

## Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols  
Ahhhh, Romance

Romance is so wonderful! Roses and candy, candlelit dinners, hearts and flowers, jewelry, teddy bears for the young and devotion make the day special for those with a true romantic tendency.

But what of those who (like me) don't really have a romantic turn of mind?

Well, using myself as an example, guess what I wanted for Valentine's? To begin with, a "Dust Buster" for the bathroom to vacuum up little bits of cat litter that stick to my cats feet. I actually received something much nicer, but it raised eyebrows too. I received a necklace of amber with a beautifully preserved gnat in it. It was really neat. I love it. I've always thought it was absolutely fascinating to have something that contained an insect that is several million years old!

No one else seems to share my enthusiasm!

I know of a teen age couple who discussed having a special dinner at the home of her parents.

They cleared the adults out and she baked a special heart-shaped cake and guess what they had for dinner? After much discussion and no small amount of searching they dined on true gourmet fare...Cheeseburger Hamburger Helper! Ahhh, the joys of love.

I know a couple who exchange the silliest, goofiest Valentine cards they can find with one another...none of this "spend eternity with you, undying love, you are a beautiful

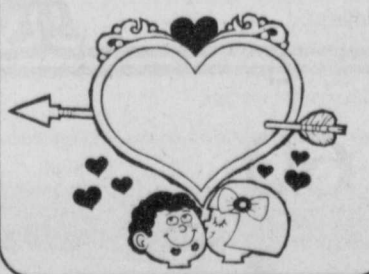
rose of my heart" stuff for them!

Other people like to attend basketball games instead of concerts, eat out at drive-ins to commemorate their first date instead of eating at expensive restaurants, or spend the evening simply staying at home with a good rented movie instead of going "out on the town".

I know a couple who are not only devoted to one another, but devoted to fishing. What do they give one another on that romantic day? Fishing lures, rods and reels, boat equipment.

So, romance isn't always flowers and candy, champagne and crystal glasses. It can be the most prosaic of things, the simplest of messages, the silliest of jokes!

It doesn't mean that those of us who enjoy these things aren't "romantic". We're just somewhat twisted!



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## Prairiland celebrating FFA Week Feb 16-20

Members of the Prairiland FFA organization have been celebrating National FFA Week this week.

Members started their year off in July 1997 when the officers, talent team, Lone Star recipients and advisors, plus a host of parents traveled to Amarillo for the state convention. They participated in the convention activities and the talent team performed at Fun Night. Tommy Spray, Kortnie Barrentine, Lee Bland and Cari Irwin received their Lone Star Degrees.

In September, 14 students and advisors competed at the State Fair of Texas. The Prairiland FFA won the Herdsmanship Award.

In October, the FFA was busy with their Blue and Gold Sausage sale as well as preparing for the district leadership retreat.

November saw thirty-five students participating at PJC for district leadership contest. There were five teams advance to Area as well as winning the Sweepstakes Award.

In December, the Prairiland FFA participated in the Area Leadership contest at Northeast Texas Community College in Mt. Pleasant. The group also took part in the Deport Christmas Parade. Members also enjoyed a Christmas party and a food drive.

January brought in the new year and lots of excitement as they traveled to Mt. Vernon for the District FFA Banquet. The talent team won second in the district and the leadership teams received their plaques.

February was the Area Banquet held in Mt. Pleasant. The officers left on the morning of February 9 for a day filled with educational field trips and then a night filled with banquet activities.

Houston is fast approaching and fourteen students and their broilers will travel to the Houston Livestock Show. This time of the year is always looked forward to by the members. They enjoy the trip to Houston and

sightseeing along with the chance to see the entertainment and exciting shows during the rodeo each night.

March and April is filled with stock shows and project shows as well as the Lamar County Junior Livestock Show and Sale with May following with the FFA Banquet and installation of new officers.

The 1997-98 officers are Lee Bland-president, Kortnie Barrentine-vice president, Cari Irwin-secretary, Amber Norwood-treasurer, Dustin Allen-reporter, Heather Anthony-sentinel and Chris Turner-advisor. Bobby Winters, Jeff Ballard and Frankie Norwood serve as advisors and instructors.

The highlight for the officers and advisors was last May when they held a weekend at Lake Bob Sandlin to plan the activities for 1997-98. These students have done an outstanding job this year and will miss seniors Kortnie Barrentine, Cari Irwin and Lee Bland.



1997-98 PRAIRILAND FFA OFFICERS pictured left to right is Dustin Allen-reporter, Heather Anthony-sentinel, Cari Irwin-secretary, Kortnie Barrentine-vice president, Lee Bland-president, Amber Norwood-treasurer and Chris Turner-advisor.



ThunderPrairie Publishing Photo By Thomas Nichols

**ONE VEHICLE ACCIDENT-** According to a report filed by D P S officer Brian Perry this 1991 Chevrolet suburban driven by 19 year old Johnathan Barnes of Rt. 1 Pattonville collided with a tree on the south side of the road last Friday February 13th. The accident occurred 6 miles from Pattonville on U S Hwy. 271. Barnes' vehicle traveled approximately 100 feet after it left the roadway before it hit the tree.

## Meal and auction set for Deport Volunteer Fire Department

The Deport Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a Chili and Stew Supper on March 7th at the Deport American legion Hall. This meal will be followed by an auction. Meal time is from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with the auction beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Price is \$5 for all you want, ages 8 and under will eat free.

The reason for this important fund raiser is that old grass truck has many problems, and should be replaced with a fire and rescue truck, the department needs an AED machine (cost, \$3000) and a bay needs to be added onto the fire station for the water truck, which was donated.

Everyone is urged to turn out for this very important event, eat, enjoy friends and acquaintances, and help raise funds. It has been quite a while since a fund raiser has been necessary, so help make this one a great one.

There are many very nice auction items being donated, so don't miss a chance to bid on them, too.

## Tomorrow's Leaders Begin Today!



### Academic

## Trust Banquet coming up

The Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation met Monday night to further plans for the upcoming Banquet set for Thursday, February 26 at 6:00.

It will be held in the Prairiland High School Gym and will have entertainment and silent auction.

Cost of the tickets will be \$25 per plate.

All of the money will be used to provide scholarships to Prairiland Students. These scholarships will be used for deserving students in a wide variety of fields, from academic to vocational.

This is a kickoff banquet, and it is hoped that through a variety of fund raisers a substantial amount of money can be raised to continue giving scholarships from now on.

Anyone with the desire to help youngsters off to a better start in life so that they can be self-sufficient, productive citizens is encouraged to purchase their tickets from any of the school campuses, members of the PAT board, Blossom Citgo and the Deport Times and several other businesses.

## City of Deport to hold election

The City of Deport will be holding an election on May 2 for electing two councilpersons and a mayor.

Interested candidates must file for candidacy at Deport City Hall between February 16 and March 19,

between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Sharon Francis, City of Deport, 201 Main Street, P.O. Box 354A, Deport, TX 75435.

## School Board calls election

Prairiland School Board has ordered an election for May 2, 1998 from 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m..

Purpose for the election is to elect board members for Place 1; Place 2 and Place 4.

Place 1 is a full term; Place 2 is a one year unexpired term; and Place 4 is full term.

Candidates wishing to be placed on the ballot may sign up in the Administration Office at Prairiland ISD between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning February 16. Deadline for signing up is 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18.

Applications for early voting ballots may be accepted on March 3. Early voting by personal appearance begins April 15.

Blossom Lodge # 303 will hold a stated meeting on February 24th at 6:30 p.m. The Deputy will be there.

There will be breakfast at the Pattonville Community Center and Volunteer Fire Department this Saturday, February 21st from 7 to 10 a.m. Gravy, eggs, bacon, sausage and pancakes. All you can eat for \$4.

There will be a very important meeting for members of the community at the Pattonville Community Center on Monday, February 23rd at 7 p.m. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting.

Don't forget the PAT Foundation Banquet to be held on Thursday, Feb. 26th at the Prairiland Gym.

## Hamburger Supper and Auction is Saturday for Ball Association

Deport Baseball Association will have their annual hamburger supper and cake and pie auction on Saturday, February 21 at the Deport School cafeteria, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Hamburgers, chips, baked beans, dessert and drinks will be served at a cost of \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for

children 12 and under.

All proceeds will go toward funding for the 1998 season. Your support for the youth of the area is deeply appreciated.

For information contact Randy Boren at 652-2027 or John Allen at 652-2511.



## The Firefighters Maltese Cross

The eight-point Maltese Cross is the international symbol of the fire service's willingness to make great sacrifices in order to protect others from the ravages of fire. It is a badge of courage and honor and its story is hundreds of years old.

This honored symbol originated with a group of eleventh century knights who were serving in a Jerusalem hospital. They became known as the Order of Knights Hospitalier and later became the knights of St. John. This charitable organization cared for the ill with great compassion.

Later, they assisted the Knights of the Crusades in their effort to win back the Holy Land. As the Knights of St. John and Knights of the Crusades attacked the city walls, the Saracens first threw glass bombs containing highly flammable liquids and then flaming torches. Many knights were severely burned, some suffering agonizing deaths. Risking horrible death, those knights who were

able struggled desperately to help their burning comrades, beating out the flames and dragging them to safety. In acknowledge of their heroic deeds of rescuing fellow knights and fighting fires, the cross which they wore was decorated and inscribed.

In 1530, the Island of Malta was given to the courageous knights eight-point cross, became known as the "Maltese Cross". The cross, which had originally helped the knights distinguish between friend and foe, became the ultimate symbol of heroism and service. The cross, which is considered sacred, represents the principles of charity, loyalty, chivalry, gallantry, generosity to friend and foe, protection of the weak and dexterity in service.

Today, firefighters wear the Maltese Cross to symbolize their willingness to risk their lives to save others from the ravages of fire.



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**Country Cooking**  
By Liz Irwin  
http://www.1starnet.com/tp

Dave Serber who was featured in last week's Cook's Column handed me this recipe book that he came across that was published for the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church in Deport. It was published in 1956 and the officers listed in the front of the book are as follows: president-Mrs. Mac Webb, vice president-Mrs. Joe Moore, recording secretary-Mrs. E. E. Kirkland, treasurer-Mrs. Henry Johnson, secretary of promotion-Mrs. B. W. Gardner, secretary of missionary education-Mrs. Curtis Cheatham, secretary of christian social relations-Mrs. Glen Clayton, secretary of student work-Mrs. Marvin Couch, secretary of youth work-Mrs. Terry Johnson, secretary of children's work-Mrs. John Crabb, secretary of spiritual life-Mrs. Forrest Parks. Mrs. Parks was also secretary of literature and publications, secretary of supply-Mrs. John Good and secretary of status of women-Mrs. Phillip Grant.

Other members were Mrs. Al Anderson, B.G. Bailey, Claud Barham, Wm. Evans, Sid Williamson, Louie Roberts, Fred Swint, Sr., Robert Mitchell, Terry Johnson, J. R. Kelsey, J. C. Roach, Kenneth Read and Curtis Glover. Also members Mrs. Nell Sullivan, Mrs. Kate Larimore, Mrs. Dixie Lawler and Miss Rhoda Oliver.

This cookbook is not unusual in that it contains the usual calorie chart, substitution chart, quantity serving chart and index. It also has a height and weight chart. Men and women in the mid-50's has a little edge over us in the 90's. . . . they could weigh more! Example: women (with shoes

on) averaging 5 foot 4 inches-126-132 pounds, 5 foot 7 inches averaged from 137-144 and women over 6 foot tall averaged 157-162 pounds.

Men on the other hand measuring 5 foot 4 inches averaged 131-137 pounds, 5 foot seven inch men could weigh 142-149, whereas 6 foot men averaged 168-180 pounds.

Also notice in older cookbooks, the quantity amounts. Since families were larger in members, amounts were larger.

It was a very interesting cookbook and I always enjoy browsing through these older editions. Hope you enjoy these recipes from it and we will see you in the kitchen!

**Avacado Dip** is from Mrs. Marvin Gibbs and uses Tabasco sauce instead of the now popular picante sauce. Note that recipe says to serve with potato chips, no Doritos in the 50's!

**Western Style Beans** is from Mrs. Ray Woodard and uses pinto beans, spices and a can of tomatoes and a small bit of salt pork. Cholesterol had not even been thought of yet!

**Stuffed Bell Peppers** came from Mrs. Glen Clayton. She used bread crumbs where most people use rice nowadays.

**Skillet Corn Bread**. Always a favorite and baked in an iron skillet. This recipe came from Mrs. Dean Oliver.

**Chess Pie** from Mrs. Forrest Parks. These are one of the best pies ever baked!

**German Sweet Chocolate Cake**. This is one of the best cakes ever baked! No mixes or puddings here!



Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 time. The VFW and its Auxiliary meet every second and fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.

The VFW Post 8187 no longer has Bingo on Saturday p.m.

\* All members are urged to attend the meetings the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Card of Thanks**

Thanks to all my friends for the cards, calls, visits, flowers and gifts you have favored me with during my recent operation and rehabilitation. Thanks to a successful patch work of my hip and the patience of the re-hab staff, I am walking again. Not running-just walking. Construction is complete on my new quarters in Gilmer. If you are in the neighborhood of Calvert and Mockingbird drop by for a chat. I have enjoyed your cards and look forward to hearing from you in the future. My mailing address is RR 11, Box 11342, Gilmer, TX 75464-9109. The phone number is 903-797-2393.

Love you all,  
**Bennie Morgan Stribling**

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to thank all of our many, many friends, family and neighbors for the food, flowers, prayers, sympathy, kindness and contributions shown in our time of sorrow for our beloved mother.

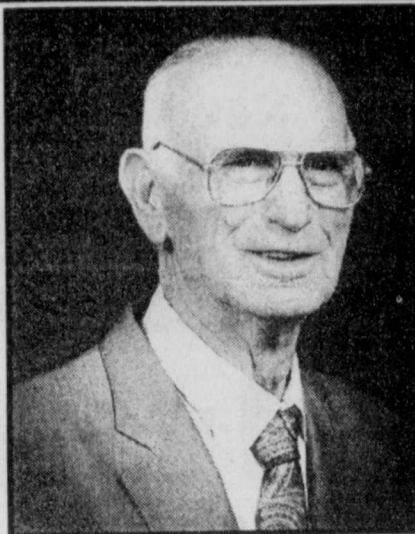
A special thanks to Bro. John McCollister, Bro. A.B. Kellam and Clarksville Funeral Home. The services were beautiful and the many kind words and memories that were said about our mother were greatly appreciated. She will be missed by everyone. God bless each and every one of you.

The Family of  
**Wilma "Sally" Yarbrough  
Bonnie Sue, Ronnie Joe,  
Paul & Jerald**

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Kenneth Read would like to express their gratitude for the many acts of loving concern and support during the illness and loss of one they loved so deeply. The support and sharing of fond memories is a source of consolation and adds to the beautiful memories we have of our loved one.

In His Love,  
**The Family of Kenneth Read**



**Thomas L. Garrett**  
Thomas L. Garrett dies February 16

Thomas L. Garrett, age 87, long-time resident of Blossom, died Monday, February 16 in L.P. McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 19 in the chapel of Fry & Gibbs Funeral Home with Udel Morrison and Evan Butler officiating. Burial followed in Knights of Honor Cemetery in Blossom.

