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Memories that Flash

I watched a television show, or at least part of it, the other night. In the show, an older man was blinding everyone in the family with a giant, heavy, manual focus super-flash camera.

The funny thing was, I used to lug one around just like that!

That set me to remembering photography the way I was first taught it.

When I first went to work for these papers, in March of 1978 (gasp, it can't have been that long!) I was given a three minute camera course. For sports photos there was a battery pack that had to be carried over the shoulder. It was supposed to only weigh five pounds, but lugging it up and down the sidelines at a football game I was convinced that it weighed at least 15 pounds.

There was a cord that went to this enormous flash unit, and the camera had to be manually focused, the lens aperture and shutter speed manually set.

I shot lots and lots of photos, because for every one that was good there were three or four that were too dark, too light or out of focus. If the photographer was too close to the subject there would be two black dots for eyes and perhaps a trace of mouth. Everything else was "blown away".

Shortly after that, cameras became lighter, and SLR revolutionized photography. Single Lens Reflex basically translated to "what you see is what you get". It was still painfully manual focus, and light and shutter had to be set by lining up a little needle inside of a little ring, but it was such an improvement.

Then, autofocus, real, true autofocus, not fixed focus, came to be. I thought I'd died and managed to achieve heaven! Point and shoot and get a photo! Properly lit, properly focused.

Of course, all of these rolls and rolls of film had to be processed in a dark room, and printed using smelly chemicals.

So, about two years ago, we discovered the wonderful world of digital photography. This MUST be heaven. No film, auto focus, light weight, gorgeous clarity! No chemicals, just download to the computer and adjust it, then print it out.

Twenty five years and they are approaching perfection. At least, that's how it appears. But, that's what I thought back when they came out with SLR cameras. How fast technology moves!



Some RC bags left

The Washington Club has about 13 of the Rivercrest bags left. They have been marked down to \$10.00. They are great for carrying your things to activities such as PIPS or Little Dribblers.

Please call Kathie Thompson 632-4591, Judy McCuller at the Guaranty Bank @ Talco or Mona Pitts at the Jr. High.

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Talco ex-student scholarship fund reported thriving

The Talco Ex Student Scholarship Fund is reported thriving with a current CD balance of 421,861.14 and a current balance of \$ 419.54.

Miscellaneous donations made at this year's reunion were \$477.50 with extra donations received from: Buddy and Charlene Hearnon; James H. Stockton; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris; Marion Pearson; Dan and Mary K. Cotten and Exxon Mobil matching funds.

Memorial contributions made in 2002 were: In honor of Janice Davis who died July 18, 2002; Janie Wilson, Tennison Oil, Wanda Greene, Glen and Martha Slaughter, Dan and Mary K. Cotten, Alice and Kip McKeever, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stubblefield, Tony and Jo Anschutz, Elmer and Maxine Patton, Dee E. Davis, Randy and Pam Stansbury and Exxon Mobil matching funds.

In honor of Billy Joe Vickers: Wanda Greene and Dan and Mary K. Cotten for a total of \$885 and \$200 in matching funds.

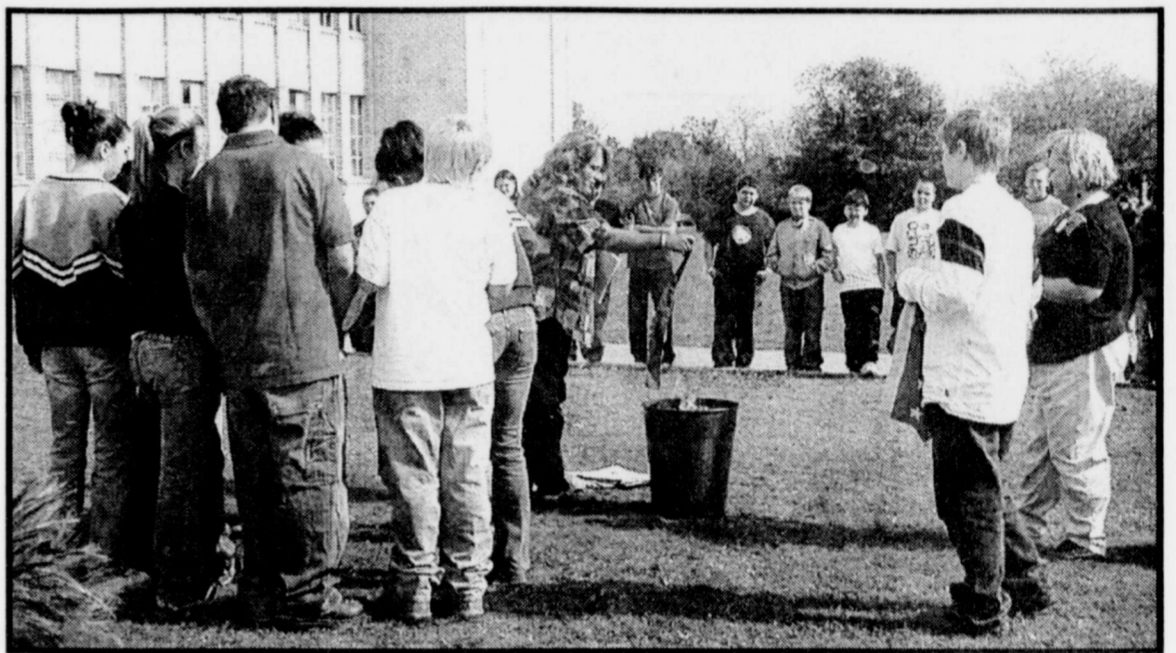
With donations of 4 580.46 between now and May 2003, the group may not have to make a withdrawal from the current CD.

All contributions are greatly appreciated and help a Talco student to attend the college of his or her choice.

Skeet Shoot November 16

A Skeet Shoot will be held November 16, 2002 in Johnstown with sign up beginning at 10:00 a.m. The fee will be \$10 for 25 shots and the top 3 shooters will receive a gift certificate for a turkey.

Directions to the shoot are: Off Hwy 271 take CR 1472 (next to the Rivercrest girls softball field) at the end of the road turn left and signs will be posted from that point. Everyone is invited to come out and try their hand.

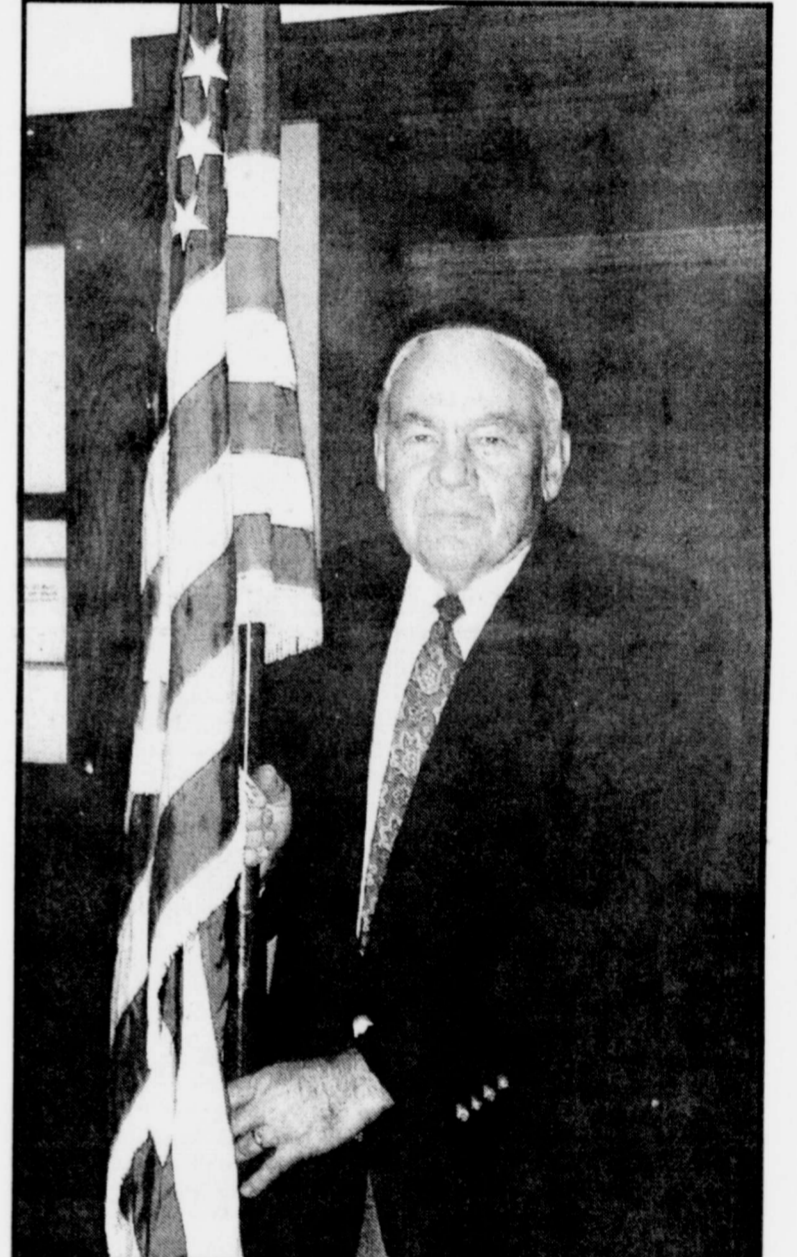


LEAH LEWIS and the Rivercrest Student Council members are pictured performing a flag retirement. The old faded American flag at the school was replaced on Veterans Day, November 11, 2002. Ms. Lewis and the council members disposed of the old flag in a professional manner and with great care. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Editor's Quotes
It is better to ask some of the questions than to know all of the answers.
James Thurber



"More Than Conquerors" band including Chase Petree, Chris Lloyd and Dustin of Pittsburg provided music for the Maple Springs Awana Lock-in held Friday night at the church. Jennifer Waldrum and LaDawn Parr provided sign language to each song and everyone enjoyed the performances. Over 40 were present at the event. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



CHARLIE ROBERTS posted the colors at the Rivercrest Junior High Veterans Day program held Monday morning. Mr. Roberts is not only a veteran, he is the father of Rivercrest Junior High teacher, Mona Pitts and the husband of retired Rivercrest High School teacher, Ann Roberts. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Chili Supper to benefit Police Department

A Chili Supper will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2002 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the old Bogata Junior High Gym on 2nd NW Street in Bogata. The supper will include chili, condiments and drinks or hot dogs.

From 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Thin Blues Line and Next of

Kin will perform for guests. Everyone is invited to come out enjoyed a good meal and the toe-tapping music of both bands. The event proceeds will go to the Bogata Police Department to help with their juvenile programs, including a narcotics dog. Yall Come!!

Flu Shot Clinic

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

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

Seven homes to be toured in Christmas Annual Parade of Homes

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

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

Dance to be held November 16

A dance with music provided by Jeff Jackson and the Quick Draw Band will be held Saturday, November 16, 2002 at the Skidmore Building in Mt. Pleasant beginning at 7:30 p.m. The cost will be \$ 5.00 per person.

