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It really doesn't get much better than this!

If you don't care for this weather there is something seriously the matter with you!

The spring has reached that point where it just couldn't be much better. It is so deliciously green it looks like Ireland with its famous forty shades of green. The trees are so lacy, frothy and ruffled with new-sprung leaves it looks like a fashion show, and the flowers are appearing along roadsides in profusion, as if to say to motorists "slow down, enjoy us".

Farmers are rolling as fast as they can to dust off their fields and plant them. Soon the little seedlings that look so fragile, but have such incredible strength will be pushing through the ground to make neat little rows that lead off into infinity.

As the sun comes up the world fills with bird song as rich as a symphony. Careful observation leads one to note birds of every variety busily weaving and creating their nests. The purple martins are snuggling into their nesting boxes, a purple finch pair are in the top of my juniper, and cardinals are everywhere. The blue birds are in the nesting boxes out on the fences.

And yard work...well, that is something else again. At what other time of the year can one do digging, weeding, planting and feeding and smile the whole time? No sweat, no serious sunburns, nothing but the joy of digging in the dirt.

Sunday Thomas and I decided it was a great day for doing some yard work. We dug and hoed and pulled weeds, straightened winter-moved borders and generally began getting our place "spiffed" up for spring.

At one point we got on the four wheeler and trundled up to the big barn to get a chain to pull some dead willow wood out of the way.

As we scooted over the green grass, startling the heifers and scaring up a few meadow larks and a squirrel Thomas said "Well, I suppose life could be better than this, but I don't know how!"

As the warm sun fell over my winter-pale skin and a neighbor waved as they drove down the road I could only agree.



Maundy Thursday service set for 1st Presbyterian in Deport

There will be a Maundy Thursday Service Thursday evening, April 9th at the First Presbyterian Church in Deport.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed, led by the Rev. Ed Dodson.

The service is at 7:00 p.m. and the public is invited.

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Prairiland FFA auction nets over \$8000 for chapter

The day started off bright and sunny for the annual Prairiland Livestock Show, Pig Wrestling, Stew Supper and Auction. This event is the big fundraiser for the organization. Their entire year revolves around the money raised through several months of planning and hard work by the officers, advisors and members. This year was no exception. The top auction item was small trailer made by the ag members that went for \$460. Other items made by FFA members that brought several dollars was a John Deere tractor clock that went for \$390, a large picnic table for \$310, a curio cabinet that sold for \$275 and the remains of a pew, over 100 years old, from the Bethel Baptist Church that was remade into a small bench and went for \$200. The members out did themselves with the small benches, cabinets and other items that they made. Also donations from area businesses and area residents added money to the auction being with a total of over \$8000 being raised.

Stew lovers ate their fill along with a variety of homemade desserts from FFA member's families. The winning pot went to the team of Leonard Ford and Dr. Gary Ballard. Other teams consisted of Gifford Construction, Guaranty Bank and Jim Irwin. 295 were served beginning at 5:00.

The pig wrestling teams were in fine form on Saturday afternoon. The mud was thick, slimy and smelly and the kids were ready and the pigs were big. The girl's winning team consisted of Ashley Whitley, Tiffany Webb and Starr Thompson with a time of 39 seconds. Boy's team members were Chad Johnston, Justin Brewer and Kaleb Craig with a time

of six seconds.

The exhibitors were in fine form throughout the day with a steady stream of pigs, lambs, rabbits, beef and dairy cattle and a host of little kids with their "kiddie class" entries.

Meanwhile throughout the day, a steady stream of area residents visited the greenhouse and made purchases of bedding plants, both vegetables and flowers, hanging baskets and assorted pot plants. There are a few left of all of these items if anyone is interested in purchasing more. The greenhouse is open and welcomes you during the hours of 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to purchase your plants.

The Prairiland FFA members and advisors would like to thank everyone for their support and help with this project. The following is a list of the results in each class.

Lightweight Swine-1) Lee Bland, 2) Logan Norwood, 3) Spur Norwood, 4) Matt Basinger, 5) Daniel Hancock, 6) Kortnie Barrentine, 7) Dustin Pegg, 8) Whitney Turner and 9) Justin Brewer.

Mediumweight Swine-1) Logan Norwood, 2) Cody Withers, 3) Jemilyn McKee, 4) Amber Norwood, 5) Cari Irwin, 6) Chad Johnston, 7) Dustin Allen, 8) Charity Musgrove, 9) Brad Barrentine, 10) Matt Downs and 11) Carey Dupree.

Heavyweight Swine-1) Jay Kurt McKee, 2) Trey Unruh, 3) Deann Presley, 4) Teri Ramsey, 5) Chris Unruh, 6) Cody Jones, 7) Chris Unruh, 8) Chris Turner and 9) Jeremiah Jones.

Grand Champion went to Logan Norwood with trophy sponsored by Blossom Citgo and Reserve Champion was Jay Kurt McKee sponsored by Crosslands Garage. Showmanship was won by Cari Irwin sponsored by Blossom Food Mart.

Lightweight Lamb Division-1) Tammie Anthony, 2) Sabrina Sexton, 3) Brittany Ballard, 4) Tammie Anthony, 5) Heather Anthony and 6) Carlena Fox.

Mediumweight Lamb-1) Brittany Ballard, 2) Heather Anthony, 3) Allan Blanton, 4) Susan Whittle, 5) Ashley Doyle, 6) Dustin Clement and 7) Jessica Fox.

Heavyweight Lamb-1) Sabrina Sexton, 2) Kristi Sexton, 3) Nick McDowra, 4) Renee Moreland and 5) Danielle Syrus.

Grand Champion Lamb trophy sponsored by the Deport Times went to Sabrina Sexton and Reserve Champion Tammie Anthony sponsored by Roddy Construction. Showmanship was Heather Anthony sponsored by Blossom Superette.

Grand Champion Rabbit went to Kristi Sexton with the trophy sponsored by Eddie's Service Center.

Kiddie Class was sponsored by the Prairiland FFA Chapter with each exhibitor getting a trophy. They were Caleb Norwood, Kolby Carlow, Nathaniel Merritt, Katie Mabry, Blake Lyon, Kyle Blanton, Stormi Easley and Nelson.

Beef Heifer Champion and Showmanship went to Brent Bostic sponsored by Guaranty Bank and Deport City Drug.

Dairy 13-15 months-1) Kara Nation, 2) Chastiti Nation and 3) Ashley Moffitt.

Dairy 18 months-1) Wyatt Vickers and 2) Ashley Moffitt.

Dairy 26-28 months-1) Wyatt Vickers and 2) Ashley Moffitt.

Grand Champion, Reserve and Showmanship went to Wyatt Vickers with trophies sponsored by M & M Food Mart, Allen's Food Mart and Blossom Telephone, respectively.

Deport Easter Egg Hunt will be April 11

The 16th annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Deport American Legion and Deport merchants, will be held at the Deport American Legion Hall Park on April 11, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m.

The American Legion Hall and Park is located at the north end of Main Street in Deport.

There will be four age groups: infants to two; three to four; five to seven; and eight to ten.

There will be lots of prizes and fun. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance.

Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend and join in the fun.



The Deport American Legion will meet this Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.. All members are urged to attend.

The next breakfast at the Pattonville Community Center and VFD will be Saturday, April 18 from 7 to 10 a.m. Gravy, eggs, bacon, sausage and pancakes, all you can eat for \$4.

Pattonville Community Center and VFD dance at 8 p.m. Friday, April 12. Concessions available. Proceeds benefit fire department. Broadway Junction provides music.

There will be a Community Egg Hunt and Weiner Roast at the Cunningham Community Center April 11 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring their children and attend.

Kindergarten roundup will be April 23

Deport Elementary School will hold its Kindergarten Roundup and registration in the cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23 for the children who will be five years old on or before September 1.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, current shot record, and social security card to register.

During registration, children and parents will have the opportunity to meet the kindergarten teachers and visit the classrooms.

There are several fun activities planned for the children, including a short bus ride.

The event will end at about 10:15 a.m.

St. Joseph's Family Clinic-Deport to hold "Senior Safety Tips" Program

Cindy Yant, PrimeTime representative, will present a program on "Senior Safety Tips" on April 8 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Clinic in Deport. This program is the fourth in a series of senior-related monthly programs presented on the second Wednesday of each month. Cindy

will discuss emergency-related safety issues such as the Vial of Life and the 911 system. Bring your questions to the question and answer session that will follow the presentation. The clinic is located at 143 Main Street, Deport, everyone is welcome.

Easter Sunrise Service set at Deport

There will be an Easter Sunrise Service at the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 a.m. with Rev. Ed Dodson, First Presbyterian minister bringing the message. Everyone is invited to attend.

An offering will be taken to benefit the community fund.

Special Easter services set for Life Tabernacle

There will be an Easter celebration at the Life Tabernacle Church in Cunningham on Thursday, April 9th. As a reminder of the Garden Experience tehe will be continual prayer at the church from 6:00 p.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Friday. Everyone is invited. Everyone is invited to join the church for lunch after the Sunday morning Easter Service on April 12th.

