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## Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols  
A Progress? Report!

I believe I have had more comments on my column about what it is like to be wheelchair confined than any I've written in some time.

People have said they are going to keep in mind the point that we try not to stare and end up totally ignoring someone with a disability, which is worse.

Readers have said they never considered that just because there is a Handicapped Accessible sign things might not be easy for someone with a problem.

And, lots of good folks have expressed their sympathy over my temporary (it better be) incapacity.

Well, I've graduated, in a way, to a walker. Tried the crutches, found out that they don't work well with a painful, partly functioning knee and a no-weight-on-it-at-all foot which are on different legs. Nearly pitched myself headfirst through a doorway and put them away to go back to the walker, which makes me feel like I'm 110 years old, at least.

Like the wheel chair, the walker has given me a new view and a new sympathy for those who use it.

While I can clean house (except I can't figure out how to run the vacuum) from a wheel chair, I cannot do a single thing from a walker.

I mean, it is impossible to carry a glass or cup of liquid, a book, paper, or anything at all while hobbling around with the metal contraption!

I can carry clothes if I am willing to drape them on the crossbar and put up with them sliding off three or four times before reaching my destination.

I can't straighten up and look people in the eye, and I feel rather conspicuous as I stump into a room.

But, I can get to places I can't in the wheelchair, and it does save my poor, overloaded saint of a husband from having to load and unload a wheelchair every time I leave the house.

I know they make baskets for walkers, my mother used to have one. But even with that it was hard to carry a glass of water without sloshing it over the edge, and most things tend to fall out of the basket as it is moving.

No, I now share a new sympathy for people who must use one all the time. Hopefully, next week I will have endured my six weeks with no weight on the foot, and can begin walking on it again. You should have seen the look on my face when the doctor said "well, we'll x-ray it then, sometimes they take an extra two weeks". I don't want to hear this! I mean I REALLY don't want to hear this.

### Please share your Christmas memories with readers



Please send us your memories of Christmas. This is the third year for this. We publish various memories from Christmas' past that people sent in. They received a wonderful response. Again this year we are offering. First place winner will receive a photograph album and certificate of achievement, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. First through 4th places will be published and all others will be published if the space is available.

The memories do not have to be very far in the past...last Christmas would be just fine! They do not have to be long, or dramatic, just a recollection of a favorite holiday past.

Please send them in, you might win a prize, and certificate, and you will definitely bring pleasure to readers.

Send your memories by December 8th to:  
Thunder Prairie Publishing, P.O. Box 98, Deport, TX. 75435

### Papers on sale now

December 1st is the beginning of the annual paper sale. The Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are now on sale through December 31st at \$2 off their regular price.

That makes the already inexpensive papers even better value.

They make a great Christmas gift, to parents and grandparents with kids in school, to the elderly who want to keep up with what is going on in the immediate world around them, and, of course, to yourself.

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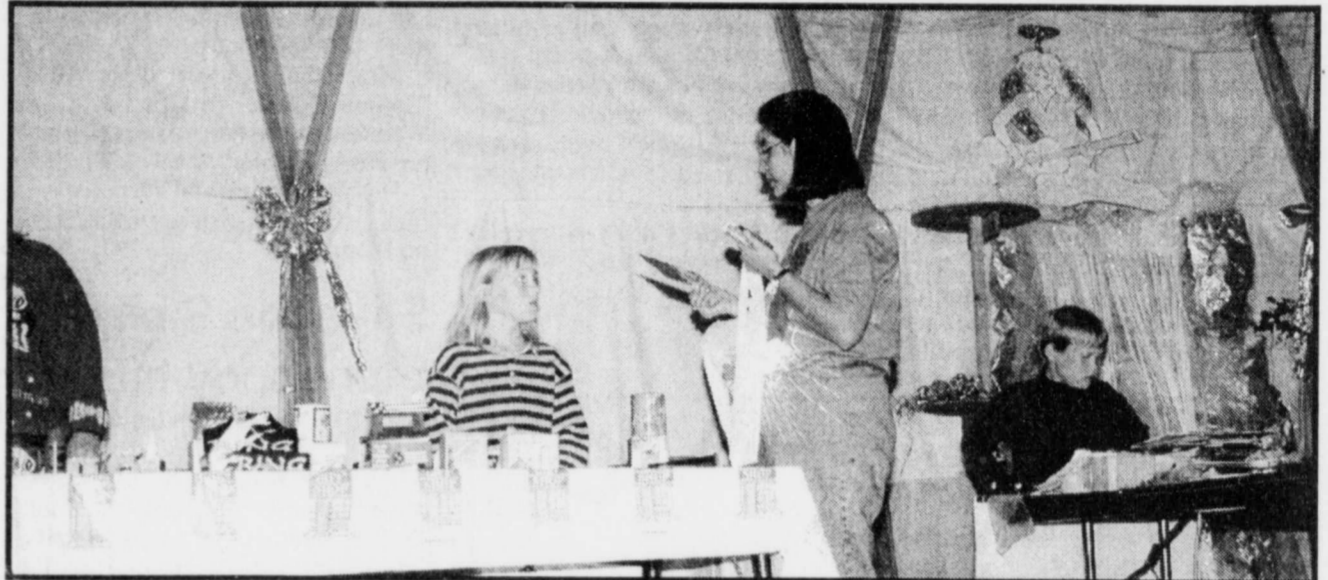
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Blossom Charter subscribers are entitled to an additional \$1 off their paper.

All gift subscriptions will be published in the paper during the big Christmas edition.

### Rebel and Lady Rebel Basketball Schedule 1997-98

Date	Team	Place	Time
11-13	Sulphur Springs B-C Boys Tourn.	There	1BA
	N. Hopkins Tournament Girls & Boys	There	TBA
16	Mt. Vernon A-B-C Boys	There	4:30
19	Ore City A-B Girls	There	4:30
	DeKalb A-B-C Boys	There	4:30
27	N. Hopkins A-B Girls	Here	2:00
29-31	Ardmore, OK A Boys	There	TBA
30	*Alba-Golden A-B Girls	Here	6:00
<b>January</b>			
2	*Chisum A-B Girls	There	6:00
6	*Lone Oak A-B Girls, A-B Boys	There	4:00
9	*Prairiland A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
13	*Como-Pickton A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
16	*Honey Grove A-B Girls, A-B Boys	There	4:00
17	N. Hopkins B Girls Tournament	There	TBA
20	*Cooper A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
23	*Alba-Golden A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
26	*Prairiland C Boys	There	6:30
27	*Chisum A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
30	*Lone Oak A-B Girls, A-B Boys	There	4:00
<b>February</b>			
2	*Prairiland C Boys	There	4:00
3	*Prairiland A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
6	*Como-Pickton A-B Girls, A-B Boys	There	4:00
10	*Honey Grove A-B Girls, A-B Boys	Here	4:00
13	*Cooper A-B Girls, A-B Boys	There	4:00
17	*Alba-Golden A-B Boys	Here	6:00
20	*Chisum A-B Boys	There	6:00
19-21	Girls Bi-District	TBA	TBA
23-24	Girls Area	TBA	TBA
27-28	Boys Bi-District	TBA	TBA
	Girls Regional Tournament	Tyler	TBA
<b>March</b>			
2-3	Boys Area	TBA	TBA
6-7	Girls State Tournament	Austin	TBA
	Boys Regional Tournament	Tyler	TBA
12-14	Boys State Tournament	Austin	TBA



SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP-Talco PTO President, Elodia Grissom helps students purchase items from the PTO sponsored Santa's Secret Workshop held Monday and Tuesday this week. The students are allowed to go and shop for their parents, siblings and friends all by themselves. Items vary in price but all are reasonably priced allowing students to buy their gifts. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



STEW SUPPER-The Rivercrest FFA Booster Club sponsored a stew supper at Rivercrest on Monday, Dec. 8. The four wheeler the group had sold chances on was drawn for and the winner was Jimmy Rodgers. Several people won door prizes and the FFA earned funds. Pictured serving are Kathy Belcher and Sharon Meredith. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

### PEOPLE N THINGS

**Sunday, December 14**  
The Christmas Story will be presented through scripture, drama and singing at the Cunningham Community Center (weather permitting) from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Come by, share some cocoa and celebrate the reason for the season.

**Notice**  
Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rec. Room in Clarksville. Everyone is welcome.

**Saturday, December 13**  
A housewarming will be held for Donald, Freda, Mitchell and Sarah Jean at their new home 1 1/2 miles east of the Old Johtown Store between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Mr. David Winkley of Detroit has announced that tours are now being given of his Santa Shop in Detroit. Please call for an appointment beforehand. Please call 903-674-2312 for an appointment.

### David Teague recalls some things in Deport

David Teague was in the Deport Times this past week and shared a few memories with us.

He recalled attending a Toby Show when a small boy in Deport. There was a salesman in the audience selling bottles of a product which would grease the door handle to cure illnesses. He says every few minutes the salesman would call out to the man on the stage "sold out doc, send me some more doins".

He says there was a man on main street who moved an automobile by tying a rope onto the bumper of the car, and pulling it with his teeth!

He was born in Pattonville, and lived in Deport for a number of years as a child.

### GED test date changed

GED testing at Paris Junior College will resume January 22 following the holidays and spring registration.

Registration packets must be received by the PJC counseling department on the Paris campus no later than 5 p.m. January 20.

For information, call 782-0426.



**EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK-at Talco School this week is Barbara Brown. Barbara and her husband Ennis have three sons, Mark, Bo and Jason., who is a student at Rivercrest High School. the couple have 6 grandchildren. Barbara has been employed at the Talco School cafeteria for two years. Her hobbies include cooking, gardening and collecting pig figurines and other things with pigs on them. The family attend the Talco First Baptist Church. Barbara received a card and flowers from Backroom Floral Designs in Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)**

### Music making planned

The third Friday night of each month starting December 19 pickers and singers are welcome at no charge to make Gospel, Country or Blue Grass music. Bring your own chair to Johtown on Highway 271 south in the Old Dodd Grocery Store at 5:30 p.m. and listen or participate.

For more information call 903-632-5169.

### Editor's Quotes

It is all right to spend money to make character; it is all wrong to spend character to make money.



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### PIPS will practice

Players in progress (PIPS) has planned a practice for Sunday, December 14. The white team will practice from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and the blue team will practice from 3:00-4:00 p.m. These are performances practices. You must attend.

Parents of PIPS are selling chances for a WalMart gift certificate. Chances are \$1.00 each and may be purchased from any PIPS parent. Proceeds will go toward helping sponsor the PIPS group.