The Skidmore Building is located off the Greenhill Road and north of the Mt. Pleasant Rodeo Arena. Everyone is invited to attend.

APL offering low cost pet spay/neuter

The Hopkins County Animal Protection League is offering low cost pet spay or neutering at their office at 401 Gilmer, Sulphur Springs.

Contact 903-439-2953 for scheduling information.

Christmas From the Heart to return this year

After a two year absence, Christmas From The Heart will once again be happening at Bogata this year. Hosted by the James Wood Family and several others from the community, the meal and fellowship will be held in the fellowship hall of the Bogata United Methodist Church.

Christmas From The Heart is for people that will not be able to be with their families on Christ-

mas, and is open for anyone who would like to attend. If the public knows of anyone who would like to participate, please get in contact with Denise Wood by either calling 632-5614 or email: dwood@neto.com <mailto:dwood@neto.com> so invitations for the event can be sent out. Everyone is welcome and the more the merrier.

Rivercrest Education Foundation to hold raffle

The Rivercrest Education Foundation is selling chances on a Sony Play Station 2 or the equivalent value which is 4199.94. The prize is a DVD player, CD player and Video Game all in one.

The drawing will be held December 17, 2002 at the Rivercrest Varsity basketball games. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are available from all Trustees and Members of the Senior class. Tickets are also at

Council to discuss water bills, creek erosion

The Bogata City Council will hear from citizens concerning large water bills and creek erosion at Bogata Housing Authority at their meeting of Monday, November 18.

Along with staff reports, council will discuss action on a street light on 7th S.E. behind Garlin Burriss; the resignation of councilmember Brian Strickland;

resolution to authorize the mayor to execute deed and all documents necessary to convey two tracts on Mt. Vernon drive to Kim Barrett; and to place a Christmas ad in the Bogata News.

The council meetings are open to the public and will be held at the Bogata Community Center at 7 p.m.

Bogata News holiday office hours

The Bogata News Office will be open Monday from 9:30 to 5:30; Tuesday from 8:30 to 5:00; Wednesday from 8:30 to 12:30 and Thursday from 8:30 to 12:30 to better serve you during the holidays.

News items may be left in the mail box in the event no one is at the office or you may call Depert if needed at 903-652-4205.

Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



I found some great recipes this week and think that you will really like them. They are fairly simple, most of them and you will be able to use ingredients that are usually on your kitchen shelves. With the holidays coming you, they will work for all of that company that you will be entertaining.

So, have a great week and we will see you in the kitchen! lizirwin@hotmail.com or tppub@lstartnet.com

SPEEDY CHICKEN CASSE-ROLE-using Bisquick makes it short and sweet to prepare!

SPAGHETTI CHICKEN CASSE-ROLE-everyone loves this recipe!

STUFFIN' SQUASH CASSE-ROLE-this recipe is wonderful!

MEXICAN CASSEROLE-another one of those "throw together" that will work any time!

SPICY TOMATO SAUCE-this is great to make ahead of time and used for many different dishes!

CROCK POT ENCHILADA CASSEROLE-fix, mix and place in crockpot and serve when ready!

Thursday, November 14, 2002
Casserole recipes

Speedy Chicken Casserole

- 1 1/2 can stewed tomatoes
- 2 cans cream of celery soup
- 16 ounce can French-cut green beans-drained
- 1-1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 2 cups Bisquick mix
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese-shredded

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Mix tomatoes, soup, beans, chicken and 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning in ungreased casserole dish. Mix baking mix and milk. Pour evenly over chicken mixture. Sprinkle with cheese and 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning. Bake 25-27 minutes or until crust is golden brown and cheese is melted.

Spaghetti Chicken Casserole

- 12 ounces spaghetti
- 2 chicken fryers
- 2 cans Ro-Tel tomatoes
- 1 can tiny English peas-drained
- 1 pound processed cheese
- 1 large green pepper-chopped
- 1 large onion-chopped
- 1-1/2 sticks butter or margarine salt and pepper to taste

Boil chicken in seasoned water and save broth. Remove from bone and cook spaghetti in broth. Grate cheese and add to spaghetti while pepper and onion in margarine and add to spaghetti mixture. Add Ro-Tel, peas and chicken. Mix well and pour greased casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees until blended throughout.

Stuffin' Squash Casserole

- 6 cups yellow squash-sliced
- 1 small onion-chopped fine
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup shredded raw carrots
- 1 package seasoned stuffing mix
- 1/2 cup melted butter or margarine

Cook squash and onion in boiling, salted water for 5 minutes. Drain. Combine soup and sour cream, stir in shredded carrots. Fold into drained squash and onion. Combine butter and stuffing mix. Spread half of stuffing mix in bottom of casserole dish. Spoon vegetable mixture on top. Then cover with remaining stuffing mix.

Mexican Casserole

- 1-1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 medium onion-diced
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 10-1/2 ounce can Ro-Tel

- 8 ounce can enchilada sauce
- 8 ounces cheddar cheese-shredded
- 4 ounce can sliced ripe olives
- diced green chilis
- oregano to taste
- cumin to taste
- garlic powder to taste
- chili powder to taste
- 6 large corn tortillas
- 1 cup grated Jack cheese

Brown ground beef and drain off fat. Combine ground beef with onion, soup, Ro-Tel, enchilada sauce, cheese, olives and green chilis, and spices to taste. Tear 3 tortillas and place on bottom of dish. Top with meat mixture and layer remaining. Sprinkle with cheese and bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes.

- Spicy Tomato Sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium onions-chopped
- 4 cloves garlic-minced
- 1 can Ro-Tel
- 1 can whole peeled tomatoes-cut up
- 6 ounce can tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 tablespoons dried basil
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup white cooking wine-optional

In 3-quart saucepan over medium heat, cook onion and garlic in hot oil until tender. Stir in remaining ingredients except wine. Heat to boil and stir occasionally. Reduce heat and cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Stir in wine and simmer for 5 minutes. Makes about 1-1/2 quarts sauce.

Crock Pot Enchilada Casserole

- 14-1/2 ounce can tomatoes
- 1 small onion-chopped
- 1 clove garlic-minced fine
- 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 6 ounce can tomato paste
- 1 pound ground beef-browned
- 1 package dry taco seasoning mix
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 9 corn tortillas

Blend tomatoes with onion and garlic in blender. Pour in medium saucepan. Add pepper, salt and tomato paste. Heat until boiling and simmer 5 minutes to 10 minutes. Place 3 tortillas in bottom of crock pot. Layer tortillas, meat mixture, tomato sauce and cheese; form two more layers in this order. End with cheese. Cover and cook on low 6-8 hours.

Free health forum is November 19

A free community health forum, "Diabetes Dialogue: Heart of the Matter," will be held here on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Medical Center, North, 865 DeShong Dr.

The forum, which will include a panel composed of Family Practitioner Stephen Burns, M.D., and Cardiologist Julian Eliz, M.D., will be held at Lewis Hall in the Women's Pavilion.

Activities will get under way with a "Life Scan" blood sugar meter trade-in from 5-6 p.m. Those having makes of meters other than Life Scan may bring them to Lewis Hall where they will be traded free of charge for a Life Scan One Touch Ultra.

Trades will be accepted as long as supplies last. Registration for the program will be held from 6-6:30 p.m. during a "meet and greet" period, and at 6:30 p.m. the program will begin. In addition to the physician panel, activities will include the showing of a 25-minute video and recognition of 2001-2002 Diabetes Self-Man-

agement Program graduates. The program will conclude with a healthy snacks reception, distribution of "goody" bags and drawings for door prizes.

About 17 million Americans have some form of diabetes, representing 8.2 percent of the population. In addition, some 800,000 people are newly diagnosed with diabetes each year. CHRISTUS St. Joseph's officials also said recent studies have shown that heart disease and stroke are the leading cause of death for people with diabetes. "This program will provide practical information about aggressive management of blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose and weight," explained Lisa Allen, RN, certified diabetes educator at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's. "We'll also have some tips on leading a healthy lifestyle," she added.

Those desiring more information about the program, or about diabetes management services at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's may call 903-737-3922.



Bogata V.F.W. News

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

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

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

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

*On November 8, members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary placed flags on veterans graves at the Bogata Cemetery in honor of Veterans Day, November 11, 2002. The group hope they did not fail to get each veterans grave honored.

* November 11 a delicious brisket meal was served in honor of Veterans Day. It was well attended and special thanks is sent to those who smoked the brisket and the good desserts the ladies donated.

* Happy Birthday to: Ethan McCleendon on his 5th birthday and Cindy Crow.



REX NEEDS A GOOD HOME! Rex is a very playful young black Lab. He is in excellent health and has a current Rabies shot. He enjoys retrieving a tennis ball when thrown and drops it at your feet. Could be trained to retrieve birds. He needs a loving home in the country. Please call 903-427-0377. Humane society will pay 1/2 of neuter cost.

Detroit to discuss forming new league

A meeting will be held in the Detroit High School cafeteria at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, November 16 to discuss forming a new Little Dribbler Basketball League for all area youth.

ETMC Harvest Festival Dinner is November 22

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

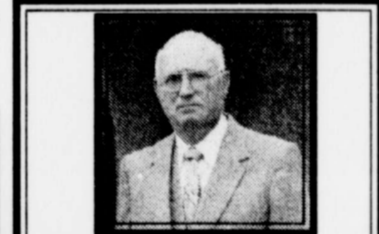
Serving times are from 5:30

Looking for a dog or cat?

Are you thinking of getting a dog or cat? Please visit the Clarksville shelter first. There are many darling puppies and very friendly cats and kittens available.

Call Joe Cain, Animal Control Officer if you can provide a good, loving home for any of these animals.

The Red River County Humane Society will spay or neuter shelter animals at no cost. 903-427-3836.



I would like to thank the folks of Precinct 1, Red River County, that have put their trust in me by electing me County Commissioner. Please feel free to call me with any problem or question. I want to help. Thanks Again, Rufus Ward

Obituaries

Gilbert M. Combs dies November 10

Gilbert M. Combs, age 87 of Talco died Sunday, November 10 in Titus Regional Medical Center in Mt. Pleasant.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 13 in Talco Cemetery under the direction of Wood Fuenral Homes of Bogata.

Mr. Combs was born October 1, 1915 in Kentucky, the son of James Boyd and Naomi Fern Goase Combs. He married the former Pearl Quilantan on October 6, 1938 in Mt. Pleasant. She died April 18, 1996. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army where he was decorated with three Bronze Stars and Purple Heart.

He is survived by a sister-in-law, Inez Bolin of Talco; two brothers, Jack Combs of Michigan and Robert Earl Combs of Talco; a number of nieces and nephews including LaJuana Sansom Gay Horton, Brandi Watson, John Gaddis, Donald Combs and Christopher Gaddis, all of Talco, Crystal Alvarez of Mt. Pleasant, Kimberly Combs, Victor Madrid and Craig Combs, all of Paris, Renea Harold, Ricky and Ronnie Harold of Thibodeaux, LA.

