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Worth



What a week it was!

The holidays are over, and here at Thunder Prairie Publishing we are back into our routine. We're even happier about this than our readers.

The week of our big Christmas edition is always hectic, but this year it was more so than usual. Our printer has reduced the width of the pages we use, and every single Christmas ad had to be redone at the new size. Folks, that's a lot of redoing!

We worked the week before all day every day. We worked on Saturday. We worked some on Sunday. We worked until 8:30 Monday night, and then Tuesday dawned.

Believe me, it takes a conscientious effort not to run screaming out the door Christmas Edition Week on Tuesdays!

But, we were working on Santa letters, memories, regular news copy and the last of our ads. Things were chugging along pretty well. I had done a nice ad, which had children's photographs in it.

I sat down at the light table to cut out the "ornaments" I wanted to fit the children's photos into, and looked at the blade of my Exacto knife. It was covered in black gunk and looked dull, so I decided to put a nice, bright shiny new blade in there.

Being tired and in a hurry, I didn't put the end of the knife on a nonslip surface...I used the glass topped light table.

Well, you can see where this is going. The knife slipped and there I was with a nice view of the bone in my left forefinger! There were plenty of First Responders on hand, and after some discussion it was decided that some stitches were needed.

I called a good friend, Dawne Darden, to take me to Paris for some attention. I wouldn't let any of our paper gang off work long enough to drive me. All I could do was keep saying "I can't believe I did this on the busiest day of the year!"

Since I have knee replacements, deep wounds or medical procedures require antibiotics, and of course, I got a handy-dandy tetanus shot to go along with them. It all took a while.

Back at work, we slaved away until nearly midnight, slunk home for a few hours rest and Thomas was back at work shooting pages at 7 the next morning.

We made up pages...shot pages...made up pages...shot more pages. It was like trying to make up the Dallas Morning News (I'm NOT complaining, mind you). After sending Deport and Blossom on to be printed, we set to work on Bogata and Talco. Finally, we did Detroit...and that's when we discovered that somewhere along the line we had missed shooting page 7 in Bogata and Talco. For those who don't understand, that means we had already taken the copy, photos and ads off to "rebuild" the page for Detroit.

So, with four of us looking at negatives and two of us digging in the trash, we slowly, by process of elimination, found what was missing and reconstructed the page! That only took an extra hour!

We took Christmas week off, so that we could all spend a little time with our families.

Then, and only then, did I get the chance to look at our papers. And looking at the good wishes, the happy faces, the letters to Santa, the prayers for peace and most of all the wonderful Christmas memories, I was filled with a sense of pride, of happiness and achievement. It was worth it, and it is an edition I am proud of. Now, if we can just get rested up!

Drug lab near Bagwell seized Friday

Red River County Sheriff Jerry Conway, along with Chief Deputy Larry Spangler, Investigator Mark Perkins and Investigator Jimmy Groves teamed up with Danny Powell and Rick Teer of the Drug Task Force to bust a major drug lab located north of Bagwell on Friday, January 4th.

The lab was operating in a residence off of County Road 2120, and had the capability of producing a large portion of the "drug of choice" Methamphetamine, according to Danny Powell of the Regional Drug Task Force.

According to Powell, the lab was supported by surveillance

cameras and a police radio. Recovered from the lab were pills, marijuana, a tank of anhydrous ammonia, starting fluid and a batch of methamphetamine that had just been cooked. Powell estimated that the street value of meth after being cut could be in the neighborhood of \$9,000 to \$10,000 dollars.

Two Red River County men were arrested in connection with the lab. Sam Black, a 48 years old male from Bagwell, and Joe Queen, a 36 year old male from Avery, were arrested and charged with a first degree felony, punishable with 25 to 99 years in prison. Black was also charged with the

endangerment of a child since an eight year old child resided at the residence where the drug lab was located.

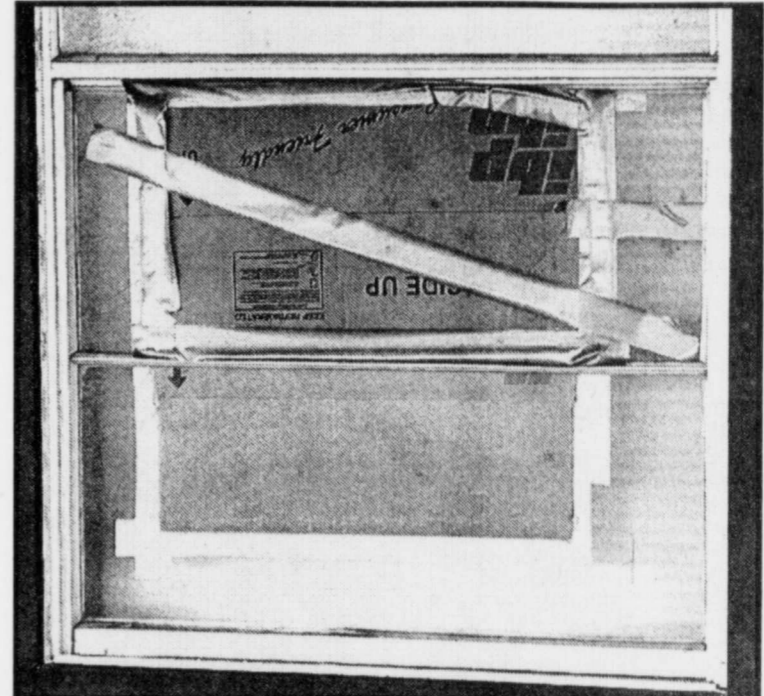
A pickup and a .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle were seized at the scene.

According to Agent Powell and Sheriff Conway, a black book containing names and phone numbers of prospective customers was also seized at the lab.

According to Sheriff Conway, "I'm hopeful that this kind of cooperation of all area law enforcement agencies will make a real difference in all types of crime in Red River County".



A MAJOR DRUG BUST IN RED RIVER COUNTY-Danny Powell of the Regional Drug Task Force, Red River County Sheriff Jerry Conway, Chief Deputy Larry Spangler, and Investigator Jimmy Groves of the Sheriff's Dept. confiscated these materials used in a drug lab located in Red River county North of Bagwell last Friday. (Photo by Thomas Nichols)



THIS BROKEN WINDOW-was the way for a thief or thieves to gain entry into the Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church sometime Saturday night. The church sound system was taken in the robbery. Mt. Pleasant Sheriff's Department is investigating the crime. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Maple Springs Church robbed

On Saturday night, January 5, 2002 person or persons broke a window out at the Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church. Upon gaining entry to the building the thief or thieves went into the sanctuary where the churches sound system speakers out of the wall, the system itself and one microphone were taken.

This crime screams young adult or teen for the simple reason stereo equipment is easy to sell or trade. Nothing else was taken from the building but there were other items of value in the building. The

Mt. Pleasant Sheriff's Department was called to investigate.

Editors note: I attend the Maple Springs Church and it is a very small church and a very blessed church. The sound system that was taken was purchased through the hard work of a small number of youth and their sponsors. The church has already found a way to replace the loss but would appreciate anyone who saw anyone around the church on Saturday evening or night, January 5, 2002 reporting it to the Mt. Pleasant Sheriff's Department.

Talco 4-H meets

The Talco 4-H Club met on Monday, January 7, 2002 at the Talco School cafeteria.

Among other business the group voted to hold a fund-raiser which will begin on Monday, January 14, 2002. \$1.00 chances will be sold on an Easter Basket which will be given away at the annual Talco Park Easter Egg Hunt. The basket will be filled with various donated items including gift certificates, candy and more.

Chances may be purchased from any 4-H member or at the Talco Guaranty Bank and Gotta Have It in downtown Talco. All proceeds will go toward the 4-H meetings and various projects. Your donation will be appreciated and the lucky winner will receive a basket full of goodies. For more information contact Nicky Brown.



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Schultz named new head football coach at RHS

Gary D. Schultz has been named the new head football coach at Rivercrest High School.

Coach Schultz has been the defensive coordinator at Rivercrest for 8 of his 10 years in the Rivercrest School District. He took a two year leave to be the Head Football Coach at Colby High School, class 4A, in Colby, Kansas and then returned to Rivercrest and Texas high school football.

He is a 1985 high school graduate of Ellsworth High School in Ellsworth, Kansas. He was an All State performer at the 4A level in football and marching band. He went to Butler County Community College in Eldorado, Kansas on a football and band scholarship. At Butler County he played on two teams that played in National Championship Bowl games in 1985 in the Valley of the Sun Bowl in Phoenix, Arizona and in 1986 in the Dixie Rotary Bowl in Dixie, Utah. Coach Schultz was voted Most Improved Player at BUCO and he was selected All Conference Defensive Lineman.

He then transferred to Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas and was a two year starter. He was the President of the FCA Chapter at SAU and a member of the HPER & D Majors Organization. In his Junior sea-

son the Muleriders were second place in the AIC Conference and he was voted All Conference Defensive Lineman.

Coach Schultz graduated from Southern Arkansas University in May 1990 with a 3.2 GPA in Physical Education and minor in Health. He began his coaching career at Rivercrest High School and has only missed two football seasons while in Colby. He is a well respected teacher and coach in the East Texas Region.

Coach Schultz also serves as Head Power Lifting Coach where his girls teams have competed at the State meet the past two seasons. He has also served as First Assistant Boys Basketball Coach under legendary G. Wake Wood and the boys made 8 playoff births and 7/8 district Championships and numerous playoff victories while being ranked in the top 20 in Texas 2A basketball all 8 seasons. He also served as Head Baseball Coach, Assistant Boys Track Coach, Head Junior High football, basketball and track coach and Head Junior High Girls basketball and track coach.

Coach Schultz is a resident of east Johtown, Texas. He is the son of Junior and Jolene Schultz of Knopolis, Kansas and frequent visitors to Johtown.

Rivercrest Board approves process to sell Bogata property

In a regular monthly meeting held Monday, January 7, 2002, the board of trustees of Rivercrest ISD voted to advertise for bids to sell the property which was formerly the Bogata Elementary and Junior High. The board will be taking bids on the property which includes approximately 4 acres and two permanent buildings until February 15, 2002. The portable buildings will be sold by sealed bids separately. Anyone interested in placing a bid on any of the property should contact the superintendent's office at 903-632-5202.

In other business, the board heard from two concerned parents, approved the guidelines for the elementary/junior high horizons program, approved an agreement with Guaranty Bank for direct deposit, approved policy update #67, approved an interlocal agreement with Region VIII ESC for commodity processing and approved a resolution to allow the Red River Appraisal District to collect a fee of \$5.00 for processing tax certificates. Following a brief executive session, the board voted to extend the superintendent's contract for one year.

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Annual Girl Scout cookie sale begins

Girl Scouts will begin their annual cookie sale on January 11 by taking orders from customers through January 27. The cookies will be delivered February 18 through March 10. Booth sales will also take place during that time at locations throughout the community.

Consumers will have eight varieties to choose from at \$3.00 per box. There are two new cookies this year, Ole Ole, reduced fat, bite sized vanilla cookies with pecan chips, coconut and covered with powdered sugar and All Abouts, shortbread cookies with Girl Scout messages on top and a rich fudge coating on the bottom.

For those who like to stick to the old favorites, other cookies available are Trefoils, Thin Mints, Samoas, Do-si-dos, Tagalongs and Aloha Chips.

Eighty-one percent of the proceeds from the sale remain locally to provide programming, training, supplies and communication to girls and volunteers, as well as financial assistance to attend events and other opportunities.

If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout and wish to place an order, you may call the Girl Scout office at 903-784-0803 or 1-800-987-0975, or your local cookie manager, Susan Grantham at 632-4997.

Volunteer Fire Fighters Lay It On The Line



Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Now that things have slowed down with the holidays and everyone is back into their "daily rut" mode, most people have one thing on their minds.....diet! Sure, everyone needs to lose a few pounds here and there.....some more here than there.....but you need one last hurrah! Kind of like the final meal, before you start that long road "back to your fighting weight" type attitude! Well, here we go!

One of the readers requested a menu, complete with each course recipe, so that they would know exactly what to purchase and how much to purchase.....so, here we go! Granted is it not for the foolhardy, because the recipes are loaded with calories, cholesterol

and lots of fat! Good luck!
3-Mustard Deviled Chicken Legs-they are baked in the oven.....does that help!

Old-Fashion Potato Salad-the recipe does state that it is old-fashioned.....none of those preservatives back then!

Company Baked Beans-you wouldn't feed your company anything that you wouldn't eat.....right!

Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad-our one concession to healthy here!

Freeze-Then Bake Biscuits-what is a good meal without bread or biscuits!

Butter Pecan Turtle Bars-the best part dessert.....seems to always ruin a good diet!