### House warming planned for Jeans

A housewarming will be given for Donald, Freda, Mitchell and Sarah Jean in their new home December 13 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Their new home is the house on the north side of the road 1 1/2 miles east of the Old Johtown Grocery Store.

Hostesses are Dana Neeley, Tresa Couch, Lee Ann McCuller, Becky Stroud, Rue Anna Bell, Carol Horn, Teri Cabell, Robin Harville, Susan Shirley, Mary Lynn Horn, Rhonda Blackburn and Jana Hawkins.

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Liz Irwin

### Country Cooking

If there is someone you'd like to see in the Country Cooking Column, call 982-5829 or 652-4205. Look for us on the Internet!

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This week's recipes deal with something that is great for the holidays. . . **CANDY!!!** These recipes are fun to make and also good. . . maybe not good for you. . . but, they are good! With the introduction of the microwave in home kitchens, candy making is made much simpler. It now takes less time to melt various ingredients now and you are much less likely to burn them also! Yea right! Nothing like the scorched smell of butter and milk wafting through your living room. . . especially if you have company coming in the next few minutes!

Anyway, have some fun with it. . . let the kids help. . . in fact, let the whole family help. You will probably have a giant mess, but you will have fun making that mess. . . I guarantee it!

**Orange Balls** is a concoction of frozen orange juice, crushed vanilla

wafers and pecans rolled in powdered sugar. The kids always wanted a white Christmas!

**Date-Nut Candy** is a favorite of everyone. Now you can buy dates already chopped. . . no more sticky knives and cutting boards!

**Peanut Clusters** are great snack foods for everyone. Simple recipe too. . . just melt, stir and let set!

**White Trash**—once you start on this, you can't stop. Can also use Peanut Butter Captain Crunch.

**Microwave Peanut Patties**—Here is one of those microwave recipes. Remember everyone's oven varies, so you will need to adjust to your oven temperatures.

**Butterscotch Candy**—A mixture of butterscotch morsels, nuts and shoestring potatoes. So easy to make too!

### Falbright News by Betty Rodgers Call 652-6051

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno spent Wednesday with Jimmy King. Betty Rodgers and Monte Rodgers visited Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Burgess in Dallas Sunday. Monte also attended the Gun and Knife Show there.

Mr. Worth Baker is in Bogata's Red River Healthcare Center for a few days.

Dick King took his mother Jimmy King to Mt. Pleasant Friday and they had lunch and kept her eye appointment with the doctor.

Mrs. Ethel Eps visited her sister, Bernice Conlan, in Clarksville on Wednesday and helped her celebrate her 89th birthday.

Harold Epps of Mt. Vernon came for a visit with his mother, Ethel Epps on Monday.

### Red River County Roots



This week's query is from Kathryn Langston, P.O. Box 418, Lavco, TX, 75166. She has located a photograph taken by the W.W. Crockett Studio in Clarksville and the names on the back are Betty Godind and ? and Mrs. Foster. If anyone thinks these people may be connected to their family, she would like to hear from them.

If you would like to write to Mrs. Langston, please do so at the above address.

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

Life is meant for learning, enjoyment and accomplishment. Have fun living it every day and you will be able to accomplish more personally, and with others. . .

Positive Outlook by Vera Hill

### Is it the flu or some other "bug"

With all the "bugs" going around during winter, many sick people mistakenly think they have influenza. That may lead them to think the flu shots they got are not working.

"Lots of people get colds in the winter and mistakenly think they have influenza," said Dr. Wendy Keitel of the Influenza Research Center at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine.

Cold-like symptoms can be produced by many viruses circulating this time of year, such as rhino-, corona-, parainfluenza-, respiratory syncytial-, adeno-, and other viruses.

Any of these can cause typical upper-respiratory symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, watery eyes and nasal obstruction, Keitel said. In fact, a mild case of influenza can also produce such symptoms.

Although other infections can be associated with flu-like illness, few if any have the same impact in the community as influenza. Not only can symptoms of influenza be severe, making you feel much worse than a cold ever could, but influenza complications can lead to death. As many as 20,000 people, most of them elderly, die each year in the U.S. from flu complications, chiefly pneumonia.

"Sometimes people will avoid getting flu shots," Keitel said, "because they are convinced that they caught influenza from the shot last year."

Actually, they are likely associating the flu shot with a coincidental illness caused by some other infection.

"The danger in such thinking is that people who really need flu shots will not get them," Keitel said. "The elderly and people with heart and lung disease, in particular, should get flu shots annually because they are among the people most at risk for possible deadly complications."

The flu vaccine is not 100 percent effective, but your chances of avoiding the flu and its complications are significantly higher with the shot than without it.

### Obituaries

#### Mrs. Hester Lee Keith dies December 4

Mrs. Hester Lee Keith, age 72, formerly of Pasadena, died Thursday, December 4 in Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 6 in the chapel of Red River Healthcare Center with the Rev. Rick Holeman officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Keith was born March 5, 1925 in Red River County, the daughter of Homer and Ethel Shows Kennedy. She married John N. Keith on August 9, 1945. He died May 27, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter, Beverly Babb of Houston; a son, Brian Keith of Pasadena; one brother, Charles Kennedy of Deer Park; three grandchildren, Christopher Wayne Babb of Deer Park, Brandon Neal Keith and Jeremy Adam Keith, both of Baytown; one great-grandson, Christopher Jonathan Babb and a great-granddaughter, Kaitlin Cierra Babb, both of Deer Park.

#### Roxton plans tour of homes for Dec. 13

The Roxton Community Development Committee will sponsor a Twilight Christmas Tour of Homes on Saturday, December 13, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$5.00 per person and will be sold at each of the Tour Homes.

For more information please call 903-346-3311 or 903-346-3989.

### Save the Sinuses- Somebody has turned on the heat!

By Donna Hildebrand

It's that time of the year again. When your hands and any visible epidermal covering begins to look like The Wrath! Or at least the nearby desert. Your sinuses look and feel the same!

The solution is quite simple. Water it! Just as the ivy on the icebox is dried out, so is some of your body tissues. I'm not medical, but this was told to me by a doctor. To add necessary moisture: Yes, drink more fluid, the good-for-you fluids— the more

the better. And use some sort of device to put moisture back into the air. Humidifier, pot of water on top of the old wood stove or a closely watched vaporizer.

Did you know that if your house shocks you, (not in looks) when you touch the light switch or walk across the carpet and reach out and touch someone, this is the sign that there is a moisture deficiency in your atmosphere. For Sinus Sake, do something about it!

### Christmas is scheduled at Maxey House

General and Mrs. Sam Bell Maxey's house at 812 S. Church Street in Paris is decorated for the holidays. The outside of the home is decorated with wreaths of magnolia, pine and cedar. The library and dining room are decorated in accents of green and ivory.

Members of the Ninth Texas Infantry reenactment group from the Metroplex will escort visitors from the front sidewalk into the house. The Texas, Confederate First National, Bragg, Polk and Richmond Type IV flag will be flying over the house.

The upstairs bedrooms and hallway will exhibit dresses, tuxedo, accessories and toys of the Maxey's and their kin. Marilda Denton Maxey's maroon silk taffeta dress, circa 1884; and black silk twill and velvet hat she wore to Grover Cleveland's presidential inauguration.

Sunday, December 14 from 1 to 5 p.m., a tour and refreshments will be offered. Live entertainment by some of Paris' local artists will keep you in the holiday spirit. Fee for the tour is \$1.00 per person.

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### Web Tracks

By Dave Seber A Column For Those Interested In Or Learning About The Internet

Farmers now have data available to them from 24 satellites originally developed for the Pentagon. In 1998, NASA will launch 2 more satellites and private companies are planning more satellites that can analyze a parcel as small as a square yard.

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### Holiday lighting hints from TNMP

Holiday lighting is one of the brightest features of this festive season. It also is a potentially dangerous one. Texas-New Mexico Power Company offers the following suggestions to make your lighting both attractive and safe.

Do not place the tree too close to heat sources such as space heaters or fireplaces, and avoid using an open heat source, such as candles, on the tree.

Lights and extension cords should be tested for safety and bear the Underwriters' Laboratories or UL label. Always check lights for damage, such as exposed wires, loose prongs and cracked or broken sockets.

Make sure the power is off when stringing lights. Use indoor lights and outdoor lights

in the proper places. Outdoor lights should be waterproof and should be fastened to trees or structures to prevent damage by winds.

Do not overload extension cords or light strings. Three sets of lights on an extension cord should be the maximum amount. Avoid connecting large light sets through miniature light sets. And before decorating, check light sets for smoking and melting by placing on a nonflammable surface and plugging in for 10 to 15 minutes.

Avoid using electric lights on a metallic tree, which can become charged with electricity through faulty wiring. Consider using colored spotlights above or beside the tree instead.

Indoor lights should be securely

attached to trees, and bulbs should not be in direct contact with needles or branches.

Unplug lights when the tree or house is unattended.

Water the tree frequently to prevent bulbs from scorching pine needles.

At the end of the season, careful packing will avoid damage to lights and wiring for next year's use.

Always keep a fire extinguisher nearby for emergency purposes.

Texas-New Mexico Power Company wishes a bright and safe holiday season to all of its 220,000 customers in Texas and New Mexico. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of TNP Enterprises, Inc., based in Ft. Worth, TX.

December 11, 1997  
Candy Recipes

**Orange Balls**  
1 pound bag vanilla wafers  
1 stick butter  
1 small can frozen orange juice  
1 box powdered sugar  
1 cup chopped pecans  
Crush wafers until fine. Melt butter. Mix with orange juice. Mix dry ingredients in large bowl. Mix with liquid. Shape into small balls, size of walnut. Roll into powdered sugar. Place on wax paper to harden.

**Date-Nut Roll**  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup milk  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 cup chopped dates  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 cup finely chopped nuts  
1-1/2 cups coarsely chopped nuts  
Combine sugar, milk and butter in heavy saucepan; blend thoroughly. Place over low heat. Stir until sugar is dissolved and mixture is boiling moderately. Cover; cook for three minutes. Remove cover. Remove crystals from side of pan with damp cloth. Cook to soft-ball stage; add dates. Remove from heat. Add vanilla. Cool, without stirring, to lukewarm. Beat until very thick. Add finely chopped nuts, knead until smooth. Divide into three equal parts; shape each into a roll. Coat each roll with 1/2 cup nuts. Chill; cut into 1/2 inch slices.

**Peanut Clusters**  
1-6 ounce package chocolate chips  
2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1-1/2 cup Spanish peanuts  
Melt chocolate chips. Add milk, vanilla and peanuts; mix well. Drop by spoonful onto a buttered cookie sheet or waxed paper.

