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By Nanalee Nichols
They are So Much Fun

It has fallen upon Thomas and myself to attend a number of school functions and banquets over the past few weeks, and go to several school campuses.

And, in attending these functions I have spent a fair amount of time in observing. And these observations have left me with something to say... (as if that was a new thing!)

We enjoyed the Lennox House fundraising dinner held on Saturday, February 12th. Our servers were high school students. They were beautiful, with their hair piled high, their long dresses and skirts, their friendly smiles and their careful attention to carrying food.

The Prairiland Academic Trust Fund, of which I am a board member, held their fundraising banquet last Thursday night. The seniors helped parked cars, wait tables and generally be of use.

They were dressed in crisp white shirts and dark pants. They pointed out parking spots and opened the doors for women with a smile and pleasant greeting.

Inside they helped people find their tables, brought water or tea around, picked up hundreds of dirty plastic plates and were with fail pleasant, friendly and helpful.

After the banquet, they pitched in to clean up, take off table cloths, dismantle tables and make the gym neat in an amazingly short length of time. They required very little direction.

They asked the superintendent if they could play music, and ended up with an impromptu dance that last only little before digging in to pizza as their only reward for their work.

At the Red River County Chamber Banquet the next evening I again observed the candidates for County Ambassadors taking door prizes to people, opening doors and being useful, all with great good cheer.

They are beautiful, these young people. They may have hair cuts that look strange (to us), or clothes that we may think too baggy, or too brief. But their youth is lovely, their enthusiasm catching. As I watched them dancing with sheer joy at being alive I was reminded that we only hear the bad things about today's kids. And there are so many who are good. Look at them with pride... they are worthy of it.

National Wild Turkey Chapter to hold Banquet

The National Wild Turkey Federation Pioneer Chapter of NE Texas Red River County will hold their 2nd annual Banquet and Auction on Saturday, March 4th at the Clarksville High School Auditorium.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. with a BBQ meal. Lots of door prizes will be given away and there will be a kids and ladies raffle. Call Lee Lindeman at 427-2244 or Tom Ed Slaton, 427-2005, Jimmy Meals at 427-5280 or Jason Browning at 966-2905 for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$35 for a single or \$45 for double.

Class of 1960 to meet

The graduating class of 1960 from Bogata High School will have a reunion on Saturday, April 8, 2000 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Neva Dell Harville, 407 South Bryson in Bogata. All class members, friends and former faculty are cordially invited to attend.

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Red River County Chamber presents awards, hears speaker

The Red River County Chamber of Commerce held their annual banquet at Clarksville High School Friday night.

Master of Ceremonies Jim Powers opened with statements about the fact that the Chamber of Commerce was working hard to become the Red River County Chamber of Commerce instead of the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce.

It was reported that there were 11 new businesses were in the county. Thirty two tour guides had been shown the historical points and Red River County and Clarksville are now in the East Texas Vacation Guide. Tour buses are supposed to begin coming into the area.

Judge Jim Lovett spoke on the courthouse renovation program.

The Pioneer Business Award went to Larry Smith, as did the Sunkel Award, given for outstanding service over an extended period of time.

The citizen of the year award was shared by three people this year, Mickey Porterfield and Jim and Dorothy Powers.

Sheriff Bob Edrington accepted the Community Service Award, and

for himself, but for the inmates of the Red River County Jail.

"The inmates can't be here to accept this award" he smiled, but continued to say that "they will truly feel pride in this accomplishment". The inmates have worked throughout Red River County cleaning out brush from creeks, working on sewer lines and generally doing community service work.

David Yates sang for the group, after which the Ambassadors Ceremony was held.

The reigning Miss Clarksville, Jennifer Bean was presented.

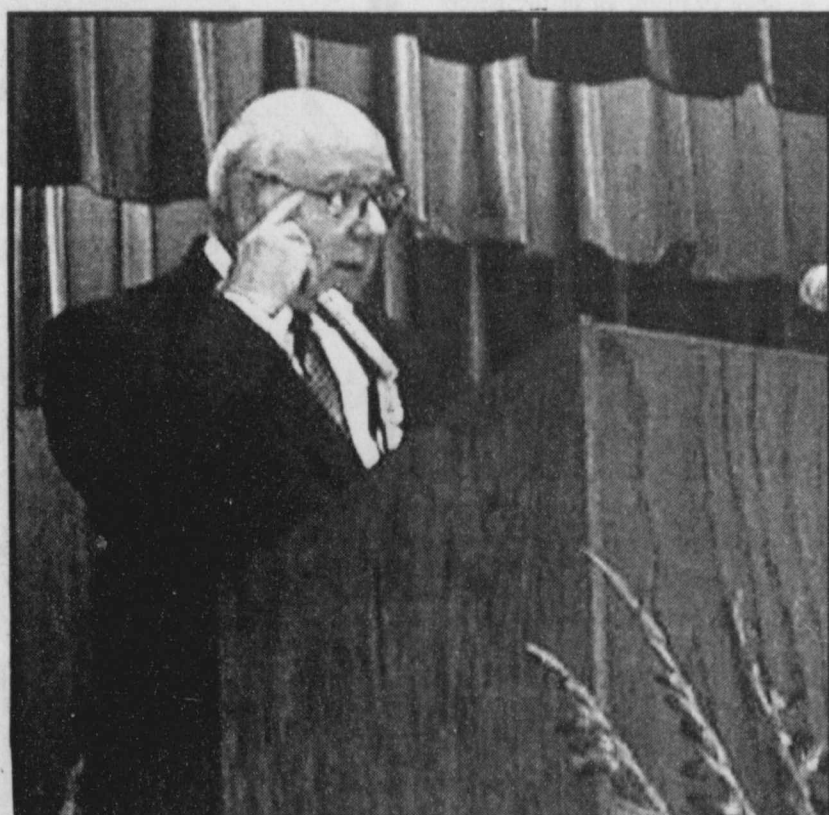
Instead of having Miss Clarksville the organization began this year by having ambassadors from each school system. The ambassadors are: Christopher Ashley of Avery; Casey Crawford from Bogata; Heaver Smith from Detroit and Gladys Roerback from Clarksville. There were fifteen entries.

Senator Bill Ratliff was the featured speaker for the evening.

Senator Ratliff said that the two top concerns of people wherever he went were Education and Crime. "I have good news" he said.



AMBASSADORS-the Red River County Chamber of Commerce picked four Ambassadors, one from each school in the county. From left are: Miss Clarksville, Jennifer Bean; Ambassador Christopher Ashley of Avery; Kacie Crawford, Bogata; Kathy Garrison, Detroit Principal, accepting for Ambassador Heather Smith and Gladys Roerback of Clarksville. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



JUDGE JIM LOVETT reported on the Courthouse Restoration project at the Red River County Chamber Banquet last Friday night. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Pep rally/supper is set for Thursday

The Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club will sponsor a community pep rally and spaghetti supper on Thursday, February 24 at 6 p.m. at the Rivercrest Gym.

The Rebel cheerleaders will perform under blacklight. The supper is free but donations will be greatly appreciated.

Political Rally to be hosted by Bogata Lions Club March 11

The Bogata Lions Club will host a "Political Rally" at the Community Center in Bogata on March 11, 2000.

The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a stew supper. A pie and cake auction will also be held.

All candidates for local, state, and national offices have been invited to attend and most have accepted the opportunity. For more information on the event will available soon.

Red River County Court handles misdemeanor cases

Jack Herrington, Red River County Attorney, reported that Red River County Court which handles misdemeanor cases, was held Tuesday, February 15.

County Judge L.D. Williamson presided and nine people had their probations revoked.

Jahmar Young was sentenced to one year in the county jail, along with Brandon Nickerson, 90 days jail; Raymond Miller, Jr., 90 days jail; Veticia L. Dilworth, nine months jail; Leslie L. Dever, nine months jail;

Stacy D. Coleman, 90 days jail; Sherry A. Haddock, 90 days jail; Less Mimmis, Jr., six months jail; and Don M. Gilbert, nine months jail.

Twenty other cases received probation, with a total of \$12,500 in fines and 2,100 hours of community service.

Several defendants did not appear for their court date. Herrington asked the court to revoke their bond and issue a warrant for their re-arrest. Judge Williamson issued that order.

Bogata Baseball/Softball sign up is set for Feb. 27

The Bogata Baseball/Softball Association along with Bogata T-Ball Association will be having sign up on Sunday, Feb. 27 from 2 to 4 pm at the Bogata Community Center.

Children ages 4-6 will sign up for T-Ball and must bring a copy of their birth certificate along with a fee of \$25.00. Sign up forms will be available.

Baseball/Softball sign ups will be \$25.00 per child and each child must bring a copy of their birth certificate as well. If you have any questions regarding age or team please contact: Mark Hare-632-5150; David Mauldin-632-5732 or Donnie Hays-674-2783.

Tee Ball Director is Bobby Thomson at 632-4591.

Girl Scout cookies on sale

The Bogata Girl Scouts are delivering orders from their recent cookie sale. The group will also sell cookies in front of G & S Handy Mart in Bogata on Friday, Feb. 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Saturday, the girls will be in front of the Clarksville Wal-Mart selling cookies from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Help out your local girl scouts while enjoying delicious cookies. For more information contact Donna Stewart.



RED RIVER COUNTY Sheriff Bob Edrington accepted the Red River Chamber's Community Service Award for the inmates of the county jail at the Chamber banquet last Friday night. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Rebel Softball team to play in tourney

The Lady Rebel softball team will play in the Prairiland tournament on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 24-25-26.

Game time for the Lady Rebels is 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Thursday.

\$316.7 million delivered in February tax rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$316.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,105 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 0.4 percent decrease compared to the \$318.2 million allocated to cities and counties in February, 1999. So far, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 6.6 percent compared to the first two months of 1999.

Local payments received include: Mt. Pleasant received \$326,199.87, a 9.11% decrease over last year's payment.

Talco received \$1,052.43, marking an 18.57% decrease. Bogata received \$8,116.34 for a 59.14% decrease.

Little Dribblers to compete in tourney

The Rivercrest Youth Basketball 5th and 6th grade girls and boys will compete in a tournament at Rivercrest gym on Saturday, Feb. 26. The tentative time for the first game is 9:00 a.m.

Concessions will be available and everyone is invited to come out and support our local youth as they compete and earn funds for the Little Dribbler, Rivercrest Youth Scholarship for Rivercrest senior students.

Clarksville received \$43,097.71 for a 21.30% decrease.

Detroit received \$2,470.11 for a 40.47% decrease.

Blossom received \$2,277.99 for a 34.71% decrease.

Deport received \$1,595.61 for a 4.83% decrease.

Paris received \$653,523.51 for a

5.209% decrease.

This month's payment to cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December and reported to the Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November and December and returns from annual filers for the entire year of 1999.

