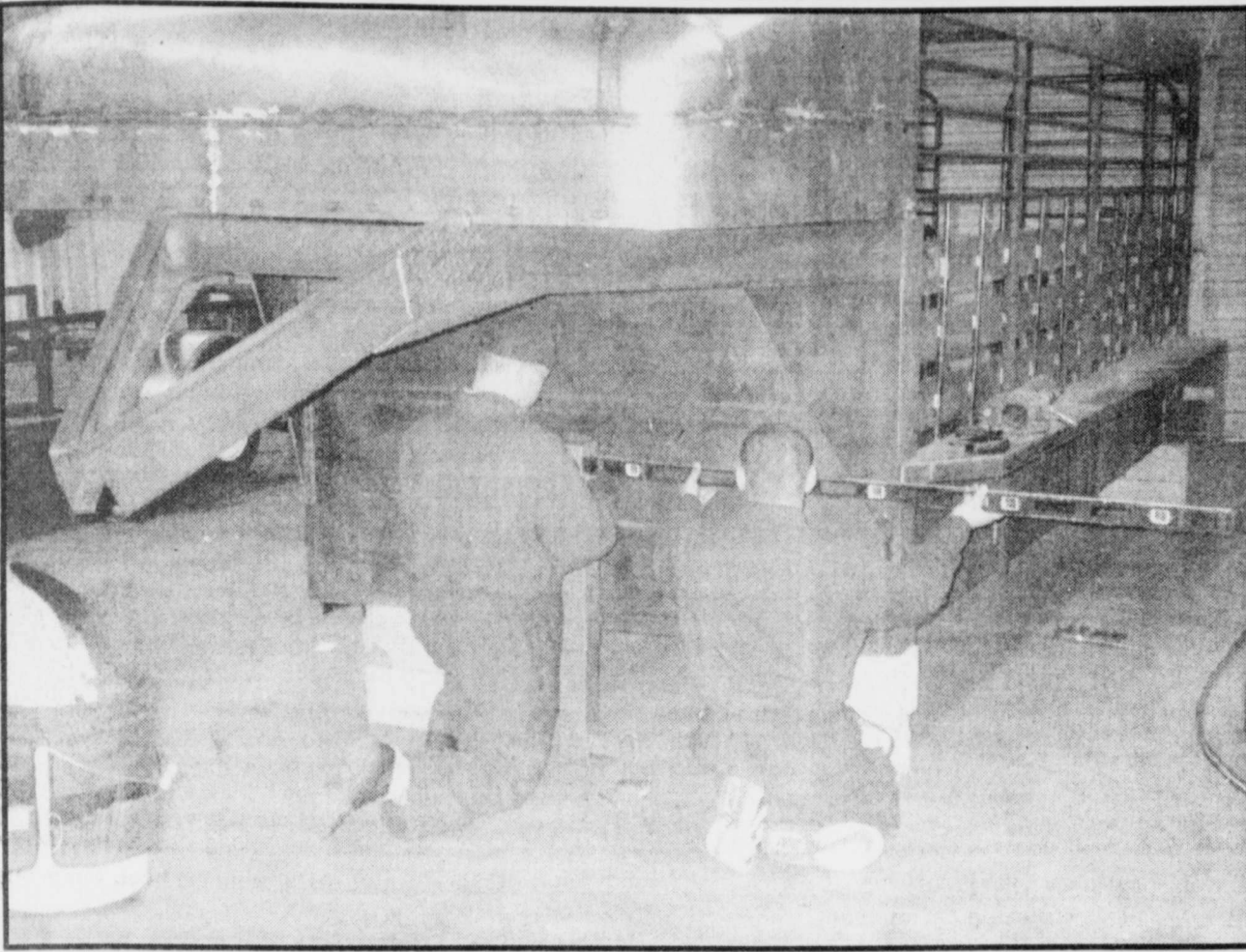
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Tuesday

Lunch
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Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Green Peas
Hot Rolls, Butter & Honey
Milk

Wednesday

Lunch
Submarine Sandwich
French Fries
Yogurt Cups (Strawberry)
Baked Beans
Milk

Thursday

Lunch
Vegetable Beef Soup
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Indian Research workshop to be held in Paris

The Lamar and Red River County Genealogical Societies will jointly sponsor a workshop entitled Genealogical Research in Records of the 5 civilized Tribes of Indians on Saturday, March 8, 1997. Joining in this area wide event will be the Hopkins and Choctaw County Genealogical Societies, the Bryan County Heritage Association and Heritage Quest Magazine.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Lamar Avenue Church of Christ Gymnasium of Saturday March 8. Pre-registration is \$12.00 before March 1, and \$15.00 at the door. Registration should be sent to Betsy Mills, 345-27 St. NW, Paris, Texas 75460. You may include six surnames that you are researching for the syllabus to be handed out.