Mr. Garrett was born September 14, 1910 in Vandervoort, Arkansas to William E. Lee and Dora Tulley Garrett. He married Bessie Leona Smith on August 27, 1938 in Pattonville. Mr. Garrett was a retired electrical technician for Lamar County Coop. He served in various civic functions over the years in Blossom. He had been affiliated with the Blossom Church of Christ for many years where he was quite active.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie, of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul E. and Sue Garrett of Paris and Jerry L. and Patti Garrett of Quinlan; four grandchildren, Curtis Garrett and Chad Garrett, both of Paris, Kimberly Redditt of Arlington, and Jamilyn Garrett, also of Paris; two great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, J.E.B. and Dell Garrett and R.L. and Juanita Garrett, all of Woodland; three sisters, Lecie Baker of Hooks, J.L. Phillips of Brownwood and Texie Lee Griffin and husband Bill of Biardstown; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, John W. (Jack) Garrett.

Serving as bearers were Curtis Garrett, Chad Garrett, Clay Redditt, Michael Dean Smith, Ronald Roddy and Donald Crawford. Honorary bearers were James White, Buddy Freeman, Harold Morrison, Charles Fendley, Earl Unruh and Chuck James.

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

"A great deal of what we see still depends on what we are looking for". Its very difficult to get people to evaluate their spiritual condition. Take inventory! When was the last time you considered the importance of a relationship with Christ. Families are struggling-many are at the crossroad of life. One destination is quite clear-the other requires thought and meditation.

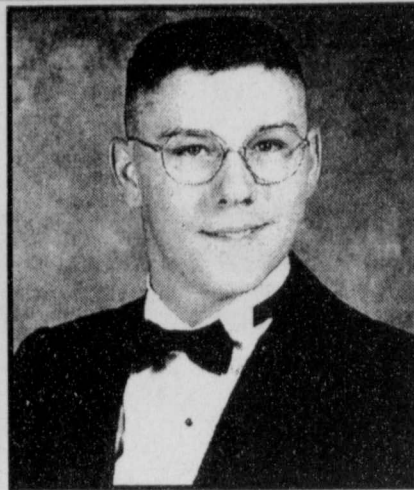
The Psalmist made these statements "Have mercy upon me, O Lord for I am in trouble..." "My life is spent with grief". But with all the despair, he found hope! "O how great is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee..."

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**Courtney Aaron Currin**  
Courtney Aaron Currin dies at age 20

Courtney Aaron Currin, age 20, of Rt. 2, Powderly, died Monday February 16, 1998 at McCuiston Regional Medical Center following an automobile accident.

Services were held Wednesday, February 18 at Bright-Holland Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Moore and Rev. David Norwood officiating with burial in Woodard Cemetery.

He was born August 30, 1977, in Paris to John and Debbie Whitney Currin. He graduated from North Lamar High School where he took part in track, football, baseball and basketball. He was nominated for Who's Who among American High School Students. He played for the Breakfast Optimist and Dixie Teen League Baseball. He was currently attending Paris Junior College and was Dragon cheerleader for two years. He played intramural basketball. He attended Faith Baptist Church in Deport.

Surviving are his mother, Debbie Currin, who lives in Powderly; his father and stepmother, John and Kathy Currin of Powderly; a brother and sister-in-law, Shane and Vicky Currin of Powderly; a sister and brother-in-law, Tonya and Travis Hunter of Powderly; two nephews, Christian and Jeremy Hunter; his grandparents, John and Claudia Whitney of Deport and Geneva Currin of Paris; two very special friends, Paige York and Angela Conder and several aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Carl Currin; great-grandparents, Carl Currin; great-grandparents Jack and Willie Clay Norwood and Charlie and Pearl Roddy Whitney and by his stepfather, Billy Currin and several aunts and uncles.

Casket bearers were: Chad Hood, Russell Baker, Shane Edelhauer, Quincy Blount, Aaron Emeyabbi, Jason Wolfe and Kenneth Johnson.

**Obituaries**

**Ruth Belle Margraves dies February 16**

Ruth Belle Weddle Margraves, age 82 of Chery Street Annex died Monday, February 16 at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gifford Long officiating. Burial followed in Bluff Cemetery in Red River County.

She was born February 10, 1916 in Red River County, a daughter of Joseph B. and Frances Belle Chumley Weddle. She attended school in Blossom and retired from Hollywood Vassarrette after 15 years of service. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by sons, Joe Bob Margraves and wife Debra of Paris, Tommy Margraves and wife, Carol of Henderson, Ray Margraves of Alvin; three daughters, Robbie Cole and husband Robert L. of Dallas, Beth Hurst and Melinda Cunningham and a son-in-law, Dillard Hurst of Paris; a sister, Edith Laster of Weatherford; two brothers, Joe Boyd Weddle and wife Vera of Noble, OK, Alfred Weddle and wife Margaret of Azle; 23 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Dale Margraves; sisters Glenna Wood, Zula Phillips, Zella Hughes, Lona Brewer; brothers, Ernest Weddle and Frank Weddle and a grandson, Jeff Cunningham.

Bearers were Bobby Weddle, Tommy Joe Brewer, Morris D. Brewer, Dennis Ray Laster, Wilburn Hughes and Scott Wright.

**Willie Allgood Claxton dies February 14**

Willie Allgood Claxton died February 14, 1998.

Memorial services will be held at Dallas Bethel Temple at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 22.

Her sisters and brothers are Alice Evans and Mrs. Kenneth Catherine Gordon, Herbert Claxton, and Tommy Claxton and step sisters and brothers Thurmon Merritt, Henry Merritt, Harvey Merritt and Mrs. Phillip Ollie Humphrey and one half sister, Mrs. Edna Earl Murrell. She was preceded in death by all of them except Alice Evans.

**The most silent people are generally those who think most highly of themselves.**

—William Hazlitt

**Card of Thanks**

How do I ever begin to say thanks to all the wonderful, kind people who have touched my life this past week? "Thank You" seems so little to say, when I have such a huge debt to repay. I've always chosen to remain here in my hometown, and once again I have been reminded why. I honestly didn't realize how truly blessed I am by having such wonderful friends & family.

Thank you one and all for the visits, phone calls, prayers, food, flowers, but most of all for the support. Thank you for being with me and my kids on that awful Monday. Thank you for coming back again and again just to try and ease some of our hurt. Thank you for crying with me and telling me something Ken once did for you.

Thank you for trying with everything you had to help Ken in the weeks preceding his death.

My gratitude to Bro. Bob Bush and Bro. Park Robertson; to James Wood who made our tragedy more bearable and our decisions easier. Thanks to Bogata VFD and First Responders and anyone else at the accident scene for maintaining Ken's dignity and privacy. A very special thanks to Karen Jones for all she did. Thank you, Karen, for the picture most of all.

I wish I could name every single person who showed us such kindness. I do remember you all. After all I have taken from you, I have one further request. When you think of Ken, don't remember him when he was sick. Remember him as smiling and talking a mile a minute to anyone who would listen. He may not have been a born Texan, but it would be impossible to find anyone who loved Texas more. Ken made Bogata his home for seventeen years and he dearly loved this little town and all the people in it.

Vickie Bryant

**February 19, 1998**  
**1956-57 W.S.C.S. of Deport**

**Avacado Dip**  
Mrs. Marvin Gibbs  
1 avacado  
1-2 teaspoons minced onion  
3 tablespoons mayonnaise  
juice of lemon  
3 drops Tabasco sauce  
Mash avacados to pulp. Add all of the above ingredients and blend well. Serve with potato chips.

**Western Style Beans**  
Mrs. Ray Woodard  
2 cups pinto beans  
salt pork  
1 minced clove of garlic  
1 sliced onion  
1 small can tomatoes  
1 tablespoon sugar  
2 teaspoons chili powder  
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce  
Beans may be soaked overnight. Combine all ingredients and cook until juice is thick. 1 cup grated cheese may be added during the last hour of cooking.

**Stuffed Peppers**  
Mrs. Glen Clayton  
1 pound hamburger  
1 small onion  
3 slices bread  
1/2 cup catsup  
1/2 cup finely chopped celery or 1 teaspoon celery seed  
1 teaspoon salt  
6 medium green peppers  
Mix hamburger with onion that has been chopped fine, celery, catsup and salt. Add bread that has been softened with lukewarm water. Mix well. Cut off tops of peppers; core and stuff with meat mixture. Place in baking dish with 1/2 cup water added. Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees. Top with cheese or very good bacon.

**Skillet Corn Bread**  
Mrs. Dean Oliver  
1 egg-slightly beaten  
1 cup milk  
1/3 cup melted shortening  
1-1/2 cup sifted flour  
3-1/2 teaspoon baking powder

3 tablespoons sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup corn meal  
Blend well. Pour into hot, greased iron skillet. Bake at 400 degrees 25 minutes.

**Chess Pie**  
Mrs. Duane Glover  
4 eggs  
2 cups sugar  
1/4 pound butter  
1 big can condensed milk  
nutmeg to taste  
4 tablespoon corn meal  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
dash of salt  
Cook in pie crust in a slow oven.

**German Sweet Chocolate Cake**  
Mrs. Connie Harville  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup shortening  
1 cup buttermilk  
4 egg yolks  
2-1/2 cup flour  
1 teaspoon soda  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 package German sweet chocolate  
Dissolve chocolate in 1/2 cup boiling water; let cool  
4 egg whites-beaten stiff  
pinch of salt  
Cream sugar and shortening; add egg yolks that have been well beaten. Add 3/4 cup buttermilk alternately with flour and dissolve soda in 1/4 cup buttermilk remaining. Add salt, chocolate mixture and vanilla. Fold in beaten egg whites. Bake in three 10-inch pans in 350 degree oven. Take out when cake springs back at finger touch.  
Icing:  
1/2 pint heavy whipping cream  
1 cup short cut coconut  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup chopped pecans  
3 egg yolks  
lump butter or oleo  
Mix together and cook in double boiler until thick.

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Don't worry about avoiding temptation—as you grow older, it starts avoiding you.  
—The Old Farmer's Almanac

**OPEN HOUSE-E.T.M.C.- CLARKSVILLE**

E.T.M.C.-Clarksville has acquired the latest technology in a Computerized Spiral CAT Scanner. This scanner gives a highly detailed x-ray, in a fraction of the time previously required. The average exam would take less than one minute of scan time inside the machine, and there is a larger, more open passage area for the patient. The new technology allows for a better picture, insuring a more accurate diagnosis.

We would like to thank the family of Erbie and Allie Belle Sale for making a very generous donation to the hospital toward the purchase of this equipment. We are appreciation of the consideration they have shown for the medical and diagnostic needs of our area and for the future of healthcare in Clarksville and Red River county.

E.T.M.C.-Clarksville is extremely proud and excited to have this new technology available at our hospital and we will be having an "Open House" from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 20th, to honor the Sale family and allow the public to view the new Scanner. We would be honored to have you join us as we present a commemorative plaque to the Sale Family

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—Friedrich Nietzsche

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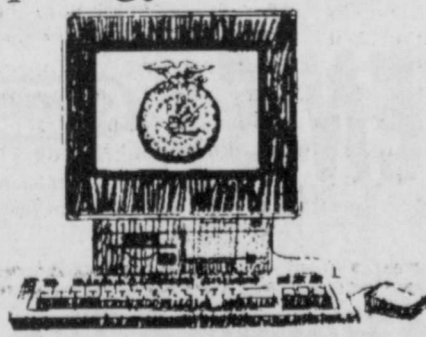
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## Falbright News

by Betty Rodgers  
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Worth and Karen BAKER attended the Valentine party at the Senior Citizens Center in Clarksville on Friday.

Betty Rodgers and Katy Van Deaver attended the community improvement meeting in Clarksville Tuesday night.

Marcella Wright visited Betty Rodgers. She will enter Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas for further treatment on her heart Thursday.

Betty Rodgers visited Monte and Shelley Rodgers in Tigertown Saturday.

Monte visited her Sunday afternoon.

Martha Hill of Longview and Dick King of Paris visited Worth and Karen Baker.

Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga visited with his brother and sister, and families in Ennis and Rice and his mother in Dallas and Bernice Thomas in Boyd.

Having lunch with Mrs. Ethel Epps were Harold Epps of Mt. Vernon, Clint and Dana Tabbs and son, Charles and Rhea Epps of Rosalie on Sunday.

Dick King visited his mother Jimmy King.

Mrs. Doloris McCray went to Weatherford to make the acquaintance of her new great grandson.

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It is a form of affectation to emphasize the fact that you do not indulge in it.

—La Rochefoucauld



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PRAIRILAND FFA members tear down motors as part of their learning skills last week. They learn the different parts and working of the motor.



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## Matter of Fact

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Even with satellites, radar and computers, Mother Nature still slips things by us - like El Niño. Some scientists who spend their careers tracking this type of elusive weather system admit they missed the early signs of El Niño. This has the climate research community taking a hard look at the models it uses to predict weather because some of the most reliable totally missed the event.

If there's indication an El Niño is on the way, then climatologists have the challenging task of predicting how it will affect global weather patterns. This is particularly difficult because scientists don't completely understand all the complex interactions between the ocean and the atmosphere that create climate in an El Niño year. To top it off, each year brings different interactions so each El Niño doesn't behave like the one before.

Scientists are confident that with better weather pattern observation and improving technology, their ability to predict the development and outcome of an El Niño will continue to improve. And because history - and weather - repeats itself, scientists will have a chance to prove that an El Niño occurs about every seven years.

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PRAIRILAND FFA members sponsored a dog dip at Dan's Shed in Blossom as part of their community service activities.



**ASHLEY KEENER**, eighth grade student at Hudson Middle School in Garland has been recruited by the Math and Science Technology Program at Garland ISD for the 1998-99 school year. She is a member of the Mighty Hawk Band, serving as President, as well as being a cheerleader. She is a member of Garland's All City Band and is the daughter of Mickey Keener of Longview and Jan and Ken Murphy of Garland.

Prairiland Calendar of Events  
Week of February 23

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |

23..... Cheerleader Parent Meeting, 6:30  
 24..... PIP Practice  
 25..... V Baseball at Paris, 5:00  
 26..... Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m.  
 27..... PATF Banquet  
 28..... JV, BBall vs. Sulphur Springs, 4:00  
 PIP Practice  
 SBall at Bonham  
 SBall Bonham Tournament  
 27..... VBall at Sulphur Springs, 4:00  
 28..... JV SBall at Paris  
 JVBall, Mt. Vernon, 11:00

**Prairiland freshmen win over Tigers**

The Prairiland freshmen boys played their final game Monday night against the Mt. Vernon Tigers. The Pats played well and ended the season with a 43-29 victory over the Tigers. Casey Upchurch was lead scorer with 12 for the night. Ryan Gordon and Kyle Malone each scored 7 and Michael Flatt put in 6. Drew Riddles made 4 points and Jason Elrod 3. Jesse Clark and Aaron Murdock each scored two points.

**Lady Pats seniors all hit double**

The Lady Patriots from Prairiland hosted Alba-Golden on Friday night, February 13. This Friday the 13th turned out to be one of the best for all four of the senior players. Katha Crawford, Cari Irwin, Kim Gibson and Brandie Upchurch. Each one scored in double figures with Irwin leading with 18, 6 rebounds and 4 assists with 2 steals and one three-pointer. Crawford followed with 10 points, 10 rebounds and 6 assists. Upchurch had 9 points, 5 rebounds and 2 assists with 3 steals. Kim Gibson had 8 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist and 2 steals.

The Lady Patriot seniors were honored before the game by their teammates and parents.

The Prairiland JV girls also won with a score of 42-26 with Lonna Layton going high with 13 points.

**Milton News**  
By Mattylu Upchurch

Buena Marshall is in McCuiston Hospital. We hope she will feel better soon.