Honorary bearers were David Townes, Mike Garretson, Steve White, Carl Wood, Sidney Bond, Bo Whitney, Billy Horton and Irvin Parrie.

Margaret Guest Patterson dies November 8

Margaret Guest Patterson, age 74 of San Antonio, formerly of Valliant, OK, died Friday, November 8 at University Hospital in San Antonio.

Services were held Tuesday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. James Brown officiating. Burial followed in Detroit Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

She was born July 6, 1928 in Paris, TX, a daughter of John and Louise Guest. She was a member of the Methodist church and was a retired Government employee. Her husband, Gerald L. Patterson, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Craig and his wife Valerie Patterson of Ft. Bragg, NC; and five grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our most sincere thanks to everyone who offered their condolences to our family during the loss of our loved one, Anthony McGee. Thank you for the many phone calls, visits, cards, food, prayers, plants and flowers, the continual thoughts and prayers are certainly a comfort to us during this time of sadness. A special Thank You to Kent Cooper of Bates-Cooper Funeral Services for your guidance, Bro. David Snelson and Bro. John Hines for the beautiful service, Marla Logan for the lovely song, and to our family and our community for coming together to help us through this difficult time.

May God bless you all.
Pete and Christelle McGee
Randy and Lorry Randolph
The Family of Anthony McGee

Color coding designed to aid hospital visitors

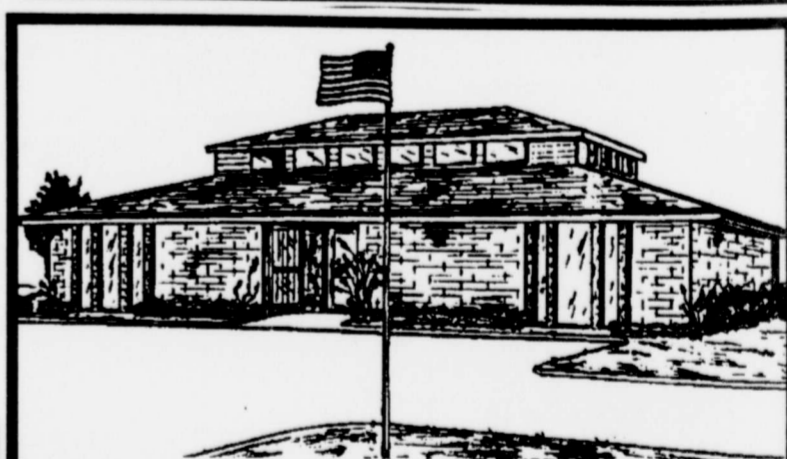
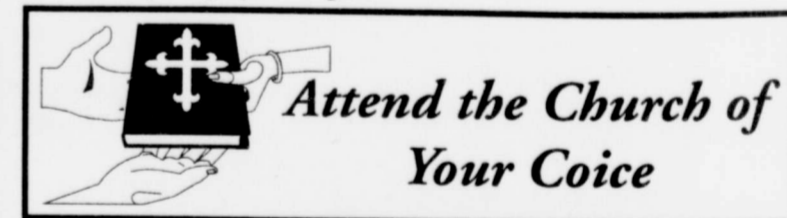
CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Medical Center, South, has initiated a color-coded wayfinding system in which patients and visitors may find their way by following colored stripes on the walls.

"This is not something new," explained Facilities Director Tom Brunette. "Larger hospitals have had color-coded wayfinding systems for years. We thought that the color system would, with the recent relocations, help everyone in finding certain areas."

At the present, only services found on the hospital's first floor have the color coded guides: Red indicates the emergency room areas, blue indicates the cardiac cath lab and day surgery, and green

directs visitors to the radiology waiting area. Elevator entries are also coded, with purple stripes leading to elevators designated for public use. Yellow bands around elevator doors indicate that the elevator is reserved for patients and the movement of supplies; and green indicates that the elevator is to be used by radiology and hospital staff members.

Plans call for elevators on all floors to eventually be color coded, Brunette said, and depending on the success of the color coding on the first floor, the wayfinding project may be expanded to include other floors and services.



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Pre-registration underway for "Turkey Trot"

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

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

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

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

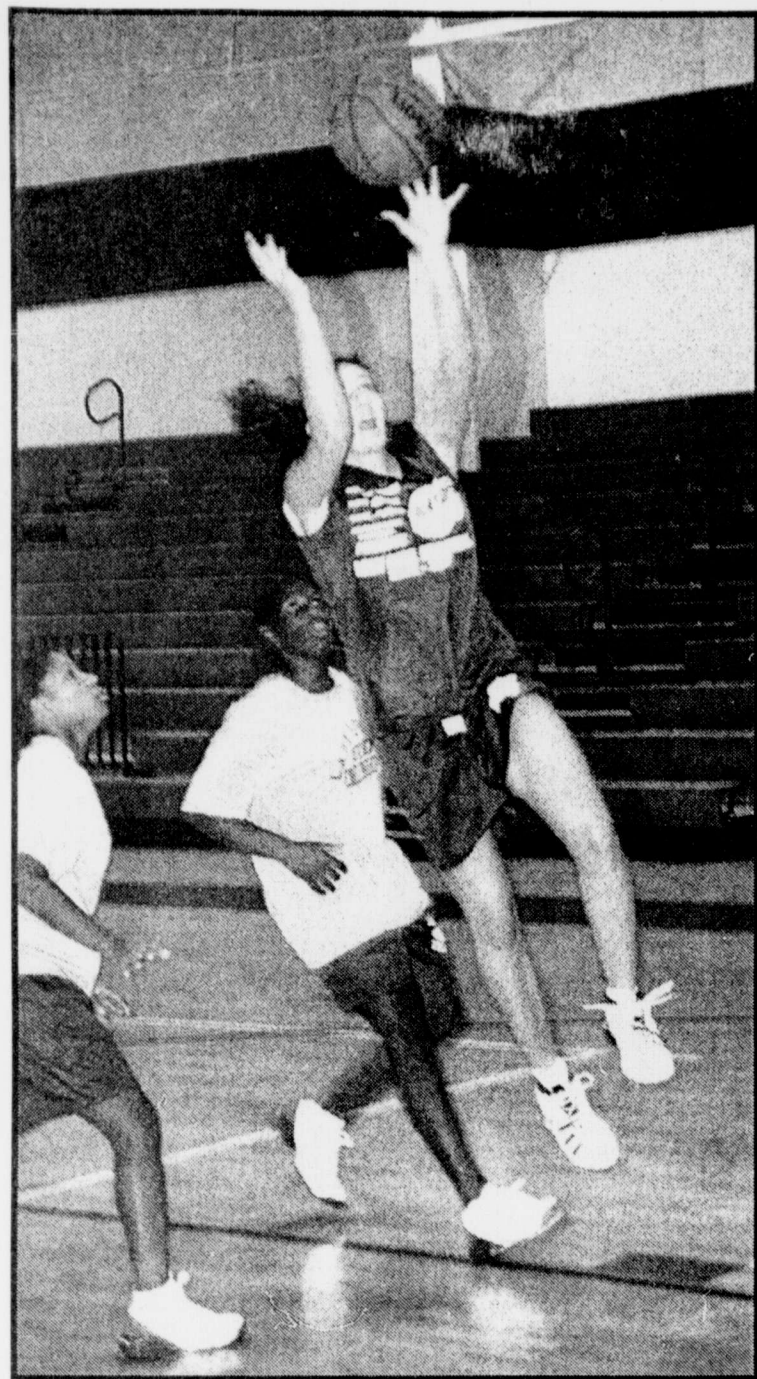
credit card, or who have a late entry, should do so at one of the wellness centers.

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

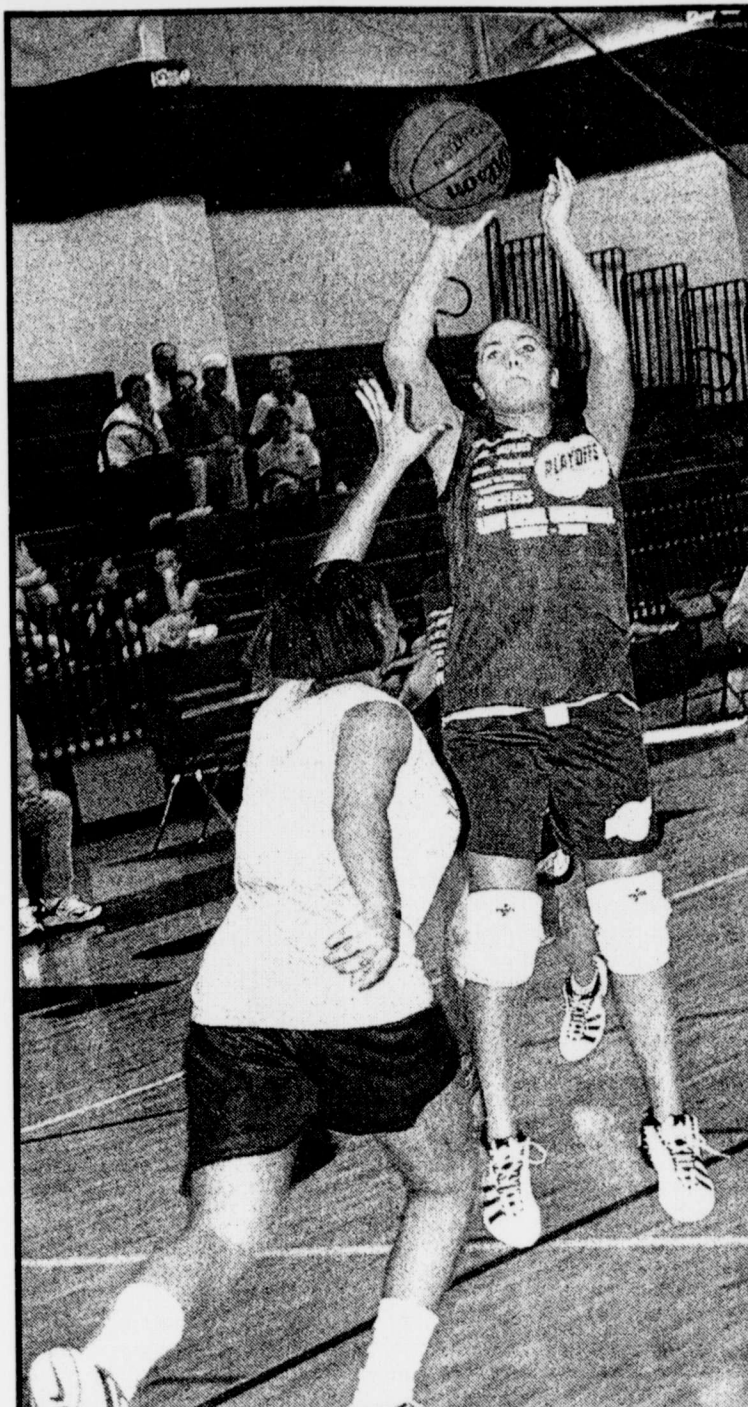
All participants will receive a "Turkey Trot" t-shirt.