The speaker will be renowned Dorothy J. (Tincup) Mauldin. Dorothy was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Jesse Lee Tincup (Cherokee) and Gladys Aline (Horn) Tincup (German). She married Homer E. Mauldin, Jr., also a native Tulsan, and has two children, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. She is enrolled on current Cherokee rolls. She attended Tulsa area schools including the University of Tulsa and later at Tulsa Junior College for work related courses in transportation. She is retired from railroad employment. Dorothy has taught basic and advanced genealogy courses since 1980 in the Tulsa area.. These have been under sponsorship of Tulsa Community School for adult learning, and nearby Junior Colleges. She formed her own publishing company, Oklahoma Yesterday Publications in 1979 and continues to operate it from her home. She has published genealogies for other people since starting the company, some of these being typed, indexed, printed and bound by herself. She was Editor Publisher of two publications which are now out of circulation, Oklahoma Yesterday, a quarterly containing research mate-

rial for Oklahoma and Indian Territory, and Mauldin Family News. She has published Cherokee research material since 1979 with the reprinting of the 1923 History of the Cherokees by Emmet Starr. This original book contained 680 pages of an every name index. She is now in her third printing of this excellent research book, and will continue to keep it in print. This is done by a professional printing company with a library binding. She continues to publish Cherokee research material. She also will have available for sale Indian material from other tribes. Beginning with Volume 5, No. 1 January 1984 issue of Family Records Today. The Journal of American Family Records, headquartered in Kansas City, MO, she has written the American Indian Research Column.. Dorothy has lectured and given many workshops since 1979 in libraries and genealogical and historical societies in Oklahoma. Also, St. Louis and Springfield, MD; Quincy and Springfield, ILL; Fayetteville, AR. She has given all day workshops many times. She continues to speak to church groups, DAR chapters, school classes, Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs, Senior Citizen groups, etc. mostly on genealogy in general. She also prepares handouts for these groups, whether it is a one time lecture, or a series of classes for badges, etc.

Dorothy's great knowledge of history is guaranteed to enlighten even those who do not study Indian genealogy. Hundreds of historical books of all kinds and information on the area societies will be available for sale during the workshop. For more information contact the Lamar County Genealogy Society at 903-782-0448 or come by the library in the Alford Center, Paris Junior College noon until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and noon until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. Or, contact us on the Internet at <http://gen.1starnet.com> or E-mail rbrother@1starnet.com.



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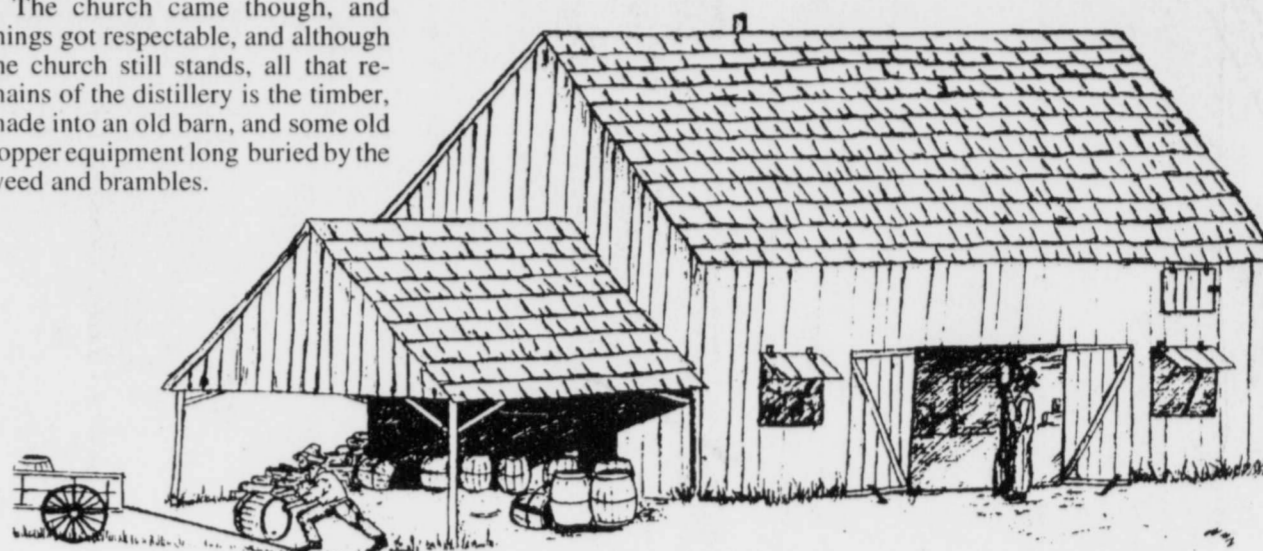
Halesboro goes to weed and whiskey

By Nanalee Nichols
This article was written by Nanalee Nichols in 1973. In keeping with the effort to feature weekly articles pertaining to Bogata and the surrounding areas, the Bogata School Homecoming Committee hopes you enjoy this one.

