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**Watch That Check Book,
I'm Not Kidding!**

I had a man come into the office Monday morning who wanted to show me something. He had purchased some gas in Paris at a convenience store, and they had used an electronic funds transfer system that frankly, horrified him.

On the front of the check, electronically printed, it says repeatedly, "Void".

On the back is information about the electronic transfer, including the amount of the check.

Now where is there even a place for a signature!

This check went through the bank with nothing printed on it except electronically generated information.

He asked his bank about this, and they assured him the check was perfectly okay.

He asked what would happen if someone stole or found a missing checkbook and was told that "people sure needed to keep track of their check books".

I agree.

With the world going more and more to a "paperless" society, and personal identifying information becoming scarcer, we need to keep a close eye on our business.

Keep up with that checkbook. If it gets lost or stolen immediately contact your bank.

The same thing goes for credit cards and all other forms of money handling devices!

Be careful at ATM machines, look over your shoulder, try not to go alone.

It's a rather scary world out there, and we must take care of ourselves in it. Understand what you are doing, check the balances on receipts, in fact, keep a receipt, don't just toss it away.

The conveniences of the modern world are wonderful. They can also be a little hazardous in the wrong hands. Lets keep that from happening.

Flu Shot Clinic

A Flu Shot Clinic will be held at Rivercrest Elementary on November 14, 2002 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The fee for each shot is \$5.00. For more information contact Judy Holt at 903-632-5214.

Genealogical Society to meet

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society on Monday, November 11 at 7 p.m. at the Red River County Library.

The program will be presented by Faye Chism, whose subject will be "Sarah Owens, Woman on

the Frontier". Mrs. Chism will be dressed in period costume and will portray her great-great-grandmother, Sarah Owens.

Anyone interested in researching their family history is encouraged to come and enjoy the program.

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BOGATA NEWS

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Ward wins commissioners race

Red River County seemed to generally follow the state-wide trend of returning incumbents to office in the Tuesday election. Governor Rick Perry, Max Sandlin, John Cornyn all received the go ahead from Red River County voters.

The Precinct 1 Commissioner's race was by far the most crowded. Rufus Ward Junior was the winner with 504 votes. Richard A. Rainey received 303 votes, Donnie

Gentry 98, William H. Brown 22 and O.L. Ford 6.

Bill Ratliff won the State Senate seat easily. In Red River County he received 1,734 votes to B.D. Blount's 1,330.

Unchallenged were Justice of the Peace J.R. Lewis, Sheriff Jerry Neal Conway Commissioner M.D. Whittle, Jr., Judge Powell Peek, District Clerk Janice Bivins Gentry, County Clerk Lorie Taylor Moose.

4th grade is EGG-Ceptional

Rivercrest Elementary's 4th grade classes held their annual egg drop contest on October 25, 2002 at Rivercrest football field. Students were asked to design a device that would keep a raw egg from breaking from a height of 25 feet.

Weight, speed of drop and visibility of the raw egg were also criteria for the judging. Mr. Mabry, the official "Egg Dropper", dropped the eggs from the bleachers onto the asphalt below. Egg devices were dropped from about 10 feet at first, then the ones that didn't crack or break were dropped from about 25 feet. Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Holeman and Mrs. Purviance were the directors and judges for the contest. 17 students (the most ever) were successful

in keeping their eggs safe and sound from 25 feet.

Those students were: Taylor Stafford, Haley Lemme, Brady Kennedy, Ryan Walker, Michael Pierce, Tamara Moore, Ashley Thureson, Christine Jones, Colton Phipps, Mary Beth Henley, Haley Steen, Loren Rivera, Sarah Martinez, Kevin Yeatman, David Stringer, T.J. Stahley and Miranda Miller.

Using the other criteria winners were then chosen from this group. Winners were: 1st place-Loren Rivera; 2nd place-Haley Steen and Brady Kennedy; 3rd place-Taylor Stafford and Colton Phipps. Most Creative Design-Sarah Martinez. The students had a great time learning about science.



EGG DROP WINNERS-Winning places for their egg drop devices at the annual Rivercrest Elementary Egg Drop Contest were; (from the left) Most Creative Design-Sarah Martinez; 3rd place winners-Colton Phipps and Taylor Stafford; 1st place-Loren Rivera and 2nd place winners-Haley Steen and Brady Kennedy.

ETMC Harvest Festival Dinner is November 22

ETMC-Clarksville auxiliaries will sponsor their annual turkey and dressing dinner with proceeds going to the nurses' scholarships and other auxiliary projects on Friday, November 22.

Serving times are from 5:30

until 7 p.m. with carry-outs available after 5 p.m. Adults are \$5 and children under 12 are \$3.

Tickets are available from any auxiliary or at the hospital.

There will also be crafts and a bake sale the same night.



EGG DROPPERS-Seventeen 4th grade students at Rivercrest Elementary were able to design a device which would keep an egg from breaking or cracking from a 25 ft. drop. Pictured not in order are: Taylor Stafford, Haley Lemme, Brady Kennedy, Ryan Walker, Michael Pierce, Tamara Moore, Ashley Thureson, Christine Jones, Colton Phipps, Mary Beth Henley, Haley Steen, Loren Rivera, Sarah Martinez, Kevin Yeatman, David Stringer, T.J. Stahley and Miranda Miller.

Rivercrest campuses to celebrate Veteran's Day

The Rivercrest Elementary and Junior High campuses will hold Veteran's Day programs on November 11, 2002. The Elementary program will be under the direction of Mrs. Neva Oats and will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Elementary cafeteria. Every-

one is invited to attend, especially all veterans.

At 11:00 a.m. the Rivercrest Junior High Student Council and sponsor, Leah Lewis will host a program on the Talco campus. Everyone is invited to attend, especially all veterans.

Council meeting postponed

Due to Veterans Day on November 11, the Bogata City Council meeting has been postponed to

Monday, November 18 at 7 p.m. at the Bogata Community Center.

Students to honor veterans

The Rivercrest elementary students will honor veterans on Monday, November 11 at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Everyone is invited to join in the Veterans day celebration. All veterans attending will be recognized.

Cuthand "Clover Kids" begin

The Cuthand "Clover Kids" kicked off a new year with their first meeting on Sunday, October 27, 2002, at the Cuthand United Methodist Church. In attendance were 3 members who will be moving up to 4-H, 2 new members and 8 active members. The total was 13 kids and 11 adults.

The children were introduced and awarded a pin from Aimee

Sandifer for being a "Clover Kid". They each made a friendship bracelet or necklace for crafts and were then served refreshments.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, November 17, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cuthand Church. Anyone in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, between the ages of 5-8, and living in Red River County are welcome to join.

Seven homes set for Christmas Parade of Home

The Annual Parade of Homes has been set for December 12, 2002. The event is sponsored by the Bogata Missionary Baptist Church and will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a candlelight dinner followed by the tour. Tickets this year will be \$20 per person and they will be available November 1, 2002.

Seven homes will be toured this year including: Sherry Huddleston's; Duane and Martha Bryson's; Jerry and Jannette Brooks; Curtis and June Young's;

Mike and Mollie Williams'; Mike and Kim Fields and Randy and Christy Kennedy's.

Tickets will be available November 1, 2002. To reserve your tickets or for more information call: Donnie Lewis at 903-632-5387; Dana Neeley at 903-632-5762 or Mary Lou Daniels at 903-632-9948. Any church member can also help you.

The homes promise to be beautiful and the meal delicious. Plan to attend for a wonderful evening.

Bogata Methodist Bazaar approaching fast

The annual Bazaar of the Bogata Methodist Church is fast approaching, November 9, 2002. The usual, children's toys, quilts, Christmas gifts and decoration will be available for purchase. And, don't forget the delicious baked goods, by the good cooks. In the baked goods department there will also be candy corn and other candies. The Church Cookbooks and the selection of knives will also be available.

There are three quilts: a beautiful mauve print and solid that was pieced by Anna Belle Patton (full size) and a colorful tiny squares (Queen size), for silent

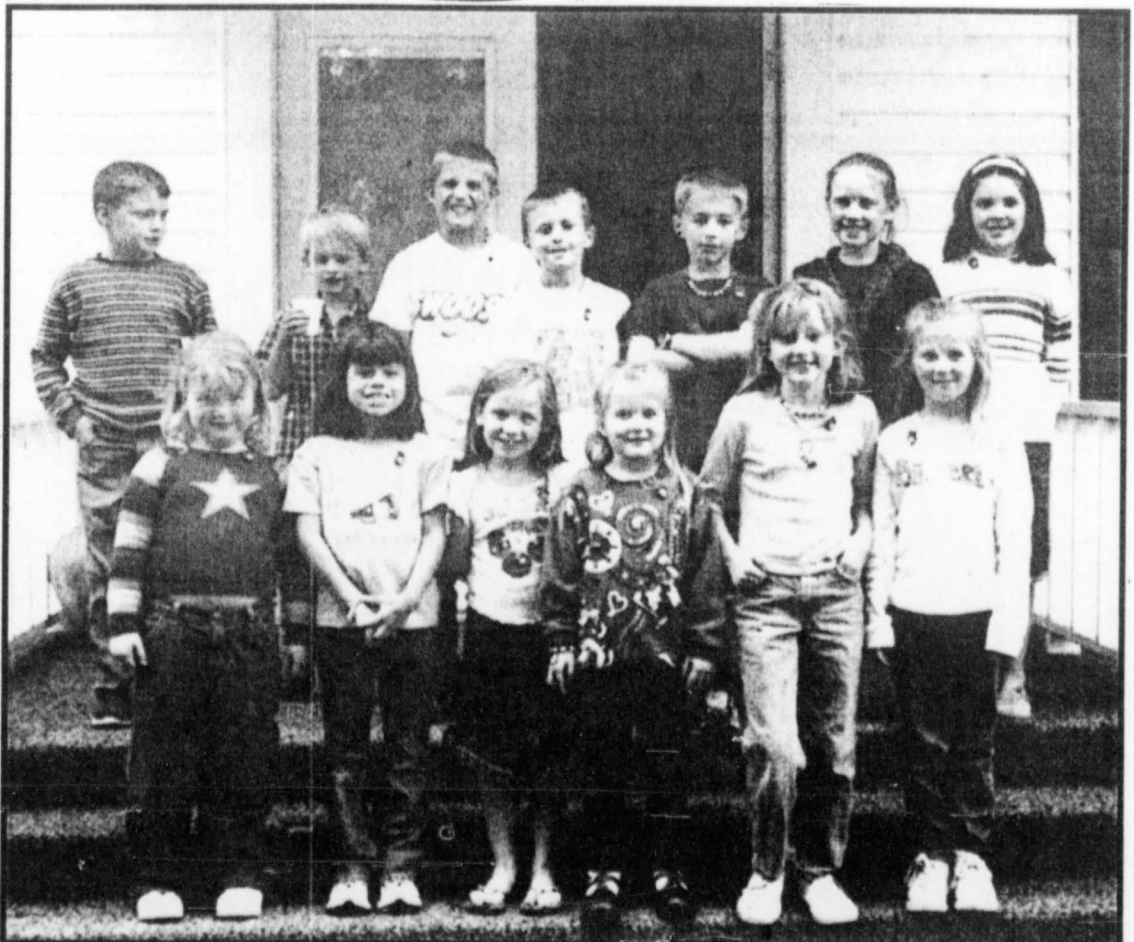
auction. The prize quilt is a large Partiotic colored star shape which was pieced by Betty Puckett. It has an interesting story, as she purchased a kit with the fabric already cut about five years ago. It was difficult to match all the pieces as they should be (especially for a perfectionist). After 9-11, Betty wanted to get it finished for the prize this year. She had taken out so much of her sewing that some of the material was ruined. She found plenty of red, white and blue and finished the quilt, making it bigger with trim to match what she had used.

We are proud of this labor of

love and hope everyone gets to see it. A crew of four to six ladies quilt every Wednesday to finish these quilts. Most of the ladies of the church have tickets for sale.

The annual stew lunch will be served from 11 am to 1 pm. Adult plates will be \$4 and Children under 12 will be \$3. Carry out tray will be available.

Everyone is invited to attend this year's bazaar for a delicious stew lunch, to purchase special hand-made gifts, candies and baked goods and so much more. Plus, your ticket could win you this year's special, beautiful quilt.



CLOVER KIDS kicked off a new year October 27. Members of the group are, top row: Carter Kelsey, Axle Wood, Trevor Jessee, Wesley Davidson, Dustin Rose, Brooklyn Bishop and Hannah Rhodes. Bottom row: Mackenzie Fields, Hope Bivins, Valerie Rhodes, Cheyenne Gordon, Faith Gentry and Luchesse Gordon.

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Country Cooking

By guest columnist Nanalee Nichols



Bert Filkins is a busy man. In addition to being the Assistant Water and Sewer Superintendent for the City of Deport, he is a volunteer fireman for the Deport VFD, and has a family that he enjoys doing things with.

He and his wife, Cindy Wolf Filkins, have two children, Joseph

and Stephanie. Cindy works for Texas Rehabilitation, and they live on Monroe Street in Deport. Their house is always decorated for Halloween, Christmas and other holidays.

He loves to hunt and fish, although he doesn't have much time for that these days.

And, Bert likes to cook. He says most of his recipes come from Cindy, or her Aunt Bobbie.

"I love to grill", Bert says, "especially right now, when it's cooled off, that's the best time".

The following are a few of his favorite recipes.

Thursday, November 7, 2002
Bert Filkins recipes

Bert's First Prize Cookies

1/2 c margarine or 1 stick
2 c sugar
3 Tbsp cocoa or 1/3 c
1/2 c milk
1/2 c peanut butter
1 tsp vanilla
3 c quick oats

Melt margarine in sauce pan, remove from heat. Mix sugar and cocoa together thoroughly. Add to margarine in pan, add milk, return to medium heat and bring to full rolling boil for 1 full minute. Remove from heat and add peanut butter. Dissolve until smooth and creamy. Add vanilla and stir, then gradually add oats, stirring well after each addition. Drop by spoonfuls onto sheet of waxed paper. Let cool, until set.

Bert & Bobbie's Famous Beans

1 lb. ground beef
1 small green pepper
1 small onion
3 small cans Ranch Style Beans (original black can)
1 small can Rotel diced tomato and green chilies
1 large can diced tomatoes
1 small can Wolf Brand chili
Brown ground beef, add bell pepper and onion. Cook until onion and peppers are done. Add beans, rotel, diced tomatoes and chili. Cook about 30-45 minutes slow or low heat. Best if eaten with cornbread, also makes a good Frito dip.

Old Fashioned Banana Bread

1 c sugar
2 c flour
2 eggs
1/2 c Crisco
1 tsp soda
1 tsp vanilla
3 ripe bananas
pecans/walnuts
Mix all ingredients together. Spray pan with non-

stick spray, cook at 350° for 45 minutes or until done.

Bert's Famous French Toast

6 eggs
1/2 c milk
dash cinnamon
Texas Toast slices
sprinkle powdered sugar

Mix all ingredients together, dip Texas Toast slices in mixture, place on hot buttered griddle. After 30-45 seconds, turn and cook other side. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve with butter and syrup.

Sausage Balls

2 c Bisquick
1/2 lb. shredded Sharp cheddar cheese
1 lb. sausage (reg or spicy)

Mix Bisquick and sausage together first, then add cheese. Mix with hands. Roll/drop balls on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 for 30-35 minutes

Quick & Easy Macaroni and Cheese

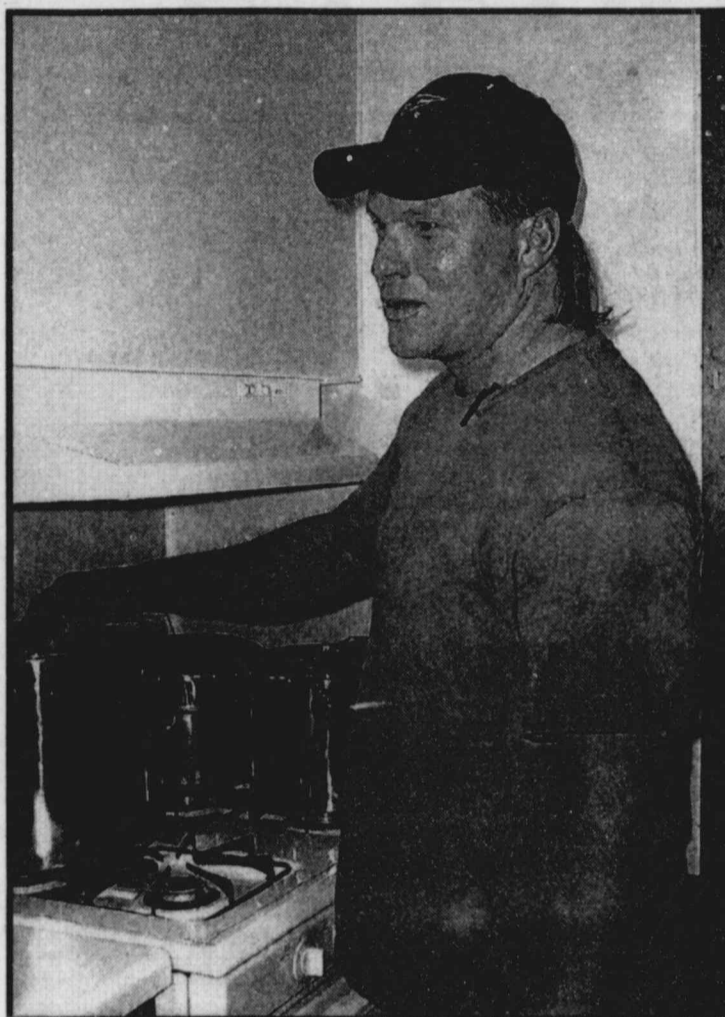
elbow macaroni
1 lb. Velveeta
2 Tbsp butter
1/2 c milk

Boil macaroni, chunk Velveeta into squares, melt with butter and milk, pour over cooked macaroni. Stir and bake for 10 minutes.

Tortilla Roll-ups

1 pkg. 8 oz. Philadelphia cream cheese
3 Tbsp Pace Picante Sauce
1 pkg. thin sliced ham
10 flour tortillas

Mix cream cheese and picante sauce, spread on flour tortilla and roll with ham inside. Great appetizers.



BERT FILKINS stirs his special pot of beans that he cooked for a recent Deport Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser. Bert, who is the assistant water and sewer superintendent at the City of Deport, enjoys cooking.

Cards of Thanks

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank Rivercrest Daisy Troop 175 for the nice plaque you gave to me. It is such an honor. Also thanks to leaders Kelli Cortez and Denise Wood.

Alice Ann White

Card of Thanks

There are no words to describe the pain of the loss of our precious Mother. Words also cannot express the sincere gratitude to all who helped make our pain more bearable. Our Mother was born and raised in Cuthand and Bogata. She had a love for her hometown and the people in it. These same people showed their love for her and her family when we needed it most. Our day on this earth are short. We do not know when our time will come. Hopefully, Mom's sudden death at the young age of 48 will help set this fact more firmly in our hearts and minds, so that we may love the Lord and one another like each day is our last. Mom left her family and friends without a doubt in their minds how much she loved them. She showed her love daily.

Thank you Bogata First Responders, LifeNet, Dr. Ganguly, Dr. Syed and ETMC for your efforts that were so obviously above and beyond. Thank you James Wood family for our special love and friendship. Thank you staff and residents of Red River Healthcare for the love that was shown by the special service held in honor of our Mother. Thank you Bro. Bob Posey, Bro. Rex Jackson and Bro. Bob Bush for the beautiful service. Thank you to the so many who brought food, beautiful flowers and memorials. Thanks be most of all to the Lord for the work he did in Mom's heart and for the comfort He gives us in knowing that He is taking care of her now.

With heartfelt gratitude,
The Family of
Vickie Bryant

Obituaries

Charles David Potter dies October 31

Charles David "Pot" Potter, age 68 of Detroit, was called home to meet his Saviour on Thursday, October 31 in Christus St. Joseph Hospital South.

Services were held Saturday, November 2 at 11:00 a.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Benny Cogburn officiating. Burial was in Detroit Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mr. Potter was born February 28, 1934 in Detroit, the son of Dave and Mary McKey Potter. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Camilla and was married to Charlene Abbott Potter of Taylortown for 44 years.

Surviving are his wife; five sons, Tony Potter and wife Kim of Detroit, David Potter of Detroit, Jeff Potter and wife Debbie of Conroe, Greg Potter and wife Tammy of Porter and Dean Potter of Camilla; sisters, Mary Ann Wooten and husband Ike of Knightsvale, NC, June Robertson of Detroit, Tommy Ruth Calrkson and husband Jimmy of Murfreesboro, TN; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were Justin Vornsand, Paul K. Lewis, Dinger Jaynes, Pat Williams, Mack Harvey and Jimmy Dean.

Card of Thanks

A big thank you to Deport Nursing Home, Guaranty Bond Bank, and the city office for all of the candy, treats and prizes. You made our Halloween lots of fun!

Deport Elementary K-4

Angel Tree begun

The annual Angel Tree Christmas Drive has begun in Red River County for disadvantaged children ages 12 and under.

Applications will be available November 1 at the Annona, Avery, Bagwell, Bogata and Detroit Post Offices and the Clarksville Times office.

They should be completed and returned to the above locations along with verification of income no later than December 6. All applications will be screened for eligibility and failure to furnish verification of income may result in your child/children being deemed ineligible.

"The Nutcracker" tickets have gone on sale

"The Nutcracker" tickets went on sale October 17, 2002 and are available weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$15, \$25 and \$40. For more information, call the Paris Area Arts Alliance at 903-783-9310.

The Ballet Austin production will be in Paris Sunday, November 17, at the Paris High School Floyd and Irene Weger Performing Arts Building.

"Breakfast with Clara" at the

Wise House is scheduled for Saturday, November 9 and the Prelude Gala is Saturday, November 16. Tickets for those events go on sale at the same time and are \$25 each.

PAAA members, "Nutcracker" donors, and those holding \$40 tickets to the ballet are automatically guests for the Gala. Ticket sales are under the direction of Rachel Braswell and Colleen Hernan. For more information contact: Ann Gilliland, 903-785-0969.