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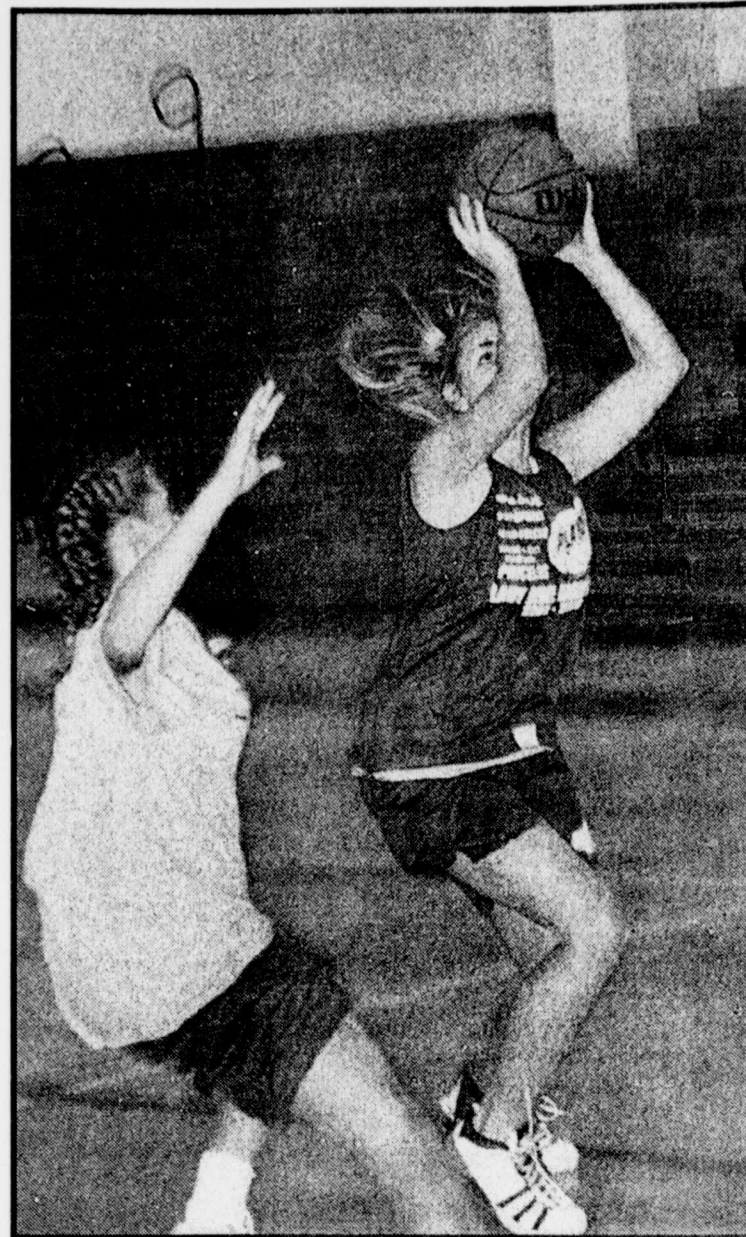
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HIGH AND FAST-Jessica Rose of the Lady Rebel varsity gets high off the floor and was moving fast as she went in for a lay-up Saturday at RHS. The Lady Rebels sent Paul Pewitt home throughly defeated. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



THE JUMPER-Molly Hare gets off the floor for a jump shot as the varsity Lady Rebels of Rivercrest scrimmaged Paul Pewitt last Saturday at RHS. The Lady Rebs took a fairly easy win over the Lady Brahmans. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



HAIR FLYING ACTION-Cassie McCuller of the Lady Rebel JV was moving on as she put up this shot Saturday as the Lady Rebels met Paul Pewitt. The Lady Rebs were a pleasure to watch, showing great team work and scoring ability. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Lady Rebels scrimmage

by Coach Debbie Williams

Last Tuesday the Lady Rebels basketball teams played their first scrimmage of the year vs Lone Oak and looked good with overall wins for both teams.

Saturday, the JV and Varsity girls hosted Paul Pewitt for a scrimmage. The JV Lady Rebels are looking good. When the district season hits, we expect them to put it all together and be district champs.

The Varsity group is showing

some good highlights. We are really playing some good team ball and this is great to see. We are looking for our open teammates and taking what the defense is giving us. Both the JV and Varsity teams took overall wins over Paul Pewitt.

We will begin the Dodd City Tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week with game time on Thursday being 3:30 p.m.

Rebels end season with win

The Rivercrest Rebel JV ended their season last Thursday night at Rivercrest vs Clarksville. The Rebels were victorious winning 25-12 over the Tigers.

On the Defense, Rebel tackles were made by: Matt Ross-5; Adam Horn-10; Keith Perry-11; Jon Ridens-6; Chase Hurst-2; Jake Needham-8; Dustin Perry-3; Bradley Rollen-2; Payden Franks-4; Mark Allums-1 and Chris Cannon-2.

Fumbles were caused by Dustin Adair with 2 and Payden Franks with 1. Recoveries were made by Adam Horn, Dustin Adair and Keith Perry all with 1.

There were 37 rushes for 1 TD and 93 yards and 5 of 6 passing with 1 TD and 20 yards.

On the offense the Rebels had 41 rushes for 292 yards and 4 TD's. Carries were made by: Adam Horn-12 for 49 yds. and 1 TD; Matt Ross-13 for 106 yds. and 1 TD; Dustin Adair-9 for 142 yds. and 2 TD's; Bradley Rollen-3 for 3 yds. and Jake Needham-4 for 8 yds.

Passing, Jake Needham was 1 of 4 for 2 yards and Bradley Rollen was 1 of 1 for 20 yards.

Receiving; Keith Perry was 1 for 20 and Dustin Adair was 1 for 2. Matt Ross was 1 of 4 PAT's.

Coach Gary Schultz and the Rebel coaching staff are very proud of their season record of 6-4 and of their team. Congratulations Rebels and coaches on a great year!!

Rivercrest attends Regional finals

by Coach Debbie Williams

On Saturday, November 2, 2002 the Rivercrest Cross Country runners competed at the Regional Meet in Huntsville, Tx.

For most of the team it was their last cross country meet in high school and they did well. The runners have all enjoyed their years of cross country and especially the Regional Meet this year when they all ran in ankle deep mud and water.

The senior runners have been workers and it was good to see them finish. We had a goal, of course, to be in the top 3 teams and go to State. But, we didn't accomplish this goal. However, they all know you must work toward a goal and we did. We will miss our senior runners and wish them the best.

Senior runners and their times were:

Brandon Buchanan-21:37 at Regional.

Rachel Case-15:27 at Regional. Danielle Easterling-16:09 at Regional.

Tina Carder-16:30 at Regional. Erica Williams-16:55 at Regional.

Krystal Valenzuela and Nikki Jones who were Alternates at Regional.

Others running at Regional were:

Casey Hammonds, a sophomore, with a time of 14:27; Stephanie Williams, a junior, with a time of 15:29 and Mandy Crawford, a freshman, with a time of 16:19. We look forward to seeing the runners back next year.



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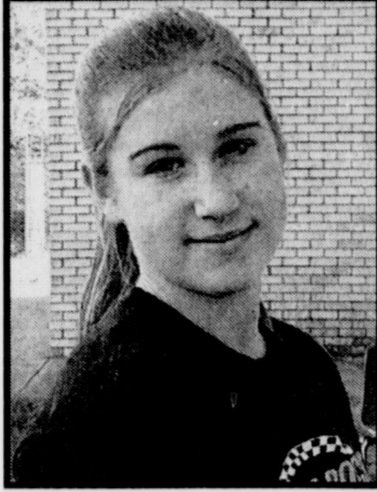
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Jessica Thompson

Jessica Thompson to attend career week

Jessica Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Thompson of Bogata, was one of 80 girls selected from over 500 applications to attend a seven day Careers in Engineering for Women summer camp that was held at the University of Texas in Austin during June of 2002. CEW promotes hands on educational opportunities for middle school girls to learn more about engineering. During CEW, Jessica participated on a team with four other girls from other Texas schools to complete a CEW Design Challenge. Jessica and her teammates received the Young Engineers Award for their design. This award is given to one team each session that not only possessed the best teamwork skills, but also the team who showed respect to everyone involved in CEW. Jessica and her teammates demonstrated great teamwork and persistence in completing the team project. A donation of \$50 was made to Rivercrest Junior High Science Department by the University of Texas Careers in Engineering for Women Department in recognition of Jessica's hard work.

Jessica serves as a seventh grade class representative on the RJH Student Council and she is a member of the 7th grade Lady Rebel basketball team. Rivercrest Junior High is very proud of Jessica and her accomplishments this past summer.



PAT SPENCER was busy making tickets for items sold at the annual Methodist Church Bazaar held Saturday at the church in Bogata. As well as the craft sale a delicious stew lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



BESS RUTHARDT (Standing) and Sue Blake (Sitting) were buy at the Methodist Church Bazaar held Saturday, November 9, 2002 selling chances on their beautiful quilt. The lucky winner was Cathy Jones, daughter of Jimmie Lou Pope. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Highways to be resurfaced

About 300 miles of northeast Texas highways will receive new surfaces during the summer of 2003 with a contract awarded in October by the Texas Department of Transportation to Clark Construction Company, Inc. of San Antonio to seal coat highways in nine counties located in the Atlanta District.

In an effort to keep used tires off Texas landscapes, the district is requiring that about half of the asphalt used to be mixed with crumb rubber made from grinding up old tires.

The following highways are scheduled to be resurfaced during the summer of 2003:

Titus County: US 67, from 0.7 mile west of IH 30 to Franklin County Line; US 271 from 1.2 mile north of Bus. 2371 east to US 67; US 271 from Franklin County Line to FM1896; US 271 from IH 30 to US 67; US 271 from US 67 to FM127; FM71 from Franklin County line to US 271; FM71 from 4.1 miles east of US 271 to 1.9 miles west of Morris County line; FM1735 from 1.9 miles south of Texas 49 to 3.4 miles south of Texas 49; FM3417 from FM127 to US 271.

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toast
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Pizza
corn
salad
fruit
milk

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Breakfast
Cinnamon rolls
toast
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Corndogs
Mac & cheese
purple hull peas
applesauce
milk

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Breakfast
Cereal
toast
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Turkey & dressing
sweet potatoes
creamed potatoes
green beans
fruit salad
bread
milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast
Sausage & biscuit
condiments
juice & milk
Lunch
Hot dogs
fritos
pork & beans
fruit
milk

FRIDAY

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

Cunningham

by Neva Jean Oats

Bobby and Shelby Kennedy spent Saturday and Sunday in Mesquite watching Laytner Kennedy play baseball.