Bogata V.F.W. News

* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

*The Ladies Auxiliary will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

* The VFW men will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

* Winning the 42 tournament Thursday night were: 1st Wanza Sheffield and Zela Puttette and 2nd Donald Roy O'Donnell and Brenda Vickers.

*Get Well Wishes are sent to: Cora Tidwell, Betty Mullin and George Smith.

*Happy Birthday to: Tricia Bradley, Bill Farris, Earl Grisham, Corey Martin, Dorothy Smyth and Sharron House.

Brit Phillips
Rooms are empty without your smile.
Is it snowing everyday for you?
Thinking now, you have been gone awhile.
Patient provider for your family,
Hilarious and kind with jokes by the mile.
Isn't it strange you are no longer around?
Laughter abounded from your comedic style.
Linda and Bonnie miss their fun-loving dad.
I believe God called you from life's trial,
Possibly to watch over the rest of us.
Always, we talk of you and smile.
Brit, we miss you! Anaya
(Written by Mrs. Deryl Cooper)

Obituaries

Irene Williams Abbott dies January 3

Irene Williams Abbott, 87, a loving wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker, died Thursday, January 3, 2002 in Ft. Worth at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in Greenwood Chapel with burial at Greenwood Memorial Park in Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Abbott was born October 25, 1914 in Fulbright. She was a long time member of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth. She was preceded in death by her husband, Weldon B. Abbot formerly of Clarksville, Red River County.

Survivors include: one daughter, Linda Pack of Plano, grandsons, Kevin Pack, Springfield, Virginia and Ryan Pack, Plano, Texas, one brother and sister-in-law, Ray and Camilla Williams of Ft. Worth, one sister, Bonnie Huddleston of Bogata and former son-in-law, Tom Pack..

Some More Christmas Memories From The Christmas Contest
My Christmas Wish

Christmas is a time for families to get together and make special memories. When I was young, children did not get as many gifts as they do today. I got one special gift, also an apple, orange, nuts and maybe something to wear.

One Christmas all I wanted was a hamburger. My mother would never let me have one when we were in Bogata. It was always too soon after lunch, it would ruin my supper, or some other excuse. I knew Santa would bring me one and he delivered.

I ate that cold onion filled hamburger for breakfast and it was delicious. I don't know why we didn't go to my grandparents that year. I wonder if maybe my grandmother didn't want that smell in her kitchen Christmas morning.

After I was grown and had a

family, Christmas Eve was a busy time. We ate lunch at my fathers parents and had our gifts with them. We ate supper and had a tree at my mothers brothers home in Cherry. Then we went to Bagwell to my husbands family gathering. My children were always afraid we would not be at home and asleep before Santa came. In fact, one night Kim heard the sleigh bells as we were leaving Bagwell. We hurried home, got quickly to bed and fortunately did not miss him. Someone in our family still hears the sleigh bells every Christmas Eve and Santa still comes to our house for my daughters and their families.

Listen closely this Christmas Eve and you can probably hear them too.

Carolyn Brooks

Card of Thanks

Thanks to all who helped ease the pain by being there for my family. Thanks for all the beautiful flowers and donations to the cemetery.

Mrs. Robert E. King

Card of Thanks

Our sincere thanks for the prayers, cards, flowers and calls, our wonderful neighbors and the ladies of Missionary Church who brought food since I have been home from the hospital at a time like this we know the love and caring of people in a small town and our church friends.

Charles and Cora Tidwell

Thursday, January 10 Just Recipes

3-Mustard Deviled Chicken Legs
12 chicken drumsticks
salt
freshly ground black pepper
1/3 cup + 2 tablespoons olive oil
3/4 teaspoon + 1/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
2 tablespoons honey mustard
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon tarragon
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon minced shallot
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1-1/2 cups fresh bread crumbs
1/2 cup sour cream

Season drumsticks with salt and pepper. Marinate in a mixture 1/3 cup olive oil and 3/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce at room temperature for one hour; turn periodically. In small bowl, mix three mustards, tarragon, salt and pepper and stir in shallots. Gradually blend in vinegar and remaining olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce. Set aside 2 tablespoons of this mixture to flavor for dipping sauce. Set broiler rack 6-8 inches from heat and preheat. Remove chicken from marinade and whisk marinade into small bowl with mustard mix. Paint chicken legs with this sauce and place legs on broiler pan and broil until browned, about 4-5 minutes. Turn chicken legs, paint second side and broil until browned, 4-5 minutes longer. Turn legs again and paint with mustard sauce. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and pat lightly so crumbs will adhere. Broil for 1 minute or until crumbs are brown. Remove the pan from oven and reduce heat to 375 degrees. Turn legs and paint with mustard sauce and sprinkle with more bread crumbs to adhere and bake until browned and cooked through, about 10-15 minutes. Serve hot or chilled.

Old-Fashioned Potato Salad
8 medium red potatoes
2/3 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1-1/2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/3 teaspoon pepper
2 medium celery ribs-chopped
1 medium onion-chopped finely
2 hard-cooked eggs-chopped coarsely
paprika-optional
parsley for garnish-optional

In large saucepan, cook potatoes until tender, about 25 minutes. Drain and rinse briefly under cold running water and let drain 10 minutes or until cool enough to handle. Peel off skins and thickly slice or cube potatoes. In large bowl, combine mayonnaise, sour cream, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper and stir to blend. Add celery, onion and potatoes and fold until all are mixed and coated with dressing. Add egg and blend lightly. Sprinkle with paprika and garnish with parsley.

Company Baked Beans
1/2 pound bacon
1 cup finely chopped celery
3 cups finely chopped onion
3 pounds ground beef
2 cloves minced garlic
2-29 ounce cans baked beans

1-1/2 cup ketchup
3 tablespoon prepared mustard
2 beef bouillon cubes
2/3 cups boiling water
salt and pepper to taste
Fry bacon in skillet. When crisp, remove from pan. In drippings saute celery and onion. Set aside and drain excess grease. Cook beef and garlic until brown; drain. Combine beans, onion, celery, ground beef, ketchup, mustard, salt and pepper to taste and 2 bouillon cubes dissolved in boiling water. Add bacon, crumbled. Bake one hour and 15 minutes at 375 degrees. Ca be made ahead.

Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad
1 head cauliflower
1 bunch broccoli
2 small onions-sliced
2 carrots-thinly sliced
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup vinegar
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 sliced bacon-cook and crumbled
Cut vegetables into bite-sized pieces. Combine with mayonnaise, oil, sugar, salt and pepper. Pour over vegetables and toss to cover. Refrigerate for several hours. Add bacon just before serving.

Freeze-Then Bake Biscuits
6 cups flour
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup baking powder
1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons cream of tartar
2 cups shortening
1-1/2 cups water

In large bowl mix all dry ingredients together until well combined. Cut shortening into flour until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Using fork, stir in water until mixture is just moistened. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Turn dough out onto well-floured surface. Lightly flour hands and knead dough 8-10 times until smooth. Pat out dough about 3/4 inch thick. Cut into 1-1/2 inch squares or with biscuit cutter. Do not twist cutter. Place about 1/2 inch apart on baking sheet and bake 20-25 minutes or until golden. Makes about 5 dozen. Freeze if desired by placing unbaked into plastic bags.

Butter Pecan Turtle Bars
2 cups flour
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup butter
1 cup whole pecan pieces
2/3 cup butter
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 cup milk chocolate chips
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix 2 cups flour, 1 cup brown sugar and 1/2 cup butter together and pack this crust mixture into bottom of 9x13 pan. Sprinkle pecans evenly over top. Cook 2/3 cup butter and 1/2 cup brown sugar over medium heat, stirring constantly until entire surface starts to boil. Boil 1 minute. Pour over pecans and crust. Bake 18-22 minutes or until caramel is bubbly. Remove from oven and sprinkle with chocolate chips and allow to melt slightly. Swirl some chips for a marble effect. Makes three dozen bars.

Fulbright News
By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

One of the community landmarks was demolished this week. The old gas station and domino parlor was torn down due to deterioration.

The daughters of J.D. and Charity Halbert visited relatives during the school holidays.

Marla Crump visited Betty Rodgers Sunday evening.

Monte Rodgers and Stephanie and Melissa Kelly fixed lunch for Betty Rodgers and Melissa Arriaga Sunday.

Connie and To Phosay and children had thanksgiving dinner at their home for relatives.

Dick King visited his mother, Jimmie King, and is doing fencing around his property here.

We didn't have any rain Sunday evening but Detroit and north had sleet.

RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS

I am trying to get in touch with whoever left the flowers on J.W. Brown and Joanna D. Brown's grave at the Stone Chapel Cemetery outside of Clarksville in the Cherry Community. I am looking for information on my great grandfather Jonathon P. Brown. And there was a Jonathon living with a J. W. Brown in Red River Co. 1880 Census. And the age for Jonathon was right, and My Jonathon did own land outside of Clarksville.

Thanks,
Linda Keese
2017 Whispering Oaks
Burleson, Tx. 76028
Keese@imagin.net

Christmas memories at 4245 Barbara Road in Ft. Worth

This particular Christmas, as well as all the rest, our Christmas tree decor included popcorn on a string that us girls made, peppermint candy canes and a cardboard star wrapped in aluminum foil and icicles; apples, oranges, peppermint candy and assorted nuts were always present in our home during Christmas.

Daddy worked for the City of Fort Worth, keeping the roads drivable was his responsibility. It snowed hard that night and parking the car close to the house hadn't helped, for it was buried up in the snow.

So, Daddy walked four blocks to catch a bus. The thought of not going in to work didn't even cross his mind.

It was dark when daddy returned home, Mama had worried all day.

That year for Christmas we each got a big green bicycle with a passenger seat. We realized how Mother and Daddy sacrificed to buy us those bicycles.

We always had good Christmas! But the feeling of importance, the security we felt, the teachings (the gifts of life) we received on an everyday basis, proved to be an eternal gift.

Helen Roberts

Bogata 1949 class reunion planned

The Bogata High School graduating class of 1949 is planning a reunion at the April 13, 2002 homecoming.

A committee met for a planning session recently. All graduates, students that attended at any given year and teachers of this class will be sent an information sheet to complete. The sheet will be used to compile a booklet to be given at the class reunion.

All attending the homecoming are reminded that a 12:00 noon catered luncheon will be held and all activities are held during the day. Please make plans to attend and spend a wonderful day of good food and fellowship.

Attend The Church of Your Choice

Support group to meet

Jim and Joann Faulkner of Clarksville will be speakers for the January 14 meeting of the Bereaved Parent Support Group.

The group meets the second Monday of each month at the TU Electric Building in Paris at 7 p.m.

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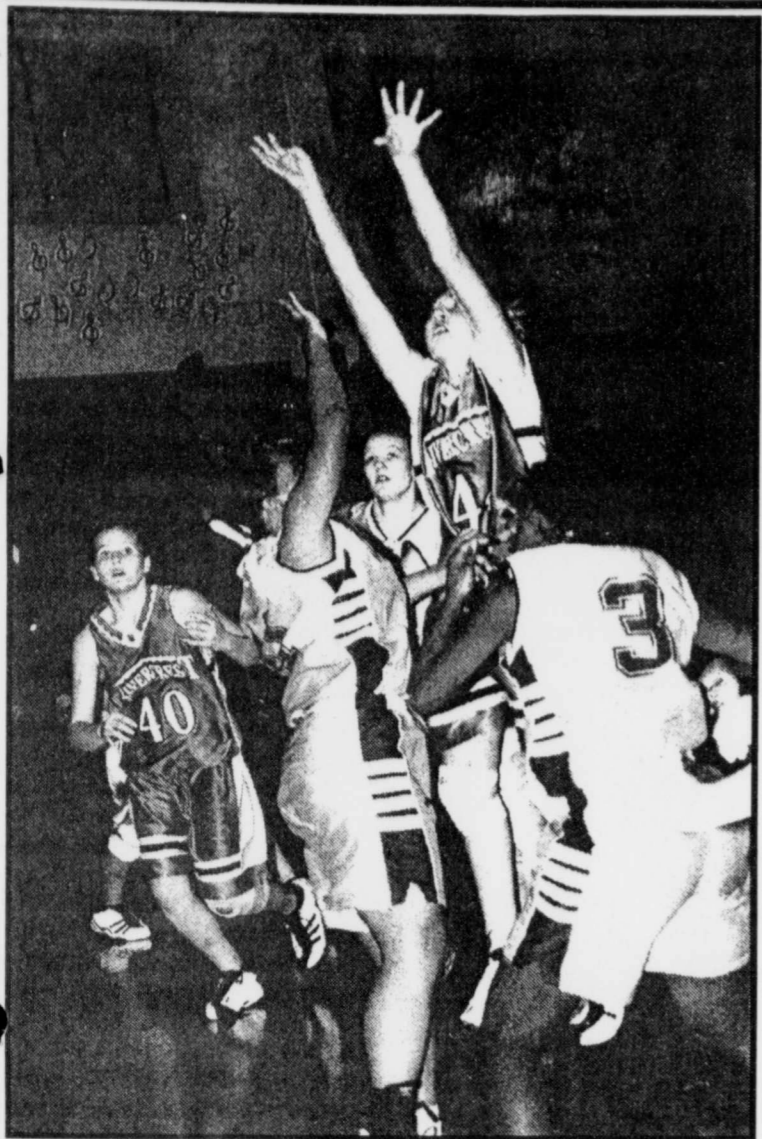
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IN A CROWD-ASHLEY BEERS goes up for her shot among several Lady Mustang defenders in last Friday's action at Mustang gym. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



Bogata Homecoming April 13

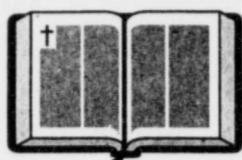
Bulldogs are coming home Saturday, April 13, 2002. A large crowd is expected this year. As Nanalee stated in her column last week, "We were all reminded September 11th just how much we love our family and our friends", and we all appreciate them a little more today.