Rev. Chief and Betty Warden of Brookston visited Bill and Mattylu Upchurch and Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Wednesday.

The family of George and Nell Wolf were at their home Sunday and celebrated the 15th birthday of their granddaughter, Stephanie Wolf.

Billie Goheen of Arlington spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch.

Mabel Pearson of Marshall spent Sunday with her sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Holland Bell.

We received word Friday of the death of a long time friend and former Milton resident, Naomi Lawler Ratliff of Dallas. Services were in Dallas Monday.

Silas and Juanita Taylor of Minter visited Bill and Mattylu Upchurch Wednesday.

Ruby Lee has returned from Houston and is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee.

John Pettit of DeSoto, Grady Pettit and Sherrie Webb of Dallas and Ronnie Pettit of Irving were at the Marshall home in Sunday and to visit their mother and grandmother, Buena at the hospital.

Jake and Barbara Maurischat of San Antonio spent Friday through Monday with her parents, James and Dorothy Holt.

Edna Talley went to Cumby Friday to attend the wedding of her granddaughter, Shonna Eppar.

Ann and Sheldon Lee visited Silas and Juanita Taylor of Minter Tuesday night.

Jerry Upchurch of Arizona and France Davis of Ft. Worth and Katherine Green of Deport visited Bill and Mattylu Upchurch Monday and Tuesday.

Eddie Farris and children of Tulsa, OK visited his mother, Edna Talley, on Saturday.

Sunday evening dinner guests of James and Dorothy Holt were Barbara and Jake Maurischat of San Antonio, Dale Williams and Haley and Lorie McNeal of Paris, Kay and Tim Paris of Faught, Amy Grisham of Paris and Johnny, Kathy and Christopher Holt of Milton.

**New Presbyterian pastor honored at luncheon**

The Rev. Ed Dotson, his wife Dot and their son, Michael were honored at a luncheon on Sunday, February 15 in the fellowship hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Deport.

Rev. Dotson is the new pastor of the church, having begun his service on February 1. He and his family will be moving to Deport in the near future.

A special guest was the Rev. Dave Wasserman, the new General Presbyter of Grace Presbytery. Rev. Wasserman spoke briefly during the worship service. He also spoke following the meal, discussing the structure and purpose of the Presbytery.

The tables were laid with white cloths and blue and yellow napkins. Arrangements of yellow jonquils were in the center of each table and at other focal points in the room.

The affair was arranged by the social committee; Martha Kate Wood, Delayna Gray, Yvonne Gray and Brenda McEntyre.

**Lady Patriots lose at Lone Oak**

In close, combative play, the Lady Patriots fell to Lone Oak Tuesday night, 57-52 at Lone Oak. Scoring by quarter was 8-9, 14-17, 11-18, 19-13. Brandie Upchurch led the scoring with 12 points. Katha Crawford had 11 points and seven rebounds and Christy Patterson had 10 points.

Stats for Lone Oak Game:

| Name              | Reb. | Asst. | Steals | F.T. | Total Pts. |
|-------------------|------|-------|--------|------|------------|
| Brandie Upchurch  | 4    | 2     | 1      | 3/4  | 12         |
| Tammy Nichols     | 1    | 2     | 1      | -    | -          |
| Stacy Harrison    | 1    | -     | -      | -    | 2          |
| Cari Irwin        | 6    | 1     | 2      | 3/6  | 5          |
| Katha Crawford    | 7    | 1     | 1      | 3/4  | 11         |
| Kim Gibson        | 4    | 4     | 1      | 2/2  | 6          |
| Christy Patterson | 1    | 3     | 3      | 2/2  | 10         |
| Felicia Taylor    | 1    | 2     | 1      | 0/1  | 6          |

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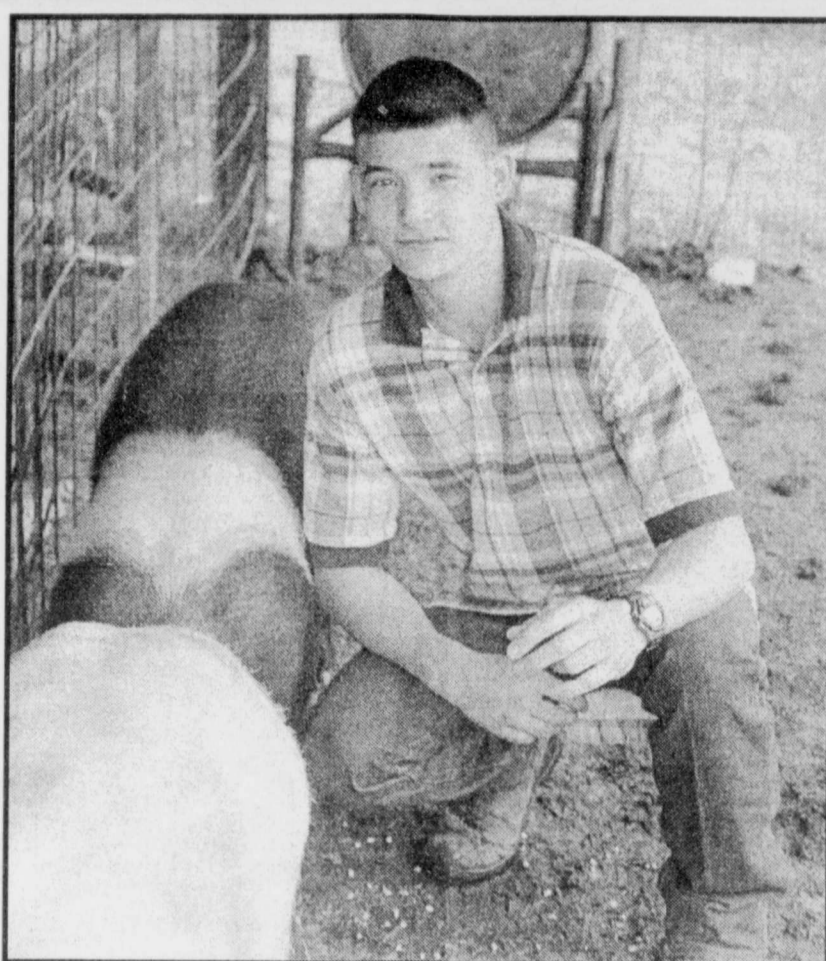
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PRAIRILAND FFA'er Cody Jones checks his market swine for weight and conditioning recently. A close watch is critical at this time to make sure the animals will be ready for the sale in April.



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**Study: Radiation Aids Arteries After Angioplasty**

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Angioplasty is designed to widen narrowed blood vessels in the heart. The procedure uses a small balloon catheter. It is then inflated. Nearly half of such patients will require a repeat procedure because of re-narrowing of the arteries.

One way to get around this has been to use stents, metal scaffolds inserted in the artery. The trouble is angioplasty and stents cause scars which later narrow arteries again. Using radiation prevents this scarring.

A six-month study showed low dose beta radiation reduced the rate of re-narrowing to about 15 percent. That's about one-third of the expected rate for this group of patients, according to Dr. Ian Crocker of the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

The radiation led to no significant exposure to either the patient or personnel, Dr. Crocker added. He announced his findings at the 39th annual meeting of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO) in Orlando, Florida.

The procedure added only five to ten minutes to the normal angioplasty, which usually takes from one to two hours, the doctor said.

"Based on our findings, the use of radiation therapy after angioplasty may reduce health care costs by reducing the number of repeat procedures," Dr. Crocker said.

As a result, a multi-center clinical trial has been started on the radiology procedure, the doctor said. It will include 1,100 patients at 26 different centers in the U.S., Canada and Europe.

ASTRO is the largest radiation oncology society in the world, with some 4,000 members.



Radiation therapy may reduce complications in heart patients who undergo angioplasty.

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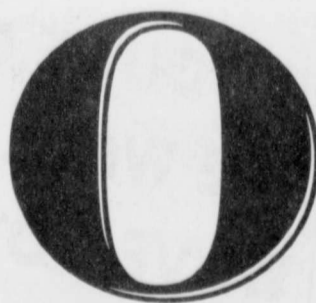
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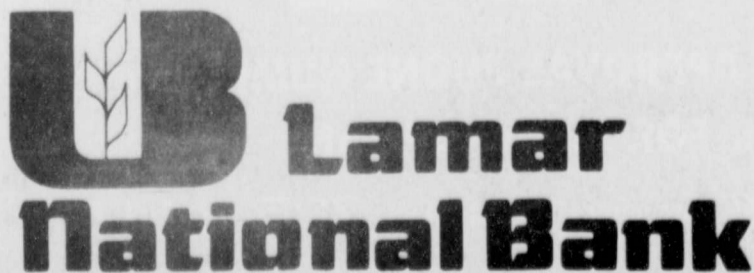
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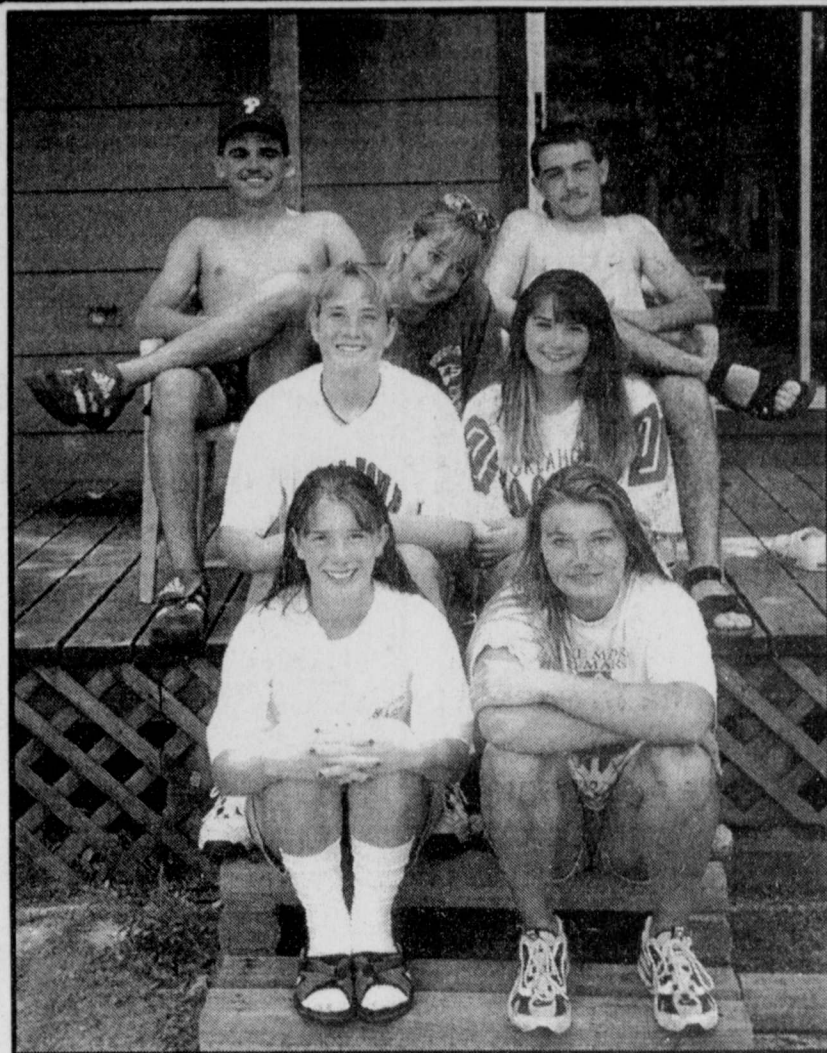
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**PRAIRILAND FFA OFFICERS** take time to relax and enjoy an outing on Lake Bob Sandlin. They used this weekend to also plan the year's activities for the organization. Pictured back is Dustin Allen, Kortnie Barrentine, Chris Turner. Middle is Cari Irwin and Lee Bland. Front is Amber Norwood and Lee Bland.

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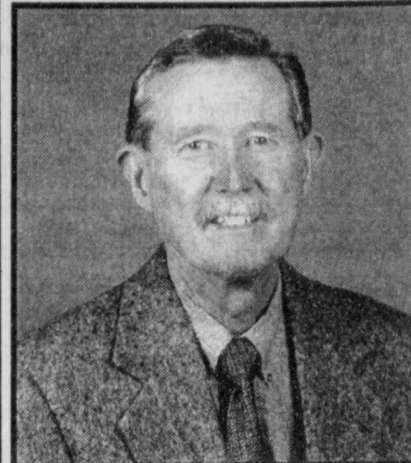
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Reports indicate that one assault occurred to a woman in her mid-twenties on the north east side of the city as she was carrying out some trash in the afternoon. She was apparently struck from behind with an unknown object by a white male.

A woman in her fifties was checking on a neighbors house in the south side of Talco when she was struck on her head by an object. Her attacker was unseen by the woman before she was struck. People she was to meet arrived at that time and found her lying on the ground.  
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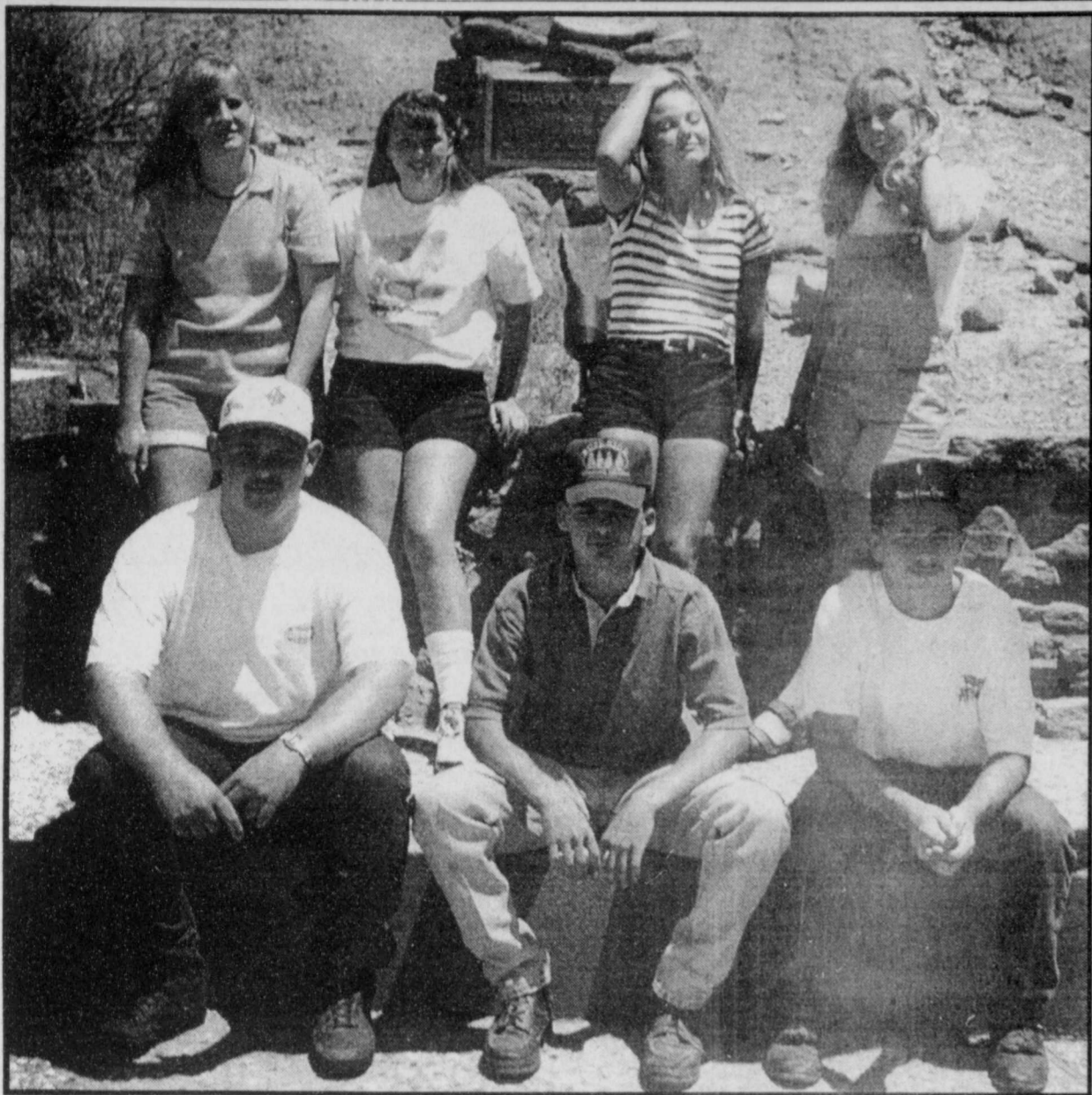
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PRAIRILAND FFA members take time to enjoy the sights at Palo Duro Canyon around the Lubbock area. This group enjoyed the state convention and members Cari Irwin, Lee Bland, Kortnie Barrentine and Tommy Spray received their Lone Star Farmer Degrees. Also pictured is Heather Anthony, Dustin Allen and Chris Turner.