ETMC to hold Prayer Circle

ETMC-Clarksville will have a Veteran's Day Prayer Circle on Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11. The ceremony will be a tribute to all veterans, young and old.

Everyone is invited to join in the ceremony, which will be conducted at the ETMC-Clarksville flagpole at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served in the dining room following the ceremony.

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News**

* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. 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.

*The Post has a shuffle board tournament every Saturday beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and share the fun. The board has recently been renovated and is ready for play.


* There will be a Veterans Day celebration on November 11, 2002 beginning at 12:00 noon with a brisket lunch at the Post. Everyone is invited to attend.

*The following financial institutions will be closed
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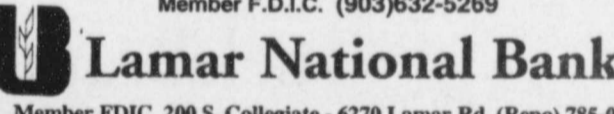
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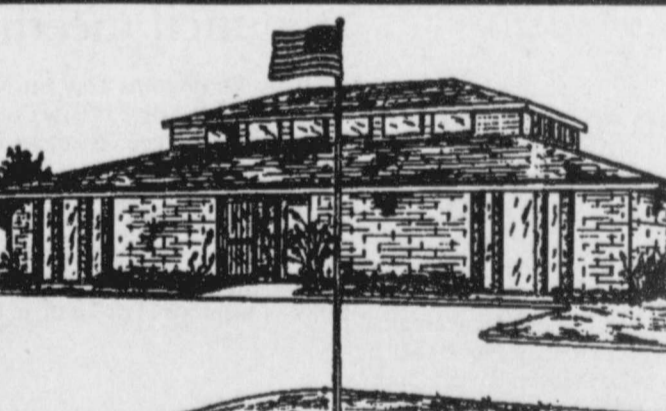
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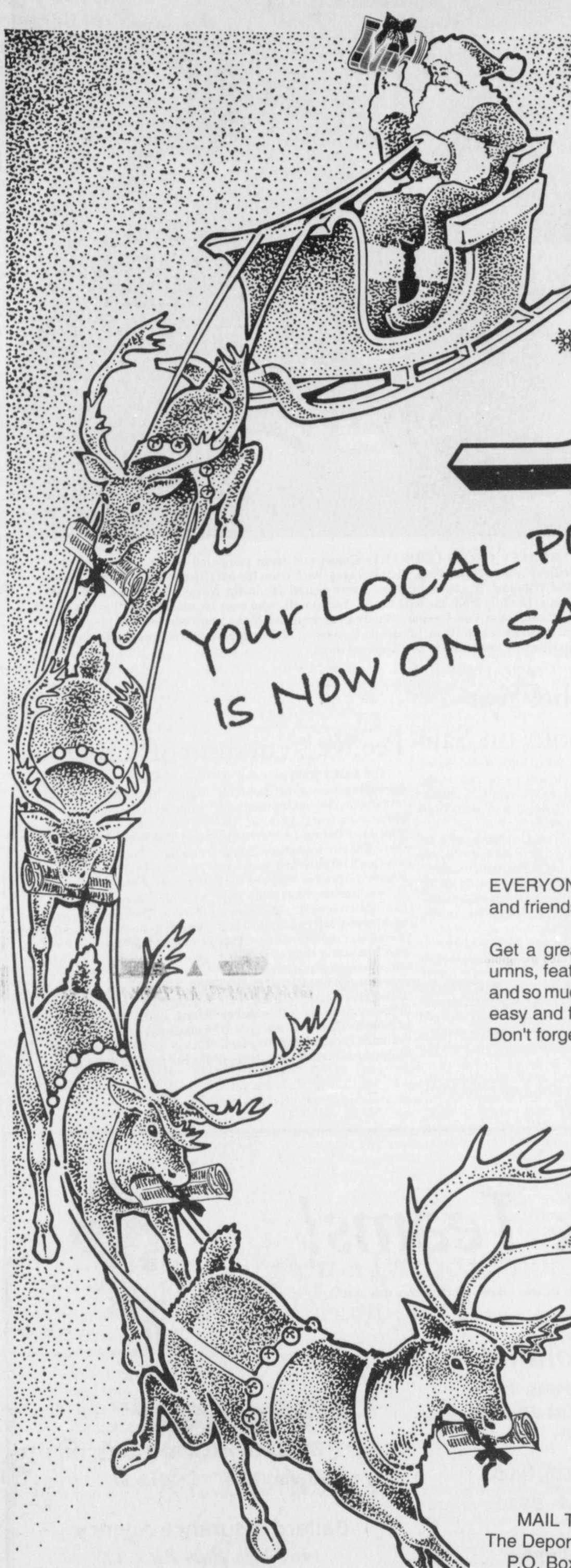
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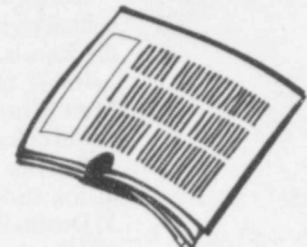
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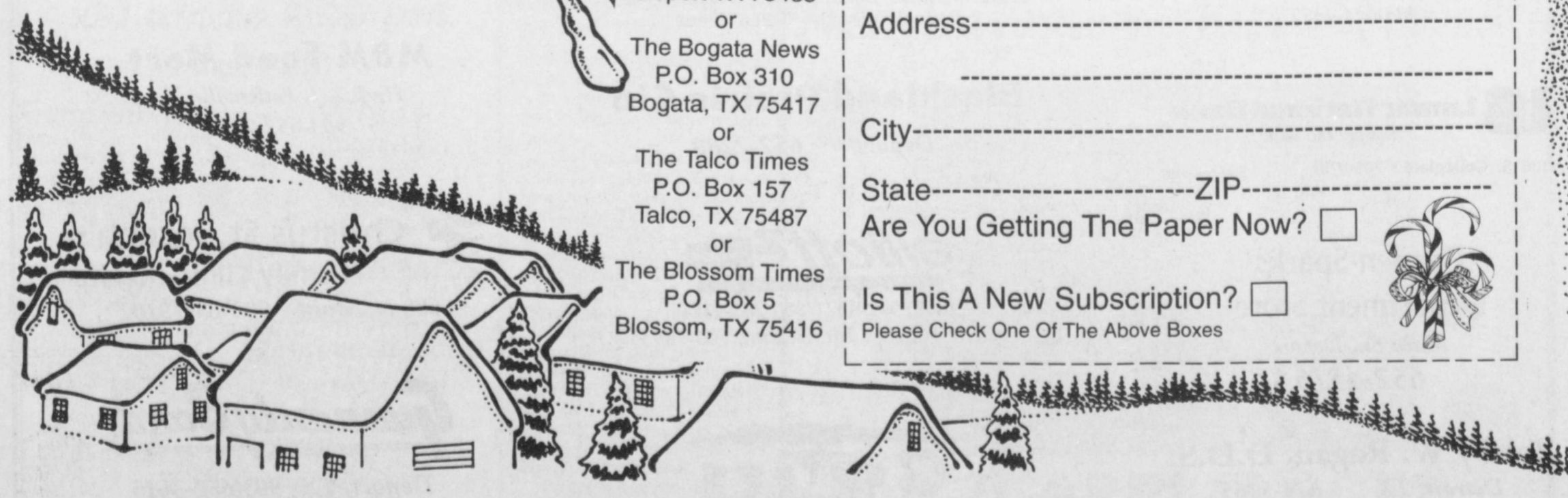
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Sausage & biscuit
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Chicken sandwich
potatoes
lettuce & tomato
cake
milk

TUESDAY
HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast
Cereal
toast
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
corn
fruit
cornbread
salad
milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast
Cinnamon rolls
cereal
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Steak fingers
cream potatoes w/gravy
green beans
hot rolls w/honey
milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast
Pancake w/syrup
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Cheeseburgers
burger salad
beans
chips
ice cream
milk



ALL ALONE-but with mom on the sideline cheering her on is Casey Hammonds. Casey won 1st place at the District Cross Country Meet held in Prairiland Saturday morning with a time of 13:37 for her Lady Rebel team. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



RIVERCREST CROSS COUNTRY- Coach and team competed at the District Meet in Prairiland Saturday morning. Pictured are; (back from the left) Stephanie Williams, Coach Debbie Williams, Brandon Buchanan who placed 4th in the Varsity boys race and Erica Williams; (middle from the left) Casey Hammonds, who won 1st place in the Varsity girls race, Rachel Case, Tina Carder, Mandy Crawford and Nikki Jones who won 1st place in the JV girls Division and (front) Danielle Easterling. All members of the group will travel to Huntsville this weekend for the Regional meet.

Rebels defeat Patriots, fall to Chisum Mustangs

On October 24, 2002 the Rivercrest Rebels hosted the Prairiland Patriots and took a slim 6-0 win.

The Rebels defensive stats were as follows:

Rushing: 27 carries for 83 yards and no touchdowns.

Passing 2 for 11 for 26 yards and no touchdowns and 4 interceptions.

Rebel Jake Needham intercepted all four passes picked off by the Rebels.

Rebel tackles were made by: Matt Ross-13; Adam Horn-7; Chance Crawford-6; Dustin Adair-5; Bradley Rolen-5; Chase Hurst-4; Jon Ridens-4; Jake Needham-3; Dustin Perry-2; Troy Morris-2 and Keith Perry-1. The Rebel defense left little room for the Patriots to work.

On the offense, the Patriots returned the favor with their defense. Rebel Rushing yards were: Matt Ross-12 carries for 67 yards; Adam Horn-9 carries for 31 yards and a touchdown; Bradley Rolen-8 carries for 60 yards; Jake Needham-4 carries for 19 yards and Dustin Adair-7 carries for 38 yards.

Passing yardage: Bradley Rolen-1 for no gain and Jake Needham-1 for no gain.

Final Rebels 6-Patriots 0.
On Halloween, October 31, 2002 the Rebels traveled to

Chisum for a bad night on the field.

On the defense the Rebels stats were as follows:

Rushing: 39 carries for 161 yards and 3 T.D.'s.

Passing: 2 for 6 for 59 yards, 1 T.D. and 1 Interception. The interception was picked off by Rebel, Jon Ridens who returned the ball 15 yards. A fumble recovery was also made by Rebel. Matt Ross, but, the Mustangs controlled the Rebels well.

Rebel Tackles were made by: Matt Ross-11; Adam Horn-7; Chase Hurst-4; Bradley Rolen-4; Jon Ridens-4; Chance Crawford-4; Troy Morris-3; Dustin Perry-3; Dustin Adair-3; Jake Needham-3 and Keith Perry-1.

On the offense Matt Ross carried the ball 9 times for 41 yards; Adam Horn-9 for 35 yards and a 2 pt. conversion; Jake Needham-5 carries and 1 T.D.; Bradley Rolen-11 for 60 yards and Dustin Adair 3 for 7 yards.

Five pass attempts were made with 1 completion.

The Mustangs took the win 28-8.

The Rebel will play their final game of the season Thursday at Rivercrest vs Clarksville beginning with the junior high B team at 5:00 p.m. Go Rebels!!!



Rebel Year

Books on Sale

The 2002/2003 Rebel Sabre yearbook will go on sale at the Elementary, November 5; Junior High, November 6 and High School, November 7.

Yearbooks can be bought on the Rivercrest campus before school and during both lunches.

Yearbooks will be sold on the elementary and high school campuses before school and during first period.

The cost of the yearbook will be \$35. If you want to have your name engraved on the cover, there will be an extra \$6.00 charge. Names having over 21 characters will be set in two lines and charged for two names (word spaces count as a character). Plastic covers can be ordered for \$2.00 each.

If you have any questions, please call the high school at 903-632-5204.

Pee Wees cut short of Superbowl

The Junior team played a remarkable game against Clarksville on Saturday, but unfortunately the team was cut short of the Superbowl during a second overtime. The two teams were tied 6-6 before half-time, and went into overtime at 6-6 tie. After two tries in Overtime the Clarksville Juniors finally scored. Our Junior boys played their hearts out. They played an excellent game. This team is a power team to watch in the coming years. They finished their season ranked in 2nd place in their division. All I can say is all of the teams in our district better look out for these boys and girls in the future because they are gonna be one fine football team. I cant

wait to watch them play in Jr and Senior high school. Good luck Little Rebels next Year.

The Senior boys also played a very fine game fighting for second place. The Senior boys played Prairiland Unfortunately they were cut short of second place and had to settle for third place in their division. They two went into overtime. They were tied 0-0 when they went into overtime. Prairiland scored 6 points during the overtime challenge to beat Rivercrest 6-0. Here again is a fine group of young boys who in the future are gonna make Rivercrest football fans proud to be a Rebel. Good luck in Junior High Football to all the Six Graders moving up.

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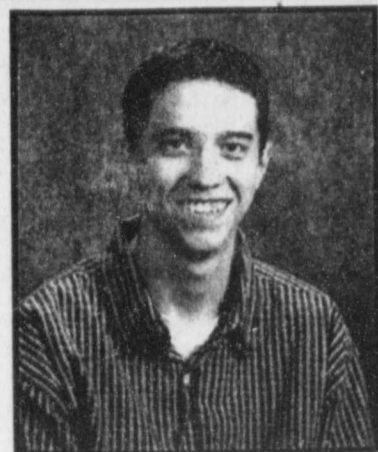
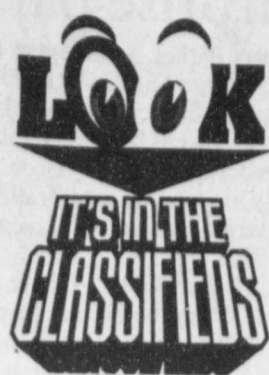
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Dustin DeMoss

Local student to investigate Media, Democracy at Presidential Classroom

Dustin DeMoss, a student at Rivercrest High School will attend the Presidential Classroom Media and Democracy Program, March 8-15, 2003 in Washington, D.C. Presidential Classroom (PC), the leader in civic education, provides the best and brightest high school juniors and seniors unprecedented access to the leaders who shape America's public policy. Participants will investigate the relationship between the news media and government, with analysis of free press, a well informed citizenry and a democratic government.

"I am very excited to be invited and chosen to represent our area of Texas. I plan to pursue a career in government service, and this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me," said Dustin.

During the week long program, PC Scholars interact with Washington insiders, including Members of Congress, presidential appointees, senior military officials, top business leaders and journalists. Students observe the U.S. Congress in action, visit their congressional offices and debate current issues with peers from the United States and abroad. They also visit the renowned sites of our nation's capitol such as the White House (by special invitation), the U.S. Department of State and Arlington National Cemetery. Additional program highlights include a visit to the National Press Club; special workshops conducted by the staff of the Newseum (the world's first interactive news museum) and a student video news production.

"We provide the rare opportunity for students to examine Washington and our government beyond the marble buildings," says Presidential Classroom President and CEO Jack Buechner. "Our unique and challenging programs bond leadership and academics in a way that appeals to our students, while opening their perspective on national and world politics."

Celebrating its 35th anniversary, Presidential Classroom, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501 (c) 3 civic education organization, has

provided more than 100,000 top high school students from the United States and abroad unprecedented access to the federal government and the people who shape public policy. Presidential Classroom Scholars must be high school juniors or seniors with a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Dustin was elected junior class president in September. He has been a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students for three years. A Rivercrest High School, Dustin is active in Spanish Club, FFA and is a member of the golf team. Dustin attends First Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant. He went to London, England on an academic tour in June of this year. He has applied for a summer internship/job at Oxford University in England as well. Dustin's plans for the future are to attend a major university on an ROTC scholarship and enter the Air Force as an officer. After serving his country he wants to pursue a career in aeronautical engineering with NASA or in national security at the Pentagon. Dustin is also interested in politics and hopes that a military background along with a degree will enhance his chances of a party nomination some day.

About 80 percent of students attend Presidential Classroom through financial assistance from local businesses, organizations and individuals. Any business, organization or individual wanting to sponsor Dustin with a 2002 tax deductible donation may do so by mailing checks made out to Presidential Classroom/Dustin DeMoss, Rt. 2, Box 385, Mt. Pleasant, Tx. 75455.

Dustin is the son of Bill and Sandra (Lockhart) Terry of Mt. Pleasant, Tx. and Dennis and Sherry DeMoss of Porter, OK. He is the grandson of C.C. and Maggie Lockhart and great grandson of Mrs. Ida Curry all of Sallisaw, Bill and June Russell of Stewartville, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tedder of Porter, OK.



Wendy Renee Gentry and Joey Dale Taylor

Gentry-Taylor engagement

Andy Gentry of Argo, Ronnie and Evette Birchfield of Talco are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Wendy Renee Gentry to Joey Dale Taylor, son of Tim and Beverly Taylor of Mt. Pleasant. The couple plan a November 30, 2002 wedding at 7 o'clock in the evening at Harris Chapel Church of God of Prophecy in Sugar Hill.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Shirley Holt and the late Willie D. Holt of Sugar Hill; Faye McGee of Argo; Billy and Doris Gentry of Mt. Pleasant and Mildred Birchfield of Talco and is the great granddaughter of Morene Holt of Omaha. She is a

2000 graduate of Rivercrest High School and is attending NTCC working toward a teaching degree. She is employed by Friedmons Jewelers in Longview.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Hoyt and Jean Taylor of Talco; Roland Burson of Albuquerque, New Mexico; John and Gloria Smith of Ennis and the late Dinia Burson and the great grandson of Jettie Bond and Maxine Topping both of Bogata. He is a 1999 graduate of Rivercrest High School and is currently employed by Sherwin-Williams in Longview.

All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.



CHEYENNE DEARMAN of Deport attended the 4th annual Sports Extravaganza on October 25-26 in Irving with approximately 180 kids. All participants were blind or vision impaired. Sponsors were Texas Commission for the Blind and the Lions Club. Cheyenne came home with a gold in the 25 meter walk and a silver in the tennis ball throw.

"Light Up A Life" ceremony set for December 5

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Ella C. McFadden Hospice will sponsor its traditional "Light Up A Life" ceremony and lighting of the "Tree of Lights" on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. on the main park-

ing lot at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Medical Center, South, 820 Clarksville St.

The public is invited to attend the brief ceremony, which will include special music, a Hospice message, lighting of the holiday candles, and reading of names of those honored or memorialized. Refreshments will be served afterward in the hospital cafeteria.

Those wishing to contribute to the hospice program are also invited to do so. Donors may give in celebration of the birth of a child, in loving memory of a friend or relative, or to honor someone special who lives. Hospice officials said other contribu-

tions would be gratefully accepted at any time during the holidays, with letters of acknowledgment sent to families of those remembered.

The hospice message will be presented by Linda Lancaster, a hospice volunteer, and Richard Bercher, M.D., hospice medical director, will serve as master of ceremonies. Music will be provided by CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Associates Charlotte Sistrunk, Shawn Palmer and Jay Grizzle.

Names of those honored or memorialized during the Dec. 5 program will also be included in "The Book of Lights." Donations may be sent to: The Ella C. McFadden Hospice, CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System, P.O. Box 9070, Paris, Texas, 75461.

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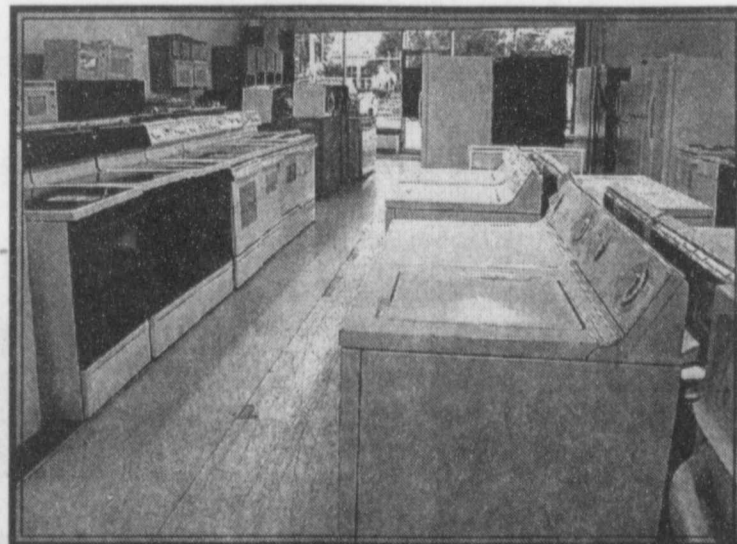
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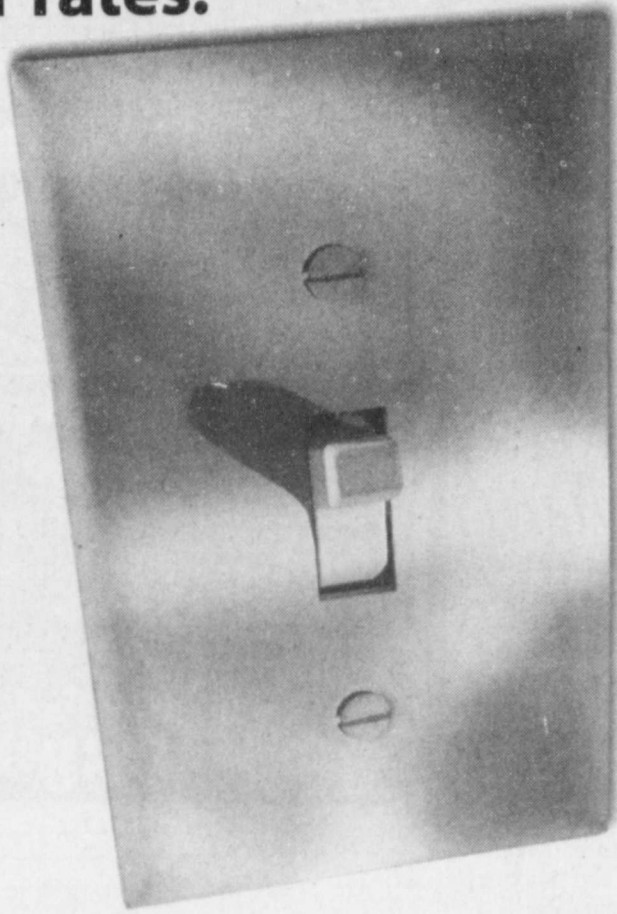


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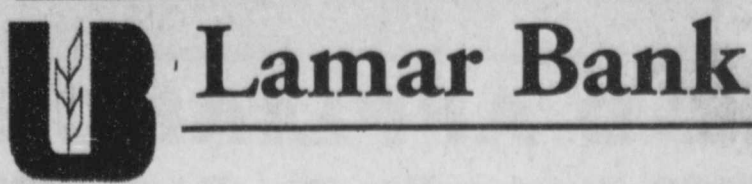
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Mid-Year gathering of Talco exes Surprise party

A group from Longview sponsored and hosted a gathering of Talco Exes on October 26, 2002. They started in early October contacting those who lived in their area and asked them to pass the word to any Ex who they thought would like to attend. The meeting was at the Oak Forest Country Club.