Bogata School Library

reports successful book fair

Bogata School Library completed another successful book fair the last week of January. Students bought books from a wide array of choices provided by Scholastic Book Fairs.

The school earned a cash profit of \$320.83 as well as over \$200.00 worth of books to add to the library collection. Several students donated books to their classroom including Blake Richardson to Mrs. Huddleston's Kindergarten, Carmen Allen and Kari

Taylor to Mrs. Ross's First Grade.

Donating books to the Library were Carter Kelsey, Dr. and Mrs. E.E. Brooks and Josh Nailling. Dustin Perry and Ashley Thuresson donated two books to the Library in memory of her uncle, Willie (Terry) Sessums. Also teachers Becky Alsop, Brandon Oats and Kathy Stringfellow donated books to the Library. Every donation was greatly appreciated.

Bogata Homecoming to be held Saturday, April 8, 2000

The Bogata Homecoming will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2000 and is planned around lunch. Lunch will be served from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

The gym will be open at 10:00 a.m. for those who wish to meet before lunch. Following lunch there will be a program, business meeting and visiting in the school gym. Hosts for this

year are classes of 1952 and 1953. For more information you may call; Mary Ann Alsobrook Williams at 632-4013, Frances Mayes Rozell at 632-5752 or Mary Margaret Barnard Vaughan at 632-5221.

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend for a fun day of seeing old friends, making new friends and sharing a good meal.

Editor's Quotes

Gifts are what a man has,
grace is what he is.

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Our cook this week is a very sweet lady from out south of Deport near the old Martin community, Nanie Bell Ham. She is a faithful reader of the Deport Weekly and enjoys our paper very much.

She states that she loves to cook and guesses that the past was her real experience for her since she had several children..... seven to be exact! They are Sarah and Charles Ham of Palestine, Nell and Harold Shull of Deport, Bob and Faye Ham of Oklahoma City, Kathy and Joe Bruno of Shreveport, Duwayne and Pat Ham of Deport, Sandra and Marshall Jeffus of Garland and Gerald and Barbara Ham of Yukon, Oklahoma. She also boasts of 18 grandchildren and 30 or so great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Ham was raised in Red River County near a small place called Brewster. She moved to Lamar County in 1949 to a small place called Martin. There is where she and her late husband, his sisters and brothers and also their children went to Martin School. She only attended two schools in her lifetime. One was Brewster and the other was Sherry.

She is an avid quilter, never sits down unless she is doing something with her hands. She also plays the

piano and has a number of other activities that keeps her on the go and quite busy!

We hope you enjoy her recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

Chocolate Pie-her crust recipe is one borrowed from Mrs. Travis King of Fulbright.

Sweet Potato Pie-this is one of my favorite pies and Mrs. Ham has graciously given it to us.

Sweet Dough-this recipe is for rolls, but Mrs. Ham calls it sweet dough and everyone loves it. It also makes great cinnamon rolls.

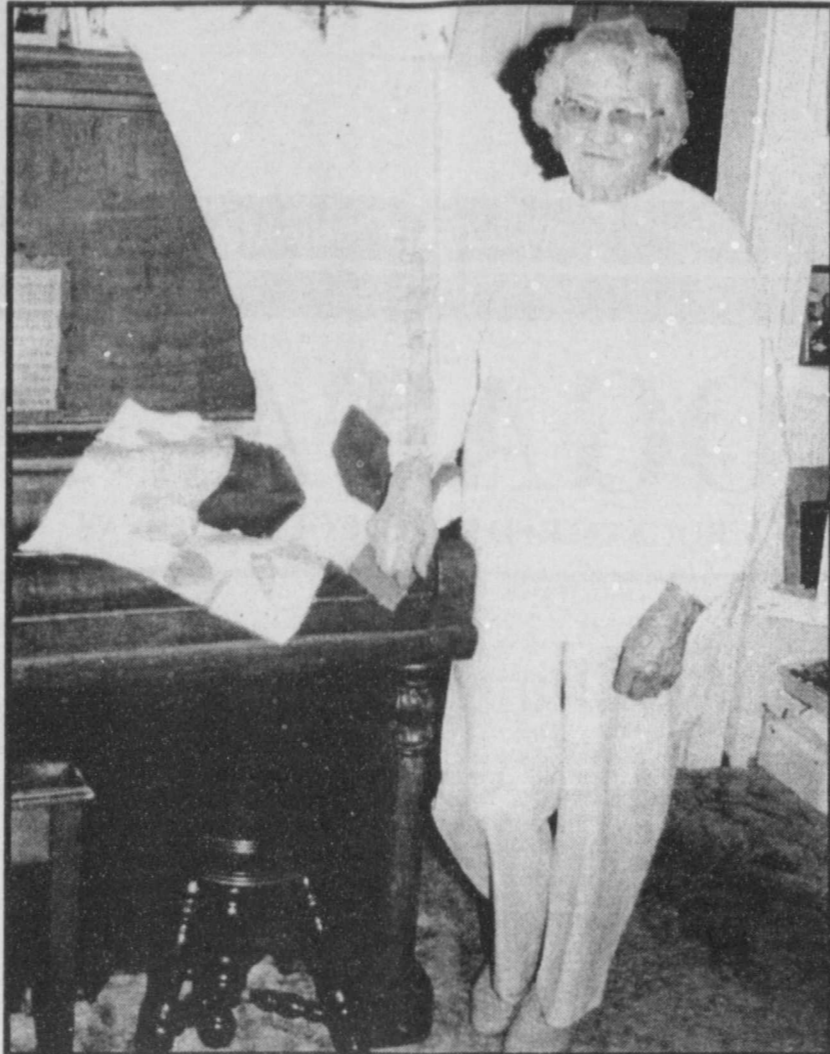
Buttermilk Pie-once again this is one of my favorite pies. . . . come to think of it, there are not many that I don't like!

Chocolate Chess Pie-she had one of these made up and it looked delicious!

Angel Biscuits-this dough can be kept refrigerated for several days or frozen for future use.

Pound Cake-this recipe is great with early morning coffee or just anytime!

Pie Crust-this recipe can be made up and stored in an airtight container, unrefrigerated for several months. Take out desired amount, add water and you have a no-muss, no-fuss pie crust!



COOK OF THE WEEK is Nanie Bell Ham of the Deport area. She loves to cook and collect recipes along with various craft projects and playing the piano. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Arson cases solved

On Tuesday, February 22, Ryan Peel, a resident of the Pattonville area, was arrested by Constable Randy Boren on the charge of burglary of a habitation.

While under questioning for the burglary by Lamar County Sheriff Investigator Joe Tuttle and Constable Boren, Peel signed a written statement in which he confessed to setting at least four of the hay fires that had occurred between Pattonville and Deport during 1999.

According to Lamar County Attorney Kerye Ashmore, warrants for arson are in the process of being issued, which is a second degree felony.

Peel is currently being held in the Lamar County Jail.

People & Things

The Deport Baseball Association will host sign-up for the 2000 season on Tuesday, February 29 at the Deport School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

Bull fertility testing is March 8

The Red River County Extension Office and the Extension Beef and Forage committee will again sponsor a bull fertility and management clinic to be held Wednesday, March 8 in cooperation with the Animal Hospital, located on Highway 82, west in Clarksville.

Bulls will be tested from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The cost of testing will be \$20.00. Ivomec wormer and

Vira Shield and VLS vaccines for bulls tested will be furnished.

Lunch will be served at noon and is being sponsored by Agriland Farm Credit Services and Federal Land Bank. At 12:30, representatives from pharmaceutical companies will have the opportunity to discuss product information.

All area producers are invited to attend and take part in the program.



Vicky Sue Searls dies February 16

Vicky Sue Searls, age 49 of Deport, formerly of California, died Wednesday, February 16 at McCuiston Regional Medical Center in Paris.

She was born March 22, 1950 in Montebello, California, the daughter of James Reed and Nancy Noggle Heaps. She was a member of the Abundant Life Church in Minner.

She is survived by her husband, David Searls of Deport; two sons, David James Searls of California and Joel Searls of Deport; three daughters, Debby Jones of San Diego, California, Laura Teel and Morgan Searls of Deport; one sister, Laura Jean Baker of Stanton, California and nine grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Thank You

We would like to thank all our relatives and friends for their prayers, flowers, visits, words of comfort and the food brought to us and any contributions to the Leisa Brown Scholarship Fund during the illness and death of our loved one, Emmitt Ray Pratt.

A special thanks to Bro. Ellis, Bro. Permenter and Bro. Lee for their words of comfort and support. We would like to express our heart felt thanks to Ella McFadden Hospice Caregivers, Dr. Bercher and Dr. Wikoff; also thank you to Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home. May God be with you all.

The Pratt Family

Card of Thanks

Our special thank you for the prayers, cards and food for our beautiful pot plants from our neighbors in the loss of our daughter.

Charles and Cora Tidwell

Card of Thanks

I want to thank all of my neighbors, especially Ken Sloan, for their quick response in helping with the grass fire on February 12. I also want to thank the Cuthand and Bogata Fire Departments for their response and hard work. We take friends and volunteers for granted too often! Thanks again!

Joseph Rose

Obituaries

James D. Boyd dies February 20

James D. Boyd, age 85 of Talco, died Sunday, February 20 in Titus Regional Medical Center, Mt. Pleasant.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 24 in Talco Bethel Church of God in Christ with Supt. J.E. Smith officiating. Burial followed in Piney Cemetery under the direction of Tume Mortuary, Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Boyd was born September 3, 1914 in Sulphur Springs, TX, a son of Billy and Mary Boyd.

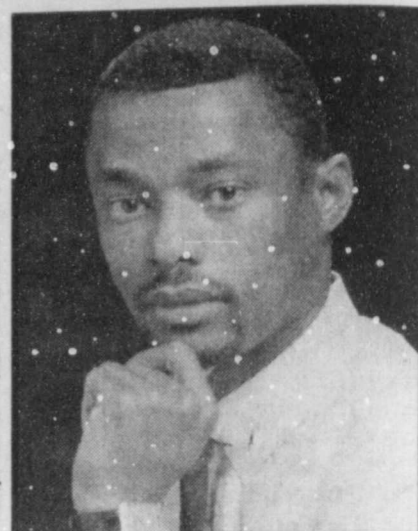
He was a member of the Talco Bethel Church of God in Christ and a self-employed farmer.

His wife, Rosie Mae Boyd, preceded him in death, along with his brothers.

Surviving are a stepson, Don Ellis of Ft. Worth; a grandson, Marvin Hines, Jr. of Talco; a daughter, Nona Hines of Talco; three stepdaughters, Genetta Brown of Talco, Lola Hines and Dimple Haley, both of Ft. Worth; three sisters, Ella Mae Sanders of Sulphur Springs, Grace Pitts of Ft. Worth and Helen Petty of Dallas; five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; step-grandchildren.