## 12-year veteran of Red River County service seeks return as county judge

Donna Townes is proud of her heritage, born in wartime Red River County Hospital on New Year's Eve, 1942, daughter of a former state representative and a cotton queen. Both sets of her grandparents were cotton farmers in Fulbright and Shadowland. Like most Red River Countians she was born into a family with strong moral fiber and a strong work ethic. Following the death of her father when she was nine, Donna Picked cotton, alongside her two brothers. In the spring and summers they gardened and canned. "The boys milked the cow and took care of the chickens while I learned to cook at my grandmother's side", she recalled. While in high school she worked at RR Co. Hospital where she was born. She attended public schools in Bogata, Fulbright and Clarksville, being a 1961 honor graduate. She furthered her education in Tyler and Austin before getting her Mrs. instead of a BS and returning to Red River County. Over the years she has served as president of the Jaycettes, girl scout leader, chairman of the county cancer crusade, treasurer of the WE CARE campaign against drugs and a member of the pastor, parish relations committee at McKenzie Methodist Church. She also served as treasurer for the North East Texas Housing Financial Corporation in 1991 and 1992.

Donna is a candidate for county judge in the March 10th Democratic primary election.

Townes has served the people of Red River County a total of 12 1/2 years. She was first elected County Treasurer in 1982, then went on to be appointed County Auditor in 1988 where she served until illness forced her retirement in October 1992.

"These people are my people and I want to serve them again," she said. "Rural residents have been frustrated, for at least eight years, by the inability to get numbered county road signs. Every year a new excuse has been offered, leaving emergency service vehicles to drive the maze of county roads searching for residents who need help, increasing response time and endangering lives and property."

"It hurts to hear someone speak of the solvency of Red River County in the future tense. I first became aware of a problem in September 1995. County employees were being let go to maintain the status quo financially. It had been less than three years since I retired as County Auditor, leaving the county with a hefty financial pad against disaster, be it tax shortfall, lawsuit, or natural. As investment officer I had personally built up this contingency fund from interest earned. I was first to draw interest on all county money even though the powers that be told me I could not do it. The State Comptroller's Office was my facilitator. But back to the problem. Although I addressed the commissioner's court at that September 1995 budget hearing, it was to no avail. By the time things get that far it is pretty well set in stone. That needs to change too."

"That day I determined someone needed to get a handle on Red River County's finances and I knew I was that person. I know what should be done. I just need to be elected county judge to do it. No matter how much the county's revenues increase you will always wind up in the hole if you don't have aggressive financial management. **This should be top priority.** Ultimately, as budget officer, the county judge is responsible for this management."

"Increasing the tax base in order to **hold down people's taxes** should be next in importance. We have had so many near misses with industries and prisons that we almost got. We need a new perspective to be able to see what is going wrong and make corrections."

"Looking down the road into the 21st century, oil and gas production should boost Red River County's economy; and the Sulphur River lakes project is looming large. There is much to be done, and I am the person who can do it when elected the next Red River county Judge."

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## NEWS OF VETERANS

### Winning Power In Washington

(NAPS)—A recent survey revealed some interesting information about which lobbying groups have clout in our nation's capitol.

Washington's Power 25, according to *Fortune Magazine*, is an eclectic collection of groups which are highly effective in lobbying Washington and whose strength is primarily derived from voter support.

From the 33-million-member American Association of Retired Persons, which polled No. 1 to the ever controversial International Brotherhood of Teamsters (No. 25), the list is as diverse as the nation itself.

The only veterans groups identified are the powerful Veterans of Foreign Wars (No. 16) and the American Legion (No. 23) whose members not only get veterans' benefits but also have a patriotic pull on politicians.

Here are a few of the ways the VFW is lobbying Washington:

- Congress is being strongly urged to enact legislation which authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to collect and retain Medicare dollars when treating non-service-connected Medicare eligible patients. Such a measure would provide greater access to the VA Health Care System for veterans, a savings of federal tax dollars, and help create a source of income for the VA system.

The VFW will most likely succeed in getting a law on the books

during the next session of Congress.

- Congress is being urged to adopt a Department of Veterans Affairs Budget to ensure the integrity of the entire VA system, so that no veteran will be denied or have delayed any benefit, entitlement or medical treatment for which he or she is eligible.

The VFW recently succeeded in having the VA appropriation signed into law. PL 105-65 provides approximately \$17.27 billion for VA Medical Care. That's \$97 million above last year's funding level.

- Congress is being urged to recognize the great dangers confronting military service members assigned to Bosnia by taking immediate action to award the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Such legislation was inserted into the 1998 Defense Authorization Bill, which is now Public Law (PL 105-85).

- Congress is being urged to provide funding to make health care facilities more user friendly for women veterans.

The VFW currently serves on a Public Advisory Committee for the Klemm Analysis Group, which is conducting a study of Persian Gulf Era Women's Health Issues.

The survey will assist the VFW in drafting and advancing legislation that best meets the needs of its female veterans.



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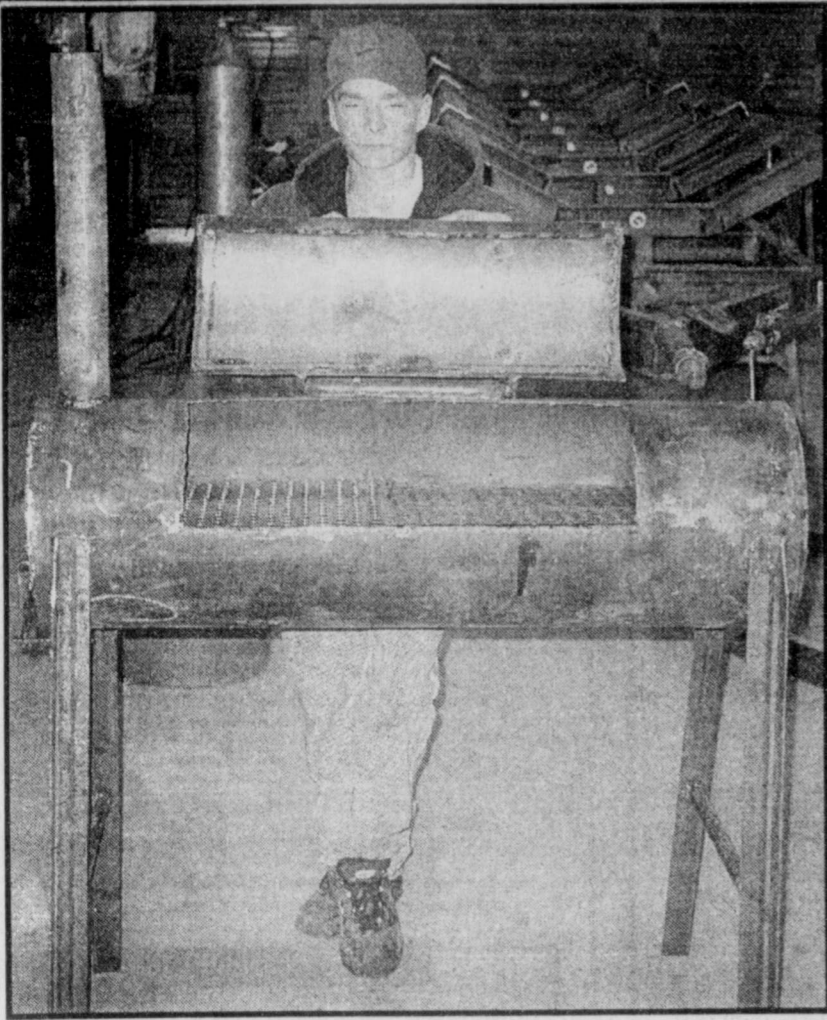
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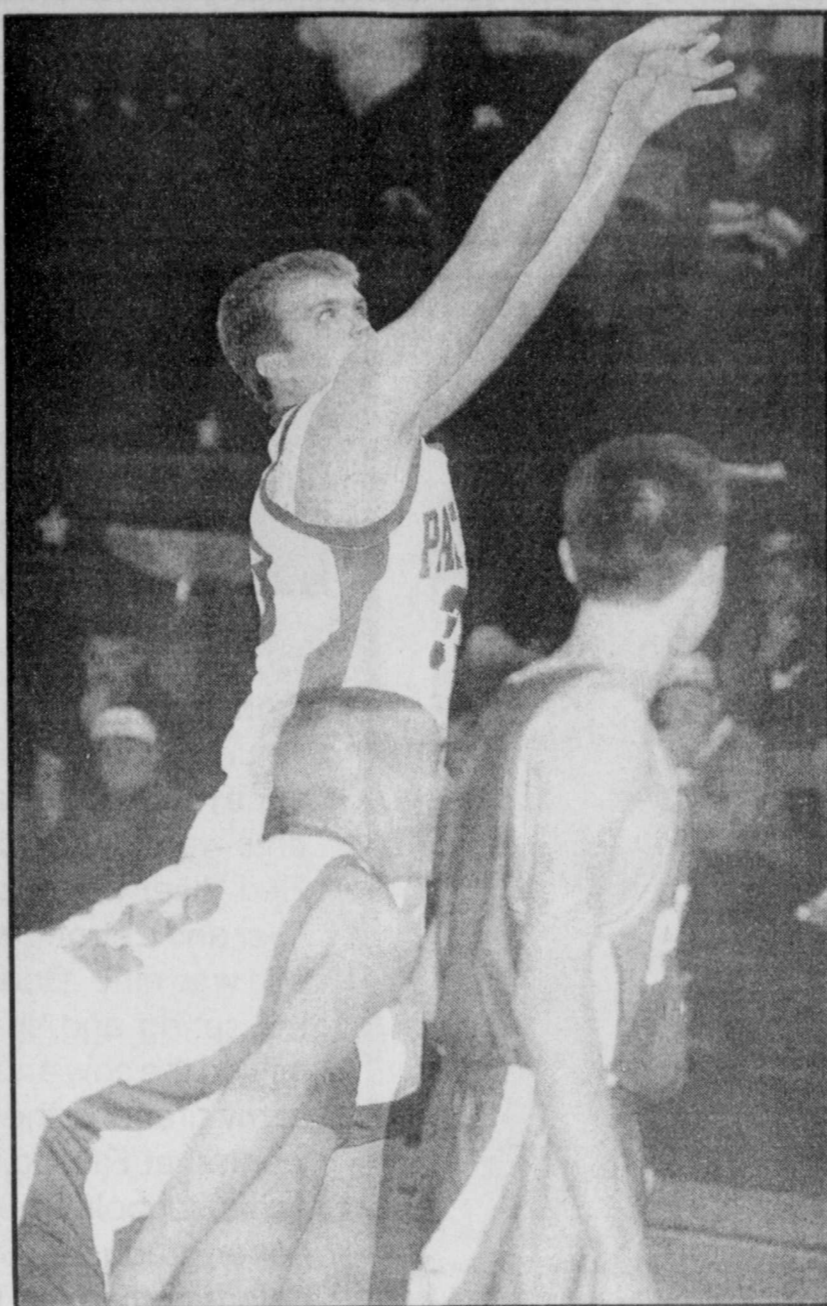
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PRAIRILAND FFA member Tracy Watkins shows off a cooker/smoker that he built during ag mechanics class.



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

PRAIRILAND PATRIOT Chris Hudson went to the free shot line to break the century mark during last Friday night's win over Alba-Golden 102-41. The Pats will play their last game on Friday night against Honey Grove.



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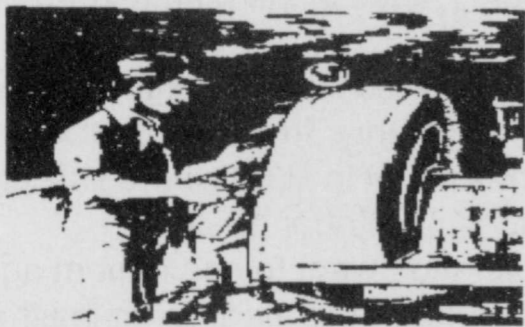
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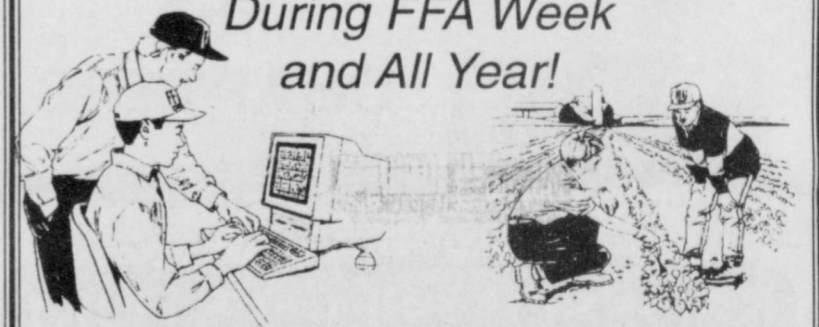
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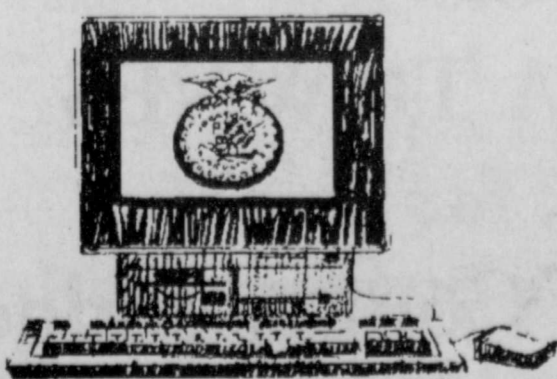


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Judge James M. Carlow, Bowie County

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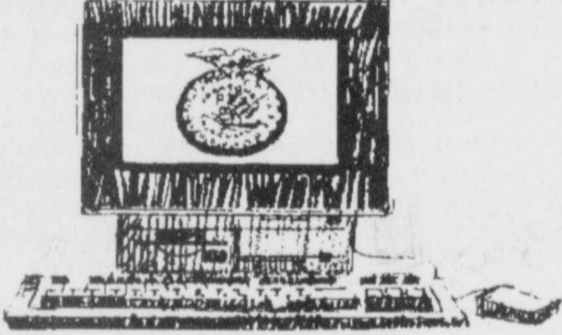


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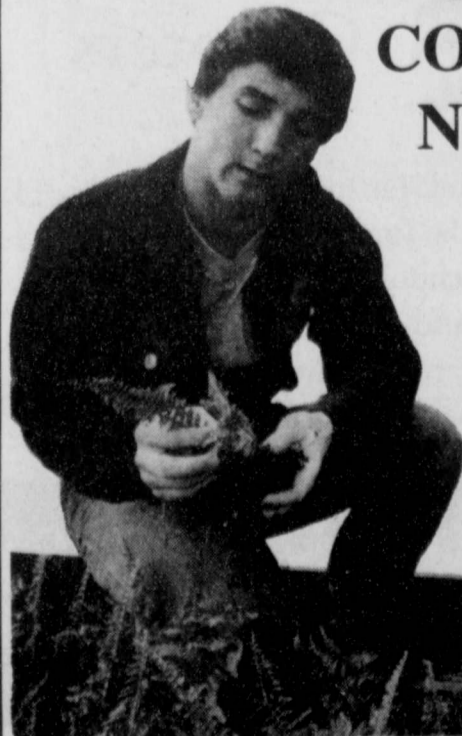
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THE PRAIRILAND PATRIOT SCOREBOARD was proof positive last Friday night, as the Pats defeated Alba-Golden 100-37. (Staff Photo)

**Pats hit century mark with 102**

The Prairiland Patriots went for the gold on Friday night when they scored 102 points over Alba-Golden's 41. Five players scored in double digits, with junior Trey Gifford going for 36. David Ford had 16, Jackie Davidson 15, Daniel Sepulveda 13 and Chris Hudson 13. Hudson was also at the free throw line when the 100-plus mark was broken.

