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Okay, Okay, I missed it
Yes, I admit it, I missed most of the ice storm. So I spent the week in temperatures ranging from 80 degrees down to a mere 45. So the power didn't go off where I was. So, this is reason to vilify me?

When the ice storm began to hit Christmas Day my husband told me it was time for my nephew, Jeff, and myself to hit the trail for south Texas. We had planned on going the next day, he was planning to move hay all week while we were gone.

So, we packed within 30 minutes and left town a day early, knowing if we lingered it wouldn't be possible to get out later.

As we sailed ahead of the ice storm I called back to Thomas, who reported the power was off, and that the ice was getting worse by the minute. That was the last contact we had for several days.

It was impossible to really enjoy myself because all we saw on television was how bad the ice was. We couldn't reach our families, and that was nerve wracking. I confess it didn't keep us from going to Mexico to bargain for watches and carved ironwood, nor did it keep us from enjoying the ocean, good seafood and the company of my cousins and aunt.

But, when I finally did get through to Thomas and he told me how bad things were, and that the lights were still off, neither Jeff nor I could stand it. We left for home two days early.

We drove 1400 miles to stay 1 and 1/2 days, but had a lot of fun, too.

Still, it was so good to come home, even though the house was dark and my poor, poor trees looked as if they had been shelled by heavy artillery.

I think my husband, dogs and cats were glad to see me, having grown a little tired of one another's company.

Of course, I didn't miss a few days of being without electricity, or the snowfall that turned the roads to slick disasters.

Still, everyone keeps glaring at me when I try to tell them about the balmy temperatures and good seafood. They seem to think I'm "rubbing it in".

I wouldn't do that, would I? Nahhh, of course not!

People
'n
Things

The Deport OES Chapter 1045 will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in a special called meeting for regular business.

Editor's Quotes

Too Late-There is a wealth of unexpressed love in the world. It is one of the chief causes of sorrow evoked by death: what might have been said or might have been done that never can be said or done.
Arthur Hopkins

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Ice Storm cripples area, causes deaths, creates havoc

Death and devastation have resulted from a massive ice storm that crippled this area, followed by a snow storm which also resulted in dangerous road conditions.

Christmas day freezing rain began to fall, coating the world in inches of ice, downing power and phone lines, leaving thousands without a way to keep warm or unable to get out because of downed trees and limbs.

Portions of Red River County lost water service as well.

Work crews from all over have poured into the area in an attempt to re-establish power, but the damage to trees has been so severe that for many it may be weeks before electricity is restored.

Propane distributors have worked around the clock, but supplies were running short before the roads cleared.

Candles, lantern batteries, propane bottles and other emergency items were quickly cleared from store shelves and residents buckled down to "make the best of it".

Friday night, Dec. 29th, a Lone Star man died in a propane explosion that leveled the house he was in.

Brit Phillips, age 49, had gone to a relative's house to light a water heater so he could bathe. The explosion leveled the house. Bogata and Clarksville Fire Departments responded to the scene after neighbors called to report the explosion.

Traffic accidents were numerous as the snow turned roads into icy pathways. A Kansas woman died after her vehicle plunged into White Oak Creek.

A number of house fires occurred for a variety of reasons. Damage to trees is indescribable.

Pine forests have suffered damage so severe that timber crops for years to come may be completely lost.

Hardwoods are splintered, some trees were toppled whole, but scarcely a tree is left without damage.

Fences and barns were torn apart by falling trees and limbs, and many homes suffered serious damage from limbs. A number of vehicles were crushed by the weight of falling limbs and ice.

Red River, Lamar and Titus counties have been declared disaster areas and emergency services have been in full effect.

The dollar value of the devastation cannot be calculated at this time, but will undoubtedly range into the millions of dollars.

A prediction of warmer temperatures was a welcome change from freezing rain and snow.



TOTAL DESTRUCTION- this house was leveled by a propane blast Friday night, December 29th. One man, 49 year old Brit Phillips of Lone Star Community, died in the blast, which may have been caused from a hot water heater. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



MEMBERS OF THE Bogata and Clarksville Fire Departments could do little after an explosion rocked this house, destroying the house and collapsing the carport. Brit Phillips died in the accident. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

RR County offers emergency relief measures

All Red River County residents should be warned of people asking for and receiving money for work before work is started and never seeing them again. Residents should obtain at least two bids and check references of any contract work to be done.

Price gouging has been reported by some merchants selling goods at tremendous increases from a week ago due to the recent weather disaster. Anyone who has experienced those or is witness to should contact the Attorney General's Complaint Line at 1-800-337-3928.

There is no burn ban in effect for Red River County. Anyone wishing to burn limbs can do so.

Gas generators should not be plugged into your home breaker panel, as the electricity can be back fed out to the power line and injure those who may be working and making repairs and when power is restored it can damage the generators. Reports have been received of line workers being injured due to these generators. Watch for signs of cold exposure;

don't eat spoiled foods; guard against carbon monoxide poisoning; and for additional help or information call 903-427-2680 with an alternate contact at the County Judge's office at 903-427-2680.

Electric crews are working hard and as fast as they possibly can to restore electric power everywhere. Your patience and understanding will be appreciated.

On Tuesday, January 2, 2001, the Salvation Army began providing vouchers for qualified residents in assistance of propane and necessary items such as batteries, kerosene, etc. To receive a voucher, they must call Paul Askew with the Department of Human Services in Clarksville at 427-3874.

Public should contact their local churches, Rotary Clubs, Lions Club, etc. for assistance if needed.

Red Cross information can be obtained at 1-800-881-7660.

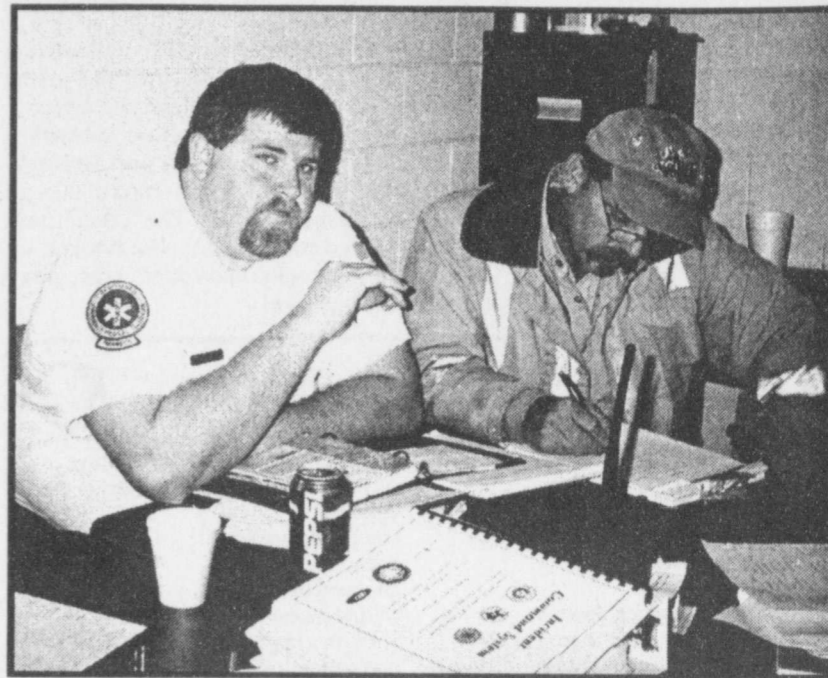
Insurance claims may be reported to Texas Department of Insurance at 1-800-252-3439.

Tree limbs and brush can be dropped off at Detroit on 7th Street at

the old dump grounds. Avery-railroad right-of-way near Medford's Store, Clarksville at US 82 and FM Road 412 by the old pallet company and gravel pit. Bogata between G&S Grocery and Howison Street from Elementary School. Limbs and brush will only be accepted and not tires and other debris.

Hot food will be provided daily at each of these locations: Avery Fire Department from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Bagwell Post Office 1:00-3:00 p.m. Boxelder 3:30-5:00 p.m. Caneywell/Whiterock-all day. Clarksville First Baptist Church noon to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. Clarksville High School 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cuthand Church-all day. Detroit Post Office 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Drinking water may be obtained from any of the volunteer fire departments. Overnight shelters are being provided by the Clarksville High School on Washington Street in Clarksville with showers available. Bogata Missionary Baptist Church.



PLANNING FOR THE EMERGENCIES THAT ARE SURE TO COME-Randy Kennedy with LifeNet and also a member of the Bogata VFD worked with a member of the Texas Forestry Service at the Red River County Command Center in Bogata last week. (Staff Photo Thomas Nichols)

Bogata serving as command center for Red River Co. during crisis

The incident command center for all of Red River county during the devastating ice storm was set up at the Bogata Volunteer Fire Department last week.

Red River County Judge Cathy Cheyne called the Governor's Office and asked that Red River County be declared a disaster area following the ice that hit on Christmas Day.