Bearers were Eddie J. Norman, Autry Hines, Jr., Sammie Ellis, Elliott Pogue, Willie Sanders, Jerry Curtis and Henry Norman, Jr.

Honorary bearers were Autry Hines, Sr., Van Haley, Virgil Savage and Willie Maxwell.



Gregory Hilton Norman

Gregory Hilton Norman dies February 19

Gregory Hilton Norman, 38, a native of Talco died Saturday, February 19, 2000 in Dallas.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 a.m. Thursday, February 24, 2000 at Bethel Church of God in Christ in Talco under the direction of Evergreen Memorial Funeral Home of Dallas. Superintendent Jimmy Smith will officiate. Interment will be at Piney Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Milton Norman, Levene Norman, Lawrence Norman, Ricky Norman, Eugene Norman Jr. and David Norman. Honorary pallbearers will be Eddie Williams, Cleveland Cannon, Eddie Williams Jr., Jason Pogue, David Newsome, Marcus Norman, Lawrence Norman II, Derrick Norman and Sedrick Cuellar.

Mr. Norman was born Oct. 7, 1961, in Talco, the son of Eugene and Marie Norman. He attended Rivercrest High School, North Texas State University in Denton and Lubbock Christian College in Lubbock. He was a member of the Talco Bethel Church of God in Christ and the Tabernacle of Deliverance in Dallas. Mr. Norman was employed as a command center computer operator by the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas.

He is survived by his parents, Eugene and Marie Norman of Talco, brothers and sister-in-law, Milton and Donna Norman of Mt. Pleasant, Lawrence and Sudie Norman of Middleburg, Florida and Ricky and Juanita Norman of Longview; brothers, Levene Norman of Lancaster and Eugene Norman Jr. of Talco; sisters and brothers-in-law Evelyn and David Newsome of Ft. Worth, Bobbie and Eddie Williams of Mt. Pleasant, Darlene and Mack Newton of Mt. Pleasant and Penny and Cleveland Cannon of Talco; special friend, Louisa Casey of Dallas and 22 nephews and nieces, a host of other relatives and friends.

R.D. Cotton dies February 19

R.D. Cotton, age 74 of Commerce died February 19 in Presbyterian Hospital in Commerce.

Services were held at Highland Cemetery in Deport on February 21 with Rev. James Renfro officiating. Jones-Walker & Son Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Cotton was born in Blossom, TX on November 2, 1925, a son of Ruben and Dallis Glover Cotton. He married the former Jeanette Parks on May 11, 1946 in Paris. He was an asbestos worker and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in World War II. He was a Baptist.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanette Cotton of Commerce; a son, David Cotton of Commerce; a daughter, Linda Graham of Emory; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty Childers of Toledo Bend, Elsie Ray of Wills Point and Ruth Westbrook of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Dickie Cotton.

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Miss Thelma's love of people shines

Miss Thelma Warren loves the community of Deport. In fact, she has never lived more than eight miles from the downtown Deport Water tower in her 91 years! It doesn't take a long visit with her to know how much she loves this area, her family and her friends.

Thelma was born July 16, 1908 in the nearby community of Milton. Her parents were Carl and Alice King Ladd. She the only girl and the oldest of four children. Two of her brothers, Ralph and Hoyle are both deceased. Brother Carlos lives in Deport.

She went to school through the sixth grade in the Martin Community School. Seventh grade through high school graduation in 1925 was spent in the Deport school system. After high school graduation Thelma went to Paris Junior College for two years, majoring in Elementary Education. She then began teaching in the Deport Elementary School. She continued working on her degree on weekends at PJC and during the summer months at East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce. The summer of 1937 she and two other teachers took classes at Columbia University in New York. They went with the Deport School Superintendent and his wife. The Superintendent was working on his doctorate. Thelma said "We got a lot of education by seeing the sights of New York. We went on a boat up the Hudson River to West Point. We saw the Rockettes, and several Broadway shows. Of course, we saw the statue of Liberty, Atlantic Ocean and Harlem. This was all very exciting to us country girls!"

Thelma was connected with the Deport Elementary School for 16 years either as a teacher or principal. She says "We believed 'spare the rod, spoil the child'. However, we were not abusive. We tried to teach the children to love and respect everyone. We often had programs, celebrating May Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and other times. We had a cantata: Jack and the Bean Stalk. It was something the children always

seemed to enjoy, as well as their parents. Not only did the children and their families enjoy them, but we, the teachers, took great pride in the children's interest and efforts".

Thelma retired at the end of the school year of 1943. She had married Ben Warren at Christmas of 192, and was taking on a new role as the wife of a farmer, rancher and dairyman in the Fulbright community.

Mr. Ben had a daughter, Susie Lou, by his first wife, who had died. Susie Lou was married. Her husband was in Air Force Cadet Training. World War II was going on. Since they were being moved from air base to air base the couple brought their son, Jim, to Ben and Thelma when he was only two weeks old. Living conditions for new born babies were not good, so Jim Kunkel spent his formative years with Ben and Thelma during the war. Jim called them Papa and Momma, and to this day he still calls Thelma momma. The lives in Houston with his family, and calls "momma" at least once a week.

After the war Jim became big brother to his sister, Valerie, who lives in Longview with her family. Back then his family lived in Clarksville. Every Friday, when he got out of school, Thelma was there to pick Jim up and he spent the weekend with the Warrens. One Friday, after a heavy rain, the creek was out and water was across the bridge. Thelma was late to Clarksville to fetch Jim. She told him why she was late and asked him what he would do if she was later some other time, or could not show up.

Jim's firm replay "I'll sit on the steps and wait for you, Momma."

Thelma says that some of her students grew up to be her best friends. Some of these friends and others made up a traveling group of seven. They took several fun trips together in a van. Thelma, Virginia Grant Kirkland, Reba Griffin Temple, Ruth Grant Murrell, Ina Sparks, Nina Sparks and Mavis Sowards take off to places such Branson, Mo.; Gatlinburg, Tenn. (they also have been to Pigeon Forge

and Dollywood). A favorite spot going and coming from Tennessee is the Casey Jones Motel, where they go through the Casey Jones Home, now a museum.

Thelma's grandparents, Henry Clay and Amy Rebecca King were from Jackson, and she wondered what it had been like in Jackson in their day. In addition to these trips they went to Beavers Bend, Oklahoma in April and October for many years.

Thelma is a long time member of the First United Methodist Church of Deport.

"I am surrounded with friends I grew up with and many that I taught. They play the piano, the organ, Direct the choir and are Sunday School teachers...it's home" she smiles.

Thelma says that "four classes of former Deport Students go together and have homecoming often, and they always include me. One year they had as their theme "This Is Your Life Miss Thelma". Some are now 80, but they come home and enjoy being together and remembering their cherished school days, their cherished school days, and the teachers and friends they love so much. On another occasion they presented me with a long white paddle that reads "From All Your Students, We Love You Miss Thelma". It decorates one of my walls and reminds me of them daily."

Miss Thelma, as she is affectionately known, has a lovely apartment in the Deport Housing Authority. She is happy and enjoys the company of friends daily. She and the other traveling members have lots of stories to share.

Thelma says "The greatest thing about living in the apartments is being reunited with my friend of 70 years, Ruth Grant Murrell. We went to high school together, attended college together and never lost contact over the years that Ruth lived in Lufkin. We don't see each other every day but we do talk several times a day on the phone."

Miss Thelma has lived a rich, full life and her multitude of friends and admirers testify to that.



"Miss Thelma" enjoying life at 91

Editor's Quotes
He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home

RHS Betas compete in Austin

Six members of the Rivercrest Beta Club were among over 2,000 Betas who attended the National Beta Club State Convention held at the Renaissance Austin Hotel on January 21-22. Keynote addresses were given by State officers Josh Gallion, president, Josh Carrell, vice president and Meagan Rash, secretary.

Betas elected their 2000-2001 state officers. They are; Blake Billingslea, president of Lone Oak; Roy Fuller, vice president of Whitewright and Michelle LeNormand, secretary of Hull-Daisetta.

Rivercrest students competing in

the academic competitions which were held at the Texas State Convention were; Sam Stanley in Social Studies; Ashlei Moles, Coleman Brown, Sara Hollands and Shelly Hollis in Quiz Bowl; Shelly Hollis in Creative Writing and Kendall Stansell in Talent.

Out of 22 entries, Kendall was one of the eight chosen to advance into the finals. She gave a beautiful performance singing, "Angel" by Sarah McLachlan.

The Beta Club is sponsored by Tammy Kuhlengel.

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RWNT will meet February 28

Republican Women of Northeast Texas will meet Monday, February 28 at 6:30 for refreshments and at 7:00 p.m. for the business meeting at the home of Joan Davis in Mt. Vernon.

Special guest is Dr. Joyce Roberts of Mt. Vernon, who will speak on

women's health issues.

The RWNT meets the fourth Monday of each month. Dues are \$20 per year for members and \$10 per year for associate members. For information, call Maxine Patton in Talco, 903-379-5171.

First Baptist of Talco to have special speaker

Brother Ron Owen will be the speaker at First Baptist Church of Talco on Sunday February 27 at both the 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. services.

Bro. Owen will be speaking and singing. He and his wife, Christy and their new son Adrian will accompany Bro. Owen.

Everyone is invited to come out.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Ashley Beers a Rivercrest Freshman who has received a \$200.00 scholarship from the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute Student Forum sponsored by Paris Junior College TRIO Programs and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Ashley also received a plaque and certificate for her efforts. She is the daughter of Mark and Karen Beers of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Campaign signs not allowed on right-of-way

As the election season moves into high gear, candidates and campaign workers are reminded to be careful where they place campaign signs.

Such signs are not allowed on state highway right of way, which is reserved for official traffic control signs. Campaign signs erected on highway right of way will be removed by the Texas Department of Transportation and the owner can be charged for removal costs.

In addition, a person placing an unauthorized sign in highway right

of way can be fined up to \$500 per sign.

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Sulphur Springs to host Riverdance

The Civic Center in Sulphur Springs, Texas will be hosting the Riverdance; "Spirit of the Dance-The New Millennium" the next dimension of Irish dance. The show is one of the most successful ever to come out of the U.K. Four sold-out world tours, award-winning choreography, a best seller-video and a hit CD have all contributed to the success of this incredible theatrical production.

The program will be held on March 1, 2000 beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the Civic Center Box Office or charge by phone at 903-885-8071. There is a \$1.00 per ticket handling charge on all credit card orders.

Notice to RHS class of 1985

Plans have been in the works for a Rivercrest High School Class of 1985 Reunion during this past year. Class members have searched high and low for classmates to make the reunion set for May 20, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center a success.

A questionnaire was mailed to all class members who have been found and a request for a return of the questionnaire by February 12, 2000 was made. The group have received few responses although they hear of many who plan to attend. In order to have enough food for those planning to attend the questionnaires are very important and even if plans to attend are not made the questionnaires will let classmates know what has happened in each classmates life.