Patriots outscored Alba 25-to-12 in the first quarter and went into half-time 49-15.

In the second half, the Pats just kicked back and relaxed, to cruise thru the fourth quarter. They scored a whopping 32 points in the third and 21 in the fourth. Seniors Ford and Davidson each layed in 4-three pointers each. The team managed only 11 fouls to Alba's 23.

They will host Honey Grove in their final game of the season Friday night.

**Special Olympics basketball team to make debut in Clarksville**

The Red River County Special Olympics basketball team will be in Clarksville on Saturday, February 28 at the high school gym when special olympics basketball day will be staged.

Nine members of the individual skills squad will demonstrate their skills beginning at 2:00 p.m. Those athletes will be accompanied by local business representatives as they make their way to each station.

Following the skills demonstration the team basketball squad will play a game against local sports fans. The contest will consist of four six minute quarters.

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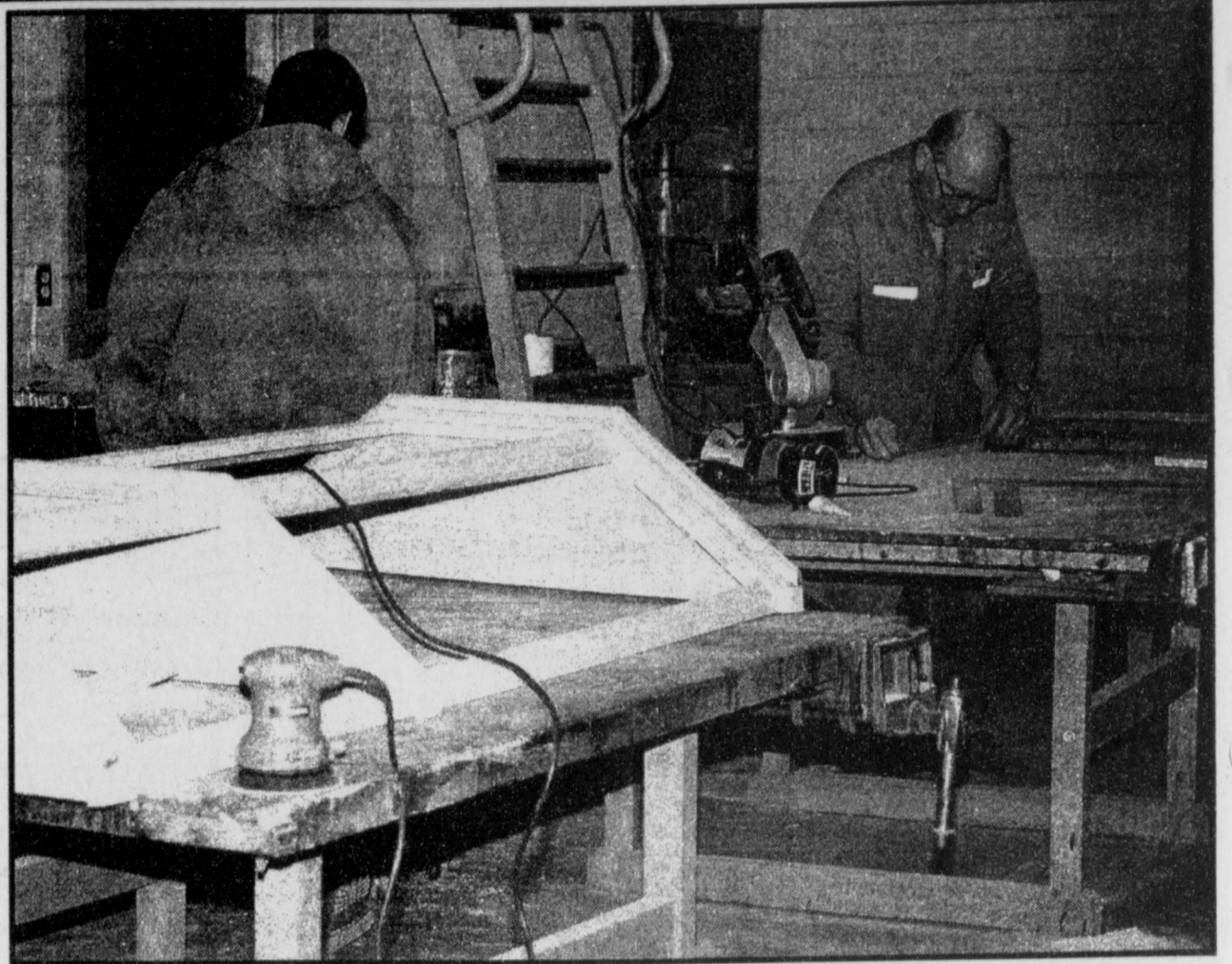
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**Crawford Family holds reunion**

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Ruth and Stanley O'Brien spent the day in Austin recently with their son, Bradley, a registered nurse. Hammond Day is doing well after surgery. His sister Ruth visited he and Betty at their Parker home Sunday. Bob Day enjoyed several calls from Ruth O'Brien recently and visited with she and Stanley at Shady Grove. Stephanei O'Brien of Eules will sing with her honor choir in San Antonio on Thursday and Friday. She is the daughter of Dr. Stephen O'Brien and her grandparents are Ruth and Stanley O'Brien. Dorothy George Black and her daughters from Mesquite were in Paris Saturday for the funeral of Gene Hampton. They are former Clardy residents. Brice and Cindy Day and children of Rowlett visited Bob Day at Shady Grove Sunday.

Calvin and Judy Day and Jessica Semple were in Dallas on business and visited Ruth and Stanley O'Brien Tuesday. Mike and Jenny Speir and children visited their grandmother, Willie Mae Speir on Sunday. Carol Ladd and daughter had lunch with Willie Mae Speir Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Evans of Lithonia, GA visited Bocky Norman Wednesday of last week. They were here for the funeral of Kenneth Read and visited the Read family. Thomas and Nanalee Nichols and Jayne and Dicky King celebrated Valentine's Day with a special shrimp supper Saturday night at Thomas and Nanalee's. Christy Dickson is recuperating from pneumonia. Donny and Dawne Darden had Thomas and Nanalee Nichols as dinner guests Sunday night. Out of town visitors to the home of Ida Lou Read this past week for the funeral of Kenneth Read included: Jim and Billye Evans, Lithonia, Ga.; Ruth Denison, Paris, Tx.; Ruby Lee Adams, Dallas; J.D. & Lera Lawler of Lewisville; Don & Sue Davis of Keller; Carroll and Neita Denison of Detroit, Tx.; Pete and Gloria Denison of Bailey, Co.; Ken and Kristi Read,

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**Bogata Book Club meets hears safety program**

The Bogata Book Club met at the home of Betty Puckett Thursday, February 12th with Betty and Eleanor McCluer as hostesses. Janie Dixon and Mary Ann Williams presented the program of safety and privacy, including phone credit card use, and avoiding slamming by long distance companies. Refreshments were served. Next meeting will be March 12 at Dawne Darden's with Dashina Nada as co-hostess.

**PJC center will be in Clarksville**

An advisor from the Educational Opportunity Center at Paris Junior College will be in Clarksville on February 24. Jacquelyn Mitchell will be at the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce office at 101 N. Locust from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Educational Opportunity Center advisors provide adults with information about educational and career opportunities. The center provides information on admission requirements to educational programs and financial aid availability. They also assist with the preparation of college admissions and financial aid applications.

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Lunch: Fish sticks w/catsup  
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**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast  
Juice, milk  
Lunch: Baked chicken  
Corn  
Creamed potatoes  
White bread  
Milk

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast  
Juice, milk  
Lunch: Vegetable soup  
Crackers/cornbread  
Cheese stick  
Mayo cake  
Milk

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup  
Juice, milk  
Lunch: Beef tamale pie  
Pears  
Crackers  
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| <b>February</b> |                       |          |          |            |
| 10              | Paris (Scrimmage)     | Here     | V and JV | 4:00, 5:30 |
| 16              | Como Pickton (DH)     | There    | Varsity  | 4:30       |
| 19-21           | Prairiland Tournament | Deport   | JV and V | TBA        |
| 26-28           | Bonham Tournament     | Bonham   | Varsity  | TBA        |
| 27              | Paris/Chisum (DH)     | There    | JV       | 4:30       |
| <b>March</b>    |                       |          |          |            |
| 5               | Rains                 | Here     | JV and V | 4:30       |
| 9-13            | Spring Break          |          |          |            |
| 16              | *Rivercrest           | Here     | Varsity  | 4:30       |
| 17              | *Cooper               | Here     | JV       | 4:30       |
| 20              | *Honey Grove          | There    | JV, V    | 4:00       |
| 23              | *Detroit              | There    | Varsity  | 4:30       |
| 24              | *Chisum               | Here     | Varsity  | 10:00      |
| 30              | *Cooper (DH)          | Here     | Varsity  | 4:30       |
| <b>April</b>    |                       |          |          |            |
| 3               | *Rivercrest           | There    | Varsity  | 4:30       |
| 6               | *Honey Grove          | Here     | JV, V    | 4:00       |
| 9               | *Detroit              | Here     | Varsity  | 4:30       |
| 13              | *Chisum               | There    | Varsity  | 4:30       |

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—Hubert H. Humphrey



Shanna Lynn Denison with fiance Robert Dale Wilkerson, Jr.

### Denison-Wilkerson engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Don Denison of Paris are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shanna Lynn Denison, to Robert Dale Wilkerson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilkerson of Blossom. The couple will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, April 11 at seven o'clock in the evening at the First Baptist Church in Deport. Pastor Freddy Burden will officiate the semi-formal ceremony. The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Charles and Betty Bowman, Ruth Denison and the late Paul

Denison, all of Paris. She is a 1995 graduate of Prairiland High School and is employed by Personal Touch as a beauty operator. Her fiance is the grandson of the late T.J. and Cora Lee Kemp of Hot Springs, AR and Alpha LaVergie Wilkerson of Paris and the late Leo Dale Wilkerson. He is a 1992 graduate of Prairiland High School and is employed by Reno Paint and Body as a paint technician. Family and friends are invited to attend.

### Cunningham News

By Linda Anderson  
Call Your News to 652-3502



Ann Gaylord of Baytown spent the weekend with Velma Cox. Sunday, Velma Cox, Ann Gaylord of Baytown and Dora Hester of Paris had lunch at the Golden Corral. Carol and Jennifer Dorsey had lunch with Lucy Fowler and Talma and Margaret Fowler visited during the afternoon on Sunday. Scotty and Treda Norwood and family Frankie and Julie Norwood and family, Billie Ray and Neva Oats and family, Brad Nutt and Diana Merrill had lunch with Geneva Norwood Sunday. Cunningham Baptist Church had a Valentine Banquet Saturday night. Vicki Davis spent the weekend in Georgia visiting Bruce Watson. Randy Anderson spent the weekend with Rickey and Linda Anderson. Andrea, Kara and Arron Palmer, Dwayne, Lisa O'Neal and Weston Drinnon had lunch with Jane O'Neal Sunday. Pat West of Roxton visited Linda Anderson Wednesday afternoon. Brent Norwood of Blossom spent the weekend with James and Pat Norwood and his father, Tracy Norwood. Heath, Missy and Laytner Kennedy of Paris had lunch with Bobby Ray and Shelby Kennedy Sunday.



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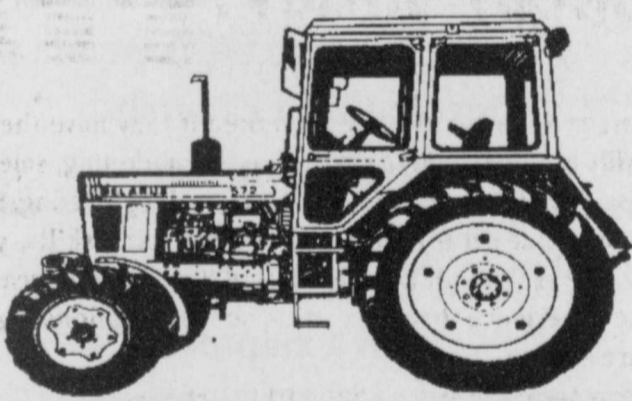
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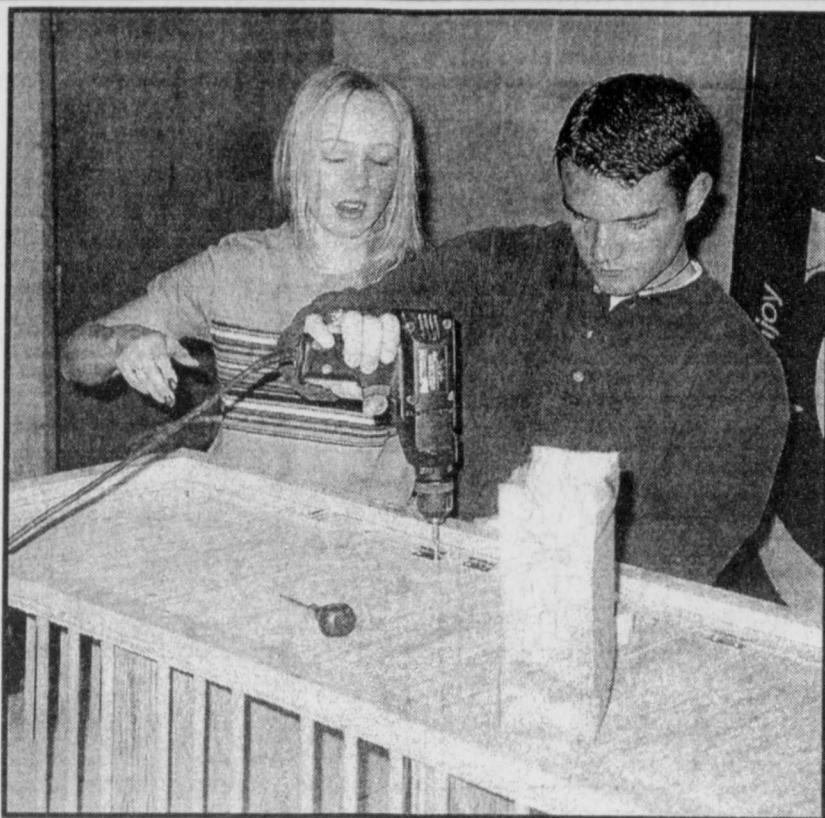
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**Prairiland Tennis team competes**

The Prairiland Tennis Team played in their first tennis tournament this season in Mt. Pleasant, Saturday, February 14th. Schools involved in this tournament with Prairiland were Daingerfield, Mt. Pleasant and Paris High.

