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Thank Goodness,  
There's No Video!

I am just thankful that my husband didn't have the video camera with him. Otherwise, everyone up in this part of the world would have as big a laugh as everyone in Progresso, Mexico did...and all at my expense.

Thomas and I went to visit my cousin, Bob and Medora Williams, this past weekend down in the Rio Grande Valley.

We went shopping over in Progresso, just across the Mexican border. There are so many neat things to buy, at bargain prices. The catch is that we walk across the international bridge, which usually precludes us buying anything very large.

When we arrived at the Williams' condo in Pt. Isabel, she had a lovely little pearly colored crane figurine out on the deck. She had purchased it in Mexico for \$5, and I decided immediately I wanted one.

But, when we arrived at the place with all the cranes, they had one that was life sized. That's right, three and one half feet tall, heavy as lead. Of course I HAD to have that one. It would look so nice on the stump out on our dam where we lost the willow to ice last winter.

The only catch was that this one, which cost all of \$10, was garishly painted. The beak and feet are bright, airbrushed yellow, the reeds at the base a poisonous green, the eye a brilliant, somewhat angry looking red! Still, for that price, what harm? I figured on repainting it and it would be so handsome. A similar piece bought at a garden center around here would cost \$100 or more.

Well, there is a price to be paid for bargains, my friends.

Everyone else was loaded down with ironwood carvings, big bottles of vanilla, a ceramic parrot. In fact, we made jokes about going "birding" since a huge ironwood eagle, the parrot and the crane meant three "birds" across the border.

The kind lady at the shop insisted on bagging my bird into a gigantic, heavy, clear plastic sack. It was slick.

Off we went, loaded with loot, me cradling the crane easily on my shoulder. But as I walked, the crane shifted, carrying my coat with it.

I shifted it to the other shoulder. Same thing. I tried carrying it like an oversized baby, in both arms. After the first ten minutes that paled too. So, the rest of the journey over the international bridge (how DO they make the bridge get so much longer on the return trip?) I desperately tried to grip the crane, which was gaining pounds with each step, I swear. Finally, though, we reached the checkpoint. I realized everyone behind me was smiling and laughing as I finally set that blasted thing down. Then, I realized everyone was wondering what I wanted with anything so hideously painted, anyway! So, I began babbling that I was going to repaint it. One gentleman said "Thank heavens!". It was all, to say the least, a bit embarrassing. But, at least there is no proof it ever happened. When I get a chance I'll paint it up nicely, and then everyone is invited to come see my treasure. One thing's for sure...I earned it!

## And the snow came down

Snow, snow, then more snow was the day long situation in this part of the world Tuesday.

Beginning about 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, the fluffy, moist snow fell all day long. Until noon or so, very little stuck, as the temperature hovered above freezing. Only trees,

bushes and car roofs had an accumulation of much depth.

Later in the afternoon temperatures began to drop and accidents on roads began to occur as roads began to get slick and bridges to ice. Accumulation totals began to stack up, and four to five inches

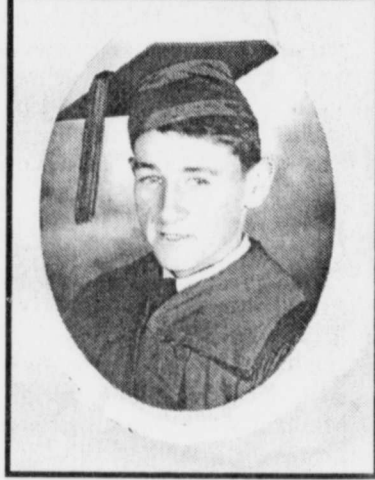
graced the land!

It was perfect for making snowmen, and school kids rushed home after classes to begin making them in abundance.

Wednesday, the area was incredibly beautiful, and there was a chance of additional snowfall, while roads were reasonably good.



1942 Graduate  
Bogata High School



1937 Graduate  
Bogata High School



1940 Graduate  
Bogata High School

## Bogata Homecoming is April 13!!

Bogata graduating classes of 1942 (graduating 60 years ago) and classes back to 1925 (graduating 77 years ago) will be recognized at this year's Bogata Homecoming.

Can you recognize the graduate in these pictures?

The graduate in picture #1 graduated in year 1942, 60 years ago. Graduates from 1942 who may attend homecoming are Dorothy Branson Lowry, Forest Grogan, Alene Horner Cook, Marjorie Hancock Myers, Eva Scoggins Lewis, Inez Bolen Mikalchick, Nina Ruth Bryson Fuller, Jimmy Grayson, Marie Ratliff Crawford, Marjorie Wilkinson Glover, A.D. Stephenson, Ann Clifton Barnard, Hattie Webster Abernathy, Norris Lee Ragsdill, Roy Morris, Virginia Kidd Williams, Faye Green

Robinson, Billy Ray Beverly, Lulu Fay Beverly Linesay.

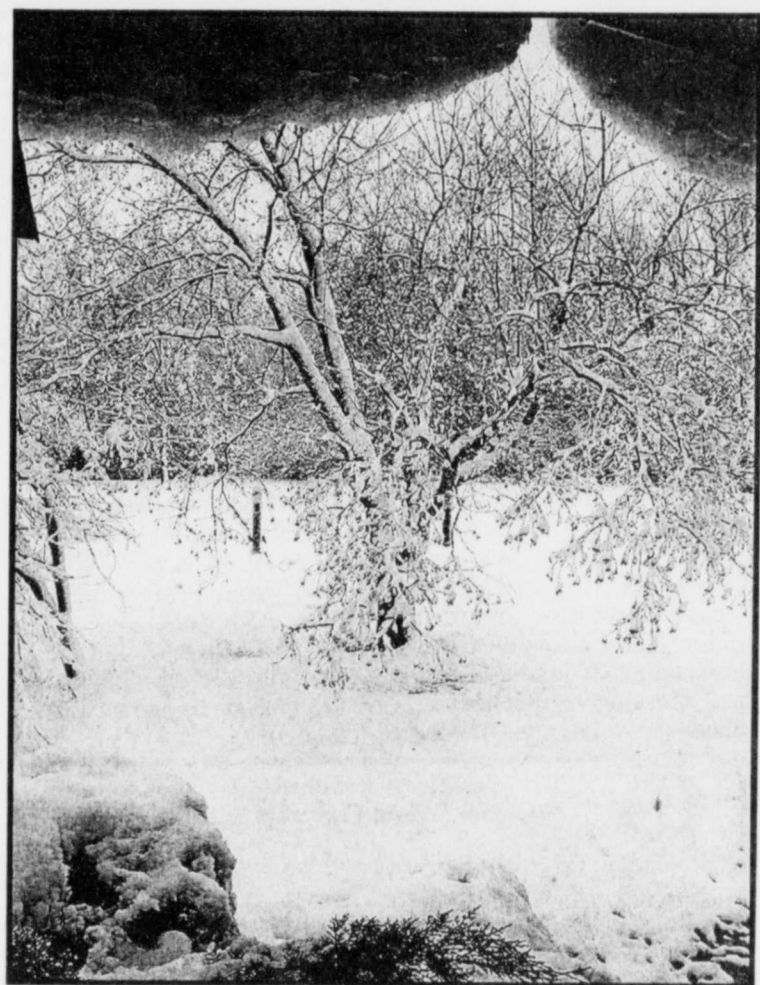
The graduate in picture #2 is from the class of 1937. Graduates from that class who could attend homecoming this year are Worth Seamon, Mary Frances Everhart, Ruby Harden Sistrunk, John David Latimer, Martha Kate Stanton, Joe Ford, Jimmie Wade Reagan, Louise Childers, Dorothy Glover Reep, John Paul Cooper, Durwood DeBerry, Lois Barnes McRae, Myrtle Brewer, Eulie Rook, Neva Merl Keith, Dorthy Pearl Hancock.

The graduate in picture #3 is from the 1940 class. Members of that class who could attend homecoming this year are Rebecca Townes Bartley, Edith Ruth Garrett Swaim, Hazel Gray Wilson, Joyce Jackman, Dorothy Dean Gifford Croy, Franklin Fos-

ter, Ted Craddock Grayson, Virginia Suggs O'Donnell, Rebecca Scarborough Conner, Glen East, Helen Lee Rogers, Sarah Agnes Gray McGill, Dean Jeffus, Horace McCrury, Joyce Ford Walker, Monroe Rhodes, Irene Presswood Hall, Thelma Wright Brock, Susie Hibbert, Henry Johnson, Dorothy Wilkinson Craddock.

Did you recognize the graduates? They are: #1, 1942 graduate Ann Clifton Barnard; #2, 1937 graduate Joe Ford; and #3, 1940 graduate Virginia Suggs O'Donnell.

YEA BULLDOGS! Look for more graduates next week. If you are a graduate of one of these three classes and your name was left out, let us know at: Class of 1953, Homecoming Host, Box 476, Bogata, TX 75417



WINTER CAME with beautiful and grace, softening the angles and lines of the world with pristine snowfall Tuesday, February 5th. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

## Choir to benefit Lions Club with musical

Due to the overwhelming request, the Bogata Community Choir is performing a third gospel concert. The concert will be held at Rivercrest Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. All benefits from the concert will be given to the Bogata Lions Club. The Lions Club is an organization that gives back to their hometown, the members work with such efficiency to better the community in helping making our area a better place to live. Just as they have done in their last two performances, there will be no charge for the concert. Free will donations of cash or eyeglasses will be accepted for the Lions Club.

The Bogata Community Choir was organized in October, 2000 by the James Wood family. Their first performance benefited the Bogata Public Library and last April the concert benefited the Bogata Ministerial Alliance.

Everyone is asked to show appreciation to the choir and especially to the Bogata Lions Club and join in for an entertaining evening of southern gospel songs. Choir director, Tim Wood, is assembling some of the most requested numbers that have been done by the choir in their past two concerts and has tabbed the March 30 event the "Greatest Hits" of the Bogata Community Choir.

## Medical records will be available March 1

All medical records from Talco Clinic, physician Dr. E.L. Miller, D.O., will be made available after March 1, 2002.

Patients are encouraged to call the clinic to arrange a time to have their records transferred to another physician. A medical release must be signed by the patient or guardian.

After March 15, 2002, all remaining unclaimed records will be delivered to Titus County Medical Society at which time the records will be kept for at least 90 days.