There were pictures displayed for remembrances and a lot of visiting. A picture of genevieve Welborn Morse, who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, was e-mailed to the group from her son who lives near her. With the group not so large everyone had time to visit with everyone else. They were hoping others would have these gatherings in their area. They stressed that this was not sponsored by the Ex-student Organization, but just lonesome Ex's. The main promoters of this

gathering were: Gerald Foster, Ralph Parsons and Doris Gibson. Those who attended and registered were; Doris Pittman Gibson; Gerald Foster; Eddie Chapman McCarty; Meurlene Bean Teague; Sandra Bean Hicks; Jane rosson Norman; Beth Rosson Hankins; Janie Wilson; Dale and Peggy Watts; Dan and Mary Kathryn Cotten; Darrell and Gail Morris; Faris Vaught and John Kelley; Gerald Ben and Kay Morris; Linda Shaw and Jimmie Weisinger; Ralph and Sue Parsons; Pierce and Ann Hendrix; Bob and Joyce Roberts; Yvonne Munn Floyd; Gloria Adcox Johnson; Noasha Adcox Nelson; W.R. Shaw; Rita Shaw Reindl; Freddy and Ellanora Ferris Foeh; Ann Clevenger; Bobbie Moore and Bob Riley. One teacher attended, Roy Johnson. All had a wonderful time.

Heath Parker, a student at Rivercrest Junior High, was seriously injured in a car accident during the summer. He has been hospitalized and undergoing therapy since. The family has learned that Heath will be returning home on November 15, 2002.

On November 16, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. a Welcome Home Surprise Party will be held in Heath's honor at the Maple Springs Church Fellowship Hall. All Heath's family and friends are cordially invited to come celebrate his recovery.



RIVERCREST ISD PHONE NUMBERS

Phone numbers for the three campuses of Rivercrest ISD are:
Talco School Rivercrest Junior High: 903-379-3841
Rivercrest High School: 903-632-5204

Rivercrest Elementary School: 903-632-5214.

TUESDAYS

BAM (Bogata Area Moms) play group for stay at home moms and their children meets Tuesdays form 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Call Kelly for more information at 903-632-4493.

NOVEMBER 8

The second six weeks of school at Rivercrest ISD will end on Friday, November 8. Report cards will be given out on Friday, November 15, 2002.

NOVEMBER 10

Wendy Gentry, bride-elect of Joey Taylor will be honored with a wedding shower November 10, 2002 at the Sugar Hill Church of God of Prophecy from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The couple have selections at Wal-Mart. All family and friends are invited to attend.

NOVEMBER 11

Rivercrest Elementary will have a Veteran's Day Program on Monday, November 11, 2002 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend, especially all veterans.

Also on Monday, November 11, 2002 the Rivercrest Junior High at Talco will hold a Veteran's Day Assembly hosted by the Student Council and beginning at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend, especially all veterans.



NOVEMBER 12

There will be no school at Rivercrest ISD campuses on November 12, 2002. The school will be hosting the UIL competitions for elementary and junior high students.

NOVEMBER 20

Grandparent Day will be celebrated at Rivercrest ISD campuses on Wednesday, November 20, 2002. All grandparents are urged to make plans to have lunch with their grandchildren. The students teachers can give you lunch times. Special activities and lunch prices will be printed at a later date.

NOVEMBER 27-29

Rivercrest ISD students will be out for the Thanksgiving Holiday. School classes will resume on Monday, November 28, 2002. Everyone is wished a safe and happy holiday.

Baby shower honors

Donna Stockton Lammon

Donna Stockton Lammon was honored with a baby shower on Saturday, November 2, 2002 at the Frist Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Bogata.

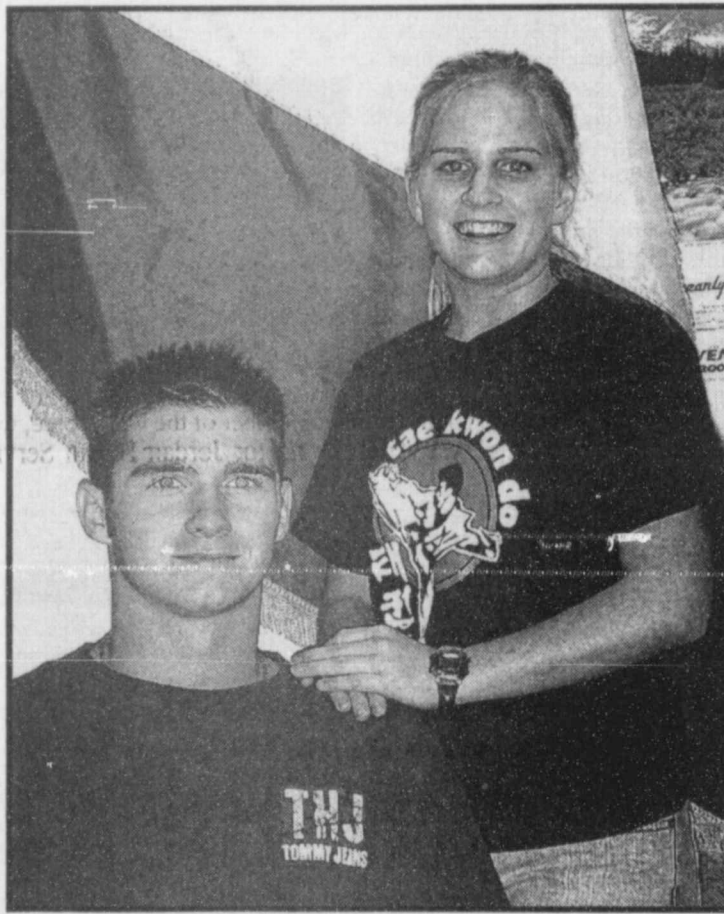
The honoree's theme of Moon and Stars was used on the registry and refreshment tables which were draped in white and accented with baby blue and white checked quilts. Ceramic crescent moons, stars and a baby items basket wrapped in blue tulle completed the refreshment table centerpiece. Guest were served cookies, punch, candied pecans and mints.

Special guests attending were the honoree's mother, Sandra Stockton; grandmother, Dorothy

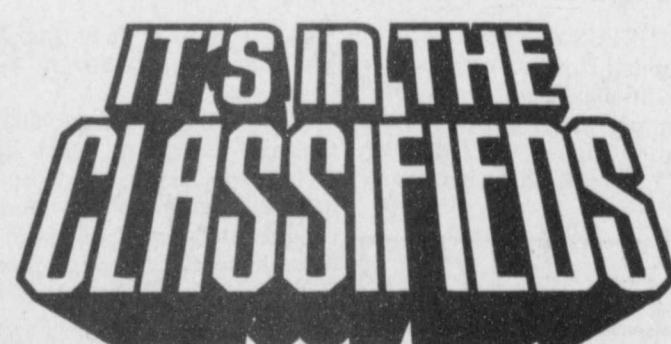
Stockton; Aunts Merle Palmer, Jo Hoover, Shirley Anderson, Barbara White, Judy Ward and Jean Stockton.

Donna received many lovely gifts. The hostesses, Sherry Adams, Toni Anderson, Larann Denison, Kim Fields, Misty Gage, Jamie Huddleston, Gayle Reeder, Jane Strawn, Lillian Taylor and Cora Tidwell, presented her with an Eddie Bauer car seat, a baby monitor, diapers and baby wipes.

Donna and Matt were also honored with a baby shower in Mobile, Alabama, on October 13, 2002. They received an array of useful gifts for their expected son.



2ND RUNNERS-UP-Elected 2nd Runners-up to Mr. and Miss RHS at Rivercrest High School this year are Alison Foster and Heath Hinton. Alison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Foster of Bogata. Heath is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hinton of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



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West Nile hits hard in Texas

Cooler temperatures will bring a welcome break from mosquitoes, which this summer have transmitted West Nile Virus (WNV) to more than 967 of Texas' nearly one million horses. Few areas of the state have been spared from the spread of this disease that was introduced into the U.S. in 1999 and made its way to Texas in June 2002. Laboratory tests, most run at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) have confirmed infection in horses in 149 Texas counties. WNV, a "sleeping sickness" disease, can be harbored by more than 70 species of birds, mosquitoes are responsible for spreading the disease from an infected birds to a horse or human.

"For more than 14 months, we've urged owners to get their equids (horses, donkeys and mules) vaccinated against West Nile Virus," said Dr. Linda Logan, state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. Although WNV is not a regulatory disease, TAHC veterinarians and animal health inspectors have worked to increase awareness about the disease that can cause equids to suffer swelling of the brain, develop high fever and muscle tremors, or become unable to rise. According to national statistics, WNV infection can lead to death in up to a third of infected equids, she noted.

"Now owners should talk with the private veterinarian about a 'booster' shot for equids that were vaccinated at least six months ago. This is particularly important if the animals reside in or will be traveling to areas where temperatures are warm enough to support mosquitoes through the winter," said Dr. Logan. "This booster shot can strengthen the animal's immunity, enabling it to fight off development of clinical disease."

WNV vaccine is produced by Fort Dodge Animal Health and is conditionally licensed by the USDA, explained veterinarian Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist. Aside from mosquito repellents, he said the vaccine, available through veterinarians, is the only protection available against the disease that has affected nearly 12,000 horses in 38 states in 2002.

"Studies on the effectiveness of the vaccine must be completed

before the vaccine gains final approval," said veterinarian Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist. "However, preliminary reports on the vaccine's safety and effectiveness looks good. Of the 20,000 equine animals vaccinated properly in 2001 in Florida, only one was known to have developed WNV infection."

"Adequate supplies of WNV vaccine are available from the maker, but many owners have procrastinated about getting their horses immunized," said Dr. Conger. "On October 28, we talked with representatives of Fort Dodge Animal Health and were told only 750,000 doses of the vaccine have been ordered by Texas private practitioners. That's enough vaccine for only 375,000 of the state's 1 million horses, because the immunization process requires two doses of the vaccine, with the second administered three to six weeks after the first injection. Maximum disease immunity doesn't occur until three or four weeks after the second shot. To maintain disease protection, the animal needs a 'booster' shot yearly--or in warmer climates--every six months."

Dr. Logan said getting rid of mosquito breeding sites will help reduce the risk of disease transmission to both animals and humans. She urged equine owners to drain sources of stagnant water and to keep troughs cleaned and filled with fresh water.

"In all likelihood, WNV will continue to spread, but in making a diagnosis in equids, we need always to consider rabies or other diseases that can cause animals to be disoriented," explained Dr. Logan. "Although fairly rare, rabies can strike livestock, and owners who handle an animal stricken with rabies should contact their physician immediately. It's important to follow through with your veterinary practitioner to get a diagnosis confirmed when livestock become extremely sick or die, especially if they exhibit signs of neurological distress, such as inability to rise, stumbling, head swinging or disorientation. You should notify your veterinary practitioner or the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242." Additional information about WNV can be accessed on the internet at: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/diseases/arboviral/westnile/westnile.asp>.



Genetta Brown

Talco is home to new author

by Nancy Brown

Talco is home to a newly printed author, Genetta Brown, whose book, "A Walking Living Miracle" has been recently published. The book is a history of the life of Genetta, her trials, her faith and her beliefs.

Born the daughter of Rosie Mae Williams Boyd, Genetta, her mom, two sisters and brother moved to Talco from Evergreen. She met and married Morris Brown on October 30, 1948 in Talco. The couple have four daughters, Brenda, Joyce, Rosemary and Sandra. They have 10 grandchildren, one of which they lost in a car accident in 1999 and 6 great grandchildren.

Genetta and Morris are members of the Bethel Church of God in Christ in Talco where she has been a Sunday School teacher since 1949. Today she is still teaching Sunday School, is the President of the Church Choir and is State Purity Lady of Texas Lone Star.

At age 70, Genetta is still a member of the work force, working for Jordan Health Services.

She is a beautiful woman both inside and out and her light shines for the world to see. When asked, "What made you write a book?", Genetta replied, "It was at a women's conference I attended in Ft. Worth, Tx. that a prophecy was made that I would write a book. It inspired me and I did just that". She is so proud of her accomplishment, as the residents of Talco will be for her. The book, which sells for \$6.00 each can be purchased from Genetta and being the kind person that she is she gave me one. I will donate my copy to the Rivercrest High School Library after all of my family have read it. I certainly got a lift from her words and I hope every student at Rivercrest High School reads this book of faith, courage and the Lord's guidance. And, as an extra, they can take a short drive to Talco and meet this wonderful lady with such faith in her God and gain a blessing from the meeting. Congratulations Genetta not only on your book, but on the affect you have had on the lives of so many.

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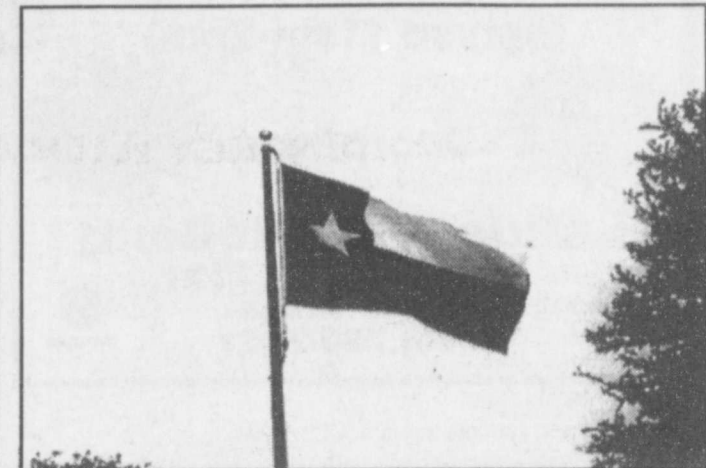
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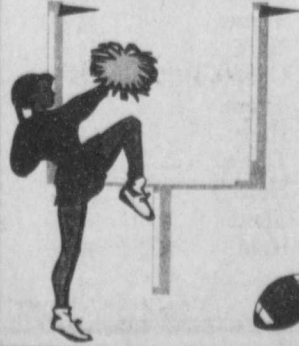


TOP TEN-The Junior High girls Top Ten Cross Country District winners are pictured with smiling faces. Among the group are Rivercrest's Susan Smith (2nd from the right front) who placed 2nd and Rivercrest's Torrie Grissom (3rd from the right front) who placed 3rd in the race. Congratulations, Susan and Torrie!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

People 'N Things

Don't forget the Deport American Legion's Veterans Day breakfast on November 11 at 7 a.m. at the Legion Post in Deort for members.

It's Football Time!



Date set for Rivercrest High School class of 83' reunion

Representatives of the Rivercrest class of 1983 have set the date for their 20 year reunion for July 19, 2003. The place and time, as well as activities, are still being planned. More information will be available at a later date. Mark your calendars and plan on coming back to visit with those you have not seen in decades.

The group are also collecting information for the "20 Year class reunion annual". If you are a member of the class of 1983 please send a recent picture of you and your family as well as a little biography of what you have "been up to" in the last 20 years; college, family; jobs; hobbies etc. The Reunion Annual will have addresses, phone numbers, emails, pictures and information on each of the class members. You can mail your photos and information

to Leah Lewis Bull, 431 S. Bryson St., Bogata, Tx. 75417. You may also email your information and pictures if you have the capabilities to lrlewis@1starnet.com. All photos will be promptly returned within a few days of receiving them. The reunion annual may be purchased before or during the class reunion next year. The price of the annual will cover copying and binding only and the cost will be \$7.00-\$10.00 each.

An invitation is also extended to the classes of 1982 and 1984 as well as any parents, faculty or friends to come reminisce and reconnect with old friends. You may contact Leah Lewis Bull at 903-632-9520; Joe Corbell at 903-509-3027; Kathie Williams Thompson at 903-632-4591 or David Rozell at 903-632-5617 for information.

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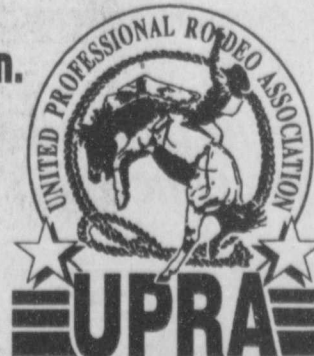


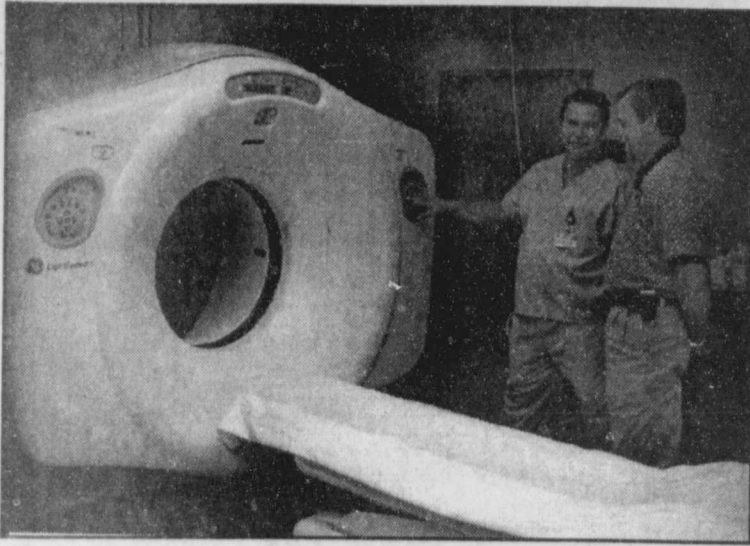
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NEW SCANNER - David Curtis, left, registered radiographer, and J.R. Lindsey, cardiovascular and imaging director at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System, examine the hospital's new GE "Lightspeed" computer tomography scanner. The CT scanner produces detailed images that can be viewed on film, stored or viewed electronically, or sent to distant locations via e-mail.

Lightspeed CT scanner now available

Patients undergoing CT (computerized tomography) scans at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System will find the time it takes to undergo the test greatly reduced following installation of a new GE "Lightspeed" CT scanner.

The new machine is much faster, explained J.R. Lindsey, cardiovascular and imaging director at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's. "This is one of the fastest machines on the market," Lindsey said, "so patients will be able to return to their rooms sooner and, hopefully, with less discomfort."

CT scanners produce a series of pictures of the body, producing detailed images of internal organs, bones and, in some cases, blood flow. Four "slices," or cross section views of the body, are produced with each revolution of the scanner, with various parts of the

body targeted for examination.

"An examination of the head, one of the longer procedures, only takes about one minute," explained David Curtis, registered radiographer in CT. "Most patients are in an out in five minutes," Curtis said, including the time taken to set and align the equipment. The newer scanners, he added, involve less radioactivity, are faster and are less invasive than the traditional CAT (computer assisted tomography) scanners.

Curtis also said the Lightspeed scanner can provide images of the heart, including arteries and veins, providing an alternative to cardiac catheterization in some instances. The system will also do some 3-D reconstruction, he added, providing doctors with three-dimensional views.

Tinsel & Tidings will be best ever

Tinsel & Tidings 2002, the annual craft bazaar kicking off the holiday season, will be the biggest and best ever.

The event will be Saturday, November 23 at Love Civic Center from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Santa will be attending to take note of Christmas wishes expressed by children and to pose for pictures. A bake shop featuring home baked goodies will give everyone a chance to get a head start on the need for baked items for Thanksgiving. A concession stand featuring home made barbecue sandwiches and YWCA secret recipe chili will be available to tame appetites during the day. Entertainment performed by

talent from around the county will be outdoors throughout the day, also pony rides a day giant air sky slide will keep the children happy.

Craft items will include holiday decorations, jewelry, candles, fine art, stained glass, pottery, metal work, collectible model cars and knives, woodcrafts, clothing and floral items, just to name a few.

Applications are being accepted for performing individuals an groups who would like to entertain during the day. Outdoor boot applications are also being accepted.

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CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System's wellness centers will host the 27th Annual Turkey Trot race on Thanksgiving Day as walkers and runners gather at Noyes Stadium to compete in a series of events.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m., with nine age divisions competing in one or more of three separate events.

"The Turkey Trot is designed for walkers and runners of all ages and abilities," explained Traci McDonald, race coordinator. "We will have a lot of fun - and get some good exercise - as entrants compete for trophies and medals."

Entry fees are \$10 for children 10 and under, and \$13 for all others if registration forms are post-marked by Nov. 22. Late entries are \$15. Those wishing to register may pick up entry forms at any sponsor's location: Compass Medical, Liberty National Bank, J.W. Jones Swimming Pools, Williams Sporting Goods, Tijerina-Dunnington-Le Urology Clinic, Kwik Kopy Printing, Durham Masonry, In., or Advance Alarm. Entry forms are also available at either Aerofit or RACE Wellness Center. Those wishing to pay by

credit card, or who have a late entry, should do so at one of the wellness centers.