Letters to the Editor

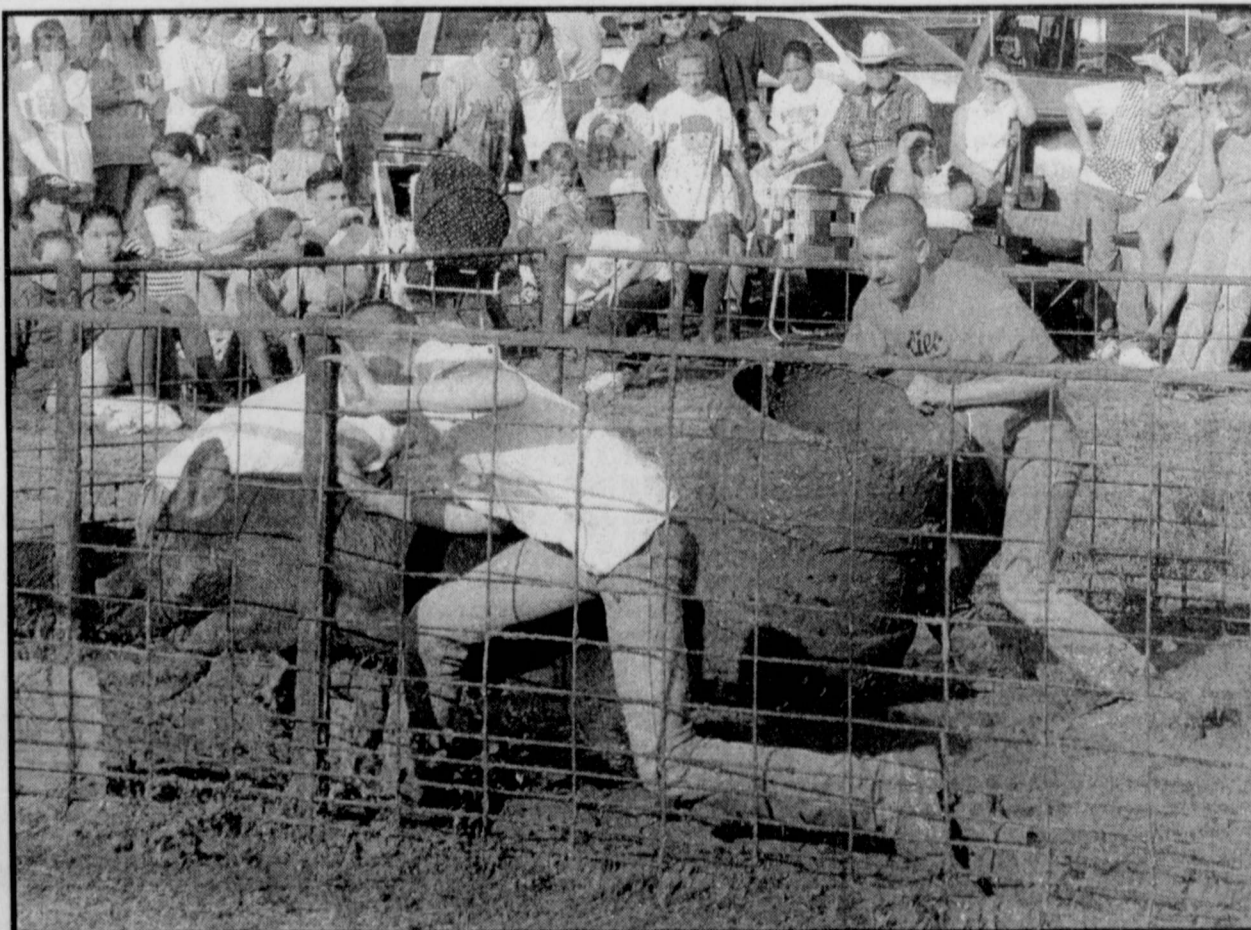
Dear Editor:
I'm subscribing for the Deport Times for a year. Will you please print this.

Tommy friends and relatives who read the Deport Times. I was Fay Guest before I married. I lived 45 years in the Texas Panhandle and lost contact with a lot of friends and relatives. April 15 I'll be 81 years old and would like to hear from you.

Virginia Davidson
521 W. Tyler St.
Gilmer, TX 75644



The Deport Elementary grade 4-1 performed "Lost in the Storm" for the Deport Parent Teacher Organization Monday night under the direction of teacher Billie Ford. The cast is, from left, back row: Chris Clinkenbeard, Hunter Hofman, Curtis Phillips, Kelsey Howington, Casey Mitchell, Chastity Wilson, Lindsey Kelly. Front row, from left: Justin Wright, Shane Wilson, Lance Ballard, Ashley Ebarb, Leah Boren, Logan Norwood, Hettie Walters, Amy Lofton, Morgan Searls and teacher Billie Ford. (Staff Photo)



OH YES WE WILL, OH NO YOU WON'T! - Seemed to be philosophy of the pig vs man battle at Prairiland last Saturday. Sometime the team of men win the battle, but most of the time the pigs out last their opponents.

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Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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This week's cooks are the champion stew team from the Prairiland Livestock Show. The team consisted of Leonard Ford and Dr. Gary Ballard. Mr. Ford is the custodian on campus and Dr. Ballard is the principal of the high school. Each of them have been at the school for several years. We won't go into that! Dr. Ballard said they won because of the Ro-tel tomatoes. I told him that anytime you added Ro-tel to anything, it had to be good.

The day was spent with team members from each team telling each other how great their stew was and how hard they had worked in getting it prepared. I assisted my husband Jim with "his" pot of stew. I say it is "his" pot of stew because we came up in last place again this year. . . . so he gets all the credit! But, as I told them, I sure didn't want to break our record from years past! All of the pots were good and it did go toward a good cause with the FFA served around 300 folks.

Being the winners this year, Dr. Ballard and Mr. Ford have submitted other recipes for use this week. Dr. Ballard sent us **Easy Meal**. This is a combination of vegetables, soup and chicken, placed in a double pie crust. Sounds like chicken pot pie to me and delicious also.

Apple Pie was also a recipe from him using a double crust and fresh apples and spices. Wonderful!

Mud Cake is one of my favorite cake recipes with the **Mud Icing** topping it. Chocolate city!

Chicken Rice uses soups, rice and chicken. Quick and easy. . great recipe!

Salmon Loaf can be made and on the table in an hour.

Peanut or Pecan Brittle-using pecans in this recipe gives it an entirely different flavor, rich and buttery!

Thanks to all of the stew cooks this year and we will see you in the kitchen!



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

COOKS OF THE WEEK are the champion stew cooks from Prairiland Livestock Show. Pictured is Gary Ballard and Leonard Ford.

Red River County Roots

This week's query is from Betty Sue McGuire, Calle Adelanto N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87113-2804. She is interested in locating the burial place of her grandparents, Van Buren Rhodes and Lenora Rhodes, as well as their children, Ruie, Melvina and an unnamed infant, who all reported died in 1918, and were buried in the Manchester area. They also had a daughter, Hazel Paulena Rhodes, who was Mrs. McGuire's mother. This Rhodes family also lived in Clarksville and Bagwell, it has been learned.

If you would like to write to Mrs. McGuire, please do so at the above address. If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426



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. *The ladies are starting a pool tournament on Tuesday nights starting at 7:30 p.m. No strict rules. Just come and have fun.

Fish Fry April 10 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. All you can eat for \$5.00. Come out for some good catfish with all the trimmings.

Archivist to speak at meeting

The Red River County Genealogical Society would like to announce that Michael T. Moore, Archivist of the Texas General Land Office, in Austin, will be the speaker at this month's meeting, on Monday night, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Red River County Library. He will speak on the resources available for research at the land office building in Austin. Everyone who is interested in researching their family history is encouraged to attend this meeting.



Card Of Thanks

Words cannot express my gratitude for all the acts of kindness and love that were shown me during and after my surgery; the phone calls, flowers, visits, food and countless prayers. They were appreciated more than you will ever know. Thanks to the Doctors and Nurses and my family and friends. God Bless you all.

Christyne Baker



Card of Thanks

Our hearts were warmed by the outpouring of consideration we received during the illness and loss of our loved one. If you sent a card or food or a memorial, if you came by to visit and gave us a hug and shared a happy memory, if you sent flowers or sent up your prayers, Thank You.

A special thanks to Udell Morrison and Evan Butler for your loving kindness and to the ladies of the Blossom Church of Christ who prepared and served our lunch. Thanks to all of you for your compassion and many kindnesses.

The Family of Tom Garrett

OPPORTUNITIES What Shall I Do With Jesus?

This is a wonderful time of year. Spring always presents a new look and many people turn their thoughts to religion. From all we can find and learn about the scriptures the savior was resurrected this time of the year. This was the end of an era and the beginning of a new covenant of righteous living. However, I am reminded of the decision made by Pilate. You remember Pilate, the Roman ruler that tried to wash his hands of the entire situation. He hated his position at this time. His wife warned him not to have anything to do with this man called Jesus. The multitude wanted to release the thief. Their wishes were granted because it was the popular thing to do. Then a haunting question comes from the lips of Pilate, "What shall I do with Jesus?"

This could be an important question in your life!
WELCOME TO THE SERVICES OF THE
BOGATA CHURCH OF CHRIST
SERVICES: SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS 9:45 A.M.
WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.
Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Samuel Ray Jackson dies April 5

Samuel Ray "Buddy" Jackson age 78 of Manchester died Sunday, April 5 at his residence.

Services were held at Manchester Cemetery on Tuesday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Jimmy Ellis officiating. Clarksville Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Jackson was born November 15, 1919 in Woodland, a son of George Washington and Nellie Elizabeth Wilson Jackson. He was a farmer and a member of the Baptist Church.

Surviving is a son, William Ray Jackson of Manchester; sisters Georgia Anna Leatherwood of Gilmer and Bessie Skidmore of Manchester; and a brother, Johnny Joe Jackson of Norwalk, CA.

Mrs. Neva Ford Whitten dies April 5

Mrs. Neva Ford Whitten, ae 79 of Johntown died Sunday morning, April 5 at her daughter's residence in Bonham.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 6 in the Bogata United Methodist Church with Rev. Calvin Permenter and Rev. Alan Griffin officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Whitten was born December 22, 1918 in Grand Saline, the daughter of Wayne Napolian and Irene Darnell Dodd. She married Jess Horn on March 10, 1935. He died in August, 1938. She married Fred Whitten August 10, 1940 and he died January 7, 1971. She was also preceded in death by a son, James Edward Horn on August 22, 1938 and a sister, Mary Allison in December, 1994.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Freida and Ronny Welch of Bonham; two sons and daughters-in-law, John W. and Pat Horn of Burleson a dForrest L. and Sue Whitten of Rockwall; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Faye Horn, Novell King and Ruth Whitten; and five brothers, Jerry, M.J., Grady, S.E. and W.T. Dodd, all of Bogata.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for the overwhelming support during our long stay in Houston. We are very grateful to all who worked hard to assure that our grandchildren had a wonderful Christmas. We appreciate the hard work and many hours involved in the bake sales and chili supper in order to help us with medical costs. We heard of many acts of kindness that were done in our behalf. Thank you so much for these many "extras". We feel blessed to have so many friends and to be a part of the caring communities of Talco, Bogata and the surrounding areas. Thank you again for helping us during this difficult time. Love,

Derrell and Jean Stockton

Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank you for the food, flowers, memorials, prayers and all the kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Thanks also to Donna Robinson, Joyce Smith and Anaya Phillips for the beautiful music.

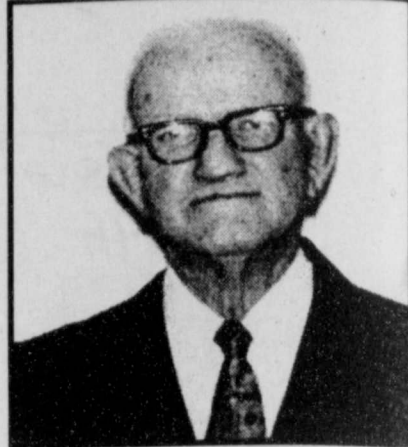
The family of Cleone Sullivan

Card Of Thanks

Thank you to all friends and family for all your prayers, cards and friendship during the recent illness and passing of our mother, Neva Whitten. A special thank you to all her friends at the Bogata Community Center and to the Methodist Church for their loving hospitality. May God Bless you all for loving her as God loves us.