With having just begun the season, Coach Thompson reports the team fared well. Exciting matches were played by all athletes.

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Anna Thompson, Shasta Riley and Amber Norwood. Amy Bryan won her single's match with Mt. Pleasant 6-3, 6-3. Anna Thompson came close with split sets 5-7, 7-5 but faltered 1-6 against Paris High.

Our next match is against Mt. Vernon, February 24th in Paris at Culbertson Park. Also the tennis team has unique T-Shirts for sale for \$10, which were designed by Shasta Riley. Everyone is invited to come watch these matches.

**UMW meets at church**

Deport United Methodist Women met in the fellowship hall of the church on Monday night, February 16.

Ten members answered roll call, Ruth Cheatham, Debbie Campbell, Juavane Carpenter, Ruth Chipman, Martha Glover, Marianne Ladd, Melba Ladd, Margaret Parks, Lucille Pickering and Juanita Sparks.

President Juavane Carpenter opened the meeting with prayer. Members of this group and the church family who are ill and bereaved at this time were remembered with special considerations.

Minutes from the last meeting and treasurer's report were given by Melba Ladd. Ruth Cheatham gave the introductory lesson to the study of the book of Joshua. This study was written by Roy H. May, Jr. with study guide by Annette Vanzant Williams. God's replacement of Moses with Joshua to lead His chosen people back into the promised land was explained.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 2 with hostess, Martha Glover and Melba Ladd as program leader.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the Mizpah.

To celebrate President's Day, Juanita Sparks served foods representing former presidents. The tables were decorated in a patriotic theme.

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Trooper Mark Lockridge is a Texas Highway Patrol Association board member, and works in Waxahatchie.

Often when I write tickets during accidents, the people involved say, "Well, I was in the fast lane." This always occurs in incidents on divided highways, those with two northbound and two southbound lanes.

The truth is there's no "fast" lane. The misunderstanding stems from the fact that there are two lanes, but unlike Germany's Autobahn, neither is designated as a "fast" lane or "passing" lane.

There isn't a "fast lane" on the four lane highway either. Troopers are taught to label the lane closest to the median the inside lane and the lane closest to the bar ditch or right lane the outside lane. Many drivers think the inside lane is the "fast" or "passing" lane, and that if you choose to drive slower than the flow of traffic—regardless of how much it might exceed the posted speed limit—that you should move into the outside lane. The law does require slower traffic to move over to the right and yield to faster traffic. But this relates to vehicles traveling slower than the posted speed limit.

In other states and some countries there are passing lanes. These are for drivers to pull into to pass a vehicle and then pull back into the lane they were traveling in. These don't yet exist in Texas.

So there isn't a "fast" or "passing" lane. Just remember to slow down, obey the speed limits, and be both cautious and courteous. We all have to share the road.

**LEGAL LIGHTS**

Q: Is it legal to have those lights on top of cars? What about other lights on cars?  
 C.M., Freestone

A: Lights on top of vehicles are in violation of state laws with the exception of emergency vehicles. Other additional lights on vehicles can't be mounted any lower than 12-in. or higher than 42-in. from the surface of the roadway. The lights on top of vehicles were manufactured for off-road use. The number of additional lights are also restricted by law. The lights around license plates are regulated by law. It

requires the license plate lamp to be white and illuminate the license plate for 50 feet at night. These lights can't be colored, neon or blinking.

**HIT AND RUN**

Q: My car got hit in the grocery store lot. I returned with my groceries to find my car badly damaged. Whoever hit it didn't leave a note. What's supposed to be done?  
 J.K. Bryan

A: State law requires that the driver who strikes an unattended vehicle either locate its owner or leave a note in a visible location on the car. The note should include the owner of the striking vehicle's name and address and a description of the accident. You should contact the police and your insurance company. The officer may be able to locate the vehicle who struck yours.



BUSTER CROSSLAND took advantage of the brief dry, sunny spell to till his garden in preparation for spring planting. (Staff Photo by Peggy Parsons)

**Get your garden ready for spring**

Get your gardens and lawns ready for spring. The Maxey House State Park is hosting a gardening workshop with the Lamar County Master Gardeners Association on Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The Lamar County Master Gardeners will present six areas of discussion on various garden topics. The sessions will last approximately 30 minutes and participants will be able to select four of the six sessions to attend. The following topics will be available: composting, xeriscaping, lawn care, landscaping, rose plantings and vegetable gardening. Pre-registration is required. Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. in the Book House on that day. A donation of \$2.50 or more is requested for the workshop.



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# Red River County deputies are exonerated in excessive force case

Red River County Sheriff Bob Edrington announced today that following a three day trial in United States District Court in Sherman, ending Wednesday, February 11, Red River County Sheriff's Office Deputies have been exonerated in a case

which alleged that the officers used excessive force in the April 3, 1993 arrest of James Patrick White of Bogata.

The original lawsuit, filed in September, 1995, by White, accused Deputy Trey Absten and Deputy Mark Perkins of having used excessive force in the arrest of White at

approximately 1:00 a.m. on April 3, 1993 at the intersection of North Main and Fourth Street in Bogata. Deputy Perkins was later dropped from the suit after it was discovered that Perkins was not in the area at the time of the arrest. Deputy Terry Reed was subsequently named as a defendant in the suit, along with Absten, Sheriff Edrington and Red River County. Sheriff Edrington and Red River County were later dismissed from the lawsuit by Judge Schell.

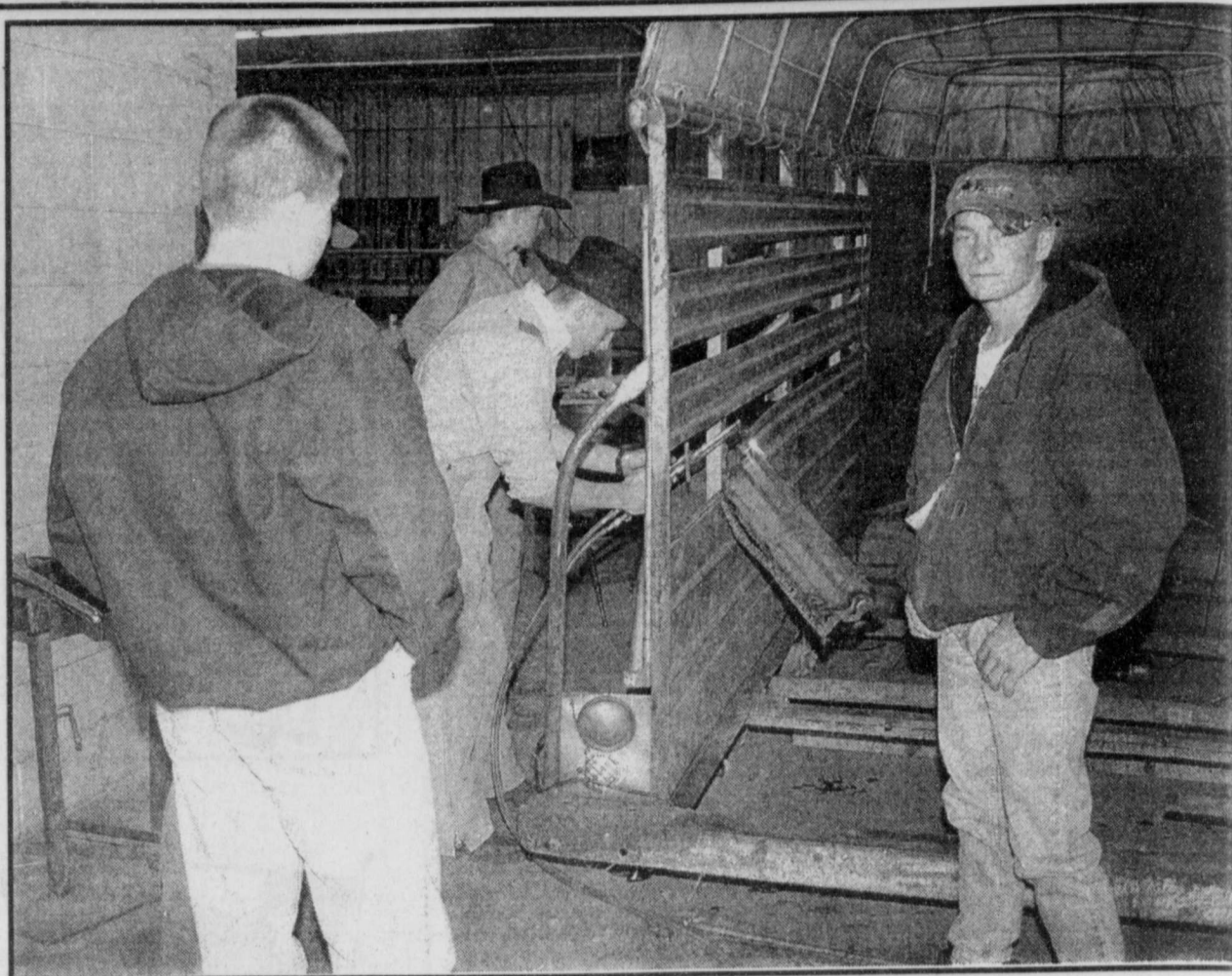
According to Edrington, records reflect that Deputy Trey Absten, now a Lieutenant with the Titus County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Gerry Allen, now employed as a Lieutenant Investigator with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office arrested James Patrick White, Vincent McCoin and Tommy Anderson on various misdemeanor charges after officers observed the pickup truck driven by McCoin to have committed traffic violations in the early morning hours of April 3, 1993. Edrington says that Allen was never alleged to have used excessive force and was not named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

"I am very pleased that these fine officers actions have been vindicated by the federal jury", Edrington said. He added that "these officers have been forced to operate with a cloud hanging over them and their families due to the allegations and they can now continue their careers knowing that the federal jury found they did nothing wrong."

The suit was filed by the Stuckey law firm in Nacogdoches on behalf of Mr. White. The officers were defended by James Allison of Allison, Bass and Associates of Austin. Sheriff Edrington noted that Commander Albert Rodriguez of the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Austin testified that the officers not only did not use excessive force, they had not even used the amount of force which would have been justified by the circumstances of the arrest. Sheriff Edrington stated that White was transported to the hospital in Clarksville after having been taken to the Red River County Jail in Clarksville on the morning of April 3, 1993, but Edrington added that, "the jury obviously concluded that the injuries were self-inflicted by White, were not serious, and were not the result of the actions of the arresting officers."

In addition to determining whether the officers had used excessive force, the eight-person federal jury was also instructed to consider if the officers had committed an assault against White as defined by Texas law: If the officers had failed to provide reasonable and timely medical care; and if the officers had inflicted emotional duress on Mr. White. "The jury answered "no" to each of these questions," Edrington said.

"I am very proud of these officers and their professionalism in the face of these allegations," Sheriff Edrington said.



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

TRAILER REPAIR is just one of the many projects that Prairiland FFA members work on. Here they are repairing the trailer and getting it ready for a new bed. Pictured is Tracy Watkins, Matt Basinger, Brad Barrentine and Justin Brewer.

## High school students need TASP or exemption before college credit at PJC

East Texas community college officials are urging high school students who intend to take college level courses during the 1998-99 school year to take the Texas Academic Skills Program exam in May, June or July, unless they are exempt. Many students will not be considered exempt from this test and should make arrangements now to take the TASP exam prior to the beginning of the Fall 1998 semester.

New rules regarding TASP take effect this year, forcing changes in the way non-exempt students register for college.

Students may be considered exempt from TASP if they have recorded a 23 score (19 minimum on math and English) on the ACT college entrance exam; a 1070 score (minimum 500 on both verbal and math) on the SAT college entrance exam; or if they achieved minimum standards on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test. Minimum TAAS scores are 1770 for

writing; Texas Learning Index of 86 in math; and Texas Learning Index of 89 in reading.

Other TASP exemptions apply only to students who completed three or more college hours prior to the fall of 1989 and those who took the SAT between 1993 and 1995.

It is a separate exam from the Texas Academic Assessment Program. Students must pass TAAS to complete high school, and if not exempt, must take TASP or an equivalent alternate test to enter college.

Changes in college study requirements as they relate to the "TASP exam were recommended by the Texas Legislature in 1996 and finalized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in 1997.

In previous years, students who were not TASP-exempt and who had not attempted the TASP exam could register for college as long as they did not attempt more than 9 college credit hours prior to taking the exam. High school students could take early ad-

missions or "dual credit" courses for college credit during their junior or senior year of high school without taking TASP. Beginning in the fall of 1998, exemption or TASP will be required of high school students taking college classes.

For those non-exempt students who do not attempt TASP prior to attempting to register as a college student, an alternative test may be offered. A decision on alternative tests for TASP is expected to be made by the state's Higher Education Coordinating Board in April.

Any student who plans to attend college next year and has a question about TASP may contact the testing office at Paris Junior College for assistance.

The deadline for regular registration for the May 9 TASP exam is April 10; the deadline for regular registration for the June 20 TASP exam is May 22; and the regular registration deadline for the July 25 TASP is June 26.

