

I told you so, I told you so!
Okay, so I shouldn't say this.
But....I told you so! I said back
months and months ago that
Y2K was going to be a nonevent....and so it has proved.

After months of dire predictions, after spoiling people's holidays by having them on duty New Years Eve, after people have spent money stockpiling bottled water, batteries and food, what happened? Absolutely nothing.

Oh, there were some clitches", there always are. I understand that some city sent out jury notices requiring people to report on January 3, 1900. It was amusing to hear that the head of the Church of England called for everyone to light a prayer for the milleneum....which promptly resulted in all fire fighters leaves being cancelled due to the increased fire danger!

My favorite Y2K joke was the one asking if your toilet paper was Y2K compliant. If it wasn't....it reverted to a 1900 Sears catalog. That's a truly spooky thought!

But the Armageddon, world's end, civilization as we know it, total collapse failed to materialize.

In fact, I haven't discovered anywhere that the lights, water, or gas went off, either.

The banks are open doing business as usual, as are all other institutions. Hey, the stock market hasn't even crashed!

Mostly, though, I'm just grateful to know that now we can shut UP about Y2K. I'm sick of hearing it. I have never grown so bored with hearing people blather on about something in my life!

Of course, there are those who swear that the true millennium isn't until next year. So, I suppose we can crank up about that, next. Of well, maybe we can have a few months respite before it starts.

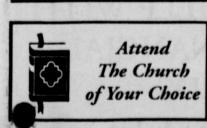


# Burn Ban is now on in Lamar County

The Burn Ban has been placed over Lamar County once more due to severe fire conditions and the numbers of grass fires that have flared up.

It will be in effect for the next seven days, and the Lamar County Firefighters Association is urging the Lamar County Commissioners court to re-instate it if there has been no rain by then.





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Thursday, January 6, 2000

Judge of the 62nd District Court.

Nickerson said he will file in the

Democratic primary for the district

which covers Delta, Franklin,

In stating his reasons for seeking

the judgeship, Nickerson said, "I

know I will do a good job, I have the

abilities to help the court system

move into the computer age making

it more efficient and at the same time

remembering that the system is about

people. Those from all walks of life

will be treated equally and will be

treated fairly. No one person, or

Hopkins and Lamar Counties.

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CHRISTMAS DAY at the Lonesome Dove Cafe in Deport found volunteers serving the "Christmas From The Heart" meal. Gilbert Arriaga was in charge of the day's activities. (Staff Photo by Peggy Parsons)



VISITING-Naomi Tarling of England is an exchange student at Plainview High School, and has been visiting her freind, Stephanie Reagan's grandparents, Silas and Juanita Taylor. She has seen a different part of the state during her visit, and enjoyed it. From left are: Juanita Taylor, Naomi Tarling, Silas Taylor, Stephanie Reagan and Lynda Reagan. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

# English exchange student visits "adopted" grandparents

between Minter and Cunningham, had an English guest for Christmas holidays.

Naomi Tarling is their "adopted English granddaughter". This all came about when their granddaughter, Stephanie Reagan, became close friends with an exchange student from England. Both girls are seniors at Plainview High School.

Through visiting with their daughter, Lynda Reagan and granddaughter they became acquainted with Naomi, and she came with Lynda and Stephanie to visit over the holi-

Naomi says that "yes, I'm really homesick during these holidays. I have two younger sisters at home, as well as an older brother, and I miss

Naomi's father is a minister in a small English village near the Welsch border. It has about 2,000 people and is called Kington. It's lush, green, cool countryside is about as different from Plainview, Texas as can be imagined.

Poor Naomi must have wondered what in the world was going to happen to her as she took her flight from Houston to Lubbock after the flight from London to Houston. The man on the plane next to her was, in her words "not very clean and had a lot of brown stuff on his teeth (she later found out about chewing tobacco)". He spent the whole flight telling her

what was wrong with this country and state, and how she was going to hate it!

But, she doesn't hate it, she has adjusted quite well and enjoys staying with her host family, Barbara and Robert Glodt. There is a German exchange student staying with them also.

Naomi had her first ride on a tractor, and picked up pecans for the first time as she visited the Taylor's place in the country.

Like most people, she discovered that northeast Texas is vastly different from west Texas. She has also

been to Austin and Waco while here.

She is a busy young woman, being in the band at Plainview, and in the choir. She will be going to New York with the choir soon, so will expand her vistas some more.

Naomi says that as much as she has enjoyed the states, she has learned one thing,

"I'm English," she smiles, "I used to think that I would move out of England and probably spend my whole life in the States. I have relatives here and everything. But I have learned that my English home is very dear, very important to me".

She has had many more good experiences here than bad, but has simply learned that home is just that...home...a special place.

But for now she has been made to feel welcome in the home of Silas and Juanita Taylor, and that has been a lot of fun too.