Events will include a 5K run, a one and two-mile walk, and a fun run designed for children 10 and under. In the 5K Run, trophies will be awarded to the overall first place finisher in the male and female categories as well as first-place finishers in each of the age divisions. Second and third place winners will receive medals. And in the one and two-mile walk, to be held at the Dragon Park Walking Track, walkers will be asked to estimate the time it will take them to complete the loop. Those coming closest to their estimated times will win, with first through fifth place finishers to be awarded trophies in both the one and two-mile competition. First place winner in the Fun Run will receive a trophy, with medals going to second and third place finishers.

All participants will receive a "Turkey Trot" t-shirt.

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Jack, Jennifer and Jaden Brown of Powderly were overnight guest Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown. They attended the 21st birthday celebration of Cody Wolfe Saturday night. On Sunday while Jack and Eddie watched the Dallas Cowboy game, Nancy, Jennifer and Jaden and Kim, Paul and Quinton Anderson enjoyed shopping in Mt. Pleasant.

Happy November birthday to: Carey Lynn Johnson, Lisa Clark, Shaunda Tiffie, Marta Rhoades, Mayra Clark, Elodia Grissom, Charline Morris and Michael Hackler.

Awana lock-in

The Maple Springs Missionary Baptist Church youth group, the Awanas will hold a lock-in at the church on Friday, November 8, 2002.

The members of the group will be allowed to invite one guest to share their evening of fun. A gospel band from Pittsburg will perform for the group as well as give testimony.

Spanish courses offered at NTCC

Northeast Texas Community College is offering a course, "Spanish for all Healthcare Providers".

The class will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays in November including the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Call for registration at 903-572-1911 Ext. 247.

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Date	Opponent	Place	Time
11-18	Cooper girls	There	5:00
11-18	Cooper boys	Here	5:00
11-2	Honey Grove girls	Here	5:00
11-25	Honey Grove boys	There	5:00
12-2	Prairiland girls	There	5:00
12-2	Prairiland boys	Here	5:00
12-6-7	Chisum Tourn girls	There	TBA
12-5-7	Chisum Tourn. boy	There	TBA
12-9	Chisum girls	Here	5:00
12-9	Chisum boys	There	5:00
12-13-14	Travis girls	There	TBA
12-16	Clarksville boys	Here	5:00
12-16	Clarksville girls	There	5:00
1-6	Cooper girls	Here	5:00
1-6	Cooper boys	There	5:00
1-13	Honey Grove girls	There	5:00
1-13	Honey Grove boys	Here	5:00
1-16-18	Rivercrest Tourn. boys	Here	TBA
1-23	Prairiland girls	Here	5:00
1-23	Prairiland boys	There	5:00
1-27	Chisum girls	There	5:00
1-27	Chisum boys	Here	5:00
2-3	Clarksville girls	Here	5:00
2-	Clarksville boys	There	5:00
2-10	Chisum boys	There	5:00

Bold print denotes home games

Rivercrest Rebel

2002-2003

Basketball Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
11-9	Scrimmage	Winnboro	2:00
11-15	Ector	Here	5:00
11-19	Hughes Springs	There	5:00
11-21-23	Tournament JV	N. Lamar	TBA
11-22	Savory	There	5:00
11-26	Saltillo	Here	5:00
11-30	Dodd City	Here	2:00
12-5-7	Tournament	Prairiland	TBA
12-6	Cooper JV	Here	5:00
12-10	Yantis	Here	4:30
12-12-14	Tournament JV	Cooper	TBA
12-13	Greenville	There	5:00
12-17	Avery	Here	4:00
12-19-21	Tournament	Rivercrest	TBA
12-27-28	Tournament	Detroit	TBA
1-3	Union Hill	There	5:00
1-7	Paul Hewitt	There	5:00
1-10	*Prairiland	There	4:00
1-14	*Chisum	Here	4:00
1-17	*Clarksville	There	4:00
1-21	*Cooper	Here	4:00
1-24	*Honey Grove	There	4:00
1-28	*Prairiland	Here	4:00
1-31	*Chisum	There	4:00
2-4	*Clarksville	Here	4:00
2-7	*Cooper	There	4:00
2-11	*Honey Grove	Here	4:00

(*denotes District games)

Rivercrest Lady Rebel

2002-2003

Basketball Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
11-5	Lone Oak	Here	5:00
11-9	Paul Hewitt	Here	2:00
11-12	Chapel Hill	There	5:00
11-14-16	Tournament	Dodd City	TBA
11-19	Chapel Hill	Here	6:00
11-22	Savoy	There	6:00
11-26	Saltillo	Here	4:00
11-30	Dodd City	There	2:00
12-3	Pittsburg	Here	5:00
12-5-7	Tournament	Prairiland	TBA
12-10	Yantis	Here	4:30
12-12-14	Tournament	N. Hopkins	TBA
12-13	Greenville (JV)	There	5:00
12-17	Avery	Here	4:00
12-20	Open		
12-27-28	Tournament	Detroit	TBA
1-3	*Cooper	There	6:00
1-7	*Honey Grove	Here	6:00
1-10	*Prairiland	There	4:00
1-14	*Chisum	Here	4:00
1-16-18	JV Tourney	Chapel Hill	TBA
1-17	*Clarksville	There	4:00
1-21	*Cooper	Here	4:00
1-24	*Honey Grove	There	4:00
1-28	*Prairiland	Here	4:00
1-31	*Chisum	There	4:00
2-4	***Clarksville	Here	4:00

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(**) denotes Parents Night

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Mark Wooley, a certified physician assistant, also provides primary care services at the clinic, under the supervision of Dr. Ganguly.

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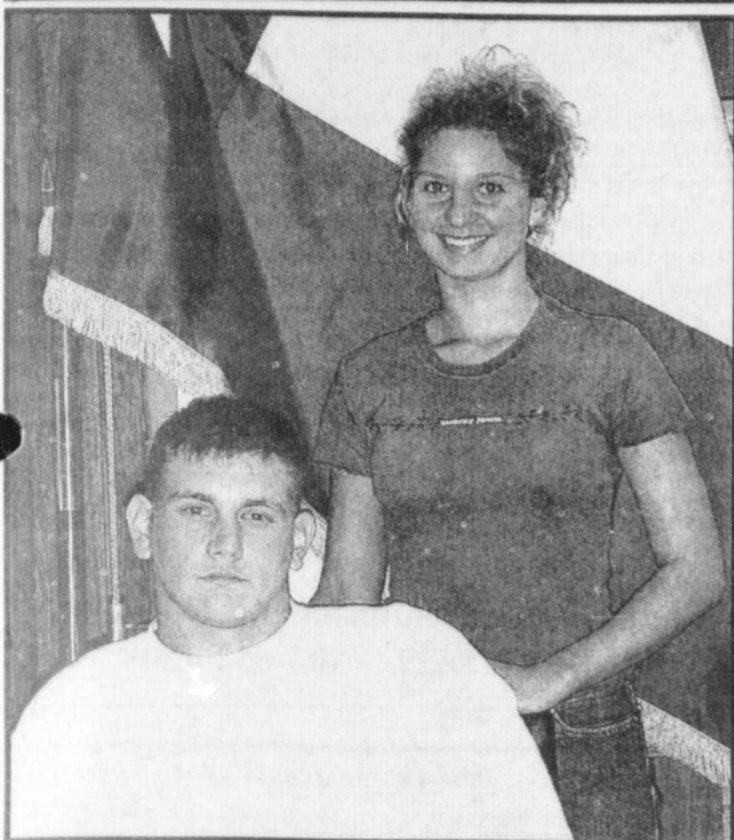
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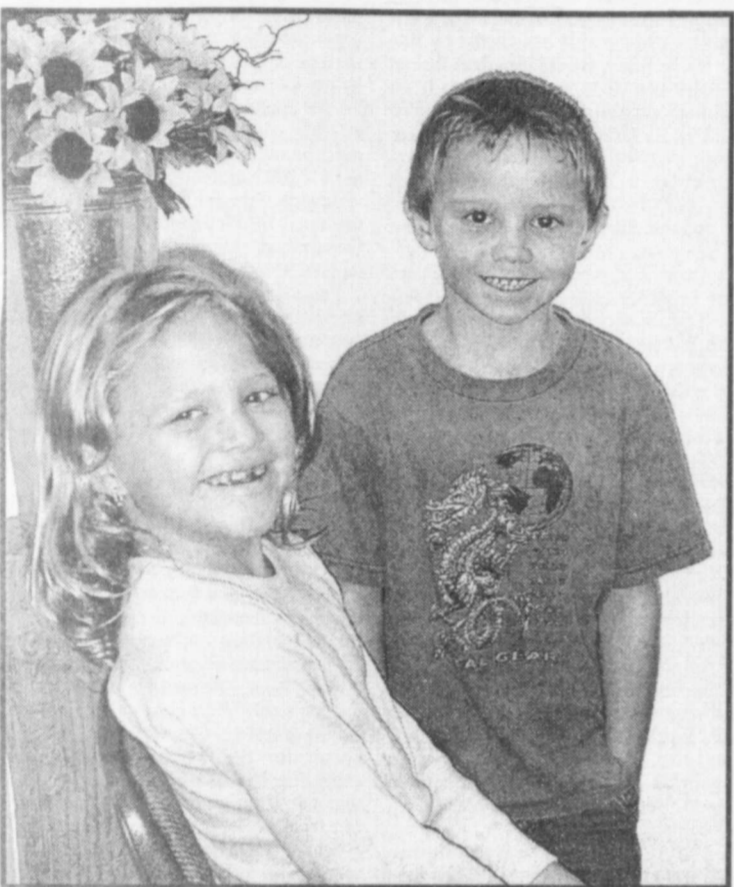
MR. AND MISS RHS-Elected Mr. and Miss Rivercrest High School this year are Shari Wisinger, daughter of Tommie and Linda Wisinger of Sugar Hill and Josh Cabell, son of Martin and Leah Cabell of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



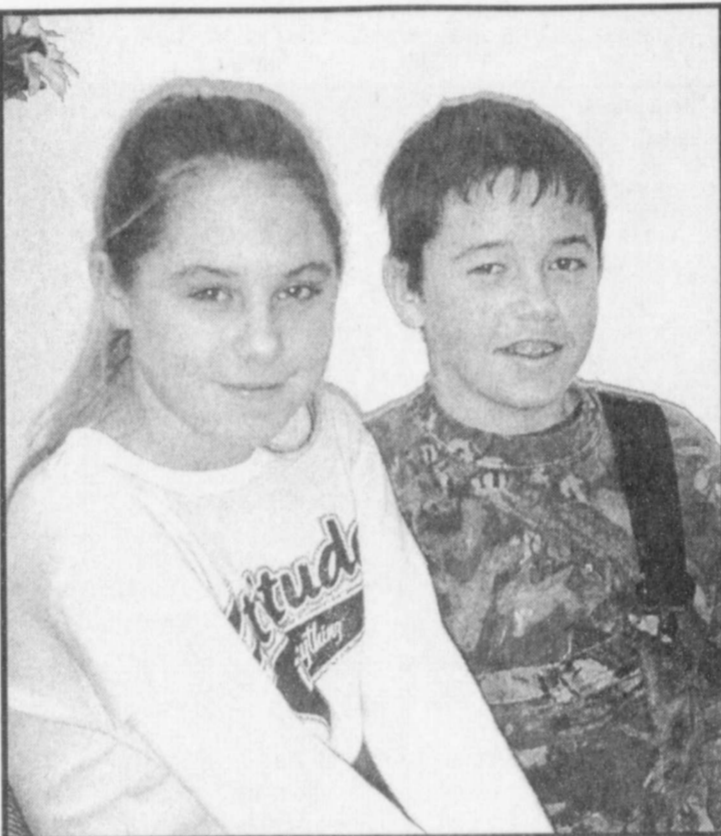
MR. AND MISS RJH-Elected Mr. and Miss Rivercrest Junior High this year are Emily McCuller and Justin Franks. Emily is the daughter of Kelly and Judy McCuller of Sugar Hill. Justin is the son of Tim Franks of Pittsburg and Robin Lee of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



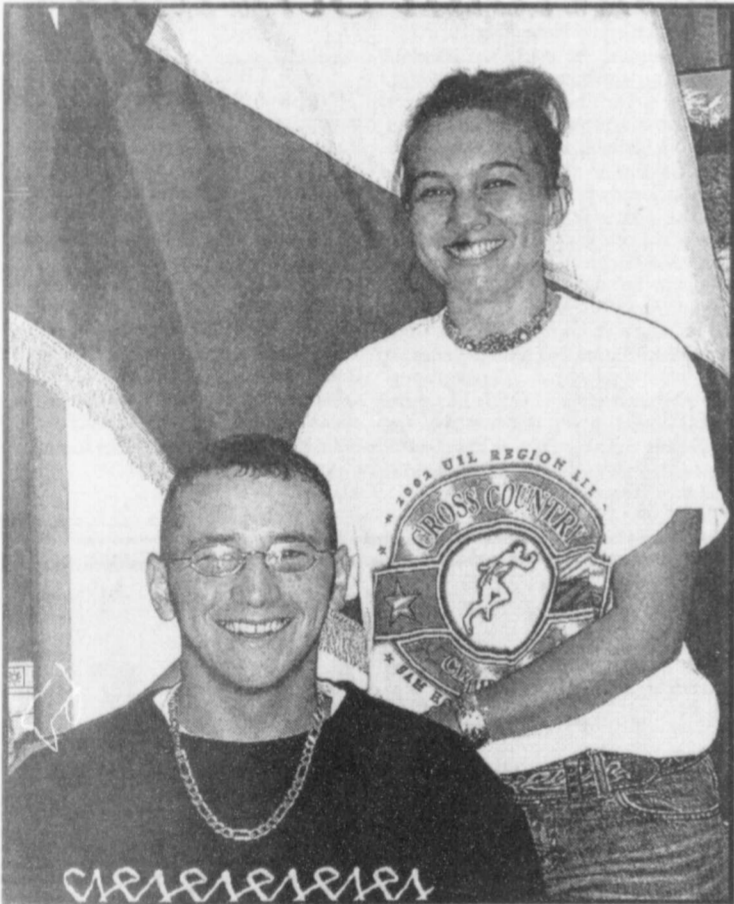
EIGHTH GRADE-Class Favorites at Rivercrest Junior High this year are: (from the left) Robert Caul Rhoades, son of Marta Rhoades of Talco and Ricky Rhoades of Oklahoma; Cortney Merchant, daughter of Jerry and Melissa Merchant of Bogata and Micah Haynes, son of John and Mikel Ann Haynes of Bogata. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



FIRST GRADE-Class Favorites at Rivercrest Elementary this year are Baylie Wright and Paden Lum. Baylie is the daughter of Nikki Wright of Bogata. Paden is the son of Scott and Amber Lum of Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



MR. AND MISS ELEMENTARY-Elected Mr. and Miss Rivercrest Elementary this year are Kelsey Franks and James Don White. Kelsey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Franks of Sugar Hill. James Don is the son of Stephanie and Bobby Davis of Bogata and Pat White of Johnstown. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



1ST RUNNERS-UP-Elected 1st Runners-up to Mr. and Miss RHS at Rivercrest High School this year are Danielle Easterling and Kasey Easley. Danielle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Easterling of Pittsburg, Teri Easterling of Talco and Eric Cabell of Mt. Pleasant. Kasey is the son of Rene Gonzales of Mt. Pleasant and Kent Easley of Mt. Pleasant. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Cunningham News

Happy birthday to Brantley Morris, Ida Mae Norwood, Seth Smith and Jan Fox.

L'Wanda McKnight, Shirlene Owens and Ella Jones attended a Team National Convention in Orlando, FL last week.

Sunday guests of Shelby and Bobby Kennedy were Heath, Missy, Layker and Laytner Kennedy and Jeff and Zak Kennedy.

Lacy and Kelby Cole spent Friday night with James and Pat Norwood. James and Pat, Bobby and Betty Winters and James and Katy Winters ate at Chjli's Saturday.

mGeneva Norwood had a Halloween party at Sterling House in Paris Wednesday and a party at Mission Manor in Mt. Vernon Thursday. She and Billy Ray, Neva, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats and Kaylee Lane for supper Friday night. She had her family as guests Sunday.

Amber and Matt Galloway attended the CRRA Rodeo Finals in Claremore, OK over the weekend.

Billie Ford ate Sunday lunch with Lillian King.

Shelly, Ken and Conner Wardle of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with Velma Cox Saturday they visited Walker Devlin.

Logan Norwood and Weston Drinnon ran in the Regional Cross Country Meet at Huntsville Saturday. Their coach, Mendy Cole, accompanied them. Frankie Norwood went Saturday to watch them run.

Jamie, Teresa and Seth Smith, Kelly Mowery, Frances Franklin and Delores Norwood ate at the 909 Diner in Bogata Friday and at the Mexican restaurant in Bogata on Sunday.

Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats and Kaylee Lane are house guests of Billy Ray and Neva Oats while they are in the process of moving into the "Little House on the Prairie".

The Cunningham Community Center and Fire Department will have a stew cookoff and skeet shoot at the community center on Saturday, November 9. The skeet shoot will begin at 1 p.m., the stew judging will be at 4:30 and the stew will be served at 5 p.m.

Fire is quickly contained at Christus St. Joseph's

Thanks to ongoing emergency preparedness drills at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Medical Center-South, a small fire which began near the 3rd floor nursing station late Wednesday afternoon was quickly contained and patient risks were minimized.

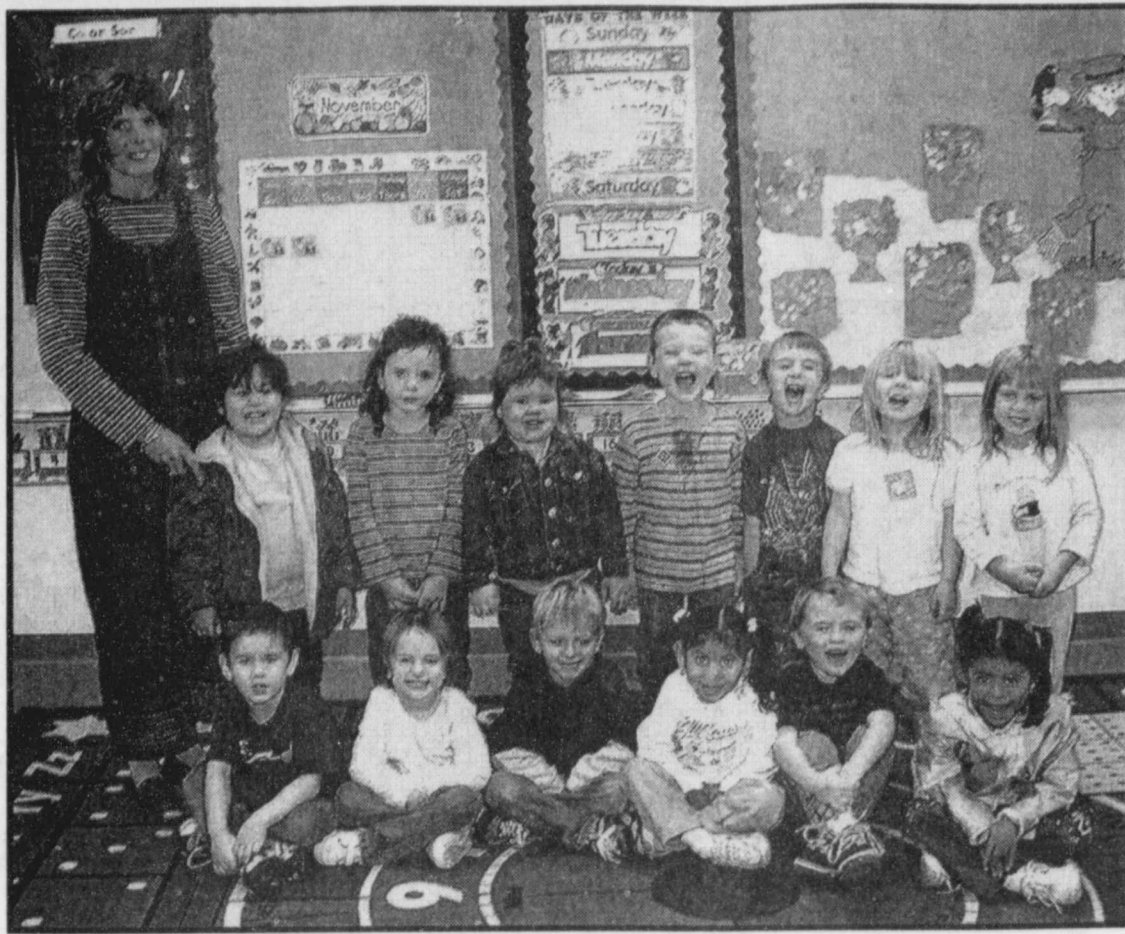
Reports indicate the fire was called in after 5:30 p.m. Wednesday when smoke was identified near the Nursing House Supervisor's office on the hospital's third floor.

According to Carole Grant, R.N., Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer, "Patient safety is always our first priority. CSJ Associates, physicians and Paris Police and Fire Department personnel are to be commended for their quick assessment of the situation and seeing that all affected patients were cared for appropriately. Patients from the west halls of the third, fourth and fifth floors were temporarily relocated to available rooms on other wings of the same floors." Some patients returned to their original room by 7:30 p.m. that evening.

A total of 17 patients on the third, fourth and fifth floor west wing were relocated to other available beds on the same floor. Smoke dissipated throughout the hospital but minimally to patient rooms as precautions were taken to prevent exposure. Because the fire was said to have begun in a copy machine, appropriate chemicals were used to extinguish the fire. The hospital sustained no water damage. The machine had been repaired earlier in the day.

As an additional safety precaution, patient's family members and friends in the third floor and ICU waiting areas were directed to the hospital's main lobby. Two CSJ Associates were treated and released in the Emergency Department for respiratory related problems.

