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Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
Ahhh, Romance

Romance is so wonderful! Roses and candy, candlelit dinners, hearts and flowers, jewelry, teddy bears for the young and devotion make the day special for those with a true romantic tendency.

But what of those who (like me) don't really have a romantic turn of mind?

Well, using myself as an example, guess what I wanted for Valentine's? To begin with, a "Dust Buster" for the bathroom to vacuum up little bits of cat litter that stick to my cats feet. I actually received something much nicer, but it raised eyebrows too. I received a necklace of amber with a beautifully preserved gnat in it. It was really neat. I love it. I've always thought it was absolutely fascinating to have something that contained an insect that is several million years old!

No one else seems to share my enthusiasm!

I know of a teen age couple who discussed having a special dinner at the home of her parents.

They cleared the adults out and she baked a special heart-shaped cake and guess what they had for dinner? After much discussion and no small amount of searching they dined on true gourmet fare....Cheeseburger Hamburger Helper! Ahhh, the joys of love.

I know a couple who exchange the silliest, goofiest Valentine cards they can find with one another....none of this "spend eternity with you, undying love, you are a beautiful

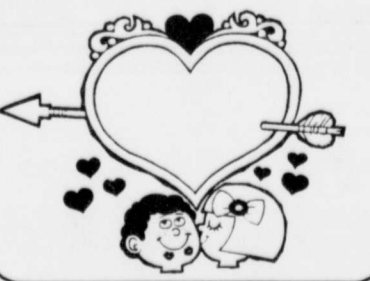
rose of my heart" stuff for them!

Other people like to attend basketball games instead of concerts, eat out at drive-ins to commemorate their first date instead of eating at expensive restaurants, or spend the evening simply staying at home with a good rented movie instead of going "out on the town".

I know a couple who are not only devoted to one another, but devoted to fishing. What do they give one another on that romantic day? Fishing lures, rods and reels, boat equipment.

So, romance isn't always flowers and candy, champagne and crystal glasses. It can be the most prosaic of things, the simplest of messages, the silliest of jokes!

It doesn't mean that those of us who enjoy these things aren't "romantic". We're just somewhat twisted!



Class of '58 plans reunion

The Class of '58 will have a 40 year reunion April 11, at the home of Duane and Martha Bryson of Rosalie.

The class needs the addresses of Royce Warren and Betty Herring Guthrie. Contact Ann Duffee at 632-4440 or Jean Taylor at 379-2553.

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February 12-16 is National FFA Week

FFA students and their teachers throughout the nation will be honored this week. The FFA builds leaders in all areas and the Rivercrest chapter is no exception to the rule.

Rivercrest is proud to say they have 103 FFA members. Teachers for the group are Craig Ingram who teaches Mat Lab, Agriculture Mechanics and Metal Fabrication, Jimmy Rogers who teaches Drafting, Agriculture Resources, Wild Life Management and Introduction Agriculture Mechanics and Ken Swinford who teaches Horticulture, Agriculture 101 and Woodwork.

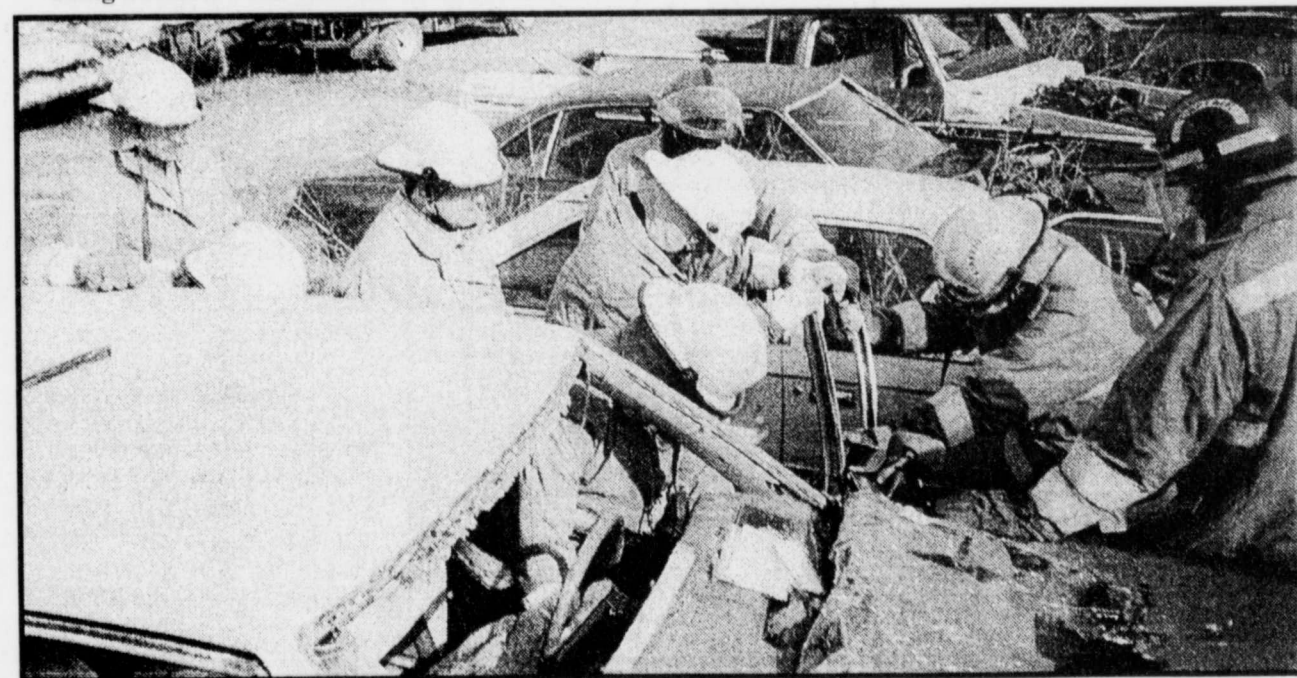
Serving as the Rivercrest FFA Chapter Officers this year are President-John Ross, Vice President-Bubba Abernathy, Treasurer-Sissy Meredith, Reporter-Brooke Belcher, Sentinel-Alan Hudson and Advisor-Jill Foster. Serving as officers in the Green Hand Chapter are President-Shelly Hollis, Vice President-Cole Warren, Secretary-Dale Alsup, Treasurer-Cassie Cannon, Reporter-Miranda Gibson, Sentinel-Jamie Daniels and Advisor-Missy Carroll.

The Rivercrest Quiz team made up of Cassie Cannon, Chrissy Wislon, Kristie Gaps and Kasey Crawford

received second place at the district competition this year and Aaron Martin and Kevin Williams received first place in the Area 6 Ramp Welding Contest. Several students did well showing their livestock in the county fairs held in the fall and at the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show. The students will participate in Dairy Judging, Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Poultry Judging, Pasture and Range Judging, Land Judging, Forestry Judging, Farm Business Management, Agriculture Communication and Public Speaking competitions beginning April 15, 1998.



NEW OWNERS-The Pacesetter in Talco has recently been purchased by David and Toni Anderson of Rosalie. The store has been renamed the Talco Food Mart. The Anderson's and their children reside in Rosalie. David also works for the Clarksville Farm Bureau, Toni is employed at the First Baptist Church in Bogata. The couple are pictured with Talco Food Mart employee Kim McGee and with their children Taylor, Callie and Regan. The Anderson's are looking forward to making new friends and doing business with the Talco area residents.



THE BOGATA VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT- and the Talco Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department held a joint training exercise on Saturday, February 14. Members practiced with the extrication equipment. Joint training is vital to both departments due to the many times each is called to assist the other.

Final sign-up and meeting held by TBSA

The Talco Baseball/Softball Association held the final sign-up for players for the coming season on Sunday, Feb. 15 at the Talco School cafeteria from 1-3pm. Following the sign-up officers and committee members met to discuss plans for this year.

President, Sammy Ellis called the meeting to order at 3:55 pm. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer, Patsy Smith reported a total of 1762.17. Marta Rhoades reported responses from this year's field sign sales have come from John David Wright, John D. Wright, Talco Pharmacy, McKelvey Steel and American National Bank all of which renew their signs.

The sign-up was discussed. There will be two tee ball teams, 1 each 7 & 8 boys and girls teams, 1 each 9 & 10 girls and boys teams, 1 11 & 12 boys team but the 11 & 12 girls are short by 5 players in order to make a team. Moving girls up is an option that will be checked on at a later date. There will be 1 girls teams 13-15 and 1 boys team 13-14, 1 girls team 16-18 and the group will work on putting together a 15-16 boys team and finding a place for them to play.

Players who have been unable to pay registration fees were discussed. The league voted that a payment plan will be set for those who are unable to pay their total fee but every child's fee must be paid. The league will no longer have fund raisers just for this purpose. Motion was made and carried to grant waivers to boys who wish to play in another town or league. No waivers may be given to girls due to state rule.

The time was approaching 5:00 pm which is the time all activities at the school must end on Sunday and Wednesday so the meeting was dismissed and continued at the home of Mayra and Doug Clark.

Equipment was discussed. Nancy Brown will take an inventory of all equipment and take note of needed items to be reported at the next meeting.

Field lighting was discussed. Although new lights were put up last year some poles need to be moved and a meter loop must be made before this can be done. Cory Minter will be asked to prepare the loop. Texas-New Mexico will be contacted when this is ready and asked to move the poles and hoop the bathrooms up to electricity. The group was con-

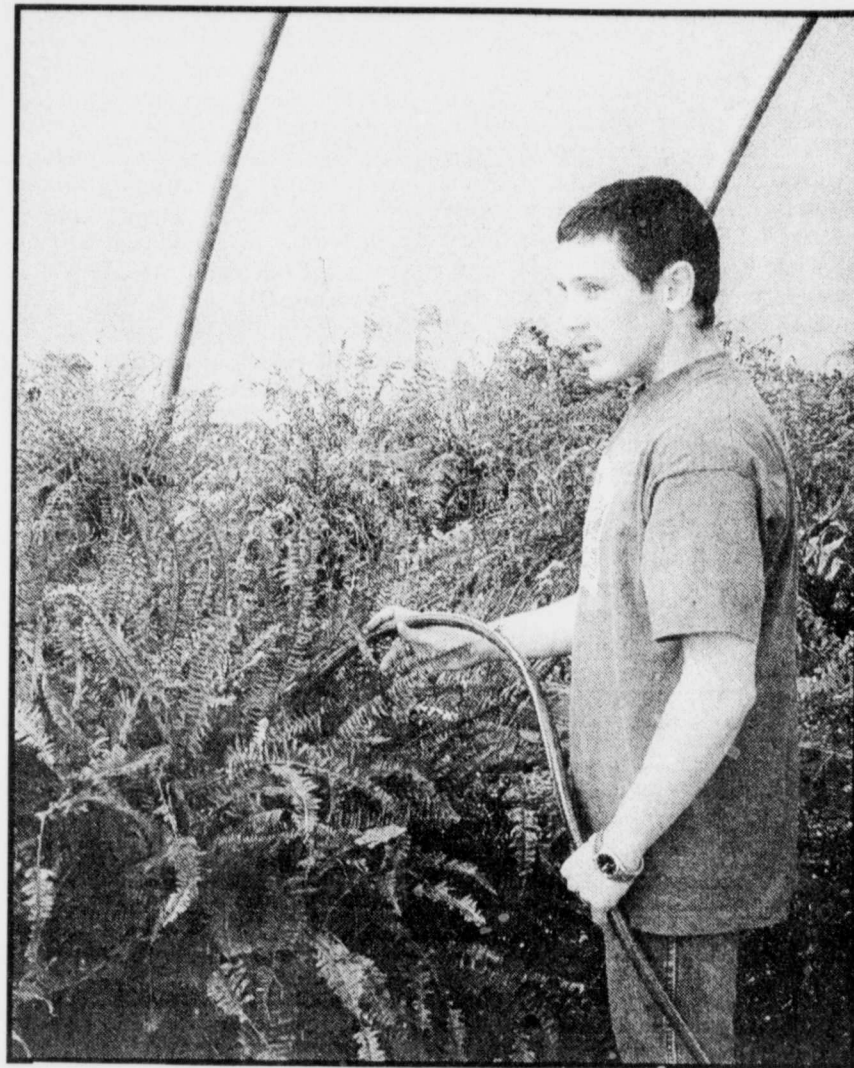
tacted by Blanton Gage requesting light bulbs from the old lights. These will be offered to the school for \$10 or less each.

Fund-raisers were discussed and tabled until a later date. Replacing the dug outs was discussed and this will be done before the new season begins.

Goals for the season were set. Plans are being made to build a new concession stand, purchase a score clock and begin construction on a new boys field down on the old football field. Several people were assigned to get information on all of the items set as goals.

League rules for the season were discussed. Leah Cabell will check with the Mt. Pleasant league on their contract that it's players, coaches and parents sign and Talco will use this as a guideline for their own. A coaches meeting was set for Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7:00 pm at the Talco School cafeteria. A field work day will be set at this meeting.

Mayra Clark and Nancy Brown gave a report on the girls State meeting held in Greenville on Saturday, Feb. 14. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.



MAKING THINGS GROW-Dwayne Martin waters the ferns that the Rivercrest Horticulture class has grown this year. The class is taught by Ken Swinford.

Two women assaulted in Talco

Reports of women in the Talco area being assaulted in the past week have been reported. Both assaults occurred during the day.

Reports indicate that one assault occurred to a woman in her mid-twenties on the north east side of the city as she was carrying out some trash in the afternoon. She was apparently struck from behind with an unknown object by a white male.

A woman in her fifties was checking on a neighbors house in the south side of Talco when she was struck on her head by an object. Her attacker was unseen by the woman before she was struck. People she was to meet arrived at that time and found her lying on the ground.

The two incidents are under investigation by the Titus County Sheriffs Department.

Dispute arises over Grandpa - Grandma Basketball game referees

The Bulldogs' grandpa team notified the Rebels that they prefer to have out of town referees call the games February 28. NAB has been notified and a request for referees made.

Coach Stubblefield wants the public to know that Coach C.D. Glass did not tell the truth about his (Stubblefield's) winning record in last week's Bogata News. Coach Stubblefield quoted to the local reporter, "I have won two games."

We were also notified that some players are on disability and suffering with "elements". We hope all grandmas and grandpas will be able to walk and compete in the play off game after the strenuous workouts they have all been undergoing.

Our cheerleaders just returned from camp. They learned lots of new cheers for February 28th's Championship game. We hope to have a picture in next week's paper with them in their new uniforms. Cheerleaders receiving awards at camp for tumblers, jumps and splits were Grandma Mary Ann Williams, Grandma Margie Garrett,

Grandma Wanda Ragsdill and Grandma Mary Margaret Vaughan.