**White Trash**  
2 cups Rice Krispies cereal  
2 cups Captain Crunch cereal  
2 cups broken pretzels  
2 cups salted nuts  
1 package white almond bark  
Combine first 4 ingredients. Melt almond bark and pour over cereal mixture; mix well. Drop on waxed paper.

**Microwave Peanut Patties**  
2 cups sugar  
1/2 cup water  
dash salt  
1/2 cup light corn syrup  
1-1/2 cup raw panuts  
1 tablespoon margarine  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2-3 drops red food coloring  
Combine sugar, water, salt and corn syrup in 2-quart glass bowl. Bring to a boil for 3 minutes. Stir and add peanutss. Cook 9-11 minutes more or until soft ball stage. (234 degrees) Remove and add margarine, vanilla and coloring. Cool and beat until creamy. Drop by spoonful onto cookie sheet.

**Butterscotch Candy**  
3-6 ounce packages butterscotch morsels  
2 heaping tablespoons peanut butter  
1 can peanuts  
1 can shoestring potatoes  
Melt butterscotch morsels and peanut butter in double broiler. Add peanuts and shoestring potatoes. Drop by spoonful onto waxed paper.

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Schelly Currin with fiance Michael Byrd

### Currin-Byrd engagement announced

Bobby Dorothy of Dallas and Claude Currin of Paris announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Schelly Currin, to Michael Byrd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Byrd of Deport.

Schelly and Mike extend an invitation to all their friends and relatives to join them for the ceremony on December 20 at 7:00 in the evening. The ceremony will take place at the American Legion Hall in Deport.

### Open House is December 19

The Red River Valley Girl Scout Council is hosting a Christmas open house on Friday, December 19 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Girl Scouts, families, volunteers and other interested individuals are invited to tour the facility, meet informally with staff members and learn more about Girl Scouting opportuni-

ties in the Red River Valley. The Red River Valley Girl Scout Council covers Bryan, Choctaw, McCurtain and Pushmataha counties in Oklahoma and Camp, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus counties in Texas.



SHANA DODD a member of the Sterling Stars Drill Team from Naaman Forest High School took part in a perform Thanksgiving Day at Texas Stadium. All six of Garland's high schools entered their drill teams in the half time show at the Stadium. Also appearing at half time was Reba McIntire. Shana is a junior and is active in Student Council, Keg Club, CCGM and Robotics. Her remark after the performance was "working with Reba McIntire was awesome". Shana is the daughter of Gayla Dodd, Garland and Eddie Dodd, Paris. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dodd of Jothtown and Nandine Caldwell of Talco.



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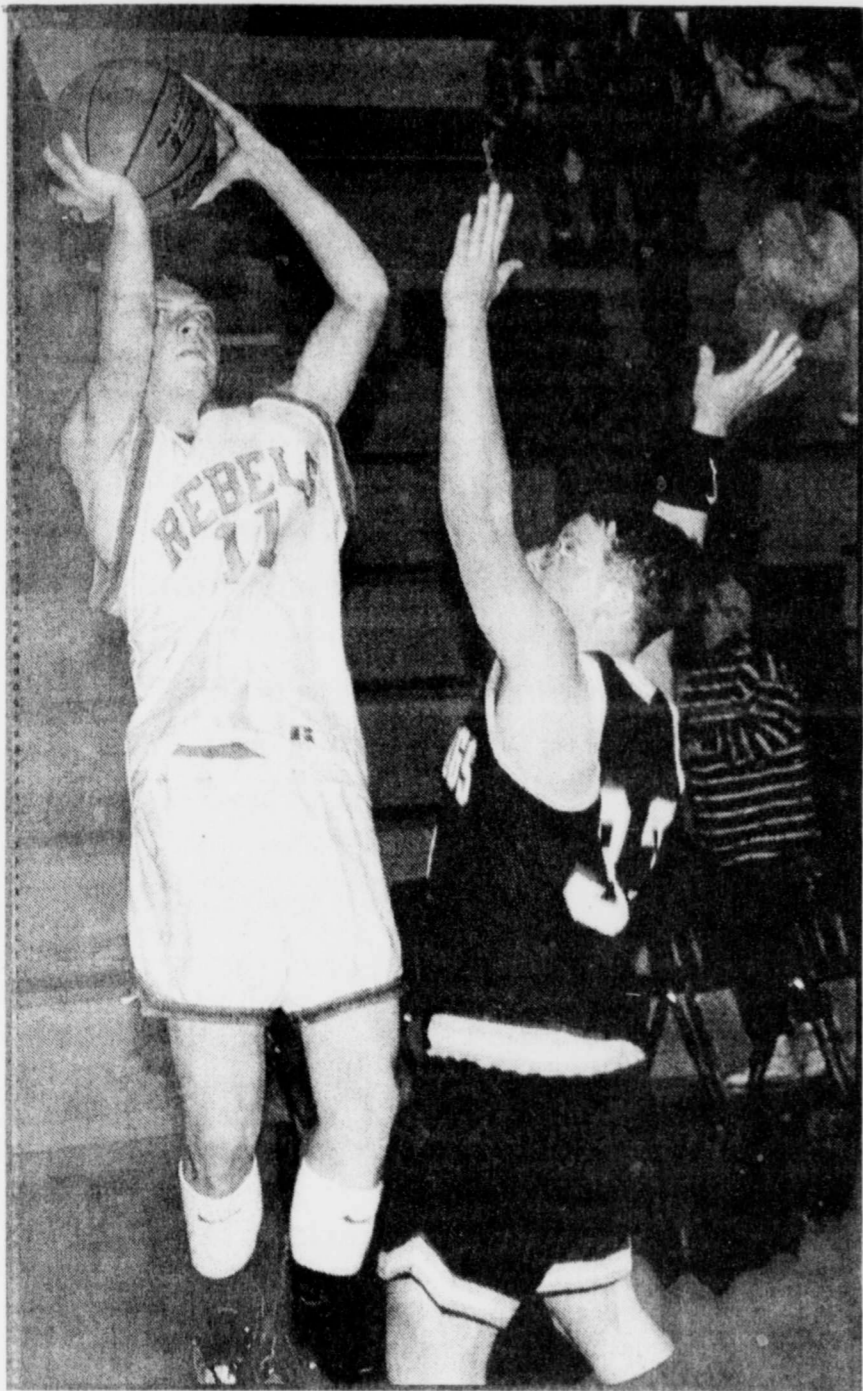
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**BUBBA ABERNATHY (#11) TOOK A SHOT** - In the face of a Cooper Bulldog in basketball action last week. Rebels won the contest and went on to win first in the tournament.

**Junior High attends Chisum tourney**

The Talco-Bogata Junior High Lady Rebel seventh grade and eighth grade teams and the Rebels seventh grade and eighth grade teams traveled to Chisum on Dec. 4-5-6 for tournament play.

The Lady Rebel seventh grade brought home a second place trophy. The girls were defeated by Honey Grove in the first place game. The eighth grade team played Cooper, Chisum and Roxton but were knocked out of the trophy round.

The seventh grade boys also took a second place defeating Cooper and losing to Chisum while the eighth grade were defeated out of the trophy round.

The teams met Chisum in regular district play on Monday. The boys hosted the Mustangs at Rivercrest with the seventh grade losing with a score of 42-38 following a double overtime. The eighth grade team took the win. The Lady Rebel seventh grade traveled to Chisum and were defeated by 2 points. The eighth grade Lady Rebels also lost a close one losing by 4 points.

**Lady Rebels first, Rebels second**

The varsity Lady Rebels and Rebels traveled to Detroit Dec. 4-5-6 for tournament play. On Thursday the Lady Rebels met Chapel Hill. Candias Nickerson served as team captain for the game. On the first jump of the ball Nickerson made the first score of the game and Kristi Hines quickly added 2 treys. The Lady Red Devils could not buy two points but if their shots had of went in they would have given the ladies of Rivercrest a game. By the half the Lady Rebs held a 41-24 lead. Erin Stansell, Missy Carroll and Kristi Hines did an excellent job of rebounding throughout the half.

The second half moved quickly and the Lady Rebs increased their score to 62-31 at the end of the third. The Lady Red Devils never gave up not letting the game slow. However, the Lady Rebs took a 77-52 win. Katie Hare, Joanie Swarts had a good defensive half for the Lady Rebels and Kristi Hines scored 20 points to lead the team followed by Candias Nickerson and Missy Carroll. Also scoring were Deidre Brown, Tiffany Prentice, Katie Hare, Joanie Swarts and Erin Stansell.

The Lady Rebs returned Friday to meet Avery. Again they put another win on their record leaving them to play for first place on Saturday. At 7:00 pm on Saturday the team met Roxton. The first quarter was run by Candias Nickerson as she went in to score 9 points. Kristi Hines added a field goal and a trey and Tiffany Prentice added a field goal. Score 16-7 Lady Rebels.

The walking call eat the Lady Rebels up in the second quarter handing the ball over to Roxton who took advantage of each turn over. The half ended 28-25 Lady Rebels.

In the third the ladies of Roxton got within 3 points of the Lady Rebels late in the quarter. Deidre Brown, who is a rock for the Lady Rebels, pulled down rebounds while Candias Nickerson did a defesive number on Roxton's powerhouse #41. Score 41-38 Lady rEbels. In the final quarter Joanie Swarts came off the Rebel a 15-8 first quarter lead. The Red Devils would not be taken lightly and held Rebel scores down in the second while adding points of their own. With 3:32 left in the half Chapel Hill got within 1 point of the Rebels 21-20. The half ended with the Rebs 5 points up. Score 27-22.

In the third Chapel Hill took an early lead and it took the Rebels the entire quarter to catch up and tie the Red Devils. Over 2 minutes ran off in the fourth before either team scored. With almost 3 minutes left in the quarter the Rebels got the 2 point lead. A Chapel Hill foul sent Michael Allen to the line. Allen ripped the net to put the Rebs 4 points up. The Red Devil would not give up and the quarter ended in a 50-50 tie.

The teams went into a 4:00 overtime. Chapel Hill hit 2, the Rebs hit 2, a Rebel foul saw the Red Devils add one, 54-53 and then the Red Devils added 3 to the Rebels 1. Score 57-54 Chapel Hill. A Rebel time out was taken with 1:29 left. Broderick Fulbright went to the free shot line on

Lady Rebel bench to add a trey, field goal and some good defense. Erin Stansell went to the hoop for scores and hit 99% from the free shot line. Final 56-46 Lady Rebels.