The family of Neva Whitten
John & Pat Horn & family
Forrest & Sue Whitten & family
Ronny & Freida (Whitten)
Welch & family

Obituaries



Aubrey Hurley Stevens dies April 6

Aubrey Hurley Stevens, age 93 of Fulbright died Monday, April 6 in Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 8 in Fulbright Baptist Church with burial in Bethel Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes of Deport.

Mr. Stevens was born January 21, 1905 in Detroit, the son of Charlie and Lucy Kate Bell Stevens. He married the former Lillie Ausmus in 1927. She died May 3, 1984. He was also preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Jess, Bill and dLucius Stevens and wo nephews, A.G. and James Edwin Stevens. He was a retired farmer.

He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Katie and Clovis VanDeaver of Fulbright and Billie and Clarence Pate of Dallas; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Betty Stevens of Arlington; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bearers were grandsons. Honorary bearers were Fred Swint III, Loyd Cavender, Weldon Campbell and Mark Lee.

Dorothy Owings Smith dies March 30

Dorothy Owings Smith, age 70 of Sugar Hill, died at his residence Monday, March 30.

Services were held at DeShields Cemetery in Sugar Hill on April 2 at 10:00 a.m. with Charles Hillis and James Sikes officiating. Bates-Cooper-Robison had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and home health care worker. She was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Mattie Cunningham Owings and her stepfather, Elton Tension.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Lynn Matthews of Mt. Pleasant; sons and daughters-in-law, Danny and Mandy Smith and Ricky and Kim Smith, all of Cookville and Ronny and Brandy Smith of Sugar Hill; brothers Freddy Owings of Garland and Marvin Owings of Pittsburg; and eight grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

The family of John Good would like to thank their many friends and family for their love and support at the time of his death.

A special thanks to the Deport Fire Department, Donnie and Laura Wright and to all who came to assist. For the calls, cards, flowers, prayers, food and words of encouragement, we gratefully appreciate each and every deed.

To Rev. Chief Warden, Dr. L.C. Stout, Tim Wood and Abby Strickland, thank you for a beautiful memorial service.

To the staff of Wood Funeral Home, thank you for making this difficult time easier.

In your time of need may you be blessed with loving friends and family as we have.


Rena Good
Denise and Jerry Brooks
Tommy and Kim Good



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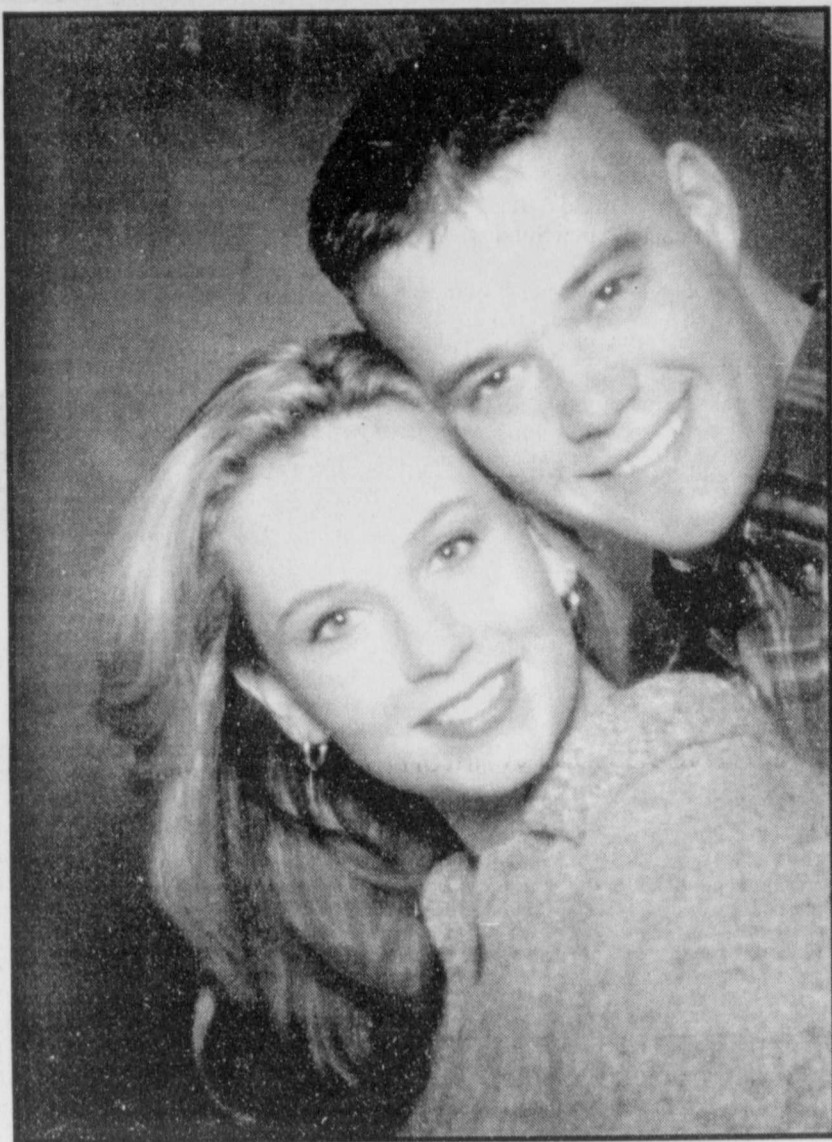
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Renea Lea Holt with fiancé Brandon Shane Walls

Walls-Holt engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Holt of Deport proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Renea Lea Holt to Brandon Shane Walls. The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, June 20 at five o'clock in the afternoon at First Baptist Church in Deport. Pastor Freddy Burden will officiate the semi-formal ceremony. The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of M.L. and Colleen Slaton, James and Dorothy Holt, great-granddaughter of Terry Johnson and the late Muriel Johnson, all of Deport and Katherine Freeman and the late

Buford Freeman of Paris. She will graduate from Prairiland High School in May. Her fiancé is the son of Suzanne Walls of Dallas, Chester and Renada Walls of Paris, grandson of Rogie Walls and the late Curtis Walls of Arthur City, Benny and Hazel Briley of Paris and great-grandson of Bertha Mae Drake and the late K.B. Drake of Forest Chapel. He is a 1995 graduate of North Lamar High School and a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corp. Friends and family are invited to attend.



Keitha Walker and Bobby Elmore

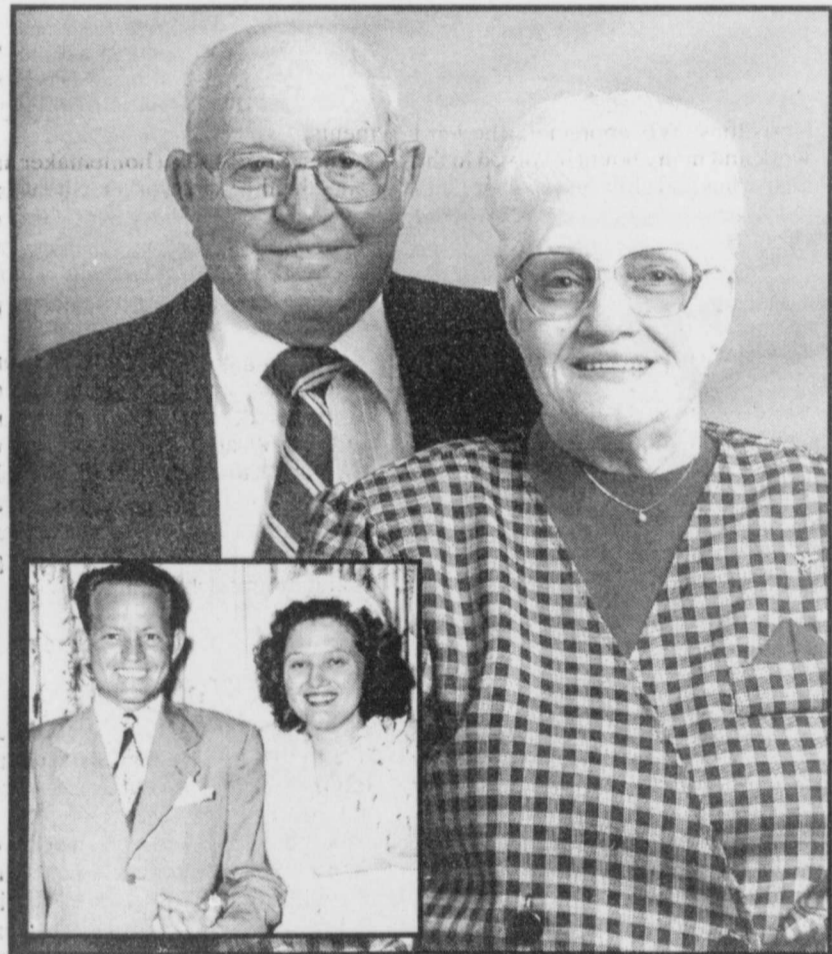
Walker-Elmore to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Walker of Idabel, OK announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Keitha, to Bobby Elmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Elmore of Deport. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Pearce and Faye Walker and the late Dan Walker, all of Idabel.

Grandparents of the prospective groom are Mattie Bell of Idabel and the late Roscoe Bell and Faye Elmore of Deport and the late Curt Elmore of Paris. The wedding will be April 10 in Las Vegas, Nevada and the couple will reside in Dallas following a cruise.

R.O. Crossland selected for Who's Who

R.O. Crossland of Pattonville has been accepted by The National Registry of Who's Who as a Life Member. The acceptance of Mr. Crossland as a life member is in recognition of exemplary service both to community and to profession. The National Registry of Who's Who is a highly recognized biographical publication for professionals. The responsibility of choosing only people of significant accomplishment is taken very seriously by The National Registry of Who's Who. Mr. Crossland is congratulated on his acceptance.



Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Parks celebrate golden anniversary

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Doris Gibson and Gerald Parks were married April 17, 1948 at the First Baptist Church in Paris by Edwin Crawford. The couple's children invites all friends and relatives to join them in celebrating their parents' 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Deport American Legion Hall. They request no gifts, just to share this special time with them. Mr. and Mrs. Parks children are Shirley and Clarence White and Betty

Parks, all of Paris; Dean and Cyndee Parks of Greenville; and Anna and Jimmy Brown of Omaha, Nebraska. They have seven grandchildren, Tammy Blanton of Detroit, Carol Coursey and Shelbie Parks of Paris, Melanie Isenburg and Micah Parks of Greenville and Katie Wetzel and Matthew Brown of Omaha, Nebraska. They have five great-grandchildren, Christi and Ryan Blanton of Deport, Kaylee Isenburg of Greenville and Lacey Hines and Britton Coursey of Paris.