To make arrangements, please call Dianna Briggs at 903-379-3231.

## Cuthand Methodist Church to sponsor Stew & Chili Supper

The Cuthand Methodist Church will be sponsoring a Stew and Chili Supper on Saturday, February 9, 2002. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. The stew will be prepared on the church grounds by members of the church. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy fun and good food with the group.

The church reports they have finished the church remodeling and additions and now have started a new project; building a pavilion and storage building on the church grounds.

The supper is a fund-raiser for the new project. The cost of the meal will be your donation only and all proceeds will go to the building fund.

The growing congregation in-

vites you to join them for morning services beginning at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday and Sunday School immediately following. The senior youth meet every Wednesday night beginning at 6:00 p.m.; the children, "FROGS", (Fully Rely on God) meet every other Wednesday. The church has recently started a new Sunday School Class for young adults which includes college age and young married couples and is taught by Dwayne Martin. The class is reported growing and having a wonderful time learning about and sharing the word of God. All are truly welcome at any time to come worship and share the fellowship at Cuthand United Methodist Church.



A GOOD SAMARITAN- Eddie Smith of Talco is always ready to lend a helping hand to stranded motorists like this one on U S HWY 271 North of Talco Tuesday afternoon. The snow fell all day Tuesday and into the night making traveling very hazardous. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

## Financial Aid Night canceled

The previously planned Rivercrest High School senior Financial Aid Night has been canceled. Due to snow on Tuesday night the Rebel/Lady Rebel basketball games were rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 7 which was the

original Financial Aid Night.

The new date for Financial Aid Night will be February 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rivercrest High School Homemaking Room. For more information contact Tiffany Easley at 903-632-5204.

## Private pesticide license training

A private pesticide license training and testing will be Thursday, February 14 at the Red River County Extension Office in Clarksville.

Those who do not have a license may complete the training and examination at this time. The

training will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude around 4 p.m.

The manual cost is \$10.00 per copy. After passing the exam, producers must pay \$50.00 for license for a 5-year period. For information, call 427-3867 or come by the Extension Office.

## RRV Dixie Softball meeting

The Red River Valley Girls Softball League will meet on Sunday, February 24, 2002 at the Bogata Community Center at 4:00 p.m.

This will be the first meeting of the season and all officers and coaches from Avery, Blossom, Bogata, Clarksville, Deport, Detroit and Talco are urged to attend and help set up the coming season. For more information contact David Mauldin in Bogata.

## People 'N Things

The PTO meeting will be February 19 at 6 p.m. at the Rivercrest Elementary School.

The Calvary Baptist Church will have a Valentine banquet on February 16 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy special fellowship and great fun.

The Mt. Pleasant Xtreme 14&U softball team will hold tryouts on February 9 at 10 a.m. at Heritage Park. For information, call John Homer at 903-572-9263.

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*Country Cooking*  
By Liz Irwin



Our cooks this week come to use from Blossom School. They are Gayla Williams, Dixie Lewis, Denise St. John and Judy Anderson. These ladies are up at the crack of dawn preparing delicious and nutritious meals for the students at Blossom in grades K-8 along with faculty and staff members.

Students are offered breakfast each morning, along with a noon meal. The breakfast vary from cereal, to scrambled eggs and toast, breakfast burritos and everyone's favorite, breakfast pizza. The kids love it!

Although the menu has changed from the past, students are offered some of their favorites for lunch also. One of their favorites for lunch is the chicken strips or chicken nuggets. They can also get corny dogs, hot dogs, hamburgers and other dishes that they enjoy. The meals also include milk and juice for breakfast and milk for lunch along with vegetables or salads and breads.

Wednesday is the big day for the cooks as they prepare chicken or chicken fried steak and hot rolls, cream gravy, green beans and mashed potatoes. Several times of the year, especially around the holidays, they pull out the turkey and dressing recipes and it is a hands-down favorite. There are

usually extra visitors on these days, with parents and grandparents enjoying lunch with their child or children.

We know that there are very few times that you will need recipes that can handle 50 or more people, but we wanted you to see what these ladies and all of the other cooks around the area prepare and the quantities that they have to use for meals each day. Be sure to go by and thank these lunch ladies (in all schools) for the great job they do feeding the students and taking care of them for you! Hope you enjoy them and we will see you in the kitchen!

**OATMEAL COOKIES**-several times a week, the ladies prepare cookies for the students and they are really good!

**APPLESAUCE CAKE**-another favorite of students and teachers!

**BLUEBERRY MUFFINS**-everyone loves blueberry muffins.....may be just not in this quantity.....serves 110!

**COLE SLAW**-you will need lots of potato salad to go along with this recipe!

**VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP**-uses ground beef and lots of it.....45 pounds!

**CORNBREAD DRESSING**-this is the best dressing recipe and lots of students and visitors enjoy this!

**Thursday, February 7**  
**Blossom School Cafeteria Ladies**

<p><b>Oatmeal Cookies</b> Serves 100</p> <p>12-1/2 cups packed brown sugar 12-1/2 cups granulated sugar 12-1/2 cups margarine 5 cups whole eggs 19 cups oatmeal 30 cups all-purpose flour 1/4 cup baking powder 1/4 cup baking soda 1/4 cup vanilla extract 1/4 cup cinnamon 5 cups 2 percent milk</p> <p>Combine margarine and sugars and beat until smooth. Add vanilla and eggs and mix well. Sift baking powder and baking soda with flour and alternate with milk. Add oatmeal and mix well. Shape and cook at 350 degrees until golden brown.</p> <p><b>Applesauce Cake</b> Serves 100</p> <p>12 pounds and 4 ounces all-purpose flour 11 pounds and 6 ounces sugar 1 pound and 1/4 ounce not fat dry milk 9-3/4 ounces baking powder 3-3/4 tablespoons salt 3-3/4 tablespoons cloves 1/4 cup + 2 tablespoons + 1-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon 52 large eggs 1/4 cup + 2 tablespoons + 1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla 1-1/2 cups + 2 tablespoons water 5 pounds and 5 ounces shortening 1-2/3 cans #10 can applesauce 6 pounds and 8 ounces raisins</p> <p>Blend flour, dry milk, baking powder, salt, cloves and cinnamon for 1 minute in mixer on low speed. Combine eggs, vanilla and water. Add shortening and liquid mixture to dry ingredients. Blend for 30 seconds on low speed. Beat for 6 minutes on medium speed. Add applesauce. Blend for 30 seconds on low. Beat for 3 minutes on medium. Add raisins and blend 1 minute on low. Pour 3-3/4 quarts into large sheet pans-18 x 26 x 1 which has been lightly greased and dusted with flour. Bake until lightly brown and dust with powdered sugar.</p>	<p><b>Blueberry Muffins</b> Serves 110</p> <p>13-1/2 cups flour 4-1/2 cups sugar 1 cup + 2 tablespoons baking powder 4-1/2 teaspoon salt 4-1/2 cups margarine 4-1/2 cups milk 9 cups frozen, unsweetened blueberries 9 large eggs</p> <p>Combine all ingredients and grease and bake at 350 degrees until golden brown.</p> <p><b>Cole Slaw</b> Serves 125</p> <p>9 pounds green cabbage 1/2 pound red cabbage 1/2 pound raw carrots 1 quart salad oil 1 quart distilled vinegar 2 cups sugar 1/4 cup salt</p> <p>Prepare cabbages and carrots for slaw. Mix oil, vinegar, salt and sugar and pour over cabbage.</p> <p><b>Vegetables Beef Soup</b> Serves 325</p> <p>45 pounds ground beef 1 cup + 4 ounces onion flakes 4 ounces season salt 4 ounces salt 1 cup + 2 ounces chili powder 1 cup + 2 ounces dried sweet bell peppers 1 cup dried parsley 2 ounces black pepper 5-#10 cans tomatoes stewed 5-#10 cans mixed vegetables 5 gallons water</p> <p>Cook meat; drain, rinse and place in pots (4-16 quarts). Add seasonings and 1 gallon of water. Bring to boil and let boil for 5 minutes. Add tomatoes and let them come to a boil. Add vegetables and let come to a boil; turn down and simmer about 15 minutes.</p> <p><b>Cornbread Dressing</b> Serves 350</p> <p>6 gallons baked cornbread 6 gallons dry bread crumbs 30 medium whole eggs 3 cups dried onion flakes 1 cup sage 19-3/4 quarts chicken broth 4 pounds butter 2 tablespoons black pepper</p> <p>Combine cornbread and bread crumbs and mix well. Add onions, eggs, sage and pepper. Mix well. Add butter and broth and mix well. Bake at 350 degrees until done.</p>
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**COOKS OF THE WEEK** are the lunch room ladies from Blossom School. The ladies prepare nourishing breakfast and lunches for students K-8 grades Monday through Friday. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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

\*There is going to be a Valentine Dance held February 16, 2002 starting at 8:00 p.m. Home town band, "Next of Kin" will play for the event. Everyone is invited to attend.

\*Get Well Wishes are sent to: Georgia Hudson, Ellen Holt, George Smith, Melvin Pointer, Bill Farris and Ressie Crow.

\*Happy Birthday to: Neva Harville, Marie Carr, Ross Griffin.

\*Happy Anniversaries to: June and Rich Killen.

\*The Post will be having a benefit meal March 2, 2002 beginning at 12:00 noon for Mary Elrod. More details will be available soon.

**Fulbright News**  
By Betty Rodgers  
652-6051

Dave and Kay German of Whitney came Tuesday and visited with Jimmie King until Thursday. On Wednesday they took her to Paris for her doctor's appointment. Kutchie King met them and they all had lunch together.

Connie and Phosay celebrated their twelve year wedding anniversary recently.

James Latimer was back at home in Bogata Nursing Home after being in the hospital.

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno came Rhursday and took Jimmie to Clarksville for her eye check up. Dick King visited her Saturday. Jimmie had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King and watched the Super Bowl Sunday.

Betty Rodgers visited Monte Rodgers and Stephanie Kelly and Melissa Saturday evening. Also visiting was Stephanie's mother, Mary Smith of Durant and Melissa Arriaga.

Katy and Clovis VanDeaver attended the Detroit Fire Department hamburger supper Saturday night.

**Bogata 1949 class reunion planned**

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

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

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

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**Obituaries**

**Eula Mae Wright dies January 24**

Eula Mae Wright, age 94, died Thursday, January 24 at Seabury Center in Odessa.