Regional Scouts were out looking and recruiting players for the championship game last week. Some of the players are: World Famous player, Grandpa Galen Legate with an outstanding dribble, Grandpa Duane Bryson with a perfect 3 point shot, outstanding state player Bill Mabry who has remained on the champion list since 1918 and Grandpa Danny Efav who is famous for his flat footed dunk shot.

First Responders and Fire Department have promised to have oxygen tanks at both ends of the gym and an ambulance on stand-by.

The 1998 Rivercrest Pips will be performing at half time of Both Grandpas and Grandmas games.

We encourage everyone to come out and support our Grandpas, Grandmas, our local Fire Department and First Responders.

If you have any questions feel free to call Donnie Lewis at 632-5387 or Kathy Sue Williams at 632-5048.

See you at the games!!

Lectures to be held at Talco Church of Christ

The Northeast Texas Firm Foundation Lectureship organization will be at the Talco Church of Christ located on 5th and Lide St. in Talco on Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 26-March 1. The lectures will be held on Thursday and Friday Feb. 26-27 at 9:00 a.m. and at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 28 at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday March 1 at 9:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The special series of vital topics will be presented by capable speakers. The theme will be "Church Growth and Vital Questions". Topics will be related to church growth such as: "Is Law a Part of Church Growth?", "Husband/Father Role",

"Is the Bible a Pattern for Church Growth?", "Unscriptural Marriages, a Deterrent to Church Growth?", "Unity, Love and Prayer and Church Growth", "Gimmicks, Gadgets and Church Growth", "Bible Authority in Church Growth", "Purity, Honesty, Ethics and Church Growth", "God's Grace and Church Growth", "The

Sinfulness of Sin and Its Effects on Church Growth". Also, "The Holy Spirit's Work in Conversion", "What Must One Know to Be Saved?", "Worship in Spirit and in Truth", "Limits of Fellowship", "House-to-House Teaching", "Understanding the Sacrifice of Christ", "The Testimony of Miracles" and "How to Find Pros-

pects". Question and answer periods will be held each day at 1:30 p.m. Congregational singing will be held daily at 6:30 p.m.

Speakers for the event will include: Don Hatch, Mark Miller, Ivie Powell, Floyd Kaiser, Gary Summers, Rick Hensley, Dan Flournoy, Dalton Graves, James Oldfield, Kenny Gardner, Dale Stinson, Bill Burk, H.A. (Buster) Dobbs, Marvin Wair, David Baker, Kerry King, Burt Groves, Jeff Blanton, Kerry Clark, Dub Mowry, Doug Blackard, John David Wright and Eddie Whitten.

Everyone is invited to attend this special series.



Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



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Dave Serber who was featured in last week's Cook's Column handed me this recipe book that he came across that was published for the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church in Deport. It was published in 1956 and the officers listed in the front of the book are as follows: president-Mrs. Mac Webb, vice president-Mrs. Joe Moore, recording secretary-Mrs. E. E. Kirkland, treasurer-Mrs. Henry Johnson, secretary of promotion-Mrs. B. W. Gardner, secretary of missionary education-Mrs. Curtis Cheatham, secretary of christian social relations-Mrs. Glen Clayton, secretary of student work-Mrs. Marvin Couch, secretary of youth work-Mrs. Terry Johnson, secretary of children's work-Mrs. John Crabb, secretary of spiritual life-Mrs. Forrest Parks. Mrs. Parks was also secretary of literature and publications, secretary of supply-Mrs. John Good and secretary of status of women-Mrs. Phillip Grant.

Other members were Mrs. Al Anderson, B.G. Bailey, Claud Barham, Wm. Evans, Sid Williamson, Louie Roberts, Fred Swint, Sr., Robert Mitchell, Terry Johnson, J. R. Kelsey, J. C. Roach, Kenneth Read and Curtis Glover. Also members Mrs. Nell Sullivan, Mrs. Kate Larimore, Mrs. Dixie Lawler and Miss Rhoda Oliver.

This cookbook is not unusual in that it contains the usual calorie chart, substitution chart, quantity serving chart and index. It also has a height and weight chart. Men and women in the mid-50's have a little edge over us in the 90's. . . . they could weigh more! Example: women (with shoes

on) averaging 5 foot 4 inches-126-132 pounds. 5 foot 7 inches averaged from 137-144 and women over 6 foot tall averaged 157-162 pounds.

Men on the other hand measuring 5 foot 4 inches averaged 131-137 pounds. 5 foot seven inch men could weigh 142-149, whereas 6 foot men averaged 168-180 pounds.

Also notice in older cookbooks, the quantity amounts. Since families were larger in members, amounts were larger.

It was a very interesting cookbook and I always enjoy browsing through these older editions. Hope you enjoy these recipes from it and we will see you in the kitchen!

Avacado Dip is from Mrs. Marvin Gibbs and uses Tabasco sauce instead of the now popular picante sauce. Note that recipe says to serve with potato chips, no Doritos in the 50's!

Western Style Beans is from Mrs. Ray Woodard and uses pinto beans, spices and a can of tomatoes and a small bit of salt pork. Cholesterol had not even been thought of yet!

Stuffed Bell Peppers came from Mrs. Glen Clayton. She used bread crumbs where most people use rice nowadays.

Skillet Corn Bread. Always a favorite and baked in an iron skillet. This recipe came from Mrs. Dean Oliver.

Chess Pie from Mrs. Forrest Parks. These are one of the best pies ever baked!

German Sweet Chocolate Cake. This is one of the best cakes ever baked! No mixes or puddings here!



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.

*All members are urged to attend the meetings the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to all my friends for the cards, calls, visits, flowers and gifts you have favored me with during my recent operation and rehabilitation. Thanks to a successful patch work of my hip and the patience of the re-hab staff, I am walking again. Not running-just walking. Construction is complete on my new quarters in Gilmer. If you are in the neighborhood of Calvert and Mockingbird drop by for a chat. I have enjoyed your cards and look forward to hearing from you in the future. My mailing address is RR 11, Box 11342, Gilmer, TX 75644-9109. The phone number is 903-797-2393.

Love you all,
Bennie Morgan Stribling

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all of our many, many friends, family and neighbors for the food, flowers, prayers, sympathy, kindness and contributions shown in our time of sorrow for our beloved mother.

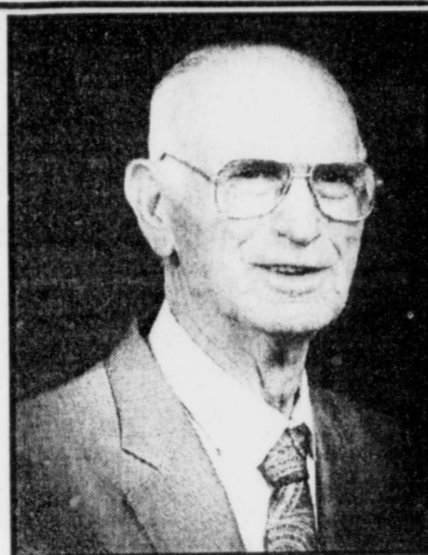
A special thanks to Bro. John McCollister, Bro. A.B. Kellam and Clarksville Funeral Home. The services were beautiful and the many kind words and memories that were said about our mother were greatly appreciated. She will be missed by everyone. God bless each and every one of you.

The Family of Wilma "Sally" Yarbrough Bonnie Sue, Ronnie Joe, Paul & Jerald

Card of Thanks

The family of Kenneth Read would like to express their gratitude for the many acts of loving concern and support during the illness and loss of one they loved so deeply. The support and sharing of fond memories is a source of consolation and adds to the beautiful memories we have of our loved one.

In His Love,
The Family of Kenneth Read



Thomas L. Garrett dies February 16

Thomas L. Garrett, age 87, long-time resident of Blossom, died Monday, February 16 in L.P. McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 19 in the chapel of Fry & Gibbs Funeral Home with Udel Morrison and Evan Butler officiating. Burial followed in Knights of Honor Cemetery in Blossom.

Mr. Garrett was born September 14, 1910 in Vandervoort, Arkansas to William E. Lee and Dora Tulley Garrett. He married Bessie Leona Smith on August 27, 1938 in Pattonville. Mr. Garrett was a retired electrical technician for Lamar County Coop. He served in various civic functions over the years in Blossom. He had been affiliated with the Blossom Church of Christ for many years where he was quite active.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie, of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul E. and Sue Garrett of Paris and Jerry L. and Patti Garrett of Quinlan; four grandchildren, Curtis Garrett and Chad Garrett, both of Paris, Kimberly Redditt of Arlington, and Jamilyn Garrett, also of Paris; two great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, J.E.B. and Dell Garrett and R.L. and Juanita Garrett, all of Woodland; three sisters, Lecie Baker of Hooks, J.L. Phillips of Brownwood and Texie Lee Griffin and husband Bill of Biardstown; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, John W. (Jack) Garrett.

Serving as bearers were Curtis Garrett, Chad Garrett, Clay Redditt, Michael Dean Smith, Ronald Roddy and Donald Crawford. Honorary bearers were James White, Buddy Freeman, Harold Morrison, Charles Fendley, Earl Unruh and Chuck James.

Attend The Church Of Your Choice Every Sunday

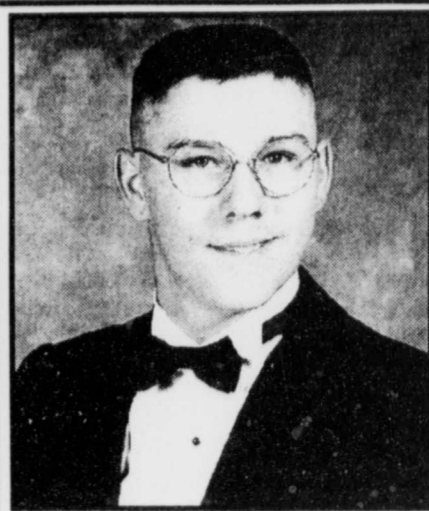
OPPORTUNITIES

"A great deal of what we see still depends on what we are looking for". Its very difficult to get people to evaluate their spiritual condition. Take inventory! When was the last time you considered the importance of a relationship with Christ. Families are struggling-many are at the crossroad of life. One destination is quite clear-the other requires thought and meditation.

The Psalmist made these statements "Have mercy upon me, O Lord for I am in trouble..." "My life is spent with grief". But with all the despair, he found hope! "O how great is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee..."

WELCOME TO THE SERVICES OF THE BOGATA CHURCH OF CHRIST
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WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.
Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Courtney Aaron Currin dies at age 20

Courtney Aaron Currin, age 20, of Rt. 2, Powderly, died Monday February 16, 1998 at McCuiston Regional Medical Center following an automobile accident.

Services were held Wednesday, February 18 at Bright-Holland Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Moore and Rev. David Norwood officiating with burial in Woodard Cemetery.

He was born August 30, 1977, in Paris to John and Debbie Whitney Currin. He graduated from North Lamar High School where he took part in track, football, baseball and basketball. He was nominated for Who's Who among American High School Students. He played for the Breakfast Optimist and Dixie Teen League Baseball. He was currently attending Paris Junior College and was Dragon cheerleader for two years. He played intramural basketball. He attended Faith Baptist Church in Deport.

Surviving are his mother, Debbie Currin, who lives in Powderly; his father and stepmother, John and Kathy Currin of Powderly; a brother and sister-in-law, Shane and Vicky Currin of Powderly; a sister and brother-in-law, Tonya and Travis Hunter of Powderly; two nephews, Christian and Jeremy Hunter; his grandparents, John and Claudia Whitney of Deport and Geneva Currin of Paris; two very special friends, Paige York and Angela Conder and several aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Carl Currin; great-grandparents Jack and Willie Clay Norwood and Charlie and Pearl Roddy Whitney and by his stepfather, Billy Currin and several aunts and uncles.

Casket bearers were: Chad Hood, Russell Baker, Shane Edelhauer, Quincy Blount, Aaron Emeyabbi, Jason Wolfe and Kenneth Johnson.

Card of Thanks

How do I ever begin to say thanks to all the wonderful, kind people who have touched my life this past week? "Thank You" seems so little to say, when I have such a huge debt to repay.

I've always chosen to remain here in my hometown, and once again I have been reminded why. I honestly didn't realize how truly blessed I am by having such wonderful friends & family.

Thank you one and all for the visits, phone calls, prayers, food, flowers, but most of all for the support. Thank you for being with me and my kids on that awful Monday. Thank you for coming back again and again just to try and ease some of our hurt. Thank you for crying with me and telling me something Ken once did for you.

Thank you for trying with everything you had to help Ken in the weeks preceding his death.

My gratitude to Bro. Bob Bush and Bro. Park Robertson; to James Wood who made our tragedy more bearable and our decisions easier. Thanks to Bogata VFD and First Responders and anyone else at the accident scene for maintaining Ken's dignity and privacy. A very special thanks to Karen Jones for all she did.

Thank you, Karen, for the picture most of all.

I wish I could name every single person who showed us such kindness. I do remember you all. After all I have taken from you, I have one further request. When you think of Ken, don't remember him when he was sick. Remember him as smiling and talking a mile a minute to anyone who would listen. He may not have been a born Texan, but it would be impossible to find anyone who loved Texas more. Ken made Bogata his home for seventeen years and he dearly loved this little town and all the people in it.

Vickie Bryant

Obituaries

Ruth Belle Margraves dies February 16

Ruth Belle Weddle Margraves, age 82 of Chery Street Annex died Monday, February 16 at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gifford Long officiating. Burial followed in Bluff Cemetery in Red River County.

She was born February 10, 1916 in Red River County, a daughter of Joseph B. and Frances Belle Chumley Weddle. She attended school in Blossom and retired from Hollywood Vassarette after 15 years of service. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by sons, Joe Bob Margraves and wife Debra of Paris, Tommy Margraves and wife, Carol of Henderson, Ray Margraves of Alvin; three daughters, Robbie Cole and husband Robert L. of Dallas, Beth Hurst and Melinda Cunningham and a son-in-law, Dillard Hurst of Paris; a sister, Edith Laster of Weatherford; two brothers, Joe Boyd Weddle and wife Vera of Noble, OK, Alfred Weddle and wife Margaret of Azle; 23 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Dale Margraves; sisters Glenna Wood, Zula Phillips, Zeldia Hughes, Lona Brewer; brothers, Ernest Weddle and Frank Weddle and a grandson, Jeff Cunningham.