It will be good to get together hug and laugh and enjoy one another another time. A catered meal will be served from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. If class reunions run a little late, mem-

bers can still come for lunch where there will be plenty of food.

About 2:30 p.m. there will be a short business meeting followed by a very short time of entertainment. The rest of the evening will be spent visiting.

Everyone is urged to make your plans now to come to Bogata Homecoming on Saturday, April 13, 2002. The class of 1953 will be the host this year. For more information call 903-632-5221, Mary Barnard Vaughan. "Yea! Bulldogs".



Attend The Church of Your Choice

Rivercrest Schools
Menu
Jan. 14-18

MONDAY

Breakfast
Pancakes
fruit
juice & milk
Lunch
Spaghetti
salad
purple hull peas
crackers
milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast
Cereal
toast
juice & milk
Lunch
Turkey with gravy
sweet potatoes
green peas
rolls
milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast
Cinnamon rolls
juice & milk
Lunch
Ham & cheese sandwiches
chips
pork & beans
peach cobbler
milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast
Sausage & biscuit
juice & milk
Lunch
Chili beans
cheese sticks
corn
fruit
milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast
Oatmeal
toast
juice & milk
Lunch
Cheeseburgers
burger salad
beans
chips
ice cream
milk



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Rebels defeated by Mustangs

by Nancy Brown

Friday, January 4, 2002 the Rivercrest JV and Varsity girls and Varsity boys traveled to Chisum for district play. The JV Lady Rebels won their game but the Varsity team was defeated.

The Rebels took the floor to begin a slow paced game. With just over four minutes left in the first quarter, Ryan Newton got the Rebels on the board with a field goal. The Mustangs were up by 4 but Steven Shade went to work under the goal and Nathan Carroll added a field goal to end the quarter 10-6 Rebels.

Turnovers cost the Rebels throughout the game but the second quarter was closely matched. At the buzzer the Mustangs held a 19-16 halftime lead. Rebel scores had come from Newton and Zach Perry. Six points in one quarter will not give the Rebels wins, how-

ever, the Rebel defense did a good job.

In the third the Rebels showed a short lived burst of run and gun and played good defense. They trailed the Mustangs by only 2 points at the quarters end, 25-23.

The final quarter was a killer for the Rebels who had not had a good previous three quarters. Carroll and Shade scored but the Mustangs answered and broke the Rebel defense to go up 41-32 for the win.

The Rebels district record thus far this season is 0-3 having lost to DeKalb and Chapel Hill. They will work toward their first district win Tuesday night at RHS vs Prairiland. The JV boys will begin the evenings action at 5:00 p.m. Come out and support the teams as they compete in district play. Go Lady Rebels and Rebels!!!

Kid's Fishing Day to be Jan. 26

Lake Bob Sandlin State Park/ Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is scheduling a "Kid's Fishing Day" at the State Park on Saturday, January 26, 2002, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The event has been planned in conjunction with the annual winter stocking of rainbow trout by TPWD Fisheries Branch. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department employees and volunteers will be present to assist young anglers.

*Open to anglers 4-16 years old (under 4 years old must be accompanied by parent).

*Parents should register participants by 5:00 p.m., January 25, 2002 by contacting the main office at Lake Bob Sandlin State Park between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at (903) 572-5531. No fee is required for fishing; however, the park entrance fee is \$2.00 per adult or free with a conservation passport or annual permit. All proceeds from entrance fees will go to the Lone Star Legacy Endowment Fund.

*There will be two sessions: Session I-10:00 a.m. to 12:00

noon; and Session II-1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.. When registering, parents should indicate which session their child will be attending.

*Registration will be limited to the first 100 children per session (no one will be turned away, but we can not guarantee late or non-registrants as much individual attention).

*Fishing poles will be available upon request at registration.

*Bait will be provided.

*Anglers need to provide a container for fish, creel bucket, stringer, etc.

*Statewide fishing regulations will remain in effect; anglers will be limited to 5 trout each. There is no minimum size limit for freshwater trout.

*No freshwater fishing license or trout stamp is required for anglers under 17 or over 65 years old (if 65 before September 1, 1995).

*Fishing license and trout stamps can be purchased at the State Park.

Register early and plan to attend a fun day in the park.

Talco Locals

Please call your locals news in to 379-4445

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and Marta and Robert Caul Rhoades traveled to Chisum for the Rivercrest vs Chisum games Friday evening. Following the games they had supper at the Fish Fry in Paris and then visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown and Jaden in Powderly.

Kari Jones was honored with a birthday celebration at Chuck E. Cheese in Dallas Saturday. Attending and helping Kari celebrate were her mom, Chandra Jones, grandmother, Karen Jones, aunts, Laura Kernan and Marta Rhoades, cousins, Robert Caul Rhoades, Logan Wright, Jacob Wright, James Paul Kernan, Dakota Parrott, Mandy Hartner and friend and William Morgan. All had a wonderful time and Kari received many nice gifts.

Aaron Smith of Lufkin visited with his grandparents, dad and sister, Arthur and Patsy Smith, Russell Smith and Melanie Smith last week. On Saturday, Arthur, Patsy and Melanie took Aaron to meet his mother and step-father, Sally and Leon Dunn in Kilgore to return home. They enjoyed lunch

at Catfish King before returning home.

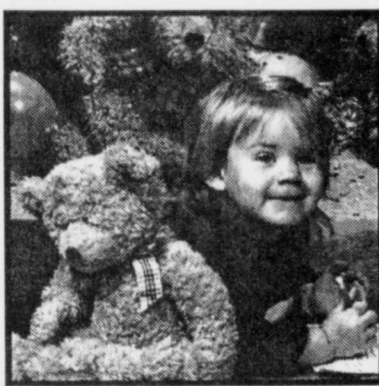
Happy January Birthday to: Camill Wright, Jaime Swarts, Kari Jones.

Visiting Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Livingston and children. On Sunday the Paul and Kim along with the Livingstons enjoyed the Canton Trade Days. Quinton spent the day with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown.

Christmas Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith and Melanie were Brad, Laura, Chad, Josh, Zach and friend of Elysian Fields and Ann Dearman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown and Jaden of Powderly visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown and Quinton Anderson Sunday afternoon.

Christmas Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Nolen were Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nolen, Destrly and Chris, Jody Nolen, Christie Bragg, Louise Nolen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vickers and Jerrika and Jessica Weatherall of Dallas.



Hollie Marie Greer

Hollie Marie Greer honored December 3

Hollie Marie Greer was honored on her second birthday Monday evening, December 3, 2001 with a hamburger and hot dog supper at the home of her parents, Sharon and Clint Greer in McAllen, Texas. Hollie's parents hosted an "Under the Sea" theme birthday party for the two year old.

There were banners, fish balloons, floating fish candles and decorated tables to help carry out the "Under the Sea" theme. Guest enjoyed making soap bubbles, blowing party horns and wearing party hats. Earlier the same day, Hollie ate lunch with her mother and her "Big Momma" at Bennigans Restaurant. The employees there helped Hollie celebrate her second birthday by singing "Happy Birthday" to her and serving her an ice cream brownie fudge sundae with a cherry on top.

Guest attending the celebration were grandmother, Jane Strawn, "Big Momma", Aunt and Uncle Carolyn and Jeff Gibson, cousins, Lily Gibson, Tiffany and Duffy Houck and friends Raymond De La Cruz, Fidi Tanz, Robert "Bob" Neal, Jewelline Krammer, Dawnald Bonifield, Jake and Juquin De La Cruz, Mike, Jennifer and Bailee Pelton and Dr. Rick, Gili and Karalyssa Canles. Unable to attend but sending best wishes with love were great grandparents, Chris and Maudine Beaton, grandparents, Justin Strawn "Ronnie" and L.B. "Poppa" and Peggy "Nanna" Bryant, uncle and aunts, Kelley and Deana "NaNa" Boyd, and Melanie "MeMe" Strawn, cousin, Paige Boyd and friend Carolyn "GaGee" Nicholson.

AARP driver safety program

The AARP Driver Safety refresher course for drivers 50 and older will be held at the Federal Savings and Loan in Clarksville on January 14 and 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A second class will begin on January 28 and 29 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Detroit Community Center.

Cost of the class is \$10. The Course covers age related physical change in perception and reaction time, rules of the road and driving problems. Those completing the course may be eligible for discounts on their insurance.

For preregistration call Russ Dorrough in Clarksville at 903-427-2491 or 427-2975; or Detroit 903-674-5111 or the AARP Driver Safety Program at 1-888-227-7669.

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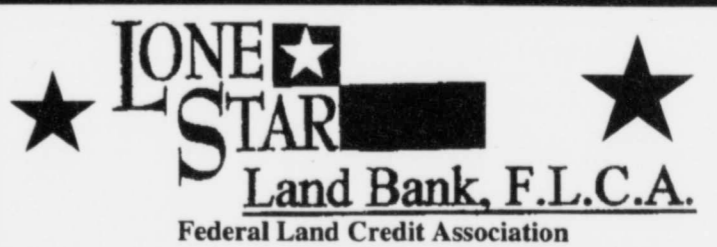
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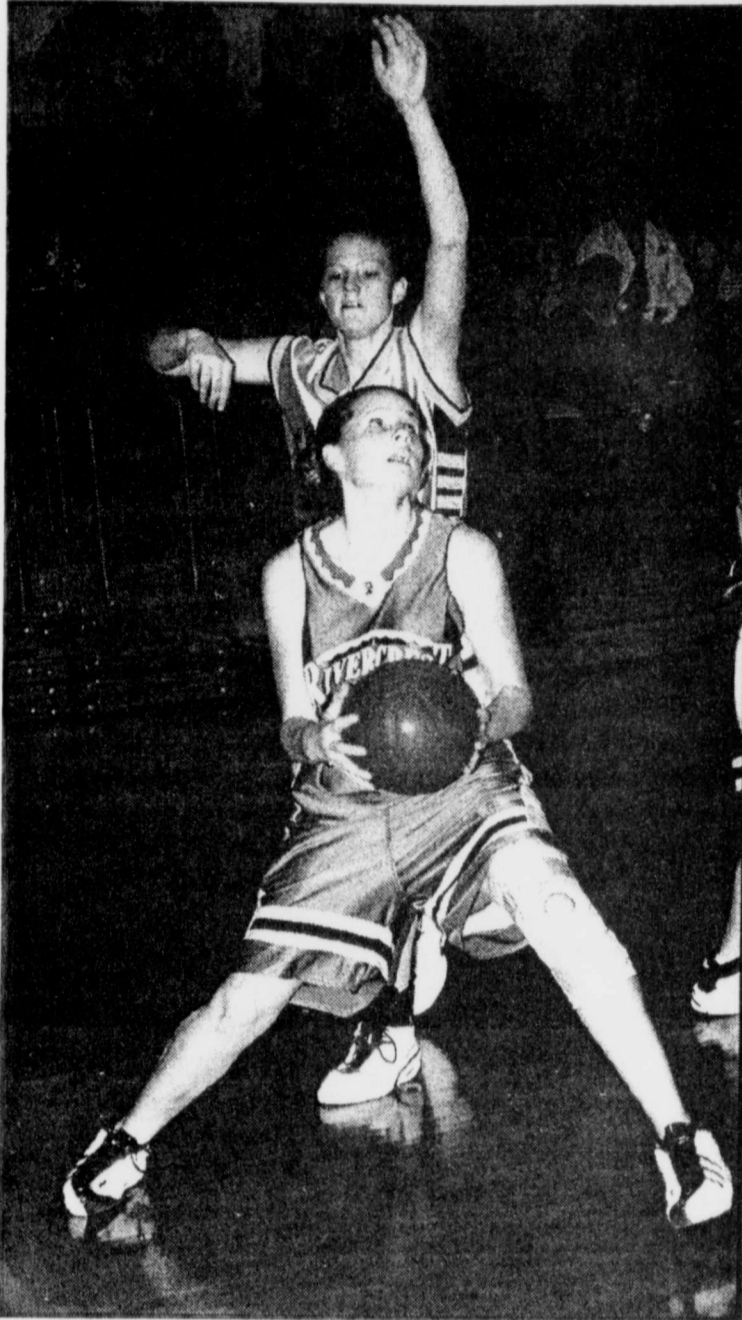
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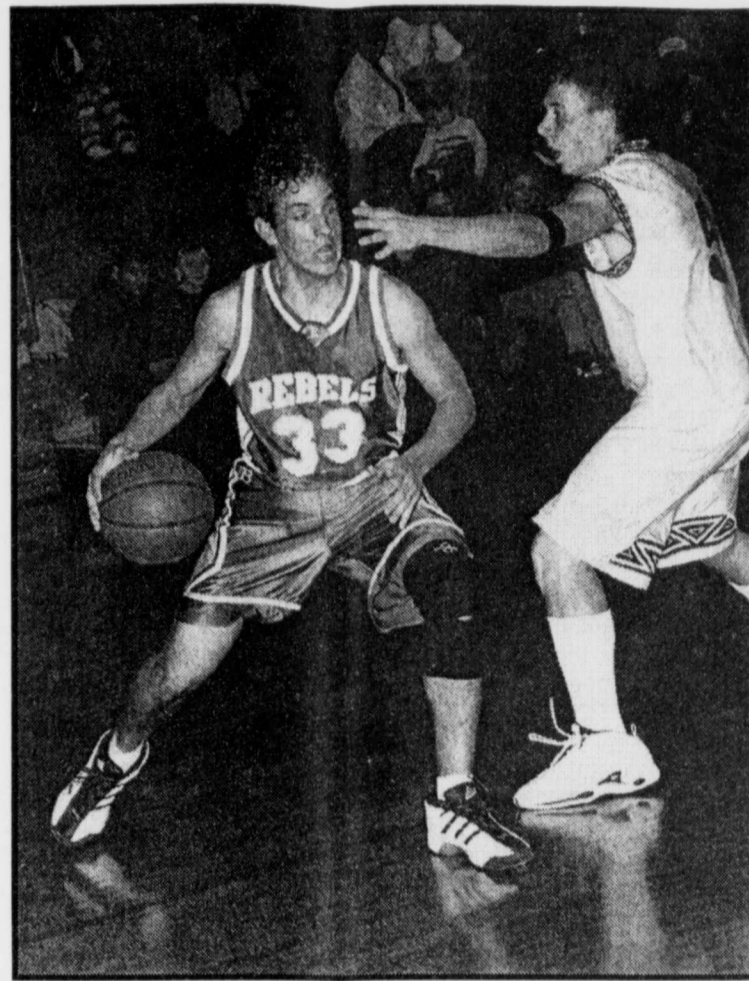