Halesboro is a pretty place, thick with bois d'arc and oak trees, spaced with an occasional pasture and well stocked with rabbit, coyote and possum.

It lies on a winding road between Deport and the "back way" to Cunningham. In summer the road is little more than a green tunnel, in the winter bare branches weave themselves into lace above the road. No one lives there now, only the old church and older cemetery are left. The cemetery is well kept, but closer investigation shows many graves are back in the woods, unknown and marked only by long, blank wooden headboards. But all the memories that linger there are not at rest with the peaceful gravestones.

The church came though, and things got respectable, and although the church still stands, all that remains of the distillery is the timber, made into an old barn, and some old copper equipment long buried by the weed and brambles.



HALESBORO DISTILLERY-Andrew Dawson leans on a mash-stirring paddle while his hired help loads barrels of whiskey for a trip to Paris. Woodpile for furnaces shows at back, while the corn crib door, located above front window, is shut until a wagon comes to unload. Now only a few timbers remain of the old building, incorporated into a barn.

Back in the 1800's Halesboro was a lively place. Founded in the 1850's by Thomas Hale, the settlement grew rapidly. By the 1880's Halesboro had three general stores, one of them run by the Patton family, who later founded Pattonville, another small town near Paris. The Masonic lodge in Halesboro was one of the first in the area, and Mac Jeffus rode to Houston on a mule to secure the charter, which was later transferred to Deport, where it is still active. Three doctors had shingles there, the two best remembered being Dr. Shy and Dr. Craddock. Their services were not only for illness, for the rugged settlement had lots of fights, and at least on feud which resulted in death. The marker at the cemetery for the loser of the fight is still boldly labeled "murdered" above the name.

The cotton gin and grist mill was owned and operated by a man named Chenault, and was of course, steam powered.

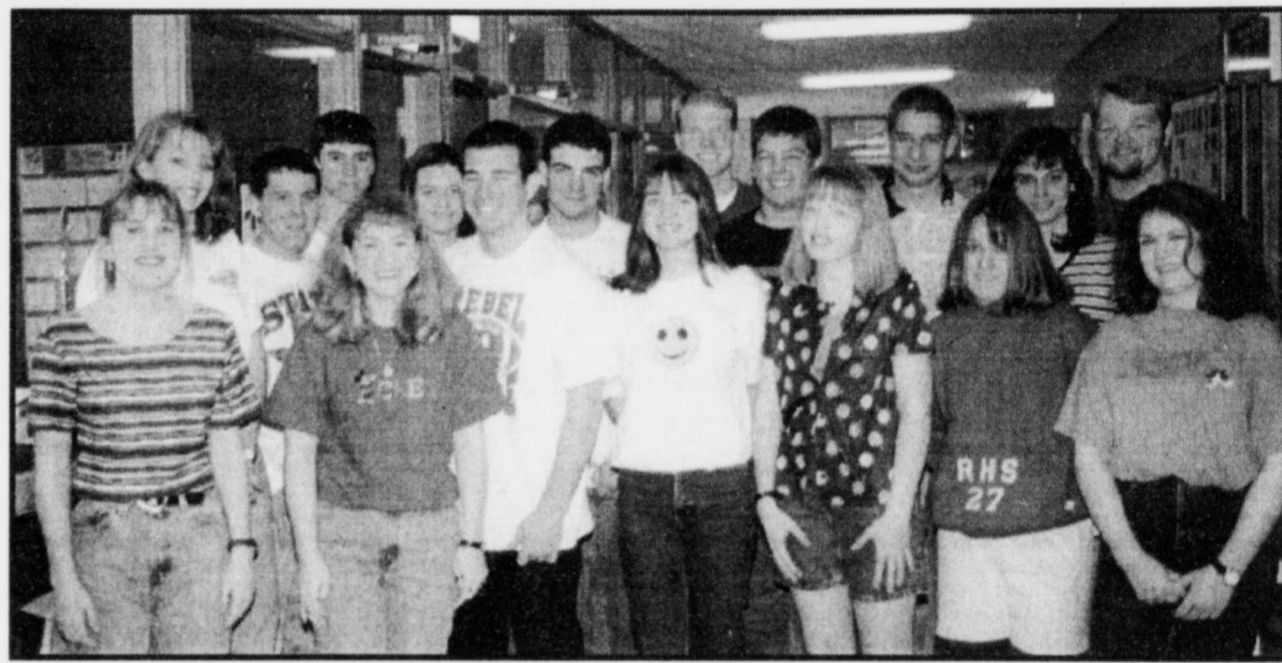
About a mile west of town was the race track, where the horses, though not thoroughbred, were lively, and so was the betting.