How To Prepare For A Tornado

- Tornadoes can occur any time of the year.
- *A tornado watch means tornadoes are possible
- *A tornado warning means a tornado has been sighted. When a tornado warning is issued, take shelter: in a basement, away from windows. If there is no basement, go to an interior room, like a closet, on the ground floor.
- *Get out of mobile homes and cars. If you are in the open, take cover in a ditch or low-lying area.
- *Being prepared for disaster is your responsibility.
- *To learn more about tornado preparedness, contact your local emergency management office.

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Gifted and Talented nominations being accepted for Prairiland ISD

Prairiland ISD is accepting nominations from parents for the Gifted and Talented program for the 1998-1999 school year. To be eligible for nominations, the student must be currently enrolled in the Prairiland school system in grades second through

eleven. A nomination form can be picked up at each campus principal's office. Deadline for applications to be turned in is April 15, 1998. For further information, call your campus counselor's office.

Lady Pats place 4th at Commerce

The Lady Patriot track team placed fourth in the Hawthorne Relays at Commerce last Friday with 62 points. Suzie Sutton finished second in the discus, Shasta Riley and Stacy Harrison were second and third in the 800 meter run. Winning second and third in the 400 meter dash were Susan Singleton and Sue Ellen Barnes.

Crystal Davis placed fifth in the 300m hurdles. In the relays, the Lady Patriots won fifth in the 400m relay; fifth in the 800m relay; and the 1600m relay won second. The Lady Patriots will be competing in the district meet at Alba Golden on Thursday, April 16.

Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons
Call Your News to 652-5022

Steve and Carolyn Ladd were in Hot Springs, AR last weekend.

Haley and Ty Parsons of Rowlett spent the weekend with their grandparents, Jerry and June Burdine of Sylvan and Keith and Peggy Parsons while their parents were in Orlando, Florida. Keith and Peggy took them home Sunday and spent Sunday night and Monday.

Keith and Peggy Parsons visited Ralph and Lois Kennett in Cooper Monday night.

Drew Boren celebrated his birthday with a cookout given by his parents, Randy and Kristi Boren Friday night at their home. Spending the night were Brent Burden, Matt Dickerson, Randy Hoover, Spur Norwood and Matt Swint. Others attending were Ashley Ebarb, Ty Parsons and Leah Boren.

Angie Byosu of Richardson, Ina and Nina sparks of Deport visited Kristi Boren last Tuesday.

Klarissa Perry, Melissa Phillips, Anna Beth Allen, Ina and Nina Sparks, Peggy Parsons, Freeman Safford, Ruth Lee, Virginia Reed, Grace Cooper, Mary Whitsett of Paris, Daphnie Downs of Chicota, Sandra Graves, Mandy Ray and Joyce Frank of Blossom and Donna Dunn of Clardy were among the 320 women attending the "First Aid for the Funny Bone" at Love Civic Center Thursday night in Paris with humorist and former Miss North Carolina Jeanne Robertson.

Susan Richey of Gilmer spent Wednesday night with her parents, Jerry and Dorothy Richey.

Visitors of James and Vivian Day were Billy Blevins, Kimberly and Tammy Gibson, Jimmy and Brandi Day, Jesse Anderson, Ruth Burke, Calvin Day, Sue Gibbs, Ruth O'Brien, Kathleen Dennehy, Jo Gordon, Bob and Frances Baker, Joe and Teresa Gibbs, Bob Day, Veta Holland, Donna Shifler, Bud Dobbs, Brad and Velma Burnsed, Robert, Victoria and Roxy.

Linda Evans Short of Frisco spent Saturday with her mother, Alice Evans.

Patsy Merritt, Glenda Woodall and Susie Evans spent Saturday with their sister, Claudell Powell in Queen City.

Susie Evans accompanied Kim Montgomery, Madison and Michael to Plano Friday for a birthday party and shopping.

Erica and Michelle Evans of Pais spent Saturday night and Sunday with grandparents, Glen and Susie Evans.



(Staff Photo)

PRAIRILAND FFA officers and honored guest. These state FFA officers visited the Prairiland campus last week and spoke with members. Pictured left to right is Chris Turner, Cari Irwin, Ryan Mott, vice president from Breckenridge and Scott Stedje, vice president from Gruber, Lee Bland and Heather Anthony and seated Amber Norwood.

Charlie and Scarlett Harvey were in Dallas last Wednesday to visit her grandmother, Marie Smith in Baylor Hospital. She had more surgery on Monday.

Scarlett Harvey and her mother, Jo Berry of Campbell, went to Dallas Saturday to bring Marie Smith home after an extended stay in Baylor Hospital.

Visiting Charlie and Scarlett Harvey and Daniel and spending Saturday night was grandson Zack Harvey of Reno. Sunday visitors were Deneen Harvey of Reno, John Temple of Milton, Velma Salter, Pete and Angie Fernandez of Paris, Marie Smith, Jo Bery and Chris Berry of Campbell and Bren Screws of Deport.

Ruby Ray of Blossom visited Buster and Louise Crossland last week.

Brandon Wright, Buster Crossland and Clayton Bogard attended the Tuesday night sale in Paris.


Cecil Allen of Lamar Point visited Buster and Louise Crossland on Friday.

Raymond and Frances Hoover visited Virgie Hoover, Juanita Russell and Nettie Chappell in Paris last week. They visited with some of their camping friends, Joe and Melba Wakeland of Kennedale at Pat Mayse Lake Sunday.

Jesse Anderson and James Day went for a Sunday afternoon drive to Biardstown, Slabtown, Taylortown and Minter.

Jamie Evans, Peggy Davidson and Jeff Lyles of Hugo and Dusty Evans of Chicota visited Bill and Barbara Dawson during the weekend.


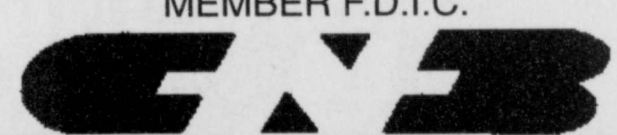
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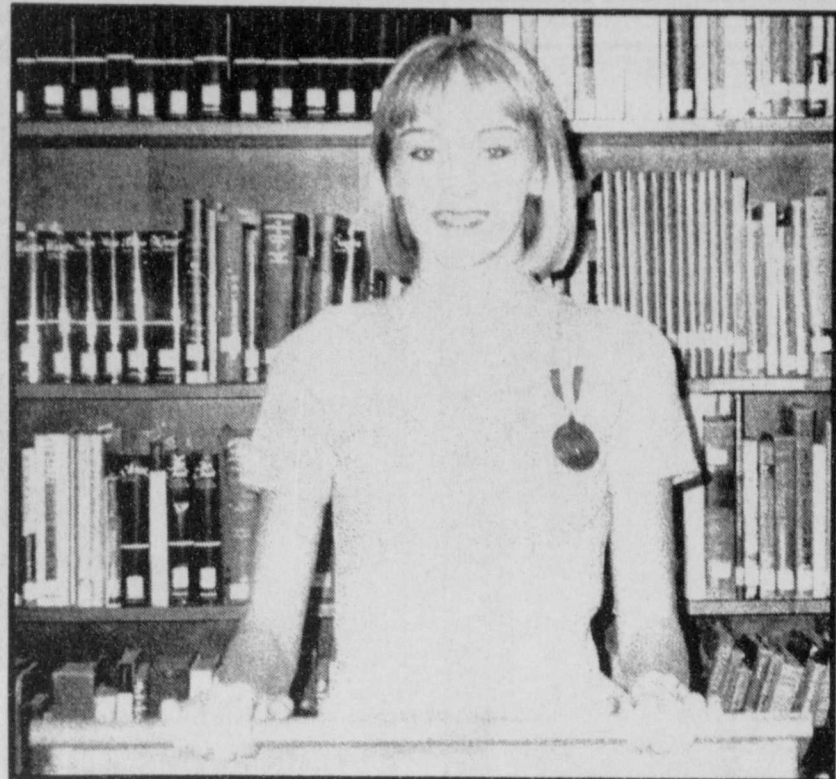
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JENNIFER DORSEY of Prai-ri-land made alternate to the All-Star Cast in the UIL one-act play at PJC on March 31, 1998.



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PRAIRILAND AUCTION-Chris Turner and Jeff Ballard take a break as they relax a minute during the auction on Saturday night. They are seated on the remains of a 100 year old pew from the Bethel Baptist Church. The ag department used this portion to make a bench and sold it at the auction.

Matter of Fact

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Texas Agriculture Commissioner

A new kind of cold front has hit the shores of China. No it has nothing to do with El Niño but everything to do with a basic kitchen appliance.

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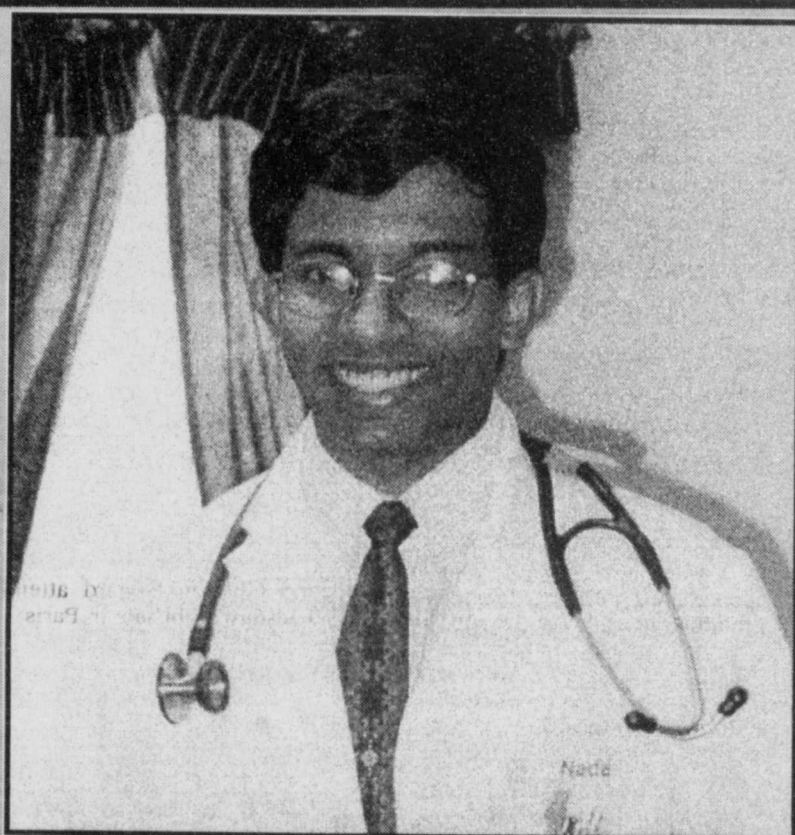