Sunday visitors of Johnny and nelta Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Zarinska Morton, Natalie and Ben Hutchison, Jay, Angie and Bailey Samide, Julie Copeland, Chance Bankhead, Lyn and Betty Holeman, Rick and Teresa Mannis, G.W. and Mildred Pratt and Marge Shell.

Sunday guests of Geneva Norwood were Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats, Kaylee Lane, Brad and Georjeana Nutt, Frankie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Treda and Spur Norwood, Matt and Amber Galloway and Josh Osburn.

Velma Cox visited Dora Hester and Walker Devlin Sunday. Caleb Norwood, Kelby Cole and Carrie and Susan Anderson attended the PIP camp at North Lamar Sunday.

Scotty Norwood and Matt Galloway attended a bull sale and buckout in Ft. Worth Sunday.

Amber and Matt Galloway moved into the Odis and Marie Watson house that they have remodeled this weekend.

Happy birthday to Neva Oats, Cindy Nichols, Jennifer Syrus and Dewayne Baker.

Happy anniversary to Ricky and Pam Norwood.

The Cunningham Community Center and Fire Department's stew cookoff, skeet shoot and horseshoe tournament were very successful, thanks to everyone in the community. Teresa Smith and Ricky Norwood won first in the stew cookoff, Jeanna and Mike Smith won second and Patsy Landrum Smith won third. Clint Davis, Vickie Davis, Bruce Watson and Kenny Gifford cooked great pots of stew. Mike Yaross won the skeet shoot and Michael Smith and Bruce Watson won the horseshoe tournament. Roy Davis won the rifle. Everyone enjoyed a day of fun, good food and fellowship.

Linda Anderson and Pat West visited their great aunt in Denison on Thursday. Rusty, Cindy, Marty, Susan and Carrie Anderson and Wendy, Carlos and Cord Ordorica were Sunday dinner guests of Ricky and Linda Anderson.

Sunday, November 10 was the 50th anniversary for Pete McKnight's draft into the army. Fifty years ago he left for the army base in San Antonio. Happy Veterans Day.

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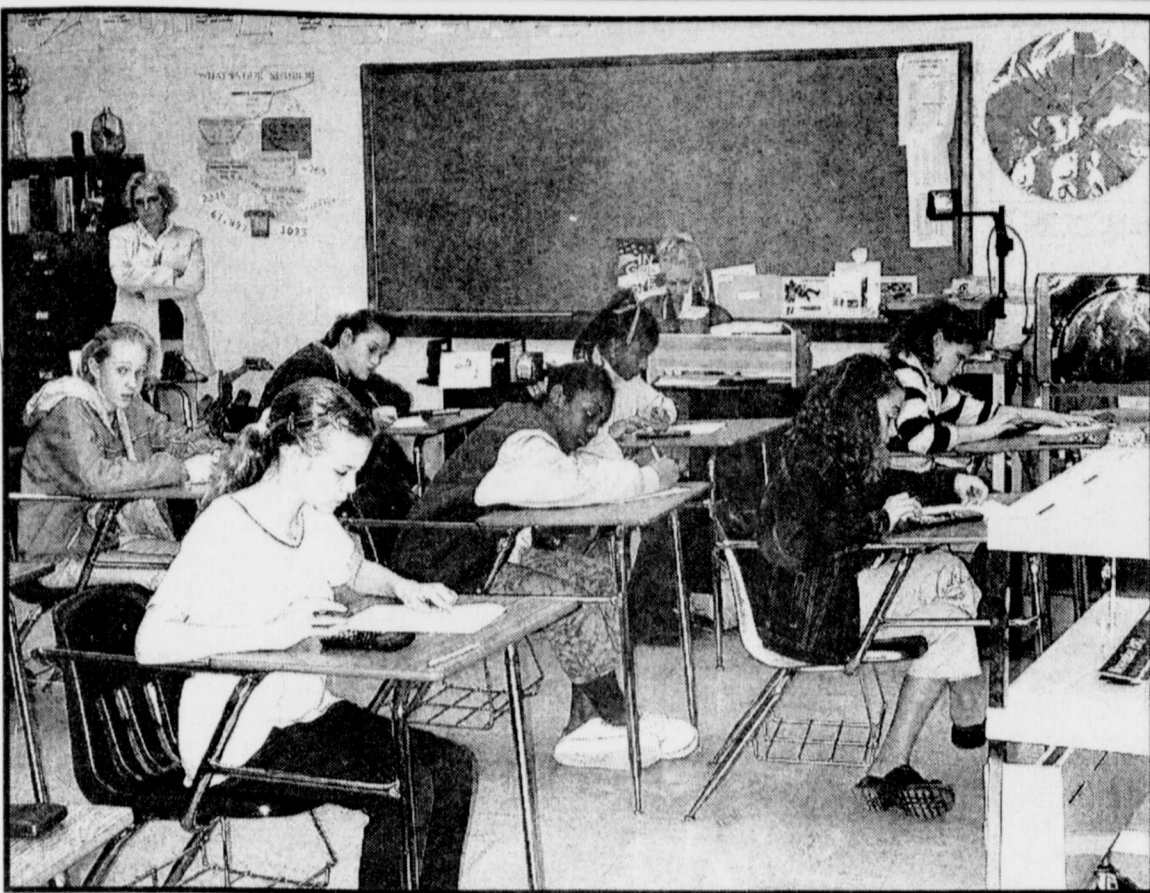
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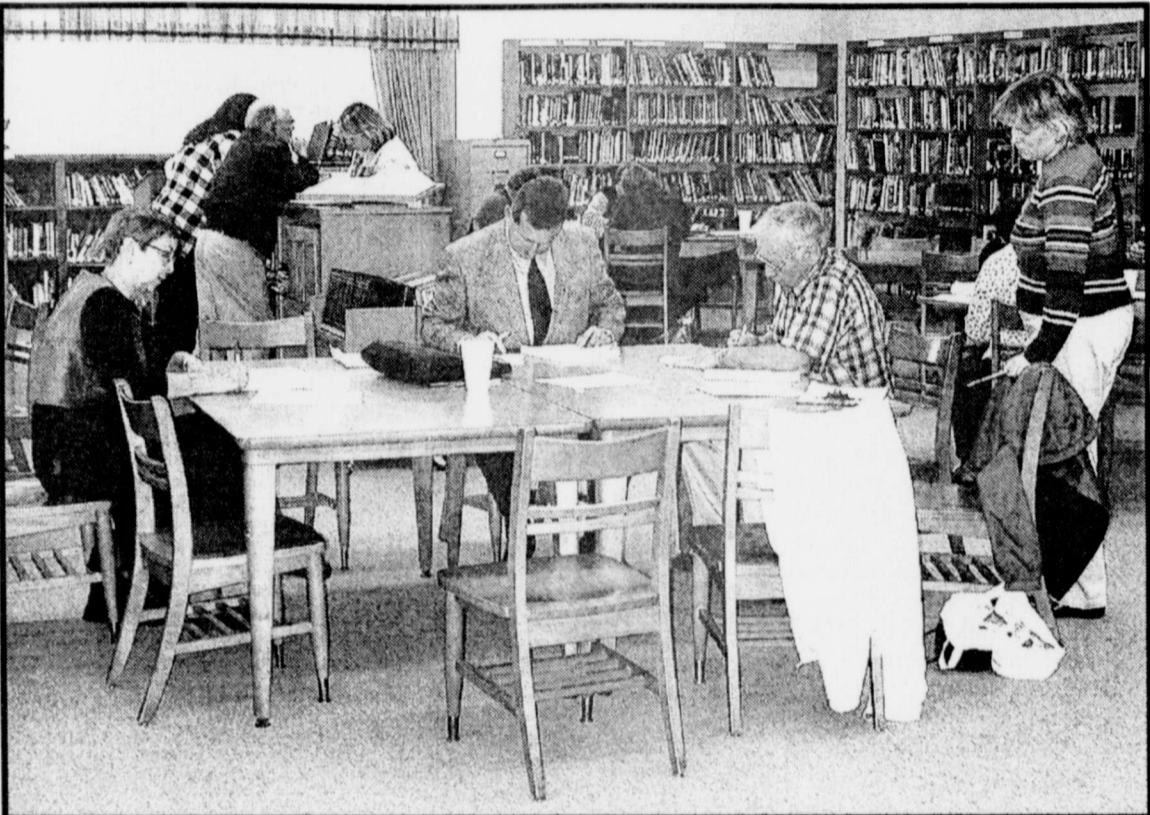
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GO PATRIOTS!!



WORKING HARD-junior high students from the district spent Tuesday at Rivercrest High School competing in UIL events. Schools represented were: Rivercrest, Prairiland Cooper, Chisum, Clarksville and Honey Grove. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



STUDENTS WERE NOT- the only ones working at the junior high UIL competition held at Rivercrest High School Tuesday, so were the teachers! Grading was being added up as competitions continued throughout the day. Schools and their teachers represented were: Cooper, Clarksville, Chisum, Honey Grove, Prairiland and Rivercrest. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Maggie Lee Shower honors baby Randolph host 84 Club

Maggie Lee was hostess for the November meeting of the 84-42 Club at her home Thursday afternoon in Bogata.

Tables for both games were arranged and those attending were: Wootie Harville, Willie Clark, Bonnie Smith, Helen Williams, Mary Ellen Kain, Jimmie King, Bertha McCall, Maurine Mankins, Barbara Smith, Bea White and the hostess. Refreshments of salads, finger foods, chips and dip were served to all.


The next meeting will be hosted by Mary Ellen Kain for the group Christmas Party. The date is still undecided.

A baby shower was held for parents Monte and LeeAnna Randolph on Sunday, November 3 at the home of Kim Kelsey in Bogata. The parents are awaiting the arrival of their first child, a son, sometime this month.

The theme for the shower were puppies and teddy bears. Accenting the table were various stuffed bears and puppies. The cake had a mischievous boy and puppy with "Snips and snails and puppy dog tails...that's what little boys are

made of!" Banana punch with fresh fruit was served in a punch bowl shaped like a large champagne glass. Patricia Higgins made mints in shape of baby items.

Thirty-five guests enjoyed the afternoon. The baby received numerous gifts. Hostesses were Kim Kelsey, Kay Legate, Patricia Higgins, Jamie Ward, Rachel Ward, Stella Mankins and Denise Wood.



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Have A Nice Weekend

Helen Williams of Bogata and Patty Barton of Bagwell spent Sunday with Haletha and Granville Jones in Commerce.

Phyllis Duffer and Zelma Mauldin were in Baloxi, Mississippi and attended a craft show. There were over 300 booths with all sorts of craft items. Zelma's son, Jerry and daughter-in-law, Belinda of Hurst had a booth of cut glass items at the show. There were 11 states represented.