And then there was Andrew Dawson's distillery. During the week one could expect to see a wagon, driven by one of the distillery employees, rumbling up the main street carrying four or five barrels of corn whiskey to Paris. The saloons there bought it in the bulk and bottled it.

Made from pool water and corn mash, with sorghum cane for sweetener, the whiskey was put up in 100 gallon barrels that had been charred inside, but the only aging it got was during the trip to Paris.

If the Parisian imbibor was lucky he got the powerful liquor during a rainy spell. When the roads were muddy it took three or four days to get the wagon from Halesboro to Paris, which probably did a lot to mellow the flavor. In an area that is still almost completely non alcoholic, Dawson's distillery produced the only legal whiskey in the last hundred years in Lamar County.

Andrew Dawson's entire living came from his liquor and provided farmers with an outlet for their excess corn and sorghum cane. It's a fair bet that a lot of people who helped settle the county were also unsettled by Dawson's whiskey.



UIL PARTICIPANTS-These Rivercrest students traveled to Paris Junior College recently to compete in the Invitational UIL meet. Pictured are (back row left to right) Sara Stanley, Derek Belcher, Erric Martin, Lindy Phillips, Michael Deming, Dru Denison, Jared Guest, Jason Sears, Cara Morgan and John White; (front row left to right) Marla Williams, Tasha Brown, Dustin Cook, Katie Hare, Donna Harrison, Debra Janes and LaTisha Miles. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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SILENT SALE-The Rivercrest Booster Club sponsored a silent bake sale and sold chances on a special Valentine cake donated by Pat Cox at the last Rebel regular season game Friday, Feb. 14. Pictured are Booster Club members; (left to right) Julie Childress, Traci Osbourne and Debbie Hare. Proceeds from the sale will help the club give senior scholarships. Everyone who donated the cakes, helped with the sale and purchased items are appreciated. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



WILDLIFE FEEDER-Rivercrest Ag students Dani Brown, Katie Hare and Tiffany Shupp inspect a wildlife feeder. The girls are members of the Wildlife Class at Rivercrest. Rivercrest is celebrating FFA week this week along with thousands of other chapters nationwide. (Staff Photo)

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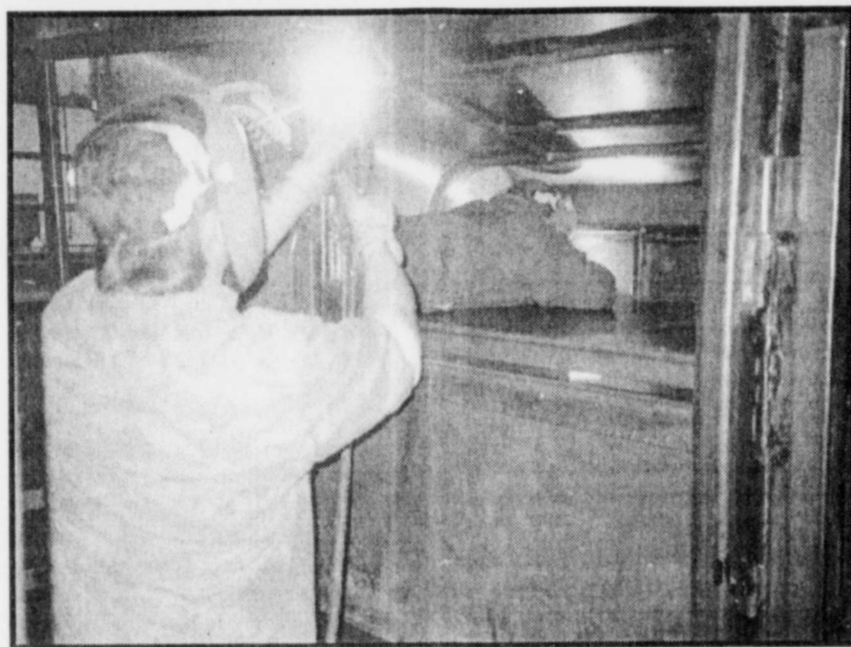
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AG MECHANICS-student, John Covington welds a bead on this trailer in the Rivercrest shop. The group has been very active building many various things this year and in years past.