Bogata Fire Chief Charles Don Lewis was appointed incident commander for the command post that provided communications and planning for all emergency and county employees, Texas Forestry Service and Public Safety Departments in the county.

According to operations and communications director Leslie Allen of Bogata VFD, at one time all of 966

and 674 telephone exchanges were out of service. The Red River County Sheriff's Department could only communicate with Franklin County.

Bogata was the only one of the five major cities in Red River County with the ability to communicate with facilities outside of the county.

Saw crews from the Texas Forestry Service were moved into Red River County from Cass, Bowie and Fannin Counties to help clear the county roads.

As many as 50% of the roads in Red River County were closed right after the ice storm moved through.

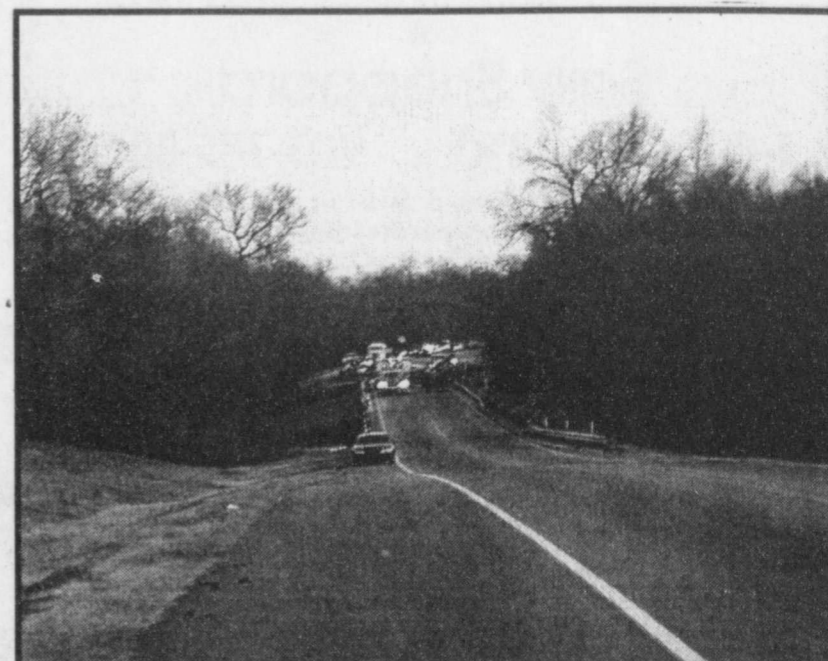
Two hundred men were working out of the Bogata Command Center at one time, and work continues to restore electric power, phone service and clear blocked roads.

High water causes detour

The Highway Department set up a road block and detour at the junction of Hwy. 271 and FM. 71 in Talco December 27, 2000 to re-route travelers going north due to high water.

The Sulphur River was riding a war horse and overflowed its banks flooding the highway including three of the bridges through the bottom area. A report said flood water rose 2

foot over the bridge roadways. On Friday the flood waters hit White Oak River forcing the closure of Fm. 1402 between Sugar Hill and Mt. Pleasant. For local residents the final days of December 2000 have offered almost every type of weather but newscast promise better weather in the first week of 2001.



FATAL ACCIDENT-On Saturday, December 29, 2000 the Talco VFD and EMS along with Mt. Pleasant worked an accident on Hwy 271 south of Talco which stopped traffic for over an hour. The woman was killed when the vehicle she was driving went off the road and slid into the White Oak River slough. Her husband escaped without injury. The couple who were from Winfield, Kansas were returning home after a visit with family in Houston. At press time the cause of the accident was unsure. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Can you believe that we are already into another year! Wow! 2001! I sure started out with a bang! Well, I guess that "bang" is not the right word. . . more like a "dud"! Everyone lost their electricity..... most had no heat.....no phone and heaven forbid.....no TV!

How in the world did you keep those kids entertained? I know the parents are going to be glad to see them back in school! We brought out the dominos and checkers and other board games and played by candle light.

We did have heat and hot water because we use propane and were one of the more fortunate ones. We did decide that they had more fun on Little House on the Prairie than we did. How did they do that?

Well, our recipes this week are little unconventional. You can use

them the next time you lose your electricity again!

Gas Grill Stew-not very original, but takes a little longer because of the low heat. . . still good though!

Pan-fried Cornbread-hard to regular the grill for the temperature of the oil...the last batch was fried like hotcakes. Still good!

Mesquite Grilled Nachos-again we used the grill and heavy duty aluminum foil. Reynolds Wrap would be proud!

Hot Sauce in a Jar-unhook the generator long enough to hook up the food processor to blend this concoction together to top those nachos!

Greenhouse Gravy and Sausage-now this one is original and thanks go to husband Jim. The greenhouse needed more heat, so he hooked up the fishcooker and voila!...great gravy and sausage!

Mrs. Minnie Lee Burns dies December 21

Mrs. Minnie Lee Burns, age 90 of Bogata, died Thursday, December 21 in Regency Nursing Home in Clarksville.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 23 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Burns was born May 23, 1910 in Red River County, the daughter of James Henry Aldridge and Margaret McClellan Aldridge. She married Delbert Burns on August 30, 1928 in Bogata. He died January 20, 1977. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church of Bogata for over 84 years.

She is survived by three sons, Billy Burns and his wife Rachel of Dallas, Ronnie Burns and his wife Sheila of Bogata and Jerry Burns and his wife Rhonda of Deport; 14 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Hollis Burns and two daughters, Shirley Francis and Barbara Burns.

Pallbearers were Ralph Cawley, Maxie Lewis, Harvey Thomas, Gerald Burns, Dolan Mankins and Bobby Childers.

E.N. (Eslin) Frazier dies December 20

E.N. (Eslin) Frazier, age 83 of Deport, died December 20 at his home. Wood Funeral Homes conducted funeral services on Saturday, December 23 in the First United Methodist Church of Deport with the Rev. Jim Benfer officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were grandchildren.

He was born May 17, 1917 in Neshoba, OK, the son of Aben and Ellen Cooper Frazier. On June 15, 1938 he married Lillie Mae Taylor in the Big Lick Methodist Church, Divide, OK. He retired from American Box in 1978 and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Deport and was a founding member of the Jacob Memorial Methodist Church in Paris before it disbanded in 1996.

Surviving is his wife, Lillie of Deport; children, Kenneth Frazier of Paris, Lillian(Lee) Kincaid of Deport, Leonard (Buck) Frazier of Deport, Linda Frazier of Paris, Austin Frazier of Paris, Brenda Dudley of Paris, Allen Frazier of Paris, James Frazier and wife Michele of Mesquite and Terry Hood and husband Doug of Irving; 17 grandchildren, Dana, Robin, Bradley, Dustin, Brandon, Russell, Jason Susan, John, Shaun, Liane, Kenneth Jr., Amanda, Destiny, Stormy, Joshua and James; seven great-grandchildren, Kevin, Ryan, Brita, Kaitlan, Madison, Loren, McKenzie, one brother, Solomon Frazier; one sister, Agnes Ward; and these half-brothers and sisters, Abbey, Cora, Leroy, Randall and Amy Frazier; step-grandchildren, Sue Clifton, Bobby Kincaid, Mickey Kincaid, Karen Pritchard, Vita Bratton; step-great-grandchildren, Stephanie Crawford, Tina Sparks, Felicia Kincaid, Casey Kincaid, Zachary Kincaid, Mickey Kincaid, Jr., Caleb Kincaid, Michael Kincaid, Jessica Pritchard, Donna Bratton, Angie Bratton.

He was preceded in death by five children, Virgil Frazier in 1944, David Frazier in 1966, Lula Frazier in 1968, Sandra Kay Frazier in 1977 and Darrell Frazier in 1986 and six grandchildren, Bryan Frazier, Donna Frazier, Christopher Frazier, Gaylon Frazier, Amy Frazier and David Kincaid.

Mrs. Deon McKeegan dies December 24

Mrs. Deon McKeegan, age 54 of Bogata, died Sunday, December 24 in Christus St. Joseph Hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 30 at Wood Funeral Home Chapel of Deport with Rev. Ray Evers officiating. Burial was in Tuggle Springs Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. McKeegan was born January 2, 1946, the daughter of John Thomas and Geraldine Wilkins Shelby. She married Gleyne McKeegan on December 20, 1999.

She is survived by her husband, Gleyne McKeegan of Bogata; her mother, Geraldine Shelby of Blossom; three brothers, James Shelby of Grant, NM, Bobby Shelby of Hurst and Jackie Shelby of Blossom; two sisters, Ethel Arrasmith of Detroit and Diana Merritt of Blossom.

She was preceded in death by her father; two sisters, Tommie McKeegan and Julie O'Toole.