Happy November birthday to: Matthew Haynes, Caleb Daniels, David Taylor, James A. Watts, Mark Beers, Mike Upchurch, Debbie Mitchell, Mollie Williams, Russell Ward, Don Guess, Margaret Davis, Doug Clark, Wade Allen, Paula Hutson, Jeffrey Abernathy, Reggie Alford, Dustin Gentry, Lisa Roach, Christopher Watts, Lindsey York, Mark Stringfellow, Clint Sikes, Nelda Jean Whitaker, Cindy Crow, Todd Ross, Stuart Williams, Charlotte Rozell, Joe Corbell, Sue and Bob Miears, Casey Baker, Ronny

Welch, Annette Pybus and Billy Stringfellow.

Weekend guests with Zelma Mauldin were her daughter and son-in-law, Billy and Susie Fowler of McCaskill, Arkansas.

Collette Conlan of Burleson, Tx. took her parents, Russell and Inez Gill, on a long vacation to visit family and friends. They visited Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. After several days they continued on to Georgia to spend almost a week with Rusty Conlan, Collette's son. On their return trip they visited family in Marshall, Tx. They report the trip enjoyable and the scenery beautiful. All the trees in each state were a riot of color.

Happy November Anniversary to: Jerry and Gerlyn Gray and Jack and Ruth Couch.

Visiting Kenneth and Phyllis Duffer and Zelma Mauldin Wednesday and Thursday were Mike and Maddie Hatfield of Garland.

Papers on sale

This year, when you are looking for an easy, yet great way to fill your Christmas gift list, think about your local newspaper. As usual, the Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are on sale NOW for \$2 off the yearly price. Regularly \$23 for an entire year, during the last two weeks of November and through December the paper will only be \$21 in Lamar, Red River or Titus Counties, and only \$23 everywhere else!

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Rivercrest ISD is interested in identifying anyone within the district who might be eligible for a diplom under this provision. Anyone who is interested in more information is encouraged to contact the school at 903-632-5203.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown were in Plano Tuesday morning where he is being treated at the Texas Back Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Watts celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Sunday, November 10, 2002. They visited in Wills Point with his niece, Tina Zizler and family. Tina cooked an anniversary supper for the Watts.

The Women's Ministry of the Talco Assembly of God spent Monday making peanut brittle. The ladies made a total of 75

patties to be sold to help replenish their funds. They recently purchased a new refrigerator for their fellowship hall.

Nancy Brown and Quinton Anderson visited with Jennifer Brown and Jaden Thursday in Paris.

The Maple Springs Church reports a good turn out for their AWANA Lock-In held Friday night. Approximately 40 enjoyed music from the band, "More Than Conquerors", refreshments and games.

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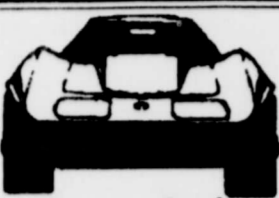
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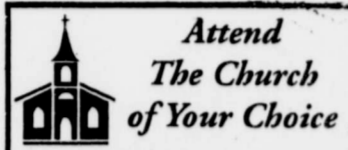
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Surprise party

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



RANEY GARRET CORTEZ helps display the 7-point deer killed by her dad, Jaime, on the opening day of deer season. Jaime, Kelly and Raney hunted on their lease north of Clarksville.



10 POINTER-Jeff Brown bagged this perfect 10 point buck in south Red River County last week. Congratulations Jeff!



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CLAY ROSE got his first deer Saturday morning, November 9, in Titus County. He took the 8-point buck with a .243 rifle from 125 yards.

Round ball had begun

by Coach Steve Weddle

The Rivercrest JV boys basketball team entered their first scrimmage of the year last Friday at Campbell. The Rebels began by trouncing Campbell by a score of 23-8 in two quarters. The young Rebels defense was very dominating, causing numerous turnovers.

The Varsity scrimmage with Campbell also provided the Rebel varsity with some great experience. The Rebels showed lots of hustle and capitalized on numerous fast break opportunities.

The Rebels defense held Winnsboro down to only 12 points. The Rebels were a little sluggish in the third quarter despite Jordan Edge and Ryan Newton's offensive efforts. Jordan and Ryan were able to cause at least 4 turnovers in the quarter.

The Rebels held a 6 point lead going into the fourth quarter. Three pointers were the theme for the quarter. Zach Perry hit a trey to start the scoring. Josh Cabell came up with a defensive rebound and put it back to bring the Rebels within one point of the Red Raiders for the quarter. Aaron Palmer came off the bench and hit two treys to give the Rebels the lead in the quarter and for the game. Rebels 48- Red Raiders-39.

"I was more pleased with our defense Saturday. Any time you hold a team to 39 points, you must have played pretty well. I will challenge the boys not to be sluggish. Hopefully playing two full scrimmages in less than 24 hours will help us be ready for the Ector game Friday at Rivercrest. I will not guarantee anything, but, a team that will play hard and hustle and a team this district can be proud of with our actions".

The Rebel varsity put over 60



LOGAN WRIGHT-10 year old son of Todd and Shelia Wright of Talco bagged his first buck on November 7, 2002 at a private ranch in West Texas. Logan's deer was a 10 point with a 19 inch spread. Congratulations Logan!!

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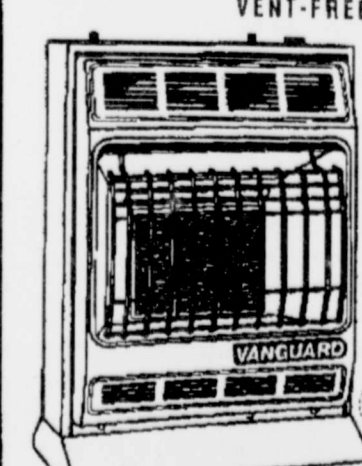
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Daisy Troop 175 attends day camp

Daisy Troop 175 attended their first day camp at Camp Gambill on Saturday, November 9. Theme for the day was Indian Pow-Wow.

Each girl was given an Indian name for the day. Attending the camp were leaders Kelly "Big Chief" Cortez and Denise "Leading Scout" Wood, adult volunteers Nelda "Mother Earth" Screws, Melissa "Soaring Eagle" Barbosa, Stacey "Running Scout" Weddle, troop members Lexi "Whistling Wind" Earley, Callie "Growling Bear" Easley, Mackenzie "Shooting Star" Fields, Ashlyn "Running Fox" Kennedy, Melisa "Glowing Moon" Barbosa, Caitlin "Sparkling Cloud" Tidwell, Jalyn "Howling Wolf" Weddle, Mayzie "Shining Sun" Purviance and Raney "Dancing River" Cortez. The troop went on a nature hike

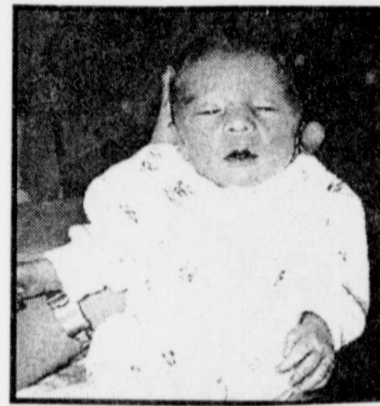
and collected different items. All the girls watched for wildlife and they found tracks of deer, raccoon and wild hogs.

Troop Leader Kelly directed the troop for crafts. Everyone made rain sticks and an Indian mosaic picture. The adults had fun showing the girls how to jump rope and lots of laughs were shared. The troop learned a new game, Strut Miss Lizzie.

They hiked to the lake and found more wildlife. Everyone enjoyed the beach of the lake and they finished the day by playing in the tire swings.

It was a truly magical day. The camp helped the girls bond and become better friends. Everyone collected memories to last a lifetime.

Conscience is the inner voice that warns us that someone may be looking.
-H.L. Mencken



Michael Brayden Williams

New Arrivals

Michael Brayden Williams was born on September 17, 2002 at Christus St. Joseph's Medical Center North of Paris, Texas to Brandon and DaShauna Williams of Bogata. Brayden arrived weighing 4 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 17 inches long. Grandparents are Mike and Dianne Williams of Bogata, Delouise Kays of Bogata, David and Jana Kays of Pattonville. Great Grandparents are Carl and Maggie Williams of Bogata, Flint and Bobbie Hendricks of Talco, G.W. "Runt" Dill of Bogata and the late Linda Dill of Bogata and the late Athel and Kate Kays of Aubrey, Texas. Brayden is the nephew of Delisha Kays of Norfolk, Virginia and Uncle Brad Williams of Jacksonville, Florida.

Public Notices

NOTICE

Prairiland I.S.D. is offering for sale through sealed bids, one used school bus. Bus 17 is a 1987 Chevrolet with a Thomas body. Bus 17 has a 350 engine, automatic transmission, and a single speed axle. It is a 59 passenger bus with 9.00-20 tires and wheels. It may be seen at Prairiland High School. The Bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m. on November 18, 2002 at the Prairiland administration building, Route 1, Box 200, Pattonville, Texas 75468. For information, call Buddy Freeman, 903-652-6476. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope to the above address or fax to 903-652-3738. Prairiland reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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RESOLUTION NO. 008-02

As amended Oct. 10, 2002
A resolution of the City of Blossom, Texas, to determine regular meeting time and place of Blossom City Council

WHEREAS, Chapter 22, §22.038(d), Local Government Code, requires the City Council to determine by Resolution the time, date and place of the Regular Council Meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Blossom City Council, meeting in legally posted Public Session, deem it prudent and necessary to adopt such resolution:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of the City of Blossom, Texas, shall be scheduled as detailed below:

Date: Second Thursday of each month
Time: Amended to read 6:00 p.m.
Place: Blossom City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas 75416.

Be it further resolved that the final Agenda for all Regular and Special Meetings, and Public Hearings will be posted at the Blossom City Hall at least 72 hours in advance of such meetings, and that such Agendas will be distributed to the Blossom Times and the Paris News.

Amendment passed and adopted this 10th day of October, 2002.

Roger S. Johnson, Mayor
11-14

To all interested persons, agencies and parties:

The City of Detroit, located in Red River County, has applied for funding from the Texas Water Development Board. Funds are intended for use on improvements to the City's wastewater system. Specifically, the improvements include lift station upgrades and rehabilitation of the wastewater treatment facility.

The City of Detroit has completed an environmental study on the effects of the project, and findings are included in the Environmental Information Document (EID). This EID will be available for review and comment at Detroit City Hall, 190 E. Garner Street, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2:30. This document concludes that impacts to the environment caused by this project are minimal and can be effectively mitigated.

The City of Detroit will accept comments to the EID. Comments can be sent by letter addressed to Mayor Travis Bronner, City of Detroit, 190 E. Garner, Detroit, TX 75437, and should be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.
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NOVEMBER 18

The Rebel Junior High will host Cooper at 5:00 p.m.