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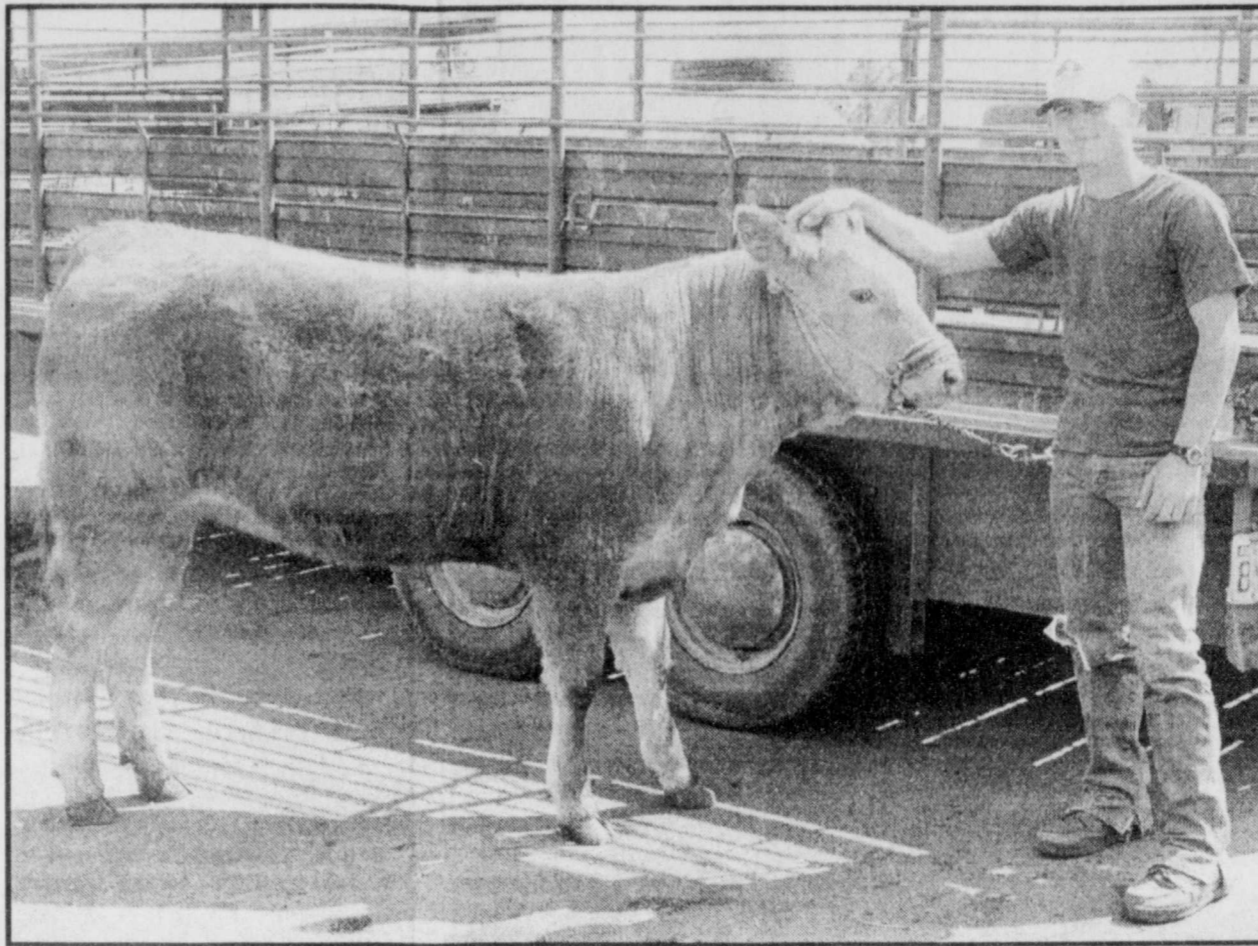
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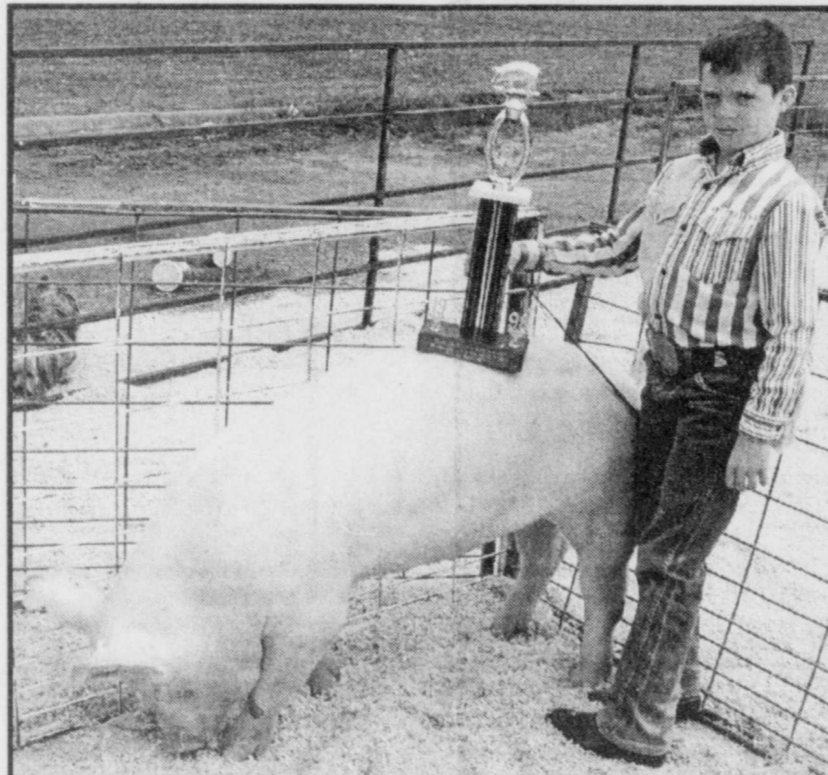
AUTUMN NATION contemplates the day while watching the Prairiland Livestock Show on Saturday. She took advantage of the sunshine and beautiful weather as the swine show exhibitors loaded their animals.

Children and watches must not be constantly wound up—you must let them run too.

—Jean Paul

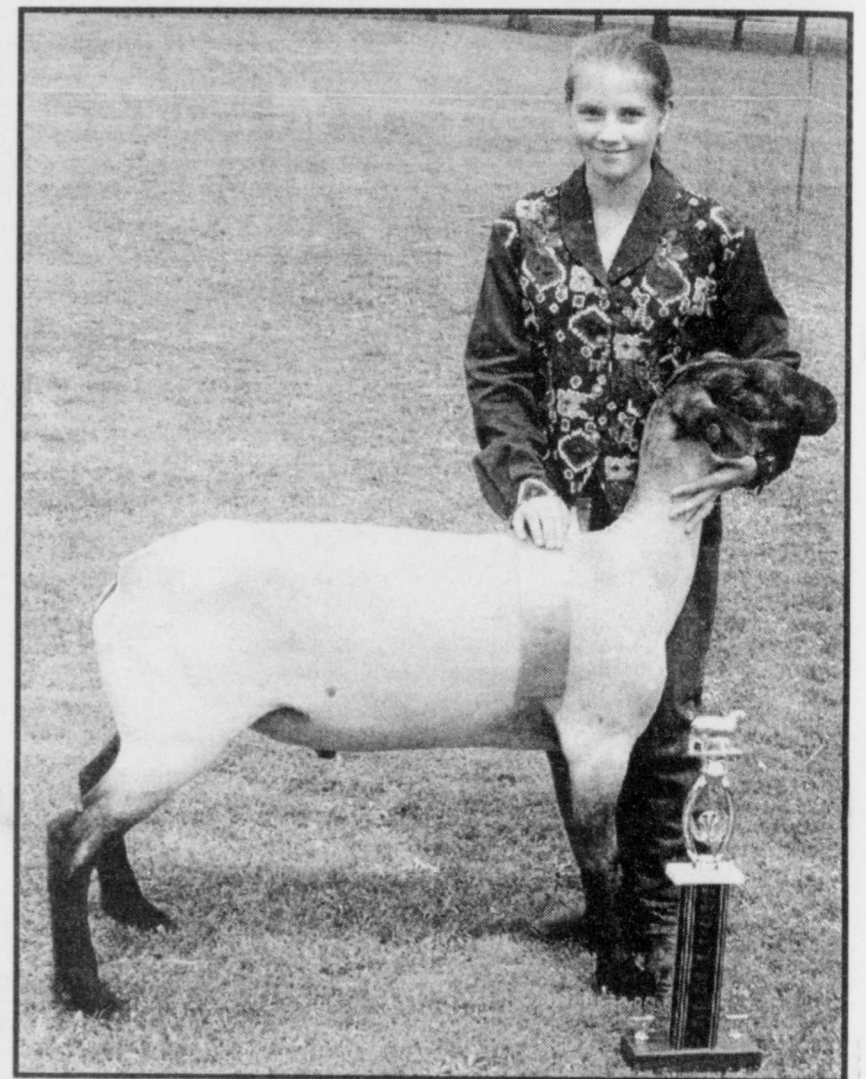
Red River Healthcare Center Nursing Home will sponsor a **FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC** Thursday, April 16 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the chapel. The public is encouraged to participate in this event.

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Prairiland taking transfer student applications
 Prairiland ISD is currently taking applications for Transfer Students to attend Prairiland Schools next school year. If you are currently a transfer student attending Blossom, Deport or High School, please get an application from the school secretary. If you are not attending Prairiland ISD at the present time and wish to transfer into the district, call the campus principals for information. All transfer request must be turned in by April 7, 1998.