Bearers were Bobby Weddle, Tommy Joe Brewer, Morris D. Brewer, Dennis Ray Laster, Wilburn Hughes and Scott Wright.

Willie Allgood Claxton dies February 14

Willie Allgood Claxton died February 14, 1998.

Memorial services will be held at Dallas Bethel Temple at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 22.

Her sisters and brothers are Alice Evans and Mrs. Kenneth Catherine Gordon, Herbert Claxton, and Tommy Claxton and step sisters and brothers Thurmon Merritt, Henry Merritt, Harvey Merritt and Mrs. Phillip Ollie Humphrey and one half sister, Mrs. Edna Earl Murrell. She was preceded in death by all of them except Alice Evans.

The most silent people are generally those who think most highly of themselves.
—William Hazlitt

February 19, 1998
1956-57 W.S.C.S. of Deport

Avacado Dip
Mrs. Marvin Gibbs

1 avacado
1-2 teaspoons minced onion
3 tablespoons mayonnaise
juice of lemon
3 drops Tabasco sauce

Mash avacados to pulp. Add all of the above ingredients and blend well. Serve with potato chips.

Western Style Beans
Mrs. Ray Woodard

2 cups pinto beans
salt pork
1 minced clove of garlic
1 sliced onion
1 small can tomatoes
1 tablespoon sugar
2 teaspoons chili powder
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

Beans may be soaked overnight. Combine all ingredients and cook until juice is thick. 1 cup grated cheese may be added during the last hour of cooking.

Stuffed Peppers
Mrs. Glen Clayton

1 pound hamburger
1 small onion
3 slices bread
1-1/2 cup catsup
1/2 cup finely chopped celery or 1 teaspoon celery seed
1 teaspoon salt
6 medium green peppers

Mix hamburger with onion that has been chopped fine, celery, catsup and salt. Add bread that has been softened with lukewarm water. Mix well. Cut off tops of peppers; core and stuff with meat mixture. Place in baking dish with 1/2 cup water added. Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees. Top with cheese or very good bacon.

Skillet Corn Bread
Mrs. Dean Oliver

1 egg-slightly beaten
1 cup milk
1/3 cup melted shortening
1-1/2 cup sifted flour
3-1/2 teaspoon baking powder

3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup corn meal

Blend well. Pour into hot, greased iron skillet. Bake at 400 degrees 25 minutes.

Chess Pie
Mrs. Duane Glover

4 eggs
2 cups sugar
1/4 pound butter
1 big can condensed milk
nutmeg to taste
4 tablespoon corn meal
1 teaspoon vanilla
dash of salt

Cook in pie crust in a slow oven.

German Sweet Chocolate Cake
Mrs. Connie Harville

2 cups sugar
1 cup shortening
1 cup buttermilk
4 egg yolks
2-1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 package German sweet chocolate

Dissolve chocolate in 1/2 cup boiling water; let cool
4 egg whites-beaten stiff
pinch of salt

Cream sugar and shortening; add egg yolks that have been well beaten. Add 3/4 cup buttermilk alternately with flour and dissolve soda in 1/4 cup buttermilk remaining. Add salt, chocolate mixture and vanilla. Fold in beaten egg whites. Bake in three 10-inch pans in 350 degree oven. Take out when cake springs back at finger touch.

Icing:
1/2 pint heavy whipping cream
1 cup short cut coconut
1 cup sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
3 egg yolks
lump butter or oleo

Mix together and cook in double boiler until thick.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation—as you grow older, it starts avoiding you.
—The Old Farmer's Almanac

OPEN HOUSE-E.T.M.C.- CLARKSVILLE

E.T.M.C.-Clarksville has acquired the latest technology in a Computerized Spiral CAT Scanner. This scanner gives a highly detailed x-ray, in a fraction of the time previously required. The average exam would take less than one minute of scan time inside the machine, and there is a larger, more open passage area for the patient. The new technology allows for a better picture, insuring a more accurate diagnosis.

We would like to thank the family of Erbie and Allie Belle Sale for making a very generous donation to the hospital toward the purchase of this equipment. We are appreciation of the consideration they have shown for the medical and diagnostic needs of our area and for the future of healthcare in Clarksville and Red River county.

E.T.M.C.-Clarksville is extremely proud and excited to have this new technology available at our hospital and we will be having an "Open House" from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 20th, to honor the Sale family and allow the public to view the new Scanner. We would be honored to have you join us as we present a commemorative plaque to the Sale Family

Open House-E.T.M.C.-Clarksville
Friday, February 20, 1998
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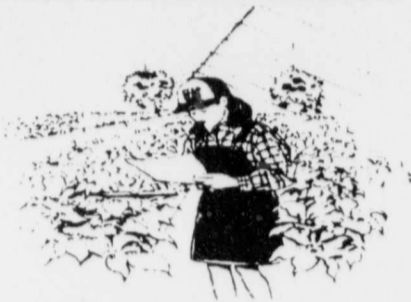
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Worth and Karen Baker attended the Valentine party at the Senior Citizens Center in Clarksville on Friday.

Betty Rodgers and Katy Van Deaver attended the community improvement meeting in Clarksville Tuesday night.

Marcella Wright visited Betty Rodgers. She will enter Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas for further treatment on her heart Thursday.

Betty Rodgers visited Monte and Shelley Rodgers in Tigertown Saturday.

Monte visited her Sunday afternoon.

Martha Hill of Longview and Dick King of Paris visited Worth and Karen Baker.

Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga visited with his brother and sister, and families in Ennis and Rice and his mother in Dallas and Bernice Thomas in Boyd.

Having lunch with Mrs. Ethel Epps were Harold Epps of Mt. Vernon, Clint and Dana Tabbs and son, Charles and Rhea Epps of Rosalie on Sunday.

Dick King visited his mother Jimmy King.

Mrs. Doloris McCray went to Weatherford to make the acquaintance of her new great grandson.

It is a form of affectation to emphasize the fact that you do not indulge in it.

—La Rouchefoucauld



LEON WATSON of Bogata caught this 66 pound catfish at Lake Cypress Springs. It is one whopper of a catch!



PLANT CHECK-Rivercrest student Amber Forsyth checks the plants she has helped to grow in the Horticulture class. The class is taught by Ken Swinford.

To lie still and think little is medicine for the soul.
—Friedrich Nietzsche

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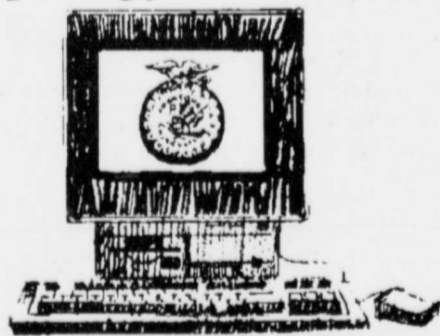


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Even with satellites, radar and computers, Mother Nature still slips things by us - like El Niño. Some scientists who spend their careers tracking this type of elusive weather system admit they missed the early signs of El Niño. This has the climate research community taking a hard look at the models it uses to predict weather because some of the most reliable totally missed the event.

If there's indication an El Niño is on the way, then climatologists have the challenging task of predicting how it will affect global weather patterns. This is particularly difficult because scientists don't completely understand all the complex interactions between the ocean and the atmosphere that create climate in an El Niño year. To top it off, each year brings different interactions so each El Niño doesn't behave like the one before.

Scientists are confident that with better weather pattern observation and improving technology, their ability to predict the development and outcome of an El Niño will continue to improve. And because history - and weather - repeats itself, scientists will have a chance to prove that. An El Niño occurs about every seven years.

Of course even with better technology, folks in agriculture know it's best to remember the words of one very humble climatologist who admitted, "there are limits to prediction no matter how smart we are."

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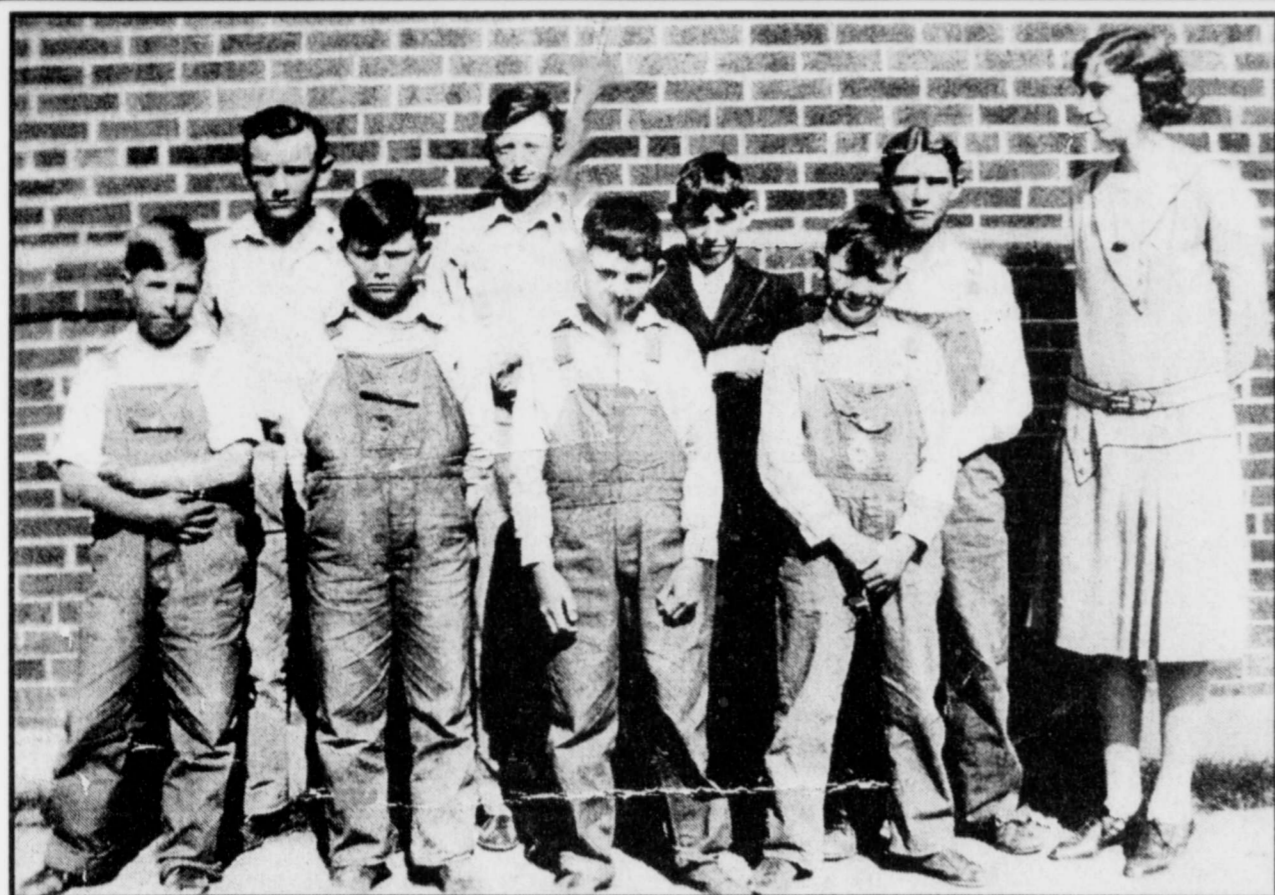
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MR. JAMES CLYDE WATSON OF BOGATA- brought in this picture of school days in Fulbright in the '20s. In the picture students on the front row are: Payton Kelly, James Clyde Watson, David Scaff and George Ray Chessir. Back row: Bob Edwards, Jim Mitchell, J.D. Maddox and Love Fisher. The teacher is Martha Page Rodgers.



HELP US OUT- This picture brought in by Mr. James Clyde Watson of Bogata has some names missing. If you can fill in the blanks please give him a call. Front row — — — Scott Sulsar, David Scaff, Rex Mangrum, J.C. Watson, Payton Kelly and George Chessir. Back Row- Charlie Hope, Frankie Lee Riding, Twyman Torrence, — — — Love Fisher, Fern Raynolds, Herbert Cavender and Ralph Rodgers.

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**Bogata Book Club meets
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The Bogata Book Club met at the home of Betty Puckett Thursday, February 12th with Betty and Eleanor McCluer as hostesses. Janie Dixon and Mary Ann Williams presented the program of safety and privacy, including phone credit card use, and avoiding slamming by long distance companies. Refreshments were served. Next meeting will be March 12 at Dawne Darden's with Dashina Nada as co-hostess.



SALSA FOR SALE-Rivercrest FFA student Aaron Martin displays a jar of salsa the students were selling this past month. The group also had chili and barbecue seasoning for sale.

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USING THE METAL CHOP SAW- is a daily activity in the Rivercrest FFA shop. Students are offered classes in Ag. mechanics, woodwork, metal fab, meat lab and more. Senior Jody Gray is pictured busy at work.