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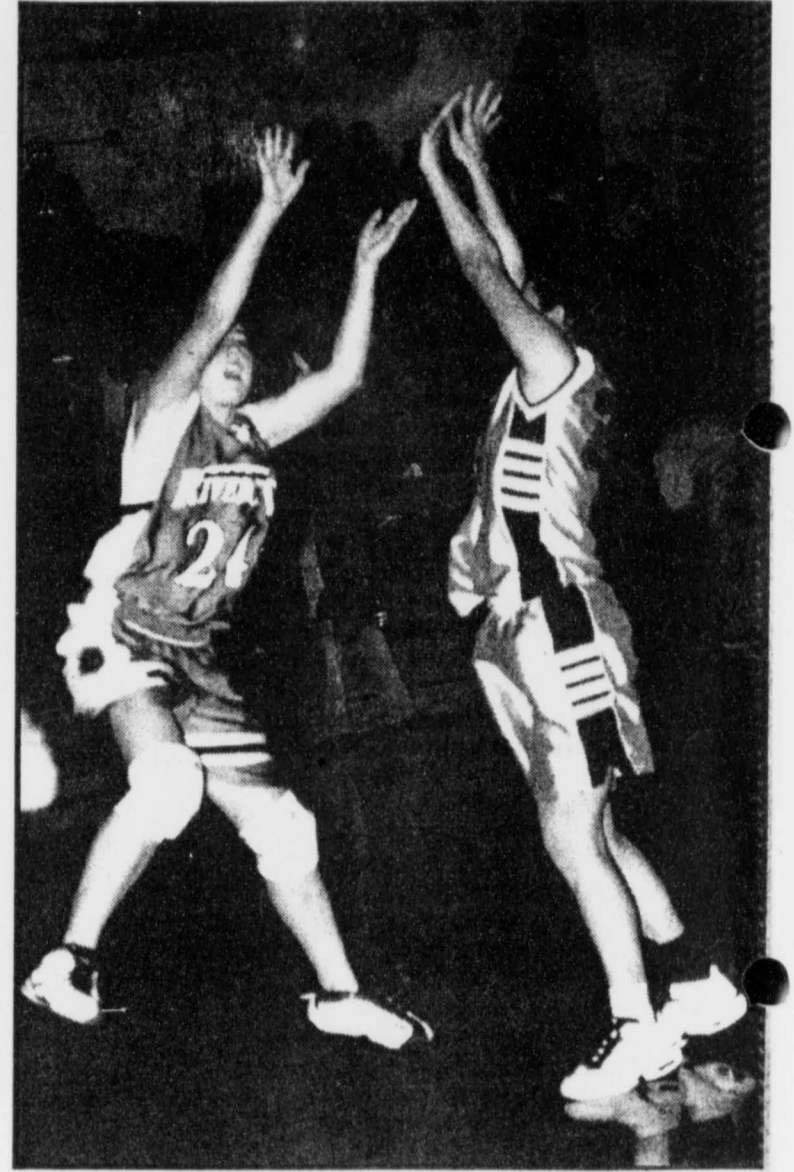
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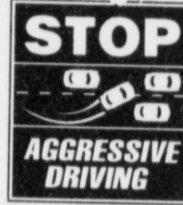
RACHEL CASE does a little blocking while preparing to shoot the ball versus the Lady Mustangs of Chisum in Friday's game at Mustang. The Lady Rebels were defeated by the Lady Mustangs. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



STEVEN SHADE works to get a shot off as the Rivercrest Rebels met Chisum Friday night in Mustang Gym. A slow game led to a Rebel loss. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



WAY OFF KILTER-MOLLY HARE gets this shot off, though she was off balance during the Lady Rebels contest against the Lady Mustangs of Chisum last Friday night. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



**Rivercrest High School
Third Six Weeks
Honor Students**

Students making the third six weeks honor roll at Rivercrest High are as follows:

Freshman class: Kendra Birchfield, Christopher Cannon, Chad Davis, Jordan Edge, Payden Franks, John Ed Graf, Koren Hawkins, Johna Ingram, Cassie McCuller, Nikki O'Donnell, R.C. Pitts, Leslie Richeson, Jill Shirley, Kerri Simmons, Kacey Van Deaver, Clinton Vandever, Delavee Waller, Saleena Whitaker and Dawn Wilson.

Sophomore class: Cody Clark, Tiffani Cooksey, Benjamin Coulter, Alex Davidson, Candace Davis, Kyla Harville, Mindy Riffle, Jessica Westerman and Jamie Wilson.

Junior class: Ashley Beers, Michelle Bryant, Tim Carder, Tina Carder, Stephanie Carroll, Rachel Case, Danielle Easterling, Alison Foster, Molly Hare, Lacy Harper, Alysa Hildebrand, Megan Horn, Kristen Jackson, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Ashley Kuhle, Dayna Mauldin, Kissryn Munns, Kristy Riffle, Jessica Rose, Donna Terry, Krystal Valenzuela, Ashley White, Erica Williams and Shari Wisinger.

Senior class: Krisha Allums, Kevin Bass, Kayla Belcher, Britany Bull, Nathan Carroll, Brandon Davis, Charla Hines, Robyn Hollis, Mollie Moles, Cassie Perry, Steve Shade, Kendall Stansell, Dusty Townes, Misti Tucker, Melissa Waller, Jerry Ward and Ashley Williams.

Monday Felina White and Dixie Stringfellow were in Paris for a short visit with Misty Stringfellow and boys and Lindsey Stringfellow and children.

Ed and Loyce Huddleston spent the Christmas holiday visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Huddleston in Corinth. On Christmas Eve the Huddlestons enjoyed lunch at the home of Annette and Mark Hudson in Lake Dallas along with Jeff and Andrea McKenzie. Christmas Eve night they all along with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Huddleston and Jeff and Amanda Baldwin and Savannah celebrated in the home of Mike and Tina Huddleston in Corinth.

Katie Hare was home from college for the holidays with her parents and sisters, Mark and Debbie Hare, Molly and Sarah. While home she underwent a tonsillectomy and is reported doing well and will be ready to return to school next week.

Holiday visitors of Dixie Stringfellow were Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow, Jimmy Stringfellow, Wayne Stringfellow, Dan and Vicki Tabb, Mark Stringfellow and Ruth Rosston, Michael, Cody and Mary, Randy and Mary Nell Hendricks, Joe and Misty Stringfellow, Tyler, Darrin, Brent, Josh and Jake, Billy and Kathy Stringfellow, Kaley, Kellen and Kason, Chad and Felina Withe and Jerica, Danny Tabb and Judy Maddox, Michael Tabb, Bob, Dee and Maggie Richardson and Kenneth York. Also a recent visitor was Grady Rhodes.

New Years Day guests of Helen Williams were Haletha and Granville Jones of Commerce, Patty Barton of Bagwell and Joyce and Bill Bucton of Muenster.

Happy January Birthday to: James Ward, Jace Lum, Dwight Clark, Riley Reeves, Janice Gentry, John L. English Sr., Allen Coker, Holly Jean Brunson, Hollie Willis, Robert L. Lewis, Ryan K. Jones, Nicole Mauldin, Neil Rozell, Jana Hawkins, Allen Callahan, Earl Gresham and Sam Coffin Jr.

Dixie Stringfellow spent Christmas Day with her son, Jimmy Stringfellow of Blossom. Others celebrating the holiday with them were Joe and Misty Stringfellow, Tyler, Darrin, Brent, Josh and Jake, Billy, Kathy, Kaley, Kellen and Kason, Chad, Felina and Jerica White, P.W. and Lindsey Stringfellow, Natalie and Dakota and Wayne Stringfellow.

Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer, Todd and Rachell were in Bismark, Arkansas for Christmas with their daughter, Rick and Tricia Bradley, Corey and Casey. Also visiting were Kenneth's mom, Lorene Duffer of Irving and his sister, Debbie, Robert and Andrew of Ft. Worth.

December 22 Jerry Mauldin came to Bogata and picked up Zelma Mauldin and Margie Garrett. On the way back to Jerry's home in Hurst they went by Garland and visited with Zelma's grandchildren, Mike, Jill and Maddie Hatfield and Scott and Kristi Lichtenberg. At Jerry's home Margie's son, Lynn and

Brenda Burdette, who live in Ft. Worth, picked Margie up. Sunday, Jerry's children, Amy, Haley, Holly and son Nick were dinner guest. On Wednesday, Lynn and Margie picked Zelma up and they then went to their sister's home, Yvonne Powell in Carrollton. On Thursday night Yvonne's daughter, Don, Sherryle and Elizabeth visited their aunts and mom for a spaghetti supper. On Friday, Yvonne took Margie and Zelma to Garland to Zelma's granddaughter's home, Scott, Kristi and Cortney. They brought Zelma and Margie back to Bogata Saturday where they stayed the night and visited with Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer on Sunday, Zelma's grandchildren, Dale, Pam, Joe Dale Meredith, Hunter and Emily were her lunch guest on Sunday. Zelma and Margie are happy to be home following lots of visiting, shopping and enjoying family throughout the holidays.

Wayne Stringfellow spent a week here with his mother, Dixie Stringfellow and his brother, Jimmy Stringfellow in Blossom. He also visited with other family and friends. He left December 31 to visit his niece, Dee Richardson and family in Muenster before returning home to Idaho.

Dixie Stringfellow has received word of the birth of a new great granddaughter, Holly Ann Wyckoff born December 20, 2001 to Walt and Sherrie Wyckoff of Port St. Lucie, Florida. William R. Stringfellow is the maternal grandfather.