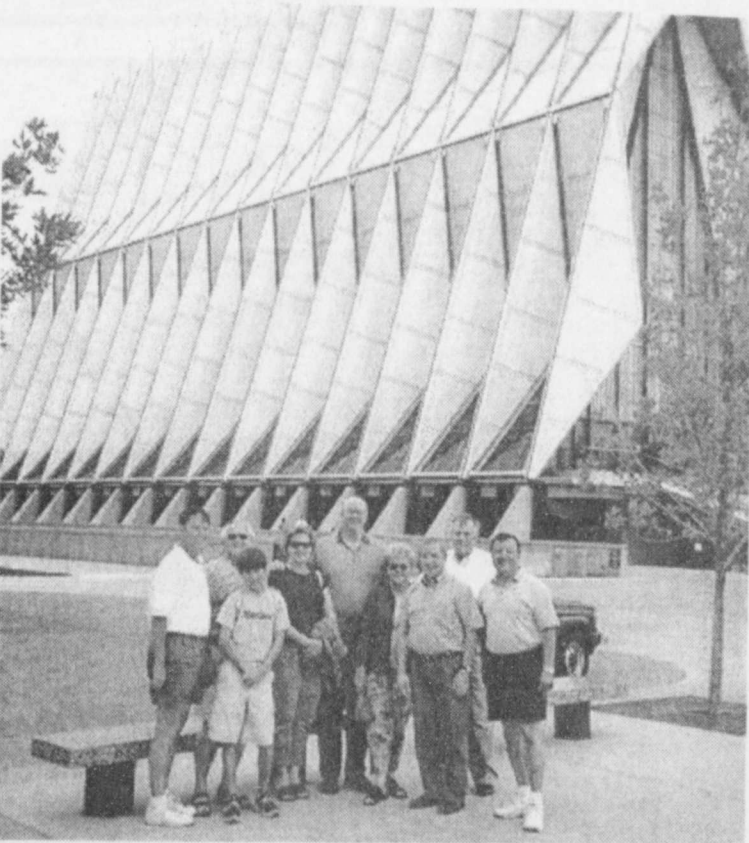
Exact cause of the machine malfunction nor the extent of damage has not been determined at this time.



BRAND NEW-Pre-K teachers, Lisa Via is pictured with her brand new students; (back from the left) Amanda Barbosa, Vanessa Martin, Tyler Godfrey, Trenton Ellison, Triston Blackwell, Amoret Sellers and Ally Gibbs and (front from the left) Brandon Belcher, Michelle Smith, Moses Baldoza, Melissa Leija, Larry Ward and Lisset Gonzalez. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



RIVERCREST STUDENTS- participated in the Red River Re-Dedication of the Court House ceremonies in Clarksville. The Quiz Team comprised of (from the left) Rachel Case, Michelle Bryant, Alison Foster and Tim Carder placed 3rd in the event. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



JACK BALLARD and family recently visited the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.

Ballards visit Air Force Academy

By Jack Ballard

Probably the chief reason a tourist would visit Colorado Springs, Colorado is the opportunity to experience the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains. Yet, if you should make the trip to the beautiful city, don't miss a visit to the Air Force Academy. The Air Force Academy complex is over 18,000 acres nestled at the base of the Rocky Mountains on Interstate 25 just outside the city.

The Academy was authorized in 1954 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The four-year college operates with approximately 4,000 Cadets each year. Of the major attractions for visitors on the Academy grounds, one would want to note the B-52 bomber displays, the famous flying Thunderbirds Airmanship Overlook, and Falcon Football Stadium.

Yet, the centerpiece of the complex is the Cadet Chapel. Soaring 150 feet toward the Colorado sky, the Cadet Chapel is an all-faith house of worship. It contains a

separate chapel for each of the three major religious faiths—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish—plus two all-faiths worship rooms. There are two main levels within the building with the Protestant Chapel on the upper level and the Catholic and Jewish Chapels beneath.

The Chapel was completed in 1963 after five years of planning and four years of construction. The aluminum, glass and steel structure features 17 majestic spires, or tetrahedrons. The spires form the walls and the 99-foot pinnacled ceiling of the Protestant Chapel. Stained glass windows form ribbons of color between the spires. The pews are of American walnut and African mahogany. They are sculptured so the end of each pew resembles a World War I airplane propeller. The backs of the pews are capped by a strip of aluminum similar to the leading edge of a fighter aircraft wing.

The focal point of the Catholic Chapel is the abstract glass mo-

PET TALK

If it looks as though Trigger is trying to eat his way out of the stall, it's not because he needs bigger, tastier meals. "Cribbing," a nervous habit developed by some horses, can cause significant damage both to the horse's teeth and to his surroundings.

Cribbing is when a horse latches onto surfaces with its teeth and arches its neck, retracting its larynx and pulling backward.

It is difficult to predict which horses will develop this behavior. However, the learning association has not been proven. One theory is that the repetitive behavior is due to environmental and management stress. Stabled horses are more likely to become cribbers than horses that spend more time at work to break the habit.

If you are unable to put the horse to pasture, you may try a cribbing strap or collar, which is typically made of leather and has a metal piece that conforms to the horse's neck muscles when relaxed. The shape of the metal discourages muscle contraction in the neck and may be effective. However, as soon as the cribbing strap is taken off the horse, it is more likely to resume cribbing.

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a referendum on the proposition of whether or not cotton growers shall establish a boll weevil eradication program in the area designated by rule as the Northern Blacklands Boll Weevil Eradication Zone and pay a maximum annual assessment in the amount of \$13.25 per land acre of cotton each year until costs of the eradication program plus finance charges are paid off, which is anticipated to take up to 10 years, and a nominal maintenance fee thereafter. The initiation of a program at this assessment level is contingent upon obtaining financing and a minimum of 30 percent state and/or federal cost-share funding. If approved, the program and assessment are expected to begin in the zone on a date determined by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program Board of Directors.

The Northern Blacklands Eradication Zone consist of all of Montague, Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Red River, Bowie, Cass, Morris, Titus, Franklin, Hopkins, Delta, Hunt, Rockwall, Collin, Denton, Wise, Jack, Parker, Tarrant, Dallas, Kaufman, Rains, VanZandt, Henderson, Navarro, Ellis, Johnson, Hood, Somervell, Bosque, Hamilton and Hill counties; and those parts of McLennan and Limestone counties north of State Highway 84. If a zone program and assessment are approved by this referendum, growers in the zone shall vote again on whether or not to continue eradication efforts after four years of active program activities.

Also, as part of the referendum, a representative of the above-referenced zone will be elected to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The referendum and board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed by November 19, 2002. All ballots cast by mail must be post-marked no later than December 9, 2002, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having cotton production in 2002 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and if he or she resides in the Northern Blacklands Boll Weevil Eradication Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, to have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton and receives income from the sale of cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm.

Any person eligible to vote in the referendum or board member election who resides in the Northern Blacklands boll Weevil Eradication Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place his or her name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. The application shall be on a nomination form provided by the Department and must be signed by the applicant and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received in Austin by November 11, 2002, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-7593. 11-7

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ON QUALIFICATIONS FOR A DISTRICT WIDE ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The Prairiland Independent School District is requesting proposals for the implementation of Energy Efficiency Improvements on a performance-contracting basis. The intent of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit qualification proposals from Energy Services companies (ESCOs) that describe their capabilities to identify, design, install, maintain, monitor and arrange financing of a large-scale, comprehensive energy-conservation program which includes the services listed in this proposal. Respondents may pick up the RFP Specification Packet at the Administration Office located on FM196 S, Pattonville, Texas 785468. Additional information pertaining to this solicitation can be obtained through James Morton, Superintendent 903-652-6476. 11-7

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SANTA EVENT-Gail Lubas, Back, Center, of Possible Dreams, was on hand with Dawne Darden, Juanita Sparks and Dr. Louann Sparks Saturday for a Clothique Santa Event. Collectors from all over the area swarmed the Deport business to see the latest, sign up for drawings, an enjoy refreshments. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Bogata Locals

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Visiting Saturday with Dixie Stringfellow were Joe, Misty, Josh and Jake Stringfellow, Jan McCuller, Vicki Tabb, Dee and Maggie Richardson. Other recent visitors were Betty Joy Puckett, M.J. and Edna Earl Dodd, Kenneth York, Doug Hawkins, Michael Tabb, Billy, Kathy, Kaley, Kellen and Kason Stringfellow, Felina and Jerica White and Danny and Judi Tabb.

Happy November Birthday to: Mike Williams, Taelor Green, Colby Guest, Caryn Daniels, Edna Earl Dodd, Linda Sikes, Anne Randolph, Sam Barnard, Randy Gibbs, John Denison, Dovie Garretson, Mikie Bryson, Heather Holt, Sydney Earley, Garrett Fields, Chris Anna Guerra, Darla Brunson, Terry Williams, Mathew Ross, Sylvia Moore, Barbara White, Jason Freelen, Curtis Young, Swain Williams, Jerilyn Baskin, Nikki Burgess, Danny Hines, Vanessa Martin, Maxie Lewis, C.R. Williams, Marla Ballard, Neoma Goodman, Tim Taylor, Cody Poole, Landree Proffer, Mike Couch, Terry Reeves, Kristopher Lawson, Darrin

Higgins, Helen Pryor, Susan Simmons, Steve Middleton, Scott Pettiet, Douglas Brandon Williams, Aaron Martin, Sam Coffin and Tim Peeples.

Happy November Anniversary to: Shawn and Kelly McCarley, Ben and Cathy Townes, Mark and Debbie Hare, Terry and Ginger Jordan, Chester and Ressie Crow, Bobby Will and Stephanie Davis and Dennis and Janice Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Livingston, Marris and Joey of Waco visited Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hearn and Savannah over the weekend. On Sunday morning Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson visited with them all.

Cassie Cannon, Doris Belcher and Kayla, Sherri Cheatwood, Clinton and Cody attended the George Strait and JoDee Messina concert at the American Airlines Center in Dallas on Friday. Kayla and Cassie won backstage passes from Chevy Trucks and got to meet George and have their pictures taken with him. All enjoyed supper at Hooters in the West End prior to the concert.



8 POINT- Robert Caul Rhoades was successful on youth day deer hunting bagging his first ever deer and an 8 point at that. Robert is the son of Marta Rhoades of Talco and Ricky Rhoades of Oklahoma. Congratulations Bud!!



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Young eyes opened by veteran's words students look at war with new views

Veterans Day took on new meaning Monday for some Deport 8th grade students. Pam Norwood took her American History class to the Deport Nursing Home to visit with some residents.

Also with the group was Shirlene Harrell and Principal Paul Allen.

Mrs. Dora Flenniken and Mrs. L.C. Hodges entertained a group of girls sharing stories about life as young girls during World War II. Another group of students visited with Bill Farris, who served in the National Guard. Mr. Farris shared his experiences and those of a brother who served in the military. Other groups went to visit with Veterans Rastus Redd, Archie Fair, Robert Jones, Burrell Kincaid, James Cupler, Harold Kay and Milow Hume.

Charity Musgrove, after her visit, wrote: "I visited with Mr. Milo Hume yesterday. He used to live in Cunningham, so I already knew him. But I never knew that he was in World War II and was taken prisoner. As I was listening to him, I was amazed by his story. I never knew that talking to someone that served in the military could be so interesting. I realized that soldiers back then really went through a lot. As he was talking, he began to cry. It was very sad. I have learned on Veteran's Day I really need to stop and appreciate those who fought for our country."

Some of the other things the students learned about Mr. Hume were that he was 24 when he went overseas. He was captured in El Gitar, Africa. He was captured when they were in a dugout place in the ground and the Germans snuck up behind them. The guy he was with could speak German and told him that they said "Surrender now or we'll kill you". He was kept in an old school house where he was fed old peas with worms and bugs. He was there for 2 years and 18 days. They had to pick up potatoes and put them in a wagon. He lost from 165 lbs. to 115 lbs.

The 3rd Army liberated him. He didn't trust anyone by that time, but began to drink milk and a nurse convinced him to trust her.

Hailey Norwood also visited with Mr. Hume and says "I visited with Mr. Milo Hume, after yesterday's visit I respect Veterans a lot more. I thought it was very interesting to sit down and talk with him and listen to what he went through as a prisoner of war. Because it was hard for Mr. Hume to talk, his younger brother gave us a lot of information about what

happened during those years of war. I think we all learned a huge lesson yesterday.

Lacie Cole says "When I first heard that we were going to the Nursing Home I was kind of like well, this isn't going to be much fun. But after I began to hear Mr. Hume's story of being captured and taken prisoner I began to see what really went on. I was really interested. It made me sad when I heard what happened to him and saw him cry. They all went through some very, very hard times to save our country. I am so glad that we got to go hear their stories.

James Cupler, another resident, had a group of boys hanging on to his every word. Mr. Cupler was definitely a favorite with the students.

Cole Smallwood wrote: "I felt very good visiting with Mr. Cupler, he had so many stories. I am going to go back and listen to him some more. I had so much respect for him because he had taken a big risk and fought for his country. We even got off of the subject of war and he was nice enough to talk about his wife and how it was like for him as a child. He also told us that people don't have kids, they have children. Goats have kids, he says. He was fun.

Blake Stogsdill had this to say about meeting Mr. Cupler "When I met him at first I felt kind of shy. But when we were getting to know him I felt very good. When he was telling us about his life. I felt proud because I might be one of the few people to know about that day when the U.S. went to war. Now I know what really happened from someone who was there.

Mallory Bush met Archie Fair. She said that he was a really nice guy. "I thought it wouldn't be fun to learn and listen to someone, but it was. He had been to five countries and fought. He was very lucky to be alive.

Chris Parker met Rastus Redd and wrote "He was very happy to see us and tell us about veterans. I was surprised. I learned many things about the wars he was in. It changed me. Now I know many things about veterans. I was surprised that he lived and made it back because many did not. I think war changed him too. I have a lot more respect now.

Leah Cathy visited with Bill Farris: "Talking with him has really shown me how important these veterans are that fought for our country. If they hadn't, where would our world be today? These men were willing to sacrifice their lives to help protect our country.

Not only did they sacrifice their lives, but their family's too. From now on, I will understand and be more appreciative of Veterans!

Nikki English met with Archie Fair: At first when I went in there I thought it was going to be so boring, but it was really interesting. He talked about what kind of medal he got. Maybe we should go and talk with these people more often because they have experiences we can only dream about.

Brandi Richey, like many of the students, was nervous at first but warmed up quickly. "I feel different about the elderly now. I want to go back and talk with them more. I have a great new respect for them. Next Veterans Day will be different to me.

Cody Sullivan talked with Harold Kay. He says "I felt sad listening to his story about war. At first, he started to cry. He said he probably couldn't tell us about it, but he was going to try. He told us a good story. I'm very glad we went to the nursing home.

Robert Jones was with the Combat Engineers. Angel Deanda visited with him. She writes "I learned that he was an engineer in World War II and that he was stationed in Japan. Sitting with him made me realize that a lot of sacrifices were made to serve his country. We also visited with Burrell Kincaid. Mr. Kincaid was in the Navy. The veterans changed my feelings about Veterans Day. These men and their families made a lot of sacrifices for their country.

Danbri Mitchell visited with Robert Jones. "I thought it was neat to talk with him. He had some interesting stories. He talked about having to leave his family behind and be away from home 3 1/2 years. I thought it was neat that he was able to go to a different country. I also think it was neat to be able to communicate with them. I was very touched and proud to be able to talk with a person who has served their country and come back to talk about it.

We here at the newspapers were impressed not only with the wide variety of service and sacrifice that the veterans made for their country, but with the way they connected with the students that visited with them. We hope that the visits of these students will inspire other young people to take the time to visit with veterans and learn first hand more about the stories they have to share.





376th Heavy Bombardment Group VA reunion

by Charles Wilkinson

The 376th Heavy Bombardment Group Veterans Association Reunion was held in Omaha, Nebraska this year. The Reunion began on Wednesday, September 25 and lasted through Sunday the 29th.

On Sunday, September 22, my sister, Marjorie Glover, arrived at our home from Tyler, Tx. Monday the 23rd we loaded our van and began our trip to Omaha at 9:00 a.m. driving north from Anson on Hwy. 277. We entered Oklahoma just north of Vernon and had lunch at a small park near a Methodist church in Rocky, Oklahoma. We spent the night with a nephew, J.B. Parsons in Ponca City, OK.

On Tuesday, the 24th we left at 8:00 a.m. Since my older sister, Dora Thompson had lived for many years on a farm east of Ponca City, we decided to see if could locate the road to their farm. Their old home place is now covered by Kaw Lake. We drove on to McPherson, Kansas where we met a niece, Karon Morrow and her husband, Rob and her mother, our sister-in-law, Mary Ann Evans. We had a nice visit with them while having lunch.

Following lunch we resumed our trip. We drive I 35 to Wichita, Kansas and 81 to Salina Kansas. I was stationed at the Smoky Hill Air Base there in 1943 for my final phase training before going overseas. We were the first crews to receive training there. Our new B-24D's were supposed to be there when we arrived, they were not. They arrived a month later which caused us to be in Salina two months instead of one.

From Salina we went to Abilene, Kansas where we stayed overnight. We visited the Eisenhower Museum and complex. We also visited Old Abilene Town. Old Abilene Town was owned by two brothers. One brother died and the other wouldn't keep it up or sell it. It is now a completely run down eye sore.

Wednesday we resumed our trip and had beautiful weather until about 20 miles west of Omaha. It began to rain. We arrived in Omaha in the afternoon. Our motel was the Park Inn Regency Lodge which we missed by three or four blocks, but, turned around and found it with no problem. At the entrance we met a friend just unloading. He and his son helped us unload.

While Jean and Marjorie put things away went down stairs. The first people I saw were a couple that had missed the last two reunions, Larry and Debbie Wissman of Cincinnati, Ohio. They are good friends of ours and he is the one that I wrote about several years ago, who was shot down over Northern Italy. He weighed 186 pounds when he was shot down and when released from POW camp weighed 89 pounds.

Wednesday evening we had dinner with the Wissmans. We recalled our first meeting with them being in Knoxville, Tennessee

in 1997 at our reunion.

On Thursday morning following breakfast we boarded buses and went out to Offutt Air Force Base. We had lunch at the Officer's Club and again boarded the buses and toured the base. Our tour guide was a colonel. Offutt was formally Ft. Cook established between 1894 and 1896. Many of the original building are still in use. In 1940 the Army Air Corps chose Ft. Cook as the site for a new bomber plant. They built two one-mile long runways, six large hangers and a huge 1.2 million square foot aircraft assembly building. A total of 1,586 B-26 Marauders and 531 B-29 Superfortresses were built there. Two of the Superfortresses "Enola Gay" and "Bock's Car" dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. Also, maybe of interest to some, one of Bogata's own flew B-26's in WWII. W.V. Humpherys flew B-26's in North Africa and maybe out of England. Making Offutt interesting to Marjorie, Jean and myself was the fact that our nephew, Paul Wilkinson, was stationed at Offutt from 1981 to 1985 and my brother, Thomas Paul, was stationed at Offutt in 1944.

Friday morning we toured the Outdoor Adventure Zoo and Botanical Gardens, which we skipped, too much walking for me. At 4:30 we boarded buses for the SA & S Museum. We saw the U2 which was the type plane that Gary Powers was flying when he was shot down over Russia. They had an SR-71 called "Black Lady", which replaced the U2. The "black lady" carried a crew of 1, flew 80,000 feet altitude at 2,000 mph. It had no guns, but depended on its speed and altitude. It cost \$250,000 per hour to operate and could carry 170,000 lbs., which was mostly fuel. There were only 4 of these planes built. Also in the SA & S Museum we saw a Saber Jet (F-86) flown in the Korean War and an F-84 which was hard to take off. It was sometimes called the Lead Sled or Hanger Queen. There was also a B-25, the only plane named after a man, Billy Mitchell. The B-25 was the type plane that Doolittle used to take off from a carrier to bomb Tokyo. There were many more planes there, all with their own story. I could go on but will just say we had a good meal and then back to the hotel.

On Saturday following breakfast we had our Squadron meeting with a Group meeting following that. We were told the 2003 Reunion will be in Colorado Springs, Colorado the last part of September. Following a buffet luncheon reunioners boarded buses to tour the Western Heritage Museum and Omaha's Old Town. We skipped this trip also due to too much walking. Saturday night we had our room party which started for just my crew. However, over the years it grew. This year 28 people came. Larry Wissman and his bomber

dier, Pete Komlemich who were together for the first time since they were shot down in 1943 over Northern Italy. The CO of my Squadron, Norm Appold and his wife, Eddie and Kim Hobbs, the guy I invited to entertain my class at the 60th graduation anniversary from Bogata High School in 2001 was also there. His father has flown with us. The party was a success.

Sunday we were on our own after church service which was conducted by a retired pastor who was a gunner in our outfit. At 5:00 Sunday evening we had our pictures made for our picture book and Sunday night we had our Memorial banquet. We had our Color Guard of the six surviving members of one crew from our outfit dressed in WWII uniforms including one man wearing a kilt and playing the bag pipes which was very impressive. Our speaker was Lt. General Thomas B. Goslin Jr, Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. The command is responsible for all U.S. Air Force and Navy strategic nuclear forces supporting the national security objective of strategic deterrence. He is a command pilot with more than 4,300 hours including 635 combat hours. He has flown 7 different types of planes including the B52 and B-2A.

The program included the reading of the names of our members who have died since our reunion.

Monday following breakfast we loaded our cars and said our good-byes and headed home. We stopped in Geneva, Nebraska for pictures in front of the Geneva Bank and Court House and spent Monday night in Enid, Oklahoma.

On Tuesday we drove to Hennessy, Oklahoma. Kim Hobbs owns a ranch near there. We called him and he met us in Dover. We went out and visited for a couple of hours. Kim's father flew in our outfit and he began coming to our reunions with his father in 1995. After his father's death he has continued to come. After our visit we continued on our way home and arrived around 6:30 p.m. tired but happy we had gone.

A small history of the 376th is: we went overseas at the Halpro group. We were the first American unit to attack "Fortress Europe"; 12 June 1942-Ploesti Refineries. Lead Polesti low level attack on Polesti Refineries 1 August 1943; 451 combat missions; 3 Distinguished Unit Citations; Destroyed 220 enemy aircraft plus 69 probables; 1479 casualties and 169 aircraft lost; last mission flown on 15 April 1945; III fated "Lady Be Good" lost in the Sahara Desert was from the 376th HBG.