Mrs. Juanita Kirkpatrick dies December 20

Mrs. Juanita Marie Kirkpatrick, age 80, formerly of Bogata and Talco, died Wednesday, December 20 in Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 22 in Talco Assembly of God Church with Rev. Wilson Weed officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was born October 18, 1920 in Graham, TX, the daughter of Cecil and Eula Crowder Stephens. She married John Kirkpatrick on June 21, 1942 in Winters, TX. She and her husband owned and operated a service station near Bogata for a number of years. Mr. Kirkpatrick preceded her in death October 25, 1992. She was a member of the Talco Assembly of God Church.

Surviving are two sons, Ronnie Kirkpatrick of Florida and Donnie Kirkpatrick of Pittsburg; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three brothers; and three sisters.

Paul E. Reynolds dies December 27

Paul E. Reynolds of Bogata, age 67, died Wednesday evening, December 27 at Christus St. Joseph Hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in Highland Cemetery in Deport under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Bogata.

He was born December 12, 1933 in Fulbright, the son of Blake and Mabel Betterton Reynolds. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was a retired implement salesman and later retired from Pyatt Oil Company of Clarksville. He was a member of Deport Lodge 381 AF&AM and a Master Mason.

From 1951-54 he attended Sam Houston University, receiving his Bachelors Degree. He then joined the U.S. Navy and graduated the U.S. Navy School of Interior Communications. He served aboard the USS Nereus in the South Pacific, which was attached to the ComSubPac Flutilla. After attaining the rank of Petty Officer, he left the service and returned back to Sam Houston State University to earn his Master's Degree in 1958.

He is survived by his wife of over 25 years, Ruth Reynolds of Bogata; one sister, Jane Swint of Deport; one half-sister, Carlene Harkrider of Mt. Pleasant. Preceding him in death are his parents; one sister, Georgia Garrett and one half-brother, Carl Pryor.

Honorary bearers were George Blackstone, Bob Pyatt, Marion Mitchell and Galen Lane.

Obituaries

Mrs. Ruth Wood dies December 29

Mrs. Ruth Wood, age 91 of Bogata, died Friday, December 29 in East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm. Sunday, December 31 in Bogata United Methodist Church with Rev. Kenny Dickson officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wood was born December 4, 1909 in Wynnboro, TX, the daughter of Robert Morgan and Amy Steed Craddock. She married Alvin Wood on October 29, 1933 in Hugo, OK. He preceded her in death February 18, 1981. She was a retired school teacher teaching in Glendale, Halesboro and Bogata schools. She worked at Turner Dry Goods in Bogata for a number of years after her retirement from teaching. She was a member of Bogata United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Tedd Grayson and her husband James of Houston and Robbie Cloud and her husband Bill of Galena Park; one brother, Dr. Dale Craddock and his wife Jean of Denver, CO and three sisters-in-law, Dot Craddock of Salinas, CA, Dorothy Craddock of Longview and Gladys Smith of Dallas. She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son, Robert Vance Wood; four brothers, David, Rex, Van Dorn and Paul Craddock and one sister, Pat Craddock.

Honorary bearers were nephews, Tony and Steve Cloud, Mike, Robert and Van Dorn Craddock Jr., and Robert Slade. Active bearers were Howard Ed Bryson, Neil Rozell, Lawrence Wood, Bunky Smith, Dr. E.E. Brooks and Ralph Cawley.

Marvin Brit Phillips dies December 30

Marvin Brit Phillips, age 49 of the Lone Star community, died Saturday, December 30.

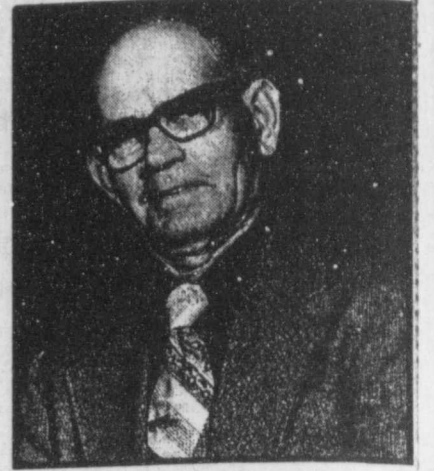
Services were conducted Tuesday, January 2 at the Lone Star Methodist Church with the Rev. Don Shovan and the Rev. Don C. Benton officiating. Interment followed in Lone Star Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mr. Phillips was born July 23, 1951 in Clarksville, a son of Ted and Nan Watkins Phillips. He was a member of the Lone Star United Methodist Church and of Rosalie Lodge #527 AF&AM. He married the former Anaya Cooper on March 16, 1974 in Cunningham.

Mr. Phillips was a truck driver for Phillips Industries in Clarksville.

Bearers were J.D. Watkins, Steve Watkins, Chad Gregg, John Price, Eddie Baxter and Benji Phillips. Honorary bearers were Curtis Weemes and Rosalie Masonic Lodge members.

Surviving are his wife, Anaya Cooper Phillips; daughters, Lindy Jo Phillips and Bonnie Sue Phillips of the Lone Star community and a sister, Brenda Russell of the Lone Star community.



Joseph Monroe Grinstead

Joseph Grinstead dies December 31

Joseph Monroe Grinstead left this earthly life on December 31 to join loved ones in heaven. Services were held Wednesday, January 3 at 3:00 p.m. in Wood Funeral Home chapel with interment in Highland Cemetery, Deport.

He was born July 21, 1913 to Jake Lionel and Alice Bell Sanders Grinstead in Poke, AR. He married the former Gena Kincaid on March 10, 1934 in Paris. They moved to Dallas a few years later and raised their children there and upon Joe's retirement from Brown Express Freight Company in 1975, they returned to Deport to live until 1988. They then moved back to Dallas to be close to their family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Gena Grinstead on March 25, 1999; his son, James Grinstead on December 30, 1999; sisters, Madge Smith and Isabell Edwards; brothers, Orville, Jake, Pearl and Earl Grinstead; and a great-great-granddaughter, Crystal Reyes.

He is survived by his sisters, Carrie Bennett of Deport and Edith Dockrey of Modesto, CA; daughters, Wanda Grinstead of Dallas and Pam Thom and husband Jack of Merryville, TN; grandchildren, Deborah Burgess Burdick, Bobby Burgess, Maria Lohden, Randy Grinstead and Alan Aams, all of the Dallas metroplex; nine great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, food and flowers during the time of our loss. A special thanks to Wood Funeral Home and Bro. Renfro.

Thank you
The Hazel Shuman Family

LEC contributes to fire departments

Lamar County Electric Cooperative has recently donated \$250.00 each to 35 fire departments in Lamar, Red River and Delta Counties.

LEC contributes to the fire departments annually to help the departments with their ever-mounting operating expenses.

Thursday, January 7, 2001

Gas Grill Stew

1 pound of ground beef
1 can whole kernel corn
1 can sliced carrots
1 can stewed tomatoes
1 can tomato sauce
3 cups large-chopped potatoes

Brown ground beef in iron skillet on hot grill with a small amount of diced onion and celery, remembering that the handle is very hot! Drain and pour into Dutch Oven. Add tomatoes and sauce, corn and carrots. Simmer for 30 minutes and add potatoes and cook until done.

Pan-fried Cornbread

2 cups cornmeal
1 cup flour
1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1 cup milk
chopped jalapeno (optional)

Blend all ingredients well and drop by teaspoonfuls into hot oil in iron skillet heated on grill. Remember, handle is hot!

Mesquite Grilled Nachos

1/2 pound browned ground beef or diced chicken
shredded cheese
nacho chips
chopped onions
refried beans

Form a large sheet of heavy-duty foil into pan and shape sides. Beans can be spread onto chips if desired. Sprinkle browned beef or chicken. Top with cheese. Slide onto heated grill for approximately five minutes or until cheese is melted.

Hot Sauce -in-a-Jar

1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 diced onion
1 tablespoon oil
1 tablespoon vinegar
pinch of cilantro-optional

Pulse in blender or food processor for thirty seconds or consistency you desire. Pour into jar and refrigerate.

Greenhouse Gravy and Sausage

1 pound pork sausage
2 tablespoons flour
salt and pepper to taste
milk

Brown sausage in iron skillet until done. Drain. Pour off grease and leave enough to mix flour and salt and pepper. Add milk to thicken and watch handle of iron skillet, it gets hot!