BOGATA GIFT SUBS

- To: Mark and Annette Hudson
- From: Ed and Loyce Huddleston
- To: Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer
- From: Zelma Mauldin
- To: Deanna Harper
- From: Ruth Varner
- To: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bill Chaloner
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President's and Reminiscences & reflections

Dean's List 2001

The Texas A & M University Commerce has announced its President's Honor Roll and Dean's List for the 2001 Fall Semester. To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must earn a straight A or 4.00 grade point average on a minimum of 12 semester hours. The Dean's List requires at least a 3.25 grade point average on a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Students from the area are: Bagwell: Stephanie M. Green-Dean's List.

Blossom: Randi L. Hunt, Kristin Lynn Johnson, Jeania Raquel McFadden and Shannon Shea Smith-Dean's List.

Bogata: Susan M. Schmidt-President's Honor Roll; Kristi Michelle Couch, Jared Shane Watson-Dean's List.

Pattonville: Martina D. Kennedy-President's Honor Roll; Crystal Wood Wilson-Dean's List.

Detroit: Scotty G. Coleman, Mary L. Hart and Faye Lene Marshall-President's Honor Roll.

Genealogical society to meet January 14

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical society on Monday, January 14 at 7:30 in the Red River County Library.

The speaker for the month will be Gene Simmons of Annona, who will speak on his recently published book, The Simmons Family Genealogy, in which he traced the family back to 1635.

All persons interested in researching their family history are encouraged to come and enjoy the program.

By Bobby Maddox

I suppose I've always had a bit of wanderlust in my nature. There's nothing I enjoy more than driving down the country roads in the Red River Valley, just to see what I can see and perhaps meet and talk to some people about the way this part of the country once was.

When my wife, Sherril, and I went to San Angelo a few months ago, I considered the journey more important than the destination. I don't enjoy traveling on the freeways unless we are in a big hurry to get there. My dislike of freeways is not without reason. When we visited my daughter and son-in-law in Dallas, we had no problem until we hit the LBJ Freeway. Construction caused us to spend an hour to travel about two miles. On the way to San Angelo, we were forced to face the same situation on IH20 because of an accident.

I take every opportunity to travel the lesser used roads where we can actually go through some of the small towns. On the way back, we stopped to eat at Bangs on Highway 67. We ate at a little care and had a very good, old fashioned, greasy hamburger. It wasn't as good as the burgers made by Roger Bell in his cafe in Deport in the '40's, but it was close.

Naturally, my favorite drives are around Deport where I was born and lived until 1949. I never visit Deport without looking at our old home place. We lived next door to my aunt and uncle, Raymond and Mary Ellen Nobles and I spent many happy hours playing in Raymond's red barn. It was a fine barn with a hay loft, corn crib and a room for storing cotton seed.

A few weeks ago, I walked down in the pasture to take another look at this once proud structure.

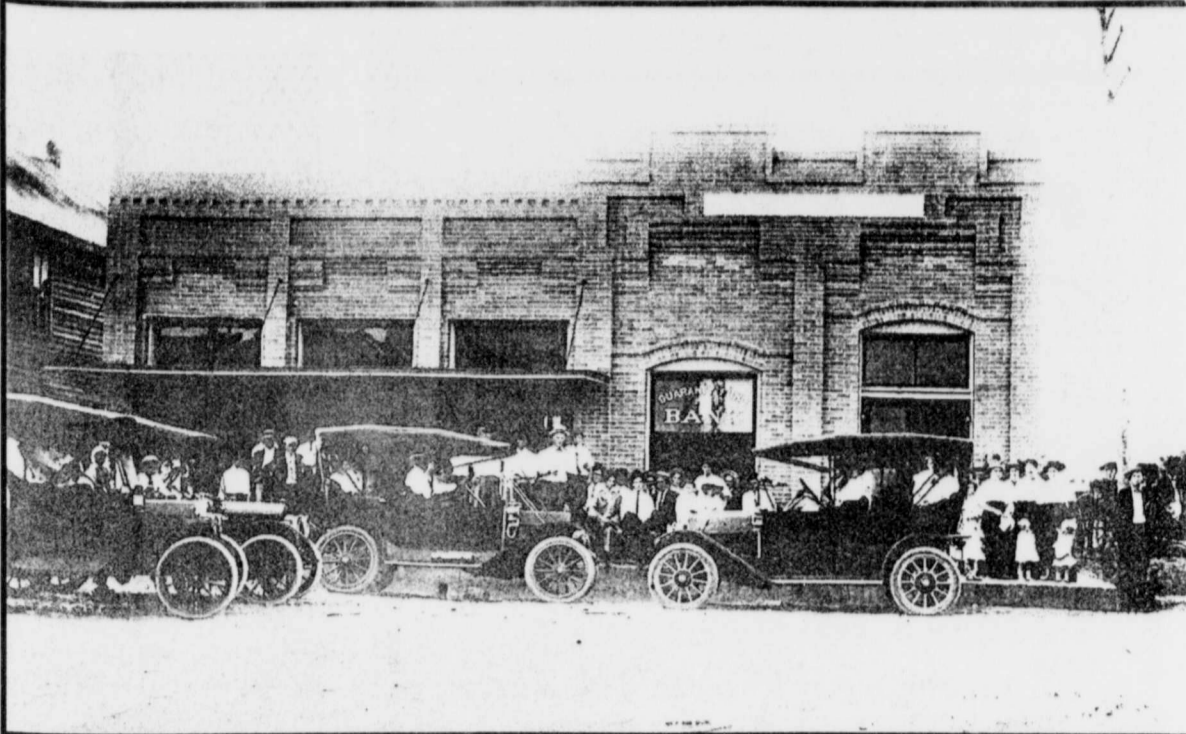
It was barely standing but just the way I remembered it. It seems there is a contest in order between myself and this old barn to see which can stand longer. I may not win, but I intend to give that barn a run for its money.

Just east of the barn is a small pool that was once full of crawfish and might still be. It's water is more clear now than I remembered and it seems to be inhabited by frogs.

From there I drove to Fulbright an renewed my acquaintance with Clovis VanDeaver. He introduced me to his wife, Katy, and the three of us had a very enjoyable and interesting visit. We are all former school teachers, Clovis and I having taught together in Paris at Travis Middle School in the late 70's. Katy was kind enough to drive down to the Community Center and bring me a picture of the Guaranty State Bank of Fulbright as it was in 1915.

The VanDeavers seem to be thoroughly enjoying their retirement. They are active, high spirited, energetic and were certainly a pleasure to visit with. If either of them fears life's sundown and evening star, the fear doesn't show.

Before leaving Fulbright, I took a last look at the old bank. I noticed that the roof of the building had grown tired of protecting the interior from the elements and just gave up. I thought that people, like buildings, barns and houses, also grow old and deteriorate. When a woman begins to age she loses her beauty, but that's not so bad because beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. She is still beautiful to her husband, children and grandchildren. It's worse for a man to grow old because he loses his dream, a dream that has always drifted, just out of reach.



FULBRIGHT IN 1905 was a busy place, with Guaranty Bank open, main street full of cars and a number of businesses in full operation. Better roads and faster transportation have ended that, making downtown Fulbright a different place today.



FULBRIGHT TODAY has only memories and the shells of old buildings to remind one of a busier, more localized time in history.

Flashes.....on sayings

by Jack Ballard

Those two young kids in their mid-twenties looked at me as if I had just dropped in from another planet. All I said was that my Taurus sedan was running roughly and I needed to take it to the "Ford House". As if with a hammer across my forehead, I was struck one more time with the realization that I was born and bred in Deport, Lamar County. Those kids (from the big city of Houston) didn't have a clue what I meant by the "Ford House". After a long discussion, I convinced them that the Ford House and the Ford Dealership were one and the same.

Then there was the episode with my expression "blinkly milk". I thought everyone in the world knew spoiled, sour milk was "blinkly". You wouldn't want that in your flapjacks (pancakes). Guess you could "slop the hogs" with it. Why do we "slop" the hogs but "feed" everything else? And do you "make" breakfast or "cook" breakfast? Ladies "make up" the bed and "put on" their makeup. Go figure. If you are cleaning and tidying around the house, don't you "pick up the house"? That is heavy lifting! Are your cakes cooked from "scratch" or are they "store bought"? Those boxed, Duncan Hines cakes were the "best thing since sliced bread". What was the best thing before sliced bread?

If you live in Deport or Blossom, you always "go up" to Paris, "over" to Clarksville and "down" to Bogata. Why do we never go "over" to Paris and "down" to

Clarksville and "up" to Bogata? It will drive you nuts. When needed to share a ride by car, do you usually ask someone to "carry you" to town. Even if you plan to drive, do you announce that you are about to "run down to the store"? Confused yet? How about why, as kids, if you give a buddy a ride on your bike you are "pumping" him? Sounds serious, huh? Instead of the movies, do you go to the "show" and would you wear your "overalls" or your "bibbs" or your "duckins"?

Older folks around the area only knew "grammar" school and "high" school. One never heard of "middle" or "elementary". Also, for many of the seniors, it is always a "place". The homeplace or the pasture has a name like the Tally Place. For you, is it a "gas" station, a "service" station or a "fillin'" station? Is it the accelerator or the "foot feed"? Some have a storm shelter, but most have a storm "house" or a storm "cellar" even though the shelter is neither a house nor in the cellar of a house. Weird. Does your soft drink usually go by "soda", "pop", "Coke", or "sodie water"? Is it a "Frigidaire", "frig", "refrigerator" or "ice box"? Ladies, do you wear "stockings" or "hose" with those "earrings" or "earscrows"? Do you watch your football games from the "couch", "sofa" or the "divan" eating Chex Mix or "trash"?

Is it lunch and dinner or dinner and supper at your place? Do you fish from a lake or a pond or a tank

or a pool or a reservoir? Do you read the news or the Deport Times or the paper or the newspaper or the Times? Somebody stop me!

When I was growing up, our car had a "turtle hull" instead of a trunk. We had "chester drawers" instead of a chest of drawers. And, around my place, there was usually a camera for taking "pitchers" instead of photographs. If you need things, someone will "lend you a hand" (do you cut it off?) or a "give you a dab". Why would you want to "borrow" a Kleenex or an egg? Just try giving those back after you use them. I don't think so. How did we get so upside down with things like "cutting on/cutting off" the lights or the air conditioning? We don't exactly need knives for those efforts. Guess the kids from Houston would think I was having major surgery at the barber shop if I was there to "get my ears lowered." The girls in days gone by had it easy with a "shampoo and set" or a "do".

I know. This kind of stuff will make your head explode if you think too much about it. But that is "how the cow ate the cabbage". "Holler" at me if I can help you (as if I were deaf) cause I plan to be back in a minute (I never am) and it has been cold so don't leave the door open (were you raised in a barn?). I hope you enjoyed my ramblings. I thought they were "fair to middlin'" and I am "fixin'" to finish. Geez, I just can't get away from my upbringing' (or is that my "raisin'")?

Sponsors for summer food service feeding program needed

The Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS) announces the availability of the Summer Food Service Program to eligible organizations this summer.

State and federal funds are available to operate the program. These funds are appropriated through TDHS and the United States Department of Agriculture. The program provides meals to children from needy areas when schools are closed for vacation. The program is to be offered without discrimination due to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political beliefs.

Organizations eligible to sponsor the program include public or nonprofit organizations, residential summer camps, and local, municipal or county governments. Community organizations are encouraged to form partnerships to develop summer feeding programs that combine educational and recreational activities with

the provision of meals.

Interested organizations should contact TDHS for more information about the program training schedule.

Applications should be received by April 13, 2002.

Organizations may subcontract with food service management companies to provide meals.

Communities and schools that have the highest percentage of low income children will be targeted for participation in the SFSP.

For more information about the SFSP you can visit the following websites:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Summer/AboutSFSP/Default.htm or http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/programs/snp/sfsp.html or call 1-888-834-7406 or 512-467-5874. You may also write: Texas Department of Human Services Special Nutrition Programs, Y-906, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Tx. 78714-9030 Attn: David X. Chavez

People N' Things

RIVERCREST ISD PHONE NUMBERS

Phone numbers for the three campuses of Rivercrest ISD are: Talco School Rivercrest Junior High campus- 903-379-3841.

Rivercrest Elementary campus- 903-632-5214.

Rivercrest High School campus- 903-632-5204.

Purchase Early

Sales of \$1.00 chances on a special Easter Basket to be given away at the annual Talco Park Easter Egg Hunt will begin January 14. The fund-raiser is sponsored by the Talco 4-H. Chances may be purchased from any member or at the Talco Guaranty Bank or Gotta Have It downtown Talco.

January 21

Teachers at Rivercrest ISD will have a work day on January 21. There will be no school for students that day.

Two apprehended in Blossom after armed robbery in Oklahoma

A routine Sunday afternoon turned hectic for a short while as Lamar County law officers apprehended two suspects in an armed robbery fleeing from Grant, Oklahoma.