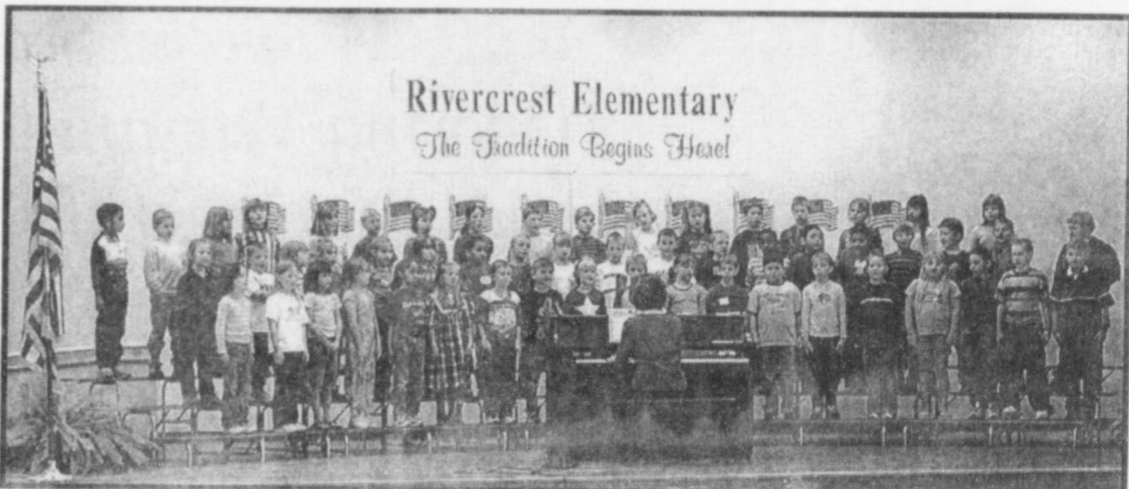
If you are interested in reading the history of the 376th, the Bogata Library has the book by James W. Walker "The Liberandos" a WWI History of the 376th Heavy Bombardment Group and its Founding Units.



VETERANS HONORED-area veterans and their families were honored on Monday, November 11 by the Blossom School with a special program which included music from the Jr. High Band members as they performed a medley of military tunes. (Staff Photo)



THE RIVERCREST ELEMENTARY-first grade classes did their part in the Veterans Day program held at the school on Monday. The students, under the direction of Mrs. Neva Oats, performed patriotic music in honor of the nation's veterans. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



THE STUDENTS-of Rivercrest Elementary performed a special Veterans Day program on Monday morning under the direction of Mrs. Neva Oats. Pictured are the second grade classes as they sang for their classmates, teachers, staff and visitors. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)


1st Infantry Division
 Nickname: Fighting First (also the Red One).
 Shoulder Patch: Red Arabic numeral "1" on solid olive drab background.
 Slogan: "No mission is too difficult no sacrifice too great."
 Song: "The Spirit of the First Division"
 Type of Division: Regular Army.

2nd Infantry Division
 Nickname: Indian Head
 Shoulder Patch: A red faced Indian head on a white star, superimposed on a black shield
 Slogan: "Second to None"
 Source of Division: Regular Army
 History: Organized Bourmont, France, August, 1917.
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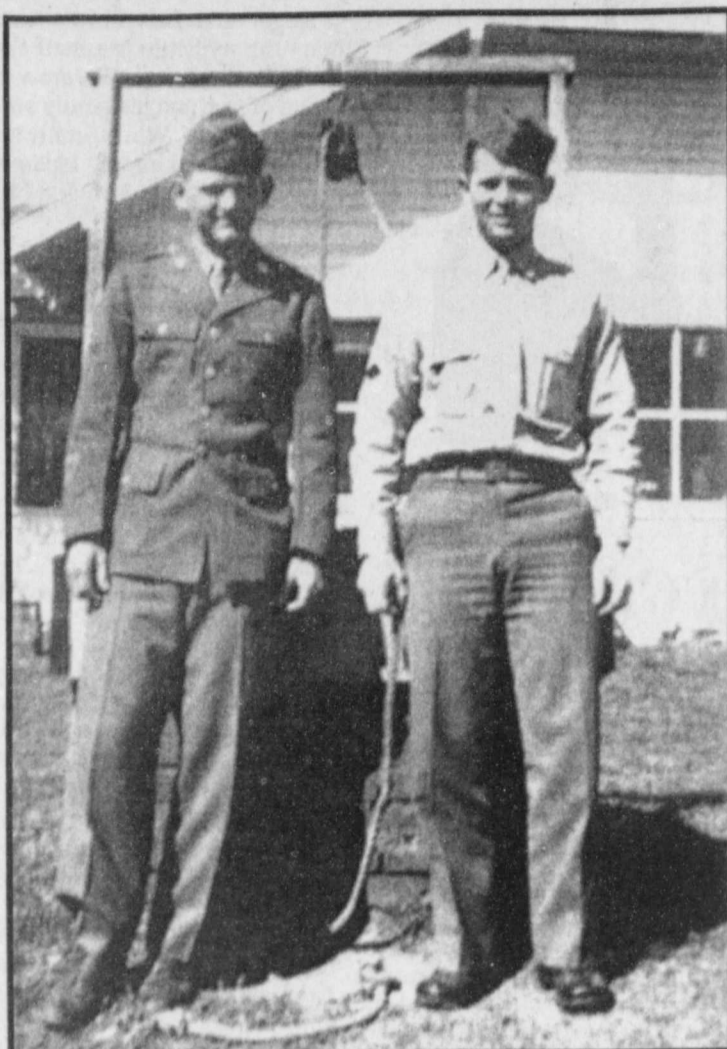
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1st Armored Division
 Nickname: Once called Old Ironsides. Members dropped it.
 Shoulder Patch: Regular armored patch, a triangle with three equal areas, yellow for cavalry; blue for infantry and red for field artillery. A red bolt of lightning crosses the black tank tread and cannon.

2nd Armored Division
 Nickname: Hell on Wheels
 Shoulder Patch: Conventional Armored triangular design of Infantry blue, field artillery red and cavalry yellow areas bearing black Arabic numeral "2".
 Type of Division: Regular Army.
 Activated June, 1940

7th Armored Division
 Nickname: Lucky Seventh
 Shoulder Patch: Regular armored patch with the numeral. Songs: "Song of the Seventh" by B. Dunford and "The Seventh Attacks" by T/5 Ben Maugham.
 Activated March 1, 1942, Camp Polk; has no history to present war.
 Other stations: Desert Training Center; Ft. Benning, Maneuvers, LA-TX. Desert Tr. Center Overseas: June, 1944 (ETO)



Sidney and Leroy Pratt



JAMES C. FRANCIS enlisted in the Army when he was 17 years old. He went to the Oahu, Hawaii for basic training and then to Korea. He was a tank commander in Korea. He was stationed in Germany for several years before being discharged. He served in the Second (Indian Head) Division.



Wartime Memories, at home

It was near mid-term of my senior year in high school when we heard the special radio announcement on December 7, 1941 of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The next day at school, our first period class on government was spent listening to the radio news about the attack along with discussions about its ramifications to the future.

Boys had been required to register for the draft and had speculated about their number being drawn for "call up". But now that we were actually engaged in war, some braggadocio remarks from 17 and 18 year olds were "I'm gonna join up and shoot me some Japs," or other macho exhibits of their prowess. Others were more circumspect; some were devils, volunteering to donate urine specimens for their friends in order to foul up their physical examination to exempt them from induction, or plotting to consume numerous aspirin. Others, eager to be in military service, plotted to stuff themselves by eating dozens of bananas in order to meet the weight requirement.

Despite such foolishness, they were eager to join a military service and "do my duty." Among us girls was fear for the future of all our boys with the probability they would be inducted and the possibility they would be in combat. This reality hit home when my brother, Sidney Pratt, was inducted in early 1942. He left home alone and reported to Clarksville where he boarded a bus that took him to basic training at Ft. Sill, OK. While the family wanted to see him off, I now realize he preferred that we not be there so that he could maintain emotional control as he left the town and people he loved, without knowing with certainty when, or if, he would return.

Daily life in Detroit changed. It felt as if half the population had left town. With rationing, we were dedicated to conserving coffee, sugar, meat, gasoline, tires, shoes and other rationed items. We were conscientious about tendering the proper number of coupons from our ration books for every purchase we made. We were determined to cooperate with the war effort in every way.

Troop trains passed through Detroit very often. These were unscheduled trains transporting military personnel across the country. Ladies in town began baking cookies and muffins to serve to the men on trains that stopped in town. With so many men and so many trains at irregular hours, the effort became impossible.

Roar of aircraft was heard and we watched bombers and fighter planes in formation as they flew overhead, easterly and westerly. Long convoys of military vehicles passed through Detroit and sometimes bivouacked in fields surrounding town. On one such occasion, troops were bivouacked south of town, beside U.S. 82. The highway then turned south at a 90 degree angle onto present day Route 410, then continued south to the turkey farm where it turned west again.

Dad took me to visit the "soldier boys" who were setting up tents. They were camping in a pasture where brother Leroy would later build his home. Much to my embarrassment, Dad kept telling young soldiers about this own experience as a soldier in France during WWI. Little did I expect to be doing the same sixty year later by telling our experiences and those of Sidney who served with the 12th Armored Division and fought through France, Belgium, Germany and into Austria. That will follow later.

Mother and Dad began inviting young men from Camp Maxey in Paris to our house for Sunday dinner. She said it was the least she could do; that she hoped some other mother would do the same for her sons. The boys were usually polite and pleasant but a few bad apples spoiled the arrangement. One thoughtless boy was permitted to ride my horse, Dick. When we later found Dick, he was lathered up and standing in our front yard with his mouth frothing, head drooping, saddle slipped sideways. After that, invitations were discontinued.

We made up care packages to send my brothers and friends. We enclosed home made cookies and candy, toothpaste, tooth brushes, socks, underwear, a can or jar of something they liked and such small items that we thought they might need or enjoy.

By the fall of 1942, my girlfriends had left Detroit to attend college or take jobs. Some married and moved away. The boys were being drafted, volunteering for service or otherwise leaving town. Feeling left behind, I was desperate to do something worthwhile to aid the war effort. During a disagreement with my dad, he suggested that I join the WACS. That was an auxiliary army corps for women over age 21. I replied that he knew I wasn't old enough to which he said that I could see Dr. Meers who had aided in my birth, that he would give me a birth certificate showing my age as 21.

Dr. Meers' office was located on the east side of U.S. 82, adjacent to an alley behind Tommy Ellis' cafe located in one side of the Texaco Station on the corner of Front Street. Dr. Meers was recovering from a stroke but still seeing patients. He sat at his roll top desk, pulled out an extension on which to write and with a straight face said, "Let me see. You were born about 1926 weren't you?" I mentally calculated the birth date I needed in order to join the WACS and replied, "No, I was born in 1921." Without changing his expression, he ceremoniously filled out a certificate with the birth date I wanted and explained that

my mother or dad would have to sign it.

Triumphantly, I took the birth certificate to Dad to be signed. He laughed heartily but told me to take it to Mother to sign. She didn't. She said she wouldn't certify a lie and so that was that.

We began learning of the deaths of our friends and other friends' brothers and sons. Mrs. Clara Sharpe became a Gold Star Mother when her son, Hugh, was killed. As was patriotic tradition, she displayed in a front window, a small banner with a gold star in the center. Our classmates, Wayne Miller and Harold Deacon Ridley were killed. The sad reality of war had come home and we prayed hard and long for it to end and for our beloved brothers and friends to come home, well and safe.

I was permitted to attend college in Dallas where I resided in a girls boarding house. On weekends we and girls from other colleges and clubs were invited to attend lodge and USO dances for the entertainment of boys stationed at the Naval Air Station and Love field. Famous bands came to town or local bands provided big band music for the dances.

USO chaperones explained rules of behavior which we applied to lodge dances as well. Essentially, they were that we girls could not refuse to dance if asked; we were to be friendly and polite; we were not permitted to leave with or make dates with the boys; we were not to dance too closely; to dance with modesty when jitterbugging and not give our address or telephone number to boys who asked.

Conga lines formed and provided great fun as we circled the ballroom. There were dance contests with prizes such as a box of candy or bottle of cologne. When a couple showed exceptional dancing talent, the floor cleared while everyone watched them finish their dance, we then applauded them enthusiastically. We never saw the servicemen again but we all enjoyed our brief contacts.

Perhaps our brothers gave our names and addresses to their friends. Irrespective of how it came about, some of us developed pen pal friendships with boys we would never see. Spirit of the time made it our duty to write to service men who were away from home. Many businesses in Dallas provided products or service to military men gratis. Military Police and Shore Patrol kept watch over downtown streets for unruly servicemen or any of them still on the street after curfew.

During this time, Sidney had finished basic training and reported to Camp Campbell, KY where he was assigned to the 12th Armored Division which was activated in September, 1942 for the duration of the war. They chose the name "Hellcats" for their division. He was assigned to Company C of the 714th Tank Battalion, one of three tank battalions of the Division. They trained on maneuvers in Tennessee for three months and then were transferred to Camp Berkeley, TX for desert training. There he met his future wife, Winnie Cross.

During training, he hitchhiked home on leaves as brief as a three day pass. In those days, it would have been unthinkable to pass up any military man seeking a ride. Sidney wrote home faithfully and sent home much of his pay which he designated as savings for his little sister's college fund. On one visit, he brought Mother a gold wedding band that she had wished all her married life to wear. On another brief leave, he brought his young sister to Dallas on the day Charles, my fiance, and I had chosen for our wedding, only to be thwarted by his assigned flight to deliver another aircraft to India, a geographical area that now is in Pakistan.

Departing from Sidney's experience: Charles Pohutsky, my husband, also performed remarkable service during the war. He was with the 5th Ferry Command. His duty at Love Field was to serve as flight engineer on flight crews that delivered B-29 bombers from the factory in Wichita, KS to all points of the globe where they were needed. The aircraft were outfitted for armor but they carried no ammunition. Each crew member wore a .45 caliber pistol for protection of the Norden bomb site they carried on board in a box.

After the planes were delivered, the flight crew found their way back to Love Field. They sometimes brought back damaged or stripped B-29's for repair; they hitched a ride on any vehicle and in any space in which they could fit. Charles once returned on an unescorted hospital ship returning wounded men.

Crew members were issued books of TR's, travel requests, which they used for hotel accommodations if military billeting was unavailable, and commercial travel when it could be found. Crews broke up and each man found his own way back.

By September, 1944, Sidney's 12th Armored Division was scheduled to leave Camp Berkeley and report to Camp Shanks, NY for deployment to Europe. Sidney took his final leave home in Detroit and had his last home cooked meal with Charles and me in Dallas.

By September 19, trains took them to a ferry from where they marched a mile to waiting ships. They carried all their possession on their backs.

Ships were of varying sizes, one carrying as many as 5,000 troops and other smaller vessels called Liberty ships. After struggling up the gang plank, last names were read as the men boarded and first names were given in reply. Their ships made up a convoy surrounded by destroyers that provided escort across the Atlantic were German submarines prowled. They landed at Liverpool, England on September 27, 1944. After a series of moves, they went to Tidworth Barracks in Wiltshire, England October 20 where they endured cold rain and wet ground on which they camped in tents on Windmill Hill. Finally, they crossed the English Channel and landed at LeHarve, France where they first saw a town struck by allied bombs. They learned there that not all French citizens welcomed them as heroes as evidenced by one old man who cursed them because they'd bombed the city with only a few thousand German soldiers in it.

From then to the end of the war in Europe, men of the 12th Armored Division were constantly on the move, fighting. They fought under three different commands, the 7th Army, the 3rd Army and the French 1st Army. The 12th came to be known as the "Suicide Division" for victoriously engaging, outnumbering and better armed enemy troops. They were known as the Mystery Division of the Third Army by spearheading Patton's thrust through then French Palatinate to the Rhine River. The 12th was one of only four U.S. Divisions who fought under command of the First French Army. They received commendations from every command under which they fought.

There was little celebration among the Hellcats of the 12th Armored Division with the official announcement of Germany's unconditional surrender on May 8, 1945. Perhaps the division had seen the end approaching; perhaps the men were too tired. More likely it was because they knew the job was still unfinished. Occupation of Germany and the defeat of Japan remained...

The 12th Armored Division was comprised of 10,800 men organized into infantry, tanks, artillery, mechanical, engineering, ordnance, medical, signal, police, band, chaplains, with ancillary and headquarters units. Their principal armament included medium and light tanks, Howitzers, rocket launchers, mortars, rifles, carbines and more.

Sidney's 714th tank Battalion had 720 men, 41 of whom were killed; one man being Blackie, a member of his own tank crew. The 12th Armored Division lost 817 men due to mortal wounds and 2,656 wounded.

One of my most vivid wartime memories is of VE Day when the streets leading to the intersection of Commerce and Ackard Streets in Dallas were crowded from building to building with celebrants. People of all ages, military men and civilians, gathered there to sing, dance, shout, hug, hoist people on their shoulders and celebrate in the most exuberant way. From the upper floors of the Baker Hotel, feathers drifted down from ripped pillows, toilet tissue, papers and other streamers were released into a flood of confetti falling on us in the streets below. It was a jubilant celebration with forgotten concern for the moment about the continuing war in the Pacific. That would be own a few months later with more subdued celebrations chilled with sadness over the great and tragic cost of human life. We began looking forward to our brothers and friends coming home.

After VE Day, some men in military services remained for occupation duty, others had the misfortune to be transferred to the Pacific theater to continue the war against Japan.

Both my brothers, Sidney and Leroy, survived the war and returned home. Sidney returned to Detroit on Christmas, 1945. Leroy served with the 15th Air Force as a radio man on B-26 crews who flew bombing missions over Germany. They are now deceased. Neither of them talked about their wartime experiences in Europe. Sidney was unobtrusive by nature and taciturn by choice regarding his memories of war. But we knew the circumstances under which he brought home a .22 caliber Walther rifle taken from a civilian who shot a heel off his boot as he searched structures in a German town. His buddy retaliated by targeting the woman, taking her rifle and presenting it to Sidney.

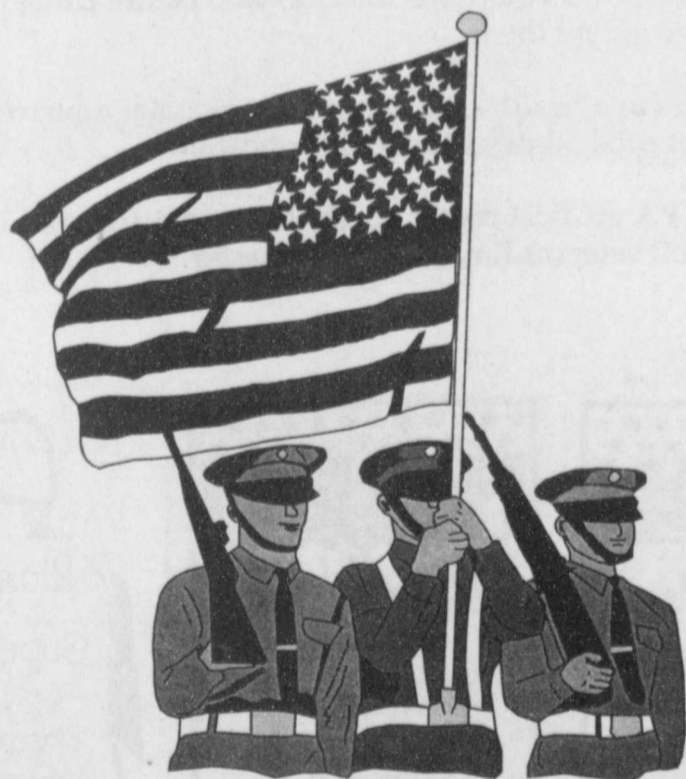
Sidney and other boys inducted for service in WWII came home men. As all the others, he did what he did because it was his duty. He would remember for the rest of his life his comrades in arms, the battles they fought, the sounds of battle and the smell of death. Loss of his friend, Blackie, still moved him to tears after 50 years.

They all came home different men. They married, raised families, worked hard, some lived to grow old before their remarkable accomplishments were acknowledged.

Time is taking its toll on our World War II veterans. Sidney and others did not live long enough to know that we recognize them as men to whom we owe our most heartfelt admiration and gratitude. I only regret I could not contribute this small acknowledgment of my brother's heroism when he was still alive. As much as he tormented me as a child, I loved him more as a man. Sidney was my rock of the family, a big brother whose memory I cherish.

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A Christmas day burial at sea

My Marine outfit was evacuated from Hungnam, North Korea on December 24, 1950, aboard the LST 898, one of the last three LSTs off the beach that afternoon.

We watched the demolition team blow up the port after we pulled away to a safe distance. We then set sail for Pusan.

That night, before midnight, we ran into groundswells that caused the LSTs to roll violently. The Marines were called below to secure the vehicles.

We stopped the next morning while the LST behind us buried a young Marine who had been crushed between a tank and the bulkhead during the groundswell.

He had survived the Chosin Reservoir battle where the 15,000

men of the 1st Marine Division had been surrounded by nine Chinese army divisions in subzero weather, and fought their way out of the trap and through 130,000 Chinese troops along the 80-mile route to Hungnam and the relative warmth and safety of the LSTs that awaited them. In their wake were left several Chinese divisions unable to take the field when the spring thaw came.

Military historians are remembering it today as "a battle fought against odds and under conditions without parallel in the annals of military history".

What I remember most is the death of a young Marine who almost lived to tell about it.

Quinnon Davis

The Battle of Okinawa

By Rastus Redd

The Navy had 90 assault Squadrons consisting of Troops Squadrons arriving on March 31st, 1945, with 548,000 troops. Total ships broken down was 1,213 of which 318 combat ships broken down was: 15 large aircraft carriers, 18 battle ships. The Vicksburg and 63 other carriers, 148 destroyers, and a great number of landing craft and minesweepers and small boats.