High scorer for the game was Candias Nickerson with 19 points followed by Kristi Hines and Erin Stansell. Also scoring were Joanie Swarts, Katie Hare, Deidre Brown and Tiffany Prentice. Receiving All Tournament honors were Candias Nickerson and Deidre Brown. Receiving the MVP award was Kristi Hines. Coach Debbie Williams said, " This was a great team winning effort and a very well deserved win".

The Rebels began the tourney Thursday against the undefeated Chapel Hill Red Devils. Ryan Giles and Jody Gray served as team captains for the rebels. Treys from Jody Nolen, Cortney Huddleston and Michael Allen plus free shots and field goals from Broderick Fulbright, Brian Giles and Huddleston gave the a foul to add one and the Red Devils answered with 2, score 60-55. Jody Nolen hit a trey, the Red Devils walked giving up the ball and Courtney Huddleston added the trey. Score 60-61 Rebels and 19 seconds left. The Red Devils drew a charging foul with 4:3 seconds giving the Rebs the ball. Michael Allen drew a shooting foul and went to the line to add 2 points. Score 63-60 Rebels. The Red Devils got off the three point shot but missed the mark. Although it was not a pretty win it was a win just the same for the Rebels. Final 63-60.

The Rebels returned on Friday to defeat Avery putting them into the play off for first on Saturday.

On Saturday the Rebels faced the powerful Detroit Eagles. On the first jump of the ball the Rebs scored quickly but their fire was dashed out by the Eagles. The quarter ended with the Rebels completely lost and a score of 19-9 Eagles. The second quarter the Rebels only picked up 4 points but drew numerous fouls that the Eagles capitalized on. The Rebels also drew a technical foul before the half ended and the Eagles rolle don to a 42-13 lead.

The Rebels tried to come back in the third. Cortney Huddleston hit three theys plus two free shots, Brian Giles, Michael Allen and Jason Feelen added points but the Rebs still trailed 57-31.

In the final quarter the Eagles scored at will and even with three officials the game was out of control. Cortney Huddleston had a good quarter for the team scoring 14 points and Jason Feelen hit four free shots to give him 99% from the line throughout the game. Kyle Stansell added a trey, Jody Gray 2 field goals and Ryan giles one field goal but it was not enough. final 80-57 Eagles.

The Rebels took second place in the tourney and Jody Nolen and Cortney Huddleston received All Tournament honors.



**BLOCK IT ANY WAY** - Candias Nickerson went all out to stop the Lady Red Devils of Chaple Hill from scoring in Thursday's game at Detroit. The Lady Rebels took the win and went on to win first place in the tournament. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**Rebel JV host tournament**

The Rivercrest Rebel boys B and C teams hosted a tournament on Dec. 4-5-6. On Thursday the Rebel C team met Cooper. The Bulldogs got on the board first but the Rebels overtook them quickly in the first quarter. Score 16-10 Rebels. In the second quarter good Rebel team work put the team out of reach. Ryan Case, Cody Wolfe, Kerry Posey, Eric Posey and Clinton Cheatwood dropped in points and added to the first quarter scores from Wolfe, K. Posey, Cheatwood, Mitchell Jean and Kris Hall the half ended 40-18 Rebels.

The final two quarters were all Rebels and the game ended with a 64-30 Rebel win. High scorer for the game was Cody Wolfe with 15 points followed by Clinton Cheatwood with 14. Also scoring were Ryan Case-11 points, Kerry Posey-10 points, Kris Hall-6 points, Mitchell Jean-4 points and Bubba Abernathy and Eric Posey-2 points each.

The Rebel B team also played the Cooper Bulldogs. In the first quarter the Rebels got a slow start. Josh Posey, Keith Hines, Brandon Bell, Michael Galloway and Paul Billingsley scored to end the quarter with a 15-8 Rebel lead. In the second quarter the Rebels netted 16 points from Posey, Hines, Billinsley, Coleman Brown and Chad Holland and the Rebel defense chained the Bulldogs. Score 31-15 Rebels.

The third and fourth quarters were well controlled by the Rebels and they took a 59-41 win. High scorer for the evening was Keith Hines with 19 points. Also scoring was Josh Posey-12 points, Coleman Brown-12 points, Chad Holland-10 points, Paul Billingsley-4 points, Michael Galloway-2 points and Brandon Bell-1 point.

On Friday the Rebel C team met Mt. Vernon and took a 29-25 win following a good game from both teams. Cody Wolfe was high scorer for the Rebels followed by Bubba Abernathy. The Rebel B team also met Mt. Vernon for a good game. Score 51-47 Rebels. Keith Hines led the Rebel scoring followed by Coleman Brown and Michael Galloway.

Saturday's games saw both the Rebel C and B teams playing for first place. The C team met Chapel Hill for an exciting game. The Rebels pulled out the win 27-20. Cody Wolfe led the team in scoring. The Rebel B team also met Chapel Hill for a 6 point win. Final 60-54. Keith Hines was high scorer for the team followed by Josh Posey. Great job Rebels!

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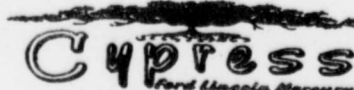
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A party will be held in their honor by their two children, Judy Case Stevens and Bruce Case, along with their daughter-in-law Tammie Case, and three grandchildren Laura Ste-

vens, Ryan and Rachel Case at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club in Mt. Pleasant, Texas on Dec. 21, 1997 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

All friends and family members are invited to attend and share memories with the couple. The couple has requested no gifts please.

**Barbara Smith honored Dec. 7, 1997**

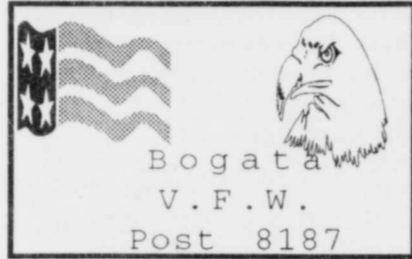
Barbara (Graf) Smith was honored on her birthday Sunday, Dec. 7, 1997 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and Jack with a surprise fish fry.

Helping celebrate and enjoying fish and all the trimmings and birthday cake were; Jimmy and Lavonne Coulter of Ft. Worth, Neal and Carla

Minor, Jamie and Jennifer of Overton, Carl Smith II of Mt. Pleasant, Katherine Smith of Tyler, Wanda Graf, Katherine, Rachel and Susan, Carl Antone and Paul and Kim Anderson of Bogata. Barbara received many nice gifts and was thoroughly surprised.



CONGRATULATIONS- to John White for making second chair trombone at the A/AA Honor Band try outs last week. John and Jeremy Price will try out for Area Band on Thursday, Dec. 10 in Mt. Vernon. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 time. The VFW and its Auxiliary meet every second and fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. The VFW Post 8187 no longer has Bingo on Saturday p.m.

The Tip Top Laundry in Bogata will close at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24 and will re-open Monday, December 29 and will close January 1 for New Year's Day

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**Ag Boosters Club has stew supper**

The Rivercrest Ag Boosters had a stew supper on Monday, December 8. For a \$20.00 donation you could have a chance to win a Yamaha Timberwolf 4 wheeler and other door prizes. You had to be present to win door prizes. The group would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting the program. They would also like to thank all the merchants who donated the door prizes. All proceeds are to be used for scholarships or other areas that will help the future of the Agriculture students. Winners and donations are as follows: Sonic Drive In Mount Pleasant 2 free meals-Alice Perry, Lisa Dyess, Keith Brown and Kathy Hawkins, Rivercrest FFA Sausage- Beckie Belcher, Kenny Swinford, Kasey Crawford, Jessie Hanna, Eddie Brown, Kim Stansell, Ryan Hawkins, Kevin Williams, Jared Huddleston, Taylor and Callie Anderson and Alan Hudson, Hershel's Mount Pleasant-Free Dinner-Kathy Hawkins and Ethan Meredith, Movies 8 Pairs 2 movie passes-Barry Crawford and Robert Crawford, Fish

Fry Paris Free Dinner-Julie Childres, El Chico Mount Pleasant Free Entree and drink-Kathy Hawkins, Rivercrest FFA Oranges-Roger Horn, Fruit Pak-Rodger Hall, Caps-Misty Earley, Kathy Hawkins, Mike Upchurch, Floyd Noey, Bacon-Kevin Williams, Jerry Ann Richardson, Kathy Hawkins, Alice Perry and Larry Evans, Murray's MisQue Paris-\$15.00 gift certificate-Johnny Stansell, Elliott Motors Mount Pleasant \$20.00 cash-Rickey Franks, Ellen Hanna, Seth Hawkins, Teresa Taylor and Shelly Hollis, Williams Sporting Goods Paris Cap-Tommy Childres, Nixon Equipment Mount Pleasant Toy Tractor-Landon Earley, Animal Store Paris 50 pound dog food-Charles Guest, Stag Cattle Co. Pour on Ivomec-Gary Schultz, Priefert Mount Pleasant 5X10 dog kennel-Peggy Belcher and Rivercrest FFA trailer jack-Brodie Belcher. The lucky winner of the Yamaha Timberwolf 4 wheeler was Jimmy Rodgers of Talco. Thank you and congratulations to all from the Boosters Club.

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**BEAU AND SWEETHEART**-Chosen as Rivercrest Band Beau and Sweetheart for the 1997-98 school year are Bonnie Phillips and Jeremy Price. Bonnie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brit Phillips of Lone Star. Jeremy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Price of Sugar Hill. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**SECOND PLACE**-in the float division at the Talco Christmas parade was won by the Talco first grade Queen Emily Rector and King I.B. Morris. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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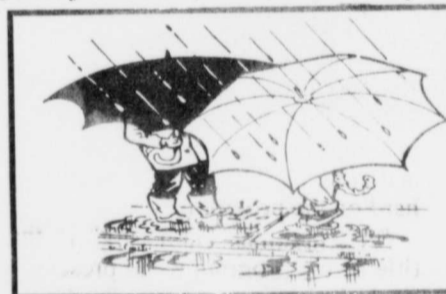
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**THIRD PLACE**-in the 4 wheeler division at the Talco Christmas parade was shared by second grade Christmas Queen, Heather Bui and King, Jeffery Brooks. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**Have A Nice Weekend**

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Eugene and Pat Cox enjoyed lunch Saturday with Tommy Lee and Joyce Cox. Cindy Robertson visited later that afternoon.

Mark and Douglas Hawkins spent Saturday in Paris.

Koren, Haley and Heather Hawkins spent Saturday with their Granny Robbie.