A Be On The Lookout message was received by Lamar County to the effect that a black male in a light green car had just held up a convenience store in Grant, Oklahoma. The call came from Choctaw County Sheriff's Department.

Within a minute or two Deputy Bryan Golden noticed a car fitting the description and noticed that the back license plate was missing on Hwy. 271 North and Lake Crook Road. Deputy Golden called for backup and followed the vehicle.

At Collegiate and the Loop officers attempted to conduct a traf-

fic stop. The vehicle did not stop. The suspects pulled into Home Depot and officers observed them throwing an object out of the vehicle. Paris Police recovered the object, which was a small caliber revolver.

The chase continued down Hwy. 82 East to Blossom.

It came to a stop in the 200 block of Hickory in Blossom when the suspects left the car and fled on foot.

The passenger that fled the car was apprehended by a Blossom resident that saw law enforcement chasing him, and the driver was apprehended a few minutes later by Deputy Golden.

Being held in Lamar County jail is Stacey Scales, age 33, held on misdemeanor charges of evading arrest and 29 year old Jamey Jackson, being held on felony

charges of evading arrest and misdemeanor charges of evading arrest. Charges are supposed to be forthcoming out of Choctaw County, Oklahoma, of armed robbery.

Reports indicate that the robbery netted the robbers 4150.

Captain Steve Hill of the Lamar County Sheriff's department said "this is what it's all about, a major team effort on everybody's part. It didn't matter if it was Oklahoma or Texas, county or city, we just worked together to get the job done".

Assisting in the efforts in addition to Lamar County officers was Pct. 1 Constable Randy Boren, Texas Department of public Safety, Reno Police Department and Paris Police.

Cunningham News

Happy Birthday to: Liz Baker, Carol Anderson Newberry, Donnie Bazhaw and Billy Ray Oats.

Happy Anniversary to: Liz and Dewayne Baker.

Johnny and Nelta Musgrove were host at the Musgrove Country Store for a New Year's Day Celebration. Everyone enjoyed eating and playing games. Those attending were: Marie Watson, Billie Musgrove Smith, Geneva Norwood, Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Brandon, Marsha and Braydon Oats, Kaylee Lane, Brad and Georjeana Nutt, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scotty, Treada, Amber and Spur Norwood, Matt Galoway, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Jarvis and Renee Watson, Bruce Watson and Vickie Davis.

Billie and Leonard Ford had all of their children and grandchildren home for Christmas. Lowell and Deborah Ford from Florida got to be with them. They visited with Lillian King Sunday afternoon.

Pete and L'Wanda McKnight were in Detroit Saturday to watch

their granddaughter, Jenna Patterson play basketball.

James and Pat Norwood were in Detroit Saturday to watch their granddaughter, Hannah Norwood play basketball.

Sunday guest of Bobby and Shelby Kennedy were Jeff, Cindy, Taylor and Asa Kennedy.

Geneva Norwood had all of her children and grandchildren for Sunday dinner. Chance Bankhead and Josh Osburn were guest also.

Georjeana and Brad Nutt attended a New Year's Eve party at Mendy and Kenny Dority's home in Paris. Friday night they ate with Ronnie, Raylene and Jeff Nutt at the Fish Fry in Paris.

Josh Osburn spent Saturday night with Spur Norwood.

Linda Anderson was in Temple with her brother-in-law, Jim West, Monday as he had surgery.

Geneva Norwood and L'Wanda McKnight presented a concert at Life Tabernacle Sunday night. Different singers will be in concert every Sunday night during January.

Editor's Quotes

How little it takes to make a person unhappy. A frown, a hesitation, a snicker, faint praise, an extended wait when one expects an "I'm Sorry" or "Much obliged". How the Good Lord puts up with such fragile creatures as ourselves is a mystery in itself.



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Memorial marker placed for Gerald Isbell at Highland Cemetery

A memorial marker from the Veterans Affairs office has been placed in Highland Cemetery to honor Gerald Warren Isbell. Having the marker placed after 57 years was accomplished by Virginia Isbell Schell, Brenda Schell Williams and Gordon Isbell.

Gerald was born on a small farm in upstate New York on September 17, 1922, one of seven children. His mother died in childbirth when Gerald was about two years old. His father realized he could not take care of the children so Gerald and two of his brothers, Leo and Lee were put on the Orphan Train in New York in 1926. The train made many stops on its way to the south. This information was taken from Lee Nailling's (his brother) book, "The Orphan Train", by Andrea Warren.

Gerald and his brothers were on the train for nearly a week when it stopped in Clarksville. Of the 50 children who left New York, about half were still on the train. A crowd gathered to meet the train and Gerald and his brothers were taken to an old hotel on Main Street. When the children were viewed, George and Frances Isbell stopped to speak to Gerald. Frances Isbell spoke to Gerald and he opened his arms to her. The adoption papers were signed in the back of the room. George and Frances Isbell had no children at the time of the adoption.

Gerald's brothers were adopted by families in the area that same day.

Frances died November 4, 1929 when Gerald was seven years old.

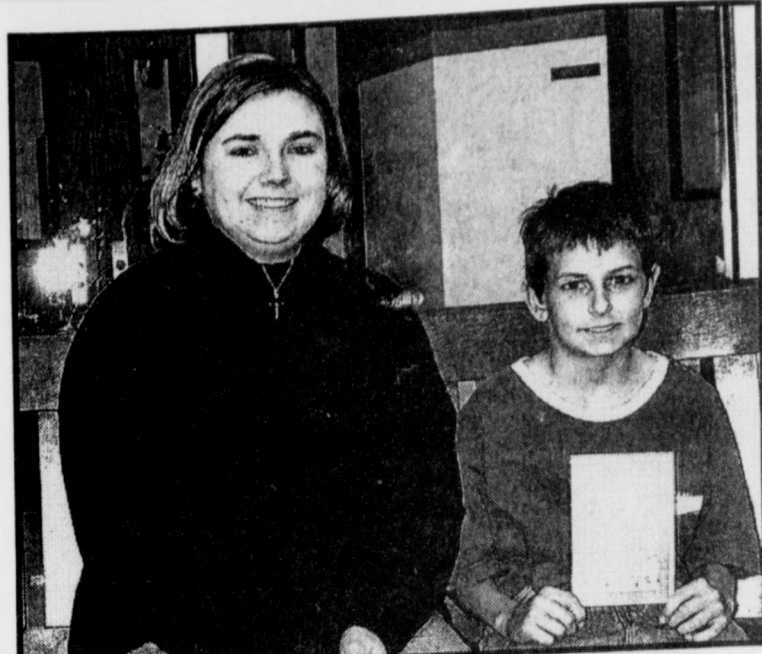
Gerald graduated from Clarksville High School in 1940 and received an appointment to West Point, however, he was upset because his father had remarried. He enlisted in the Army on August 27, 1941 and was sent to the Philippines on September 26, 1941.

He was stationed at Ft. William McKinley and was in the 31st Infantry. He was eventually captured by the Japanese and was a survivor of the Bataan Death March in April, 1942.

Gerald was placed on a Japanese ship with 1,770 other prisoners of war during the Battle of the Leyte Gulf on October 23, 1944. The next day the Japanese ship was torpedoed by an American submarine about 200 miles from the China Coast. The Americans did not realize that POW's were aboard the ship. Gerald lost his life that day.

He received many medals for his bravery including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart and has a memorial marker at the Tablets of the Missing at Manilla American Cemetery in the Philippines.

The marker has been placed next to his dad's grave in Highland Cemetery.



AARON BURNS is pictured with his teacher, Kristi Purviance and holding his winning Christmas card drawing. Aaron's drawing was chosen for this year's Region VIII Christmas cards and he received a \$25 check for his efforts. Aaron is the son of Larry Burns of Bogata. Congratulations Aaron on a wonderful job! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Seven Questions On Salvation

1. In Acts 2:37, the people asked Peter, "What shall we do?" Why did not Peter say, "why, there is nothing you can DO. Salvation comes from grace through 'faith only'?" The answer is that salvation is not the result of God's atoning work alone. There is something we must DO in order to be saved.

Calvinists have been taught to think wrongly about salvation in "either-or" terms. EITHER salvation is entirely the work of God OR else man earns his salvation. They never seem to be able to see the salvation results from a combination of what God has done plus each person's response to what God has done.

The Father originated the plan for our redemption, Jesus effected it by offering Himself as the perfect Lamb of God. The Holy Spirit inspired the Scriptures which communicate to us what God has done. Do these facts mean that man is therefore universally saved? No. They mean that salvation is universally available.

Most Calvinists are willing to admit that faith is necessary in order for salvation to be appropriated. But if there is even ONE thing that man must DO to have salvation (such as believe), then: 1) Salvation is not obtained exclusively by what God has done, and 2) there might be a second or third requirement on the part of man (such as repentance and baptism).

Because God has appointed for man conditions of receiving the salvation He offers, Peter told those who believed on Pentecost two more things to DO: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." (Acts 2:38).

2. Acts 2:38. Why did Peter tell them to DO two things (repent and be baptized) in order to be saved? The answer is that they are necessary for one to be saved. What is often overlooked is that this is the very first occasion in which salvation is preached publicly after the death, burial and resurrection and ascension of Jesus into heaven. The events recorded in Acts 2 are not part of a theological treatise stressing the importance of faith (as opposed to the erroneous idea of meriting salvation). This is an historical event! Thousands of Jews are gathered together for Pentecost. The great noise of a rushing mighty wind gains people's attention; the cloven tongues astounded them. They listened to the proofs of Jesus being the Son of God-raised from the dead! Those who believed wanted to know what they should DO. Peter did not answer, "Just believe and say 'the sinner's prayer.'" He gave them two critical elements of salvation: repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

3. Acts 8:35-36. Why, when Philip preached to the eunuch Jesus, did he ask to be baptized immediately? (If you, or the person who preaches where you attend "preached Jesus" to him, he would not ask that question, would he?) To ask the question is to answer it. The eunuch made the request because when Jesus is preached, it includes man's response to God's grace by believing that Jesus is the son of God, by repenting of His sins, and by being baptized in order to obtain the forgiveness of sins.

The reason that those who hear Calvinists preach do not ask the question the eunuch did is that they may not mention repentance and certainly will not preach baptism for the remission of sins. One would think that they might re-examine their theology to see why there is such a difference between the responses to their preaching ("faith only"). Two cooks do not use the same ingredients, same materials and the same instructions with one producing a German chocolate cake and the other lemon meringue pie. Calvinists do not get the same results from their preaching because they have removed some ingredients and rewritten the instructions!

4. Acts 9:1-18. Why did Saul not ask to be baptized immediately? Calvinists will invariably answer that Saul was saved on the road to Damascus. Do the Scriptures declare that idea? No. They mention that Paul realized that the Jesus whom he had been persecuting was, in fact, the Lord. They mention that he prayed and fasted for three days (Acts 9:9-11). But they do not mention that such acts saved him. In fact, he was told to arise and go into the city, and he would be told what he must do (Acts 9:6). When Ananias came to him in that city, he told him: "And now, why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling upon the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). His faith and repentance are obvious; there was only one thing that remained-for Saul's sins to be removed in baptism.

5. When a person is saved, what happens to his sins? This is a companion question to the last one. It brings to light a difficulty for those who insist that Paul was saved as a result of his faith. Salvation means that a person's sins have been cleansed and removed. Yet here is Saul with his sins still upon him, and being told that baptism will wash them away. A feeble explanation is sometimes offered that Saul's sins were actually already washed away and that he needed to symbolically show that by being baptized. Except that nothing in the text corroborates such a fanciful theory, it seems plausible. If baptism merely symbolizes that sins were already washed away, the action is fraudulent and irrelevant rather than necessary.

6. Which one of the two following statements, if either, is true?
a. Baptism doth also NOW save us.
b. Baptism doth also NOT save us.

This question is based upon 1 Peter 3:21 and has been used in debate with Calvinists. Their theology would answer b, but the scriptures answer a: "baptism doth also now save us." The reason for the question is to one again try to get them to see that their view of salvation contradicts the Scriptures.

Does Peter mean to say that baptism is all that is essential to salvation (apart from faith and repentance) or that baptism alone is sufficient to save people from their sins (whether or not they are old enough to even understand)? No. Peter does not say "baptism only" any more than any New Testament writer says "faith only" or "baptism only" or "repentance only". Baptism has no power apart from faith (on the part of the one being baptized) and repentance. Accepting the salvation which God offers through the atoning work of Christ involves a series of responses in the part of man: faith, repentance and baptism. Without faith, repentance would not occur, and baptism would be meaningless. Without repentance the individual has not died to himself and therefore is not suitable for burial (Romans 6:3-7). Without baptism, the blood of Christ cannot wash away the sins of the penitent (Acts 22:16, Revelation 1:5). Baptism now saves us because it is part of the salvation process.