The combat troops were the First Marine Div., Second Marine and Sixth Marine Div. The Army had the 27th Div. and the 77th Div. and eighty first Div. They landed on Easter Sunday, at 8:00 a.m. First Wave was near the village of Hagushi. The Navy had their hands full because the Jap had thousands of suicide planes, boats, one man subs to strike the U.S. Forces. The had thousands of motor boats stored on the little islands around Okinawa to sink U.S. Ships and they did sink some, but the Navy knew about these, so they sent a crew out to destroy them first. But some hit their mark. The Japs had a plan that called for 2,500 planes to gas up for a one way stop, hit the target and keep on until he was out of gas or got shot down and killed.

The invasion of Okinawa was on May 15th when the task force 58 hit the air field at Kvosha. The carriers Hancock, Batan, Hornet (Wasp) Bennington, Bellea Woods, an Jacinto, Enterprise, Franklin, intrepid, langley, Independence, and a large force of smaller ships. They destroyed hundreds of Japanese Plane and damaged runway. Then the Japs knew the Battle of Okinawa was coming. Between March 16 to 29th some of our ships had been knocked out of action by the Kamikaze forces. The carrier Franklin had been hit. There were 1000 casualties, some of them were

taken by other ships for treatment. But the Franklin made it back home on it's own power.

The landing started at 8:00 Easter Sunday morning with 500,000 troops going ashore. The troops were under the command of General Simon Buckner. The next day the Kamikazes struck the West Virginia and three attack cargo vessel and 4 troop transports. Two days later the Wake Island and a mine sweeper were damaged by them. By that time the damage to the Fleet was so bad that the American command ordered part of the fleet circled and put out a smoke screen to cover the fleet at night. Then the high command and the whole island surrounded by small ships about 15 to 10 miles apart. This gave early warning of attacking Jap planes. By April 6th the Japs set up a suicide plane and paratroop attack with 700 planes coming at our forces.

The men on the guns on the ships never left their stations for 48 hours. There was one attack after another. The Japs came in from the west so the sun would be in the gunners eyes. Our forces shot down some 249 planes by task force 58, but not before the Japs plowed into 10 of our ships, sinking the destroyer USS Newcomb and other ships. On April 6th the Japs got together a line of ships, all they had left, and came through Bungo Strait. the southern exit from Japan's island sea on an attack mission.

The fighting went on and on through April 21, on to May. The big part of the battle ended June 21st. All was over but the mopping up. It took several weeks to round up all the Japanese that were headed out.

Well, the Japanese lost 107,539 men and 110,755 wounded or captured. Our forces lost 12,820 dead, 36,631 wounded.

Jimmy Little receives special badge

Roger and Patsy Little write that "Jimmy Little is a Staff Sergeant in the Army. We are very proud of him and his family serving our country. While Jimmy was stationed in Okinawa, Japan he earned a German Military Efficiency Badge.

Jimmy is now stationed at Ft. Hood here in Texas.

Roger Little has been away from the Detroit area for a number of years, but still loves the area very much. He and Pat live in Combine Texas, a small community just east of Dallas.

From Stars and Strips, Oct. 21, 2001; Fort Buckner-Several soldiers here have the mettle to be ranked among Germany's best field soldiers, ad they have the badge to prove it.

Five soldiers from the U.S. Army's 1st Satellite Control Battalion here earned Germany's Bundeswehr-Leistungsabzeichen, the German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge.

The award-rare for U.S. soldiers stationed in Germany-was heretofore unheard of for soldiers stationed in Asia.

"They said it's the first time it's been done in the Pacific" said Army Staff Sgt. Timothy Harrell, who helped coordinate the tests and earned one of the five gold badges. "There are only a limited number of slots because you have to participate with German troops."

At the past Army ball, Staff Sgt. Jimmy Little said he saw only one of 1,000 soldiers wearing the badge.

"The badge isn't available at uniform stores," Little said "I couldn't even find a picture of it over the internet. If you lose the badge or it gets broken or damaged, you have to go through the Republic of Germany to request a replacement and they check their records to ensure you are qualified to wear it."

The idea to bring the efficiency competition to Okinawa came when Harrell and Little were searching for ways to improve soldiering skills among their troops. They started with phone calls to the German Embassy in Tokyo, where they got the badge requirements from German Dem-

ense Attache' Navy Capt. Raimund Wallner and Assistant Attache' German Army Sgt. Maj. Frank Motte.

"At first the idea came to me as a surprise," Motte said, "I thought it would be a good way to give something back to the U.S. soldiers for all they've given me."

Motte, who was stationed for nearly five years at Ft. Monroe, Va., said the badge is a distinguishing mark on a German soldier's record.

He forwarded the badge-testing requirements to the soldiers on Okinawa. The road to German battle efficiently wasn't a cakewalk.

The soldiers had to qualify on a 9mm pistol, perform first-aid techniques, complete sports-related tests and complete a 20 mile march.

Eighteen soldiers competed for the rights to wear the foreign badge: five made it.

During the testing, Motte joined up with the soldiers. He issued a challenge for them to run the 20 mile forced march. In fact, he finished the course first, waiting at the end for the soldiers.

"Any time we talked to them, they impressed me" Harrell said. "They were willing to do anything to help. With all the opportunities they had to say No it's amazing we got this off the ground. I have nothing but praise for the Germans".

Jimmy Little is a 92Y-Unit Supply Specialist with a secondary MOS of 11B-infantryman. His Basic Active Service Date is 31, October 1990. He has served tours in the Republic of Korea, Alaska, Japan, Ft. Benning, Georgia, and Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He is currently stationed at E. Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, Okinawa, Japan. His service decorations include the Expert Infantry Badge, Military Drivers Badge-Wheel, Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award) Army Commendation Medal 4 (with Oak leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award). His foreign awards include the Bundeswehr Leistungsabzeichen, German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge. He was recently inducted into the Order of St. Martin, a society that was established to honor our outstanding logistical supply personnel.



Here is a verse written by Henry Lee Somerville during World War II.
Red is the color of Christmas,
Red is the color of blood.
Gold & Green is the Christmas Scene,
Here, Brown is the Jungle Mud.

James Cunningham, soldier and cook

James Cunningham volunteered into the army on Feb. 7, 1941. He went to boot camp in Brownwood, Texas and trained in Louisiana. In October 1941, his company was sent to the State Fair of Texas to show uniformed presence. They slept under the Cotton Bowl for two weeks. He was on leave at his home in Petty, Texas when Pearl harbor was hit. He was sent to guard the west coast, camping in state parks in California to Washington. Later in Washington State, after a minor knee injury, he was assigned as a cook, where he cooked for twenty or up to three hundred men. At one point, he asked the captain to send him to

cooking school, but the Captain said "No, we like your cooking just the way it is!". Mr. Cunningham also spent time in South Carolina.

Upon his discharge from the army when the war was over in the fall of 1945, he returned home to marry Dorothy Short, a teacher in Deport and they made their home in Petty where James farmed and ran the Petty Gin.

James Cunningham is now 85. He volunteers at Christus St. Joseph's North and is still a very good cook, cooking for friends, relatives and neighbors.

James was in service from February 1941 to October 1945.

Fried cheese-----please!!

My father, Ben F. Wright of Deport, served in the U. S. Army in World War I, was stationed at the military hospital in Waco, and served as a cook.

Daddy relayed this story to me years ago. He said he was on duty alone one night in the mess hall. It was rather late. Occasionally higher-up officers would drop by unannounced at any hour for a snack. Several officers entered the mess hall. Daddy said all ordered coffee, but one asked for a "fried

cheese sandwich".

Now Daddy had never heard of a "fried cheese sandwich". But he quickly returned to the kitchen and put some cheese on to fry. He said as the cheese warmed in the hot grease, it disappeared. He looked at the skillet in dismay, but low and behold, in a few seconds, it reappeared. He lifted the "fried cheese" with his spatula and loaded the sandwich. He said he never received a complaint.

----Sybil Wright Hanson

American Legion Urges Veterans to Enroll in VA Health-Care System

The American Legion believes that funding of the nation's largest category of veterans could be endangered if the veterans fail to enroll in the Department of Veterans Affairs health-care system.

Veterans in Priority Group 7 - VA's designation of non-indigent veterans without service-connected disabilities or injuries - NEED TO ENROLL in the system before Congress decides the funding no longer exists to accept them.

By enrolling, veterans will have access to a health-care system that includes a pharmacy that requires just a \$7. copayment for each 30-day supply of medication.

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The Bill White Story

Let me tell you about Bill White. This is a supplement to my recollections, however, the facts are real and relevant to the history of the battle for the island of Iwo Jima. His experiences in the Marine Corps are as unique as are his experiences on Iwo Jima. After the invasion of the Mariana Island of Saipan, he was given a commendation signed by Major General C.B. Cates for excellent service as a rifleman in the capture of Saipan in June to July 1944. His citation read in part that "his initiative and skill in the operation of his weapon and his devotion to duty substantially contributed to the annihilation of the enemy."

I think Bill's story illustrates the dire need that our country had for men to fight in the Pacific during World War II. The Pacific War was in full swing when he joined the Marines in September, 1943. He was only 18 years old. He was sent to boot camp at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, California. After just six weeks there he was put on a troop transport and sent directly into combat at the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. His assignment was on the islands of Roi and Namur. Here the Marines routed the Japanese in short order. Hence one Battle Star. From here he went to Maui Island, the fourth Marine headquarters, to train for the invasions of Saipan and Tinian Islands in the Mariana group. Here Bill earned two more Battle Stars and a commendation. Then, back again to Maui to train for the next island invasion. He said that all invasions were bad but Iwo Jima was the worst for him.

On the morning of February 19, 1945, he climbed down a cargo net into a landing craft infantry which held about 40 Marines for

the ride to the beach. "We went in standing up but we went back out flat on our backs," he said. Out of the 200 marines in our company only 20 were not wounded or killed. The moment the LCI hit the beach the front ramp dropped and we hit the beach running. It was hot, shells were exploding all around us. There was not a time that I did not see a Marine falling. I didn't know if they were wounded or killed. There was little or no protection, it was every man for himself." Bill and others spent the day crawling on their hands and knees or running in a crouched stance, moving forward little by little. His assignment by nightfall was to be just above the sunken Japanese ship called the Japanese Boat Basin. The code name given by the Marines for this area was Blue Beach 2 on the extreme right flank of the entire beach landing area. "Each landing was different but this was the hottest. It was hot all the way from the moment that I hit the beach until I took a 50 caliber bullet in my gut. I didn't think that I was going to live through this even before I was shot," he said.

By evening, he and the others that were left, dug in for the night and waited for the Japanese to mount a Banzai attack. None came. During the Saipan campaign, the Japanese pulled one of their mounted attacks and over ran an Army National Guard Unit that had been sent in to relieve Marines that had taken the high ground after five days of hard fighting.

Many Americans were killed by the surprise attack.

At daybreak on the second day, company B began working its way up the bluffs on the big end of the island. Bill had been a BAR man

during his first three campaigns, but now he was carrying an M-1 rifle, ammunition plus a pocket full of hand grenades. In going up the bluffs no one saw any caves. Once on top they took whatever cover they could find. They spread bright colored banner son the ground between them and the Japanese so that pilots could distinguish marines from the enemy. Their commander called in for support and a squadron of Navy helicopters from a nearby carrier came to their aid. It was on the second pass made by the Hellcats that Bill took one of their 50 caliber bullets clear through his body. It entered the front and exited his back. "The bullet went through my guts and took part of my kidney," he said. A corpsman was called and he gave him a shot of morphine and then "stuffed sulphur powder in the hole in my body."

Some friends carried him down the bluffs and onto a LCI for his ride out to a hospital ship that had a "big red cross painted on the side of it" Bill said that they operated on him that very day. "They cut me wide open so that they could repair the damage to my body in order to keep me alive. I really didn't think that I could live". Bill was just 19 years old and he now had earned four Battle Stars, a Commendation and now a Purple Heart.

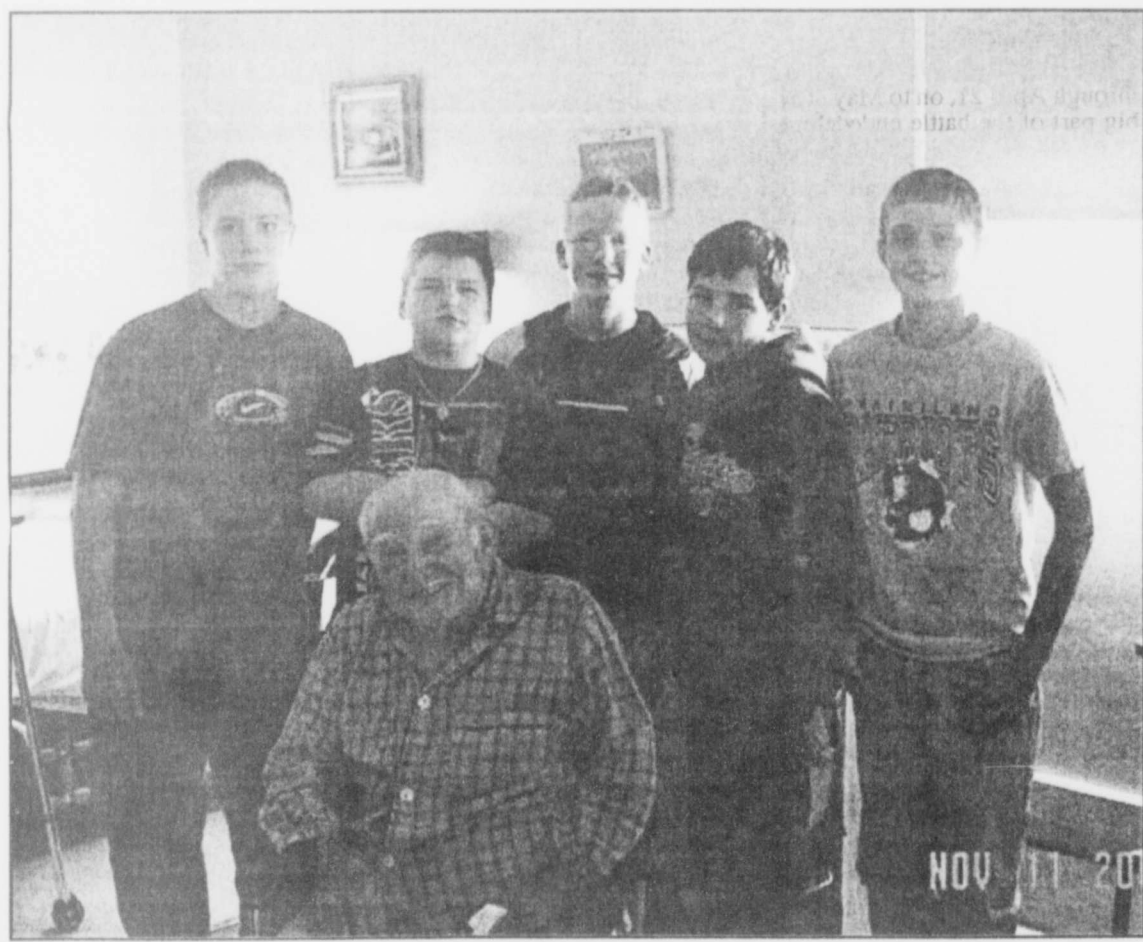


Bill White in World War II

3rd Infantry Division
 Nickname: Marne Division
 Shoulder Patch: A square with three diagonal white stripes against a dark blue field, blue for Inf.; three stripes for major operations and numerical designation.
 Motto: "Nous resterons la."
 "We are staying there!"
 Song: The Dogface Soldier
 History: Organized November, 1917, Camp Greene, SC from RA units.
 Overseas: April, 1918.
 Actions: Chateau Thierry, Champagne-Marne offensive, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne.



LIFE IN WORLD WAR II-Mrs. L.C. Hodges and Dora Flenniken spoke with Tenesa Brown, Cassie Brummett, and Brandi Richey about what life was like during World War II. The residents of Deport Nursing Home were happy to visit with the Deport Junior High 8th graders, who interviewed Veterans on Veterans Day.



JAMES CUPLER was a hit with Deport Junior High eight graders when he spoke to them about his war experiences. From left are Chaz Wilson, A.J. Syrus, Blake Stogsdill, Brandon Crawford and Cole Smallwood. In seated is veteran James Cupler.

Wacs Help Care For Wounded Service Men

Hamilton Field, Calif. — G. I. James have volunteered for one of the challenging jobs of the war here. Wacs are giving their free time to caring for men flown back as casualties by the Air Transport Command from Saipan and the Marianas.

They are doing the things an over-busy nursing staff can't find time for. They are helping in every way possible. Besides assisting with routine hospital tasks, they write letters for the men to eager mothers and wives. They shop at the P. X. for personal things the men want—shirts, ties, razor blades, service ribbons.

Become Welcome Helpers

When the first group of casualties began to arrive at Hamilton Field, the Wacs, whose regular assignments are in administrative work, were a little hesitant to offer their help. The boys seemed shy, and were certainly leery of being stared at—and weren't at all sure how to act before women soldiers. But small groups of Wacs began visiting the wards, hoping they might alleviate the boys' loneliness, and it soon became plain that they were not only welcome guests, but very much needed.

Men brought as casualties to Hamilton Field from the fighting fronts of the Pacific stay here a week or 10 days. They are rested, thoroughly checked, and given additional medical care before being moved to Army hospitals nearer their homes.

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Patriotism and friendship

By Ed Ring



Ed Ring



Ed Ring receiving award

I've always been patriotic. I believe that we live in the best country in the world. We have problems, but I've seen how people have to live in other countries. We are very fortunate to live in the U.S.A. We have rights and we have the freedom to say and do pretty much as we please. If we don't like what our leaders do, then we have the ability to not only charge what they do, but to change who our leaders are. We do this by voting. None of this would be possible if it weren't for the fact that Americans were willing to fight and die for the rest of us...not only for Americans but every human being in the world.

I volunteered for the Army and I volunteered to fight in Viet Nam. I know it was an unpopular war, but I felt that it was my turn to do my part as so many have done before me.

I would like to tell a war story about myself and two American heroes. They were heroes in my eyes.

I landed at the air base in Cum Ranh Bay when the plane came to a stop. I looked out the window and couldn't believe what I was seeing. There were all these little people with pointed straw hats running around. The first thing that popped into my mind was "the munchkins on Wizard of Oz".

I don't know how long I sat there, but I was brought back to reality by a loud voice saying "last stop, soldier, get off". This was the beginning of my adventure in hell. As myself and all the other new guys or cherry boys as they called us, went from building to building, picking up our gear, there was the constant sound of rockets and mortars going off. It doesn't take long after you are in country as they call to distinguish which is outgoing and which is incoming.

There is also a smell that to this day I haven't forgotten. We were put in bunkers to await our orders to where we would be stationed next, which turned out to be many days for me. My orders didn't come down very fast, so I got to experience some duties that I wasn't familiar with. One that will stick with me til the day I die was pulling out cut down 55 gallon drums full of human wastes, pouring diesel fuel on it and burning it. I got to stand them until everything was burnt up, then put the barrels back. A few days of this and I was ready for my orders!

Whenever some's orders came down they would run to one of the old guys (maybe 20 or 21 years old) and ask what it was like there. I remember one guy that got his orders for Saigon and went to one of the GIs that was going home. He asked him what it was like, where it was going. The older GI told him it was great, he couldn't ask for a better duty. This went on for a couple of days, then the day came when I got my orders and went looking for a GI that was going home so I could ask him what it was like where I was going. The older, experienced soldier looked at my orders and looked back at me and said "Sorry, Man". I said "What do you mean". He said "It's a bad scene up in Da Nang".

He also told me to make sure I filled out paperwork on my next of kin. If he was trying to scare me, it worked!

This is where my heroes come in. I landed at Da Nag air base all by myself, a scared 19 year old hillbilly kid. I had no idea where

to go and if I did, how to get there. As I stood there, wondering what I had gotten myself into, two GIs came up to me and asked where I was going. I told them I had orders for 80th General Support Group. They had orders for the same place. This was the beginning of a great friendship, which, by the way, I was warned against. Later on in my tour I found out why.

I asked my new friends if someone would come pick us up? They laughed and told me it didn't work that way. I guess I should tell you my new friend's names. We'll just call them Jackson and Joe. Jackson set out to get us a ride which he did in short order. We arrived at the gate at 80th General Support Group, got our gear out of the trunk and walked towards the gate. Jackson told me to give him a copy of my orders. Jackson and Joe did all the talking at the gate. Joe turned to me and motioned me to follow them. Now that I think about it, Joe wasn't much of a talker. We walked across the road, put our gear down by an old, shot up guard shack. Jackson looked at Joe and myself and said "We'll wait for them here".

We were there for 2 days. My new friends got me where I was supposed to be. Now the problem, of food turned out to be no problem for Joe and Jackson. If it hadn't been for them, I probably would have starved to death at Da Nang Airbase. As we waited for whoever was coming, I talked with my new friends and found both had been in Viet Nam before. Jackson had married a Vietnamese woman and taken her to the states. He reenlisted and signed up for Viet Nam so he could get combat pay to support his family.

Joe had come back because he couldn't deal with what was going on in the states with the protests and adjusting to civilian life.

One day a convoy pulled up in front of the gate and a sergeant yelled out our names. Jackson told me to get my gear and let's go. So we climbed in the trucks and we were off. To where and why, I didn't know. As I looked around at the other guys they looked old and hard. Some were probably only a year older than me, but they looked 10 years older.

Jackson, Joe and I looked out of place with our new jungle fatigues and there was talk about new guys. I wondered why Jackson and Joe didn't tell them they were on their 2nd tour. One thing I did notice was on the way back there was no talk about new guys.

I asked Jackson where we were going and for what. Joe motioned for me to keep quiet. Jackson told me I'd find out when it was time.

The North Vietnamese had blown up the bridges in front of the convoy. So, they called for a ship. I was amazed that the whole convoy could fit on this ship. This was something a hillbilly wouldn't see in a lifetime. After we got underway I walked up to the bow of the ship with the waves crashing into the bow and thought maybe I should have joined the Navy. About that time the enemy realized we were no longer on the road and started shelling us from shore. I took off running toward the trucks and a sailor yelled "Hey, soldier, where were you running to?".