She was born February 11, 1907 in Minter, Lamar County, Texas. She was the oldest child of Walter Patterson and Melissie Brown Patterson.

She married Hiram J. Wright on November 22, 1930. He preceded her in death on November 3, 1975. Her parents and her brothers, Elmer "Boog" Patterson and Homer Patterson, also preceded her in death.

Eula lived in Bisbee, Arizona for 35 years and moved to Odessa in 1978 to be near her daughter and family. She was a member of the Temple Baptist Church. For the last eight years, Eula had resided at Lincoln Towers Retirement Home. During World War II, she worked as a welder in the Portland, Oregon shipyards from 1943-45.

The family received guests Sunday, January 27 at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. January 29 at Memory Gardens in Bisbee, AZ where she was buried next to her husband.

She is survived by her daughter, Bobby Miller and husband Eugene of Odessa; sons, Harold Wright of Yuma, AZ and Fred Wright and wife Evelyn of LaHabra, CA; brother, Leonard Patterson of Ft. Worth; sisters, Joyce Hailey of Arlington, Dorothy Gledhill of Loveland, CO and Marie Briley of Hewitt; sister-in-law, Flora Mae Patterson of Midland; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**James H. Cox dies January 25**

Funeral services for James H. Cox of Littlefield were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 28 at the First Baptist Church of Littlefield with Rev. Benny Goss, pastor of Sunset Avenue Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Mr. Cox died January 25, 2002 at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

He was born February 9, 1921 in Johnstown, a son of Tom and Vada Cox. He married Doris Dempsey on August 23, 1947 in Johnstown.

James was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in World War II and was in the Military Police while stationed in Topeka, KS. He and Doris moved to Littlefield in 1953. He was a police officer for the City of Littlefield for a couple of years before being promoted to Assistant Chief of Police. He served in that capacity until being named Chief of Police in 1971. He served as Chief until 1983. In July, 1984, he became Justice of the Peace for Lamb County and held that position until his retirement in January, 2000. He was an active member of the VFW in Littlefield, was a Mason and had served as Grand Master in the Littlefield Lodge. Mr. Cox was a member of Sunset Avenue Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Harvy Cox; and two sisters, Mary Christopher and Virginia Cox.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Cox of Littlefield; a son, Michael Cox of Littlefield; a daughter, Carol Cooper of Broadview, NM; a brother, Tommy Cox of Johnstown; four sisters, Mattie Briggs of New Boston, Libby Moore of Slaton, Bobbie Hervey of Johnstown and Sue Huffman of Bogata; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Masons served as pallbearers. The family requests memorials be made to the Littlefield EMS or a favorite charity.

**Robert W. Murphy dies January 28**

Robert Weldon Murphy, age 82 of Paris, died Monday, January 28 in Paris Nursing Home.

Mr. Murphy was born June 21, 1919 in Milton, a son of Sam and Georgia Southerland Murphy. He retired after 34 years with Swift Packing Company. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he had served as a deacon for the past 15 years.

He married Zora Frances Couch on July 4, 1940 in Milton. She survives.

Other survivors include his children, Jerry Don Murphy and wife Cindy of Granbury, Linda Jacoby and husband Jack of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; four grandchildren, Kristi Jacoby, Leah Jacoby, Patrick Murphy and Shawn Murphy; two great-grandchildren, Tyler Murphy and Christian Murphy; a brother, Sam Murphy of Houston; sisters, Christine Gray of Mt. Pleasant and Helen Bricker of Erie, PA.

Graveside services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30 at Highland Cemetery in Deport with Rev. Fred Fango officiating. Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

**Mona Childres dies February 4th**

Mona S. Childres, 46, of Rt. 1, Pattonville, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002 at St. Joseph's Hospital North.

Services were held at 2 P.M., Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Bright-Holland Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Beverly Olsen, the Rev. Donald Shovan and the Rev. Richard Tatum officiating. Burial was in Meadowbrook Cemetery.

Mrs. Childres was born May 28, 1955 in Paris to Weldon D. and Joyce Cooper Smith. She married Randall Childres June 26, 1973, in the Lone Star Community. She graduated from Rivercrest High School, the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received a Bachelor of Science and Business Administration, and Bellhaven College, where she received a Masters of Business Administration. She retired as a human resource manager with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. She was cochair of the Simpson County Cancer Society Relay for Life, a member of the International Personnel Management Association, a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, a certified public manager in the state of Mississippi, a Girl Scout Leader and a Cub Scout leader.

Survivors include her husband; her parents, who live in Bogata; two sons, Stephen Childres and wife Brandi of Mt. Olive, Miss., and Jason Childres and wife Mary Ann of Braxton, Miss.; one granddaughter Olivia Jane Childres; one sister, Jenita Baker and husband Charles of Rt. 1, Pattonville; one nephew, Donoven Baker and one niece, Jenissa Hogan and husband Larry.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to the Calvary united Methodist church Pastor's Discretionary Fund or the Lamar County Cancer Society.

**Louise Ford Edwards dies December 27**

Louise Ford Edwards of Houston died December 27, 2001 while at the Hospice House. She had a stroke and heart attack shortly before her death.

She was 81 years old, born March, 1920, and was the only daughter of Jessie Diseker and Willie Ford. Her parents and only brother, Charles Elliott Ford, predeceased her. She is survived by Brenda Nelson, a niece; Charles Ford, a nephew and cousins R. Bob Ford, Nancy Ford Maywald and Carl Frank Ford.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 31 at Forest Park Lawndale in Houston with burial at 10:30 a.m. in December 31 at Woodland Cemetery in Woodland.

Louise had been quite successful following her life work as a hair stylist and as the owner of two beauty shops known as Louise Lovell's Coiffures, Houston. During the last two to three years Louise had enjoyed being affiliated with Mrs. Debbie Haines and Linda Guterrez at the Monopoly Beauty Salon in Houston where she had many good friends and customers. She leaves many good friends from her very active life and church work, having been affiliated with the Church of Christ in Houston.

**Mack J. Pascall dies February 3**

Mack J. Pascall, age 86 of Paris, died Sunday, February 3 in Paris Health Care Center.

Wood Funeral Homes conducted graveside services on Wednesday, February 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Long Cemetery with Rev. Mike Supp officiating. Visitation was Tuesday, February 5 from 5-6 at the funeral home.

Mr. Pascall was born November 30, 1915 in Fulbright, the son of Richard Winfield and Florence Ann Mills Pascall. He was a retired roofer, a World War II Army veteran, and a member of Providence Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by one sister, Reba Parker and two brothers, Fred Pascall and Leonard "Shorty" Pascall.

Surviving is his wife, Nona Miller of Paris; a son, Jeffery Glen Pascall of Ft. Worth; stepchildren Nora Sullivan Brown of Powderly, Lorene Knott of Houston, Lois Pettyjohn of Mineral Wells, Jeff Miller of Powderly and Floyd Miller of Mt. Vernon; four sisters, Cora Purtle of Texarkana, Mary Shannon of Paris, Lorene Hawk of Kansas and Lillie Park of Denison; and numerous grandchildren.

**Support group to meet**

The February 11 meeting of the Bereaved Parent Support Group will focus on Myths about Grief.

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

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Vivian Xicara Avila with fiance James Gordon VanDeaver

### Xicara-VanDeaver announce engagement

Vivian Xicara Avila and James Gordon VanDeaver proudly announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The couple will be married at seven o'clock in the evening on Saturday, June 8, 2002 at the Central Presbyterian Church in Paris, Texas and Saturday, June 29 in Quezaltenango, Guatemala.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Augusto Xicara and his wife Josefina Avila of Quezaltenango and the granddaughter of the late Regino Xicara and wife Manuela Garcia and the late Jose Avila and wife Lucinda Rios. She will graduate this spring from Rafael

Landivar University with a teaching degree in Natural Science. She is employed by Casa de espanol Zelaju as a Spanish teacher.

Her fiance is the son of Joseph Gordon and Helen F. VanDeaver of Pattonville. He is the grandson of the late Thomas M. and Thelma VanDeaver and the late George and Hazel Cheatham. He is a graduate of Prairiland High School and received his Master of Arts in The Teaching of Languages (with an emphasis in Spanish) from The University of Southern Mississippi. He is employed by Chisum I.S.D. as a Spanish teacher.

### RYB picture schedule

The Rivercrest Youth Basketball Association will have team and individual pictures taken on Sunday, February 17, 2002 at the Rivercrest High School gym. Teams are each scheduled a time for pictures as follows:

- 2:00 p.m.---Wizards
- 2:20 p.m.---Hot Shots
- 2:40 p.m.---Lil' Rebs
- 3:00 p.m.---Frogs
- 3:20 p.m.---Stars (3rd-4th girls)
- 3:40 p.m.---3rd-4th boys
- 4:00 p.m.---Lady Rebels, Bobby's team
- 4:20 p.m.---Starz, Nancy's team
- 4:40 p.m.---Brent's team
- 5:00 p.m.---Kip's team

Even if you do not want to purchase an individual or team picture please bring your children for team photos. For more information contact Kathy (Mrs. Bobby) Thompson in Bogata.

### NWTF to hold banquet

The Pioneer Chapter of the Northeast Texas Wild Turkey Association will hold their fourth annual banquet on Saturday, February 23 at 6 p.m. in the Clarksville High School auditorium.

Door prizes, raffle items and a silent auction will highlight the evening's activities.

Funds will be used for Red River County activities.

Tickets are available from Shannon Jeans, 785-7849; Jimmy Mead, 427-5280; or Lee Lindeman, 427-2244.