Sonny and Shannon Gibbs spent Sunday afternoon with Jana, Haley and Heather Hawkins. They all enjoyed hamburgers, pecan pie and visiting.

Jana, Haley and Heather Hawkins, Pauline Gibbs enjoyed Christmas shopping Thursday in Paris.

The JMBC Friendship Circle met in the fellowship hall of the church Friday night to make hundreds of fried pies as a fundraiser for the auxiliary. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship together.

**TALCO-BOGATA CISD MENUS FOR December 15-18**

**MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

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**Lunch**  
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**Breakfast**  
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Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk  
**Lunch**  
Hot Dogs  
French Fries  
Ranch Style Beans  
Brownies  
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**Wednesday**

**Breakfast**  
Sausage & Biscuits  
Jelly  
Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk  
**Lunch**  
Barbecue Rib on a bun  
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Pickle Spears  
Strawberry Cake  
Milk

**Thursday**

**Breakfast**  
Cereal & Toast  
Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk  
**Lunch**  
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Salad / Pickles  
French Fries & Ketchup  
Beans  
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**Friday**

No School !! Happy Holidays!!

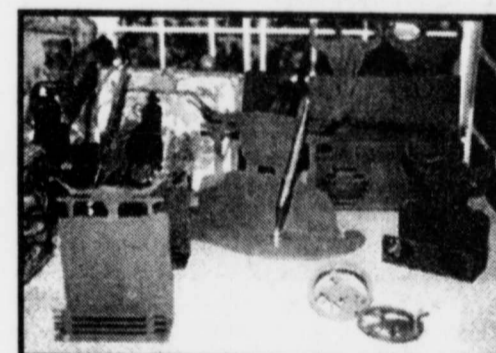
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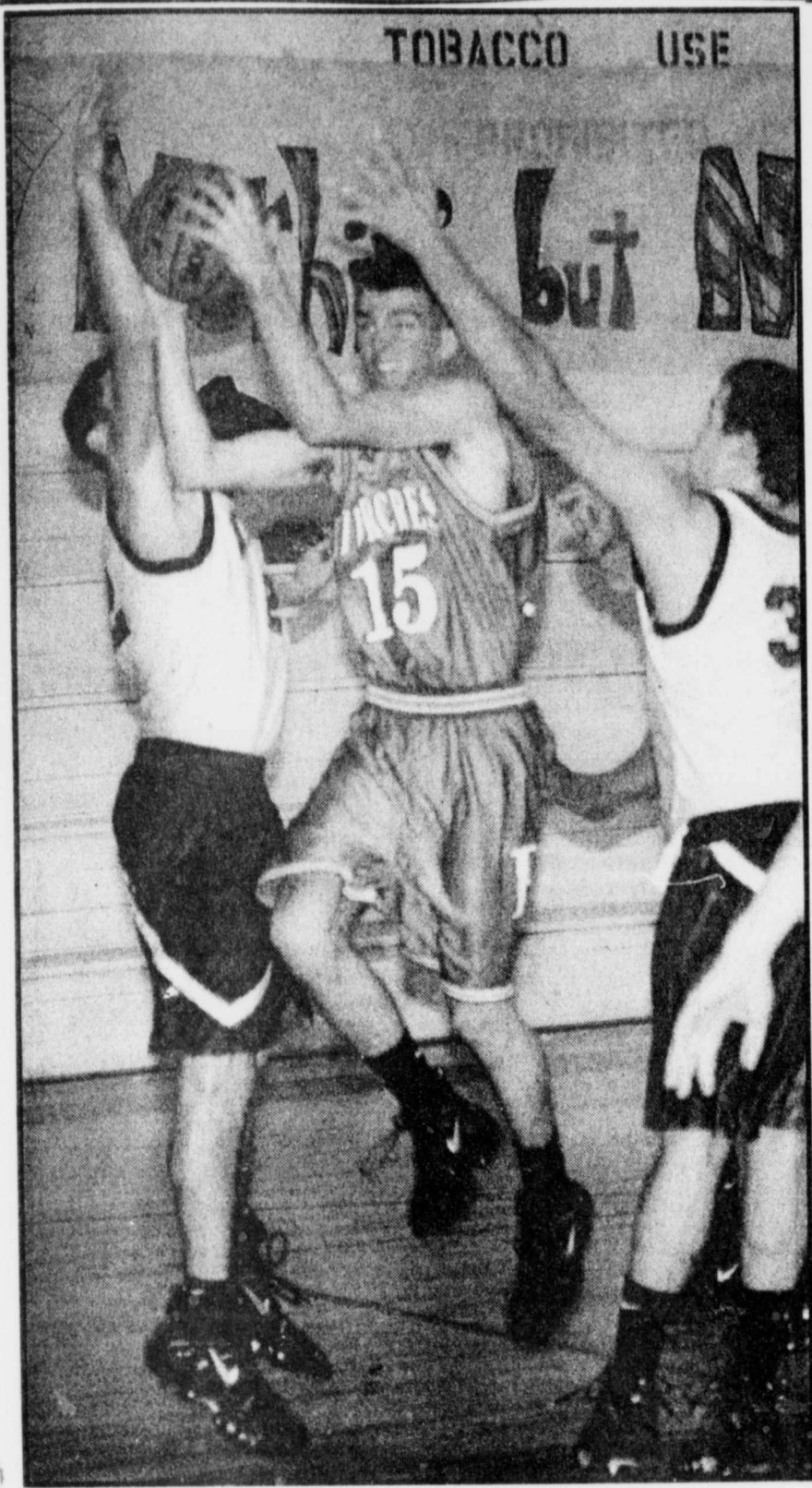
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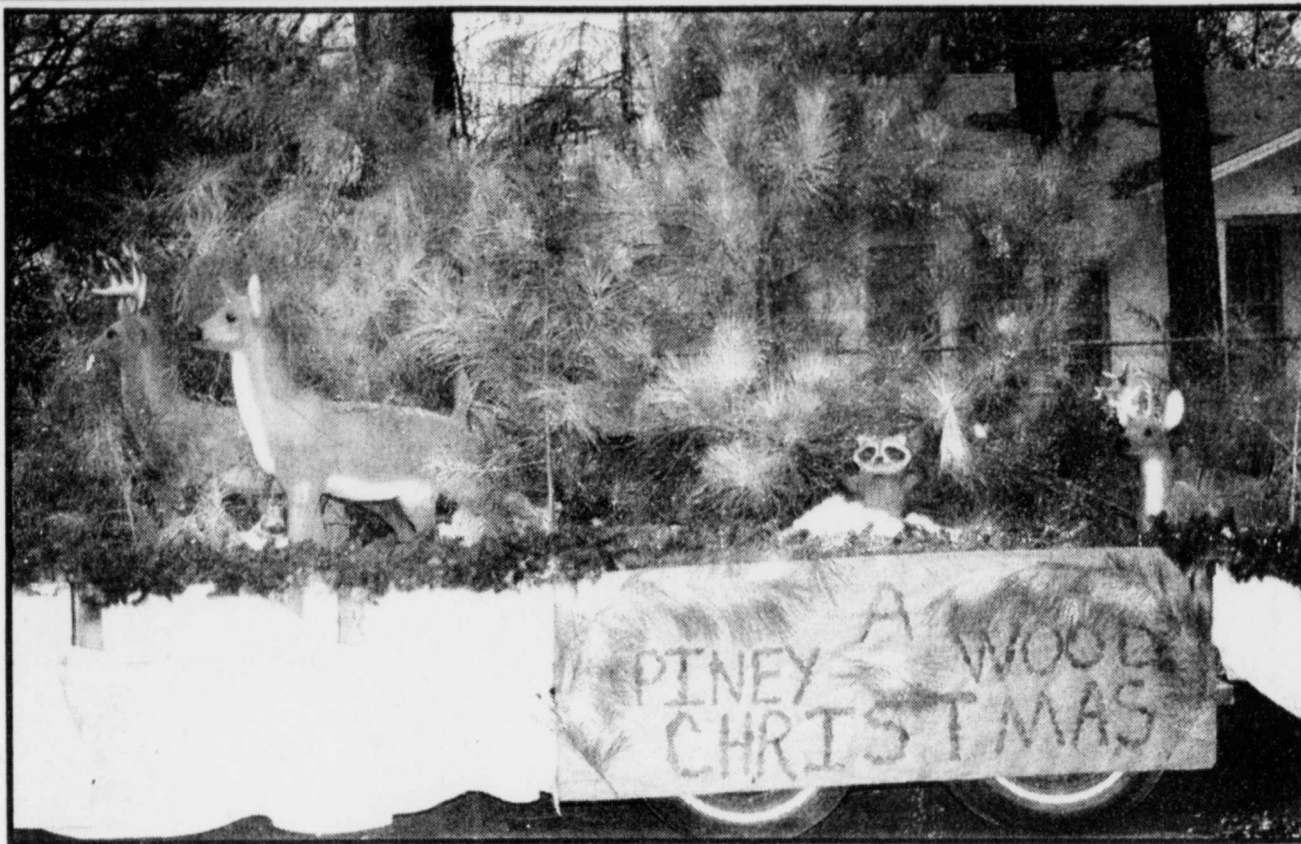
COMING THROUGH-Rebel, Cortney Huddleston splits the middle to score as the Rebels defeated the Chapel Hill Red Devils in Thursday's game at the Detroit hosted tournament. The Rebels won a hard fought battle over the Red Devils and went on to play for first place. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**CWIA meets**

Monday, December 1, the second meeting of the Christian Women In Action was held at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. There were 16 ladies present. The ladies are excited about the possibilities of this group effort.

The group has been invited by the Methodist Church to participate in a Community Christmas Caroling on December 22. Everyone is invited. Meet at the Methodist Fellowship Hall at 5:45 p.m. Monday evening, December 22. Bring flashlights. The group will sing at the Nursing Home and travel to as many homes and shut-ins as possible.

The next meeting of the CWIA will be Monday, January 12 at the First Assembly of God Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Beginning February 1998 the meetings will be the first Monday of each month. Check the local Newspaper or contact one of the local churches for the meeting location. The meetings will rotate among some of the available facilities.



A PINEY WOODS CHRISTMAS FLOAT BY RED RIVER HEALTHCARE CENTER- won first place in both the Talco and Bogata Christmas Parades.

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Louise Nolen was hospitalized Thursday at Titus County Regional Hospital. She is reported doing better.

Randy Hollis was injured in an accident while working cattle this week. He was taken to Titus County Regional Hospital where he received three layers of stitches and was diagnosed with slight concussion. He is reported doing well.