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FOOT NOTES
Basketball & Your Feet
Basketball is a popular winter sport. Played competitively or recreationally, it can wreak havoc on the feet due to its stops and starts, jumping and running. The foot and ankle suffer tremendous pressure in basketball, and injuries are common. Acute injuries occur with a sudden blow or fall, while chronic injuries result from extended wear and tear. Ankle sprains, torn ligaments, muscle pulls, ruptured tendons and fractures are some common acute injuries. An acute injury requires immediate medical attention and is often treated initially with the RICE method, rest, ice, compression and elevation. Stress fractures, plantar fasciitis, shin splints, Achilles heel and tendonitis are common chronic injuries associated with basketball. Stretching, warm ups and proper conditioning can help prevent chronic conditions.
Although playing basketball today may differ greatly from the game's earliest moments, its fundamental elements of running, jumping, cutting, stopping and shooting on a hard floor remain essentially the same. Your podiatrist can be a valuable member of your team by addressing the game's two distinct types of injuries from the lower extremities, acute injury from a sudden blow, or chronic injury that develops slowly and becomes aggravated over an extended period of time. Don't let your sport keep you sidelined, call DOCTORS FOOT CLINIC 784-5585.
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Preston Berryhill and Faby Stewart

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Stewart of El Paso are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Fabiola Graciela Stewart of Frisco to Robert Preston Berryhill of Frisco, the son of Cheryl Eason Adkins of Irving and Paul Berryhill of The Colony. Preston is the stepson of James L. Adkins of Irving and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Eason of Bogata, Ms. Ileen Eason and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wright, all of Bonham, and the late Clyde Berryhill.

Ms. Stewart is a graduate of Hanks High School in El Paso and will receive a bachelors degree in International Business from the University of Texas at Dallas in December. She is a loan officer with Bank of America in Carrollton.

Mr. Berryhill is a graduate of Brown Deer High School in Brown Deer, Wisconsin and received a bachelors degree in marketing from the University of North Texas. He is a loan officer with Bank of America in Lewisville.

The couple will be married March 3, 2001 in the Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving.

First Federal announces appointments

First Federal Community Bank's President and CEO, Richard M. Amis recently announced the promotion of the following individuals to the positions of vice president and assistant vice president.

Tammy Byrum, 18-year employee of First Federal has been promoted to the position of Vice President of Deposit Services. Also promoted to the position of Vice President of Loan Services is Helen Clark, who has been employed by First Federal for 38 years.

Mae Hemingway, 17-year employee and Assistant Branch Manager of the Clarksville, Texas office has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. Howard Corrison, Loan Officer and 3-year employee of First Federal Community Bank. Sharon Hampton, Loan Officer and 5-year employee along with Jeff McDowra, Loan Officer and 5-year employee were all promoted to Assistant Vice President. Garry Davis, 9-year employee has been named Assistant Vice President over Loan Administration and Becky Brown Internal Auditor and 9-year employee, has also been promoted to the position of Assistant Vice President.

Dreaming of a white Christmas

by Nancy Brown

I've learned my lesson! Never again will I dream of a white Christmas and to add another note to that thought, it is a good thing I wasn't expected to tame the west or sail with Columbus. A pioneer I'm not!

The storm that hit the area Christmas Day proved to me and others we are a population of softies. My home like so many is all electric and it didn't take us long to abandon ship in search of central heat and hot water. While I appreciate everyone who worked to restore power and clean roadways I felt doomed, as if we would never return home and I know there are others still without electricity, phones and water.

During one of my spells of whining an incident came to mind: Once when my daughter was small she had

to use an outhouse at a softball field. She didn't come out and didn't come out after refusing help from mom (she was a big girl). Then I heard crying? What's wrong I yelled and knocked on the door! Finally, in a weak whimpering voice she said, "Where do you flush this thing?"

That's exactly how I have felt through this stretch of bad weather. I have forgotten how to rough it and don't want to remember. One thing is for sure, I will NEVER wish for a white Christmas again and I have found a new respect for those pioneers who made today's luxuries possible, even if it has made us a population of softies!

Happy New Year everyone, may you have electricity, phones, water, health and happiness.



SANTA'S HELPERS-were on hand to wish everyone a Merry Christmas at G & S Handy Mart recently. Actually, it was employees (from the left) Debbie English, Bridgette Eubanks and Robin Smith who drew a smile from customers wearing their Christmas bows. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata Book Club December meeting held

The Bogata Book Club met at the home of Mrs. Zona Parrish for the December meeting. Mrs. J.A. Sparks voiced prayer before the delicious buffet.

Mrs. Jeff Puckett read a poem, "The Unpublished Adventures of Santa Claus". Mrs. Jimmie Lou Pope conducted a game, "Fun for Christmas". Mrs. Parrish read a poem, "The Christmas Rose" and Mrs. Weldon Smith led to song, "Silent Night" to conclude the program.

The annual Christmas exchange of gifts was followed by the secret pal drawing of names. Seventeen members were present for this delightful party.

Services held at Thedford Homes

A Christmas service was held at Thedford Homes on December 19, 2000. A group of 30 enjoyed the festivities beginning with a luncheon of finger foods and holiday desserts. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Janice Freeman. Many door prizes were given out at random moments.

A skit, "The Christmas Star", was acted out. Several beautiful Christmas specials were sung and prayer requests were taken and prayed over.

Donna Stout of Broken Bow, OK, was the guest speaker for the occasion. Her message, "Mary's Heart" was an inspiring reminder to follow Mary's example of devotion. In conclusion everyone exchanged gift pot holders and received take home table favors.

Everyone was invited to start the New Year off by attending services on Tuesday, January 2 with Bro. Park Robertson, guest speaker for the meeting.



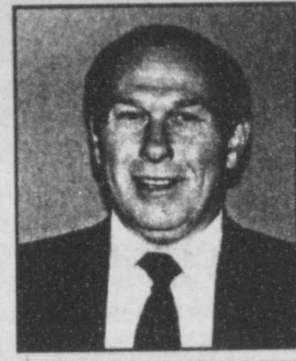
LET IT SNOW-or so the sign says in front of this huge snowman welcoming guests at the home of Ron and Jeannie Parker and children in Talco. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

McCuistion Gala nets \$35,000

The 2000 McCuistion Regional Medical Center Gala held October 7 turned over \$35,000 to the McCuistion Endowment Fund. With this addition, the 14-year total contributed to the fund exceeds \$1,040,000.

In a recent event wrap-up meeting, Chair Fran Neeley presented the ceremonial check to Harold Campbell, Development Council member and Michael J. McBride, McCuistion President.

As the endowment fund continues to grow, only the interest of the earnings will ever be touched to further the cause of healthcare in the community. An example of the resource allocation can be seen in the current construction of the Women's Imaging Center and Women's Health Resource Center on the first floor of the Women's Pavilion. A portion of the interest was used to support that worthwhile project.



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HIGH WATER-forced the closing of Hwy 271 N. of Talco December 27, 2000. Highway Department employees detoured travelers up Fm. 71 west to Hwy. 37 N to Bogata and back onto Hwy. 271 N. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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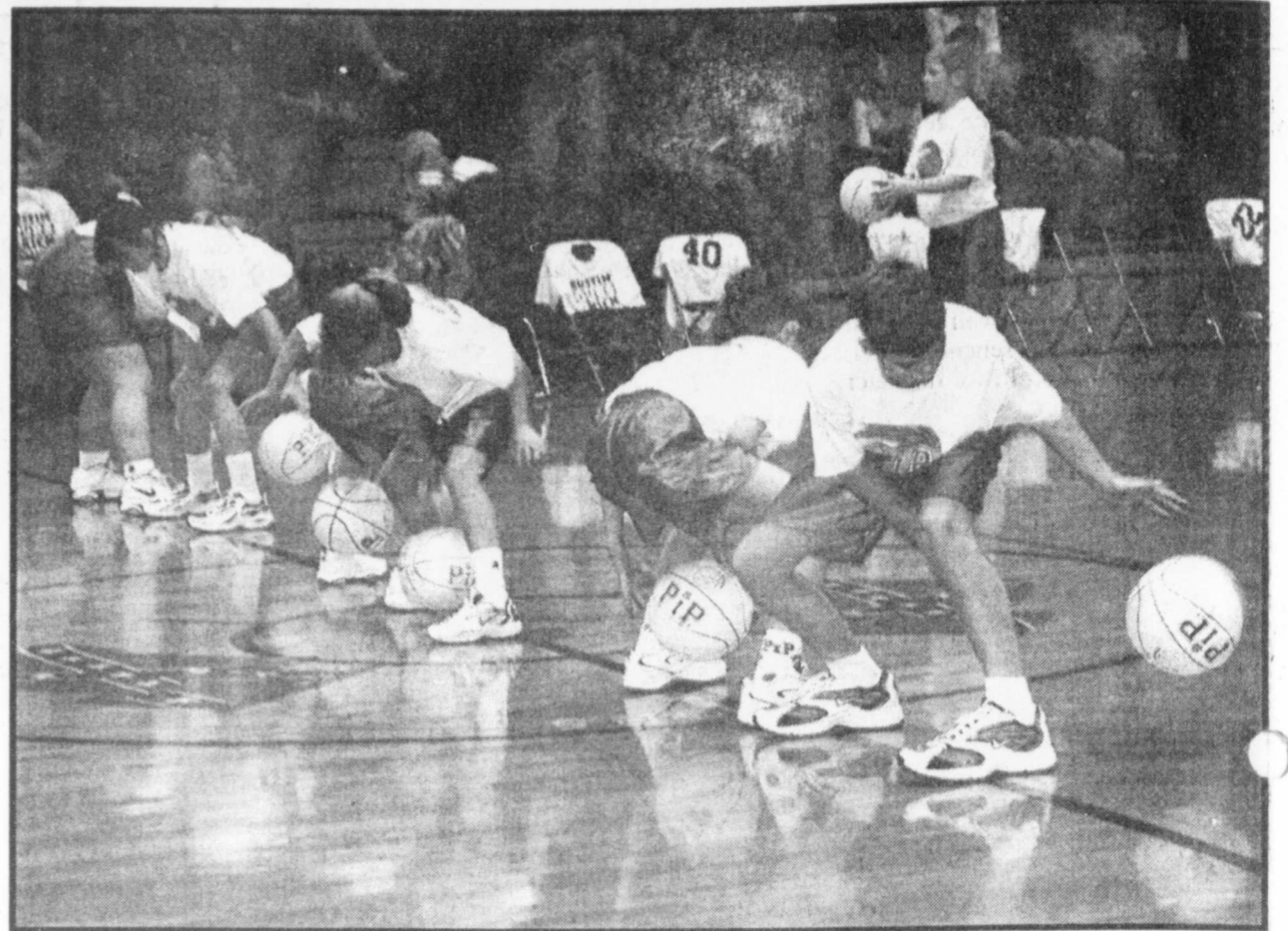
In search of shipmates