### Rivercrest Schools Menus Feb. 11-15

#### MONDAY

**Breakfast**  
Donuts  
fruit mix  
toast  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
Corn dogs w/mustard  
mac & cheese  
purple hull peas  
cobbler  
milk

#### TUESDAY

**Breakfast**  
Sausage & biscuit  
fruit mix  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
Beans w/ham  
diced potatoes  
fried okra  
cornbread  
milk

#### WEDNESDAY

**Breakfast**  
Assorted cereals  
fruit mix  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
Chicken nuggets  
mashed potatoes w/gravy  
green beans  
rolls  
milk

#### THURSDAY

**Breakfast**  
Fruit Danish  
fruit mix  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
Mexican lasagna  
cheese potatoes  
corn  
fruit milk

#### FRIDAY

**Breakfast**  
Oatmeal  
toast  
juice & milk  
**Lunch**  
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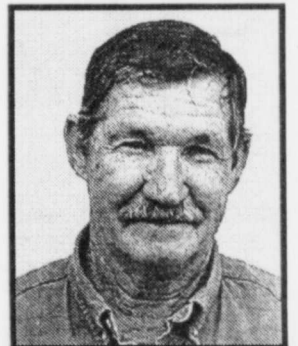


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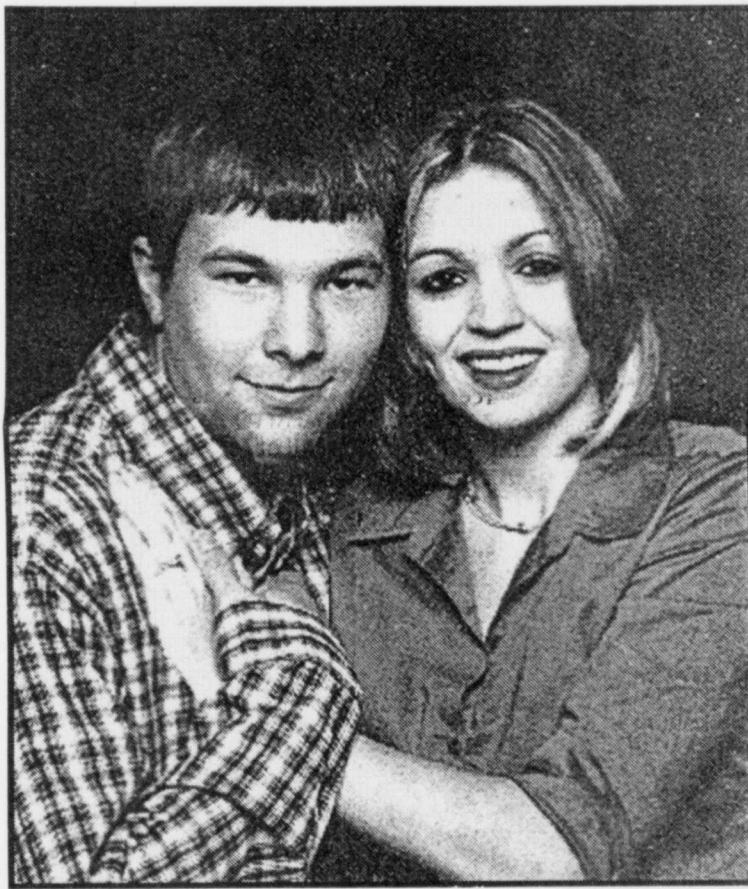
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### Cochran-Wilhite to wed April 20

Larry G. Cochran and grandson, Tristian Nathaniel of Bogata announce the engagement and approaching marriage of daughter and mother, Laura Raeann to Bradley Paul Wilhite.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ray and Sylvia Cochran and Wanda and Charles Graf of Maple Springs Community. She is a 2001 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and is currently attending Northeast Texas Community College.

The prospective groom is the son of Paul and Connie Wilhite of Mt. Pleasant. He is the grandson of the late Herman and Lillian Wilhite and the great grandson of Mary Barton of Broken Bow, OK. He is a 2000 graduate of Chapel Hill High School and is currently employed with Elliott Electric.

The couple plan to wed April 20, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in the Northridge Church of Christ. Friends and family of the couple are cordially invited to attend.

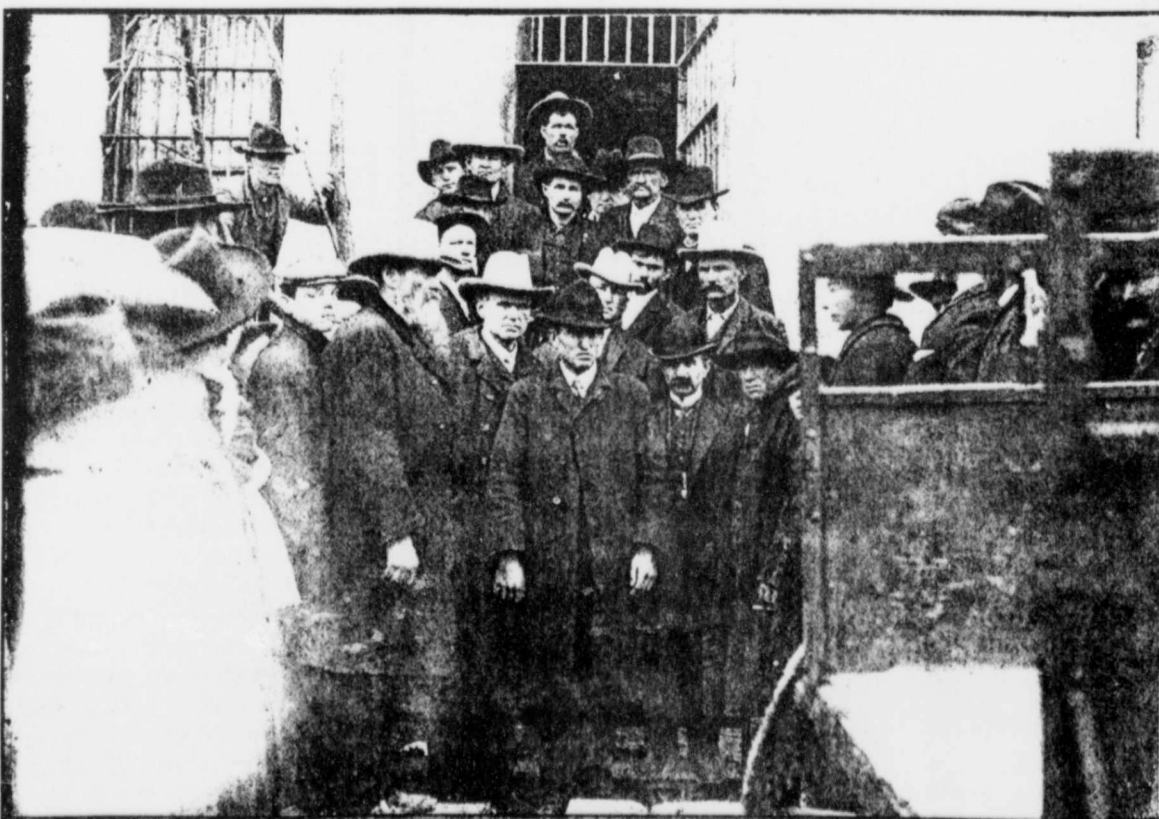
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**BLOSSOM HISTORY--**The Georgia Elliott Watson Library has received a number of photos from Dave Tipton, great-grandson of George Hill, who was a constable for Blossom in the late 1800's and early 1900's. George is the brother of Ben Hill, who was murdered in Blossom around that time and his murderer was hanged in Paris. This picture was taken in front of the jail. Is this the same jail that used to sit in City Park, and does anyone know who these men are? Anyone with information on this picture is asked to contact the Library. It's a great addition to the history of Blossom.

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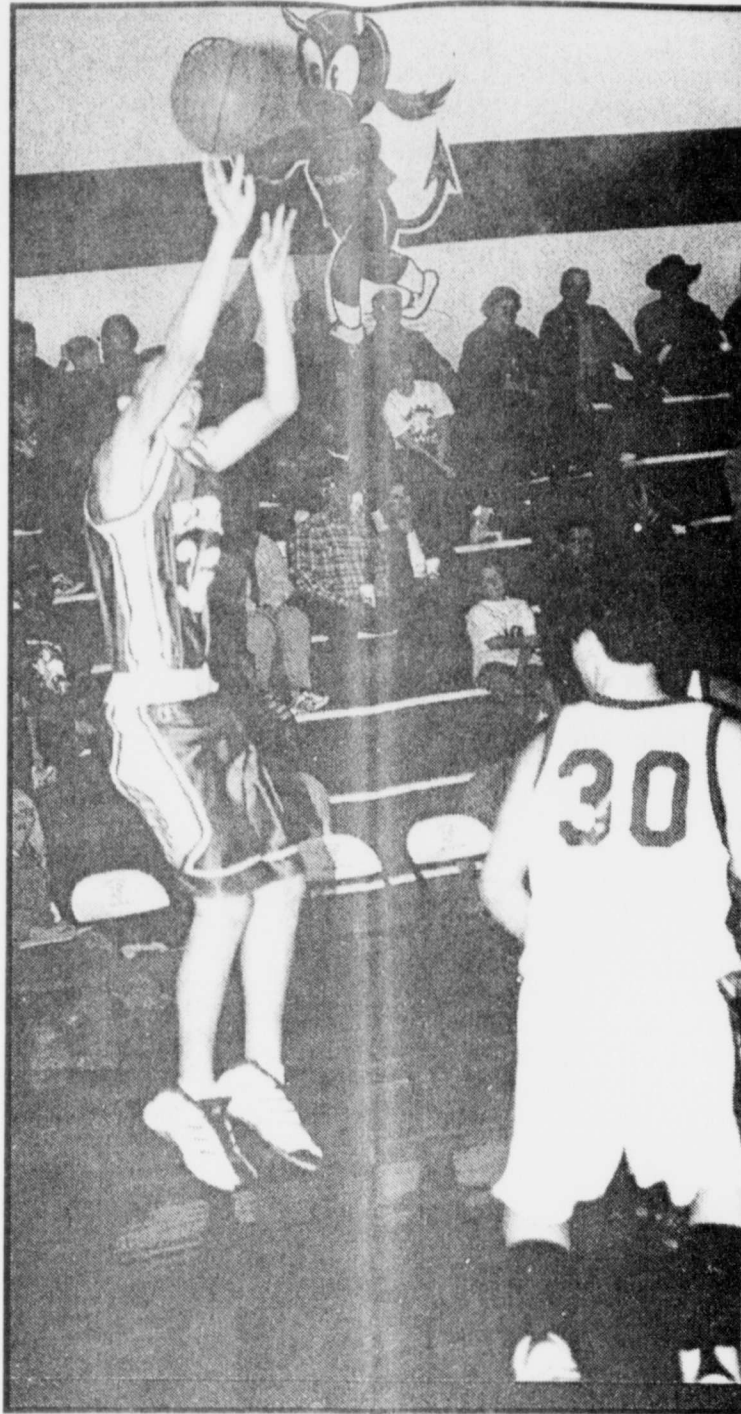
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Information packets with more details and color photos are available for free - [TLCminis@neto.com](mailto:TLCminis@neto.com) or 903-784-3363



OUTSIDE JUMPER-Rebel Jeremy Grissom gets a shot off as the Rebels met the Red Devils of Chapel Hill. The Rebs were defeated after a good game. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

## Lady Rebels defeated by Lady Mustangs of Chisum

by Coach Debbie Williams

January 29, 2002 the Lady Rebels had a home game against their rival, the Chisum Lady Mustangs. We prepared for their size and we knew rebounding was a key to winning. We had to keep them off the offensive boards at all times and the 1st half, we did. We controlled the boards, hustled and scrapped at all times on defense and on our press and or trap. They didn't get easy buckets off of us during the first half. We had good shot selections on the offensive end because we were all working for the ball and if nothing was available, we ran our offenses. We went into the half time with a 30-14 point lead. But, then the 2nd half began.