Red River County Sheriff's Report
February 9-15, 1997

Sunday, Feb. 9
Deputy Perkins arrested one on charge of Public Intoxication
Deputy Smith responded to family disturbance in Avery. One released on bond. One released with arrangements to pay fine. Deputies Phelps and Carpenter responded to report of Domestic Disturbance in Annona. Deputy Phelps responded to report of burglary of a habitation in Bogata. Deputy Perkins responded to report of assault in Avery. Deputy Perkins responded to report of Missing Person in Bogata.

Monday, Feb. 10
Deputy Phelps responded to report of Stolen Vehicle in Annona. Deputy Carpenter responded to report of Traffic Hazard in Detroit. Deputy Carpenter responded to report of Animal Complaint in Woodland. Deputy Carpenter responded to report of Criminal Mischief in Detroit. Deputy Smith responded to report of Missing Person in Avery.

Tuesday, Feb. 11
Deputy Smith responded to report of Livestock Complaint on 1159. Investigator Spangler arrested; one on Warrant for Burglary of Habitation. City Officer Teer transported one to Red River County Jail on charge of Forgery. Two released on bond. Deputy Carpenter arrested one on warrant for issuance of bad check. Deputy Carpenter responded to report of runaway in Bogata. Deputy Carpenter responded to report on Telephone Harassment in Bogata. Deputies Carpenter and Grantham, Investigator Spangler and Trooper Trammell responded to report of Shots Fired. Deputy Carpenter arrested, for Attempted Murder.

Wednesday, Feb. 12
One released after paying fines. Deputy Grantham responded to report of Burglary of a Habitation on FM 114.

Thursday, Feb. 13
Deputy Grantham responded to report of Lost Wallet in Bagwell. Deputy ad Constable Shimpock arrested one for Capias Pro Fine Warrant and DPS Warrants of No Drivers License, No Liability Insurance and Failure to Appear.
Trooper Gray responded to a Minor Accident on 82 East. Deputy and Constable Shimpock arrested one for Issuance of Bad Check.
One released for fine paid. Deputy and Constable Shimpock arrested one on Warrants of Issuance of Bad Check and Allowing Minor to Miss School. One released after paying fine. Deputy Carpenter arrested on oncharge of Possession of Controlled Substance, DWI and Unlawful Carrying Weapon. Deputy Phelps responded to report of Assault near Rugby.

Friday, Feb. 14
Investigator Spangler responded to report of Indecent Exposure in Detroit. Deputy Smith responded to report of Family Disturbance in Bogata. One released on Bond. Deputy Grantham and Investigator Spangler arrested one on Surrender of Bond. Deputy Phelps arrested one on Warrant for Theft by Check out of Potter County.

Saturday, Feb. 15
Deputy Perkins responded to report of Prowler in Detroit. Deputy Smith responded to report of Domestic Disturbance in Detroit. One released on bond. Deputy Phelps arrested one on DPS warrants. One released for fines paid. Deputy Phelps arrested one on warrant for Unregistered Vehicle and No Liability Insurance. One released fines paid. Deputy Phelps arrested one for Contempt of Court. One released on fine paid. Deputy Grantham responded to report of Burglary of Habitation in Detroit. Deputy Perkins responded to report of Assault in Avery. Deputy Grantham responded to report of Suspicious Vehicle in Bogata. Bogata City Marshall arrested one on charge of DWI, No Drivers License, No Liability Insurance, Possession of Marijuana and Failure of Maintain a Single Lane. Deputy Perkins responded to report of Theft in Annona.

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Rebels geared for State playoffs

The Rivercrest Rebels, having won their sixth district championship and seven of the last eight games take on the Harleton Wildcats of District 18AA on Friday night at Mt. Pleasant beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Brice gym. This will be the sixth straight year for the Rebels to play in a bi-district game. They have won four of their last five and will be gunning for five out of six.

Coach Wake Woods comments were; Harleton will field a very much improved team. Their 6'8 post man

has really come along. Anybody who has a 6'8 post player in AA basketball is definitely a threat to beat any team. Their point guard, number 3 is one of their other big players to watch. I would classify him very similar to Cooper's point guard, who gave us alot of trouble. Number 3 likes to penetrate and draw fouls. He is very fast and quick. We will have to control him and stop his penetration. The Wildcat's number 20 (Owens) is their

best perimeter shooter. In a recent game he was 14 of 17 shooting. He is just a great shooter and team player.