All classmates a urged to please return these forms as soon as possible to Jennifer Reeder, whose address is on the form. Lets celebrate our 15th year away from Rivercrest High School back together again.!



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lee Taylor

Kristi Joanna Goates-Ralph Lee Taylor united in marriage

Kristi Joanna Goates and Ralph Lee Taylor were united in holy matrimony at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 15, 2000 at Calvary Baptist Church in Talco. Brother Wesley Vandever performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gene and Marvie Goates of Maple Springs and the granddaughter of Cleatus Goates and the late Imargene Goates and the late Mary Ann Goates of Mt. Pleasant and the late Joe and Georgie Randle of Maple Springs.

The groom is the son of Don and Rosalyn Jennings and the late Clifford Taylor of Lafayette and the grandson of the late Garland and Ronald Henson of Lafayette and William and Della Taylor of Winnsboro.

The bride was escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a designer gown in white. The satin bodice was accented with Schiffl lace and designed with long tapered sleeves. The scalloped sweetheart neckline and basque waistline flowed into a full satin skirt. The semi-cathedral train was edged in Schiffl lace and was bustled for the reception. The V back was accented with a bow at the back waist. Her veil featured the same design as her dress with two layers of ribbon edged fountain tulle illusion that flowed to her waist. She wore a pearl necklace, earrings, bracelet and ring. Her cascading bouquet of white, navy, wine and emerald flowers entwined with ivy, babies breath and ribbon was accented with a Bible and her grandmother's handkerchiefs.

Attending the bride as matron of

honor was her sister, Wanda Vandever, wearing a navy lace dress. Serving as bridesmaids and wearing wine lace dresses were Katy Carpenter, Tonya Hawkins the bride's best friends ad Laura Cochran, the bride's cousin. They carried goblets accented with flowers, ribbon and a lit candle. Dressed identical to the bride's attendants and dropping petals from baskets were Paige Vandever, the bride's niece and Jessica Clark, a friend of the bride.

Attending the groom who was dressed in a white tuxedo, as best man was his brother, Harlton Taylor. Serving as groomsmen were Paul Miller, David Johns, the groom's best friends and Garland Taylor the groom's brother. Wayne Taylor carried the rings attached to the white lace and satin cross-shaped pillow made by the bride's mother. Candle lighters were Clinton Vandever, the bride's nephew and Wayne Taylor. Ushers were Scotty Goates, the bride's brother and Chase Banks, the groom's nephew. They wore classic black tuxes.

Lisa Goates, the bride's sister-in-law attended the registry table decorated with pictures, candles, flowers and the guest book. The sanctuary was decorated with large flower arrangements, crescent and spiral candelabras, unity candle and wedding bell lights.

Organist, Ann Roberts, played the Wedding March. Pianist, Mona Pitts, played the Titanic theme song. Vocal duets by Randy and Lisa Carroll were "Parents Prayer" and "I Will Be Here". Vocal solo "We'll Live For Him" was

sung by Karen Ward as the mothers lit the unity candle.

A reception hosted by the bride's parents was held in the gym at the First Baptist Church in Talco. It was beautifully decorated with icicle lights and wedding bells. The bride's table was decorated with her bouquet, pictures, candles, punch, nuts and mints, wine napkins and a wedding cake that featured a spiral stairway with miniature attendants on the stairway and a waterfall at the bottom made by Weddings Etc. in Mt. Pleasant. The reception was also catered by Weddings Etc.

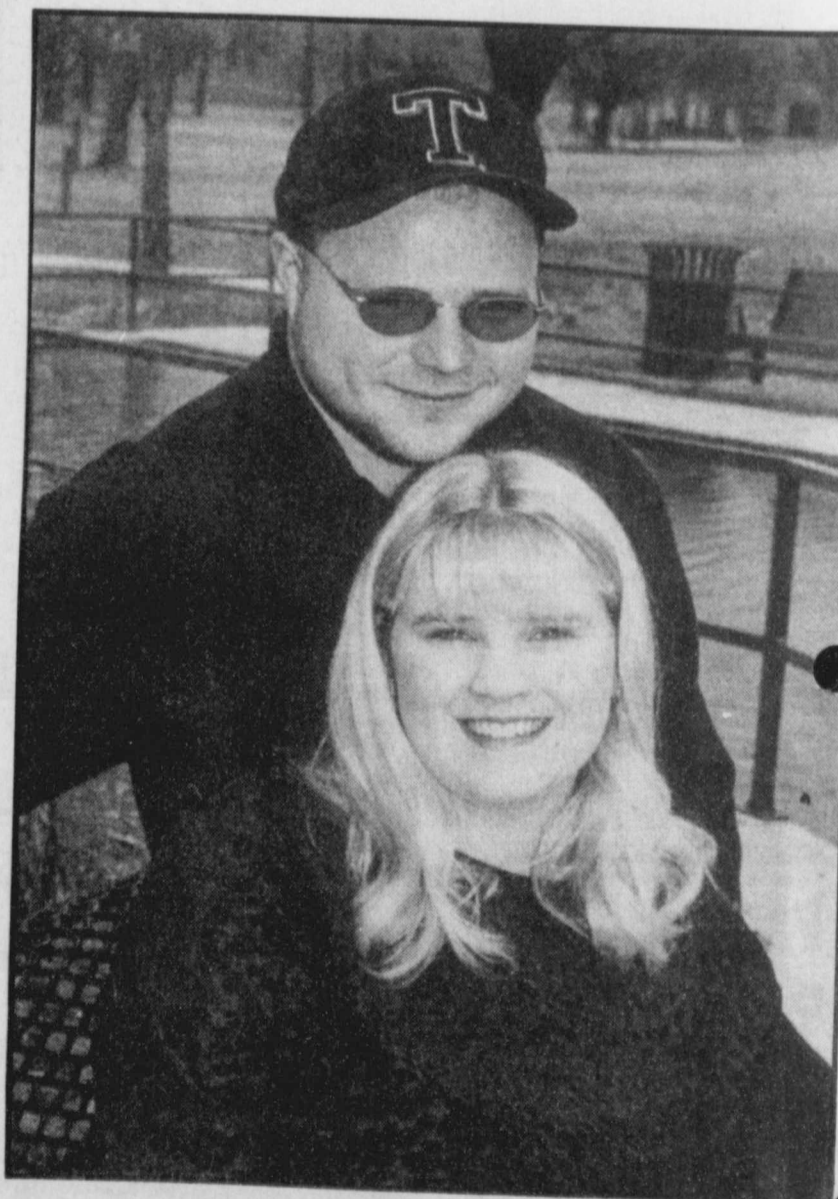
The groom's table was decorated with a chocolate cake with a Dallas Cowboy theme. Coffee, nuts and mints were served. A large decorated pewter candle, pictures of the bride and groom and navy napkins accented the table.

Citrus punch was served by Betty Moon, Nicki Roberts, Brandi Bosley, Lacey Wright, Charlotte Taylor, Megan Landaverde and Angela Ward. Zachery Carpenter and Corey Martin passed out rose buds filled with birdseed and spoon keepsakes.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Western Sizzlin in Mt. Pleasant. A bridesmaid luncheon was held at the church before the wedding. Several showers were given for the couple and they received many nice and useful gifts which were greatly appreciated. Gifts were presented to the wedding party.

The couple have made their home in Maple Springs following a honeymoon trip to Tennessee.

 We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.
 —Oscar Wilde



Lois Waldrum and Eric Hall

Lois Waldrum-Eric Hall to wed

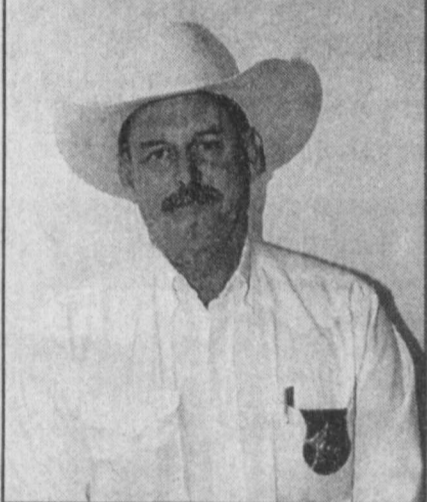
Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Waldrum would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Lois to Eric Hall.

Lois finished her education in 1997 and is now employed at E.C. Brice Elementary School in Mt. Pleasant as an interpreter for the deaf. Her grandparents are Mrs. Yvonne and the late J.E. Waldrum of Talco and Mrs. Nancy and the late Doyle Brooks of Jolntown and Great Grandmother, Evie Waldrum of Talco.

Eric is the son of Steve and Mary Jo Hall of Talco. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Price of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Guylene Hall and the late Dured Hall of Talco. He is a 1995 graduate of Rivercrest High School and is employed in Mt. Pleasant.

The couple plan a double ring ceremony on March 17, 2000 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

All friends and family are cordially invited to attend.



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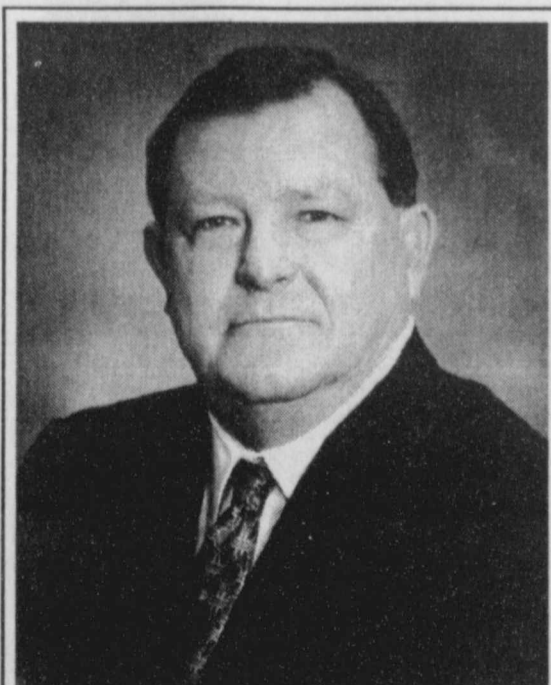
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Third Tuesday of each month
 Bogata Lions Club sponsors Bingo at Red River Healthcare Center. Lions Club members should volunteer to help when they can.

First Mondays
 NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) Consumers meeting will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church located at 4th and Madison in Mt. Pleasant, Tx. All interested persons are invited to attend.

February 25
 The Lady Rebels 8th grade will sponsor a Bake Sale in front of the Talco Post Office beginning at 8:00 a.m. All proceeds will go to help the girls attend the State Basketball Play-offs in Austin.

February 27
 Jennifer Allmon bride-elect of Jack Brown will be honored with a miscellaneous wedding shower on Feb. 27 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Maple Springs Church. All family and friends are invited to attend.