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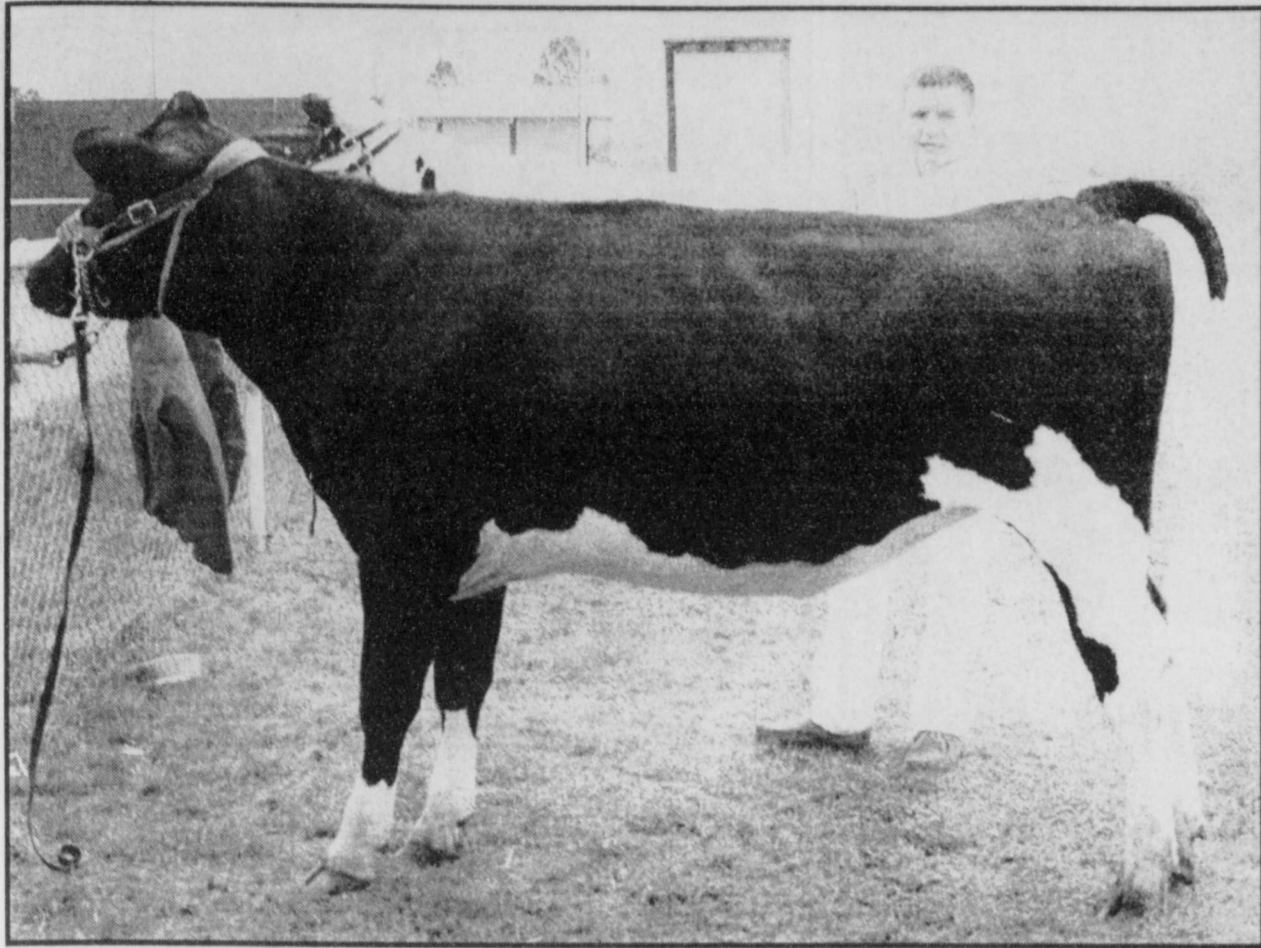
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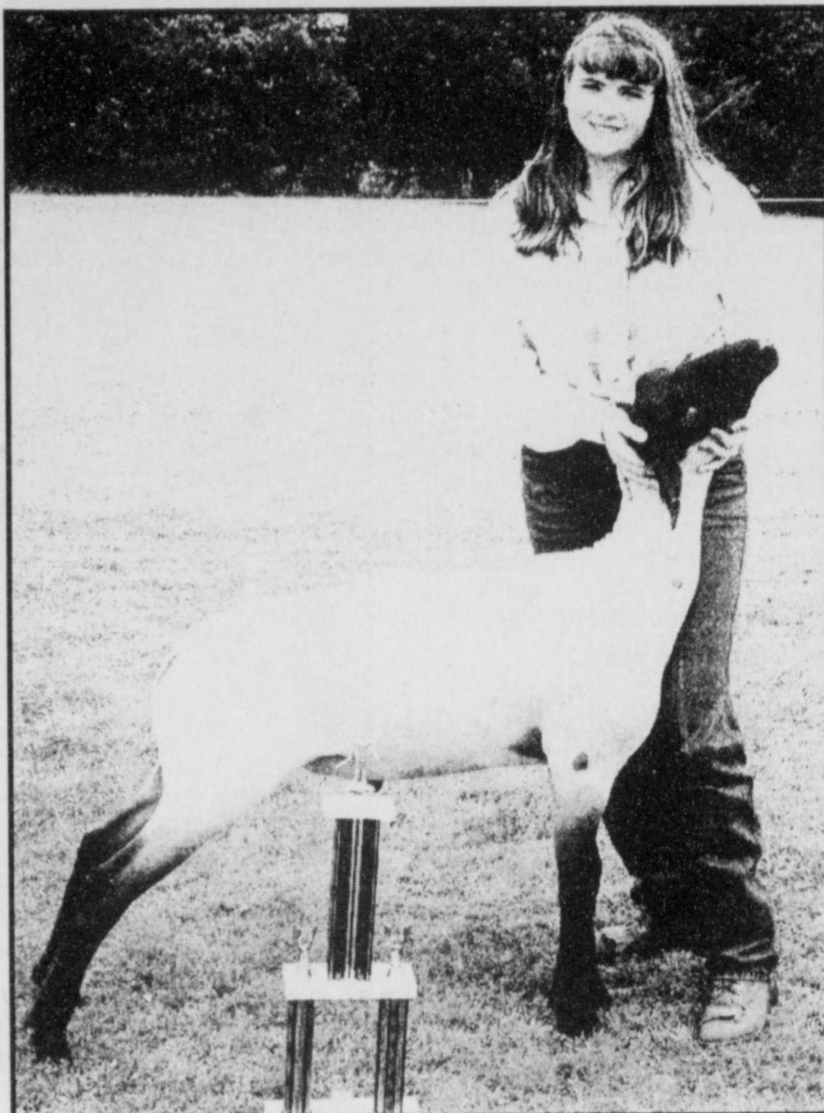
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Students inducted and their hometowns include: James Gatlin, Bagwell; Glenda Davis and Alecia Harbuck, Blossom; Norma Jasso and Mandy Williams, Bogata; Mahona Brown and Brandon Shelby, Detroit; Charles Osborne and Helena Walters, Pattonville.

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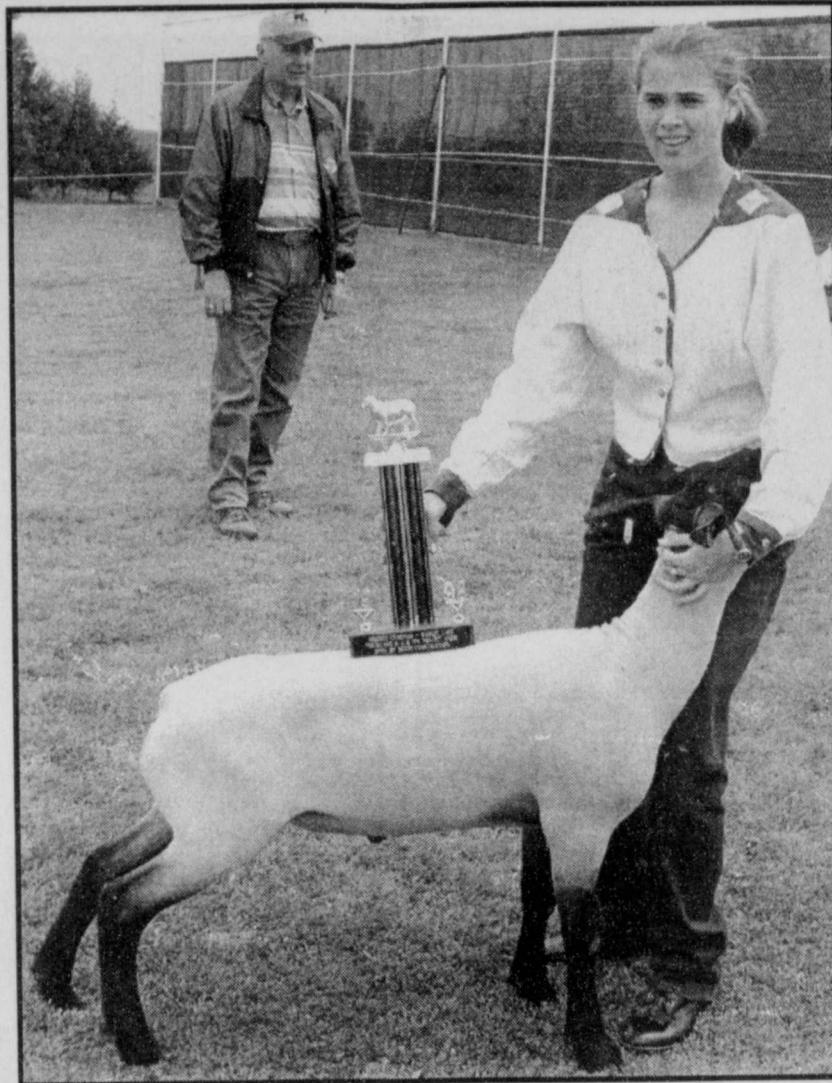
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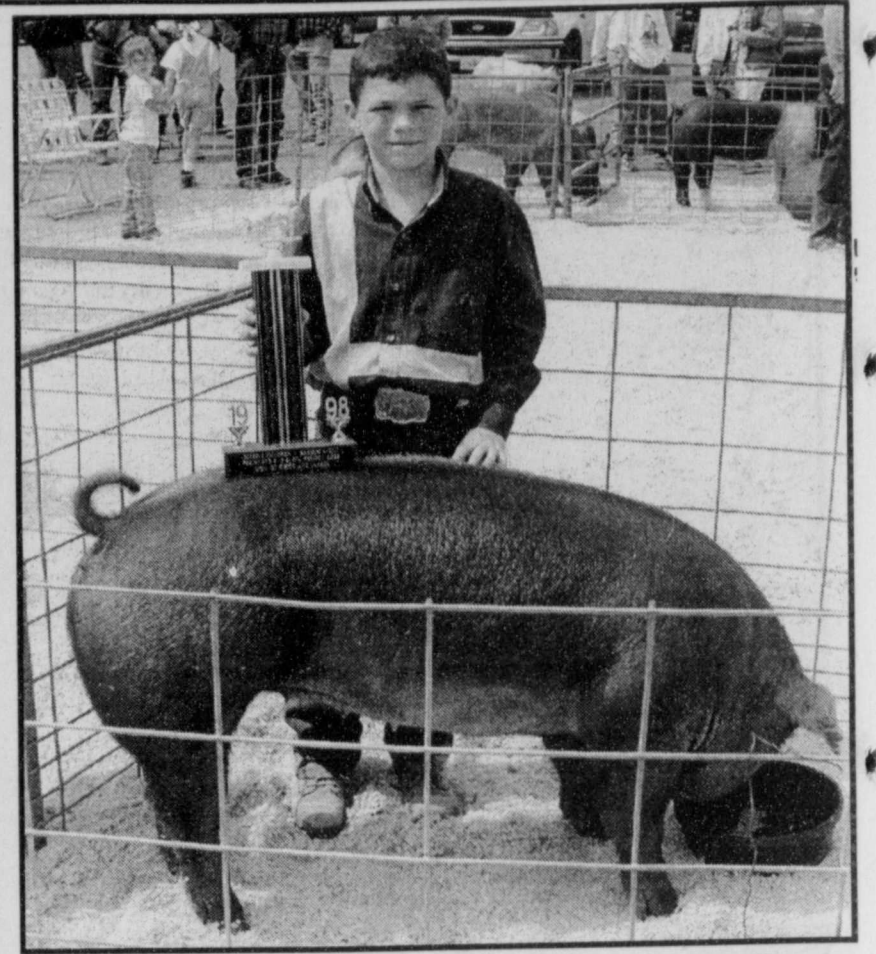
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Ramona Paetzold, an assistant professor in the College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business, has spent six years looking into the areas of sexual harassment, sexual discrimination and the use of statistical evidence in discrimination law. She has published 10 journal articles and a book, "The Statistics of Discrimination," in these fields.