The other Wildcat starters will come from number 4, their second guard who does a good job of handling the ball and shooting from the outside, along with their other post number 15, who stands at 6'2. Number 15 is a very good offensive rebounder and inside player. They also have very good depth and can play up to ten players effectively.

I expect Harleton to try to slow the game down and work the ball inside to number 24 and to free number 20 for perimeter shots. Number 3 will also be trying to penetrate our defense. We expect to start our regular starting five, but we have had some players from our second five really come on lately.

Mitch Ellis for one has raised his level of play in over last district game. All of our second five are expect to see action.

We will start Jeff Savage, our 5'10 guard averaging 18 points, 4.5 steal, 4.0 assists and 8 rebounds per game. Harleton's number 3 will probably be assigned to Jeff. Alvin Savage will start at the number 2 guard position for us and will draw number 20 the great perimeter shooter. Alvin is also

averaging 18 points, 7 rebounds, 6.0 steals along with 3.5 assists per game. Dru Denison will start at tall forward. Dru is averaging 6 points, 3.0 rebounds, 2 assists and 1.0 steals per game. Dru is usually assigned to block out the other teams best offensive rebounder. At the two post positions for us will be Erric Martin, 6'1 averaging 10.5 points, 3.0 rebounds, 3.0 steals per game. Erric is usually assigned the opponents tallest outside player, but he can also guard a post player or a point guard. Broderick Fulbright, the only junior starting for the Rebels, will have the task of controlling Harleton's 6'8 post. Broderick has really come on the last ten games for us. I just hope he is healthy for the game. Fulbright is averaging 8.0 rebounds, 11 points, 2 steals per game. Broderick has quickness for a big man and really helps our defense.

We will try to go inside more to Broderick and make their big man play defense. Our players are really looking forward to the playoffs and they want to win."



CONGRATULATIONS-to the Rivercrest Flag Corps for getting a superior rating at the competition held Saturday, Feb. 15 at Grapevine High School. Pictured are; (back row left to right) Patricia Ponthieux, Latish Miles, John White and Anna Reeves; (seated left to right) Lindy Phillips, Bonnie Phillips and Amber Forsyth. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Rebels finish season at home Feb. 14

The Rebels JV and Varsity teams finished their regular season schedule on Friday, Feb. 14 at RHS vs Chisum.

The JV team took the court for a slow first quarter. The Mustangs took an early lead while Rebel shots hit the rim or took a bad roll out. The first points scored in the quarter for the Rebels was from the free shot line. The quarter ended with the young Rebs trailing by one, 10-11.

The second quarter saw the Rebels make a move for the lead. The Mustangs, who outsized the Rebel team over all could not stop the Rebel drive to the hoop. The half time buzzer saw a 28-23 Rebel lead.

In the third quarter the Mustangs came back strong and fought until the buzzer to overtake the smaller Rebels but were unsuccessful. The quarter ended with a 37-34 Rebel lead.

In the final quarter the Rebels held off the Mustang attack and took the win 54-47.

Posting high score for the team was Brian Giles with 20 points. Also

scoring were; Jody Gray, Ryan Giles, Jason Freelen, Chad Holland and Aaron Martin.

Coach Steve Weddle said, "I am very proud of the boys and I feel like this season is a highlight of my career so far. We have a 14-0 record in the district which makes us the district JV champs. I appreciate all the hard work the boys did and the support of our parents and fans. Some of the boys have prepared for varsity play next year and I expect to see the Rebels make a run for the playoffs one more time next year."

The varsity Rebels came onto the court with a bang. The Rivercrest Booster Club had set up a surprise victory line and run through into the gym. With the help of Coach Wood the team were brought through the school halls and into the front entrance of the gym.

Beginning the first quarter on a high note the Rebels held only a two point lead at the end of the first quarter. The Mustangs had come to do their best for a win and to keep their

playoff hopes alive. Score 18-16 Rebels.

In the second quarter the Rebels hit their stride and eased into a 33-27 half time lead.

During the half time break the PIPS entertained the crowd and a drawing sponsored by the Booster Club was held for a special Valentine cake. Lori Randolph was the lucky winner.

The teams returned to the floor for the final quarters and the Rebels roped the Mustangs in the third to take a 55-35 lead.

The fourth was icing on the cake as the entire Rebel team got playing time and took a 78-55 win.

Posting high score for the team was Broderick Fulbright with 18 points. Also scoring were; Erric Martin, Dru Denison, Jeff Savage, Alvin Savage, Michael Allen, Mitch Ellis, Jody Nolen, Clint Gage and Cortney Huddleston. The Rebel team enjoyed the tradition of cutting down the net following the game which gives the team their sixth straight district championship.