We knew their defense would step up and become tighter. We knew that they would look inside more on offense, we knew that, but, did not play up to that. The third quarter we were outscored 27-13. We began turning the ball over, not even attempting to see if our offenses were there and gave them too many offensive rebounds. At one possession they took 5 shots before they scored. This didn't happen the 1st half and the 2nd half all 5 Lady Rebels on the floor knew they were responsible for the rebound and we had 2 to 3 working and it ma be a different 2 to 3 the next shot. We quit moving our feet on 1/2 court defense and they. They started driving to the hole and we just stood and let her go. This is not how you play with a lead, or if you are behind... Chisum stepped up and we quit stepping. The score at the end of the 3rd quarter; 43 Lady Rebels-41 Lady Mustangs.

The 4th quarter, again, we didn't have the same intensity as in the 1st half. Instead of stopping the ball, playing good hardworking, moving our feet defense, we stood. We seemed more worried about not fouling. Well, as they know, if you play good solid "D" and box out, you have a less chance of fouling, instead of standing, letting them drive and then reaching out there and still fouling because you are out of position.

We put them on the line and they hit 23 for 38 from the free throw line and we were 14 of 27 from the free throw line for the night. They outscored us 25-14 in the fourth. Final score, Chisum Lady Mustangs 66; Lady Rebels 57.

We have two games left in the season. Friday night at Prairiland, which will be a dog fight. They are hungry to win, but so are we. And our last game of the season is at home Tuesday against Paul Pewitt. They had the first victory and we will be working for the second. The Lady Rebels will finish the season strong and we appreciate the support our spectators have given us. The last two games should be good ones and our goal is to WIN both games using all we have physically, mentally and emotionally, which is a large, total package we must have.

Note: The Lady Rebels won their game over the Prairiland Lady Patriots on Friday night and Tuesday night's game with Paul Pewitt was canceled due to snow, but, will be played Thursday, Feb. 7.

# February CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Childbirth Education Classes\*** (You must register for Childbirth Education Classes at least a week in advance at 577-6400.) Saturdays, February 2-16, 9 a.m. or Thursdays, beginning February 28, 7 p.m., TRMC Board Room

**Adult Diabetes Support Group** Tuesday, February 5, 2002, 6 p.m., TRMC Cafeteria. Topic: *Chiropractic Care for Wellness* presented by Dr. Courtney Bynum. Call 903-577-6542 for more information.

**Better Breather's Club** No meeting this month! Call 903-577-6588 for more information.

**American Heart Association Stroke Support Group** Monday, February 11, 2002, 2:00 p.m., TRMC Auditorium. Call 903-577-6299 for more information.

**Why Weight? Weight Management Support Group** Monday, February 4, 6:00 p.m., TRMC Cafeteria. Membership is free. Call 903-577-6299 for more information

\* Childbirth Education Classes include Big Brother/Big Sister Class. To register for these classes, call 577-6400 at least one week in advance.

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Resident, Willie M. Topping-Mr. and Mrs. James Ward, Lucille Pettit, Carine Alford, Billy and Edna Quel, Nancy Burchfield, Jimmy Skidmore, Mrs. Arthur Topping, Betty Sue and James A. Watts.

Resident, Gladys Tucker-Clifton Tucker, Nelda Maynard.

Resident, Billie Hancock-Jay Hancock, Bob Guess, Alicia Gipson, Shirley Smith, Duane Benson, and Randy Hancock.

Resident, Dorothy Watkins-Tony Watkins.

Resident, Melvin Pointer-Daphne Pointer.

Resident, M.L. Brown-Dean and Myrtle Cannon.

Resident, Eva Lewis-Coy and Dorothy Coker, Molee Huddleston, Billie Lindsey, Don Isenberg.

Resident, Opal Isenberg-Billie Lindsey.

Resident, Lucy Jenkins-Jimmy Jenkins.

Resident, Kathryn Claypool-Wilma Weddle.

Residents, Pat and Frances Stephens-Christelle Cato.

Resident, Altus Denny-James and Joyce Ward.

Resident, Geraldine Ogg-Frances Boone, Bernice Pichotta, Susie Short, Mr. and Mrs. Tom DeBerry, Barbara Bernal, Jackie Knight, Velma Hill and Mary Kelley.

Resident, Joe Brook-Dollie and Richie Weaver.

Resident, Roger Williams-Jimmy Jenkins.

Resident, Gladys Garretson-Wayman and Joyce Alexander.

Resident, Nettie Moore-Matt Ward.

Resident, Alice B. Craig-Inez Gill.

Resident, Vera Craddock-Inez Gill.

Resident, Grady Childres-C. Childres.

Resident, Myrtle Singleton-Inez Gill.

Resident, Dorothy Green-Charlene Knowles and Marcene Burrow.

Resident, Nina Hudson-Penny and Gary Swaim.

Resident, Stasha Hume-Weldon Hume.

Your visits are greatly enjoyed by the residents of Red River Healthcare. Stop by and see a friend or family member today.

## Sweetheart Dance

to be held Feb. 15

The Rivercrest Junior High Student Council will be sponsoring a "Sweetheart Dance" on Friday, February 15, 2002 for students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

The event will be held in the Talco School cafeteria from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The admission will be \$3.00 per person. All proceeds will go to the Student Council and will be used on various activities throughout the year. All junior high students are invited and urged to attend for a fun evening. The Student Council is sponsored by Ms. Leah Bull.

## People N'

### Things

#### 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-903-62-5214.

#### Tuesdays

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

#### Purchase Early

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

#### February 13

Class portraits will be made at Rivercrest Elementary School. Packages with prices and items available will be sent home with each child.

Spring portraits will be made at Rivercrest Junior High on Feb. 13, 2002. Fliers will be sent home with students including prices and items offered.

#### Valentine Bouquets

Rivercrest Band students are selling Valentine Bouquets to be delivered at school on Valentine Day. Each bouquet is \$5.00 and includes balloons, ribbon and a Valentine lollipop. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of new instruments for the students. To send you children, sweetheart or friends a special wish on Valentines contact any Rivercrest Band member or call the school at 903-572-5204.

#### February 19

The Rivercrest Elementary 4th grade students will take their TAAS Writing test on Tuesday, February 19. Students are urged to get a good night's rest and eat a good breakfast to help them do their best.

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# Local youth donates hair to needy

By Liz Irwin

Lisa Somerville is not your average high school teen. She is a go-getter and has many activities beside school. Lisa is a 16-year old junior at Detroit High School. Along with being active in her school activities, Lisa is also in the 4-H Club and is a Detroit FFA member.

While surfing on the internet one day, she came across "Locks For Love". What is this organization all about she asked? Further investigation found that it was a non-profit organization, solely for providing hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children across the United States and under 18 years of age.

After checking out the pictures of some of these youths and understanding what they must be going through, she took a long look in the mirror. What did she see? Well, if you know Lisa, it was a full head of long, beautiful, black hair! She had been growing it for years and had decided not to have it cut.....until now. She said the time was right and she could help some very wonderful children in the process. She knew that it was the right decision and her hair would help someone a lot more than it was helping her.

As you can see in the pictures, some child is going to be very

lucky when they receive Lisa's hair. What next.....she found out the steps that she needed to take for the entire process. It goes something like this: All hair needed to be at least 10 inches in length, tip to tip. Hair needed to be in a braid or ponytail and placed in a plastic bag for protection. Hair needed to be clean and dry. Any hair would be accepted whether it be from a man or woman, young or old and all colors and races. Hair that is unacceptable for children is separated and sold at fair market price to offset the cost of manufacturing.

They found that the majority of the hair that comes to the organization is from children who wish to help other children. This idea meets a unique need for children throughout the United States by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics. Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called ALOPECIA AREATA, which had no known cause or cure. The prostheses they provide help to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

Locks of Love is not a manufacturer of any type of hair re-

placement product or hair care product. They are in no way affiliated with any non-profit hair replacement business and none of the employees are either. The organization began in 1997 and has helped over 600 children since its first year of operation. Children comprise over 80% of the donors. This makes it a charity where children have an opportunity to help other children.

They provide the children with a custom, vacuum-fitted hairpiece made entirely of donated human hair. The vacuum-fit is designed for children who have experienced a total loss of scalp hair and does not require the use of tape or glue.

If you would like to learn more about this organization, pull up their website at [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org). They are located in Palm Springs, Florida.

So you see, there is hope for our youth yet. Lisa is just one among many who have their priorities in place and set goals for her future. She is the 16 year old daughter of Tim and Marcelle Somerville of Detroit and is a junior at Detroit High School. She is the granddaughter of J.C. and Hattie Abernathy of Bogata, Texas and John and Connie Somerville of Bagwell, Texas.



**BEFORE:** Lisa Somerville's hair was long before she donated it to "Locks of Love". The donated hair will go to some child in need of the prosthesis.



**AFTER:** Some child will be lucky to receive Lisa Somerville's hair that she donated to "Locks of Love" for disadvantaged children.



THE RENOVATION-of the Cuthand Church has been completed and the congregation is very proud of the new improvements. Everyone is invited to attend a Stew & Chili Supper Saturday, February 9, 2002 beginning in the afternoon. Cost is your donation and all proceeds will go toward the church building fund.



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LISA SOMERVILLE cut her hair for the first time in a very long time, for a very special reason. She donated her hair to "Locks of Love", an organization that provides hair prostheses to disadvantaged children in need. Here she is pictured before cutting her long hair.