March 3
 The Rivercrest ISD will observe Presidents Day on March 3, 2000 instead of the previous set date of February 21. Various school activities forced the change of the date. There will be no school on March 3 at Rivercrest Schools.

March 5
 Lois Waldrum bride-elect of Eric Hall will be honored with a miscellaneous wedding shower on March 5 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco. All family and friends are invited to attend. Selections are at Wal-Mart Mt. Pleasant.

Notice
 Alcoholics Anonymous beginning in July will meet on every Wednesday only at 8 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rec. Room in Clarksville. Everyone is Welcome.



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The world of funeral service is constantly changing. Many of family owned funeral homes have given way to corporations that for whatever reason fail to give the individual service that has long since been the trademark of the funeral industry. Casket stores & burial societies have tried to place the emphasis on ways of saving you money with no thoughts to provide and the personnel that service them. Long after a funeral is ended it won't be the type of casket or how nice the funeral home was decorated that will be remembered by the family. What will be remembered is the caring service offered by a compassionate staff that allowed the family to express their grief in a way that was healing for them. That is something that you can't put a price on--something that cannot be discounted.

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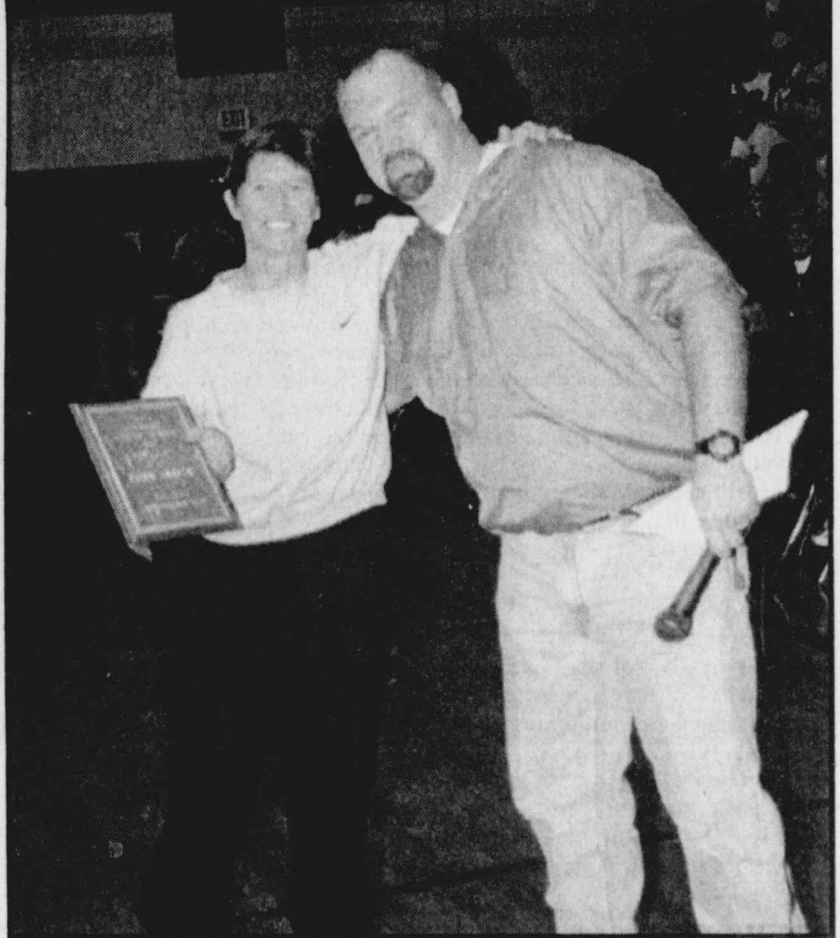
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VISITING- Sarah Bailey King, State Representative District 2 Candidate, and husband Larry visit with Nanalee Nichols at the Red River County Chamber Banquet last week. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



RIVERCREST GIRLS BASKETBALL-Head Coach, Debbie Williams was honored at the last Rebel home game with a plaque in recognition of her 200 career win. She is pictured receiving her plaque from Principal/Athletic Director, Keith Brown. Congratulations Debbie!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



NEW OWNERS-the former 909 Diner is under new management. Shirley Vickers and Pat Cox proudly announce the CoVix Family Restaurant will be open Monday through Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. They invite everyone to stop by for a visit and good meal. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

8th grade Lady Rebels need help

The Talco-Bogata 8th grade Lady Rebels are "Austin Bound" the first weekend in March to watch the girls State Playoffs. The trip will be an inspiring and educational one for the group but they could use your help.

The trip will cost approximately \$300 per Lady Rebel. Their parents will be sponsoring bake sales and will raffle off retired Beanie Babies and will be selling chances on a \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Certificate to earn funds. Your purchases will be greatly appreciated along with cash donations from local individuals and businesses.

The first bake sale will be held in Bogata on Friday, Feb. 18 beginning at 8:45 a.m. in front of the Bogata Guaranty Bank. On Friday, Feb. 25 beginning at 8:00 a.m. a sale will be held in Talco in front of the Talco Post Office. Raffle tickets will be available at both bake sales or call Deana Boyd at 632-4820 in Bogata or Sue Wilson at 379-3741 in Talco or see any 8th grade Lady Rebel parent to purchase a chance or make a donation. Help send the girls to Austin and someday be proud to see Rivercrest have a playoff team at Austin.

JOHNTOWN NEWS
By Jana Hawkins

Misty Dodd enjoyed visiting with April Dodd this week. They especially enjoyed walking April's dog in the warm weather we have had.

Johnstown Missionary Baptist Church members enjoyed breakfast Saturday morning at the church. Afterward the men worked on the new addition. The foundation was poured on Monday morning.

Haley Hawkins enjoyed traveling to Texarkana Sunday afternoon with Elmer and Bonnie Green, Adam and Tracey Eudy and boys. They all attended Crystal Burress's baptism.

New Arrivals

Jaidin Raylee Swarts arrived February 15, 2000 at 5:16 p.m. in Titus County Regional Hospital weighing 8 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Jaidin is the daughter of Jaime Swarts of Talco. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Swarts of Talco. Great Grandparents are the late Howard and Florene Swarts of Talco and Virginia and the late Lenton Roach of Mt. Pleasant.

FBC GA's host Valentine banquet

On February 16, 2000 the GA's (Girl Ambassadors) of the First Baptist Church in Bogata honored their mothers and grandmothers with a Valentine Banquet.

Guest speaker for the evening was Lou Ada Franklin who spoke to the girls on how important a mother is. She encouraged the girls to show respect to their mothers at all times not just on special occasions. 24 attended the banquet.

Willie Clark host 84 Club Feb. 17

Willie Clark was hostess for the 84 Club on Thursday afternoon, February 17, 2000 at her home in Bogata. Twelve members enjoyed a delicious buffet arrangement of refreshments.

Two tables were arranged for the games and the following members attended: Donnie Smith, Maurine Mankins, Bertha McCall, Willie Mae Gray, Bess Ruthart, Ethel Epps, Jimmie King, Jettie Bond, Woodie Harvill, Helen Williams, Lou Ada Franklin and the hostess.

The March meeting will be in the home of Bertha McCall.

Lions sponsor bingo

The Bogata Lions Club sponsored bingo at Red River Healthcare in Bogata on February 15, 2000. Lions Club members helping with the event were Buck and Betty Ramsey, Raymond Franklin and Coy Coker.

Residents of the home who were the lucky winners were: Percy Topping, Grady Childers, Billie Hancock, Hugh R. Forrester, Dorothy Posey, Doris Skaggs, Nina Hudson, George Hancock, Shelia Gibson and Oma McKinney.

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Political Adv. Paid for by Carla Jones, P.O. Box 2074, Mt. Pleasant, Tx. 75456

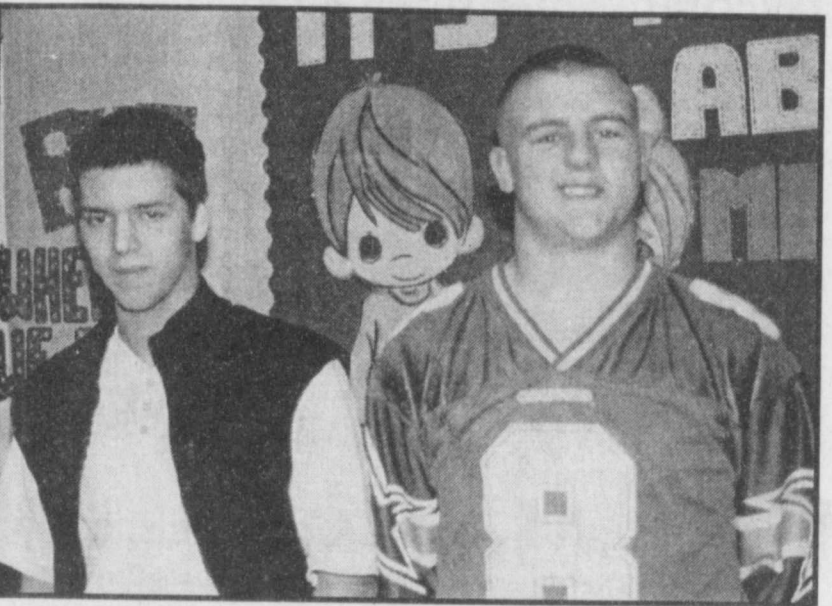
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JUDY EASLEY AND REGINA EASLEY - sold \$1.00 chances on 2 season passes to Six Flags Over Texas at the last Rebel basketball game held Tuesday night. The ladies are part of a team working to earn funds for the "Relay for Life" of the American Cancer Society. The ladies will also sponsor a bake sale in front of the Talco Post Office on March 31, 2000. If you would like a chance on the Six Flags passes or would like to purchase or donate to the bake sale please call Judy Easley at 379-9195 or Joy Easley at 379-5976. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CONGRATULATIONS-to the Rebel Debate Team of Phillip Rolan and Jason Thomas who took 3rd place at the Savoy High School Debate Tournament Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000. Phillip was awarded Top Speaker at the tourney and Jason placed Second Speaker. The Rivercrest Debators were set to travel to Paris Junior College on Friday, Feb. 18 for their District Meet. The Debate teams are sponsored by RHS teacher, Donald Stockton. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata Locals call 632-5322

Doyle and Nina Smith of Denton visited Chrystine Baker over the weekend. On Friday evening they enjoyed a fish supper at Melba's in Bogata. On Saturday they visited with Billie and Ronnie Welch in Blossom. They saw the destruction of the our recent ice storm through the Welch's new barn which collapsed from the ice and snow.

Hayden Holt received a good report from his doctor last week. The pressure in his head will be treated with medicine and the Holts were encouraged to take Hayden out more. He enjoyed attending church Sunday morning and evening.