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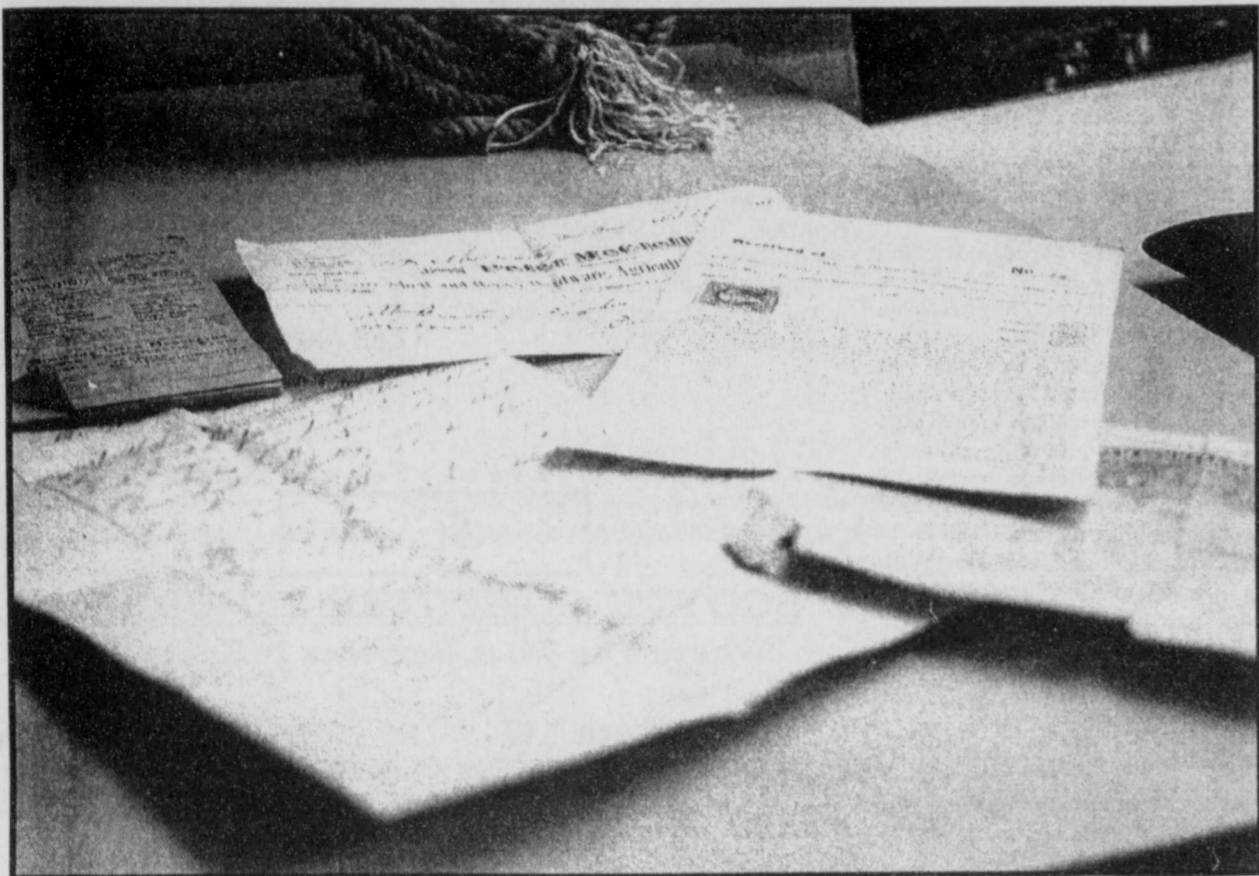
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**OLD DOCUMENTS**-these papers from the 1880s were found in the attic of Susan Roach's father. They provide a look into the prices and lifestyles of that era. (Staff Photo)

## Old papers provide a look into the past

In going through things in her father's attic, Susan Roach of Deport discovered a box of old papers from Eddy, Texas, most of them from the 1880s.

These papers include letters, business papers and advertising brochures, and are in wonderful condition.

Included is a letter from a woman to the saloonkeeper in Eddy. In beautiful copper plate writing it reads "I went to you and in a respectful manner, requested you not to let my husband have any more whiskey. In the presence of him and Eugene, you promised me that you would not. Since then, I have had satisfactory evidence that you have knowingly let him have whiskey. He comes home from Eddy intoxicated, nearly every time, besides bringing several bottles of whiskey with him. I know in my mind that you let him have it. Apart from the above, I have other satisfactory evidence that you sell whiskey to him. I have notified you not to sell him whiskey once. I now notify you again. Do you know the law on selling whiskey thus? If not, it is time you were informing yourself. I will not take any more excuses."

The letter is dated Oct. 8, 1888. A receipt for 10 lbs. of blasting powder shows that the cost was \$2.50, and fuses were \$270 for 25.

An official document shows the receipt from the State of Texas for a occupation license for a retail liquor dealer. In an age where things cost almost nothing, a license was a whop-

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A booklet for Simmons Liver regulator made amazing claims. It claimed to bring perfect health, cheerful spirits, prosperous business, sound liver, clear skin, and enable one to live a useful life. In addition it was supposed to cure bots, grubs, gripes, cough, hide bound or pneumonia and lung fever in horses; make hens lay eggs, and clear up a woman's complexion!

A letter addressed to an "influential farmer" advertised championship draft horse stallions for improvement of stock, an advertising card touts Arm & Hammer Brand Baking Soda, for use in the bath as well as treatment of colds, rheumatism, lumbago and all kinds of ills.

A receipt from a building supply included 3 gallons of linseed oil at \$2.10; 25 lbs. of white lead for white-wash at \$1.88; 60 1x10s at \$1.50; 1 can venetian red paint at 20 cents.

A soda water and sarsaparilla dealer also had all kinds of mineral water and ginger ale. A saloon requested to be supplied with these mineral waters and sarsaparillas at the cost of 55 cents per day.

500 pounds of flour was \$11.50, 18 lbs. of sugar was only a \$1. A pair of shoes ran from \$1 to \$6.50.

The list of deeds, receipts and sales advertisements goes on and on.

The entire selection is all set in the 1880s and provided fascinating reading. It provides a peek into the past.

## Matter of Fact

Rick Perry  
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

It appears farmers and ranchers in this country may have to start a new fashion trend - deep pockets. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, agriculture regulatory costs are expected to reach about \$20 billion in 1997. For each farm in Texas, that's an average of \$1,100 a year. That accounts for about 16 percent of all major farm production expenses.

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Seems the government's hands are in our pockets more than we are.



Before 1896 there was no rural mail delivery system.

Josh Green spent Friday with Rita Cox.

Mary Head, Jeremy and Josh Green and Rita Cox went shopping in Sherman on Saturday.

Barbara Dawson spent the weekend with her son, Tommy Davidson in Lindale. They went shopping in Forney and Terrell and ate at Tony Roma's in Mesquite.

Dalton and Brenda Gibson, Melvin and Becky Webb attended a Valentine's Party in Blossom Saturday night of their antique car organization.

Gordon and Helen VanDeaver visited her aunt, Beulah "Boots" Shipp, in McCuiston Medical Center several times during the week.

Charlie and Scarlett Harvey honored her grandmother, Marie Smith of Campbell, on her 90th birthday at their home with a family dinner and party on Sunday. Others attending were Jo Berry and Chris Berry of Campbell, Troy and Ramona Campbell Matthew and Timothy of Caddo Mills, Daniel Sepulveda, Pete and Angie Fernandez of Paris, John Manley Temple of Milton and Bren Screws of Deport.

John Temple ate supper with Charlie and Scarlett Harvey and Daniel Thursday night.

Dee and Jo Newberry visited her mother, Lahoma Hardwick in Mangum, Ok.

Trey Towers, son of Leslie and Amy Towers, attended the meeting of the Tiger Cub Scouts Thursday night at Prairiland. They toured the PHS greenhouse and worked on bird feeders. Members are working toward their nature badge. Russell Ham is the pack leader.

Barry and Diane Woodall have been attending basketball games at Blossom. Daughter Meagen plays on the 8th grade girls team and their son Landon plays on the 4th grade Blossom Bullets Little Dribblers team.

Ruby Dee Blevins is in the hospital in Paris.

Kent and Mary Ann Wright, Brandon and Blaine went shopping in Sherman Saturday and ate at Ponchos.

Donna and David Crossland were ill over the weekend.

Buster and Louise Crossland visited Buster's sister, Bonnie Clark, in Bonham Friday afternoon.

Cecil Allen of Lamar Point and Clayton Bogard visited Buster and Louise Crossland during the week.

Brandon Wright spent Sunday night with them.

Dr. Wayne and Jill Couch of Rollins, Wyoming have a new daughter, Olivia Lavon, born January 15th. She was welcomed home by big Brother, Riley. Wayne and Sandra Couch are her grandparents and Luiclle Pickering of Deport is great-grandmother.

Spending Friday night with Howard and Sara Higdon was their son, Harvey and their grandson, Neil of Arlington. Neil remained for the weekend. His mother, Nancy came Sunday and they returned home on Monday.

Kerry and Sandry Murdock and family attended the Little Dribblers tournament at Chisum on Friday night and Saturday. Their daughters, Rachel and Rebecca are members of the Deport 4 & 5th grade girls' teams.

Kathy Stout, daughter of L.C. and Jerry Nell Stout, is now working for a lab in Arlington as a phlebotomist. Their granddaughter, Christen Stout, daughter of Jerry and Mitzi Stout of Cooper, competed in the state band contest held in San Antonio last week. She plays the French Horn.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Kenneth Read. He was the uncle of Don Denison.

Congratulations to Jimmy & Ann Gatlin on their 35th anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 22.

Calvin and Judy Day returned home this week from a three day visit in Dallas at the Hyatt Regency Hotel while their granddaughter, Jessica Semple, was modeling for Levi Strauss, Inc. Jessica is a professional model or a Dallas modeling agency. She met with designers from France, England, Germany, Switzerland, Japan and New York.

While in Dallas, Calvin and Judy visited his sister, Ruth O'Brien of Garland and Mrs. Ruston Audrey of Highland Park. Calvin also visited his local and talked with several of his friends while there.

Claudell Powell of Atlanta is visiting her sisters, Patsy Merritt, Susie Evans and Edna Lee.

## Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons  
Call Your News to 652-5022



David and Sue Shelton were in McKinney last week to help their daughter, Ann Long, celebrate her 36th birthday. Their grandson, Brian Long, spent the weekend with them and helped Dave do some fencing.

Bobby and Sue Salter celebrated their 12th anniversary on Valentine's Day in Shreveport, La.

Dustin Pegg spent the weekend with his dad, Mickey Pegg in Mt. Pleasant. Shanna Pegg works at Rustler's in Paris as a hostess.

Tom Fults was in Lawton, Ok. last week visiting his daughter, Dana and husband Ronnie Thomas and Katie, Seth and Zane. Ronnie is an army doctor at Ft. Sill.

Tom and Monda Fults ate at the Fish Fry on Valentine's night.

Canyon Conley, son of Sherry Conley, performed with PIPS at PJC on Saturday night.

Haley and Ty Parsons of Rowlett, Keith and Peggy Parsons attended the Little Dribblers tournament at Chisum Friday night and Saturday. Leah Boren spent Friday night with them.

Congratulations to the Deport 4th grade Girls and Boys Little Dribblers and 5th grade boys and girls teams. They all won first place in the Chisum tournament. This is the second year in a row the 5th grade teams have won.

Cheryl Brook and Randy and Kristi Boren coach the girls teams. Rebecca and Rachel Murdock, Breanna Holley, Whitney Brook, Drew and Leah Boren, Nick McDowra, Randy Hoover, Eric Miller, Curtis Wilson, J.P. Mazy, Laura Barnes and Elizabeth Porter from our community are members of those teams. Cindy Brown was one of the officials.

Roy Arrasmith, Dustin and Shanna Pegg, Steven Lemmen and Anna Thompson played in a tennis tournament at Mt. Pleasant on Saturday. Sharyl Thompson is their coach.

Breanna Holley and Ty Parsons spent Saturday night with Leah and Drew Boren. They and Randy and Kristi Boren ate lunch Sunday with Keith and Peggy Parsons. Jordan Burdine of Arkansas, June Burdine and Haley Parsons visited that night.

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### Red River County Crime Stoppers 903-427-TIPS

Sometime between Sunday, February 1 and Friday, February 6, a person or persons unknown burglarized Steve Bruring's deer camp on CR 2123. His camper trailer was broken into and the following items were taken: 13" Sanyo TV, Sanyo VCR, Hughs satellite receiver, a 30.06 Remington rifle w/3x9 Leopold scope, a Browning 12 ga. shotgun and electric heater. These items were also taken from the campsite: a Yamaha 180 4-wheeler, a blue tandem axle utility trailer, a 4x4 Kioti

orange and black tractor with bucket and mower/bush hog attachment on the tractor.  
If you call the Crime Stoppers line at 427-TIPS, and have information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for this crime, or any crime, you may receive a reward of up to one thousand dollars.  
Remember, we don't want your name, just your information.  
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### Deport Nursing Home News By Candy Larkin

Harold Norris was visited by Carl Hall, Randal Bangs, Billie Bangs, Candy Larkin and Ella Titsworth.  
Dorthea Elms was visited by Wynell Callaway and Jo Ann Henson.  
Mamie Fletcher's guests were Becky Proctor, Lila, Hali, Kara, and Mike Screws.  
Stasha Hume visited Milow Hume.  
Cletus Thomas was visited by Faye Burns.  
Lucy Blount was visited by Ann Sanders, Ella Titsworth, Candy Larkin.  
Naomi Vincent was visited by Pam Humphrey.  
Betty Gardner was visited by Lawanda Cherry and Pat Talley.  
Audie Reed was visited by Dean and Glenda Watson and Kendra Hicks.  
Mary Matthews was visited by Bocky Norman.  
Johnnie Warren was visited by Candy Larkin and Linnie Bailey, Bocky Norman, Dorothy Holt, Joyce Wilson.  
Linie Bailey was visited by Jay and Tami Stenger, Alice Bumgarner Robin Frazier, Lawanda Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stenger, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sanders and children Marti and Hunter.  
Delmar Babb was visited by Royce and Jessie.  
Annie Roberts was visited by Venice Bryson and Imogene Wilson, Hazel Redford, Bocky Norman, Linda Barnett.  
Jo Wrenn's visitors were Billy Jo and Reba Munsell.  
Angie Smith was visited by Donald, Jeff, Darrell, Don, Dale, Dynetta, Sissy, James Paul, Billy, Brandi, Christifer, Dean and Matt Smith, Sue Goley, Shirley and Larry Haskell, Eddie Haskell and family, C.D. and Tonya Haskell and family,

Clista and Earl Filkins, and girls, Gertie and Lorene Loller.  
Reecie Kelsey and Brodie Bell were visited by Betsy and Peyton Chapman, Sammy and Suzy Kelsey, Martha Glover and Ella Titsworth.  
Dorothea Jensen's visitors were Linda and John Bates, Matthew aleon, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pehame and Kathy Jenkins.  
Virginia Carrell was visited by Angela and Jessica and Steven Alici, Donna Vaughan and children.  
David Geer was visited by William Gerry and Ann, Cecil Allen and Ella Titsworth.  
Terry Johnson was visited by Dorothy Holt and Joyce Wilson.  
Don O'Dea was visited by Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff and Cecil Allen.  
Alma Montgomery's guests were Cecil Allen, Monda Fults, Peggy Parsons and Candy Larkin.  
Floy Sparks was visited by Ina and Nina Sparks, Monda Fults, Peggy Parsons and Candy Larkin.  
Feb. 10 22 attended Bible Study.  
Marilyn coker brought music Feb. 10.  
Bro. Sam Campbell presented the Bible Study to 30 residents.  
Feb. 11 Manicurs were given.  
Feb. 11, Residents made pizza.  
Feb. 12, 38 attended to hear Bro. George Rape sing and bring Bible Study.  
Dewey Ward brought music to residents.  
Feb. 13, cookout with sausages, weiners, cake, coke, chips.  
Feb. 13 we had a movie and snow cones and heard the gospel sounds of Bill and Gloria Gaither provided by Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff.  
Feb. 16 a few played dominos.  
Several also attended bingo.

We welcome Mrs. Juanita Brawner, Lillie Dunnam, James Hollis Towers.  
Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Mrietta Parsons and Grace Griffin.