The Texas Chapter LST/Amphibious Association is looking for all amphibious personal for reunions. The next reunion will be held in Fort Worth, Texas April 26-27-28, 2001 at the Holiday Inn South of I-35W. Contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, Texas 75948 or e-mail Texas Lsts@AOL.com

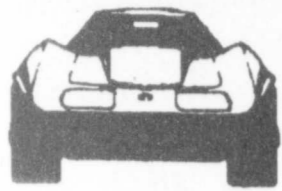
Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means.
-Albert Einstein



RIVERCREST PIPS made their first appearance at Rivercrest for the season on December 19 during the Rivercrest basketball game. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



THE RIVERCREST PIPS wished everyone a Merry Christmas following their first performance of the season on December 19 during the Rivercrest basketball game. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)



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RR Genealogical Society to meet

The Red River Genealogical Society will meet on Monday night, January 8, 2001 in the Red River County Library in Clarksville. A show and tell session will be

held with Johnie Lee speaking on his recently published book. Copies will be available for sale. Everyone is invited to attend.

Cooking Rebel Style cookbooks still on sale

"Cooking Rebel Style" cookbooks are still on sale at the Talco School, Talco and Bogata Guaranty Banks. The 300 recipe cookbook is selling from \$10 each and all proceeds will help benefit the Junior High Science Department. To purchase one contact the Talco School at 379-3841, Leah Bull or Tina Nolen.

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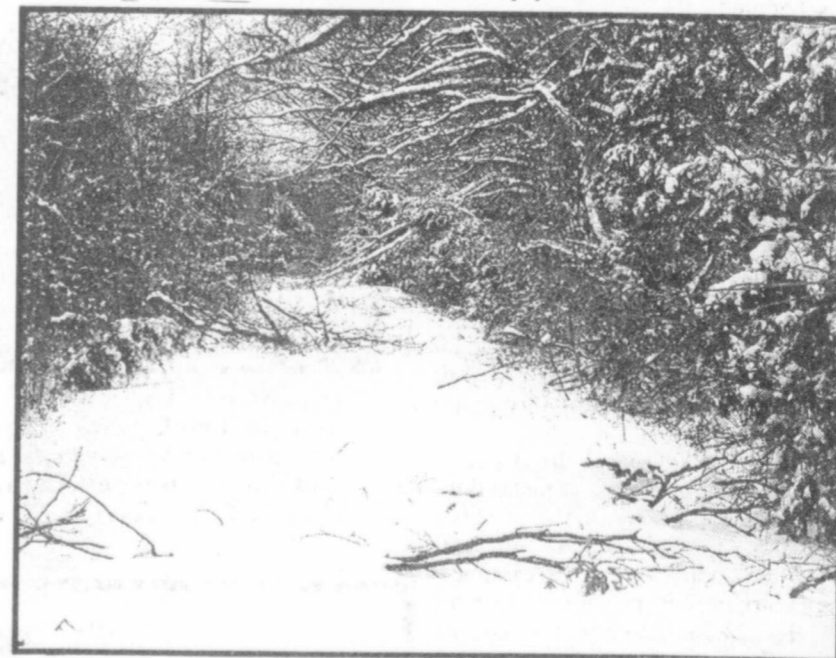
MT. PLEASANT CIVIC CENTER to present the Braschler Music Show on Friday, January 12, 2001. Tickets are available in advance for \$12 and at the door they will be \$15. (Staff Photo)

Mt. Pleasant to sponsor Music Show

The Mt. Pleasant Civic Center will be sponsoring the Braschler Music Show on Friday, January 12, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Tickets will be \$12.00 advance and \$15.00 at the door.

Music Show, the Braschlers have entertained audiences across America. Their repertoire includes country, bluegrass, comedy and gospel tunes.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the show!



TREES-that once stood on the road sides hovered near or had fallen into the roadways following last week's ice storm. To add insult to injury the limbs were covered with 5 to 6 inches of snow on New Year's eve. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

People 'n Things

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

Third Tuesday of each month
Free commodities are distributed on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bogata.

Tuesdays
BAM! (Bogata Area Moms) play group for stay-at-home moms and children will be meeting weekly from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All interested should call Kelly at 632-4493 for day and more information.

Bogata Public Library/Museum
The Bogata Public Library/Museum is open each Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and each Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. A library card is available to all citizens of Bogata and the surrounding area. Come by and enjoy the Museum and check out a good book for your reading pleasure.

January 5
Report cards will go out to Rivercrest ISD students for the 3rd Six Week and Semester reports.

January 7
Jack and Jennifer Brown will be honored with a baby shower January 7, 2001 at the Maple Springs Church fellowship building from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All family and friends are invited to attend.

January 8
The Talco Historical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. at the Trader's Villa downtown Talco. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

January 15
Rivercrest ISD will observe Martin L. King Day as a school holiday.

January 17
Spring portraits will be made at Bogata School. Packets will be sent home with students prior to picture taking.



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Rivercrest ISD receives another high rating

The Texas Education agency recently released the accountability data for all schools across the state. The accountability system was developed as a method of informing the local district and the public of the performance of their school. Schools are measured on TAAS scores, attendance rates and other student performance indicators, as well as fiscal information on the school district. The Academic Excellence Indicator TAAS Scores

System (AEIS) is used analyze the data and place the schools in a rating system which consists of four levels of performance. Districts receive an accreditation status of either Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable or Academically unacceptable. Campuses receive performance ratings of Exemplary, Recognized, Acceptable or Low-perform-

ing. The Rivercrest ISD received an accreditation rating of Recognized. Both the Rivercrest High School and Talco Elementary/Junior High campuses received performance rating of Exemplary, while the Bogata Elementary/Junior High campus received a performance rating of Recognized. Some of the data used to generate these ratings are as follows:

	State Average	Local Campus
Rivercrest		
Reading	90.3%	96.9%
Writing	90.7%	96.8%
Mathematics	86.8%	96.7%
Bogata		
Reading	87.4%	92.0%
Writing	88.2%	88.1%
Mathematics	87.4%	94.4%
Talco		
Reading	87.4%	97.9%
Writing	88.2%	96.0%
Mathematics	87.4%	96.8%

Other data of interest includes; Attendance Rate: State Average-95.4%; Local District-96.1%. Number of Students per teacher-State Average-14.9; Local District-12.7 Expenditure per student; Instruction-State Average-\$3,376; Local District-\$3,013. School Leadership-State Average-\$332; Local District-\$324. Other School Costs-State Average-

\$1,736; Local District-\$1,445 Total School Budget-State Average-\$6,354; Local District-\$5,919.

The AEIS report was presented to the Rivercrest ISD Board of Trustees on Monday, December 4, 2000. The board acknowledged the hard work of everyone involved including the administrators, faculty, staff, students and parents. They expressed

their gratitude to the administrators present and asked that they relay the message to the faculty and staff of each campus.

A copy of each campus report card from the state will be sent home with each student's report card following the end of the third six-weeks. Others who wish to see the entire report may do so by contacting the school.



READY TO GO-Medical, Public Safety, Fire Protection, and Co-ordinated Cleanup efforts were dispatched from the County's Command Center in Bogata last week. The Command Center was established to serve Red River County. Five major cities in Red River County and the entire county were virtually shut down from the ice storm that hit the area on Christmas Day. (Staff Photo Thomas Nichols)

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A Child Development Training I class for Child Development Associates will meet from 6-9 p.m., Monday and Thursday, January 8 through March 12.

An Introduction to Personal Computing class will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 16-25. An alternate class will meet from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday/ Thursday, Jan. 30 through Feb. 8.