Candlelighting Ceremony for Vocational Nursing Class #36 of Texarkana College was held February 17, 2000. Dee (Tabb) Richardson of Manchester was one of the 50 graduates. Members of Dee's family attending the service were; Bob and Maggie Dee Richardson of Manchester, Dan and Vicki Tabb of Miro, Delene Tabb of Cuthand, Dixie Stringfellow of Bogata and Joyce Barton of Rosston.

Happy February Birthday to: Kaitlyn Yale.

Visiting Raymond and LouAda Franklin over the weekend were Casey and Phillip Moore and their daughter, Audrey of Killeen, Texas.

William and Annette Cooper of Wright City, Oklahoma visited with Dixie Stringfellow Saturday. Other recent visitors with Mrs. Stringfellow were Vicki and Danny Tabb and Billy Stringfellow.

Enjoying a family meal at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Gray, Marty and Jody of Bogata on Monday, Feb. 21 were Mrs. Billie Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Tippitt and Ty Figueroa of Deport, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Francis, Cody and Chance Wolfe of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Figueroa and Montanna of Roxton, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Francis and Caley, Camen Calvin and Courtney Huddleston of Bogata.

Visiting in the home of Jerry and Gerlyn Gray and Margaret Davis on Sunday were Judy and Heather Holt and Danny, Jessica and Marli Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Stephenson, D'Ann and Zachery Montoya celebrated Mrs. Vera Craddock's birthday at the Fish Fry in Paris. Vera was 85 years young February 20, 2000 and is the only surviving child of the late Isaac and Laura King Stephenson.



SMILE, YOU'RE ON C...CAMERA! However, it's not Candid Camera, it's the Red River County Crime Stoppers camera and these burglars were caught in the act of robbing the Ponderosa Liquor Store in Annona on January 22. Red River County Sheriff's Department is investigating the burglary in cooperation with Red River County Crime Stoppers, who is offering up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the persons responsible for this crime.

Smile! You're C..... Camera

The Ponderosa Liquor Store in Annona was burglarized sometime between January 22 and 23.

Entry into the store was gained by throwing a piece of concrete through the glass on the front door.

The two suspects entered and removed three six packs and two 30 packs of beer from the cooler. They then exited the store the same way they gained entry.

The burglary is being investigated by the Red River County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with Red River County Crime Stoppers, who is offering a reward for the arrest and indictment of the persons responsible for this crime.

The surveillance tape from the business is being studied for further evidence regarding the identity of the burglars.

RHS power lifters compete Feb. 17

The newly formed Lady Rebel Power Lifting team competed well at the Honey Grove Invitational Meet on Thursday, February 17, 2000.

Brittany Bull placed 2nd in the 114 pound class, Alison Foster placed 3rd in the 114 pound class, Jill Foster placed 1st in the 132 pound class, Misti Tucker placed 3rd in the 148

pound class and Krisha Allums placed 4th in the 148 pound class.

The Lady Rebels all improved their weight totals from the last meet and are working very hard to try and qualify for the regional meet. The team is coached by Gary Schultz and Jimmy Rogers.

Talco Church of Christ Calendar of Events

Regular Sunday Services: 9:45 Bible class; Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.; Evening Service: 6:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study hosted by various members weekly: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday regular service: 7:00 p.m. **February 23-27:** Northeast Texas Bible Lecturship at Talco Wednesday through Sunday daily 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 4 Youth Rally Brother Bryan Hodge would like to invite everyone to attend. He also reports 2 people from Talco community received Bibles for commuting to the quiz in the last issue of House to House. Congratulations! The next issue will be out soon.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another. Charles Dickens

Red River County Crime Stoppers

Sometime between January 22 and 23, the Ponderosa Liquor Store in Annona was burglarized. Entry into the business was gained by throwing a piece of concrete through the glass front door. The two suspects entered and removed three six packs and two 30 packs of beer from the cooler. They exited the store the same place where entry was gained.

Sometime between February 18 and 19, a theft occurred on the Woolly Ranch near the intersection of FM114 and FM1158. The following items were taken, 1990 5610 diesel tractor,

New Holland front-end loader, a set of shop made hayforks and back hayforks.

Crime Stoppers needs your information to solve these or any felony crimes. You could earn up to \$1,000 should your information lead to the arrest and indictment of the parties responsible for these crimes. Remember, you do not have to be identified and you do not have to testify. Call 427-TIPS or 427-8477. Additional crime listings can be viewed at <http://www.crimestop.com/>, search Red River County, Texas.

Red River County Sheriff's Report February 14-19

February 14: Theft in Kanawha; male arrested on Lamar County warrant theft by check class B; theft in Kanawha; trash dumping; reckless driver near Detroit; inmate released on Lamar County charge; animal complaint in Detroit; theft in Detroit.

February 15: Theft in Detroit; theft of services in Annona; animal complaint on 37 south; male arrested on Lamar County warrant, bail jumping and failure to appear, theft by check; male arrested on violation of probation, driving while intoxicated, second offense; inmate transported to Lamar County on their charge.

February 16: Traffic hazard on FM410; suspicious vehicle in Avery; male arrested don warrant for violation of probation; burglary of habitation in Bagwell; report of family disturbance in Bogata; male arrested on charge of assault family violence w/ bodily injury.

February 17: Activated alarm in Bogata; burglary of coin operated machine in Annona.

February 18: Inmate released for time served; 911 hangup on Fm44 south; male arrested on warrant, motion to proceed with an adjudication of guilt, burglary of building, unlawful possession of a firearm by felon; male arrested on Paris PD warrant for murder; male arrested on offense of indecency with a child; inmate released on bail bond; emergency message to Bagwell area.

February 19: Inmate released with credit for time served, released to Titus County; inmate released on bail bond; domestic disturbance on Hwy. 82 west; major accident in Detroit; female arrested on view on offense of driving while intoxicated.

Red River County holds 87 inmates.

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—Confucius

**Miss Texas 1999 will make
Lamar/Red River county appearances**

Yanci Yarbrough, Miss Texas 1999 will make appearances in February and March in Lamar and Red River County schools as a guest of Project SAVE, a grant program of the Lamar County Coalition of Education, Business and Industry.

Miss Yarbrough will hold a press conference at the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce following her first appearance on the Blossom campus of Prairiland ISD on Monday, February 28 to speak to grades six through eight. The press conference is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

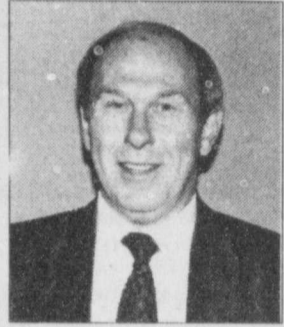
Miss Yarbrough serves on the Board of Directors of Drug Prevention Resources, Inc., and is involved with TCADA, Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America, Partnership for a Drug Free Texas and America, D.A.R.E. and the Office of the National Drug Control Policy.

A graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Public Relations, she represented Hurst-Euleless-Bedford at the Miss Texas Pageant. She was named fourth runner-up to Miss America 2000 in that pageant last September. While attending college, Miss Yarbrough was on the Dean's List, a student Senator for three years, and was active in the Student Association and Pi Beta Phi sorority. She plans to continue a career as a college professor and motivational speaker.

Project SAVE is a Texas Department of Health grant program implemented in Lamar, Delta and Red River Counties to lower rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Research shows these statistics may be lowered dramatically when youth are provided with information regarding sexual health and they understand the link between their future and making good decisions now.



KEVIN GRAY, Texas Department of Safety officer, received an intoxilizer from Red River County Attorney Jack Herrington on Thursday, February 17, for use in field breathalyzer tests. Monies to purchase the costly equipment comes from the drug forfeiture account which the County Attorney's office oversees. All monies in drug forfeitures must be used in the County Attorney's office or in law enforcement, Sheriff's Department. Two intoxilizers were purchased, one for each patrol vehicle.



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Richard and Angela Roseberry

"I was attacked by a man who held a knife at my throat when I entered my home one evening in December of 1997. He had already taken everything he wanted from my home, but he wanted more. I was forced to drive him to the ATM where he took my savings. Back at my house, he tied me up and gagged me. He had already ripped my phone out. Then he stole my car. He even beat up my dog, broke her nose and cut open her head. Fortunately, I escaped and alerted the police. In about an hour, he was apprehended. Now here's the good part. Five months later, this guy is serving 40 years, thanks to the expertise of Jack Herrington, our County Attorney. When you have the best already, why change. Vote for Jack Herrington. He gets the job done!"

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**Bogata Baseball/
Softball
Associaton meets**

The Bogata Baseball/Softball Association met on Sunday, February 20, 2000 at the Bogata Community Center to make plans and elect officers for the coming season. 20 parents were in attendance.

President, Mark Hare, called the meeting to order. Secretary, Kay Ross gave a report on old business and a report on funds from the previous season. \$8,624.81 was reported to be left in the fund.

New business discussed was the purchase of a new net for the batting cage, rewiring and replacing the boxes for the lights for the field and concession stand, lawn mower repair and/or bids to be taken for mowing and maintaining the field.

Nominations and election of officers were as follows: President-Mark Hare, Vice President Girls-David Mauldin, Vice President Boys-Donnie Hays, Secretary-Sandra Mauldin and Treasurer-Kathie Thompson.

After the election of officers a committee was discussed but tabled for a later date. Discussion of a clean up day was also tabled. Bids will be taken for mowing the field. Sealed bids will be accepted.

Sign Up Day for the 2000 season will be Sunday, February 27 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bogata Community Center. Parents must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and sign up fee of \$25.00 per child. Any child that has a uniform from last season should return it the day of sign up.

Coaches for the season are as follows: Boys; Pee Wee-Joe Rose and Ricky S. Kennedy; Minors-Randy Kennedy, Leslie Allen, John Haynes; Majors-Donnie Hays.

Girls; Darlings (7-8) Sandra Mauldin and Stanley Jesse; Angels (9-10) Bobby Thompson and David Mauldin; Ponytails (11-12) Mark Beers and Jerry Merchant and Belles (13-15) Mark Hare.

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you too, can become great.
—Mark Twain

**TalcoCalvary Baptist Church
celebrate Valentine Day February 19**

Adult members and guest gathered at the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco on Saturday, Feb. 19 for a Valentine Banquet. The Fellowship Hall was decorated by Carol Leake and Betty Foxworthy for the special evening.

Following a meal of Mexican salad and desserts the group prepared to play games. Bro. Rex Jackson shocked everyone when he announced the one person who got the most kisses before the evening was out would be awarded with a prize? Hershey Kisses! Each person present

were given 3 Hershey Kisses and each time a person said the word "I" if another person heard them they could take away a kiss. Many ended the game with no kisses but Barbara Russell, retired English teacher, took the award for having the most kisses.

Some of the most fun came when the group played the Newly Wed Game. Bobbie and Shorty Giddens

finished last in the game while Leonard and Betty Rollins finished first. 30 attended the party and everyone had a great time.