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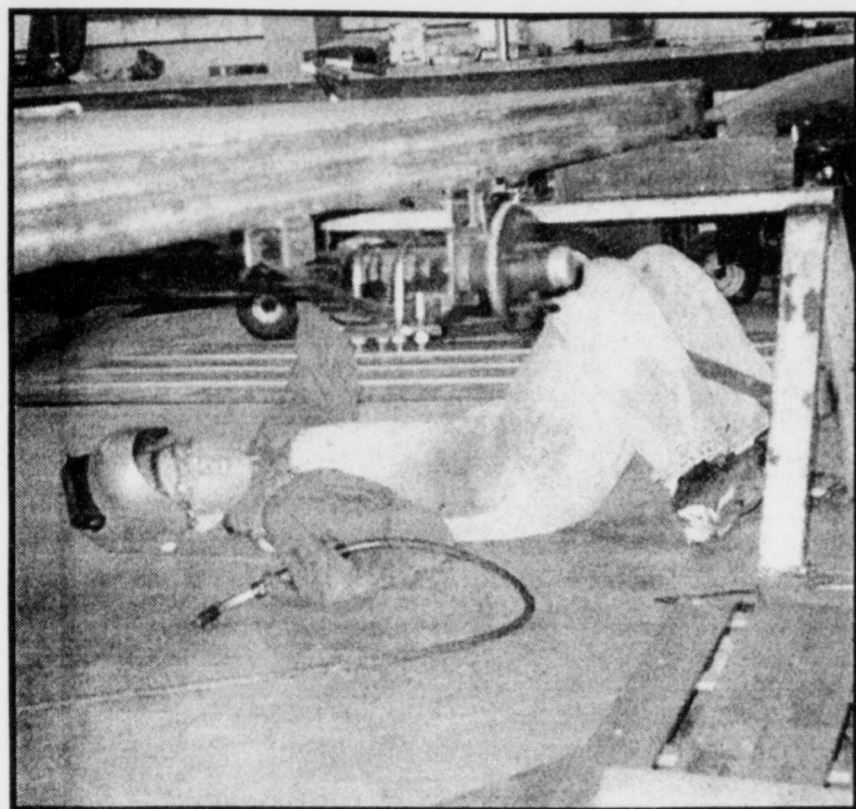
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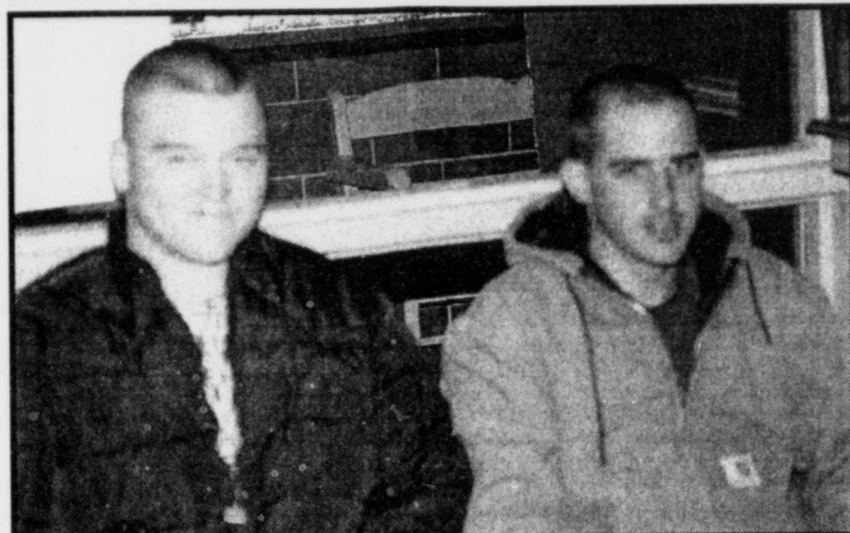
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DOWN UNDER-Rivercrest FFA student, Cortney Huddleston welds from the underside. Cortney is a Senior at RHS and has participated in FFA all of his high school years.



CONGRATULATIONS-to Rivercrest FFA students Aaron Martin and Kevin Williams who took first place at the Area 6 Ramp Welding Contest.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

Talco-Bogata Junior High Lady Rebels finish season with two wins

Talco-Bogata Junior High Lady Rebels traveled to Alba Golden Monday night and both seventh and eighth grade teams came home victorious. The eighth grade Lady Rebels defeated the Alba Golden team 50-15. Scoring for the Lady Rebels were: Hines 12, Barnett 21, Stansell 1, Waller 2, Sears 2, Miller 4, Bull 4, and Tucker 4. The seventh grade Lady Rebels won by a score of 26-14. They finished in first place for the season. Scoring for the Lady Rebels were Hare 3, Carder 5, Williams 12, Manhins 2 and Bryant 4.

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HEART HEALTH

Study: Radiation Aids Arteries After Angioplasty

(NAPS)—There's good news for many of the 600,000 heart patients who undergo angioplasty each year. A new study has found that using low doses of radiation immediately after the procedure can significantly reduce the risk that a patient's arteries will re-narrow.

Angioplasty is designed to widen narrowed blood vessels in the heart. The procedure uses a small balloon catheter. It is then inflated. Nearly half of such patients will require a repeat procedure because of re-narrowing of the arteries.

One way to get around this has been to use stents, metal scaffolds inserted in the artery. The trouble is angioplasty and stents cause scars which later narrow arteries again. Using radiation prevents this scarring.

A six-month study showed low dose beta radiation reduced the rate of re-narrowing to about 15 percent. That's about one-third of the expected rate for this group of patients, according to Dr. Ian Crocker of the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

The radiation led to no significant exposure to either the patient or personnel, Dr. Crocker added. He announced his findings at the 39th annual meeting of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO) in Orlando, Florida.

The procedure added only five to ten minutes to the normal angioplasty, which usually takes from one to two hours, the doctor said.

"Based on our findings, the use of radiation therapy after angioplasty may reduce health care costs by reducing the number of repeat procedures," Dr. Crocker said.

As a result, a multi-center clinical trial has been started on the radiology procedure, the doctor said. It will include 1,100 patients at 26 different centers in the U.S., Canada and Europe.

ASTRO is the largest radiation oncology society in the world, with some 4,000 members.



Radiation therapy may reduce complications in heart patients who undergo angioplasty.

When I hear somebody sigh that "Life is hard," I am always tempted to ask, "Compared to what?"

—Sydney Harris



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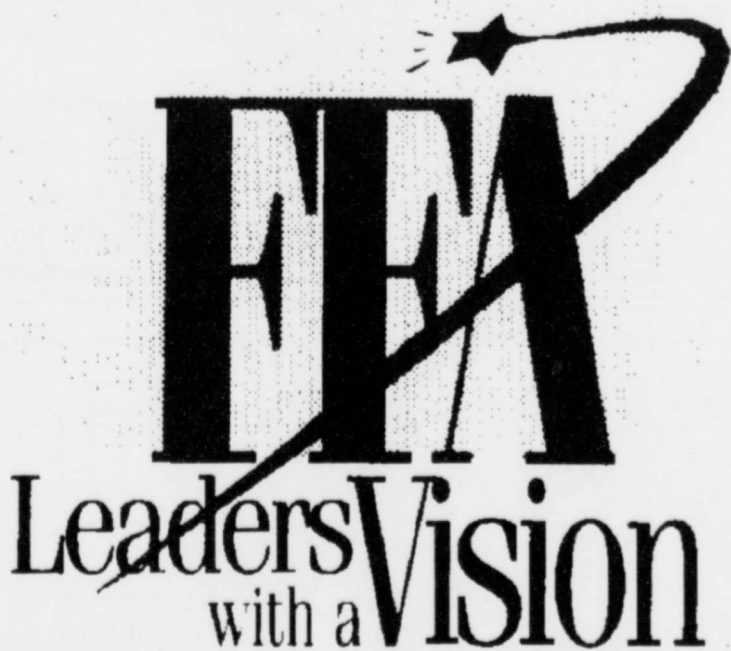
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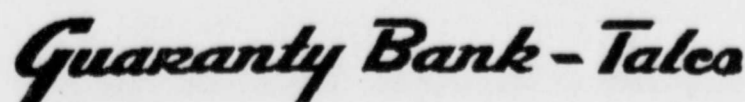


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DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB-The Rivercrest FFA students are shown working in the meat lab. The class is taught by Craig Ingram and the school proudly boast about the number of students who now work as butchers and received their training at Rivercrest.

Red River County Sheriff's Report
February 8-14

February 8: DOA in Bogata; inmate released with arrangements to pay fine; report of DOA at North Lake; female arrested on Lamar County warrant for theft, motion to revoke; fight in progress in Bogata.
February 9: Male arrested on charge of DWI; male arrested on charge of public intoxication; inmate released for transport to Florida; male arrested on charge of driving while license suspended; disturbance in Annona; harassment in Bogata; harassment on FM1159; inmate released on bond.
February 10: Activated alarm in Detroit; suspicious person in Bagwell; male arrested for hindering apprehension or prosecution; incident in Manchester.
February 11: Minor accident on old hwy. 37; suspicious vehicle on FM114.
February 12: Theft in Bogata; theft on county road 3281; male arrested on charge of revocation of probation; major accident in Avery.
February 13: Report of theft; report of possible child abuse in Detroit; report of harassment in Bogata; cruelty to animals north of Clarksville; male arrested on warrant for theft x2; cattle complaint on FM412.
February 14: Suspicious vehicle in Bogata; male arrested on charge of DWI; female arrested on charge of public intoxication; male arrested on warrant for issuance of bad check; inmate transported to county on charge of driving while license invalid; civil matter on hwy. 37 north; family disturbance in Caneywell; deadly conduct on county road 2283; stranded motorist on hwy. 82 east; male arrested on charge of driving while license suspended; male arrested on charge of DWI.

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They will be having an Open House on Friday, February 20, 1998 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to honor the Sale Family and allow the public to view the new Scanner. Everyone is invited to attend. Erbie and Allie Belle Sale have made a very generous donation to the hospital toward the purchase of this equipment and the family will be presented a commemorative plaque during the Open House.

Glenna Meadows to speak to Christian Ladies

Glenna Meadows of Mt. Pleasant will be in Bogata to speak for the Christian Ladies in Action this Saturday. She is speaking on "The Perfect Bridegroom." She works at the pediatric clinic in Mt. Pleasant and attends the First Baptist Church. She has been speaking for 15 years and has been married to John Meadows for 28 years. They have one son. The music will come from local talent. Everyone make plans to attend this Saturday, 10:30 to 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bogata. Daycare is provided, please call ahead for day care count. Please call 632-4922.

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- Wednesday**
Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuits, Jelly, Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk
Lunch: Sloppy Joe Burger, Baked Beans, Tator Tots with Ketchup, Sugar Cookies, Milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit or Fruit Juice & Milk
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SECOND PLACE-The Rivercrest Quiz team made up of Cassie Cannon, Kasey Crawford, Kristie Gaps and Chrissy Wilson received 2nd place in the District at competition recently. Congratulations girls!



12-year veteran of Red River County service seeks return as county judge

Donna Townes is proud of her heritage, born in wartime Red River County Hospital on New Year's Eve, 1942, daughter of a former state representative and a cotton queen. Both sets of her grandparents were cotton farmers in Fulbright and Shadowland. Like most Red River Countians she was born into a family with strong moral fiber and a strong work ethic. Following the death of her father when she was nine, Donna Picked cotton, alongside her two brothers. In the spring and summers they gardened and canned. "The boys milked the cow and took care of the chickens while I learned to cook at my grandmother's side", she recalled. While in high school she worked at RR Co. Hospital where she was born. She attended public schools in Bogata, Fulbright and Clarksville, being a 1961 honor graduate. She furthered her education in Tyler and Austin before getting her Mrs. instead of a BS and returning to Red River County. Over the years she has served as president of the Jaycettes, girl scout leader, chairman of the county cancer crusade, treasurer of the WE CARE campaign against drugs and a member of the pastor, parish relations committee at McKenzie Methodist Church. She also served as treasurer for the North East Texas Housing Financial Corporation in 1991 and 1992.

Donna is a candidate for county judge in the March 10th Democratic primary election.

Townes has served the people of Red River County a total of 12 1/2 years. She was first elected County Treasurer in 1982, then went on to be appointed County Auditor in 1988 where she served until illness forced her retirement in October 1992.

"These people are my people and I want to serve them again," she said. "Rural residents have been frustrated, for at least eight years, by the inability to get numbered county road signs. Every year a new excuse has been offered, leaving emergency service vehicles to drive the maze of county roads searching for residents who need help, increasing response time and endangering lives and property."

"It hurts to hear someone speak of the solvency of Red River County in the future tense. I first became aware of a problem in September 1995. County employees were being let go to maintain the status quo financially. It had been less than three years since I retired as County Auditor, leaving the county with a hefty financial pad against disaster, be it tax shortfall, lawsuit, or natural. As investment officer I had personally built up this contingency fund from interest earned. I was first to draw interest on all county money even though the powers that be told me I could not do it. The State Comptroller's Office was my facilitator. But back to the problem. Although I addressed the commissioner's court at that September 1995 budget hearing, it was to no avail. By the time things get that far it is pretty well set in store. That needs to change too."

"That day I determined someone needed to get a handle on Red River County's finances and I knew I was that person. I know what should be done. I just need to be elected county judge to do it. No matter how much the county's revenues increase you will always wind up in the hole if you don't have aggressive financial management. **This should be top priority.** Ultimately, as budget officer, the county judge is responsible for this management."

"Increasing the tax base in order to **hold down people's taxes** should be next in importance. We have had so many near misses with industries and prisons that we almost got. We need a new perspective to be able to see what is going wrong and make corrections."

"Looking down the road into the 21st century, oil and gas production should boost Red River County's economy; and the Sulphur River lakes project is looming large. There is much to be done, and I am the person who can do it when elected the next Red River county Judge."

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Winning Power In Washington

(NAPS)—A recent survey revealed some interesting information about which lobbying groups have clout in our nation's capitol.

Washington's Power 25, according to *Fortune Magazine*, is an eclectic collection of groups which are highly effective in lobbying Washington and whose strength is primarily derived from voter support.

From the 33-million-member American Association of Retired Persons, which polled No. 1 to the ever controversial International Brotherhood of Teamsters (No. 25), the list is as diverse as the nation itself.

The only veterans groups identified are the powerful Veterans of Foreign Wars (No. 16) and the American Legion (No. 23) whose members not only get veterans' benefits but also have a patriotic pull on politicians.

Here are a few of the ways the VFW is lobbying Washington:

- Congress is being strongly urged to enact legislation which authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to collect and retain Medicare dollars when treating non-service-connected Medicare eligible patients. Such a measure would provide greater access to the VA Health Care System for veterans, a savings of federal tax dollars, and help create a source of income for the VA system.

The VFW will most likely succeed in getting a law on the books

during the next session of Congress.

- Congress is being urged to adopt a Department of Veterans Affairs Budget to ensure the integrity of the entire VA system, so that no veteran will be denied or have delayed any benefit, entitlement or medical treatment for which he or she is eligible.

The VFW recently succeeded in having the VA appropriation signed into law. PL 105-65 provides approximately \$17.27 billion for VA Medical Care. That's \$97 million above last year's funding level.

- Congress is being urged to recognize the great dangers confronting military service members assigned to Bosnia by taking immediate action to award the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Such legislation was inserted into the 1998 Defense Authorization Bill, which is now Public Law (PL 105-85).

- Congress is being urged to provide funding to make health care facilities more user friendly for women veterans.

The VFW currently serves on a Public Advisory Committee for the Klemm Analysis Group, which is conducting a study of Persian Gulf Era Women's Health Issues.

The survey will assist the VFW in drafting and advancing legislation that best meets the needs of its female veterans.