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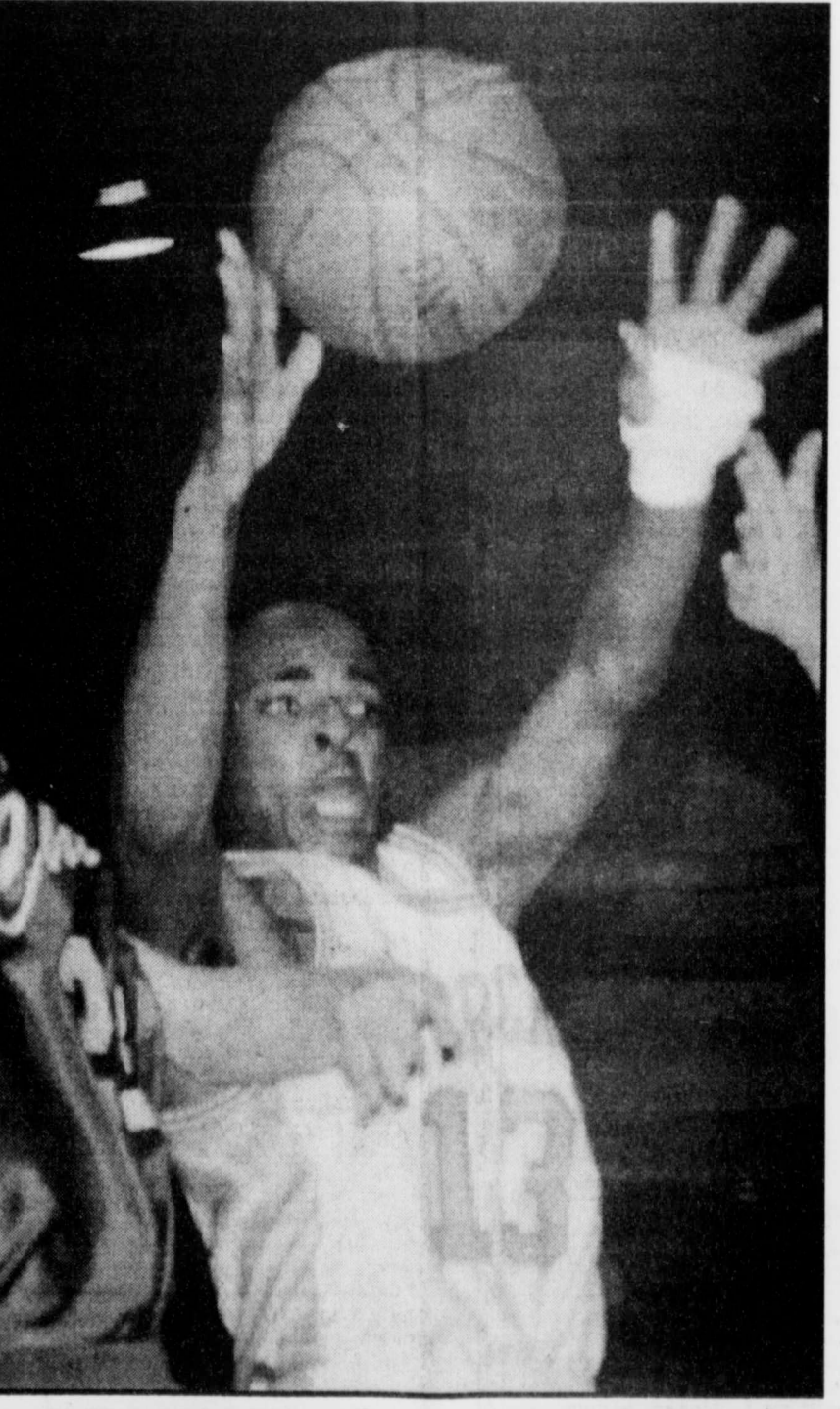
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POSSIBLE FOUL-Varsity Rebel Alvin Savage attempts to go to the hoop as the Rebels played host to the Chisum Mustangs for the final regular season game on Friday, Feb. 14 at RHS. The Rebs took a 78-55 win. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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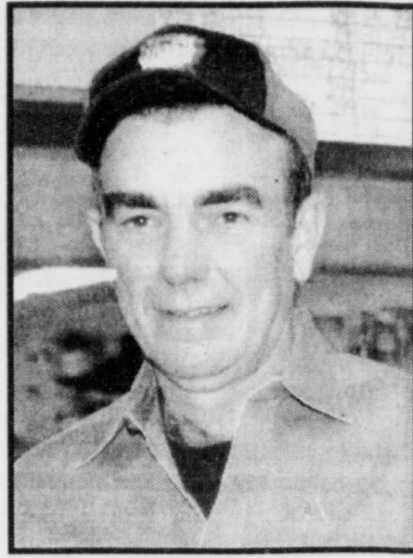
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Gary Huddleston Named Outstanding Resident Conservation Farmer

Gary Huddleston of the Bogata Community was selected by the Red River County Soil and Water Conservation District as outstanding Resident Conservation Farmer. Mr. Huddleston was chosen because of his respect for the land, soils and the application of conservation practices on his farm.