Corporations take a reactionary approach to sexual harassment, she said. The corporate world has responded because it had to respond given the serious problem and the amount of litigation, she said.

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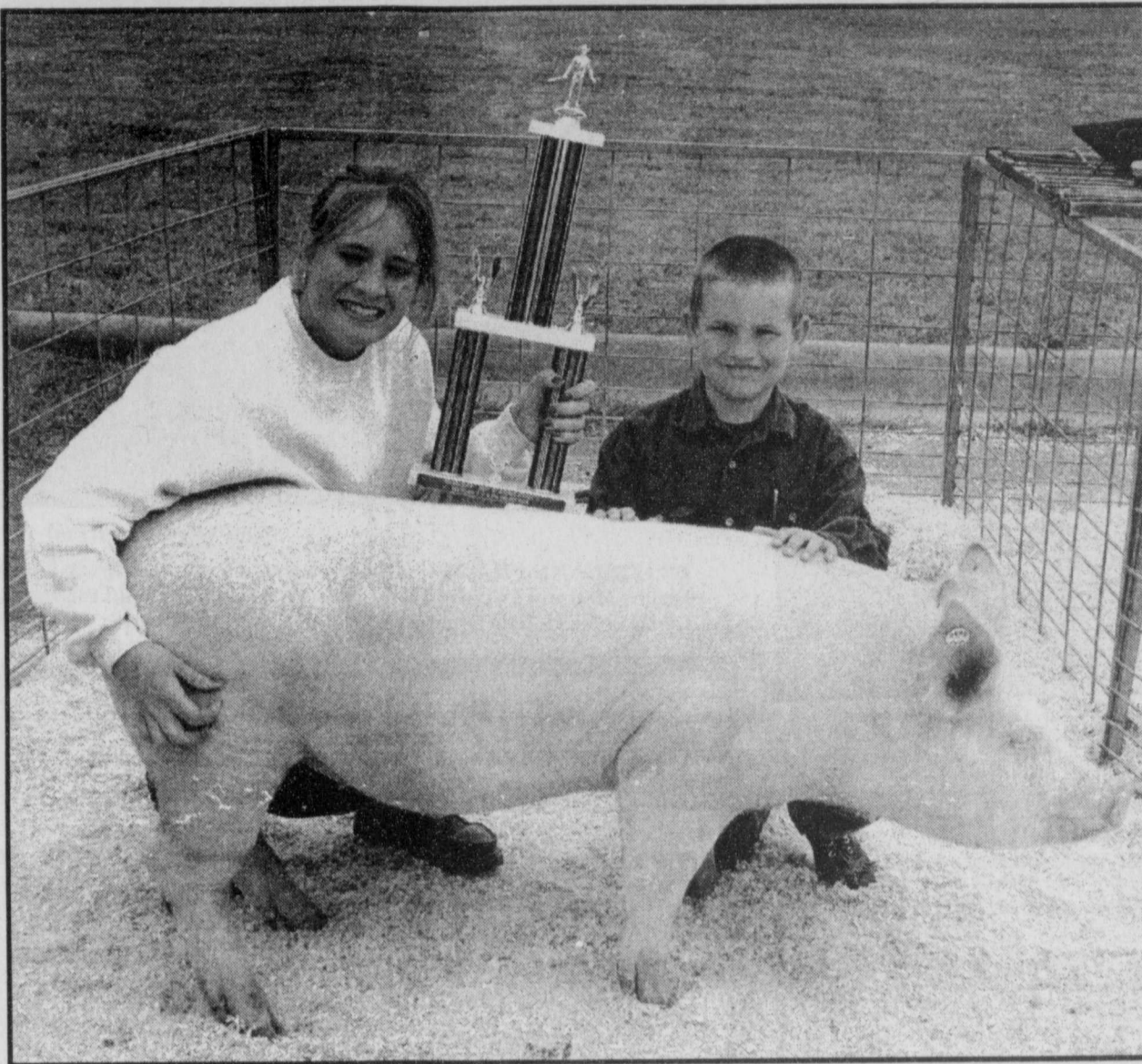
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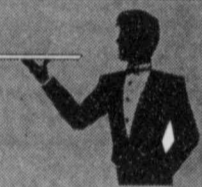
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SWINE SHOWMANSHIP WINNER IS CARI IRWIN. ALSO PICTURED IS KYLE BLANTON OF BLOSSOM.

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All Campus Menu
April 13-17
Monday

Holiday Tuesday

Breakfast:
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Juice, milk
Lunch:
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Baked beans
Potato salad
Dessert
Milk

Wednesday

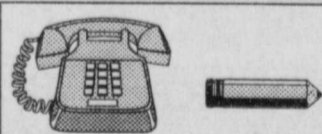
Breakfast:
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Juice, milk
Lunch:
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Thursday

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Juice, milk
Lunch:
Frito pie
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Dessert
Milk

Friday

Breakfast:
Toast, oatmeal
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Corny dog
Blackeyed peas
Spinach
Banana pudding
Milk



Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Visiting Sunday with Marla and Preston Crump were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Crump and children of Irving.

Recent visitors of Worth and Karen Baker were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hill of Longview, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Little and Cole Murdock of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Jenkins and Howard Reeves of Paris, James C. Watson of Bogata and Donna Townes of Clarksville.

Hurley Stevens died Monday in a Dallas hospital. His home was here with his daughter, Katie and Clovis VanDeaver. Services were Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in First Baptist Church in Fulbright. We extend sympathy to the family.

Monte Rodgers and Melissa Arriaga and Marcella Wright visited Sunday with Betty Rodgers. Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga attended a birthday dinner for Monte Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cope in Direct.

Tandy announces prize recipients

Mendy Cole, Prairiland High School Outstanding Math/Science/Computer Sciences Teacher School Nominee is among one third of all high schools participating in the Tandy Technology Scholarship program and 40,000 individuals who were recognized at school awards ceremonies across the country.

The program is funded by Tandy Corporation and administered by Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth.

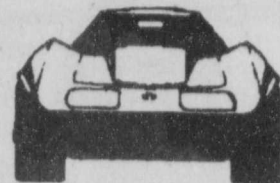
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For the fifth year, Radio Shack will sponsor the trophies presented to the prize recipients' schools, which totaled \$350,000 this year.



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PRAIRILAND FHA MEMBERS attended a school trip on Thursday, April 2. The students toured Bright-Holland Funeral Home, Lamar County Jail and the Detroit Processing plant. They enjoyed lunch at TaMolly's courtesy of the FHA Department.

Heart disease becoming big problem for women

NEW ORLEANS — Heart disease, a problem long thought to be exclusive to men, has quietly grown into a major health problem for women. Since the beginning of the 20th century, more American women have died of heart disease than from any other cause. Today it is the major cause of death among women, causing almost 500,000 deaths each year.

The physical and social factors that contribute to this are the topic of a presentation by Texas A&M University Health Professor Danny Ballard entitled "Women's Health: Gender Issues in Heart Disease."

"Traditionally heart disease has been treated almost exclusively as a man's disease," said Ballard, whose specialization is women's health issues. "Men are much more likely to develop heart disease in their middle-age years, so much of the research has attempted to reduce the heart-related deaths of men that occur during their prime years."

Women, however, tend to develop heart disease 10 to 20 years later than men, usually after menopause. Between ages 45 and 65, one in nine women has a chance of developing heart disease. After age 65 that likelihood increases to one in three.

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Former Deport native is nuts over pecans!

Boyd Reece has been featured in the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Reece is a Deport native, the son of Boyd and Opal Griffin Reese and the nephew of Ruth Griffin Skaggs of Deport.

The feature article is by Ed Todd who says "if you know Boyd Reece, you'd have to agree that he's a real Texas character and is wild about pecans".

The article deals with his "affair" with pecans. He is amazed by them and says that their cyclic resilience and seasonal affirmation of God's creation is wonderful.

He and his wife, Norman, have a 21-acre place called Reece's Pond.

Reece loves taking care of 90 plus pecan trees, with 19 varieties, including WEsem, Mohawk, Tejas, Burkett, Comanche, Mahan, Podednick and a new variety....named Reece.

From root stock, they crossed up at Reece's Pond a new seedling variety that won statewide recognition. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service told Reece he could name the new variety and he opted for Reece.

Another pecan variety is named after a Texan, the "Cactus Jack", named after Red River county native who was vice president of the United States from 1933 to 1941.

Nurturing pecan trees is Reece's avocation and winning blue ribbons

at county, regional and state pecan shows has become somewhat of a passion, if not an obsession with him. Reece said in the article "It's a hobby and I love it and I pursue it. If I playe dog I'd be a fanatic".

Reece has won at least 100 ribbons, seven pecan-wood plaques and 10 rosettes. Since 1985, when pecan fanciers Morris and Lura Davis got him interested.

In 1997 he won 19 awards, including one for his Champion Native Pecan at the regional show in San Angelo.

"I'm not bragging, but I did real well...Not I," he corrected himself, "but God and the trees".

Reece just took care of the pecan trees and did the work to ensure their health despite weather setbacks, such as the drought and the late freeze.

Reece came to West Texas from Deport in an old Model LA Ford Coupe.

For his work life, Reece was in the petroleum industry and ended up as a drilling superintendent.

In 1974 he and his wife started planting their pecan grove on two acres.

Showing the pecans "makes you take optimum care of your pecans," Reece said. "I love to see the miracle of nature through the pecan trees. My wife loves to make pecan pies".

Cunningham News

By Linda Anderson
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Velma Cox visited Walker and Willie Devlin of Minter Thursday and spent the day with Dora Hester Monday in Paris.