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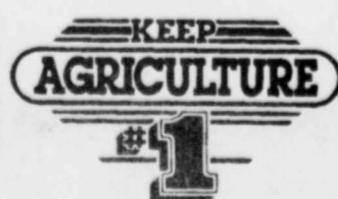
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A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR - sponsors from Bogata Missionary Baptist Mission attended Winter Weekend '98 at the Harvey Hotel in Addison Friday and Saturday, January 30-31. The retreat featured Mickey Rapier, singer songwriter and speaker. The theme was "Home Run" with topics such as "Strike Four?" and "Put me in, Coach." Following the Friday evening session, the group went to the Iceplex for a fun time of ice skating. They reported a good time and are excited about going again next year. Pictured are teens and sponsors: Joey Hanna, Randy Martin, Darla Brunson, Mitchell Jean, Ryan Brunson, Lisa Shirley, Donald Jean, April Kuhle, Megan Horn, Freda Jean, Jamie Daniels and Ashley Kuhle. Also attending, but not pictured were Kim Shirley and Debra Janes.

Joanna Patton receives achievement award

The Art Institute of Houston presented an Academic Honors Achievement certificate to Joanna Patton in recognition of outstanding academic achievement, interior design. She had a 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester 1997.

Joanna is the granddaughter of Anna Belle Patton of Bogata and the daughter of Gary Patton of Grapevine and Era Lee Caldwell of South Lake.



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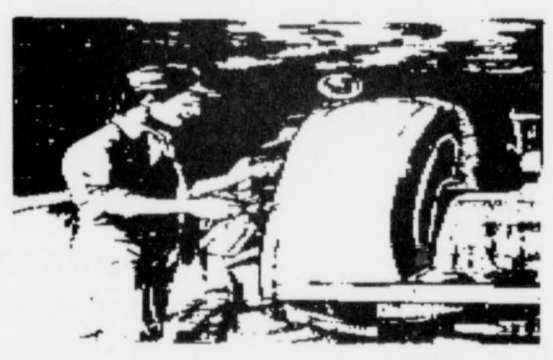
Visiting with Dorothy Watkins was Virginia Alexander. Jack Marks visited Obie Woods. Pat and Billie Lindsey visited Gladys Sykes. Shirley Smith visited Raymon

Mauldin. Shirley Smith, Frances Lee, Haley Hawkins and Pauline Gibbs visited Billie Hancock. Shirley Smith and Mary Schultz visited Evie Smith. Pat and Billie Lindsey, Esther Tillman and Janette Brooks visited Ann Cody. Lucille Moore, James Gurley and Lucille visited Iva Carr. Waymon and Joyce Alexander visited Gladys Garretson. Weldon Hume and Ina Ward visited Stasha Hume. Maxine Topping and Johnny and Willie Mae Topping visited Percy Topping. Mary Jane Lowry visited Alma Lowry. Bobbie Shoffner visited Vivian Westbrook. Patsy Smith and Bobbie Price visited Luther Price. Elaine Alford, S.J. Smith, Carl and Nell Murphy and Frances Jones visited Irene Smith. Brenda Russell and Jack Phillips visited Ted Phillips. Tee Green and Bill and Marie visited Lawana Buckhallter. Joyce and Calvin Gibson and Don Guess visited Jimmy and Agnes Guess. Pat and Billie Lindsey, Neva Oats, LWanda McKnight and Danny Norwood visited Almer and Alma Norwood. Thirty five family members and friends celebrated Alma Norwood's 86th birthday with cake and ice cream February 2. Amber Merrill, Ken and Helen Holmes and John, Julie, Megan and

Rebecca visited Ada Holmes. Bill and Shirley Anderson, Wes Ward, Geraldine Ward, Sarah Ragsdill and Glenda Holder visited George Hancock. Molly Hare, Ashley Williams, Cassie Perry, Jonandrea Crane, Ryan Hawkins, B.A. Middleton and Keith Perry visited friends in the nursing home. C.L. Ward, Ina Ward and Wilma Moore visited Pauline Hutson. Arol Kerley and Opal Kerley visited Lyn Kerley. Joan and Jack Phillips visited Doris Skaggs. The Rivercrest Choir performed for the residents Friday and visited with them. Frances Lee, Haley Hawkins and Pauline Gibbs visited Mamie Kennedy. M.L. and Carl Brown visited Hazel Brown. Roger and Connie McKinney visited Oma McKinney. Hazle West, Wilma Moore, Dotty Pemberton and Sue Nolen visited Dude Lassiter. Karen Forsyth and Cashmere Coleman visited residents on all the halls. Anita Lucas visited Ardena Roberts and Juanita Fisher.

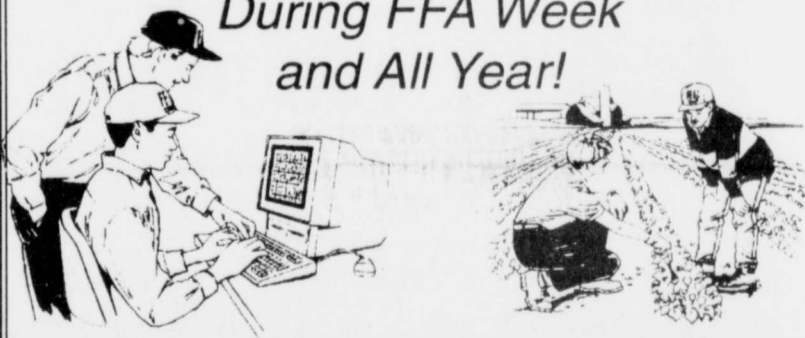
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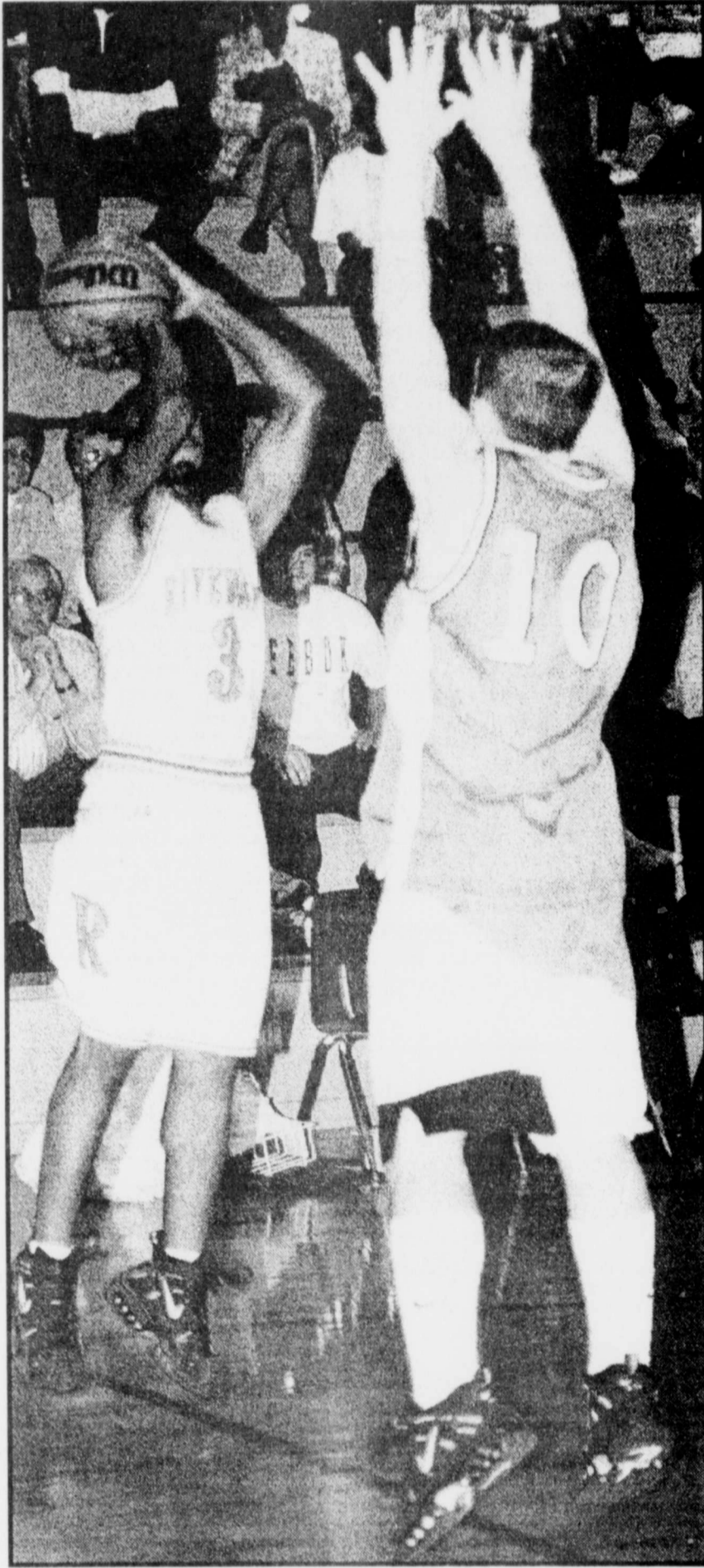
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#3 SENIOR-Rebel Michael Allen gets the shot off as the Rebels defeated Honey Grove in overtime Tuesday. The team also won over Cooper in Friday's game and continue to drive toward a playoff position.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

Rivercrest Rebels Baseball

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
March 6	James Bowie	There	4:00
13	James Bowie	Here	4:00
24	Cooper	Here	4:00
28	Honey Grove	There	4:00
31	Prairiland	Here	4:00
April 3	Chisum	There	4:00
7	Como-Pickton	Here	4:30
9	Alba-Golden	There	4:30
14	Lone Oak	Here	4:30
17	Cooper	There	4:30
21	Honey Grove	Here	4:30
24	Prairiland	There	4:30
28	Chisum	Here	4:30
May 5	Como-Pickton	There	4:30
8	Alba-Golden	Here	4:30
12	Lone Oak	There	4:30

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Special Olympics basketball team to make debut in Clarksville

The Red River County Special Olympics basketball team will be in Clarksville on Saturday, February 28 at the high school gym when special olympics basketball day will be staged. Nine members of the individual skills squad will demonstrate their skills beginning at 2:00 p.m. Those athletes will be accompanied by local business representatives as they make their way to each station. Following the skills demonstration the team basketball squad will play a game against local sports fans. The contest will consist of four six minute quarters. A total of 17 athletes are expected to perform during the night.

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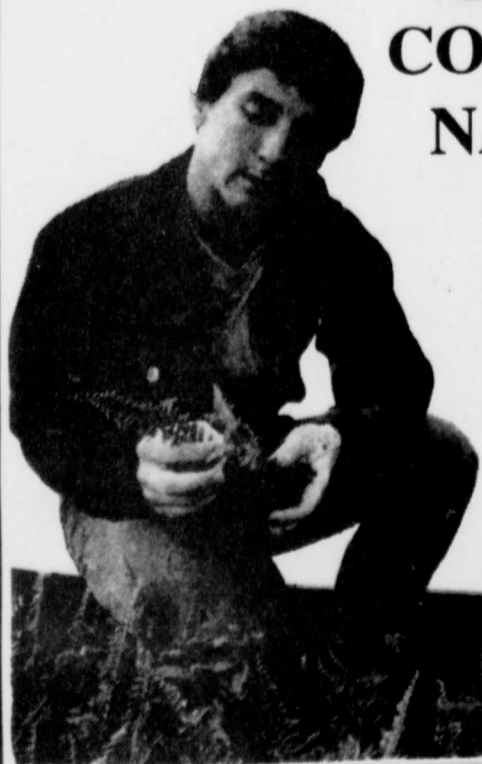


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By Judy Screws
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Granville and Haletha Jones of Commerce visited with her mother, Helen Williams, Sunday.

George and Janet Hobbs of Huntsville, Roseann, Ramsey and Reagan Miller of Humble visited during the holiday week end with Helen Williams of Bogata and Beulah Rose at Clarksville.

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

Tana Screws visited with Mr. and Mrs. Murl Roach in Deport Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Woods of Gladewater visited with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana Saturday. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. David Mauldin, Lauren and Alison.

Lillian Taylor from Bogata, and Georgia Weddle from Paris, Stanley Home Products Reps, attended a rally Monday and Tuesday at The Best Western Motel in Garland.

Mrs. Ray Freeman of Lake Kiowa and Betty Rogers of Ponca City, OK, visited their aunt, Dora Thompson, over the week end.

Peggy Yale of Fort Worth visited Chrystine Baker last week and attended her mother, Ruby Corbell at ETMC.

Delbert and Shirley Henry of Bedford visited Chrystine Baker Saturday and they visited her Aunt, Ruby Corbell at ETMC. They were here to attend the Allison Aileen Hale and Ricky Keith Christophersen wedding.

Doyle and Nina Smith of Denton came Saturday to visit Chrystine Baker and attend her mother Ruby Corbell at ETMC.

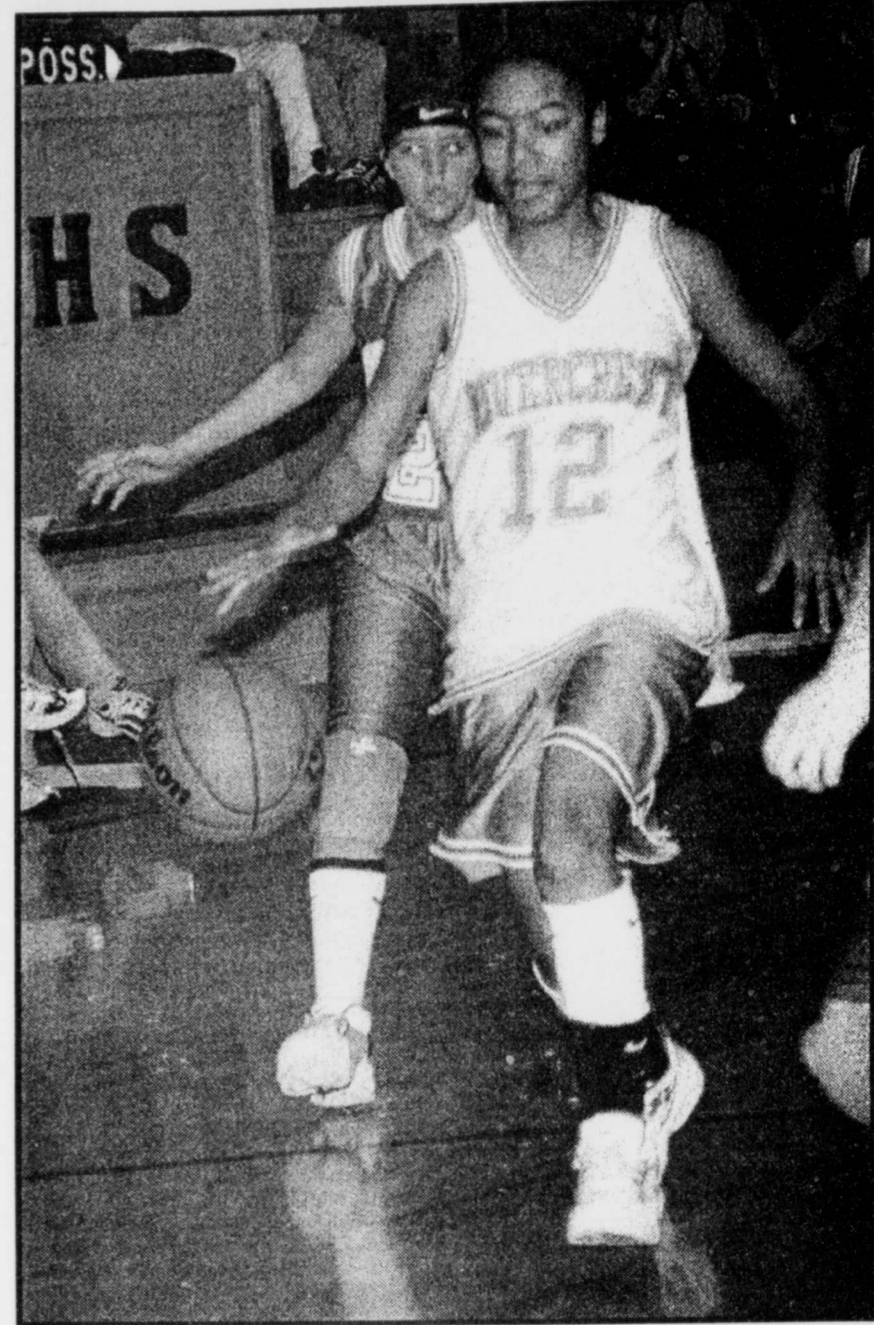
Ruby Corbell was transferred Monday morning from ETMC back to Regency Nursing Center and is resting just fine.