Pearl Ponthieux

## Pearl Ponthieux scholarship recipient

The Office of University Relations/Admissions of Henderson State University, has announced Pearl Ponthieux has been awarded the University Academic Scholarship for 2002-2003.

According to Vikita Bell Hardwick, Director, the University Academic Scholarship is equivalent to in-state tuition and

fees for up to four years, which equals approximately \$11,816.

Pearl is the daughter of Andy and starlett Ponthieux of Talco. She is currently a senior at Rivercrest High School where she is an active member of the Rivercrest Band and Flag Corp. Congratulations Pearl!!

## Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor:

If the merger between Cap Rock and Lamar Electric Co-op is completed, your electric bill might be 41% higher than they are now.

How can LEC members go with another Co-op when Cap Rock Energy has determined to adopt a "wait and see" approach? Ask your board of directors about this.

Come to the Lamar Electric Co-op membership meeting on February 16 at Love Civic Center at 2 p.m. on Saturday to discuss important matters concerning your electric rates. Roy Marris, Co-op member

## Torch day is February 8

Christus Day, celebrating creation of the Christus Health System three years ago, will be observed Friday, Feb. 8, with a commemorative torch relay/walk from Christus St. Joseph's Medical Center, South, to the North Campus, with prayer services at each location.

The event will also mark the 90th year that members of the founding congregation, Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, have provided health care in Paris.

Activities will begin at 10 a.m. with a brief prayer service in the lobby on the South Campus, followed by a reception in the cafeteria. Following the ceremony, Associates representing various hospital departments from both campuses will begin a two-mile

trek to the North Campus, carrying a torch to symbolize the Christus mission and in conjunction with the opening day of the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. The walk will conclude with a second prayer service and reception on the North Campus.

Among those leading the walk will be Curtis Fendley, member of the Christus St. Joseph's Board of Directors, who carried the official Olympic torch through a portion of Texarkana when it made its cross-country trek recently. The public is invited to join hospital Associates in the walk or any portion. Catholic sisters who currently serve or have served the hospital will begin and conclude the walk as torch bearers.

## Gifted/Talented nominations open

Rivercrest Elementary and Junior High will be taking parent nominations for the Gifted and Talented Program.

To receive a nomination form, please contact your child's teacher or Karla Palmer at 632-5214. The deadline for forms to be returned to the school is Friday, March 1, 2002.

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## Red River County Sheriff's Report

January 28-February 3

January 28: Inmate released with time served; male arrested on warrant for VOP; male arrested on warrant for theft; stolen property in Detroit.

January 29: Female arrested on warrants from Franklin County; burglary in Avery; male arrested and released per adult probation; male arrested on warrant for sexual assault; inmate released on court order; stalking in Detroit; family disturbance in Annona; male arrested for DWI, no DL and fictitious registration; male arrested for assault, family violence; male arrested for assault, family violence.

January 30: Suspicious activity; activated alarm at Nuway; burglary at Nuway; inmate released on PR bond; suspicious activity in Avery; theft at J.P. Harvey Motors; inmate released with time to pay fines; male arrested on possession of marijuana and possession of controlled substance, released on bond; male arrested on charges of possession of controlled substance and possession of marijuana; inmate released per orders from adult probation; male arrested on warrant for burglary of building; major accident on 82E and 114; suspicious vehicle at Cuthand Cemetery.

January 31: Prowler in Avery; male arrested for VOP; inmate transported for IBCx3, released on bonds; activated alarm at Casa Linda; criminal mischief at

Bogata VFW.

February 1: Activated alarm at Nuway; inmate transported to Henderson County; male arrested on warrant for VOP; female arrested on DPS warrant; male arrested on VOP; welfare concern in Avery; male arrested on VOP; inmate released with time served; attempted suicide.

February 2: Male arrested on charges of furnishing alcohol to minors and PI; male arrested on charge of DWI; two arrested for consumption of alcohol by minors; welfare concern in Manchester; inmate released on bond; inmate released, charges dropped; male arrested for criminal nonsupport; reckless driver in Detroit; welfare concern in Avery; trespassing on FM1159; suspicious person on CR2120; male arrested on Lamar County and Red River County warrants; activated alarm at Casa Linda; male arrested on DPS warrants, released after paying fines; possible UUMV on 37 S; assisted BPD in car chase.

February 4: Inmate released on bond for Lamar County; male arrested on warrant for aggravated assault; a reckless driver on 909 and 1487; drunk driver; two arrested for possession of meth, over 400 grams; assisted fire department on forest fire on 410 and 196.

Red River County Jail currently holds 33 inmates.



## TxDOT seeks applicants

The Texas Department of Transportation is now accepting applications for the Conditional Grant Program. Applications will be considered for Civil Engineering degrees. Students must follow the instructions carefully when completing application material. Deadline for receipt of applications is 5 p.m. March 1, 2002. Applications must be mailed to the Texas Department of Transportation, 1245 E. 11th, Austin, TX 78701.

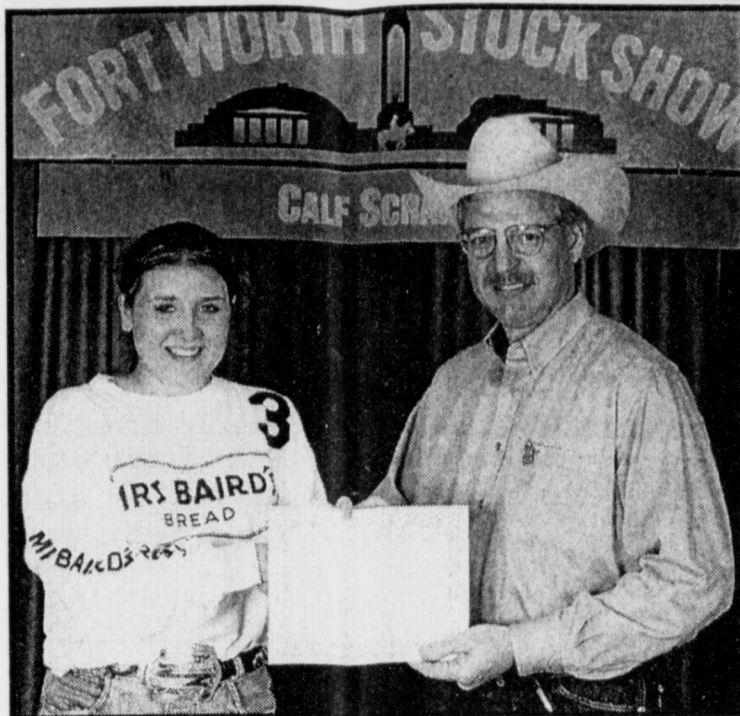
The program, which is open to minority and female students, pays for tuition fees and includes a stipend for students who participate. Applications are available at area high schools and local Department of Transportation offices in Bonham, Clarksville, Cooper, Emory, Greenville, Mt. Vernon, Paris, Sherman and Sulphur Springs. The grant amount varies each semester with a maximum amount of \$3,000 per semester, or \$6,000 a year.

The program is open to any

graduating high school students who is a Texas resident; is an ethnic minority (black, Hispanic, American Indian, Asian, Pacific islander, Alaskan native) or female; has an overall minimum grade point average of 3.00, or a minimum SAT score of 850 or has a 21 on the ACT; will attend an accredited four year Texas public college or university; and will pursue an undergraduate degree in civil engineering.

College or university students are also eligible for the program, provided they meet the above requirements and have a minimum grade point average of 2.50, maintain a minimum of 12 hours a semester and are not in a repayment status to the Department for a previously awarded Conditional Grant. Students who complete the program must also agree to work for the Department of Transportation for a minimum of two years after graduation.

For information, call Tena Stinson at 903-737-9216.



Micah Nicole Upchurch

## Local youth wins calf scramble

Micah Nicole Upchurch of Bogata, a Red River County 4-H member, was among the winners in the Calf Scramble during the January 29, 2002 evening performance of the Rodeo at the Ft. Worth Exposition and Livestock Show. Parents of the winner are Mike and Jean Upchurch. Sponsor for Micah's effort will be National Finance Credit Corporation of Ft. Worth.

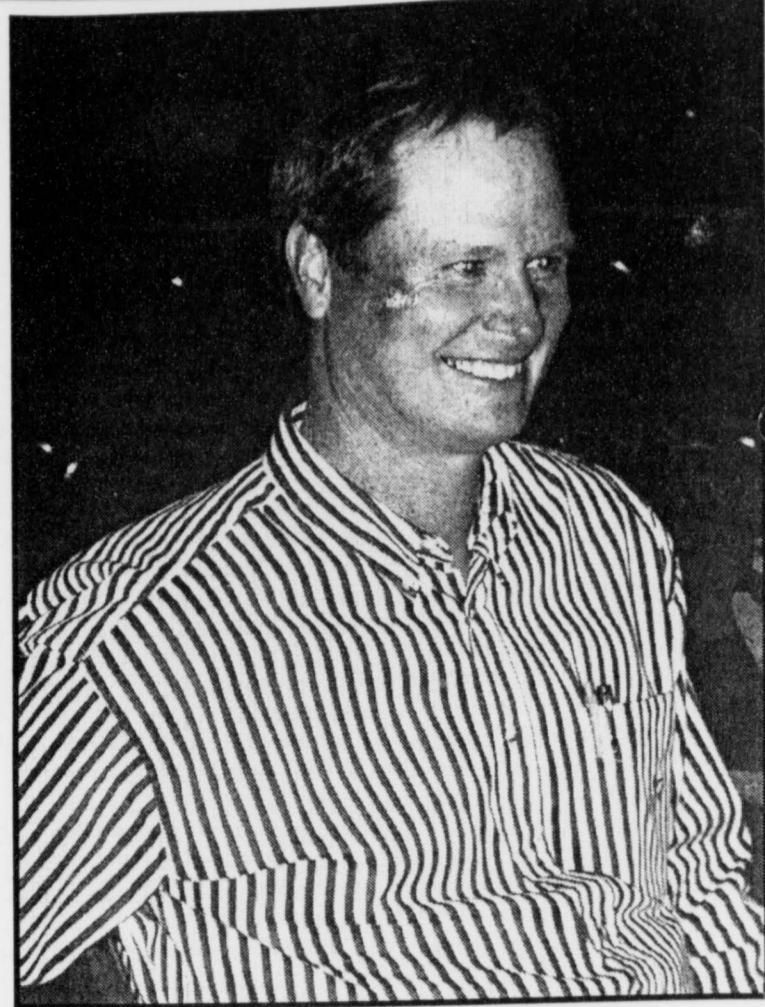
The Calf Scramble, which allows 16 students to compete at each of the 30 Stock Show Rodeo performances, has eight performance winners. The young people are high school students out to catch and halter a calf with hopes of winning a \$500 purchase certificate that will help buy a registered heifer for a yearlong 4-H or FFA project.