Patsy Smith and Marta Rhoades attended the District Dixie League Girls Softball meeting held in M. Vernon on Sunday evening. Changes for the coming year were discussed and tournaments were set. Mt. Pleasant will host the Darlins- ages 7-8; Mt. Vernon will host the Belles-ages 13-15; Hopkins county will host the Pony Tails-ages 11-12 and Winnsboro will host the Angles-ages 9-10 district tournaments next year.

Darrell Stockton was rushed to Methodist Hospital in Houston where he underwent a lung transplant this past week. He is reported doing well following the surgery.

The Talco-Bogata Littel Dribbler Association held the draft of this year's teams on Sunday, Dec. 7. There will be a coaches meeting held on Jan. 4 at 4:00 pm to discuss referees for the coming year. The teams will begin practice on Jan. 5, 1998.

Visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Richeson Sunday were Phyllis and James Finch of Grand Prairie, Ann and Nubbin Deaton of Bogata, Dean and Wanda Cabell, Amanda Jones, Courtney and Samantha, Shelia Keel, Shannon Richeson, Cynthia and Stansley Jones, Shaunda Jones, Jordon and Bailey, Dean Tiffie, Joe Dan Richeson, Mark Wade Richeson

and Leslie, Missy Gentry, Sandra Milner of Mt. Pleasant and Ricky and Lorry Richeson. Shalina, Josh, DeAnna and Rikki of Mt. Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Russell and Melanie Smith and Vickie Craig and Josh attended the football play-off game between Elysian Fields and Alto on Saturday. Elysian Fields were defeated 36-6 ending their race to the State playoff game.

Attending the Elysian Fields vs Alto on Saturday from Talco were Mand Mrs. Bruce Case and Ryan and J.O. Weatherall.

Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul and Leslie Wright and Jacob traveled to Dallas on Monday where Robert Caul had a doctor's appointment. He received a good report and is continuing to heal.

The Beginners Class of the First Baptist Church under the direction of Pat Logan will present a Christmas program Sunday night, December 14 at the church. They have worked very hard on the program.

"A Christmas Gathering" is the title of the program to be presented by the Talco First Baptist Choir Sunday night, December 21. The youth will bring a program the same night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Alexander attended the funeral of Carl Mewborn at the Texarkana Funeral Home in Texarkana on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Mewborn is the father of their son-in-law, Don Mewborn of Mineola.

Tina Nolen was uninjured in a 2-car accident Monday evening in Mt. Pleasant.

Chesley Baird and Andre Savage returned home from boot camp this week. Both boys will be stationed in Alabama when they return.



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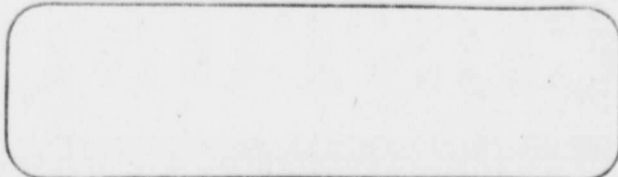
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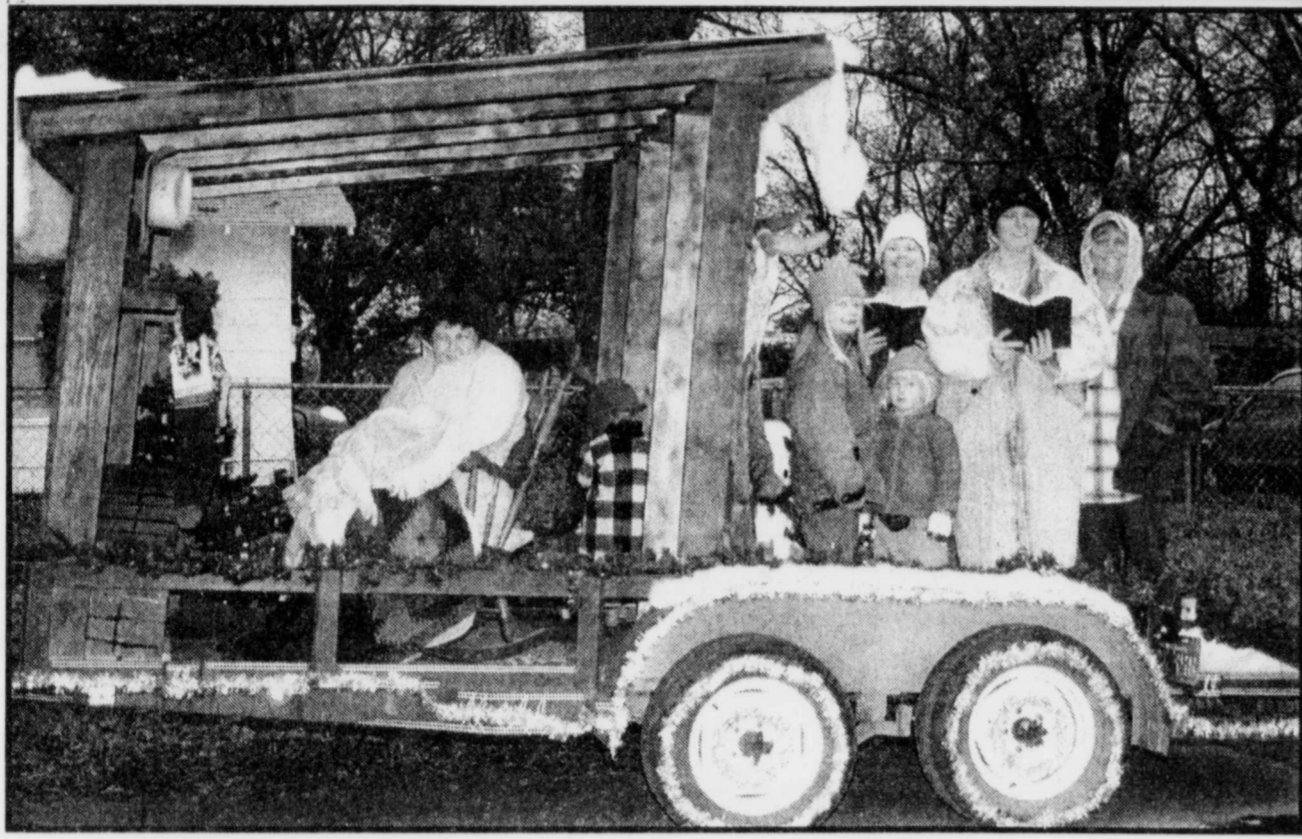
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SECOND PLACE in the bicycle division at the Talco Christmas parade was won by Alex Savage. Congratulaions Alex! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK** at the Bogata Elementary Junior High Campus is Rhonda Merrill. Mrs. Merrill is the Language Arts Teacher. This is her first year in Bogata School. Mrs. Merrill and husband, Joseph, who is pastor at Life Tabernacle Church in Cunningham along with their children, Deanna, a senior at Prairiland, Landon an eighth grader at Bogata, Stephen, a seventh grader at Bogata and Nathaniel a Kindergarten at Bogata, live in Cunningham.

Mrs. Merrill will graduate from TAMU-Commerce with a Master's Degree in Technology/Education. She received a BS in 1996 from TAMU.

Mrs. Merrill's hobbies include singing, writing and kids.

Employees of the week receive flowers from Backroom Florist in Bogata.




THIRD PLACE in the float division at the Talco Christmas parade was won by the Talco First Baptist Church whose theme was "Jesus, the reason for the season". (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



THIRD PLACE in the 4 wheeler division at the Talco Christmas parade was shared by third grade Christmas Queen, Torrie Grissom and King, Andrew Deaton. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Make personal commitments to yourself to have certain important things done by a specific time and date. Then reward yourself upon doing them. You will develop a success habit of getting things done.  
Positive Outlook by Vera Hill

 **Have A Nice Weekend**



THIRD PLACE in the car division at the Talco Christmas parade was won by the Talco Junior High Cheerleaders and their Pooh Bear Christmas. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CHRISTMAS UNDER THE STARS, A FLOAT BY THE RIVERCREST JUNIOR CLASS- with Lisa Shirley, Junior class Christmas Queen, won third place in the Bogata Christmas Parade.

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Billie Welch and Polly Fodge of Blossom visited Chrystine Baker Thursday. They all went to Clarksville and visited their mother, Ruby Corbell at Regency Nursing Center. They also visited Naomi and Smitty Smith and Glynn Harbison. They came back to Bogata and ate at 909 Diner and enjoyed a visit with Ruth Wood and her nurse while there. Janice Lee Martin, her nurse, was treating Ruth to an ice cream cone for her 92nd birthday, December 4. They also visited with Lucille O'Donnell and her daughter, Sheila Buck.

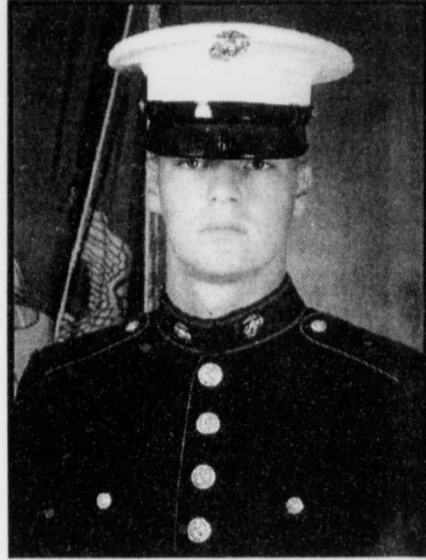
Visiting in the home of Donnie and Shirley Smith during Thanksgiving holidays were Bob and Jitter

Thornton, Ike and Dorie Roach, Duane, Sandra, Jayson and Kimberly Benson, Brandon Williams, Raymon Mulidin, Billie, Randy and Jay Hancock, Darian Smith, Corthey Jordan, Evie Smith, Mary Ruth Schultz and Pete Clark. Everyone really enjoyed the good food and visiting.

Dianne Huddleston and daughter, Heather, and Denise Burns of Austin spent the week-end with their father, Carl Henry Burns, and other relatives in Bogata.

Mike Screws, Bren and Hali of Deport visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws visited in Deport with Mr. and Mrs. Murl Roach Saturday afternoon.



Matthew Bales

**Bales graduates  
basic training**

Marine Private Matthew R. Bales, son of Larry R. and Claudia M. Bales of Talco, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Private Bales successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Private Bales and fellow recruits began their training a 5:00 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, he spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand to hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Private Bales and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values, honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

He, along with other recruits, ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54 hour team effort which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Private Bales joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

Matthew Bales has advanced to Private First Class. He's been working as a recruiter's assistant, out of the Mount Pleasant Office, since November 11. He goes back to San Diego, December 15. He will then go to Camp Pendleton for 17 days of MCT. (Marine Combat Training) After completing that, they will then be given orders to where they will be stationed for their school. Matt plans to work on combat vehicles.