Gerlyn Gray spent the day Saturday with Judy, Heather and Hayden Holt. Heath went to Oklahoma with his dad on business.

Heather Holt spent Saturday night with her grandparents, Jerry and Gerlyn Gray, and went to church with them on Sunday morning.

Judy and Heath Holt had dinner Sunday with Jerry and Gerlyn Gray. Also visiting were Jennifer and Riley Reeder from Dallas and Jessica and Danny Hines from Fulbright.

Jerry and Gerlyn Gray took their granddaughter, Heather Holt, home Sunday evening and spent some time visiting with Hayden.



#12 LADY REBEL-Kristi Hines drives to the goal as the team worked to defeat the Honey Grove Lady Warriors in Tuesday's game at RHS. The game was the last home game of the season and Kristi as a senior was at her finest for her last home basketball appearance as a Lady Rebel. The team took a come from behind 61-57 win.


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February	
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3	*Prairieland 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
March	
2-3	Boys Area TBA TBA
6-7	Girls State Tournament Austin TBA
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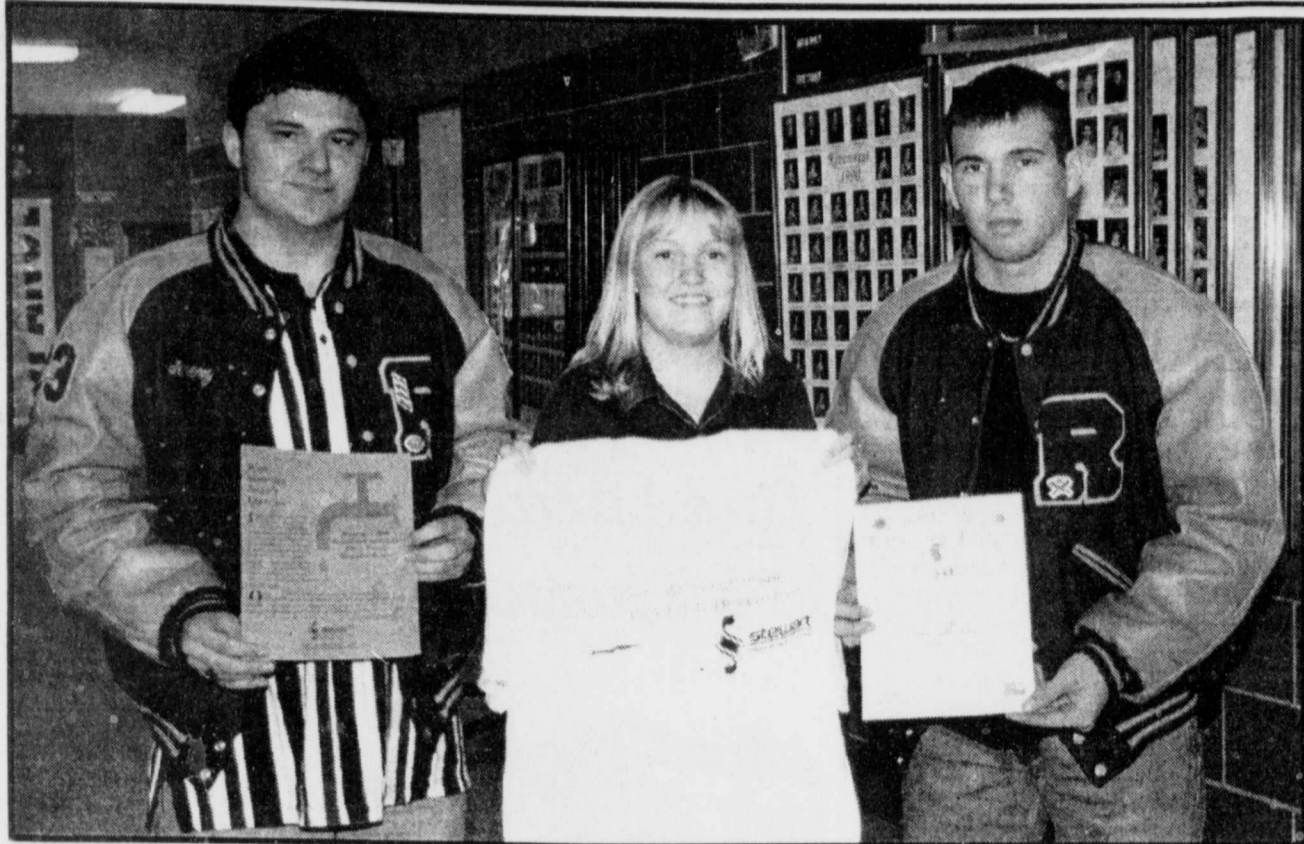
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Johnstown News

By Jana Hawkins

632-5174

Hana Hawkins spent Sunday with her grandmother, Robbie Hawkins. Haley and Heather Hawkins enjoyed going to work at Clarksville Nursing Center with their granny, Robbie Hawkins.

Shane Gibbs and Michelle Giles visited Mark, Jana, Heather, Haley and Hana Hawkins on Saturday. James and Pauline visited Monday night.

Drue Pirtle was in Arlington Friday and Saturday helping Clay Pirtle move.

Haley and Heather Hawkins enjoyed going to family night at the Clarksville Nursing Center on Tuesday. Their cousin, Sonny Gibbs, gave them a ride over there.

Tuesday visitors of Dorothy Foster were Nannie Bell Ham and granddaughter, Sarah Lou Ham from Palestine.

Mark and Douglas Hawkins enjoyed shopping and eating in Mt. Pleasant Friday and Saturday.

Cunningham News

By Linda Anderson
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Ann Gaylord of Baytown spent the weekend with Velma Cox.

Sunday, Velma Cox, Ann Gaylord of Baytown and Dora Hester of Paris had lunch at the Golden Corral.

Carol and Jennifer Dorsey had lunch with Lucy Fowler and Talma and Margaret Fowler visited during the afternoon on Sunday.

Scotty and Treda Norwood and family Frankie and Julie Norwood and family, Billie Ray and Neva Oats and family, Brad Nutt and Diana Merrill had lunch with Geneva Norwood Sunday.

Cunningham Baptist Church had a Valentine Banquet Saturday night.

Vicki Davis spent the weekend in Georgia visiting Bruce Watson.

Randy Anderson spent the weekend with Rickey and Linda Anderson.

Andrea, Kara and Arron Palmer, Dwayne, Lisa O'Neal and Weston Drinnon had lunch with Jane O'Neal Sunday.

Pat West of Roxton visited Linda Anderson Wednesday afternoon.

Brent Norwood of Blossom spent the weekend with James and Pat Norwood and his father, Tracy Norwood.

Heath, Missy and Laytner Kennedy of Paris had lunch with Bobby Ray and Shelby Kennedy Sunday.



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Educational Opportunity Center

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tions on their own time, these associations are not affiliated with the DPS, Thomas said. They raise money to fund their own programs, some of which may benefit officers and families.

The 75th Texas Legislature enacted a law that requires these organizations to clarify that they are not part of the DPS and prohibits them from implying that the money they raise will go to the DPS. In addition, solicitors cannot use names, symbols or statements that are similar to those used by the Texas Department of Public Safety or the Texas Rangers to confuse or mislead someone who is being asked to give money.

DPS has created an informational brochure about law enforcement solicitation for Texas citizens and has established a recorded information line on this topic. (512-424-5588).

Read about DPS online at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us>.

PCT to present The Music Man

Step back to turn of the century Indiana where traveling salesman Professor Harold Hill gets more than he bargained for when seventy-six trombones lead the big parade. The production which opens February 19 and runs through March 1, features PCT newcomer Mike Wilson of Paris as Profession Hill, with PCT favorite Jennifer Simmons Branch also of Paris playing his romantic interest Marian Paroo. Mother and daughter directing team Patsy Elliott and Mella Dee Woodard have made the production a family affair casting many of the 50 plus roles to entire families.

"This has been a great experience said Patsy Elliott, "We've been fortunate in the fact that everyone has worked together and we have had a wonderful time". PCT is also pleased to feature the vocal talents of Dick, Bill and Dwight Logee along with PCT newcomer Ken Norris as the "Singing Schoolboard" featuring several recognizable barber shop favorites as "It's You, Lida Rose" and "Sincere". Other principals include Charlie Thompson and Sally Bowell as May and Mrs. Shinn; Tim Wood of Deport as Marcellus; Stephanie Clifford/Mareen Costello sharing the role of Amaryllis; Trey Haislip and Ryan Turk sharing the role of Winthrop; Tammy Haislip as Mother Paroo; Eric Vest of Honey Grove as Tommy Dijas; and April Forter as Zaneeta Shinn.

The production opens Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plaza Theater with performances on Friday and Saturday, February 20 & 21 at 8:00 p.m., Sunday Matinee, February 22 at 2:00 p.m.; Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m; Friday and Saturday February 27 and 28 at 8:00 p.m. and closing March 1 with a 2:00

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Jace Lum celebrated his first birthday

Dalen Jace Lum celebrated his 1st birthday on January 8 with his "Pop" Butch. They shared a chocolate cake. On January 11, 1998, Jace had a Winnie-the-Pooh party. Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream. Guests were Amber and Scotty Lum, Laramie and Paden, Nita Hood, Ginger and Richard Jones, Cawyer and Ruston, Misti Richeson, Janell Lum, Kim and Tom Whitaker, Kendra Rester, Allye Grissom, Jan and Jeremy Grissom, Lou Hall and Chasity and Clay Frances and Camen, Ricky Grubb and Cody Cox.

Jace received many nice gifts and thanks to everyone who made his day special.

PEOPLE N THINGS

Thursday, February 19 (today) Bogata Lions Club will meet at The Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

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Friday, February 20
 The monthly meeting of the Red River Genealogical Society will be held at Blossom Methodist Church's Fellowship hall.

* All pickers, singers and listeners are welcome to come to the old Dodd Grocery Store in Johntown to make Gospel Music or enjoy free entertainment. Activities start at 5:30 p.m. and last until everyone is tired. No drugs or alcohol allowed.

Saturday, February 21
 Christian Women in Action will host a Bible Study and Luncheon from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Bogata. Registration forms may be picked up at any of the local churches. Registration deadline is Tuesday, February 17.

Sunday, February 22
 Bogata Baseball/Softball Association will hold sign ups at the Community Center from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Monday, February 23
 The Family Pride Parenting Class will be held at Bogata School Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. A family meal and child care will be provided. There is no charge for the class, the meal or the child care.

Third Tuesday of each Month
 Bogata Lions Club sponsors Bingo at Red River Healthcare Center. Lions Club members should volunteer to help when they can.

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.

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Red River County deputies are exonerated in excessive force case

Red River County Sheriff Bob Edrington announced today that following a three day trial in United States District Court in Sherman, ending Wednesday, February 11, Red River County Sheriff's Office Deputies have been exonerated in a case

which alleged that the officers used excessive force in the April 3, 1993 arrest of James Patrick White of Bogata.

The original lawsuit, filed in September, 1995, by White, accused Deputy Trey Absten and Deputy Mark Perkins of having used excessive force in the arrest of White at

approximately 1:00 a.m. on April 3, 1993 at the intersection of North Main and Fourth Street in Bogata. Deputy Perkins was later dropped from the suit after it was discovered that Perkins was not in the area at the time of the arrest. Deputy Terry Reed was subsequently named as a defendant in the suit, along with Absten, Sheriff Edrington and Red River County. Sheriff Edrington and Red River County were later dismissed from the lawsuit by Judge Schell.

According to Edrington, records reflect that Deputy Trey Absten, now a Lieutenant with the Titus County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Gerry Allen, now employed as a Lieutenant Investigator with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office arrested James Patrick White, Vincent McCain and Tommy Anderson on various misdemeanor charges after officers observed the pickup truck driven by McCain to have committed traffic violations in the early morning hours of April 3, 1993. Edrington says that Allen was never alleged to have used excessive force and was not named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

"I am very pleased that these fine officers actions have been vindicated by the federal jury", Edrington said. He added that "these officers have been forced to operate with a cloud hanging over them and their families due to the allegations and they can now continue their careers knowing that the federal jury found they did nothing wrong."

The suit was filed by the Stuckey law firm in Nacogdoches on behalf of Mr. White. The officers were defended by James Allison of Allison, Bass and Associates of Austin.

Sheriff Edrington noted that Commander Albert Rodriguez of the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Austin testified that the officers not only did not use excessive force, they had not even used the amount of force which would have been justified by the circumstances of the arrest. Sheriff Edrington stated that White was transported to the hospital in Clarksville after having been taken to the Red River County Jail in Clarksville on the morning of April 3, 1993, but Edrington added that, "the jury obviously concluded that the injuries were self-inflicted by White, were not serious, and were not the result of the actions of the arresting officers."