Winners must care for their animals throughout the year and return for the 2003 Stock Show to exhibit it in the Junior Heifer

Show. Those who do the best job will be in line for scholarship funds when they enter college. Last year, the grants were made to 40 young people.

All entries receive a special T-shirt with their contestant number and a windbreaker from Justin Boots. Participants who fail to catch a calf receive a certificate for a pair of Justin Roper Boots. Mrs. Baird's Bakeries and Justin Boots sponsor the contest each year.

Of other interest during this year's Stock Show will be the exhibiting of some 25,000 head of top quality livestock with premiums for the Livestock Division and the Rodeo totaling over \$900,000. All events are held at the world-class Will Rogers Memorial Center in west Ft. Worth. The Stock Show and Rodeo continued through Sunday night, February 3, 2002. Congratulations Micah!!



KENNY ROLLINS-the new Titus County Extension Agent visited with the Talco 4-H Club on Monday night, Feb. 4, 2002. He spoke to the group on various subjects and encouraged their participation in all. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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## 4-H'ers show at Ft. Worth

Recently five Red River County 4-H'ers participated in the 106th Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show held at the Will Rogers Center in Ft. Worth.

Those participating were Lillian Baird of the Cuthand 4-H Club, Amy Holt and Toni Phillips of the Dimple 4-H Club, Nina Jones of the Avery 4-H Club and Lisa Somerville of the Midway 4-H Club.

The junior beef show was held January 17 through 21 with a total of 1,200 beef heifers being entered.

On January 19, Lisa Somerville

and Amy Holt showed their Polled Hereford heifers with Lisa placing third in her class and Amy placing ninth in her class.

On January 20, Lillian and Toni showed their Beefmaster heifers with Toni placing sixth and Lillian placing eighth.

On January 21, Nina showed her Brangus heifer, placing 18th in her class.

The 4-H'ers were accompanied by their parents. A good time was had by all and the 4-H'ers did a good job representing Red River County and their individual clubs.



CLAYTON WATKINS-son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Watkins of Bogata is pictured showing his heifer at the Ft. Worth Stock Show. (Photo by Mark Evans)

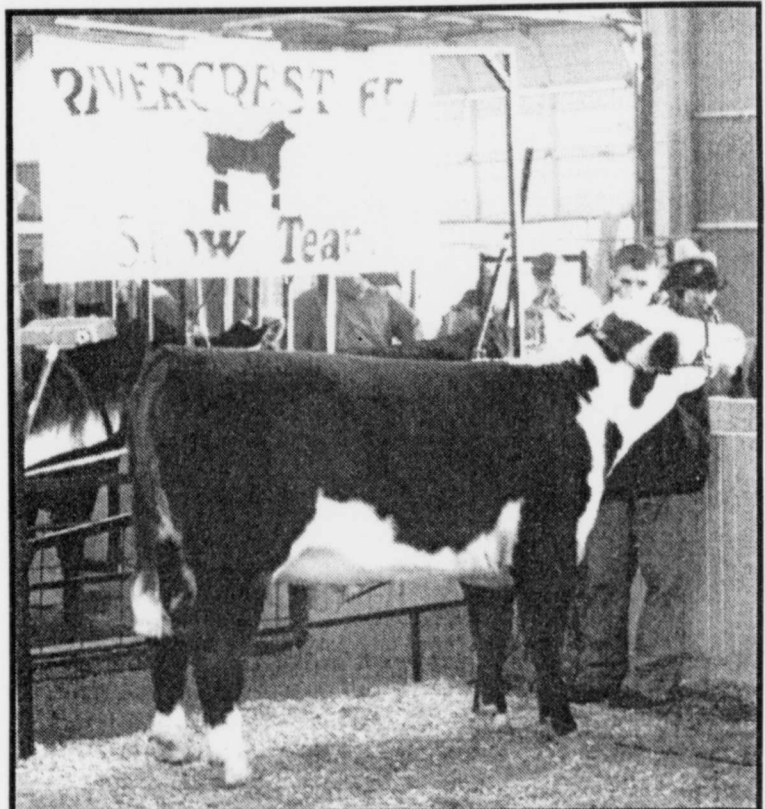
## Junior High Lady Rebels finish season

by Coach Tammie Case

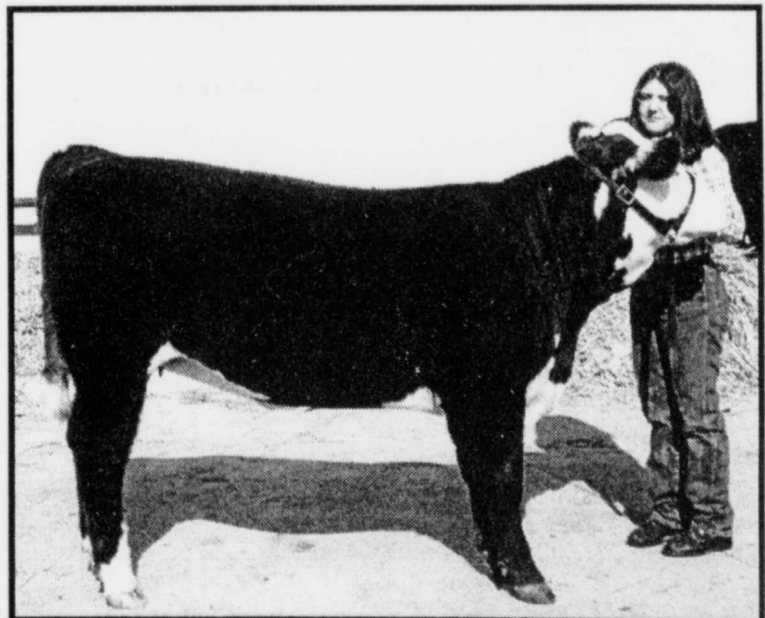
The 8th grade Lady Rebels went undefeated for the second year in a row in district play. The girls played well together and were a fun team to watch. They beat their district opponents by an average of 20 points per game. They also were the champions of

the Chisum Tournament held earlier in the season.

The 7th grade team improved throughout the year. They played with alot of heart and finished their season with a big win over DeKalb.



JEFF ABERNATHY, son of Buddy and Cindy Abernathy of Bogata received a second place with his heifer at the 2002 Ft. Worth Stock Show last week. (Photo by Mark Evans)



LISA SOMERVILLE, Red River County 4-H'er, showed her heifer Victoria, at the Ft. Worth Stock Show recently. Lisa placed third in her class.

## Books received at Rivercrest Elementary

Several donations of books were received by Rivercrest Elementary Library during the recent Book Fair. Donations were as follows:

"One Day You'll Know" by Lauren Brooke, "Curious George and the Hot Air Balloon" by Margaret and H.A. Rey donated in memory of Billy R. Reeves from his grandchildren; Jacob and Kristen Harville and Candace Stansell.

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"Inspector Hopper" by Doug Cushman donated by Camen and Caley Francis.

"Jane on Her Own-A Catwings Tale" by Ursula Kyle Guin in memory of Dianne Ross from Hailey Brown.

Several students also donated books to their classroom libraries.

All the books had book plates placed in them acknowledging the donation and are very much appreciated. Classroom donations are as follows:

Shelby Fletcher donated; "teacher's Pets" (Clifford the Big Red Dog) by Norman Bridwell; "Deep in the Jungle" by Dan Yaccarion and "Click, Clack, Moo that Type" by Doreen Cronin to Jamie Huddleston's Kindergarten class.

Gabby Torres donated "The Big Bug Dug" by Mary Serfozo, "The Snow Storm" by Heather Amery and "A Cake All For Me" to Jamie Huddleston's Kindergarten class.

Carli Brown donated "A Cake All For Me" by Karen Beil to Donna Miller's first grade class.

Lucchese Gordon donated "Clifford's Hiccups" by Suzanne Weyn to Donna Miller's first grade class.

Carter Kelsey donated "the Custodian from the Black Lagoon" by Mike Thaler to Sandra Stockton's second grade class.

Blake Richardson donated "Lyle at the Office" by Bernard Waber to Sandra Stockton's second grade class.

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Tommy and Glenda Corbell hosted a fish dinner at their home in Bogata for Steve and Becky Corbell of Mt. Pleasant, Mike and Angie Corbell, Ashley and Matt Shew and Christine Baker on Saturday.

Saturday evening, Jessica, Danny and Marli Hines, Judy, Harold, Heather and Heath Holt visited with Jerry and Gerlyn Gray and Margaret Davis.

Charlie Lewis was honored on his birthday by his family Saturday. Enjoying dinner and birthday cake were children, Charles Don and Shaunda Lewis and Donita Embrey and grandchildren, Niki and Breann.

Happy February Birthday to: Kay Griffin, Willie Gray, Carter Kelsey, Zackery Dyer, Charlie Lewis, Misty Stringfellow, Leah Gibbs, Nancy Puckett, Ryan Brunson, Colton Guest, Eddy Denny, Lindy Guest, Kellen Stringfellow,

Lisa Shirley Case, Cody Clark, Grady Sherrill, Jody Gray, DaShuna Williams, Dyna Williams, Michael Brandon Williams, April Clark, Eldon Chaloner, Barry Shiver and Jacob Ward.

Happy February Anniversary to: Neil and Frances Rozell, Donnie and Tina Gentry, John and Crystal Davidson and Pete and Lillian Taylor.

Last weekend Jessica and Marli Hines, Judy, Heather and Heath Holt went to Riley Reer's birthday party and visited with his mom, Jennifer. The children enjoyed playing games and eating at "Chuck's". They stopped in Rockwal and shopped on their way home. Riley was celebrating his 7th birthday and the party was held at his home.

Richard Ward underwent surgery at Titus County Regional Hospital Tuesday.