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**BACKROOM FLORAL DESIGN:** Roses, carnations, cupcakes, candy balloons, cookies, stuffed animals, green plants. Lots of gift baskets. 632-2003. 502 N. Main, Bogata. Free delivery. MA tjc

**FLOWERS, FRAMES, GIFTS,** also balloons. Call or come by Main Street Florist (old First National Bank Bldg.), Bogata. 632-BUDS (2837) or 1-800-510-9775. We deliver. MA tjc

**271 MOTEL-SNACK SHOP.** Your home away from home. It takes a good cup to have good coffee. Highway 271, Talco, TX. 903-379-5411. MA tjc

**FOR SALE:** Maytag gas dryer, olive green, excellent condition, used very little, \$125.00. 903-652-3746. MA 2-26

**Homes & Real Estate**  
 FOR SALE: New brick homes. Will build your new home in Deport, Detroit, Bogata, Blossom or Clarksville, TX area. 100% financing to qualified buyers. Call Mike Copeland 903-784-7474 or 903-652-3504. MA tjc

**LOT FOR SALE** in east Deport on Bell Street. 50'x146'. 903-567-5423. If no answer, leave message. MA 2-19

**FOR SALE:** Lot and building, formerly Granny Mac's cafe, Deport. Owner can be contacted by calling 652-4233. MA 2-19

**FOR SALE:** Three lots, choice location in Garden of Prayer at Meadowbrook. 903-652-6131. MA 2-26

**Vehicles & Supplies**  
 FOR SALE: 16' Ranger bass boat and trailer. 1970 model, trolling motor, live well, 85 hp motor. Will pull skiers. Good condition. 903-379-4445. MA nc

**FOR SALE:** 1992 Buick LeSabre, one owner, clean, good condition, \$5,500. 903-632-4781 after 5 p.m. 427-5381 days. Ask for William. MA 3-5

**FOR SALE:** 1990 Olds 88 Royal Brougham, all electric, new tires, V6 motor; 1991 Buick Century, good clean car, V6 motor, \$3,500. 903-379-5331. MA 3-5

**Livestock & Ag Supplies**  
**HAPPY JACKSKIN BALM:** Relieves hot spots & scratching. Promotes healing & hair growth on dogs & cats without steroids. Available at Buckman Drug, 125 N. Main, Bogata, TX. tjc

**A MOTHER OF ONE** with lots of experience would like to babysit your child in my home, Monday through Friday. References available. Please call Misti, 652-3655. MA 2-26

**Wanted:**  
**BODACIOUS BABES** is now consigning baby furniture and pageant dresses. 12th & Lamar, Paris, 903-737-0506. MAnc

**WANTED:** Old pictures of Deport to copy for wall display. Relics, 225 Main St., Deport. Will scan and return. Wed-Sat: 10-5. Dave @ 652-6052. MA 1-29

**WANTED:** Jailer/Dispatcher. Must be at least 18 years of age with High School diploma or Completed GED. Please call Jail Administrator, Terry Reed, for more information. 903-427-3838. MA tjc

**NEEDED** Part time babysitter after school, hours 5:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Mon-Fri at my home, six miles south of Deport and Pattonville. Call 785-2683, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 652-6731 after 8:15 p.m. MA 2-26

**WANTED: DISPATCHER I -** The City of Mt. Pleasant is accepting applications in the Police Department. Applicants should be multi-task oriented and will be tested in comprehension, memory, note-taking, receiving and recording data, spelling, map reading, typing, indexing and filing. Shift work required in a stressful working environment. Applicants may apply at the Texas Workforce Center, 1902 West Ferguson Road. The City is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. MA 2-27

**LOST & FOUND**  
**REMEMBER,** we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home!  
 Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

**FOUND:** Full-blood Pointer puppy. Contact Marilyn Glover, 652-3456. nc

**FOUND:** Set of GM keys. Call 652-4205 or come by Deport Times office. nc

**LOST:** \$100 REWARD for lost black and tan male Collie/Shepherd mix. Friendly. Lost on Rd. 44700, north of Blossom. Call 982-5619. 2-12nc

**LOST:** Red miniature Red Dashedund, answers to "Misti". Please call 903-652-3415. 2-26nc

**FREE**  
 Three puppies, Rott/Catahoula and ?? cross. Call 903-632-5225 or come by 201 West 7th in Bogata. 2-5nc

**FREE PUPPIES:** Have had shots and been wormed. Call 632-5666 or come by 506 Clarksville St., Bogata. (Hwy. 909). 3-5

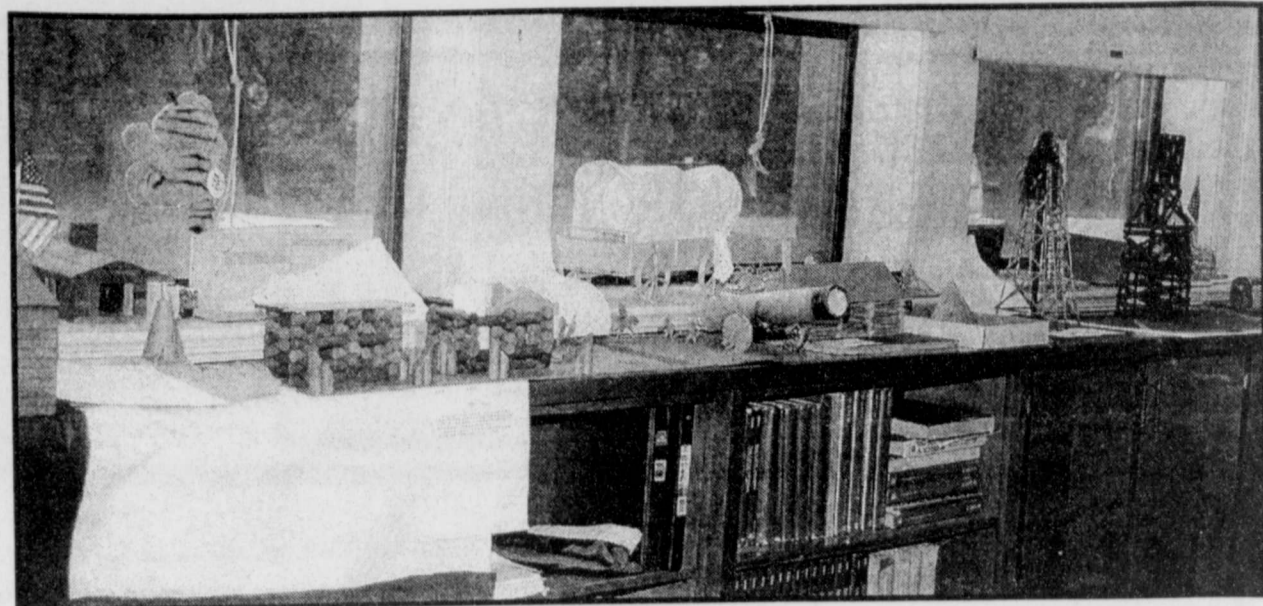
**FREE:** Puppies, five females, mixed breed, 8-9 weeks old. Call 632-5196 after 6 p.m. 2-19

**BEAUTIFUL** grown kittens need a good home. 674-6462 after 5 p.m. 2-26nc

**Sales**  
**CAKLEBERRY'S:** Crafts, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks, Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Saturdays or call 577-7158 or 572-3825. MA 2-26

**GARAGE SALE:** South Howison and Fifth Street in Bogata at Barbara Ward's house. Thursday and Friday, February 19-20, 8 a.m.----- Lots of Levis and Rocky Mountain jeans. Plenty of miscellaneous. 2-19



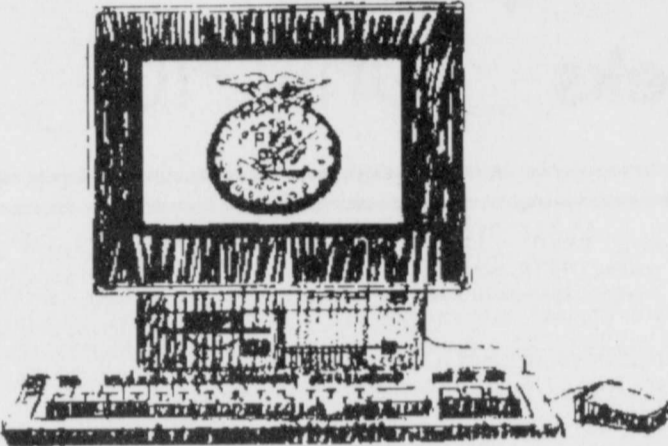


(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

MRS. NORWOOD'S History students on the Deport campus were challenged to create a project about something that they have studied recently. Many interesting projects were turned in and the students looked forward to this classwork each year.



INJURED-a five year old child was injured slightly when he and his bicycle collided with the side of a car on the corner of Monroe and Pecan Street last Wednesday afternoon. Deport VFD paramedics took care of the boy until the ambulance arrived. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



FFA isn't just animal projects! Computer skills, business skills, so many things are learned that last a lifetime.

Congratulations to all area FFA Chapters.

**Darden-Sparks**  
**Department Store**

Main Street, Deport 903-652-4515

### Deport Little Dribbler's take season

The Deport Little Dribbler's ended their season on Saturday with the Chisum Tournament with the teams dominating the tournament. Stats follow:

|                 |                      |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 4th girls       | #1Dport 15-Chisum 12 | #2Dport 24-Bloss 21  |
|                 | #1                   | #2                   |
| Amber Sugg      | 2                    | 2                    |
| Leah Boren      | 3                    | 1                    |
| Ashley Ebarb    | 2                    | 7                    |
| Rebecca Murdock | 7                    | 6                    |
| Morgan Searls   | 1                    | 7                    |
| Carlyn Corso    | 0                    | 1                    |
| 4th boys        | #1Dport 29-Bloss 18  | #2Dport 23-Chisum 18 |
| Logan Norwood   | 2                    | 1                    |
| Weston Drinnon  | 9                    | 12                   |
| Nick McDowra    | 4                    | 2                    |
| Justin Wright   | 6                    | 6                    |
| Lance Ballard   | 0                    | 1                    |
| Josh Allen      | 0                    | 1                    |
| Jason Thomas    | 2                    | 0                    |
| Jay Kirt McKee  | 2                    | 0                    |
| Matt Owens      | 4                    | 4                    |


|                |              |                     |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 4th boys       | #3-1st place | Deport 43-Roxton 42 |
| Logan Norwood  |              | 3                   |
| Weston Drinnon |              | 9                   |
| Nick McDowra   |              | 7                   |
| Justin Wright  |              | 17                  |
| Lance Ballard  |              | 7                   |

|                  |             |                      |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 5th girls        | 1st place   | Deport 19-Chisum 18  |
| Rachel Murdock   |             | 2                    |
| Brittney Martin  |             | 4                    |
| Whitney Brook    |             | 7                    |
| Whitney Turner   |             | 3                    |
| Johnna Patterson |             | 3                    |
| 5th boys         | 1st place   | Deport 23-Detroit 20 |
| Matt Swint       |             | 4                    |
| Matt Dickinson   |             | 4                    |
| Drew Boren       |             | 6                    |
| Brent Burden     |             | 8                    |
| Marty Anderson   |             | 1                    |
| 6th boys         | Consolation |                      |
| 6th girls        | 3rd place   |                      |



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

MRS. FREEMAN'S Kindergarten class on the Deport campus viewed the history projects in Mrs. Norwood's class on Tuesday. The jr. high students were encouraged to make a project about the history they have studied.



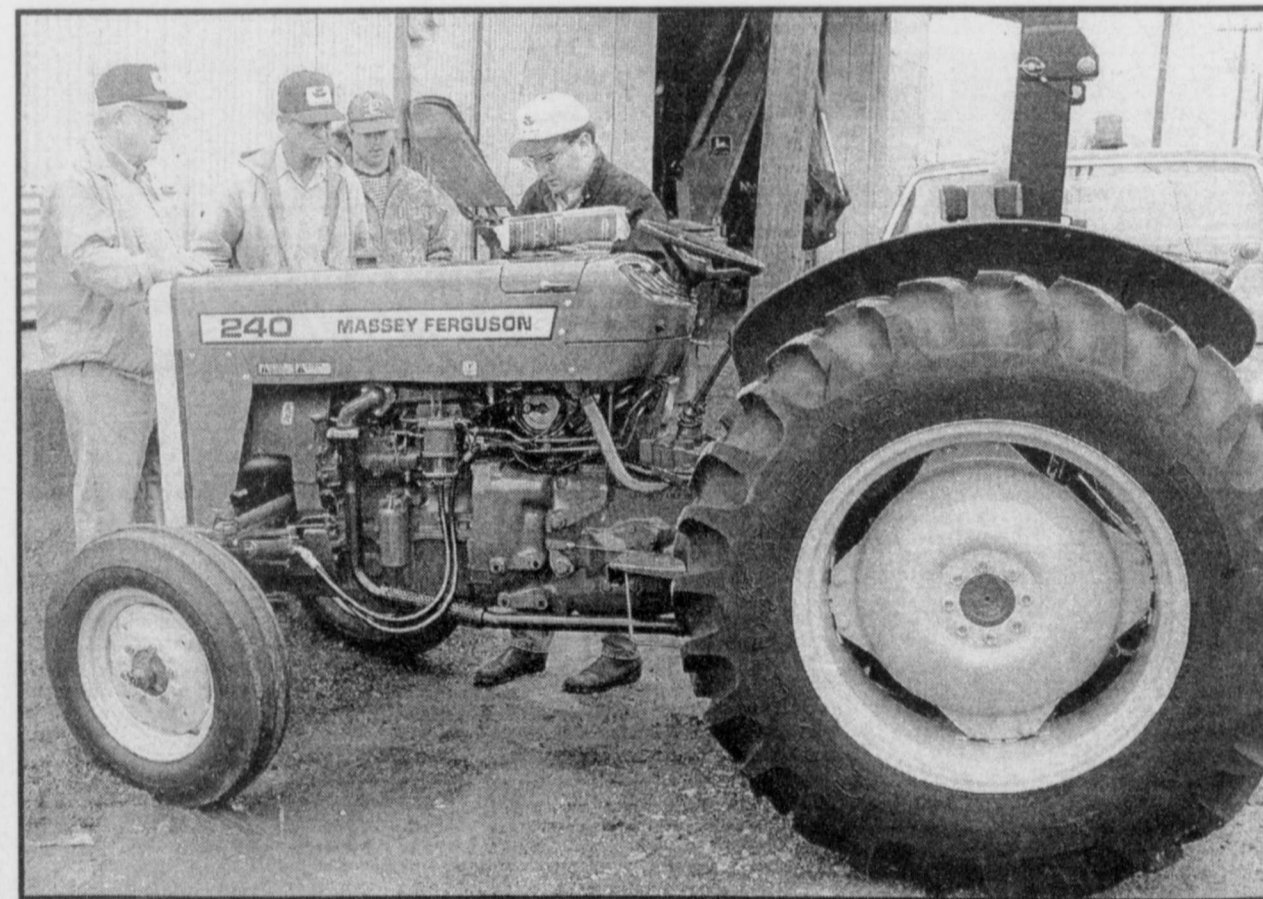
Future Farmers of America members throughout the United States are celebrating FFA Week. Agriculture career opportunities are available to our nation's youth through high school agriculture and the FFA helping to build leaders for the new fields of agriculture a growing. Support Agriculture Education.

**Guaranty Bank-Deport**

111 Main Street - Deport 903-652-3615 MEMBER FDIC




NIKKI WILSON, 7th grade student on the Deport campus won this duffel bag for being a member of the 500 point Accelerated Reader Club. She is the daughter of Michelle and Woody Wilson of Paris.



ThunderPrairie Publishing Photo By Thomas Nichols

NEW TRACTOR FOR THE CITY- Deport Mayor Charles Foster, Sewer and Water Supt. Herman LaRue, and Assist. William Nelson inspected the new Massey Ferguson tractor purchased for the water Department last Monday.



From Old Fashioned Hard Work to Modern Technology, FFA Provides So Many Skills We Support Local FFA Chapters


**CITY DRUG STORE**

Marilyn Glover Deport-652-3456 Duane Glover

Tuesday 42 Club meets with Mae Storm

Tuesday 42 Club met with Mae Storm. High Score for members was won by Purna Haydock. There were two visitors, Reba Temple and Mrs. Erwin. Mrs. Erwin won high score for visitors. Next meeting will be Friday the 27th of February. It will be a covered dish luncheon.

Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance... Positive Outlook by Vera Hill



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HWY. 271 Deport 652-3815