THIRD PLACE-in the bicycle division at the Talco Christmas parade was won by Angie White. Congratulations Angie! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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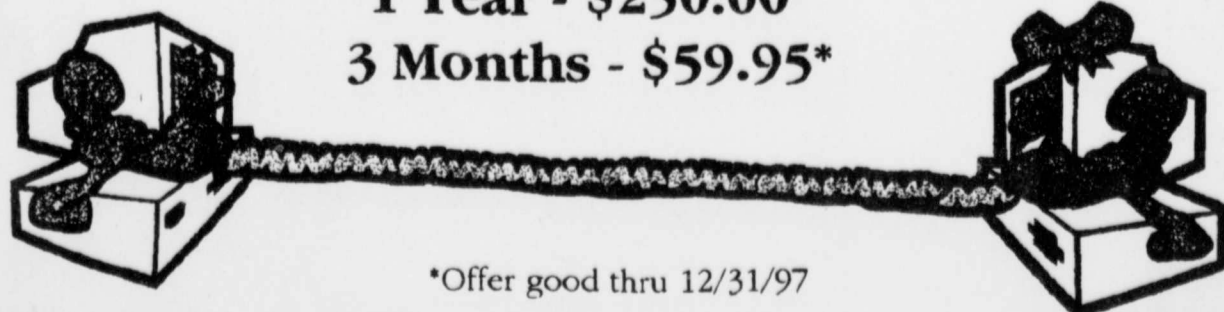


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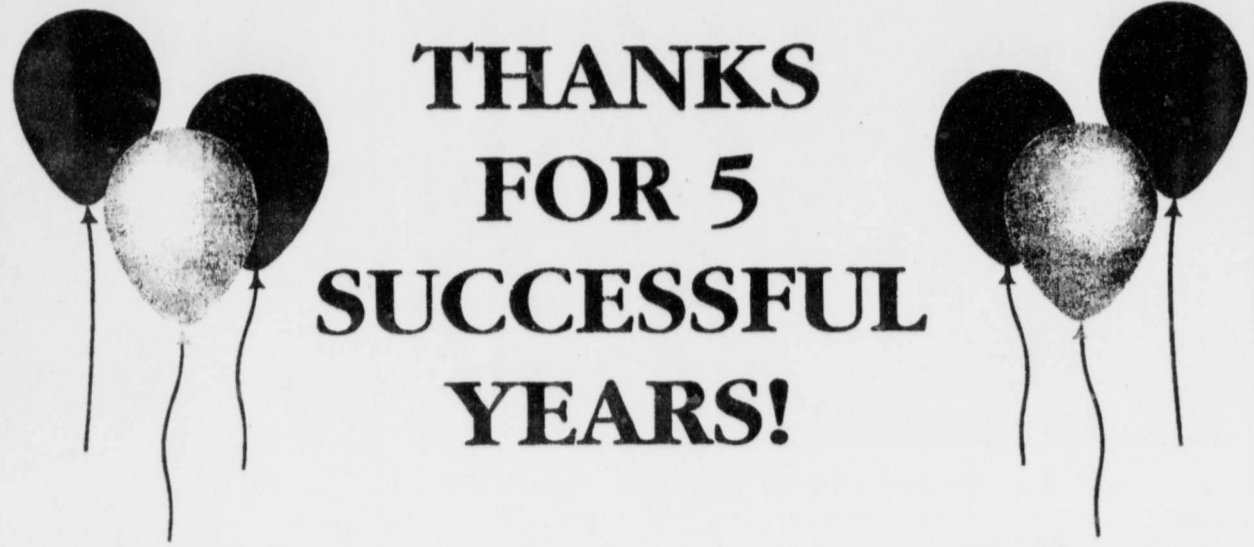
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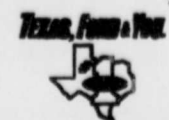
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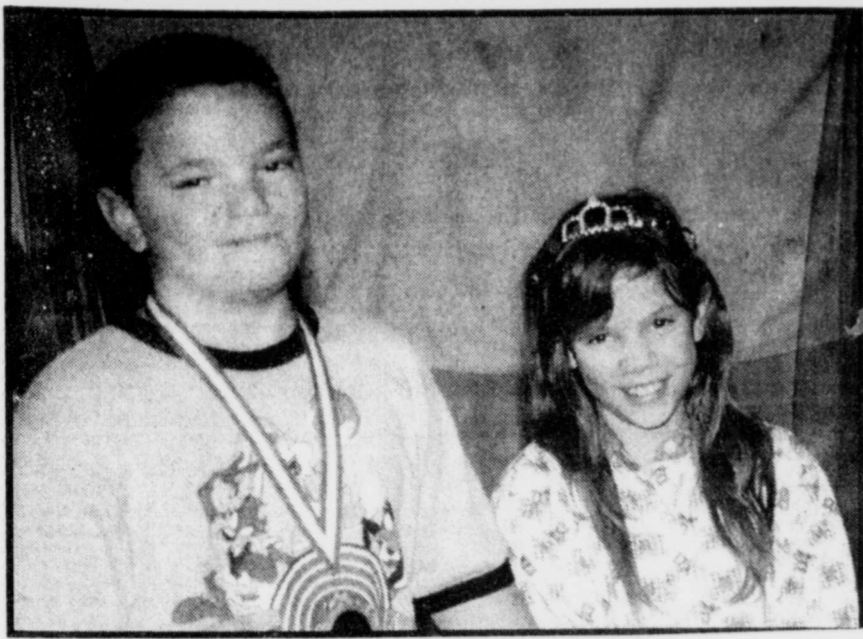
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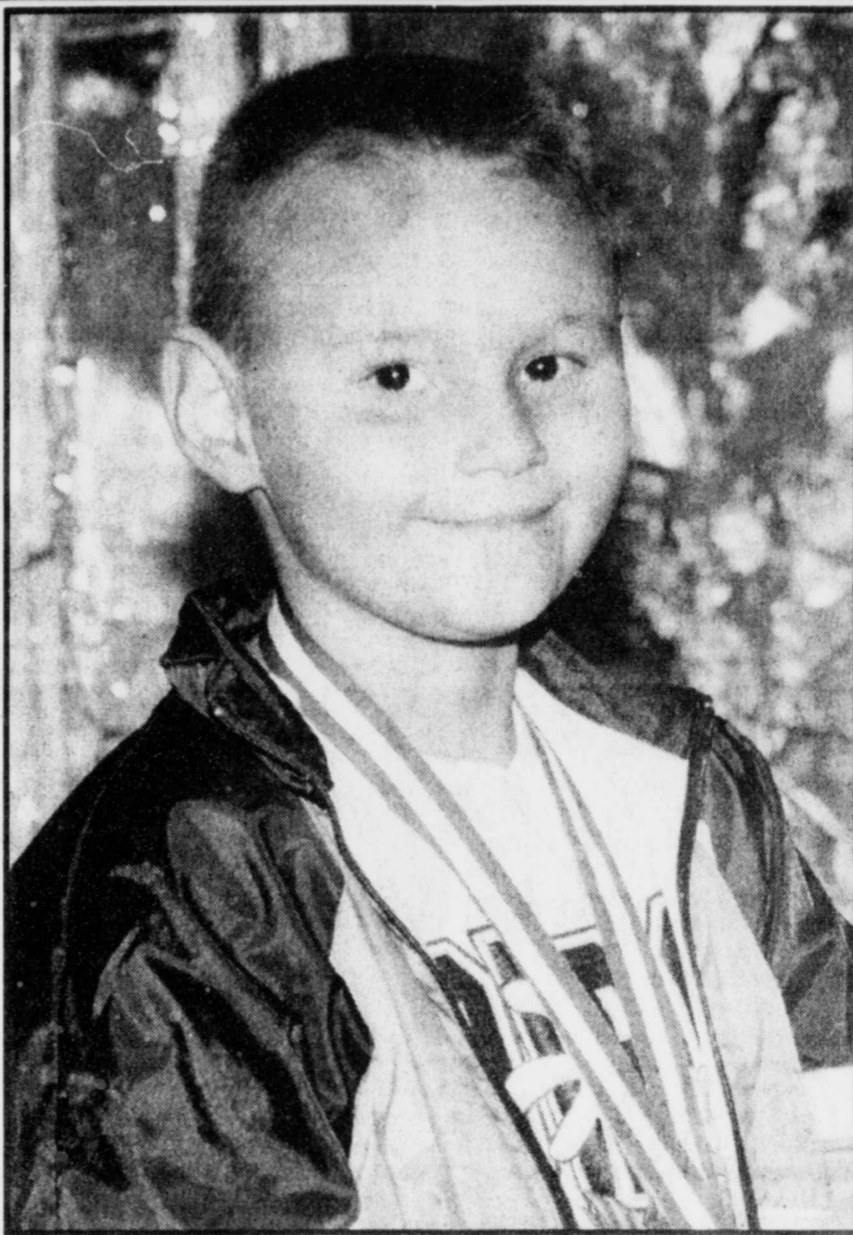


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CHRISTMAS QUEEN AND KING-in Mrs. Bull's Fifth grade class at Talco School are Helena Vanegas and Robert Jones. Helena is the daughter of Sherry Vanegas of Talco. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Jones of Talco.

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CHRISTMAS KING-elected from Mrs. Moles's Talco First grade class as Christmas King is E.J. Via. E.J. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Via of Talco.



CHRISTMAS QUEEN-in Mrs. Gable's Eighth grade class at Talco School is Pearl Ponthieux. Pearl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ponthieux of Talco.