Vicki Davis, Andy Syrus and Tracy Norwood took their children and friends on a camping and fishing trip Saturday in Sulphur Bluff.

Johnny, Jamie and Jennifer Syrus and Jennifer's friend, Becky, went to Canton on Saturday.

Landon Syrus, Robert Bills, T.L. Ladd and Sweed went to the Ft. Worth Motor Speedway Sunday.

Chrissy Hume is spending a few days with her dad, Erbert Hume.

Suzie Norwood, Ida Mae Norwood, Deloise Norwood and Sue Spann spent Sunday at Canton.

Susan, Kristi, Kaden and Gerrie Dale Bankhead went to Canton this weekend.

Rusty, Cindy, Kerri and Susan Anderson spent Saturday night at Lake Bob Sandlin.

Due to the pretty weather, the farmers got back in the fields. There was

no news from them except a bunch of tired ladies from plowing and planting from daylight until after dark.

Remember the Easter Egg Hunt and weiner roast to be held at the Community Center on Saturday, April 11 at 6 p.m. Contact Neva Oats for details.

There will be a sunrise service at the Cunningham Baptist Church on Sunday morning at 7 a.m.

Toni Baker's cousin from Sherman with her children visited Toni and Jason Baker during the weekend.

Rickey and Marty Anderson and Carlos Ordorica went to Lake Tawakoni this weekend.

Lucy Fowler spent Wednesday through Friday with Carol and Jennifer Dorsey. Bob Allen of Blossom visited her Friday and Saturday visitors were Delano and Barbara Dunlap, Talma and Margaret Fowler and Melanie and Colt Moore. She visited in Pattonville Sunday with T.J. and Margaret Fowler.

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Donny and Laura Wright of Deport had dinner with Stacy and Allen Huddleston Friday night.

Hattie Hobbs and Helen Temple of Paris visited Ann and Sheldon Lee and Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Wednesday.

Nannie Bell Ham visited Nell Wolf on her birthday Tuesday.

Mary Yoder and Nathan went to Commerce Friday to watch Shasta in their track meet.

John Manley Temple and Velma Salter of Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Merritt of Bogata Sunday.

Stacy Huddleston spent Saturday with her grandmother, Mildred Wright of Deport.

Edna Lee went to a youth meeting Monday night at her church at East Post Oak and to help serve refreshments.

Marcus Wolf of Deport spent Friday night with his grandparents, George and Nell Wolf.

Joy Norrell visited Stacy and Allen Huddleston Sunday.

Eran and Mary Yoder attended the stew supper and auction at Prairiland School Saturday.

Stacy Huddleston visited her grandmother, Vivian Enloe of Paris

on Sunday. Robbie Slaton and Boyd of Halesboro visited Nell and George Wolf Sunday.

Edna Talley went to Pampa last weekend to visit her sister, who will return home with her for a visit.

Ann and Sheldon Lee visited Silas and Juanita Taylor Sunday night.

John Manley Temple and Velma Salter of Paris visited Charles and Scarlett Harvey of Pattonville Sunday.

Eran and Mary Yoder and Joe and Shannon Barrentine of Pattonville went to Canton Sunday.

Allen and Stacy Huddleston had lunch Sunday with her parents, Donny and Laura Wright of Deport.

Edna Lee visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Willie Lee of Rugby Friday in a Paris hospital.

David Wolf and son Marcus of Deport and Wayne Burks of Pattonville visited Mr. and Mrs. George Wolf Saturday.

Rudy and Callie Carrasco of San Antonio, Ronnie and Eileen Pettit and granddaughter of Irving and Bobby and Carlee Dodson of Dallas visited Bob and Buena Marshall over the weekend.

DEPORT LOCALS

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Shorty Ballard visited Rolland Ballard and Alvin Harris and family in Clardy.

Katherine Anderson fo Post Oak visited Mervina nd Colleen Slaton this week.

Angie Byous of Richardson visited Ina and Nina Sparks.

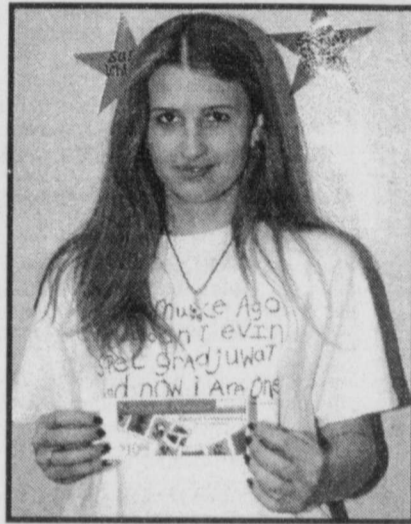
Ruth Gray and Chloe Byrd went to Texarkana Saturday and visited Verdief Betterton.

Saturday night dinner guests Dicky and Jayne King and NeLeigh were Lary Rhea and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols.

Mary Mantooth and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols were in Mesquite on business Thursday.

Ledford Kelly of Georgetown spent three days with the Devlins last week while Walker had surgery.

Doris Ballard dof Clardy spent Sunday with the Devlins.



WHAT A READER!-Rebecca Gilbert, daughter of Charles and Deberah Gilbert of Taylortown, joined the 500 point club for accelerated readers. She won two movie passes for her achievement. (Staff Photo)

Deport Nursing Home News

By Candy Larkin

Terry McDowra was visited by Cecil Allen and Cherry Walker.

Mrs. Flowers was visited by Mrs. George Woodfin, Georgia Leddy, Elizabeth Leddy, Satra Leddy.

Don O'Dea was visited by Barbara and Fred Biggerstaff and Cecil and Margaret Allen.

Dorothy Babb was visited by Robin Frazier, Schelly Byrd, Lawanda Cherry, Angel Deanda, Mike Byrd, Danielle Currin.

Virginia Bryant was visited by Richard and Sherrye Floyd, Lori Bachman, Randy Floyd, Ricky Floyd, Sherry Flody, Candy Larkin, Dorothy Babb.

Cletey Thomas was visited by Jean Isbell, Fay Burns, Lucy Cooper.

Nina Hale was visited by Nanie Bell Ham, Wanda Bradley, Jo Wrenn, Candy Larkin.

Viola Barham was visited by Mildred Stanley, Donnie Larkin and family, Donna Vaughn, Jahn Binnion and Ella Titsworth.

Annie Roberts' guests were Alice Bumgarner, Willie Mae Spears, Venice Bryson, Buck Roberts and Juanita Davis.

Sara Gilmer was visited by Jill Owens, Don, Dewey and Marline, Kyle Shovan.

Margaret Spencer was visited by Trina Gruber, Donna Vaughn, Angie Allen, Peggy White, Homer Spencer and Gina Harris.

Floy Sparks was visited by Peggy Parsons, Angie Byous, Cecil Allen, Ty Parsons and Monda Fults.

Alma Montgomery was visited by Peggy Parsons, Cecil Allen, Ty Parsons and Monda Fults.

Brodie Bell was visited by Robin Frazier, Lawanda Cherry, Kathy Mitchell, Sonya Davis, Melissa Healey, Crickett Watkins, Schelly Byrd, Jessica Whitney, Lind Barnett,

Philip Dodd, Bentley Greb, Sammy and Suzy Kelsey, Martha Glover, Alice Ricks, Bonnie Ricks, Bernice Mays.

Angie Smith is in the hospital. We wish her able to come home soon.

We have new residents, who are most welcome. They are Ed Bryson, Virginia Bryant, Purna Haydock, Jo Henderson and Annie Flowers.

Happy Birthday to James Crawford, Annie Roberts, Pauline Cooney, Melvinia Dinwiddie, George Kelly, Alma Montgomery, Pam Humphrey, Jerry Amsler, Bobbye Bailey, Sharon Lewis, Stephanie Wesley, Bekky Neilson and LaWanda Cherry.

LeRoy and the Country Rebels will be here to play on April 20th, come and dance and enjoy.

Miss Jessalyn Johnson, Mary Johnson's grandchild, came to visit all the residents and give them a laugh or two with her bright eyes and smile.

Mamie Fletcher was visited by Mike, Lila, Kara, Brenn and Hali Screws, Becky Proctor, LDennis Fletcher, Johnnie Warren, Jo Wrenn, Nina Hale, Tammy Aubrey, Candy Larkin, Sharon Johnson.

David Geer was visited by Cecil and Margaret Allen, Phil and Joyce Love, Jo Wrenn, Johnnie Warren, Purna Haydock, William and Ann Geer, Ann Roberts, Candy and Donnie Larkin.

Roger Lynch, Roger Robinson, Randal Taylor, visited Ima Griffin.

Dee and Flanty, Randal Taylor, Angie Park, Gary Curis, Vickie Neeley also visited her.

Reecie Kelsey's guests we Philip Dodd, Bentley Greb, Sammy and Suzy Kelsey, Martha Glover, Alice

Ricks, Bonnie Ricks and Bernice Mays.

Raymond and Aubrey Hignight was visited by Sue Carrell, Thurman and Marie Franks.

Angie Smith was visited by Billy and Brandi and Dean Smith, Larry and Shirley Haskell and Donald SMith.

Terry Johnson was visited by Cecil and Margaret Allen, Dorothy Holt and Joyce Wilson.

George Powell was visited by Geneava Weaver and Patricia Johnson.

Linnie Bailey was visited by Alice Bumgarner, Ruby Blevins, Bobbye Bailey, Fay English, Candy Larkin, Johnnie Warren, Lucy Blount.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crawford were visited by Virginia and Dewayne, Phillis and Donald, Pat and Russell, Barbara and Larry, Dakota Ryan and Shirley.

Cletus Thomas was visited by Faye Burns and Inez Luttrell.

Ed Bryson was visited by Venice Bryson, Buck Roberts, Robert Lee, Gerri Bryson and Ken and Betty Bryson.

March 31st Bro. Freddy Burden was out. Bro. Harold Norris provided Bible Study.

Also Sister Marilyn Coker came and sang to the residents.

April 1st Bible Study with Sam Campbell.

Activity director enjoyed school in Greenville that day.

April 2nd Bible Study with Rev. George Rape.

Bro. Dewey Ward provided music Thursday for many.

Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff brought a Bill and Gloria Gaither tape for us to see.

Bingo was a success as many enjoyed winning prizes.

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<p>APPLES & ORANGES 5/\$1</p>	<p>EGGS 89¢ Dozen Large</p> <p>TRASH BAGS \$1⁹⁹ 10 Ct. 39 Gal.</p>
<p>DR. PEPPER DIET DR. PEPPER</p> <p>2 Liter 99¢</p>	<p>EXTRA LAUNDRY DETERGENT</p> <p>6 Lb.. \$2⁵⁰</p>

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