I gave up my thoughts of Navy and figured I'd take my chances on land. We landed at Chu Loi and moved hundreds of tons of aluminum to get hundreds of tons of brass which we loaded on trucks.

I have to back up a little here. Back on the ship we were called to formation. The colonel in charge of the mission thanked us for volunteering for this suicide mission and told us how proud he was of us. Jackson leaned over and whispered to me "Now you know". Later I asked Joe and Jackson if they had volunteered us and they said no, that's just the way it was.

That was the first time I heard the expression "don't mean nothin'".

It seems the Vietnamese were going out after a fire fight and picking up spend brass, sending it to Red China where they melted it down and made ammunition to shoot at us. Military Intelligence found out about the stock pile and it was our job to retrieve it. I don't want to mislead you, the Vietnamese did not give up this brass willingly. This story is about two American heroes, not blood and guts, but there was plenty of that. My two friends got me through this mission and taught me a lot that first 2 to 3 weeks. But, this is just one of many incidents we went through together. I probably wouldn't have lasted a week if it weren't for my two heroes.

We put our life on the line for each other many times, and there were times we even had some fun together.

But what I want to tell you about my heroes is, that they loved this country as I do. We thought we were fighting for not only freedom, for the people of the United States but for the people of Viet Nam to have the same chance at freedom as we did. We hear of the constant hatred among ourselves because of race, religion or creed, and even financial status. So, in closing, I would like to tell you about myself and my American heroes. I was a skinny 19 year old hillbilly kid. Jackson was a tall, African American, married to a Vietnamese woman and he had a child. Joe was a Mexican American from Texas. But we were all fighting for what we thought was the right thing. I still think it was the right thing.

I met a lot of GIs later in Viet Nam that signed up to go back because of the way they were treated when they came home to the U.S. Many of them told me that this was not their country any more.

I never understood what they were talking about until I came back and arrived in California to people from my country spitting on me and calling me a baby killer. Until I got back to the hills, I was pretty much shunned.

I would like to ask everyone, Please, don't treat our military personnel like this again. They are fighting for us to live free and without fear.

I was awarded the Bronze Star for going into a South Vietnamese Village that was under attack by North Vietnamese. I secured the village and pulled the wounded out. I did this by myself. I should have had the stupid award.

I was awarded the Army Commendation medal for the suicide mission my story is about.

I was awarded a citation for being part of the military guard for President Johnson's funeral when I got back to the states.

I went to Fort Dix, New Jersey for basic training, then Advanced Individual training. Then I went to Ft. Hood, Texas, and on to Viet Nam, then I came back and finished my three year enlistment at Ft. Hood.

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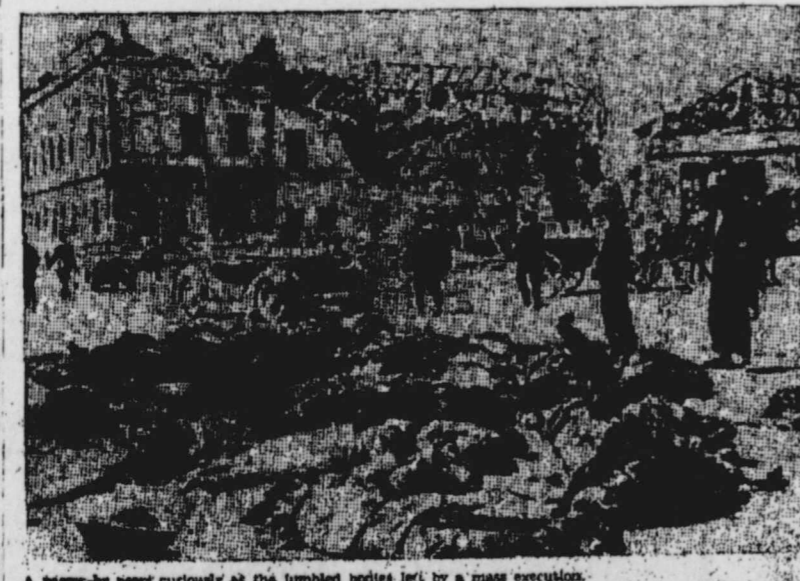
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Russians Continue Assaults on Fleeing Nazis In Rentless Day, Night Attacks

Smuggled Picture of Mass Executions in Yugoslavia Shows How Germans Try to Quell Rebellious Serbs



A prisoner peers curiously at the jammed bodies left by a mass execution.

London. (AP)—The Russians have driven wedges into German positions which have made it impossible for the Germans to high-tail retreat and have demolished the Hitler pretense that the Nazis are executing an orderly withdrawal to the east, according to a Soviet military commander said Sunday.

The interpretation was given in a Soviet newspaper, published on the Moscow radio station, announcing that the Red army had captured a key, important junction on the highway between Tula and Orel, 200 and 300 miles south of Moscow, respectively.

Other words mentioned in Russian reports indicated that "westward" attacks were being made by the German troops, the commander said.

A Moscow broadcast said 100 army troops were captured and killed Sunday, 200 miles west of Moscow. It said the German defense line following day and were continuing to hold positions.

All along the front, where captured in the attack on September, said the broadcast, the Red air force is continuously bombing at the German rear.

The Soviet commander reported the capture of 100 German troops and 100 machine guns, and the destruction of 100 tanks and 100 trucks.

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Heroism at Pearl Harbor



The dying captain of a battleship displayed the outstanding individual heroism of the day. As he emerged from the conning tower to the bridge, the leader to fight his ship, his stomach was laid completely open by a Japanese burst. He fell to the deck. Refusing to be carried to safety, he continued to direct the action. When the bridge became a blazing inferno, two officers attempted to remove him. But he ordered them to abandon him and save themselves.

Husbands Whose Wives Are Self Supporting Must Enlist

Washington, (AP) — The government will become hard-bolled about drafting husbands whose wives are self-supporting, the senate was told, as military leaders made known their view that this country must have an army much larger than 4,000,000 men.

"Four million men isn't an army today," Brigadier General Wade H. Halslip, assistant chief of staff for personnel, declared to the senate military committee. The army will be expanded as rapidly as equipment can be obtained, he said, "without any set number in view."

A system of allowances for the families of married men inducted into service was advocated by Brigadier General Lewis B. Hershey, director of the selective service system. He said the attitude of draft boards toward dependency and hardship cases must "inevitably" become tighter.

However, about 1000 farm boys inducted into the army will be returned to the farm this spring, he announced, adding that induction of many farm youths would threaten vital agricultural production.

The testimony of both officers, given at a closed committee session reached the senate in printed form.

Hershey's proposed system of allowances would be repealed, he explained, on the World War practice of requiring a selectee with dependents to make an allotment from his pay to support his family, which the government matched with an allowance.

4th Infantry Division

Nickname: Ivy Division (Famous Fourth)
Shoulder Patch: Green with four ivy leaves extending from a circle N, S, E and West. The four leaves represented the numeral IV or I-Vy.
Source: Regular Army Units.
History: Organized Camp Greene, NC, 1917.
Overseas: June 5, 1918 (56 casualties en route from torpedo). Actions: Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne campaigns; occupation of Germany, seven months.

7th Infantry Division

Nickname: Hourglass Division
Shoulder Patch: Red circular patch bearing black hourglass which is formed by a "7" resting on an inverted "7"
Type: Regular Army
History: Organization directed December 6, 1917, assigned Camp Wheeler.
Overseas: July to September, 1918.
Actions: Villers-en-Haye.



Our Ship, the "Minnie"

by Jack Dodd
I want you to meet my ship, the USS Minneapolis (CA36). She was the Fighting Minnie of World War II.
The USS Minneapolis CA36 was a heavy cruiser. Her sisterships were the San Francisco and the Indianapolis that was attacked later in the war. The Indianapolis carried two atomic bombs dropped on Japan across the Pacific to the waiting Enola Gay. Only 250 of 1200 sailors and Marines survived when the Indianapolis was torpedoed by the Japanese subs.

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 - 2 Sept 1945
 - 8 Sept. 1945
 - 30 Sept 1945
 - 3 Oct 1945
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Tassafaronga
Wake Island
Gilbert Islands
Marshall Islands
Truk
Saipan-Guam
Western New Guinea-Hollandia
Western Carolines-Palau
Leyte
Luzon-Lingayen Gulf
Okinawa
Flagship of 7th fleet when Japanese surrendered
Participated in support for initial landing for occupation of Korea at Jinsen Harbor, Korea-Flagship
participated in support for landing at TAKU, China, flagship
Participated in the landing party in Chenawangto, China, flagship
Ships landing forces met with Chinese 8th Route Army at Wei Hai Wai, China, flagship
participated in landing of the Chinese 13th Army at Chinwangoo, China, flagship

The Minnie sank four Japanese ships, shot down 15 Japanese airplanes.

The Minnie was built in the Philadelphia Navy Yard, launched September 1933 and commissioned in May 1934. She was slightly over 580 feet long and 60 feet wide at the beam. Originally built as a ten thousand ton cruiser, she took on eight over the years up to her full load displacement of over thirteen thousand tons. She was designed for a little under 32 knots with a cruising range of 2,000 miles. The Minnie participated in 25 WW II engagements and earned 17 battle stars in the Pacific Theater of Operations. During her WWII battle cruises, she lost 35 of her crew, 80 feet of her bow and 3 of her 4 firerooms which were torpedoed out of commission. Her crew fashioned a temporary coconut log bow at Tulage and she crawled to Espirito Santos, New Guinea for a temporary steel bow. She then set out with a noticeable limp to Pearl Harbor and the West Coast where her worn out gun barrels were repaired or replaced battle damage repaired, equipment updated and made ready to return to the front. She did not miss any battle because of her nine month absence. Once back on station in the Pacific, the Minnie participated for more than over 20 months in non-stop front line action. After WWII Minnie sailed through the Panama Canal back to Philadelphia where she was decommissioned and put in moth balls. In August 1959 she was taken out of moth balls and scrapped for her wealth of metal. She may be gone, but the Scrapper lives on in the heartbeats of each of her crew.

Ohio's 37th Division Kills 500 Japs in Hill Battle

(By The Associated Press)
Bougainville, Solomon Islands, March 16 (Delayed.—Ohio's 37th Division has "avenged the rape of Nanking," wiping out hundreds of Japanese in some of the bloodiest fighting of the war, its commander, Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler, said today.

General Beightler termed the battle for Hill 700 the most vicious fighting he had seen in two years. More than 500 Jap bodies were counted along the barbed wire entanglements after the American victory.

He told of four attacks on the defense perimeter held by the 37th and how they were repulsed during the past week. It was here he said the vengeance for Nanking was achieved, since the attacking Japanese wore the red patch of the Sixth Division which served in China.

Avery Boy Among 'Pawlak's Raiders, Daring Army Unit
By WILLIAM HIPPEL
U. S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, (AP) — One of the legends of the New Georgia campaign is the story of "Pawlak's Raiders."

"Pawlak" is First Lieut. Ray Pawlak of Toledo, O., commanding officer of a daring Army company which gained South Pacific fame for its terse communications and swift, successful actions.

Once, 10 Pawlak men, supported by fire of two rifle platoons, advanced within 10 yards of one of the strongest Japanese points near Munda.

The men took shelter behind a large log and poured small fire into the Japanese position, routing 45 enemy soldiers and killing at least 15.

Five enemy officers' sabers were captured. One was sent back to a commanding officer with a note tied to it.

The note said: "Hill has been taken. No prisoners. Signed: Pawlak's Raiders."

One saber was retained to engrave the names of the 10 men on the patrol.

Besides Lieutenant Pawlak, they included Pfc. Milton McIntyre, Avery, Tex., and Pfc. Donald V. McClanahan of Ringgold, Tenn.

Ohio's 37th Division Kills 500 Japs in "Hill 700" Fight

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my Illinois unit inflicted 20 losses to one of theirs. I am proud to say that not one neurosis case was reported in the division. This shows a high state of morale."

Japanese efforts to break American perimeter lines on Bougainville produced some of the toughest fighting of the Solomon campaign but "our losses in comparison with the Japs are fantastically light," Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commanding the army in the South Pacific, said.

At times rifle fire was unbelievably heavy. Even generals have taken a hand in the fighting. Once General Beightler led the front line counter-attack, personally expending 40 rounds with a carbine.

"I've been trying to get a Jap sword since the Munda campaign," he confided. "Suddenly I spotted one. I made a dive for it but a private beat me by inches."

The Japanese still persist in making mass drives against small sections of lines, piling themselves up in front of American wires in a useless demonstration of fanatical fighting.

(This was the first indication that fighting still is in progress here. The big, enemy push started March 8 and Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported in his March 18 communique that "the enemy's offensive has completely broken down," and "his formations have been dispersed and decimated.")

Pfc. Hilton W. McEntyre of Avery, has been presented the Combat Infantry Badge. Private McEntyre is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rose B. McEntyre of Avery, Rt. 2, and is now serving as an assistant squad leader in the Southwest Pacific.

Since starting his tour of overseas duty on May 26, 1942, he has been stationed in New Zealand, Fiji, and Guadalcanal.

25 Most Frequently asked questions from Women Vets

The most frequently asked questions from women veterans — along with the answers — can now be found on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Web site. The information will soon be available in Spanish.

"These 25 questions are the ones we hear most often," said Dr. Irene Trowell-Harris, director of the Center for Women Veterans. "Too many women veterans don't know that they are eligible for the full range of VA benefits. Too many are unaware of special programs VA runs for them."

Dr. Trowell-Harris said the information will be helpful to male veterans, too. Topics include the services available to women veterans; information about gender-specific services (including pap smears, mammography, and pre-natal and child care); evaluations for nursing home care; and employment options for women veterans.

The Web site, www.va.gov/womenvet, offers women veterans direct access to the Center for Women Veterans where they can express concerns, ask questions and provide feedback about VA benefits and services.

Congress passed legislation in 1994 authorizing VA to establish a Center for Women Veterans. The center collaborates with other federal departments on issues related to women veterans, develops materials on VA benefits programs and health care services, and conducts outreach to make women veterans aware of these services.

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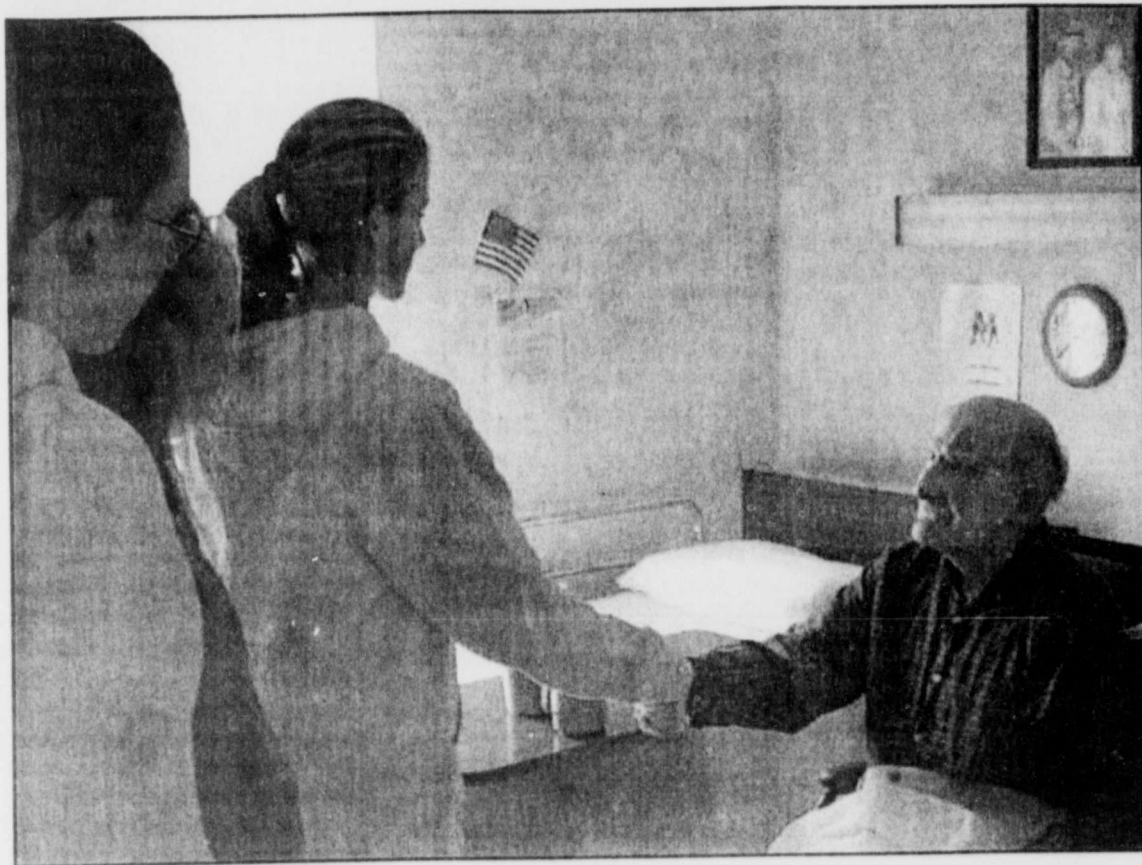
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WELCOME-Hailey Norwood, Charity Musgrove and Lacie Cole are greeted by Milow Hume before sitting down to learn about his war experiences. The visits with the veterans at Deport Nursing Home opened a whole new world to the Deport Junior High 8th grade history students.



To the men and women who died for our freedom:

We Thank You

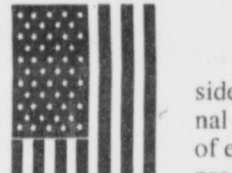
Please, remember your Star Spangled manners!!

This Independence Day, more people than ever will be showing their patriotism and loyalty to America by displaying the American Flag. Here are examples of how to display the flag properly:

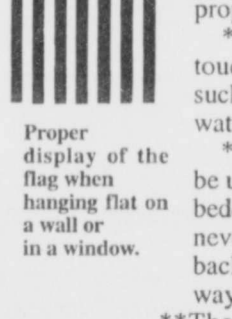
**Unless illuminated at night, flags displayed outdoors should only be flown from sunrise to sunset.



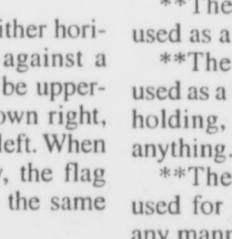
**The flag should not be flown on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is used.



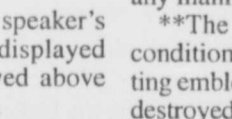
**The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat. When the flag is displayed on a motorcar, the staff should be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.



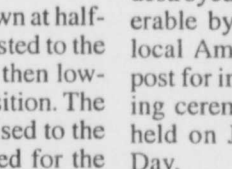
**When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flat's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be displayed in the same way.



**When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker.



**The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the



day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-mast until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff.

**The flag should never be displayed upside down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

**The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water or merchandise.

**The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, not up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free.

**The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

**The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying or delivering anything.

**The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever.

**The flag, when it is in such condition that it no longer is a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferable by burning. Contact your local American Legion or VFW post for information on flag-burning ceremonies, which are often held on June 14, which is Flag Day.

12th Armored Division
Nickname: Hellcat Division
Shoulder Patch: Regular armored division patch
Slogan: "Speed Is The Password"
History: The 12th has no history prior to World War II
Activated September 15, 1942, Camp Campbell, KY. Other station: Camp Barkeley, TX. Overseas: September, 1944 (ETO)

101st Airborne Division
Nickname: Screaming Eagle
Shoulder Patch: Black shield with a black arc streaming above. On the shield in white is a screaming eagle with gold beak and red tongue.



TAPS-Tiffany Giles is pictured playing Taps for the students, staff and visitors to the Rivercrest Junior High Veterans Day program held Monday. Tiff, who is the daughter of Gene and Connie Giles of Bogata, did a wonderful job! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

To be a paratrooper, or not

Roy White, Deport, served 1946-47 in Japan. He was a training paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division. He was 17 years old when he joined up.

White got into paratrooper school because of a buddy having a little fun at Roy's expense. The buddy put Roy's name and serial number in a box set out for volunteers who wanted to become



BOGATA VFW AND LADIES AUXILIARY-members placed flags on Veterans graves at the Bogata Cemetery on November 8, 2002 in honor of Veterans Day, November 11, 2002. The group were happy to honor those who fought for our country and if any one was missed it was not intentional. However, if someone was left out if the family would please contact the VFW or Ladies Auxiliary President, Phyllis Duffer the oversight will be corrected when flags are next put out.



VETERANS REMEMBERED-These area veterans were honored on Monday, November 11, Veteran's Day on the Blossom School Campus. They are pictured here as they visit during the reception held in their honor in the cafeteria. (Staff Photo)

Remember 9-1-1, Let's Roll!!

When my family and I relocated to Detroit in 1966, there were numerous World War I veterans around. I know of no one from that war now.

My wife, Dottie and I were discussing different ideas about the Veterans Day write-up. This came to mind.

How many of you can trace your family members from World War I and World War II, to include the Korean conflict plus Viet Nam. The price of freedom is paid for by the young men and women who serve our country and some of these pay the ultimate price.

There were eight of my family involved in World War II. We served in almost every branch of service. I volunteered for the Army Air Corp February 4, 1942. I was stationed at Lubbock Army Air Base, then shipped to Laredo base where I remained for the duration of the war. This was a training base for B-17 and B-24 gunners. These men tried to protect

their airplanes from enemy fighter aircraft. The base trained thousands of aerial gunners and shipped them to other bases where they were teamed up with a crew. Then they were shipped to the European and Far East Theater of war.

To give you an idea of the danger these boys faced, on one mission over Germany we lost 600 B-24's and B-17's. This loss was 6,000 men in one day. There were 10 crewmen in each aircraft. Each part of the services suffered heavy losses in personnel and equipment.

Always, please remember the veterans who served our country in wars so that you could be free. Everything is not right in the U.S.A. but it is the greatest country on earth.

We will win this war on terror by being united. Remember 9-1-1, fellow Americans. Let's roll.

---John Pete Ritchey

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