In addition to determining whether the officers had used excessive force, the eight-person federal jury was also instructed to consider if the officers had committed an assault against White as defined by Texas law: If the officers had failed to provide reasonable and timely medical care; and if the officers had inflicted emotional duress on Mr. White. "The jury answered "no" to each of these questions," Edrington said.

"I am very proud of these officers and their professionalism in the face of these allegations," Sheriff Edrington said.



TALENT TEAM-members in the Rivercrest FFA are (from the left) Jeremy Price, Dwayne Martin and Jason Dyess. The group recently performed at the District FFA meeting held in Mt. Vernon.



Small Business workshop to be held

"Confidence, Composure and Competence for Working Women" will be presented Wednesday, February 25 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Alford Center at PJC.

The free video seminar will contain habits of self-confidence and

composed women and how to look within your self to develop the skills you need to achieve personal and professional success.

To register for the seminar call Pat Bell at 784-1802.

High school students need TASP or exemption before college credit at PJC

East Texas community college officials are urging high school students who intend to take college level courses during the 1998-99 school year to take the Texas Academic Skills Program exam in May, June or July, unless they are exempt.

Many students will not be considered exempt from this test and should make arrangements now to take the TASP exam prior to the beginning of the Fall 1998 semester.

New rules regarding TASP take effect this year, forcing changes in the way non-exempt students register for college.

Students may be considered exempt from TASP if they have recorded a 23 score (19 minimum on math and English) on the ACT college entrance exam; a 1070 score (minimum 500 on both verbal and math) on the SAT college entrance exam; or if they achieved minimum standards on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test. Minimum TAAS scores are 1770 for

writing; Texas Learning Index of 86 in math; and Texas Learning Index of 89 in reading.

Other TASP exemptions apply only to students who completed three or more college hours prior to the fall of 1989 and those who took the SAT between 1993 and 1995.

It is a separate exam from the Texas Academic Assessment Program. Students must pass TAAS to complete high school, and if not exempt, must take TASP or an equivalent alternate test to enter college.

Changes in college study requirements as they relate to the "TASP exam were recommended by the Texas Legislature in 1996 and finalized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in 1997.

In previous years, students who were not TASP-exempt and who had not attempted the TASP exam could register for college as long as they did not attempt more than 9 college credit hours prior to taking the exam. High school students could take early ad-

missions or "dual credit" courses for college credit during their junior or senior year of high school without taking TASP. Beginning in the fall of 1998, exemption or TASP will be required of high school students taking college classes.

For those non-exempt students who do not attempt TASP prior to attempting to register as a college student, an alternative test may be offered. A decision on alternative tests for TASP is expected to be made by the state's Higher Education Coordinating Board in April.

Any student who plans to attend college next year and has a question about TASP may contact the testing office at Paris Junior College for assistance.

The deadline for regular registration for the May 9 TASP exam is April 10; the deadline for regular registration for the June 20 TASP exam is May 22; and the regular registration deadline for the July 25 TASP is June 26.

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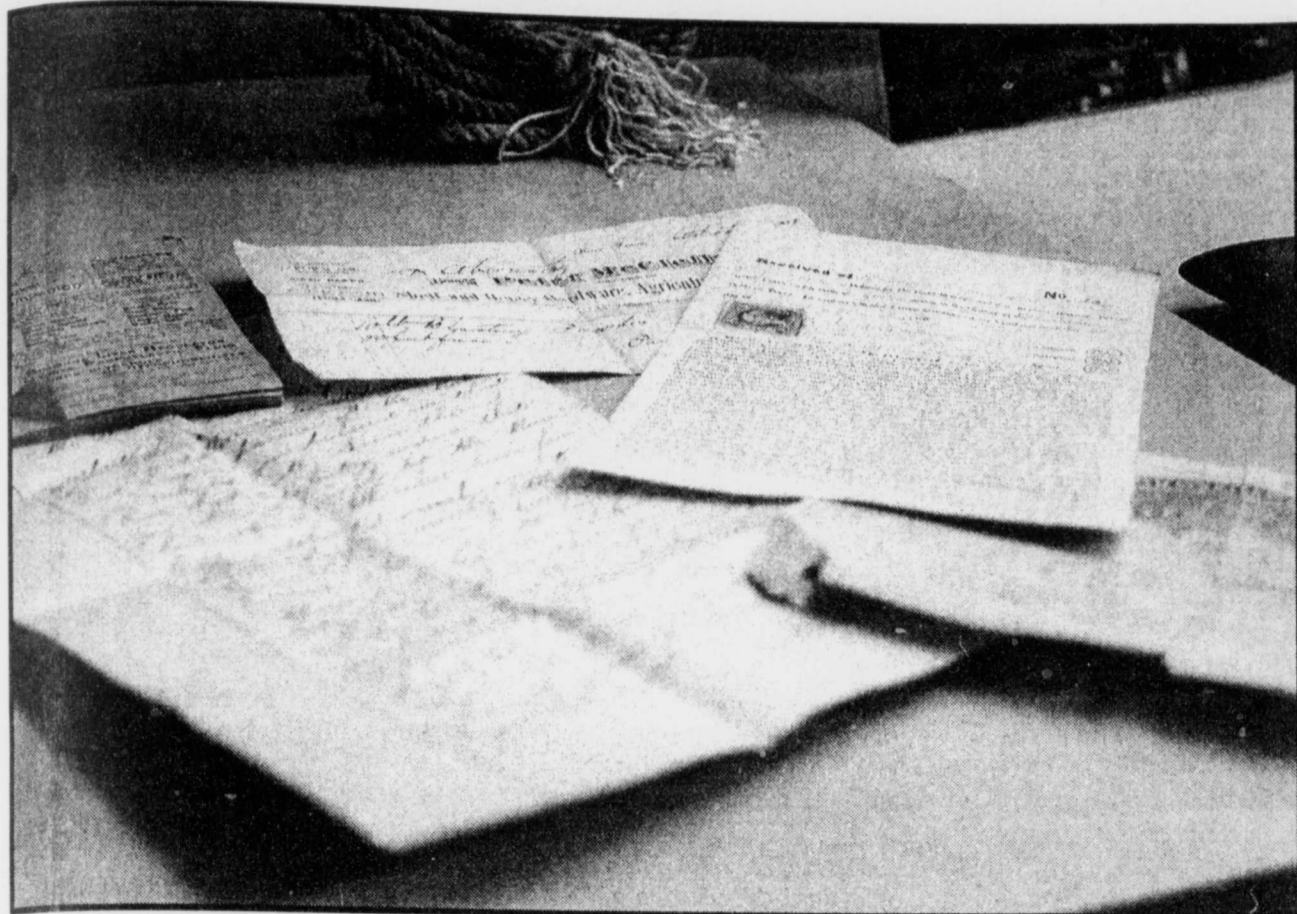
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OLD DOCUMENTS-these papers from the 1880s were found in the attic of Susan Roach's father. They provide a look into the prices and lifestyles of that era. (Staff Photo)

Old papers provide a look into the past

In going through things in her father's attic, Susan Roach of Deport discovered a box of old papers from Eddy, Texas, most of them from the 1880s.

These papers include letters, business papers and advertising brochures, and are in wonderful condition.

Included is a letter from a woman to the saloonkeeper in Eddy. In beautiful copper plate writing it reads "I went to you and in a respectful manner, requested you not to let my husband have any more whiskey. In the presence of him and Eugene, you promised me that you would not. Since then, I have had satisfactory evidence that you have knowingly let him have whiskey. He comes home from Eddy intoxicated, nearly every time, besides bringing several bottles of whiskey with him. I know in my mind that you let him have it. Apart from the above, I have other satisfactory evidence that you sell whiskey to him. I have notified you not to sell him whiskey once. I now notify you again. Do you know the law on selling whiskey thus? If not, it is time you were informing yourself. I will not take any more excuses."

The letter is dated Oct. 8, 1888. A receipt for 10 lbs. of blasting powder shows that the cost was \$2.50, and fuses were \$270 for 25.

An official document shows the receipt from the State of Texas for a occupation license for a retail liquor dealer. In an age where things cost almost nothing, a license was a whop-

ping \$450!

A booklet for Simmons Liver regulator made amazing claims. It claimed to bring perfect health, cheerful spirits, prosperous business, sound liver, clear skin, and enable one to live a useful life. In addition it was supposed to cure bots, grubs, gripes, cough, hide bound or pneumonia and lung fever in horses; make hens lay eggs, and clear up a woman's complexion!

A letter addressed to an "influential farmer" advertised championship draft horse stallions for improvement of stock, an advertising card touts Arm & Hammer Brand Baking Soda, for use in the bath as well as treatment of colds, rheumatism, lumbago and all kinds of ills.

A receipt from a building supply included 3 gallons of linseed oil at \$2.10; 25 lbs. of white lead for white-wash at \$1.88; 60 1x10s at \$1.50; 1 can venetian red paint at 20 cents.

A soda water and sarsaparilla dealer also had all kinds of mineral water and ginger ale. A saloon requested to be supplied with these mineral waters and sarsaparillas at the cost of 55 cents per day.

500 pounds of flour was \$11.50, 18 lbs. of sugar was only a \$1. A pair of shoes ran from \$1 to \$6.50.

The list of deeds, receipts and sales advertisements goes on and on.

The entire selection is all set in the 1880s and provided fascinating reading. It provides a peek into the past.



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Red River County Crime Stoppers 903-427-TIPS

Sometime between Sunday, February 1 and Friday, February 6, a person or persons unknown burglarized Steve Bruring's deer camp on CR 2123. His camper trailer was broken into and the following items were taken: 13" Sanyo TV, Sanyo VCR, Hughs satellite receiver, a 30.06 Remington rifle w/3x9 Leopold scope, a Browning 12 ga. shotgun and electric heater. These items were also taken from the campsite: a Yamaha 180 4-wheeler, a blue tandem axle utility trailer, a 4x4 Kioti

orange and black tractor with bucket and mower/bush hog attachment on the tractor.

If you call the Crime Stoppers line at 427-TIPS, and have information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for this crime, or any crime, you may receive a reward of up to one thousand dollars.

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Care and Share Group meets regularly

Lake Country Care and Share Group is a chapter of the National and Texas Association for the Mentally Ill covering Morris, Titus, Camp and Franklin counties.

AMI is a self-help support and family education program for families and friends of individuals who have been diagnosed with a mental illness. The gatherings are for both the family members and the individual with a mental illness meeting separately in support groups. The group also offers guest speakers from time to time. This organization is a Journey of Hope for all that are affected by a mental illness.

The support meetings have ex-

ceeded to twice a month on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next meetings will be the February 2nd and February 16th, at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are presently being held in the First Baptist Church at Madison and Fourth Streets off the downtown square in Mt. Pleasant. Parking and entrance at the rear of the church.

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ESSAY PARTICIPANTS-Rivercrest students Andrea Palmer, John White, Courtney Jones and Shelly Hollis competed at the Red River County Soil and Conservation essay contest on Monday, Feb. 9 in Clarksville. Andrea was 1st place winner, John was second place winner and Shelly and (not pictured) Brandi Jagers were chosen as Honorable Mention.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown

Adult cancer often starts in childhood

The long path to adult cancer often begins in childhood.

Exposure to parental tobacco smoke and increased teen and pre-teen smoking may be contributing to more and more cases of adult cancers, say pediatric cancer and pulmonary experts.

"Millions of U.S. children have been exposed to environmental tobacco smoke," said Dr. David G. Poplack, director of the Texas Children's Cancer Center (TCCC) in Houston. "These children are at risk for cancer later in life as a result of these early exposures."

Poplack, chief of pediatric hematology and oncology at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital, says that children are smoking at earlier ages.

Statistics support this. According to the Texas Department of Health, each day more than 3,000 American youth try a tobacco product for the first time.

More than half of high school students, 27 percent of sixth graders and 10 percent of fourth graders have tried tobacco.

They are experimenting with a deadly combination, says Dr. D.J. Murry, a pharmacologic expert at the Texas Children's Cancer Center.

"These kids are often unaware that there is a cocktail of carcinogens in tobacco," he said. "That's why these early starters are at greater risk later for cancer."

Murry and colleague, Dr. Marianna Sockrider, a pediatric pulmonologist, hope to study smoking cessation methods for children and teens - a little explored area.

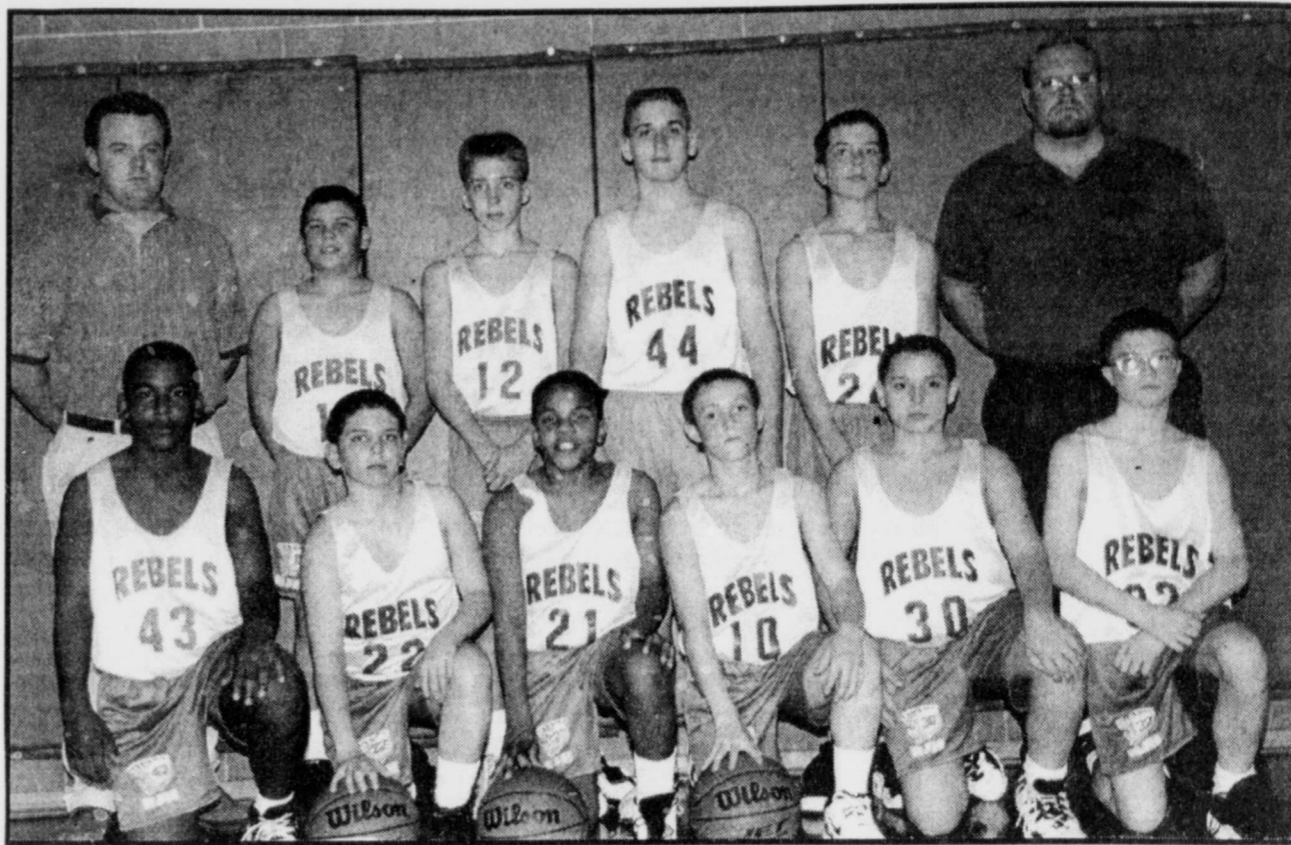
"There are few smoking cessation programs designed for youth in Texas or nationally, and potential aids such as nicotine patches have not been tested in this population," Sockrider said.