Junior High Rebels complete season

The Junior High Rebels recently completed their basketball season. The young Rebels ended on a good note vastly improving from the start of the season. The eighth grade team won 5 games in the season.

The seventh grade team had seven players eligible. They won several

district contest defeating Cooper, Paul Pewitt twice and Chisum to end their season with a 10-6 over all record. Rebels Head Coach, Steve Weddle said, "I had the chance to help out with the Junior High teams on Wednesday afternoons and I was pleased with their progress".

'Tis education forms the common mind: just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclin'd.

—Alexander Pope

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THE RIVERCREST WINTERGUARD-represented their school on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000 at the annual competition held in Grapevine, Texas. The contest is made up of contestants involved in dance, flag and rifle work where they are judged on the creativity, style and precision of their routines. The Winterguard was awarded an excellent rating for their routine, which was based on "A Change of Seasons" by the group Dream Theater. "Despite the unique challenges that the music and routine provided, I felt that the young ladies performed admirably", said RHS Band Director, Clayton Taylor. "I'm very proud of all the hard work that these young ladies put into their performance, especially those who had never done anything like this before". Kayla Sears expressed the feelings of the group's preparation and performance best by saying, "It was a fun and exhilarating experience. We made new friends and learned the true meaning of teamwork." Mr. Taylor and the Winterguard wish to sincerely thank the community as well as the Rivercrest Independent School District for all of their support in preparation for this contest. Pictured are; (back from the left) Pearl Ponthieux, Ashley Mankins, Kisserlyn Munns, Lacey Edge, Jonandrea Crane and Band Director, Clayton Taylor; (middle from the left) Melissa Waller and Kristi Riffle and (front and from the left) Brittany Bull, Dusty Townes, Misti Tucker, Cassie Perry and Kayla Sears. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



ESSAY WINNERS-in the Red River County Soil and Water Conservation District contest from Rivercrest High School were; (from the left) Cara Morgan, Kasey Crawford, Jared White and Brandi Randle. Cara, Kasey and Brandi received Honorable Mention awards and Jared received 3rd place at the awards presentation held Monday morning at the Clarksville City Hall. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Talco Locals

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Gene and Marvie Sue Goates and Brad, Wanda, Clinton and Paige Vandever enjoyed Sunday lunch at the home of Cleatus Goates.

Tommie D. Williams of DeSoto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Easley Saturday. They all attended the Rivercrest PIPS performance at Paris Junior College Saturday night.

Kristie and Ralph Taylor visited in Paris Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith. They enjoyed lunch and a movie while there.

Karen Jones and Tammy Threadgill enjoyed shopping in Royce City Monday.

Tyler and Austin Easley of Bogata visited overnight Saturday with their grandparents, Tommie and Judy Easley.

Talco School students will enjoy a Civil War Reenactment on Feb. 28, 2000 in the morning hours. Bogata School students will enjoy the reenactment in the afternoon.

Chandra Jones of Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma visited Johnny and Karen Jones over the weekend and picked up Kari who has been visiting with her grandparents. She and Kari left Saturday to travel to North Carolina to visit Chandra's parents and family.



RIVERCREST PRINCIPAL KEITH BROWN AND JOHN GRANTHAM-display the newly erected Crime Stoppers sign placed at Rivercrest by county inmates on Tuesday morning. Everyone is encouraged to help with felony crime arrest and indictments in Red River County by calling 427-TIPS. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

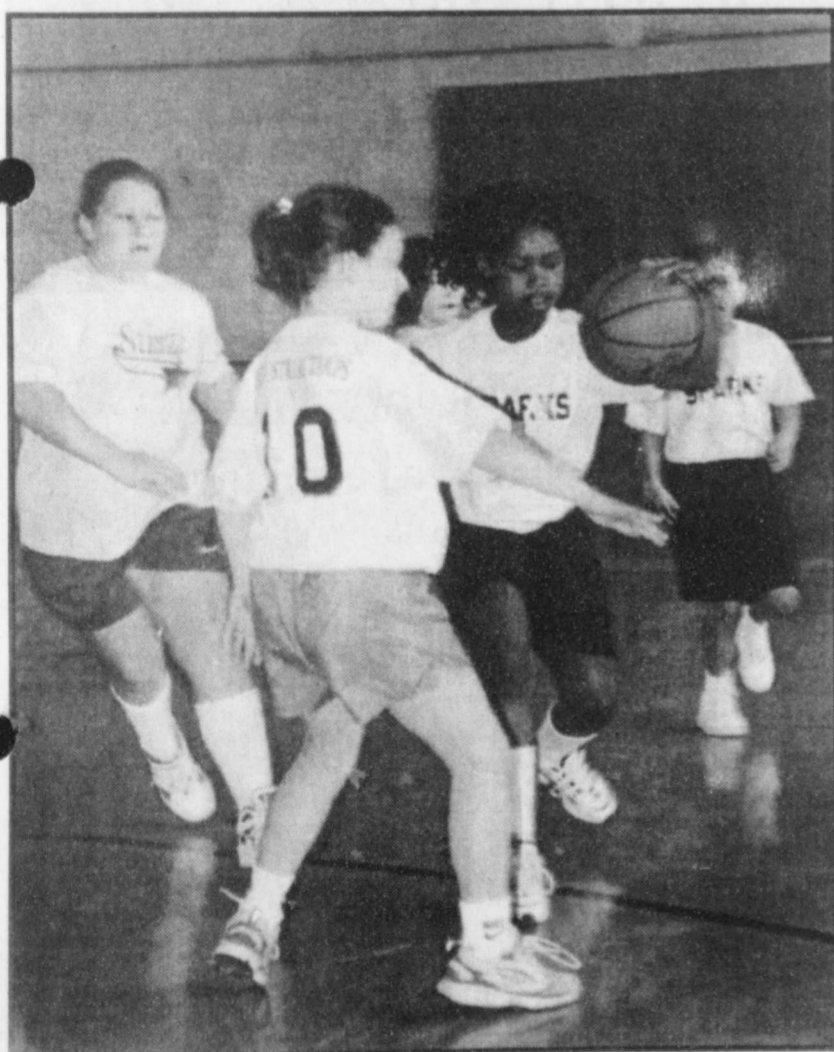
Jesslin Rivera is one of the first Talco students to contact the spring out break of chicken pox. She is reported doing fine. Jesslin is the daughter of Alyshia Rivera of Talco.

Saturday the youth of the First Baptist Church of Talco and their sponsors enjoyed a skating party in

Mt. Pleasant. Over fifty attended. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Capel of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Don Mewborn of Mineola and Mrs. Shelley Mewborn and Hannah of Mineola visited Waymon and Joyce Alexander and celebrated Joyce's birthday.



CONTEST WINNERS-Bogata students recently participated in the Red River County Soil and Water Conservation District poster and essay contest. Five students from Bogata were winners in the poster contest; (from the left front) Kaylee McIntire-2nd place, Brian Hays-3rd place and teacher, Mrs. Maxine Scott and (back from the left) Katelyn VanDeaver, Danielle Fulbright and Erica Tucker all Honorable Mention. The students, Mrs. Scott, Rivercrest students and Principal, Keith Brown attended the awards presentation in Clarksville at the City Hall on Monday morning, Feb. 14, 2000. The students were treated to a stop at the Dairy Queen before returning to school. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



TAYLOR ANDERSON-of the Bogata Starzz puts the stop on Meagan Savage of the Talco Sparks as teammate Sarah Jean comes down to help out. The two Little Dribbler teams met Saturday at Talco and after a good game the Sparks took the win. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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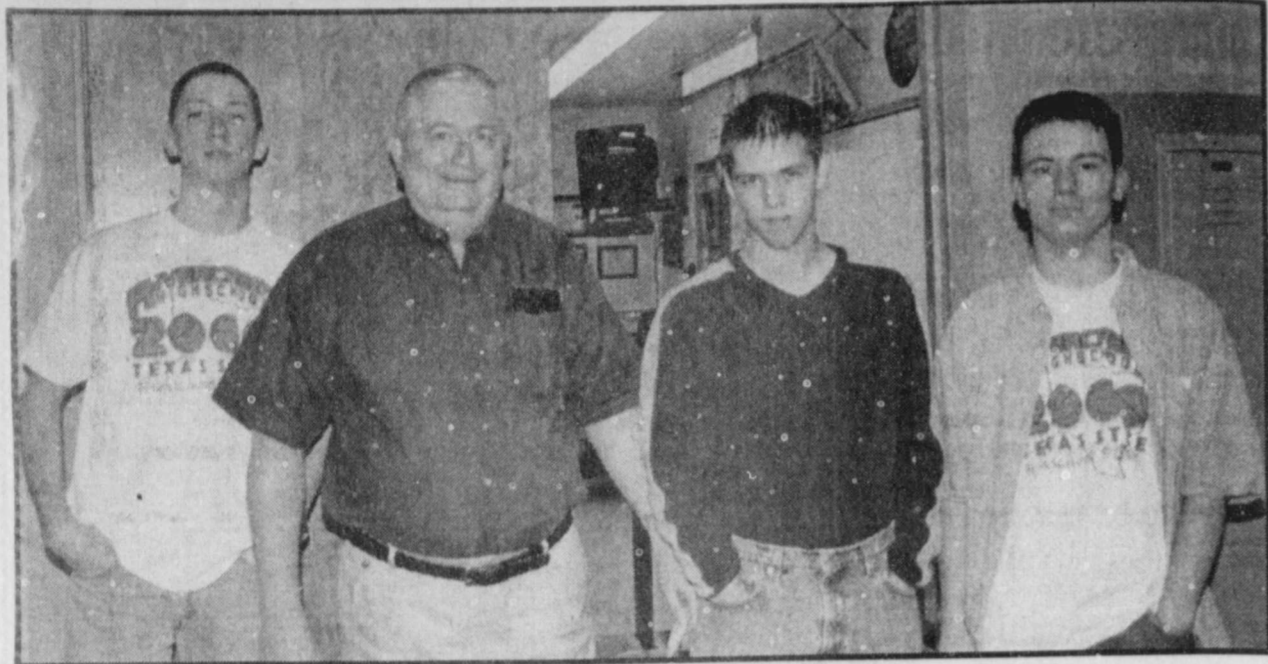
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RHS DEBATERS HEADED TO STATE- Rivercrest Debate members participated at the District Debate last Friday. The team of Kirk King and Clayton Watkins finished with a 1 and 2 record. The team of Jason Thomas and Phillip Rolen finished 2nd over all with a 4 and 1 record. The second place win will qualify them to represent Rivercrest at the State Debate Meet in Austin on March 13, 2000. Pictured are; (from the left) Clayton Watkins, Debate Sponsor, Donald Stockton, Jason Thomas and Kirk King. Not pictured is Phillip Rolen. Good Luck at State Phillip and Jason!!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Resident, Billie Hancock-Willie Mae and Linda Gray, Shirley Smith and Jay Hancock.