An Introduction to Windows class will meet from 1-4 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 29 through Feb. 7.

Computing for the Senior Adult (55+)

Step 1 - Understanding Personal Computers is scheduled from 1:30-4:30 p.m., Jan. 15-22. Alternate sessions are from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 16-23; 1:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 16-23; and 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 16-23.

Step 2 - Understanding Windows is from 1:30-4:30 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 24-31; 5:30-8:30 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 24-31; 1:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 25-Feb. 1; and 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 25-Feb. 1.

AutoCAD/Autodesk Certified Training Introduction to AutoCAD & Windows (8 hours) AutoCAD 2000 Update (24 hours) AutoCAD Level II (16 hours)

The Process of Biblical Counseling Level I is set to meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m., each Monday, January 15 through May 28. An alternate class will meet from 8:30-10:30 a.m., each Tuesday, January 16 through May 29. Level II will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m., each Tuesday, January 16 through May 29.

The Phlebotomy class will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday/Wednesday, Jan. 9-10. The class offers theoretical and practical aspects of specimen collections for clinical laboratories.

A Medical Terminology class will meet from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 16 through May 10. The alternate class will be held from 5-8 p.m. each Monday, Jan. 22 through May 7.

CPR for Health Care Providers (Course C) approved by the Ameri-

can Heart Association will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26.

CPR Recertification for Health Professionals will be held from 6-10 p.m. on Jan. 18.

The First Aid/CPR class, approved by the American Red Cross and recognized by OSHA, will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20.

Defensive Driving/Driver Education

The Defensive Driving class will meet from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 6. An alternate class will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Jan. 22-23.

Driver's Education, approved by the Texas Department of Public Safety, is open to students at least 15 years of age. An original certified birth certificate and social security card must be provided. The class will meet from 4-6 p.m., Monday through Friday, Jan. 8-29.

The EMT Basic class is scheduled to meet from 6-10 p.m., 2 evenings per week, Jan. 15 - May 9.

An EMT Intermediate class will be held from 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 15 through May 19.

The EMT-Paramedic class will meet Jan. 15 through May 21. A detailed schedule will be provided at registration.

Private violin instruction is available from Jan. 8 through Feb. 28. Eight 30-minute lessons will be scheduled with the instructor.

The Kids Hurt Too seminar will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Jan. 9. An alternate session will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Jan. 13.

A basic Sign Language class is set to meet from 5:30-7:30 p.m., each Tuesday, Jan. 16 through May 15. This class offers a good foundation of basic sign and teaches functional communication skills with individuals who are deaf.

Choosing Christ's Character is a class that will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. each Tuesday, Jan. 16 through May 8.

The 200-hour truck driving class will meet from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, Jan. 2-26. Successful completion of the class will prepare students to take the Commercial Drivers License (CDL) exams.

To register for these classes call the Continuing Education Department at (903) 782-0447 or 782-0445, on, or after January 2, 2001. Colleges offices will be closed for Christmas break from December 15 to January 2.

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Cunningham News

The Community extends sympathy to Williams and JoDell Cooper. Their son-in-law, Brett Phillips was killed in a house explosion. Brett was married to their older daughter, Anaya.

Christmas 2000 was a "blow out" in Cunningham. The electricity went out on Christmas Day and was not restored until Thursday night.

The Watson Christmas at the Musgrove Store lasted four days because of the power outage. The store had lights because Stacy kept a generator working. Marie Watson went back to Sterling House where she had heat. Geneva Norwood and Shane and Zarinska Morton spent the nights with Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove. Everyone met back at the store to cook, eat and play games. Dean, Ada, Brad, Bruce, Rachel, Bradley and Brett Watson, Deana, Reese Blevins and his children, Dillon Gibson, Jarvis and Renee Watson, Geneva, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton, Caleb, Scotty, Treda, Amber, Spur Norwood, Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Brad and Georgeanna Nutt, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Vickie, Lacy, Roy and Jesse Davis, Billy Joe and Georgia Oats would like to thank Nelta and Johnnie for their hospitality. This is a Christmas to remember. Everyone had so much fun they all came back for a New Year's celebration.

Joining Pete and L'Wanda McKnight for Christmas were Johnny, Fran, Johanna and Jenna Patterson, Connie McKnight, Cindy, LeeDon and Reanna and Ethelyn Davis. They also joined them for New Year's dinner.

James and Pat Norwood's Christmas lasted for a week. Their guests were Todd, Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole, Danny and Jency Cole, Jase, Erika and Brenton Norwood.

Shelia Norwood visited with Darold and Ida Mae Norwood for Christmas.

Billie Joe, Georgia, Billy Ray and Neva Oats went to Betty Roddy's Christmas Eve dinner.

Christmas dinner guest of Billie Joe and Gerogia Oats were Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Brad and Georgeanna Nutt and Betty Jane Roddy.

Billie and Leonard Ford had all of their children home for Christmas. Carol, Tracy, Joyce and their families; Lowell and his friend Deborah from Maine; David and his friend Danielle and Kaylynn and C.J. from Lewisville and Lillian King.

The Ladd family met at the Com-

munity Center Christmas Eve. Those attending were; Melba Baker, Drew, Janet, Danielle and A.J. Syrus, Johnny, Jamie, Jennifer and Landon Syrus, Kristi and Anna Baker, Brantley Morris, Bobbie and Shelby Kennedy, Jeff, Cindy, Zak, Garrett, Taylor and Asa Kennedy, Heath, Missy, Laytner and Layker Kennedy, T.L., Carol, Swede, Brittney and Bridgette Ladd, Steve, Carlyon, Craig, Meredith and Chandler Ladd, Tuttle Whitley, Scooter Bills and Jim Bo, Lisa and Logan Thomson.

The Norwood family met at Life Tabernacle Fellowship Hall Christmas Eve. Those attending were; Geneva, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton, Caleb, Scotty, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Bard and Georgeanna Nutt, Darold, Ida Mae and Shelia Norwood, Del Walker, Jame, Pat, Tracy, Brenton, Erika and Jase Norwood, Todd, Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole, Canard Norwood, Teresa, Jamie and Seth Smith, Talma Norwood, Waymon, Terry, Cameron and Tyler Creamer, Danny Norwood, Charles and Cindy Nichols, Dameon and Courtney White. Gifts were exchanged and everyone played bingo. The family sang "Happy Birthday" to Lacy Cole. She was 12 years old.

Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood and Johnny, Jamie, Jennifer and Landon Syrus spent Christmas Day with Joan and Mike Stribbling in Roxton.

Scotty, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood and Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove spent the night with Laura and Ross Miller for Christmas.

New Year's Day in Cunningham was a beautiful six inch blanket of snow.

Nelta Musgrove called Eulas Ashford in Amarillo New Year's Day and he reported 22 inches of snow.

Jane O'Neal had her family for New Year's Day dinner on Sunday. Those joining her were Sue and Murray Jackson, Janee and Kenzie Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon.

Mendy, Todd, Lacy and Kelby Cole and Bill Page were New Year's guest of James and Pat Norwood.

Marlin Foster was Sunday dinner guest of Darold and Ida Mae Norwood.

Billy Ray and Neva Oats went to Ft. Worth to watch the Rivercrest Rebels play in the What-a-Burger Tournament.

Bogata Locals

Wayne Stringfellow and daughters, Lynsey and Jamie returned to their home in Sandpoint, Idaho Saturday after a two week visit with his mother, Mrs. Dixie Stringfellow and his brothers, Buddy and Jimmy and sister, Vicki and other family and friends in the area. They also spent two nights with his father William L. and Joyce Stringfellow in New Iberia, LA.

Friday, Bo Yale of Ft. Worth picked Chrystine Baker up to spend the holiday. Before leaving Bogata they enjoyed lunch at the 909 Diner. On Saturday Chrystine enjoyed visiting Peggy Yale's Doll Shop and the family farm in Alvarado, Tx. They all enjoyed a Mexican food supper with Carolyn Stetson and family in the evening. Sunday the Yale's and Chrystine enjoyed Christmas dinner at the Yale's daughter and son-in-law's, Renee and David Chapman and grandsons, Blake and Shawn's home in Athens. Also attending were Craig and Lisa Yale of Ft. Worth.

The family enjoyed a wonderful meal and exchanging gifts. On Monday, The Yale's brought Chrystine back to the home of Billie Welch in Blossom. Also joining them to celebrate Christmas were Nina and Doyle Smith of Denton, Ronnie Welch, Nora Thompson and children of Dallas, Tommy, Glenda and Mike Corbell, Joe Corbell of Tyler, Bill, Carol, James and Casey Baker of Athens and Mary Ann Welch of Detroit.