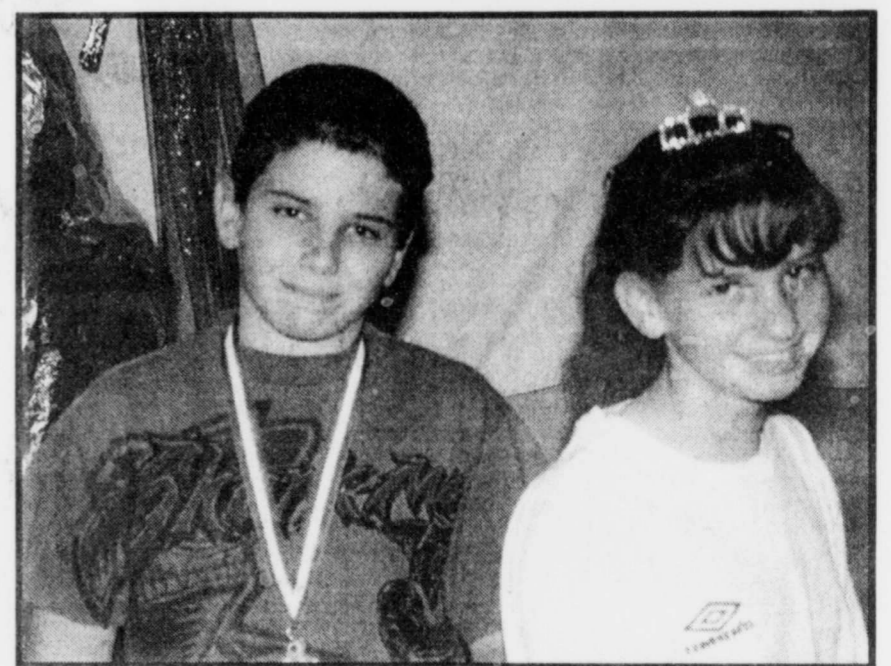
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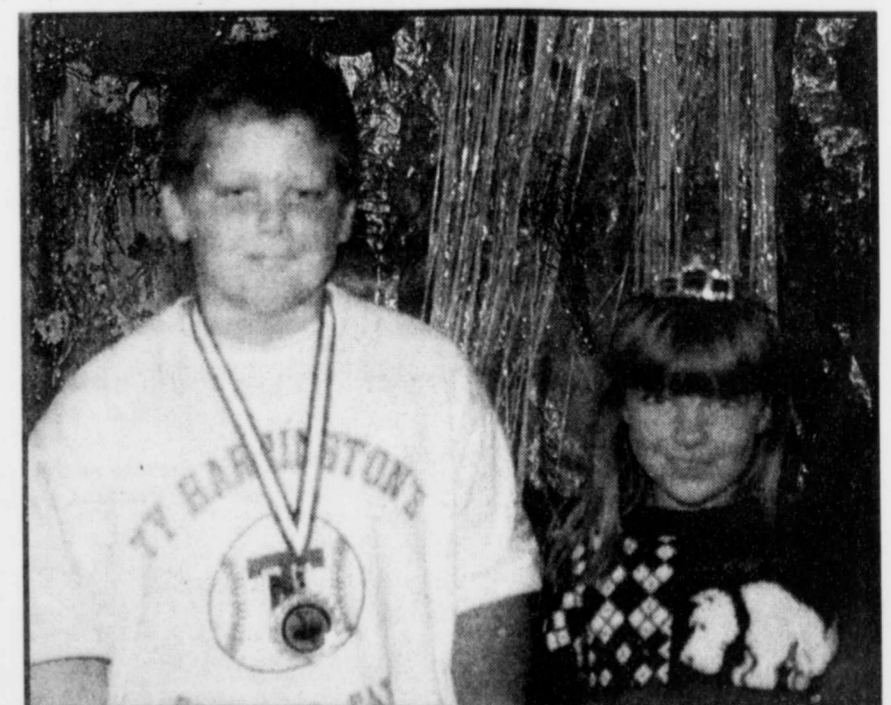


CHRISTMAS QUEEN AND KING-in Mrs. Case's Seventh grade class at Talco School are Shari Wisinger and Chase Sloan. Shari is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wisinger of Talco. Chase is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sloan of Talco.



CHRISTMAS QUEEN-in Ms. Bass's Sixth grade class at Talco School is Chassity Hale. Chassity is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hale of Talco.

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CHRISTMAS QUEEN AND KING-in Mrs. Baker's Fourth grade class at Talco School are Kelly Pierce and Matt Miller. Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Pierce of Talco. Matt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Griffin of Talco.

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ley in tackles for the season. The Blue Tiger performed produced a total of 166 tackles including 90 hits in his spectacular season. He also intercepted two passes during the year. His tackle total out-distanced his nearest challenger by 45 tackles.

Christopher is the grandson of Sam and Ann Barnard of Bogata.



SECOND PLACE-in the 4 wheeler division at the Talco Christmas parade was won by Heather Presley and her decorated go-cart. Pictured are the driver, Heather, her sister Daica and Cassandra Norman. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**Poet to present program at Rivercrest High School**

On December 12, Brod Bagert will be at Rivercrest High School. A popular children's poet, a modern day Johnny Appleseed, Brod travels America to spread a simple idea.

Brod Bagert writes poems that are fun to read out loud, convey the thoughts and feelings of children and represent a powerful source of self-expression. "Poetry shapes the human soul," says Brod Bagert. "And the best poetry comes out when poems are performed out loud, one human being to another."

He has written four humorous collections of poems that explore the joys, fears and dilemmas of childhood for Boyds Mills Press; The Gooch Machine; Poems for Children to Perform, Elephant Games and Other Playful Poems to Perform and

Chicken Socks; and Other Contagious Poems, Let Me Be The Boss: Poems for Kids to Perform.

A practicing attorney in New Orleans for more than twenty years, Brod Bagert graduated from Loyola University, where he also earned his juris doctorate. He served on the New Orleans City Council and the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

Brod Bagert now travels around the country performing his poems and offering teachers an array of practical techniques to develop their students' natural attraction to poetry.

This all began when daughter, Colette, seven at the time, asked him to write a poem that she could act out to make everybody laugh.

The poet lives in New Orleans with his family.

**Cunningham News**

By Linda Anderson  
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Sunday Darold and Ida Mae Norwood went to Sheila Norwood's Christmas Part in Denton.

James and Pat Norwood went to Longview and Marshall Saturday to see the Christmas Lights and do some shopping. They enjoyed ameal at the Red Lobster. Their grandchildren spent Sunday with them.

Dean Ogden from Longview visited from Wednesday through Thursday and Andrew Bazhaw visited from Friday to Sunday with Lorette Pynes.

Weekend visitors of Joyce and Johnny Smith were Monica and Jamie Smith. Joyce attended the funeral of her nephew, Jimmy D. Kelly, Monday. He died Friday.

Scotty and Rodney Norwood were in Ada, Oklahoma this weekend attending the Battle of The Breeds Coon Hunt.

Colton Ingram spent Friday night with Suzie and Talma Norwood.

Cindy Anderson spent Saturday in Sherman with Don and Annie Daniel of Atlas and Brenda Daniel of Summer.

James and Pat West from Roxton, Andrea, Connor and Will Reed from Dodd City and Rex West from Roxton visited Rickey and Linda Anderson Friday night and ate fish and Nanny's Place.

Vicki Davis and Marie Watson enjoyed lunch at the Lonesome Dove in Deport on Thursday.

Alma Morwood was dismissed from the McCuiston Hospital on Thursday after being admitted for

low blood pressure on Tuesday. She is doing well at the Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata.

Velma Cox has returned home after two weeks. She visited Gordon and Jan Cox's family of Alvarado on Thanksgiving Day. They had Ann and Raymond Gaylord of Baytown, Lecil Barter of Jacksonville, Florida, Betty Kuntz of Buffalo, New York and Jo of West Virginia, Rager and Kathy Baxter of Allen and Morris Cox of Dallas played games and took pictures.

Velma visited Clara and Charlie Devlin of Garland, Vera Cox, Charlie, Freddie, Heln and David Taylor of Ft. Worth and Morris Cox of Dallas.

Morris Cox of Dallas spent the day Saturday with Velma Cox.

Lunche guest Saturday of Lucy Fowler were Delano Dunlap and Talma Joe Fowler.

Jeff and Heath Kennedy and their families spent Sunday with Bobby and Shelby Kennedy.

Having Sunday lunch with Jane O'Neal were Carla, Andrea, Kara, Arron, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston.

Having lunch Sunday with Geneva Norwood were her children and families and her mother, Marie Watson.

Georgina Oates spent the weekend in Branson, Missouri with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Nut and Brad.

Sunday night guest of Rickey and Linda Anderson were Tommy and Evelyn Pressley, Carlos and Wendy Ordorica and Cord.

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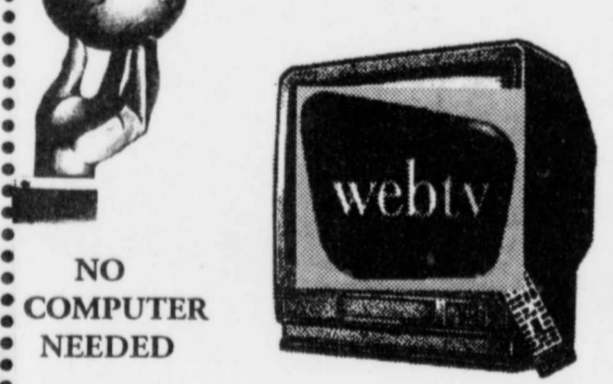
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A total of 3,329 North Texans have a pleasant surprise from the IRS this holiday season.

The IRS has been unable to deliver \$1,727,002 million in tax refunds to North Texas residents. The smallest refund check is \$1. The biggest undeliverable check is \$22,657. Nationwide, nearly 100,000 taxpayers have yet to receive their 1995 refunds which total about \$62.6 million.

These refunds were returned by the post office because they were unable to deliver them. People often move without giving the IRS their new address. Incorrect names and addresses are other common reasons why refunds are returned to the IRS.



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It is estimated that Volunteer Firefighters in Texas Alone contribute over **\$31 MILLION** of their time...if they were just paid minimum wage! Support Your Volunteer Fire Department




FIRST PLACE-in the 4 wheeler division at the Talco Christmas parade was won by Mr. and Miss Talco Elementary, Cassie McCuller and Robert Caul Rhoades. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



FIRST PLACE-in the bicycle division at the Talco Christmas parade was won by Clinton Vandaveer. Congratulations Clinton! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



FIRST PLACE-in the car division at the Talco Christmas parade was won by Talco fourth grade Christmas Queen and King Jesi Navi and Daniel Brown and Derek Morris who was Fall Festival prince. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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**WMA meets for Christmas party**

The First Baptist WMA met Monday night, Decedmber 1 in the home of Mrs. Pam Hinson at Johtown. Jo Coil, president, called the meeting to order with prayer by Pam Hinson.

November minutes were read and approved and a report on the auction was given. The WMA with the help of other ladies made well over eight hundred dollars for the pew and carpet fund.

Gifts for nursing home residents were discussed and decided on.

Ann Roberts read the Christmas Story from Luke Ch. 2. She also told a story entitled "Christmas Day in the Morning."

After dismissal prayer by Nancy Keel, gifts were exchanged and secret pal names were revealed and names for the 1998 year were selected.

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