7. Baptism is a work of (men, God). Calvinists seem to think that in baptism man somehow earns his salvation. How strange that one of the most passive acts imaginable would be thus misrepresented. Baptism was not man's idea; Colossians 2:12 says, "Buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."

Baptism is the means God chose to take the blood of Christ and wash away all our sins. No matter how much we believe and how great our repentance is we (like Saul) must still arise and be baptized in order for our sins to be washed away. We do not EARN anything in complying with the teaching of the Scriptures on this matter. It is God's working that removes our sins WHEN we obey Him from the heart (Romans 6:17-18).

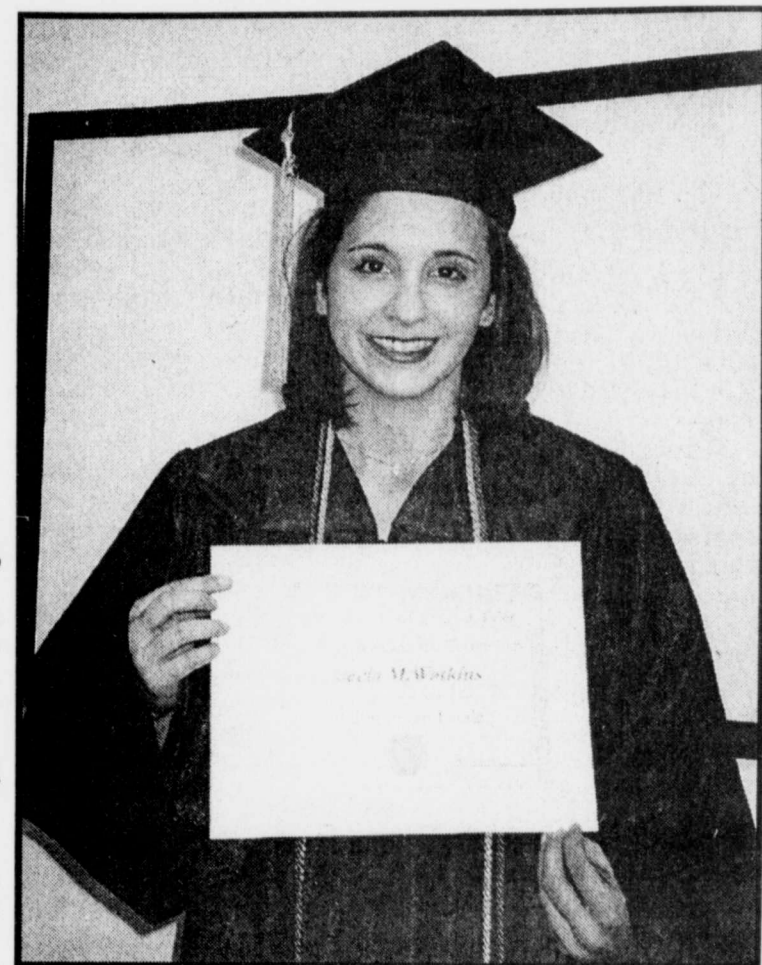
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Johnstown News

Visitors with Faye Faulkburg during the holidays were Nelda and Bob Belzung of Mesquite, Lyle and Macy Dodd of Longview, Ashley Hendricks of Louisiana, Linda Farris of Bogata and Robbie and B.J. McLaughlin of Johnstown.

Visiting with Robbie and B.J. McLaughlin during the holidays were James A. and Betty Sue Watts and Nelda Belzung. They also received holiday calls from Frankie Horvath of Pennsylvania, James Weissenfluh of South Dakota and Billy Mac Cooper of California.

Visitors of Dan and Mary Kathryn Cotten during Christmas and New Years were their daughter, Lisa Graham and Jay from Midland, their son, Larry and Carolyn Cotten of Bonham, grandson, James, Cheri, Taylor and Raegan Cotten of Gatesville and grandson Ryan, Krissy and Candyce Cotten of Canyon City. Dan and Mary Kathryn spent Christmas Day in Dallas with Janice Davis.



Alecia Michelle Watkins

Alecia M. Watkins graduates

Alecia Michelle Watkins, daughter of Myron and Pam Watkins of Bogata, was among the 2001 graduating class from the University of Texas at Tyler. Ceremonies were held at the R. Don Cowan fine and Performing Arts Center, Saturday, December 15, 2001.

Alecia earned a Bachelor of

Business Administration degree with an emphasis on accounting. Earlier in the day a ceremony was held at the University awarding the top graduates with their honor degrees. Alecia was awarded Summa Cum Laude, which requires a 3.9-4.0 grade point average.

Congratulations Alecia!

Rivercrest Elementary 3rd six week honor roll

Students making the 3rd six week honor roll at Rivercrest Elementary are as follows:

First grade, Mrs. Hudson's class: All A: Destiny Anderson, Jessica Lewis, Hannah Rhoades, Bailey Rhodes and Cody Williams.

All A & B: Shyrle Bivins, Morgan Cox, Bradly Guest, Mason Nichols, Kellen Stringfellow, Rob Ward and Chase Wilson.

First grade, Mrs. Moles class: All A: Nidia Alvarado, Hope Bivins, Allix Brunson, Wesley Davidson, Aaron Eudy, Emily Hale, Valerie Rhoades, Candace Stansell and Emily Ward.

All A & B: Eli Hale, Russell Jimenez, Dakota Parrott, D.J. Phipps, Nathan Thompson and Dyna Williams.

First grade, Mrs. Miller's class: All A: Carli Brown, Hailey Brown, Lucchese Gordon and Johnathan Moore.

All A & B: Tiffany Black, Matt Earley, Destini Geese, Rebekah Jones and Monica Bassett.

Second grade, Mrs. Stockton's class: All A: Brooklyn Bishop, Carter Kelsey, Blake Richardson and Jake Sheffield.

All A & B: Chris Brooks, Camen Calvin, Jacob Harville, Chloe Hodge, Heather Holt, Trevor Jessee, Juan Leija and Jordan Th-

ompson.

Second grade, Mrs. Grissom's class: All A: Jordan Smith.

All A & B: Jed Burge, Anshuman Ganguly, Shelby Steen, Samantha Thompson, Marley Tidwell and Brittany Walesiak.

Second grade, Mrs. Weddle's class: All A: Jacob Wright.

All A & B: Tyler Easley, Misty Ewton, Lauren Healy, Brittany Powell, Haley Strunc, Raven Travillion and Joey White.

Third grade, Mrs. Reeder's class: All A: Brandon Budro, Alison Mauldin, Tamara Moore, Jesse Ross, Kari Taylor, Kelsi Thompson and Jordan White.

All A & B: Kolton Benson, Morgan Buchanan, Sarai Martinez and Sammy Newsom.

Third grade, Mrs. Kennedy's class: All A: Carmen Allen.

All A & B: Haley Bivins, Kyle McCuller, Shala Ridens, T.J. Stahley, Ashley Thureson, Haley Steen and Colton Phipps.

Third grade, Mrs. Ingram's class: All A: Dillon Cortez and Brady Kennedy.

All A & B: Amanda Lee, Mary Beth Henley, Taylor Stafford, Jessica Smith, Loren Rivera, Amber Whitney, Logan Wright and Kevin Yeatman.

Fourth grade, Mrs. Purviance's class: All A: Jessica Jessee, Clay

Rose and Kaley Stringfellow.

All A & B: Callie Anderson, Kelsey Franks, Dustin Gentry, Jordan Jones, Garrett Sheffield and Brandi Via.

Fourth grade, Mrs. Holeman's class: All A: Dakota Early.

All A & B: Aaron Haley, Seton Hawkins, Ryan Kennedy, Ashley Savage and Heather Story.

Fourth grade, Mrs. Ballard's class: All A: Garrett Carroll, Brittany Littrell and Josh Moore.

All A & B: Kassie Anderson, Matthew Hall, Alec Moreno, Chase Richards, Hailey Screws, Brandon Taylor and Amber Via.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Gable's class: All A: Sarah Ashley and Cheyenne Williams.

All A & B: Justin Bryan, Stephen Jackson, Niki Lewis and Kayla Whitney.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Scott's class: All A: Tara Cunningham.

All A & B: Jessica Bassett, Corey Branch, Joshua Budro, Terrance Cannon, Jarod Davidson, Jasper Hodge, Jimmy Schmidt and Matthew Thompson.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Jordan's class: All A: E.J. Via and Kaimbri White.

All A & B: Ty Brown, Matthew Haynes, Tara Raulston, Jesslin Rivera and Jillian Sloan.

Local resident among recent Harding graduates

Michael R. Deming, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Deming of Talco, was among the 260 graduating seniors who received diplomas in commencement exercises at Harding University December 15, 2001. Majoring in biology, Deming received the bachelor of science degree.

The ceremonies were held in the Benson Auditorium with Dino Roussos as the commencement speaker. Roussos preaches at the Omonia Church of Christ, an international church in the heart of

Athens, Greece. He is an international speaker and author as well.

President David B. Burks presented the diplomas to the graduates. Deming was announced by Dr. Travis Thompson, associate dean of the College of Sciences.

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NEW FLEA MARKET: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Inside and outside spaces available. Prestonwood Village, formerly Highland Lumber/Paris Antique Mall on Hwy. 19&24, 1/2 block from Chisum School. Blue Grass band performing. MA 3-28

SIGNOR ART GALLERY- 20% off marked price, everything except books. Some items 50% off, including green enamelware, old chandeliers, birds and etc. Last day of sale is February 2. Signor Art Gallery, Main Street, Deport, TX. MA 1-24

TRI-COUNTY CONTRACTORS: 20 years experience in carpentry, painting, roofing and other types of contract work. Owners Terry & Josh Brown, 903-652-9805, home; 249-3456 or 249-3457 mobiles. MA t/c

Lost & Found
 REMEMBER, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

Real Estate
FOR SALE: Meadowbrook Gardens Cemetery, Lot 90, Section F, spaces 3 and 4. Both lots for \$500.00. 903-652-6052. t/cnc

JACK'S TREE SERVICE: Insured with reasonable rates, trees trimmed or removed. Brush clean-up and stump grinding. Edna & Jack Tucker, Deport, TX. Home 903-674-4945, mobile 903-491-8321. MA t/c

Automobiles
FOR SALE: 1991 Chevy Caprice, 4-dr., loaded, great condition, high miles, \$2,200. 903-652-9986.

IMMAD AT BANKS who don't give house loans because of bad credit, problems or new employment. I do, call L.D. Kirk, Homeland Mortgages, 254-947-4475. MA 1-24

NEED ADDITIONAL telephone jacks or wiring? I do residential or business work, 30 yrs. experience. Call Claude, 632-0090. MA 1-10

FOR SALE: 1978 El Camino, low miles on new motor, \$1,600. 903-652-9986.

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

FREE-small black dog, housebroken, grown female. Call 652-9091. (nc)

FOR SALE: Morris Minor, body only, \$125.00 obo. 903-652-9986.

FOR SALE: 1995 Pontiac Grand Prix, one owner, extra clean. Call Kenneth Burks, 903-652-5161, leave message or call after 6 p.m. MA 1-24

FOR SALE: 1993 Prowler 28' 5th wheel w/gooseneck. Sleeps 6, good condition. 379-9430. MA 1-24

*Some More Christmas Memories From
The Christmas Contest
My letter from Santa...*

The Christmas I was four, I know now that my folks were struggling just to get by and Christmas must have been hard for them to face.

My Mama's oldest sister lived in Lubbock where her husband was a doctor and they were weathering the Depression better than we were. I don't know if Mama wrote her or not, but imagine the utter delight of this redhead to get a letter straight from Santa (I didn't know the postmark was Lubbock instead of the North Pole!) Then on Christmas morning, sure enough, the sweetest little red iron doll bed was under the tree with a little mattress made by Mama Clause, my favorite old doll, Ruth Baby, in a little feed sack dress! That little bed lasted for years of playing house and outlasted many baby dolls. Years later, Daddy and Dickie built me a little log playhouse and that little bed held a special spot.

During World War II, it, along with my skates and little cast iron doll cook stove, joined the scrap iron drive.

When I look back on those days, I know we were never really poor for we were rich in family, friends and a Saviour whose birthday we celebrated with love and thankful hearts for His blessings, even as my family does today.

Mary Jane DeBerry Lowry

Postmarked December 11, 1930
Dear Mary Jane,

I was passing through Lubbock yesterday and saw a cousin of yours, her name was Ruth. She told me what a good girl you were and for me to be sure and remember you Christmas. Then she told

me about a doll bed. She said when she was a little girl like you, she had a pretty white doll bed and the last time she saw you she told

you she would send it to you but when she got home it was broken. She asked me if I thought I could have a nice new one to bring you and I told her I'd go right back home and make one for you so when you get up Christmas morning you'll see a new doll bed. She told me you had a nice brother named Dickie and for me to be good to him too. If you will both be good, I'll be in Bogata Christmas Eve.