Sockrider says teens start out experimenting and before they realize it, they are "hooked" - often by the late teen years. She offers the following tips for parents:

* Ask questions about your child's friends and their attitudes toward smoking. Discuss peer pressure and their right to make decisions about their health.

* Discuss how easy it is to become addicted to tobacco and how difficult it is to quit. Clear up any misunderstandings about smoking such as over-estimating how many youths use tobacco.

* Start early and be persistent. The message may get through.



1997-98 SEVENTH GRADE REBELS-team members are; (from the left back row) Coach James Daughtery, Jared Huddleston, Stephen Mereill, Dustin Jones, Marcus Deming and Coach Gary Schultz and (front row from the left) Zack Perry, Chase Sloan, Chauncy Fulbright, Justin Exum, Adam Davis and Paul Green.

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Staff Photo Nancy Brown



PARENT NIGHT-The Rivercrest Lady Rebels and their parents were introduced at the girls last home game of the season at RHS on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Senior girls are Kristi Hines and Deidre Brown. They will be missed on the court next year.

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Public Notices
ORDER OF ELECTION
 The Prairiland School Board has ordered an election for the purpose of electing board members for the following places: Place 1-Full Term, Place 2-1 yr. Unexpired Term, and Place 4-Full Term. The election will take place on Saturday, May 2, 1998 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Candidates wishing to be placed on the ballot may sign up in the Administration Office of Prairiland ISD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning February 16. The last day to sign up for a place on the ballot is 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 18. Applications for early voting ballots may be accepted on March 3, 1998. Early voting by personal appearance begins on April 15, 1998. 2-19

INVITATION TO BID
 The Commissioner's Court of Red River County is accepting bids for the following:
 One (1) 1998 4-door, full size police package care with V8 engine, for the Sheriff's Department. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Sheriff's Office of Red River County during regular working hours. Bids must be submitted in individually sealed envelopes. Bids must be delivered to the Office of the County Auditor by 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 27, 1998. At that time the bids will be opened and read publicly. Action on the bids is then at the discretion of the Commissioner's Court. The Court reserves the right to refuse all bids and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the County. 2-19

ORDER OF ELECTION
 An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 2, 1998 of electing two (2) councilpersons and a mayor for the City of Deport, Texas. Interested candidates must file for candidacy at the Deport City Hall, 201 Main Street, between February 16 to March 19, 1998, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Sharon Francis, City of Deport, 201 Main Street, P.O. Box 354A, Deport, Texas 75435. Charles Foster, Mayor 2-19

ORDER OF ELECTION
 The City of Deport, Texas will be holding an election on May 2, 1998 for the purpose of electing three (3) councilmen for two (2) year terms. Terms expiring are James Miller, Johnny Edwards and Jim Missidine. Applications to place name on ballot may be picked up at City Hall starting February 20, 1998. Deadline to file is March 18, 1998. 2-26

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LEE'S TREE SERVICE-903-572-5520. Tree trimming and removal. Bucket truck and stump removal. Free estimates. Call J.D. Lee. MA t/c

ROADRUNNER SELF STORAGE: Call Neil Rozell, 903-632-5752. Two locations: one in Bogata; one in Deport. A size to meet your needs. MA t/c

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TIP-TOP LAUNDRY & Dry Cleaners in Bogata is a full-service laundry and dry cleaners. Open M-Th 8-5; F 8-5:30; S til noon. 903-632-5115. MA t/c

PJC Adult Education Department offers classes on Monday at 6 p.m. Classes are held in the conference room at Deport Housing Authority. For information, call 784-9424. MA t/c

DUKE'S ROOFING: Roofing, re-roofing and remodeling, roof repairs, decks and all other type repair. 21 years experience, free estimates, work guaranteed. John Duke, 903-632-4959. MA 3-19

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FOR SALE: Maytag gas dryer, olive green, excellent condition, used very little, \$125.00. 903-652-3746. MA 2-26

Homes & Real Estate
FOR SALE: New brick homes. Will build your new home in Deport, Detroit, Bogata, Blossom or Clarksville, TX area. 100% financing to qualified buyers. Call Mike Copeland 903-784-7474 or 903-652-3504. MA t/c

LOT FOR SALE in east Deport on Bell Street. 50'x146'. 903-567-5423. If no answer, leave message. MA 2-19

FOR SALE: Lot and building, formerly Granny Mac's cafe, Deport. Owner can be contacted by calling 652-4233. MA 2-19

FOR SALE: Three lots, choice location in Garden of Prayer at Meadowbrook. 903-652-6131. MA 2-26

Vehicles & Supplies
FOR SALE: 16' Ranger bass boat and trailer. 1970 model, trolling motor, live well, 85 hp motor. Will pull skiers. Good condition. 903-379-4445. MA nc

FOR SALE: 1992 Buick LeSabre, one owner, clean, good condition. \$5,500. 903-632-4781 after 5 p.m. 427-5381 days. Ask for William. MA 3-5

FOR SALE: 1990 Olds 88 Royal Brougham, all electric, new tires, V6 motor; 1991 Buick Century, good clean car, V6 motor, \$3,500. 903-379-5331. MA 3-5

Livestock & Ag Supplies
HAPPY JACK SKIN BALM: Relieves hot spots & scratching. Promotes healing & hair growth on dogs & cats without steroids. Available at Buckman Drug, 125 N. Main, Bogata, TX. t/c

Wanted:
BODACIOUS BABES is now consigning baby furniture and pageant dresses. 12th & Lamar, Paris, 903-737-0506. MAnc

WANTED: Old pictures of Deport to copy for wall display. Relics, 225 Main St., Deport. Will scan and return. Wed-Sat: 10-5. Dave @ 652-6052. MA 1-29

WANTED: Jailer/Dispatcher. Must be at least 18 years of age with High School diploma or Completed GED. Please call Jail Administrator, Terry Reed, for more information. 903-427-3838. MA t/c

NEEDED: Part time babysitter after school, hours 5:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Mon-Fri at my home, six miles south of Deport and Pattonville. Call 785-2683, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 652-6731 after 8:15 p.m. MA2-26

WANTED: DISPATCHER I - The City of Mt. Pleasant is accepting applications in the Police Department. Applicants should be multi-task oriented and will be tested in comprehension, memory, note-taking, receiving and recording data, spelling, map reading, typing, indexing and filing. Shift work required in a stressful working environment. Applicants may apply at the Texas Workforce Center, 1902 West Ferguson Road. The City is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. MA 2-27

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FOUND: Full-blood Pointer puppy. Contact Marilyn Glover, 652-3456. nc

FOUND: Set of GM keys. Call 652-4205 or come by Deport Times office. nc

LOST: \$100 REWARD for lost black and tan male Collie/Shepherd mix. Friendly. Lost on Rd. 44700, north of Blossom. Call 982-5619. 2-12nc

LOST: Red miniature Red Dashed, answers to "Misti". Please call 903-652-3415. 2-26nc

FREE
 Three puppies, Rott/Catahoula and ?? cross. Call 903-632-5225 or come by 201 West 7th in Bogata. 2-5nc

FREE PUPPIES: Have had shots and been wormed. Call 632-5666 or come by 506 Clarksville St., Bogata. (Hwy. 909). 3-5

FREE: Puppies, five females, mixed breed. 8-9 weeks old. Call 632-5196 after 6 p.m. 2-19

BEAUTIFUL grown kittens need a good home. 674-6462 after 5 p.m. 2-26nc

Sales
CAKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks, Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Saturdays or call 577-7158 or 572-3825. MA 2-26

GARAGE SALE: South Howison and Fifth Street in Bogata at Barbara Ward's house. Thursday and Friday, February 19-20, 8 a.m.----- Lots of Levis and Rocky Mountain jeans. Plenty of miscellaneous. 2-19

Talco Locals

By Nancy Brown
Call in Your News To
379-4445



Arthur Smith traveled to Elysian Fields on Thursday to pick up grandsons Chad, Zack and Josh. The boys will spend their winter break visiting with the Smith's. On Saturday Patsy Smith, Melanie, Chad, Zack and Josh traveled to Shreveport, LA. to meet the boys parents Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Smith and they all enjoyed the Mardi Gras parade.

Nancy Brown and Mayra Clark attended the Dixie Girls Softball State meeting in Greenville on Saturday.

Marcy Brown was taken to Dallas by her mom, Deanna and cousin Becky Stroud this past week where she underwent day surgery. She is reported home and doing well.

Ricky Franks attended the Dixie Girls Softball District meeting in Mt. Vernon Sunday afternoon.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail Saturday were Lynn and Ann Fail of Kilgore, Marilyn Presley and Yvonne Harris.

Barbie Shafer, Josh and Ryan of Longview visited overnight Tuesday with Tonya Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hawkins. Barbie and boys and Tonya attended the Rivercrest Lady Rebel and Rebel basketball games at Rivercrest in the evening.

Carl Antone and Cody Baker visited Jeremy Weatherall in Dallas Saturday.

Celebrating February birthdays are Becky Stroud, Jennifer White and Kristi Cooksey.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail were Mr. and Mrs. Stan Bruce of Keene, Jimmy Lee (Bo) and Melissa Fail, Bethany and Jimmy Lee Jr. of Frankston and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fail of Palestine. The Fail's especially enjoyed seeing their newest great grandchild Jimmy Lee Jr.

Jack Brown, Carl Antone and Andy Speir enjoyed playing basketball at Commerce Monday evening.

First Baptist Church, Talco is in the process of putting down new carpet and re-doing the sanctuary pews. They will be finished in time for the

up coming revival starting March 15.

Members of the First Baptist Church, Talco enjoyed a Valentine Banquet on Saturday night Feb. 14. There was lots of food, games and fun.

A prayer group will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hinson Saturday night to pray for the up coming revival at the First Baptist, Talco.

First Baptist WMA meeting

The Talco First Baptist WMA met Monday night Feb. 2 in the fellowship hall of the church. Jo Coil, president called the meeting to order with Ann Roberts voicing the opening prayer. Prayer request were made for those that are sick both spiritually and physically.

During the business session four colors of carpet were picked to bring before the church on Wednesday night at the business meeting for their choice. The date for the annual Valentine Banquet was set for Saturday night Feb. 14.

"Your Life Is Valuable" was the topic of the lesson brought by Ann Roberts. The group were dismissed in prayer by April Gee.



EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK-at Talco School is Janice Grissom. Jan is a second grade teacher at Talco. She and her husband Daniel have three children, Jeff, Kendra and Jeremy and two grandchildren, Allye and Jack. Jan is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and of East Texas State at Commerce. She has taught 5th grade and 2nd grade over her 13 years at Talco. Jan's hobbies are camping and her most favorite thing in the world is playing with her grandchildren. Mrs. Grissom is pictured with one of her reading groups. Jan received flowers and a card from Backroom Floral Designs in Bogata.

Staff Photo Nancy Brown



TAAS BUSTERS- Talco teachers Pam Martin and Cyrene Holman are preparing the students for the TAAS test. The teachers work after school every day until 5 pm with all who want to attend. They report having 30-35 students per day.

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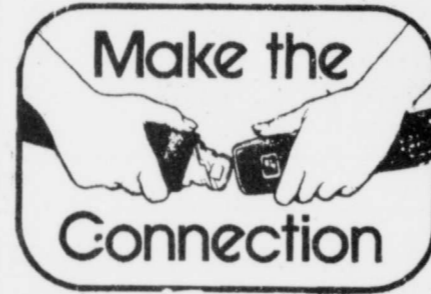
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<p>NORTHERN TISSUE PAPER 4 Roll 89¢</p>	<p>PETER PAN PEANUT BUTTER CREAMY Or CRUNCHY 18 Oz. \$1.49</p>	<p>HELMAN'S MAYONAISE 32 Oz. \$2.29</p>	<p>LOG CABIN SYRUP 12 Oz. \$1.39</p>	<p>CHEERIOS CEREAL 15 Oz. Box \$1.89</p>	<p>PARADE TOMATOES Stewed Or Diced 14.5 Oz. 3/\$1</p>	<p>TYLENOL CAPLETS X STRENGTH 100 Ct. \$6.99</p>	<p>BUTTERFIELD POTATO STICKS 1.6 Oz. 4/\$1</p>
<p>TRIX CEREAL 12 Oz. Box \$1.89</p>	<p>OAK FARMS ICE CREAM 5QT Pail All Kinds \$4.39</p>	<p>CHEERIOS HONEY NUT CEREAL 14 Oz. Box \$1.89</p>	<p>FRESH BAKE & FAMILY STYLE BREAD LARGE LOAF 79¢</p>	<p>BLUE BELL YOGURT DIET & LIGHT ICE CREAM 1/2 Gal. \$2.99</p>	<p>DEL MONTE TOMATO SAUCE 8 Oz. 5/\$1</p> <p>CATSUP 28 Oz. Squeeze 99¢</p>		
<p>MILK GOLDEN ROYAL 2% & HOMO Gal. \$2.59</p>	<p>TOSTITOS CHIPS Reg. \$2.99 2/\$5</p>	<p>BETTY CROCKER HAMBURGER HELPER 8 Oz. \$1.29</p>	<p>FRESH BAKE HAMBURGER BUNS 8 Pack 79¢</p>	<p>CHEER DETERGENT 42 Ld. Box \$5.99</p>			
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