**Talco Locals**

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pittman returned Sunday from a month long vacation on Padre Island. They report a wonderful, restful time.

Happy February Birthday to: Jaidin Swarts, Jane Rhea, Carrie Rhea, Don Rhea, Angie Brown, Jaden Brown.

Friday night visitors with Marta Rhoades and Robert Caul were Donnette Parrot, Dakota and Croix, Elodia Grissom and Torrie and Logan Wright.

Ryan H. Case has finished his nuclear training with the U.S. Navy

and is now aboard the U.S.S. John C. Stennis in the Arabian Sea. Ryan is the son of Bruce and Tammy Case of Talco, a 2000 graduate of Rivercrest High School. His wife, Lisa Case is at home with her family in Johntown until the Sennis returns to San Diego, California.

Both Bryan Hodge and Mr. Talley are reported doing well. Bryan after an illness and Mr. Talley following surgery.

Sympathy is extended to the family of P.A. Thomas.

Danny and Ann Francis of Talco honored their mothers Billie Francis of Deport and Marge Merrell of Talco with a birthday supper at Chili's in Paris. 18 members of the family attended.

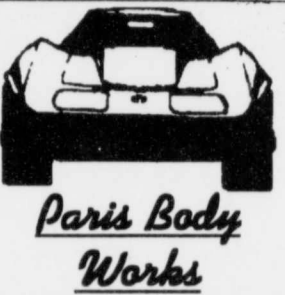


HAPPY BIRTHDAY-January birthdays celebrated at Red River Healthcare in Bogata were; (back from the left) Casey York and Hugh Forrester and (front) Dorothy Watkins. Also celebrating birthdays but not pictured were; Linda Collins, Lucy Jenkins, Gladys Tucker, James Latimer and Nina Hudson.



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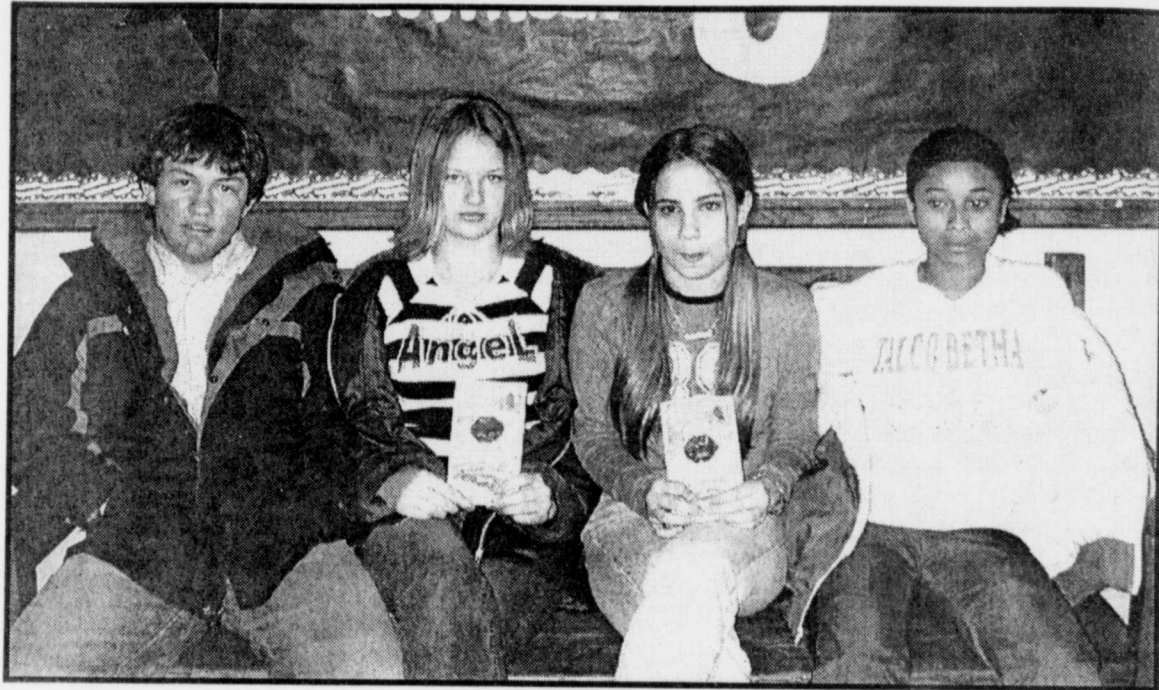
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**"Dianne Ross Read-In" held**

On Friday, February 1, 2002, Rivercrest Elementary School students participated in the first ever "Dianne Ross Read-In". The read-in was held to honor past 1st grade teacher of Bogata Elementary, Dianne Ross.

Since February 1 was Dianne's birthday and reading was one of

her passions, the faculty and students at the elementary school thought the read-in would be a great way to honor Mrs. Ross. All students seemed to have a good time reading and then enjoyed snacks to end the day. Pictured are some of Mrs. Purviance's 4th grade students.



VALENTINE SALE-The Rivercrest Junior High Student Council will be selling Valentine Cards including lip shaped lollipops for \$1.00 each before and during school Monday through Thursday, February 11-14. The cards will be delivered on Valentine Day. Pictured with their cards are Student Council members, (from the left) Dustin Perry, Mandy Crawford, Jesi Navia and Whitney Savage. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**Happy Birthday**

Aunt Boots will be 90 years old February 15. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: RR 1, Box 128-A, Deport, TX 75435. The Van Deaver Family, Helen, Gordon, Charlotte, James Tony and ViVi

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<p><b>PILGRIM'S SPLIT CHICKEN BREASTS</b> 3Lb. Bag <b>\$3.99</b></p>		<p><b>RIB EYE STEAK</b> <b>\$5.99 Lb.</b></p>		<p><b>JIMMY DEAN SAUSAGE</b> 2 Lb. Roll Reg. &amp; Hot <b>\$3.69</b></p>		<p><b>IMPERIAL SUGAR</b> 4 Lb. <b>\$1.39</b></p>		<p><b>COUNTRY STORE CHICKEN LEG QUARTERS</b> 5 Lb. Bag <b>\$1.99</b></p>		<p><b>FRESH GROUND CHUCK</b> <b>\$1.99 Lb.</b></p>		<p><b>ECKRICH SMOKED SAUSAGE</b> 1 Lb. <b>\$1.99</b></p>	
<p><b>DECKER WEINERS</b> 12 Oz. <b>69¢</b></p>		<p><b>NABISCO PREMIUM CRACKERS</b> 1Lb. Box <b>\$1.69</b></p>		<p><b>WOLF CHILI</b> 15 Oz. <b>99¢</b></p>		<p><b>NABISCO CHIPS AHOY</b> All Kinds 16-18 Oz. <b>\$2.69</b></p>		<p><b>PARKAY MARGARINE</b> 4 Stick or 12 Oz. Squeeze Bt. <b>79¢</b></p>		<p><b>PRINGLES CHIPS</b> 5.5 Oz. All Kinds <b>99¢</b></p>		<p><b>KELLOGG'S RAISIN BRAN</b> 20 Oz. <b>\$1.99</b></p>	
<p><b>CHARMIN TISSUE PAPER</b> Double Roll 4 Pk. <b>\$1.99</b></p>		<p><b>OAK FARMS ICE CREAM</b> 1/2 Gal. All Flavors <b>\$2.99</b></p>		<p><b>BLUE BELL ICECREAM &amp; YOGURT</b> 1/2 Gal. All Flavors <b>\$3.49</b></p>		<p><b>IMPERIAL POWDERED &amp; BROWN SUGAR</b> 2 Lb. Box <b>\$1.19</b></p>		<p><b>PARADE BUTTERMILK BISCUITS</b> <b>4/\$1</b></p>		<p><b>KELLOGG'S RICE KRISPIES</b> 22 Oz. <b>\$2.49</b></p>		<p><b>FRUIT LOOPS</b> 24 Oz. <b>\$2.49</b></p>	
<p><b>EGGS</b> Grade A Large <b>89¢ Dozen</b></p>		<p><b>GOLDEN ROYAL MILK</b> Gal. 2% &amp; Homo <b>\$2.99</b></p>		<p><b>TOWN TALK BREAD</b> Lrg. Loaf <b>59¢</b></p>		<p><b>KRAFT COOL WHIP</b> Reg. &amp; Lite 8 Oz. <b>99¢</b></p>		<p><b>KRAFT PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE</b> 8 Oz. <b>99¢</b></p>		<p><b>MIRACLE WHIP SALAD DRESSING</b> 32 Oz. <b>\$2.29</b></p>		<p><b>PURINA MAINSTAY DOG FOOD</b> 17.5 Lb. <b>\$3.69</b></p>	
<p><b>LAY'S POTATO CHIPS</b> Reg. \$1.49 All Kinds <b>99¢</b></p>		<p><b>DORITO CHIPS</b> All Kinds Reg. \$3.29 <b>\$2.69</b></p>		<p><b>FRITO LAY BEAN DIP</b> 9 Oz. <b>\$1.79</b></p>		<p><b>CHEER LAUNDRY DETERGENT</b> 31-40 Ld. <b>\$5.49</b></p>		<p><b>TOTAL CEREAL</b> 12 Oz. <b>\$2.79</b></p>		<p><b>CAMPBELL'S CREAM OF MUSHROOM &amp; CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP</b> 10 Oz. <b>69¢</b></p>		<p><b>TOWN TALK HAMBURGER &amp; HOT DOG BUNS</b> 8 Pk. <b>69¢</b></p>	
<p><b>BANANAS</b> 49¢ Lb.</p>		<p><b>PRODUCE POTATOES</b> 10 Lb. Bag <b>\$2.69</b></p>		<p><b>GREEN ONIONS</b> 3/\$1</p>		<p><b>DUNCAN HINES CAKE MIXES</b> All Kinds 18 Oz. <b>99¢</b></p>		<p><b>COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE</b></p>		<p><b>DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER</b></p>			
<p><b>YELLOW ONIONS</b> 29¢ Lb.</p>		<p><b>TOMATOES</b> 99¢ Lb.</p>				<p>2 Liter <b>99¢</b> 3 Liter <b>\$1.79</b></p>		<p>12 Pk. <b>\$2.99</b></p>		<p>6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. <b>\$1.99</b></p>			
<p><b>GRAPEFRUIT</b> 59¢ Each</p>													