Spending Christmas Eve with Dixie Stringfellow were Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow, Jimmy Stringfellow, Wayne Stringfellow, Lynsey and Jamie, Dan and Vicki Tabb, Mark Stringfellow and Ruth Rosston, Michael, Cody and Mary, Randy and Mary Nell Hendricks, Joe and Misty

Stringfellow, Tyler, Darrin and Brent, Billy and Kathy Stringfellow, Kaley and Kellen, Chad and Felina White and Jerica, Payton Stringfellow, Danny Tabb and Judy Maddux, Michael and Suzann tabb, Bob and Dee Richardson and Maggie, Jackie Lynne Knight and Tony Merritt.

Judy Screws, Mike Screws and family enjoyed lunch at the Golden Corral in Paris Christmas Eve.

On Christmas Day Dixie Stringfellow, Wayne Stringfellow, Lynsey and Jamie, Joe and Misty Stringfellow, Josh and Jake, Billy and Kathy Stringfellow, Kaley and Kellen, Chad and Felina White and Jerica, Paul and Lindse Stringfellow, Payton and Natalie visited with Jimmy Stringfellow at Blossom.

Monday, Felina White and Dixie Stringfellow visited with Joe and Misty Stringfellow in Paris.

Donald, Judy and Tana Screws enjoyed Christmas Day at the home of Jerry, Chris Anna, Christopher and Jerred Guerra in Paris.

Vistors of Dixie Stringfellow during the past week were; Jimmy Stringfellow, Wayne Stringfellow, Lynsey and Jamie, Joe and Misty Stringfellow, Tyler, Darrin, Brent, Josh and Jake, Billy and Kathy Stringfellow, Kaley and Kellen, Danny Tabb and Judi Maddux, Dee and Maggie Richardson, Dan and Vicki Tabb, Buddy and Ellen Stringfellow, Paul and Lindsey Stringfellow and Natalie, Bill Nelson, Peggy, Ashley and Josh, Jackie Lynne Knight and Tony Merritt and Felina White.

Enjoying supper Tuesday at the home of Donald, Judy and Tana Screws were their granddaughters and nieces, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws of Deport.

Talco Locals

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith took granddaughter, Melanie to Kilgore December 20 to meet her mother and brother, Sally Dunn and Aaron Smith. They all enjoyed supper at Catfish King and following supper Melanie went on to spend the holidays with her the Dunn's and Aaron.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Katherine, Rachel and Susan spent Wednesday, Dec. 20 through Saturday, Dec. 23 in Jackson, Tennessee visiting Andy, Beth, Jerrad and Jacob Myrcle and family.

Celebrating Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith and Carl E. Smith in Mt. Pleasant were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson and Quinton, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Minor and Kate and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Katherine, Rachel and Susan.

Christmas Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Watts were William Watts of Longview, Clarence and Cindy Watts, Jesse and Belinda Watts and Chelsey.

Happy January Birthdays to: Wanda Graf, Mike Fenner, Jessica Fenner, Sherry Elrod, Mary Jo Poterfield, Shannon Rodden and Camill Wright.

Celebrating Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shane Wright, Alex and Jacob Saturday were Marta and Robert Caul Rhoades, Karen and Johnny Jones, Mayra Clark, Kelsey Clark, Luke Smith and Jesi Navia, Mona and Buster Allen, Scott Wright, Donnette and Matthew Parrot, Dakota and Croix, Vickie Bryant and Laura, J.P. and James Paul Kernan of Dallas.

Saturday night Clarence and Cindy Watts, Mellisa, Scott and Avanlea Sinclair of Mt. Pleasant and Tawala Padgett of McKinney met Kenneth and Brenda Finney of Pottsboro and Steve, Tina, Susan and Cameron Finner of Blue Ridge at the Cracker Barrel in Greenville to celebrate Christmas and Tawala's birthday. Tawala enjoyed a special birthday cake made by her mom, Cindy Watts.

Christmas day supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown were their children and grandson, Kim, Paul and Quinton Anderson and Jack and Jennifer Brown.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lester Watts, Clarence and Cindy Watts Christmas Eve were Nathan and Maxine Hinson of Jhntown.

Talco-Bogata-RHS school menu January 8-12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Cereal toast milk & juice	Breakfast Cinnamon rolls graham crackers w/peanut butter juice & milk	Breakfast Sausage biscuit jelly & butter juice & milk	Breakfast Waffles w/syrup juice & milk	Breakfast Oatmeal toast juice & milk
Lunch McRib potato salad beans dessert milk	Lunch Pig in a blanket corn peas peaches milk	Lunch Spaghetti w/meat sauce fried okra peas jello cornbread milk	Lunch Corn dogs mac & cheese beans pickle spears cake milk	Lunch Cheeseburgers beans salad chips ice cream milk

Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT RENEWAL FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PERMIT NO. 10741-001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Deport, P.O. Box 354-A, Deport, Texas 75435, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. 10741-001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 183,000 gallons per day. Issuance of the proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. 10741-001 will replace existing TPDES Permit No. 10741-001. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on July 7, 2000.

The facility is located approximately 1000 feet south of U.S. Highway 271, and 1400 feet west of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1149 and U.S. Highway 271 in Lamar County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to Mustang Creek; thence to the Sulphur/South Sulphur River in Segment No. 0303 of the Sulphur River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are no significant aquatic life uses for Mustang Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 0303 are high aquatic life uses and contact recreation.

The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis/technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Deport City Hall, 201 Main Street, Deport, Texas 75435.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public hearing about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application.

The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments were received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. **The TNRCC may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION: The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST: In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application, (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION: If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or write to them at MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from City of Deport at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Ashley Lassiter at 903-785-0303. Issued December 27, 2000
LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
1-4

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the customers of the MJC Water Supply.

We are required to report to you by TNRCC regulations, that on October 2, 2000, the water sample taken was found to be contaminated with the coliform bacteria. On October 3, 2000, three other samples were taken in the same area. These samples were found to be free of any contaminants. Therefore we feel that the first sample was probably found to be contaminated by human error and not the fault of the water quality.

It is our goal to provide quality water to our customers. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact us at 903-784-3576.
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1-4

NOTICE OF SPILL FROM A WASTEWATER FACILITY

A spill from a wastewater treatment or collection facility has occurred.
Facility name: City of Bogata
Contact for info.: Wendell Davis, 903-632-5315

Location of spill: CR 1450 to Morrison Creek.
Estimated time and date of spill: 12-25-2000 at 5:00 p.m. to December 27, 2000 at 12:00 noon.

Estimated volume of spill: Approx. 400,000 gallons.
Type of spill: Domestic wastewater
Area potentially affected: Morrison Creek area to Mustang Creek.
Suspected cause of spill: Ice storm, power outage.

The following actions have been taken: Appropriate local government officials have been notified; TNRCC regional office has been notified; the cause of the spill has been corrected; clean-up activities are underway; and dilution by rainfall.
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The spring session at PJC includes Internet and accelerated courses that will enhance scheduling opportunities for students. Courses available over the Internet are being offered in computer applications, U.S. History and English. The accelerated classes are in keyboarding, and can be completed in five-weeks.

Among PJC's list of courses are associate degree and transfer opportunities in accounting, agriculture, art, biology, business, chemistry, drama, economics, education, engineering, English, languages, geology, government, history, journalism, kinesiology, math, music, nursing (RN), physics, pre-dental, pre-medical, pre-pharmacy, pre-veterinary, psychology, radio broadcasting, sociology and speech.

Associate of Applied Sciences degrees are offered in air conditioning,

computer information systems, cosmetology operator, drafting, electro-mechanical, electronics, horology, jewelry technology, ADN-RN, professional secretary, professional secretary legal and welding.

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"We have educational opportunities for everyone," said PJC President Bobby R. Walters. "Full-time students, or those who work and attend college part-time can find - in our schedule of day or night classes - a way to complete their education."

To register for spring classes, check the spring schedule for courses and individual registration times. For more information about registration, admission, or financial aid, call (903) 782-0425, or check the PJC Web site at www.paris.cc.tx.us.

Clarksville Chamber to host circus

It has been announced that the Red River County Chamber of Commerce has signed a contract with the Kelly Miller Circus for the exhibition of an all new 2001 show. The circus will roll into town on Thursday, April 5th, 2001.

Everyone is invited to come out and watch the animals being unloaded and fed, and the elephants raising the big top. Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m. The tent will be raised between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. and guides will be furnished for school groups and

anyone wishing to attend.

The traditional "old style" circus will present two performances at 4:30 and 7:30p.m. each night. Support the Red River Chamber of Commerce by purchasing your tickets in advance and save.