Resident, Ann Cody-Jerry and Janette Brooks.

Resident, Irene House-Charles House and Jeannette Morris.

Resident, Ada Holmes-Maudie Lee and Ruth Lee.

Resident, Mary Brown-Eva Watkins.

Resident, Inez Henson-Richard Swarts and Wanda Morgan.

Resident, Dorothy Green-Charlene Knowles, and Ann Warren

Resident, Norman Sain-Charlene Knowles.

Resident, Percy Topping-Carrine

Alford, Lucille Pettit, Ann Warren, John Topping.

Resident, Louisa Williams-Kayla Whitney.

Resident, Georgia Miller-Bryan Miller and Janice Freeman.

Resident, Jimmy Guess-Carrine Alford and John Topping.

Resident, Pauline Alsbrook-Mary Ann Williams and Sue Martin, Vanessa and Tabitha.

Resident, Vivian Fail-Marilyn Presley, Yvonne Harris.

Resident, Melvin Pointer-Daphne Pointer, Hiliary and Trellis, George Hudson.

Resident, Lewis Williams-John and Carol English.

Your visits are looked forward to and appreciated by the residents at Red River Healthcare. Please stop by and visit family and friends today.



DOUBLE DRIBBLE-This Rivercrest PIP (Player in Progress) has her double dribble down pat. The PIP's have done a wonderful job this year entertaining the crowd while learning ball handling skills themselves. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Talco-Bogata-RHS school menu Feb. 28-Mar.3

Monday
Breakfast
 French toast w/syrup
 juice
 milk
Lunch
 Spaghetti w/meat sauce
 diced potatoes
 fried orka
 garlic bread
 apple sauce
 milk

Tuesday
Breakfast
 Cinnamon rolls
 gramcrackers w/peanut butter
 juice
 milk
Lunch
 Corn dogs
 purple hull peas
 mac & cheese
 salad
 brownies
 milk

Wednesday
Breakfast
 Sausage biscuits
 jelly & butter
 juice
 milk
Lunch
 BBQ weiners
 baked beans
 potato salad
 peaches
 corn bread
 milk

Thursday
Breakfast
 Oatmeal
 toast
 juice
 milk
Lunch
 Chicken pattie sandwich
 tater tots
 salad
 veg. beans
 milk

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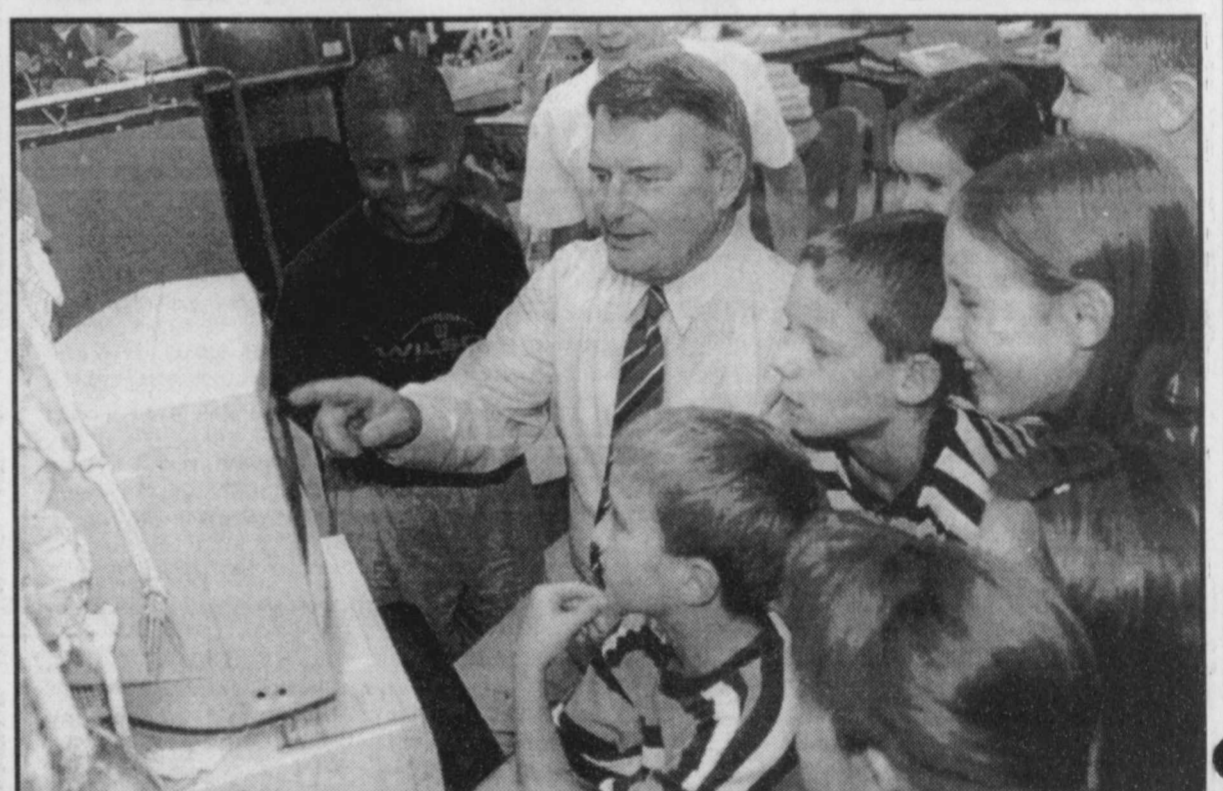


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Rebels give Canton a close game

The Rivercrest Rebels have captured the First Place District title again and also the Bi-District title. While awaiting the various must play-offs in the running the Rebels traveled to Lindale on Saturday afternoon for play vs Canton a 3A school who are ranked highly in the state.

In the first quarter the Rebels trailed 18-16. Chase Collins, Kyle Stansell, Keith Hines, Kerry Posey, Michael Galloway and Josh Griffin had all scored for the team. In the second the well organized Canton team eased away slowly. The team's three point

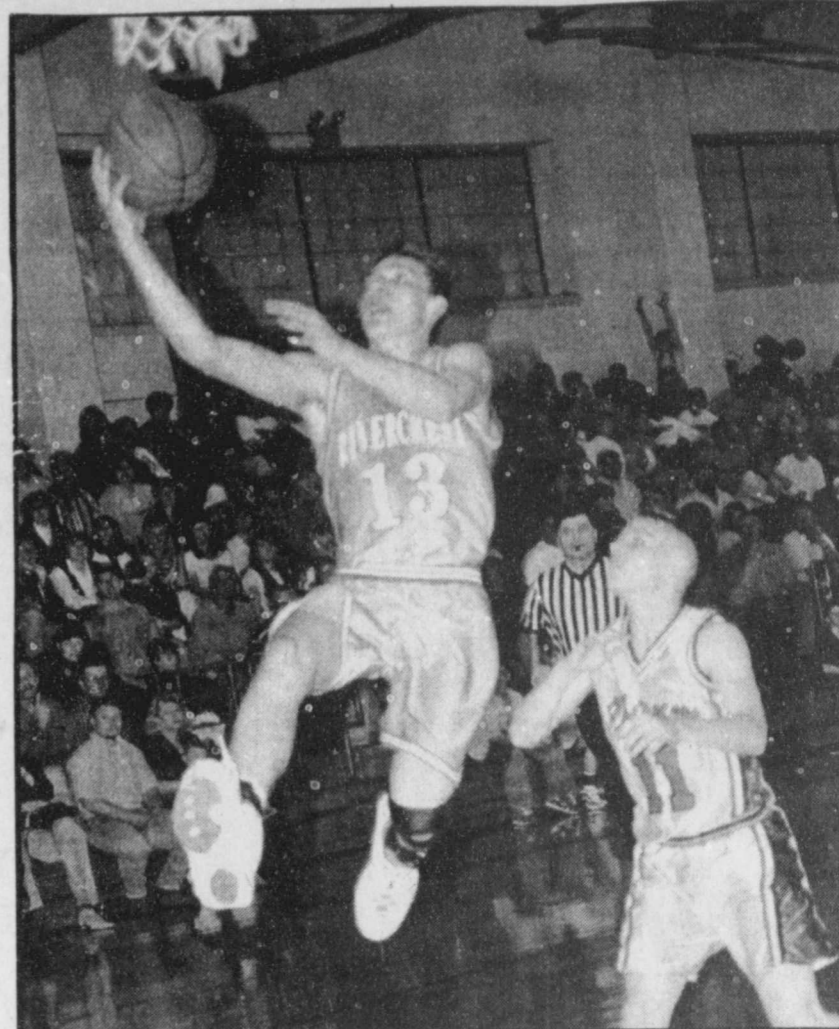
shooting ability hurt the Rebel defense. However, Galloway scored 11 points of his own in the quarter along with Hines who added 4. The half time ended with the Rebels down 32-38.

In the third the Rebels picked up their defense while Collins and Galloway worked on the boards for scores. The Rebels efforts put them down by only 2 at the quarter's end. Score 50-48. The final quarter was an all out battle. The Rebels were determined not to give up and the Canton team were just as determined to hold their lead. Canton hit 8 three pointers in the game. After the shoot out the Rebels were defeated 65-61.

High scorer for the game was Michael Galloway with 28 points. Collins had 15, Hines-10, Stansell-3 and Posey and Griffin 2 each.

Although the Rebels lost this game they played well and consideration should be taken for the Canton School's size plus the team's ranking in the state polls. Keith Hines suffered an injury to his knee in the game that was diagnosed as a deep bruise and not a more serious tear.

The Rebels will play Godley at Royce City High School gym on Friday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$5.00 and children are \$3.00.



CHASE COLLINS-looks like he is taking a leap into a swimming pool when in fact he is near the rim on the basketball goal. The Rebels defeated the Chisum Mustangs on Tuesday night at Chisum to maintain their lead in the District. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Ruth Couch honored on birthday

Mrs. Ruth Couch was honored by her family on Saturday, February 19, at the home of her son, Jackie and Anita Couch, with a party celebrating her 80th birthday. Those attending included her husband, Jack Couch, their son, Rev. John R. Couch and wife Nina, grandson Mark Couch, wife Kelly, Garrett and Tyler, all of Welsh, Louisiana.

Also another grandson, Tim Couch and wife Kym of Nashville, Tennessee.

Grandson Tommy and Vicki Couch, Roxanne and Phillip of Waxahachie. Pattie and Ladona Couch of Paris, granddaughter Tresa Couch, M.J. and Edna Earl Dodd, Jackie and Anita Couch, all of Bogata.

Also a grandson Trenton Hellums and family were unable to attend, but called from Baton Rouge to wish Ruth a happy birthday. A luncheon was served and Ruth received many nice cards, gift and well wishes.



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