Gary Huddleston is a successful farmer and businessman. He has farmed more than 1000 acres of grain and cotton crops, and owns and manages two large grocery stores in Bogata. Gary was born October 17, 1947 in Red River County and has lived in the Bogata community all of his life. He received his elementary and high school education in Bogata, graduating high school in 1965. He went on to take some Business courses while attending Paris Junior College, Paris and East Texas State University in Commerce for the next two years. Gary's father, the late Gilbert Huddleston, was a native of the Bogata community. Gilbert was a dozer owner / operator during the 1950's and provided contract work for the Soil Conservation Service, building ponds, terraces and other conservation practices. Gary's mother, Bonnie (Williams) Huddleston, also a native of the Bogata community, is a retired school teacher who taught at the Rivercrest High School, Bogata-Talco CISD and currently resides in Bogata. Gary is a member of the First Baptist Church of Bogata.

Gary became interested in farming after his marriage to Martha Allen in 1967. Martha's father, Kenneth Allen, Sr. and other family members farmed extensively in Red River County, which gave Gary the opportunity and insight to become a farmer. Gary's initial effort in farming began in 1969 with a cow-calf operation in Bogata. He ran 100 head of crossbred cows, two Hereford bulls and two Beefmaster bulls. He leased 400 acres of native mixed pasture for grazing and haying purposes. He continued his cow-calf operation until 1984.

Huddleston bought 280 acres from his father-in-law in 1975. He then began farming grain crops of milo and soybeans in 1977. In 1980 Gary leased an additional 600 acres to farm. Gary's best soybean crop yielded 35 bushels per acre, and his best Milo cropcut 5500 pounds per acre. County averages are 25 bushels per acre and 300 pounds per acre respectively. Gary had learned a great deal about farming from his in-laws and has become a competent independent farmer.

Gary has constructed a total of 17,104 feet of terraces, (with cost share and NRCS technical assistance), for water and erosion control on his cropland fields in 1994. Another 3,800 feet of terraces are planned (with cost share and NRCS technical assistance), to be constructed in 1997 as soon as the newly constructed 900 feet of waterway is established to vegetation which will provide a stable outlet for the planned terrace system. Grassed waterways measuring a total of 2,350 feet were established between 1992 and 1993, (with cost share and NRCS technical assistance), and are now functioning for the more than 17,000 feet of terraces. Farming operations are done on the contour using terraces as guides. Cropland not planted to an annual crop is planted to a cover crop if less than 30% ground cover is achieved by residue or volunteer vegetation. Soil tests are taken each year to determine residual soil nutrient levels. Weed control is managed by a combination of crop rotation, tillage and approved herbicides.

Gary has made sound conservation decisions and applications to reduce soil erosion on his cropland.

Gary has two boys from his marriage to Martha: Allen Dale, 28 years old and Randy, 25 years. Like his father, Allen owns three grocery stores, but these stores are located in Deport and Mount Vernon. Randy, on the other hand is also just like his father, but Randy farms. Randy started helping Gary with the farming operations back in 1991 while still in high school. Randy was an eager and quick learning apprentice. Randy took over farming one half of the leased land in 1994 and farmed the cotton crop by himself. "The best cotton yields were made while Randy farmed the land, at 850 pounds per acre," proudly boasts his father.

Gary is so very proud of both of his boys' accomplishments. Allen's inherited business inclination, which has been nurtured with Gary's guidance, makes for an admirable livelihood. Randy, who has proven an aptitude for farming, has now taken over all the farming operations for Gary. Gary is delighted with this arrangement since his grocery business requires so much of his time these days. Presently, Randy is farming 280 acres that Gary owns plus leasing an additional 750 acres. It looks like Randy and Allen both will be following in their father's footsteps, each ensueing one of the two career choices that has made their father, Gary Huddleston, who he is today.

Gary Huddleston has been a District Co-Operator since 1987. The Red River County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors are proud to select Gary Huddleston as the Resident Conservation Farmer for 1996.

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