The Lady Rebels will travel to Cooper with game time at 5:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 19

The Lady Rebels will host Chapel Hill JV and Varsity beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The Rebel JV and Varsity will travel to Hughes Springs with game time at 5:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 20

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

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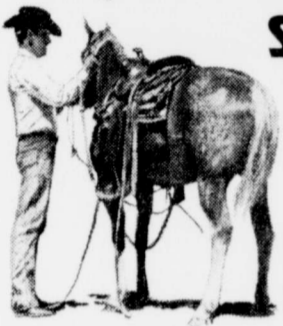
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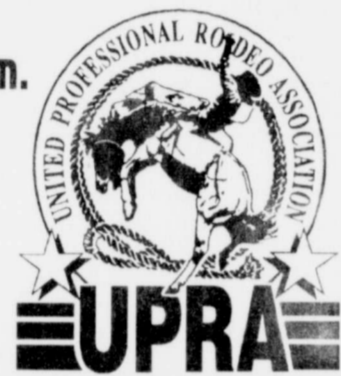


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Dave and Kay German of Whitney visited her mother, Jimmy King, Thursday through Saturday. Friday they took the scenic route through Idabel and Beaver's Bend back to Paris and ate lunch at the Fish Fry.

Betty Rodgers and Melissa Arriaga attended the arts and crafts festival in Beavers Bend, OK on Saturday.

Betty and Ray Smith of Detroit visited Betty Rodgers Monday. Dick King of Paris visited Jimmy King Saturday. Duane and Bobbye, Kyle and Richie King were visitors Sunday evening.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





376th Heavy Bombardment Group VA reunion

by Charles Wilkinson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

see in 1997 at our reunion.

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

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

The B-25 was the type plane that Doolittle used to take off from a carrier to bomb Tokyo. There were many more planes there, all with their own story. I could go on but will just say we had a good meal and then back to the hotel. On Saturday following breakfast we had our Squadron meeting with a Group meeting following that. We were told the 2003 Reunion will be in Colorado Springs, Colorado the last part of September.

Following a buffet luncheon reunions boarded buses to tour the Western Heritage Museum and Omaha's Old Town. We skipped this trip also due to too much walking.

Saturday night we had our room party which started for just my crew. However, over the years it grew. This year 28 people came. Larry Wissman and his bombar-

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

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

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

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

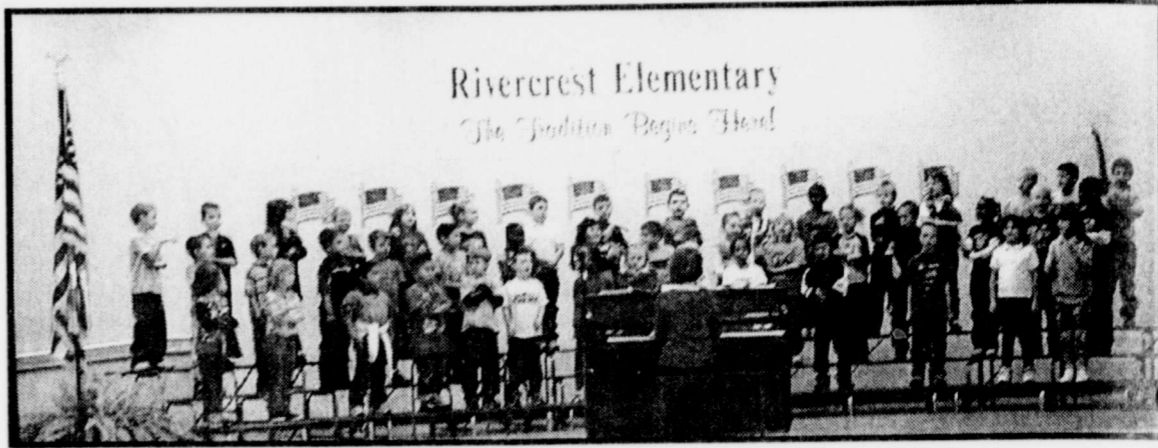
On Tuesday we drove to Hennessy, Oklahoma. Kim Hobbs owns a ranch near there. We called him and he met us in Dover. We went out and visited for a couple of hours. Kim's father flew in our outfit and he began coming to our reunions with his father in 1995. After his father's death he has continued to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

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

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



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



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



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

1st Infantry Division

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

2nd Infantry Division

Nickname: Indian Head
Shoulder Patch: A red faced Indian head on a white star, superimposed on a black shield
Slogan: "Second to None"
Source of Division: Regular Army
History: Organized Bourmont, France, August, 1917.
Actions: Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Blanc Mont and Soissons.

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1st Armored Division

Nickname: Once called Old Ironsides. Members dropped it.

Shoulder Patch: Regular armored patch, a triangle with three equal areas, yellow for cavalry; blue for infantry and red for field artillery. A red bolt of lightning crosses the black tank tread and cannon.

2nd Armored Division

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

7th Armored Division

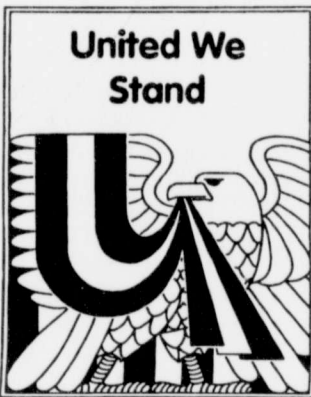
Nickname: Lucky Seventh
Shoulder Patch: Regular armored patch with the numeral. Songs: "Song of the Seventh" by B. Dunford and "The Seventh Attacks" by T/5 Ben Maugham.
Activated March 1, 1942, Camp Polk; has no history to present war.
Other stations: Desert Training Center; Ft. Benning, Maneuvers, LA-TX.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



Sidney and Leroy Pratt



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



Wartime Memories, at home

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

my mother or dad would have to sign it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At the staging area in NY, strict secrecy required removal of all identification of the unit including shoulder patches. Marks on vehicles were painted over. Men were not supposed to know who they were, where they had been or where they were going. Mail was censored and other precautions taken to enhance security for safe crossing of the Atlantic. During their week in NY, 12-hour passes were granted for visits into New York City.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Jimmy Little receives special badge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The Battle of Okinawa

By Rastus Redd

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Christmas day burial at sea

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Quinnon Davis

James Cunningham, soldier and cook

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

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

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

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

James was in service from February 1941 to October 1945.

Fried cheese-----please!!

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

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

cheese sandwich".

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

----Sybil Wright Hanson

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

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

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

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

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The Bill White Story

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

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

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

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

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

Many Americans were killed by the surprise attack.

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

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

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

The trip home was via several hospitals. The first was at Guam, then Honolulu, on to San Francisco and finally to San Diego, California where it all started. After a brief stay back at his home in Bogata, Texas, he was sent back to duty to stand guard at a base in Sanford, Florida until his discharge.



Bill White in World War II

3rd Infantry Division
 Nickname: Marne Division
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 Motto: "Nous resterons la."
 "We are staying there!"
 Song: The Dogface Soldier
 History: Organized November, 1917, Camp Greene, SC from RA units.
 Overseas: April, 1918.
 Actions: Chateau Thierry, Champagne-Marne offensive, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne.



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



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

Wacs Help Care For Wounded Service Men

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

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

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

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



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Patriotism and friendship

By Ed Ring



Ed Ring



Ed Ring receiving award

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

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

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

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

I don't know how long I sat there, but I was brought back to reality by a loud voice saying "last stop, soldier, get off". This was the beginning of my adventure in hell. As myself and all the other new guys or cherry boys as they called us, went from building to building, picking up our gear, there was the constant sound of rockets and mortars going off. It doesn't take long after you are in country as they call to distinguish which is outgoing and which is incoming. There is also a smell that to this day I haven't forgotten. We were put in bunkers to await our orders to where we would be stationed next, which turned out to be many days for me. My orders didn't come down very fast, so I got to experience some duties that I wasn't familiar with. One that will stick with me til the day I die was pulling out cut down 55 gallon drums full of human wastes, pouring diesel fuel on it and burning it. I got to stand them until everything was burnt up, then put the barrels back. A few days of this and I was ready for my orders!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

London, (AP)—The Russians have driven wedges into German positions which have made it impossible for the Germans to hold their retreat and have demolished the Hitler pretense that the Nazis are executing an orderly withdrawal to reorganize their line, an authoritative military commentator said Sunday.

The interpretation was placed on a Soviet communiqué, broadcast on the Moscow radio today announcing that the Red army had recovered Platica, important junction on the highway between Tula and Orel, 100 and 200 miles south of Moscow, respectively.

Other points mentioned in Russian reports indicated that westward halts were being made by the German front, the commentator said.

A Moscow broadcast said Red army troops which on Friday captured Buna, sixty miles west of Moscow, have overrun the German defenses the following day and were continuing their advance.

At least 127 villages were captured in the sector on Wednesday, said the broadcast, and the Red Air force is continuously bombing at the German positions by the bridge.

The Soviet communiqué reported the capture of 200 tanks, 100 trucks, 100 cars and other vehicles in the Buna sector.

A passerby peers curiously at the jumbled bodies left by a mass execution.

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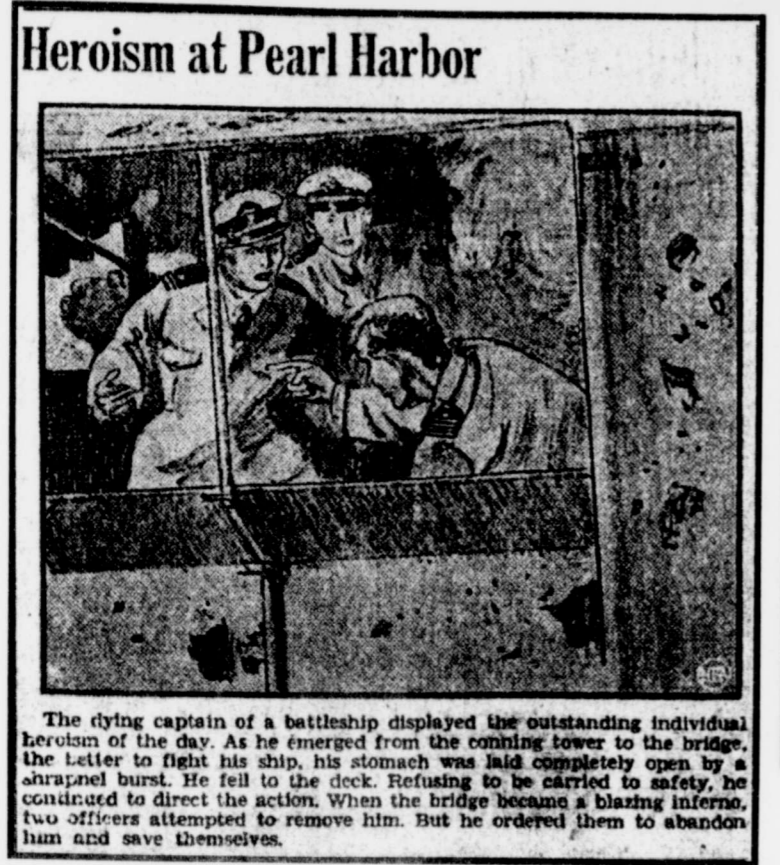
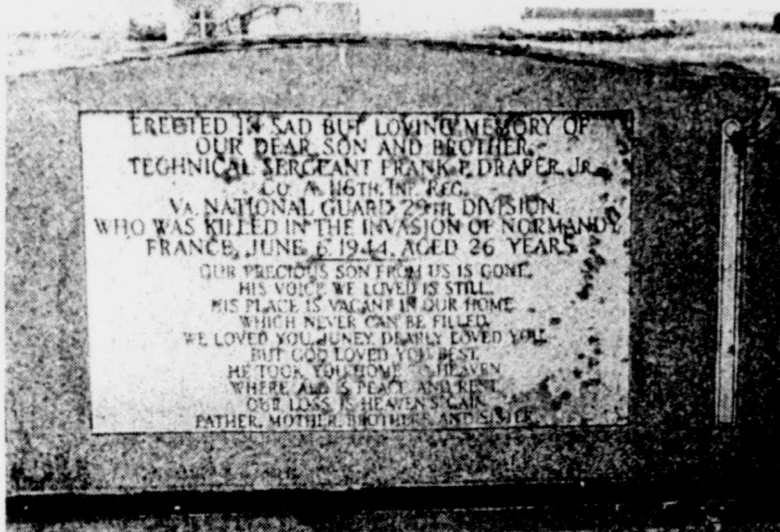
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The dying captain of a battleship displayed the outstanding individual heroism of the day. As he emerged from the conning tower to the bridge, the latter to fight his ship, his stomach was laid completely open by a shrapnel burst. He fell to the deck.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