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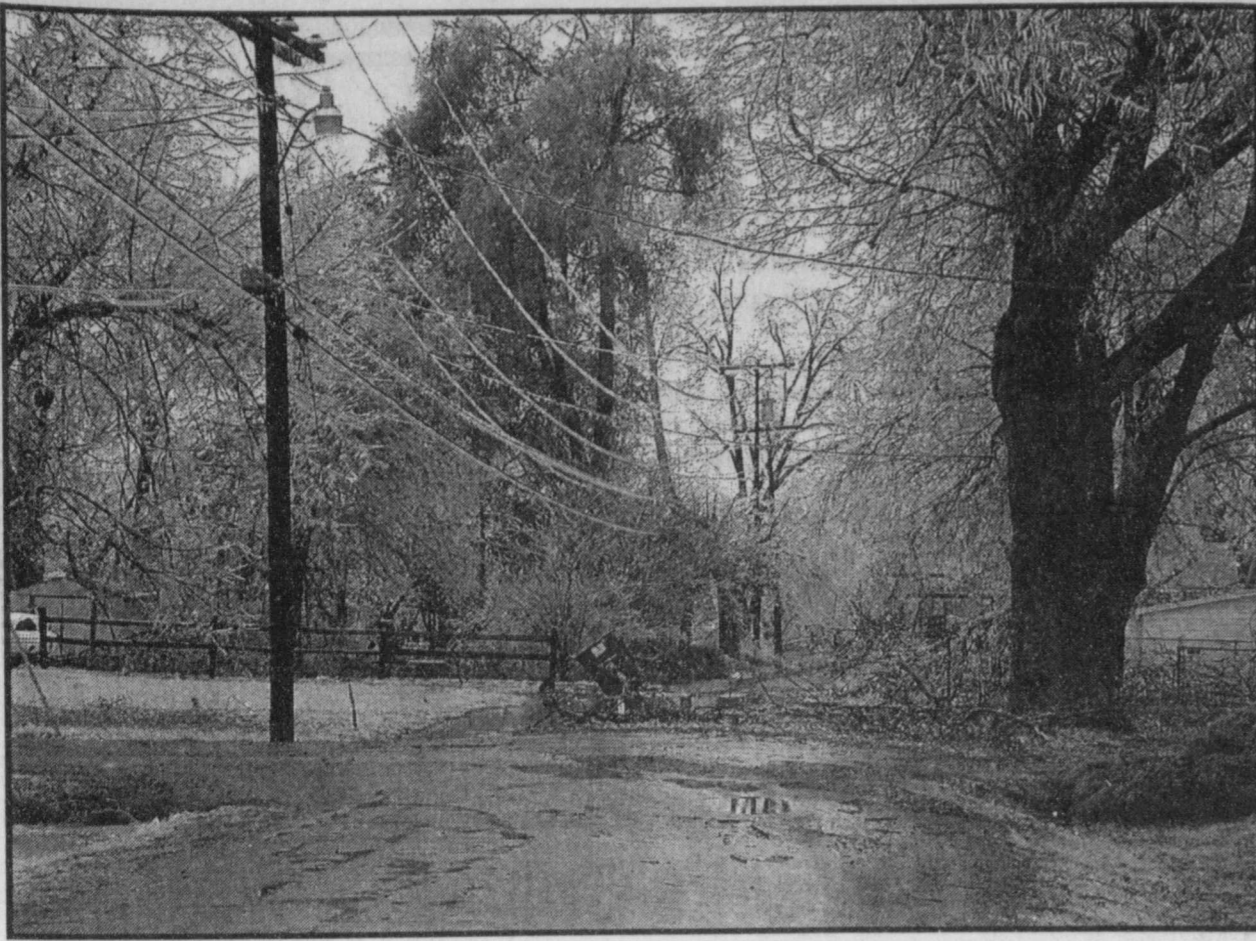


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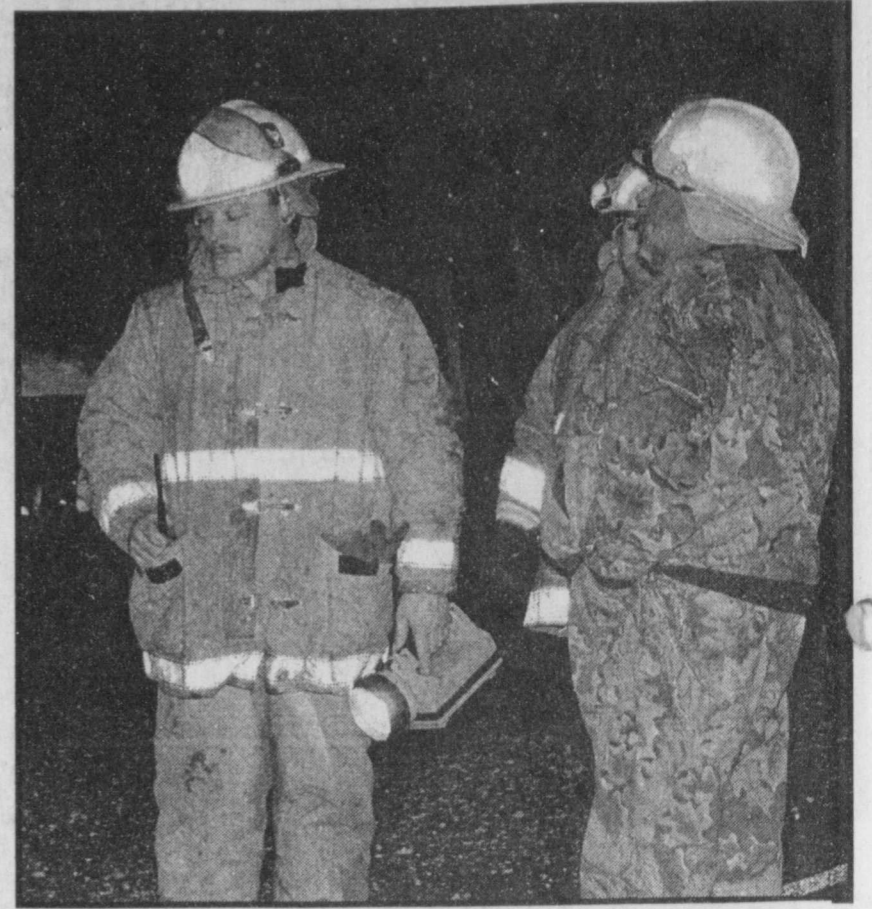


ICY POWER LINES-these power lines, lowered by ice and beset by fallen limbs, are an example of some of the problems the power companies have had to face since the worst ice storm in memory devastated the area last week. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187 News

*Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.
 *Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight, and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.
 *Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.
 *Everyone is invited to a dance beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2001. Music will be provided by the East Texas Review Band. Come out and join the fun!



KEVIN BINION of Bogata VFD discussed a fire call in Rugby with Deport VFD members Donny Darden and Boyd Slaton Christmas night. Fortunately what was turned in as a house fire wasn't. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



LARGEST SNOWMAN-in town. This huge fellow stood in the Williams families yard without a sign of melting Tuesday morning. Area children had a wonderful time in the 5 to 6 inches of snow that fell on New Year's Eve. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Emergency support offered in Red River County

The bad weather of the past two weeks has put many in the area without electricity and water. Help is being offered at the following locations:

Hot Food
 Clarksville First Baptist Church from noon to 2:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Clarksville Fire Department from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Drinking Water
 All Volunteer Fire Departments.
Warm Overnight Sheltering
 Clarksville High School located on Washington Street, Clarksville, Texas.

Showers
 Clarksville High School Shelters. Everyone is urged to guard against carbon monoxide poisoning and to watch for signs of cold exposure. Do not eat foods which could be spoiled from lack of refrigeration and be sure to boil any water before drinking or using it to prepare food. For more information or additional help call: 903-632-1451 or 903-632-1452.

Avery Fire Department from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Bagwell Post Office from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Detroit Post Office from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Prairiland High School January 8



- 9 PIP Performance
- Rivercrest, Here, JVG, VG, VB, 5:30
- 10 Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library
- 11 Chapel Hill JVG Tourney, There
- 12 Chapel Hill Tourney
- DeKalb, There, JVB, VG, VB 5:30

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<p>FRITO SALSA CON QUESO DIP</p> <p>10.75 Oz. \$1.79</p>	<p>DORITOS CHIPS</p> <p>All Kinds Reg. \$3.29 \$2.69</p>	<p>FRITOS</p> <p>All Kinds Reg. \$2.29 \$1.89</p>	<p>FRITO LAY BEAN DIP</p> <p>9 Oz. All Kinds \$1.79</p>	
<p>PRODUCE</p> <p>GREEN BANANAS 39¢ Lb. ONIONS 3/\$1 COLORADO PINTO BEANS 49¢ LB. POTATOES 10 Lb. Bag \$1.59 TOMATOES 99¢ LB. YELLOW ONIONS 29¢ LB.</p>				<p>TOSTITO Salsa con Queso Dip</p> <p>10.75 Oz. \$1.79</p>
<p>FOLGER'S INSTANT COFFEE</p> <p>8 Oz. \$3.69</p>				<p>COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE</p> <p>DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER</p> <p>2 Liter \$1.19 3 Liter \$1.69 12 Pk. \$3.89 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$2.49</p>