Santa Clause

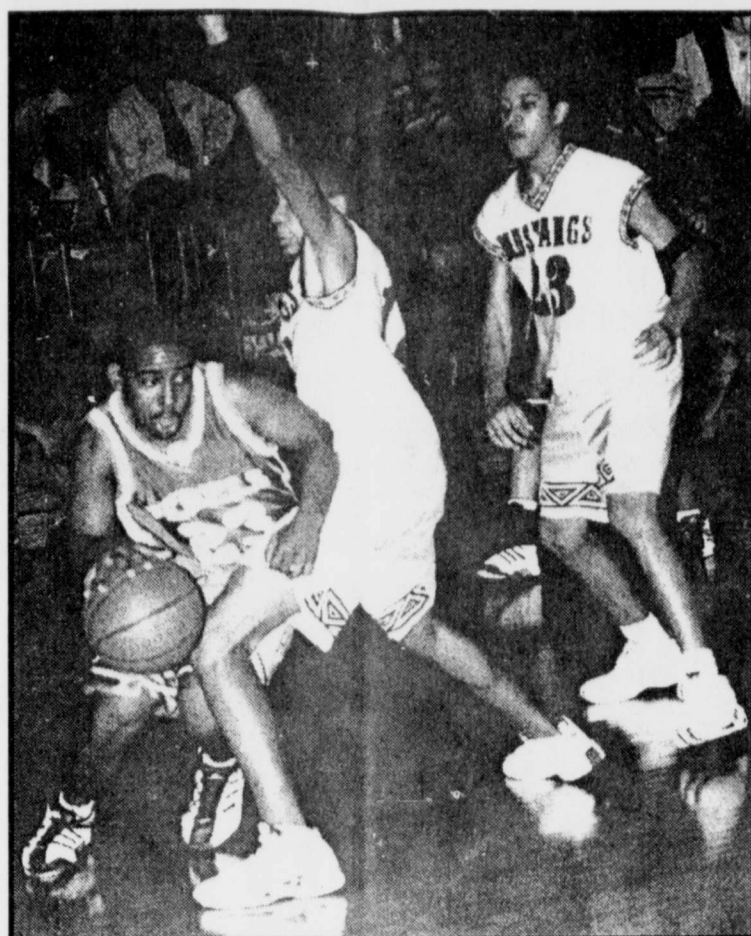
Letters to Editor

Dear Editor,

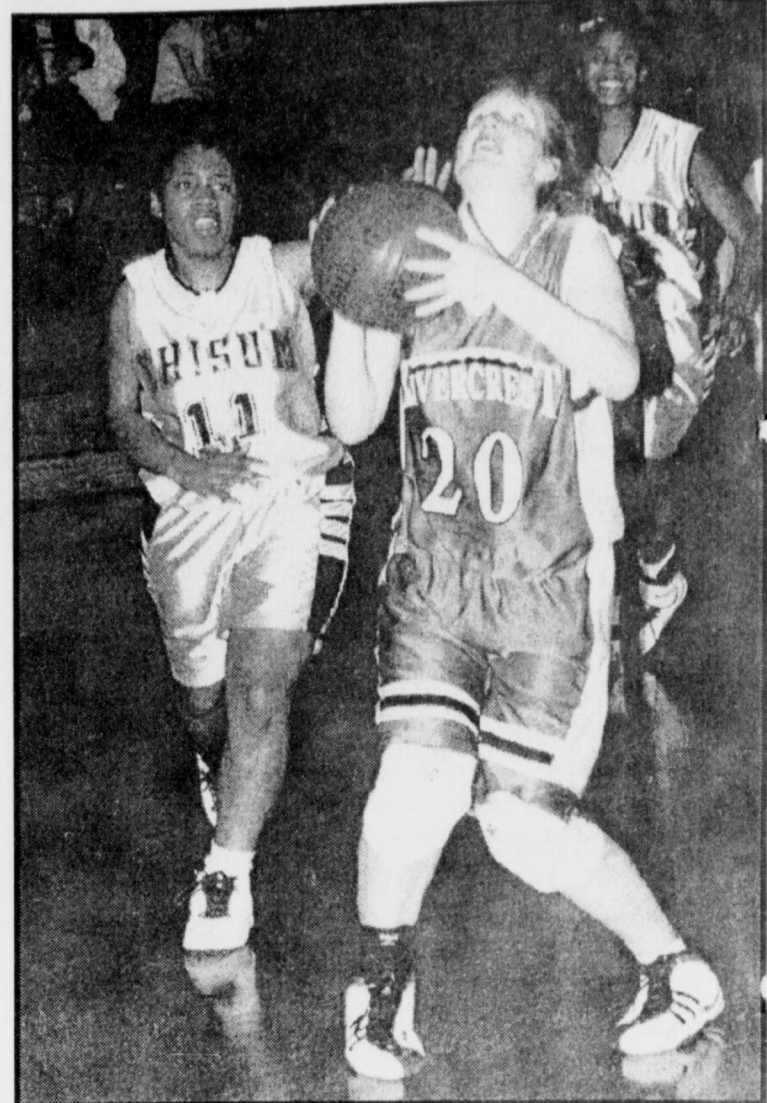
We would like to sing the praises yet again of our Bogata First Responders and Volunteer Fire Department. My wife recently had what could have been indigestion but we called to have her checked out. Thank goodness we did and Charles Don Lewis and the Bogata First Responders came quickly to help. She was taken to Clarksville where it was determined she was having heart problems and later discovered she had 99% blockage in her heart. She is doing fine now and we want those people who are members of the First Responders and Volunteer Fire Department to know how much we appreciate them and feel blessed to have such caring people in our community. Thank You seems so small when someone has helped to save your life.

Sincerely,

James and Neva Joyce Ward



ZACH PERRY moves in for a shot as the Rivercrest Rebels met the Chisum Mustangs last Friday night. The Rebels were the losers. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



PAIN FOR GAIN- Erica Williams shows the struggle the Lady Rebels endured when they met the Lady Mustangs of Chisum last Friday as she goes up for her shot under the goal. The Lady Rebs lost the contest. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

PIPS practice schedule

Dear Editor,

A big thank you to all who donated a lot of things to help make a great Christmas and a place to call home for a wonderful individual. Especially John and Kristi Purviance for going out of their way to do a good deed and to the Editor for putting in my letter even though I went past the deadline.

I am still taking donations for this individual. If you are interested in giving, my number at work is 903-427-2226. Again, Thank You.

Melanie Strawn

If you suspect a man, don't employ him, and if you employ him, don't suspect him.

—Chinese proverb

The following is the practice schedule for the Rivercrest PIPS (Players in Progress). Sponsors urge each member to attend as often as possible and to remember no shoes worn from outside may be worn on the gym floor. Each practice will be important as the group will be working on their performance routine. Members who can not be at a practice must call Lori Franks at 379-9430 ahead of time. If a member misses 3 or more practices, they will not perform. If a member misses a practice before a performance and do not call they will not be allowed to perform during the next performance. The schedule may change according to how well the group is doing.

Jan. 20: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Feb. 3: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Christopher family enjoy holiday

The Christopher family Christmas dinner was held December 2, 2001 from 1-5 pm at the Hazel Good Bar Center in Mesquite, Texas. The family reports having a wonderful time visiting, eating and opening gifts. There were 66 in attendance.

Those attending were: Gussie Musick, Greg, Staci, Gracie Blockard, Darrell, Sherry, Jason Warren, Cortney Sperling, Patrick O'Neal, C.D. and Zella Warren, Edith McTee, Tim and Katriva Christopher, Jack and Christine Christopher, Carol Sue Christopher, Linda Chaney, Rob Chaney and Tammy Howington, Junior

Ward, Floyd and Sarah Bartholomew, Pistol, Kathy, Brittni, Trey and Michaela Rawdon and friend, Anna, Ida Christopher, Thomas Rawdon and Mubert L. Poknard, Robert, Phylis and Christopher Kreymmer, Lowell, Bonnie, Gregg and Sandy Griffin and friend, Gene, Carol, Angie and Jasman Davidson, Don and Margie Christopher, Mark, Casanda, Caleb, Joshua, Melissa, Terri, Michael, Jalon, Mary Lynn and Alexandra, Melba Joyce Henry, Janice Henry, Jimmy and Sheala Carroll, Janice Gay and Nicholas Pappas, Mary Love and Brian and Kristy Kreymmer

<p>Huddleston DRAWING \$50 in Groceries Saturday, 5:00 p.m.</p>		<p>HUDDLESTON'S GROCERY</p>				<p>We Honor Manufacturers COUPONS</p>	
<p>SPECIALS GOOD EVERY DAY Thurs., Jan. 10th thru Wed., Jan. 16th</p>							
<p>OPEN Mon.-Sat. 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.</p>							
<p>BOGATA 632-5624 7 Days A Week</p>							
<p>FRESH GROUND CHUCK \$1.99 Lb.</p>		<p>CHUCK ROAST \$2.19 Lb.</p>		<p>JIMMY DEAN SAUSAGE 2 Lb. Roll Reg. & Hot \$3.49</p>		<p>IMPERIAL SUGAR 4 Lb. \$1.39</p>	
<p>PILGRIM'S SPLIT CHICKEN BREAST 3 Lb. Bag \$3.99</p>		<p>ARM ROAST \$2.29 Lb.</p>		<p>ECKRICH SMOKED SAUSAGE 1 Lb. \$1.99</p>		<p>FOLGER'S COFFEE 39 Oz. All Grinds \$4.99</p>	
<p>WOLF CHILI 15 Oz. 99¢</p>		<p>NABISCO RITZ CRACKERS 16 Oz. \$2.29</p>		<p>BETTY CROCKER FUDGE BROWNIE MIX 19 Oz. \$1.19</p>		<p>DUNCAN HINES CAKE MIXES 18 Oz. All Kinds 99¢</p>	
<p>PARKAY MARGARINE 4 Stick 79¢</p>		<p>SCOTT PAPER TOWELS Reg Roll 8 Pack \$5.99</p>		<p>OAK FARMS ICE CREAM 1/2 Gal. All Flavors \$2.99</p>		<p>BLUE BELL ICE CREAM & YOGURT 1/2 Gal. All Flavors \$3.49</p>	
<p>MIRACLE WHIP SALAD DRESSING 32 Oz. \$2.19</p>		<p>PARADE BUTTERMILK BISCUITS 4/\$1</p>		<p>PRINGLES CHIPS 5.5 Oz. All Kinds 99¢</p>		<p>CAMPBELL'S CREAM OF MUSHROOM & CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP 10 Oz. 69¢</p>	
<p>EGGS Grade A Large 79¢ Dozen</p>		<p>GOLDEN ROYAL MILK Gal. 2% & Homo \$2.99</p>		<p>TOWN TALK BREAD Lrg. Loaf 59¢</p>		<p>FRITO LAY BEAN DIP 9 Oz. \$1.79</p>	
<p>TOSTITO SALSA QUESO DIP 10 Oz. \$1.79</p>		<p>PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE 8 Oz. 99¢</p>		<p>COOKIES 16-18 Oz. All Kinds \$2.69</p>		<p>CHIPS AHOY!</p>	
<p>JIFF PEANUT BUTTER 18 Oz. Creamy & Crunchy \$1.69</p>		<p>CHEERIOS 15 Oz. \$1.99</p>		<p>LAUNDRY DETERGENT Reg. 40 Ld. With Bleach 31 Ld. \$6.59</p>		<p>TOTAL CEREAL 12 Oz. \$2.79</p>	
<p>DEL MONTE KETCHUP 24 Oz. Squeeze Btl. 79¢</p>		<p>PILSBURY PIE CRUST \$1.99</p>		<p>COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE</p>		<p>DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER</p>	
<p>BANANAS 49¢ Lb.</p>		<p>PRODUCE POTATOES 10 Lb. Bag \$2.69</p>		<p>KELLOGG'S RICE KRISPIES 22 Oz. \$2.49</p>		<p>FRUIT LOOPS 24 Oz. \$2.49</p>	
<p>YELLOW ONIONS 39¢ Lb.</p>		<p>CARROTS 1 Lb. Bag 39¢</p>		<p>GREEN ONIONS 3/\$1</p>		<p>2 Liter 99¢ 3 Liter \$1.79</p>	
<p>BELL PEPPERS 3/\$1</p>		<p>COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$1.99</p>		<p>DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER 12 Pk. \$3.29</p>		<p>DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$1.99</p>	