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

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

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

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

Most Vicious Fighting
"I saw combat in both wars," the former Ohio highway director declared. "If there ever was any real tough, vicious fighting in those wars it was here. The Japs' attack on Cannon Ridge was about as vicious as anything that has ever happened. The Japs were suicidal, determined, completely desperate. They had everything to gain, nothing to lose, since death to them is meaningless."

"My division in defending a nine-mile front in the jungle was performing a task three-times the size it was intended to do. On Cannon Ridge the men, mostly from Cleveland and Akron, decimated two Japanese battalions and to my left..."

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Pfc. Hilton W. McEntyre, son of Mrs. Rose B. McEntyre, Avery, Texas, has been promoted to sergeant. He is an assistant squad leader in a rifle platoon in the 37th Division.

Sergeant McEntyre went overseas in May, 1942, and is a veteran of the New Georgia and Bougainville campaigns. He has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for exemplary conduct in action.

Husbands Whose Wives Are Self Supporting Must Enlist

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

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

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

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

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

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

4th Infantry Division
Nickname: Ivy Division (Famous Fourth)
Shoulder Patch: Green with four ivy leaves extending from a circle N, S, E and West. The four leaves represented the numeral IV or I-Vy.
Source: Regular Army Units.
History: Organized Camp Greene, NC, 1917.
Overseas: June 5, 1918 (56 casualties en route from torpedo). Actions: Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne campaigns; occupation of Germany, seven months.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Since starting his tour of overseas duty on May 28, 1942, he has been stationed in New Zealand, Fiji, and Guadalcanal.

Our Ship, the "Minnie"

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

Stars on the Asian-Pacific Ribbon are associated for service during the following events:

20 Feb. 1942	Bougainville	Coral Sea
4-8 May 1942		Midway
3-6 June 1942		Guadalcanal
7-9 Aug 1942		Guadalcanal
10 Aug 1942		Eastern Solomons
23-25 Aug 1942		Tassafaronga
30 Nov 1942		Wake Island
5 Oct 1943		Gilbert Islands
13 Nov- Dec 1943		Marshall Islands
29 Jan-8 Feb 1944		Truk
16 Feb 1944		Saipan-Guam
11 June-15 Aug 1944		Western New Guinea-Hollandia
21 April-1 June 1944		Western Carolines-Palau
6 Sept.-4 Oct 1944		Leyte
10 Oct-16 Dec 1944		Luzon-Lingayen Gulf
6 Jan-14 Feb 1945		Okinawa
25 Mar-12 April 1945		Participated in support for initial landing for occupation of Korea at Jinsen Harbor, Korea-Flagship
2 Sept 1945		participated in support for landing at TAKU, China, flagship
30 Sept 1945		participated in the landing party in Chenawangto, China, flagship
3 Oct 1945		Ships landing forces met with Chinese 8th Route Army at Wei Hai Wai, China, flagship
7 Oct 1945		participated in landing of the Chinese 13th Army at Chinwangoo, China, flagship

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

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

25 Most Frequently asked questions from Women Vets

The most frequently asked questions from women veterans — along with the answers — can now be found on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Web site. The information will soon be available in Spanish.
"These 25 questions are the ones we hear most often," said Dr. Irene Trowell-Harris, director of the Center for Women Veterans. "Too many women veterans don't know that they are eligible for the full range of VA benefits. Too many are unaware of special programs VA runs for them."
Dr. Trowell-Harris said the information will be helpful to male veterans, too. Topics include the services available to women veterans; information about gender-specific services (including pap smears, mammograms, and pre-natal and child care); evaluations for nursing home care; and employment options for women veterans.
The Web site, www.va.gov/womenvet, offers women veterans direct access to the Center for Women Veterans where they can express concerns, ask questions and provide feedback about VA benefits and services.
Congress passed legislation in 1994 authorizing VA to establish a Center for Women Veterans. The center collaborates with other federal departments on issues related to women veterans, develops materials on VA benefits programs and health care services, and conducts outreach to make women veterans aware of these services.

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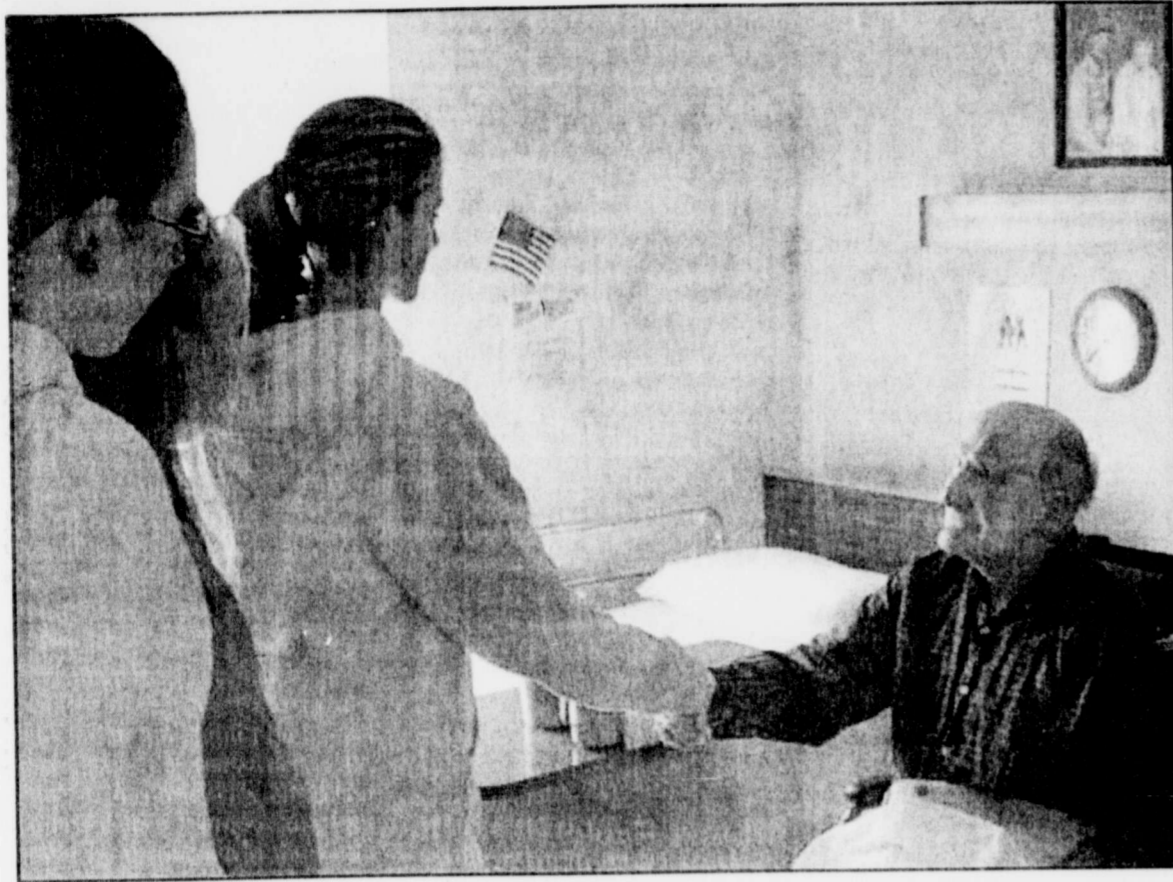
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WELCOME-Hailey Norwood, Charity Musgrove and Lacie Cole are greeted by Milow Hume before sitting down to learn about his war experiences. The visits with the veterans at Deport Nursing Home opened a whole new world to the Deport Junior High 8th grade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



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



To the men and women who died for our freedom:
We Thank You

Please, remember your Star Spangled manners!!

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

- **Unless illuminated at night, flags displayed outdoors should only be flown from sunrise to sunset.
- **The flag should not be flown on day when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is used.
- **The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat. When the flag is displayed on a motorcar, the staff should be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.
- **When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the observer's right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be displayed in the same way.
- **When used as a speaker's platform, the flag should be displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker.
- **The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.



Proper display of the flag when hanging flat on a wall or in a window.

- day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-mast until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff.
- **The flag should never be displayed upside down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
- **The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water or merchandise.
- **The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should never be fastened, drawn back, not up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free.
- **The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.
- **The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying or delivering anything.
- **The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever.
- **The flag, when it is in such condition that it no longer is a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferable by burning. Contact your local American Legion or VFW post for information on flag-burning ceremonies, which are often held on June 14, which is Flag Day.

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

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



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



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

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



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

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

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

There were eight of my family involved in World War II. We served in almost every branch of service. I volunteered for the Army Air Corp February 4, 1942. I was stationed at Lubbock Army Air Base, then shipped to Laredo base where I remained for the duration of the war. This was a training base for B-17 and B-24 gunners. These men tried to protect their airplanes from enemy fighter aircraft. The base trained thousands of aerial gunners and shipped them to other bases where they were teamed up with a crew. Then they were shipped to the European and Far East Theater of war.

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

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

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

---John Pete Ritchey

To be a paratrooper, or not

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

White got into paratrooper school because of a buddy having a little fun at Roy's expense. The buddy put Roy's name and serial number in a box set out for volunteers who wanted to become paratroopers. Those interested signed their name and serial number on a piece of paper and dropped it into the box.

Roy was surprised when he found out he had volunteered to be a paratrooper.

White made 11 jumps before his time was served and he got to come home.

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