## 23 people died in Texas crashes

As of 3:00 p.m. December 27, 23 people died in traffic crashes in Texas during the 54-hour Christmas holiday that ran from 6 pm. Friday to midnight Sunday.

Of the 23 deaths, six were seat belt related, two are unknown, five were pedestrians, and one was riding a motoroyale

motorcycle.

Seven crashes were reported as

alcohol related with others possible.
Fatal crashes were reported in the

following counties during Operation Motorcide: Brazoria, Colorado, Dallas, El Paso, Gonzales, Harris, Hidalgo, Hill, Kaufman, Lubbock, Madison, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Panola, Potter, Rea. Trinity, Webb and Wichita.

#### group, will be allowed to place themselves above the laws that govern us all. Much too often justice gets pushed aside in the name of getting a matter over in a burry. We should

pushed aside in the name of getting a matter over in a hurry. We should all remember that the system's purpose is to resolve conflicts between real people with real problems. The time required to obtain justice and fairness to all concerned should never be forsaken in the name of expedi-

Nickerson, who practices in Paris, had 26 years of trial experience. A former County Judge, he currently is a member of the Rotary Club of Lamar County and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Legal associations of which he currently is a member are the Texas Bar Association, Northest Texas Bar Association and the Lamar County Bar Association. He is a past president of the Lamar County Bar Association and the lamar County Trial Lawyers Association. By special order, he has been permitted to practice in Arizona, Arkansas, California, North Dakota,

New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Included in his legal accomplishments is graduation from the National College of Advocacy in Washington, D.C. In 1994, he served as lead attorney in the landmark Texas Supreme Court decision that forces insurance companies to treat their policyholders fairly and in good faith.

He and his wife, Teresa, are the

Jess Nickerson enters race
for 62nd District Judge

Jess Nickerson, Paris attorney, this week announced his candidacy for produces cutting horses. The opera-

"Safari Fox" winner of the 3,000 Novice class.

Novice class.

Nickerson, who is 56, graduated from Pittsburg High School, Stephen F. Austin State University and South Texas College of Law located in Houston. Though he now concentrates heavily on the civil side of the legal profession, he has extensive experience in criminal matters as

tion has produced one national cham-

pion at the NCHA National Champi-

onships in Jackson, Mississippi, with

He also devoted four years to the United States Air Force enlisting in 1964 and received an Honorable Discharge in 1968. Included in his service, was a one year tour of duty in Vietnam in 1966-67.

The Nickerson's have two daughters, Jennifer, age 20 and Jessica, age

In entering the race for the court seat, Nickerson concluded his announcement saying "I have subscribed to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. And I have declared my intent to comply with the voluntary expenditure limits established by the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act. Both documents are being filed with the Texas Ethics Commission."



Jess Nickerson

# CBS has a model business!

catalog sales, and they are planning a

bigger, fancier catalog.

Tve just been thrilled with our business since we come here" E.J. says, and folks have been so friendly and

CBS Models is not selling on the internet just yet, because he is afraid that the demand might exceed his suppliers ability to produce.

helpful.

"Many of our suppliers are basically cottage industries, and we have to make sure they could meet a huge demand" E.J. ponders.

They had a successful Open House recently, with many of their friends coming from the metroplex and one friend even driving from North Carolina to attend.

He believes that in the future people will be able to move anywhere and continue to conduct business over the internet.

In the meantime, the Weldons are happy with the move they made, from the city to small town life and business.



MODEL BUSINESS-E.J. Weldon shows off some of the special die cast model airplanes he stocks along with an amazing variety of other airplane models, signs and memorabilia at his store on Main Street in Deport. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

cast metal planes. He also is selling balsam flyable airplanes.

By Nanalee Nichols

retire...but you don't want to retire?

Well, if you are E.J. Weldon you

leave big city life behind and come to

Deport to open a rather unusual busi-

from Lewisville to Pattonville and

opened his model airplane business

their children and grandchildren, and

I am right down the street fro the

school where by grandkids are, and

we get to share in their lives so much

CBS Models. Years ago their daugh-

ter collected "Kiddie Wings" which

the airlines put out. They turned it

into a business which was called

"Collectibles By Sharon". They dis-

covered then that names mean a lot,

for no one seemed interested in model

airplanes and memorabilia sold by

Later, when Dad got into the busi-

ness seriously he listed the business

as CBS Models, and people buy them

simple snap together planes through

mid price ranged plastic models to

CBS sells airplane models from

The Weldon's business is called

that has proven to be a great joy.

E.J. and his wife, Nora have moved

They moved first to be close to

"I love living here, it is wonderful.

ness.

in Deport.

more." E.J. says.

that name

in quantity!

What do you do when you want to

"I may start stocking the race cars, too, since I think that would sell well

around here" he says.

His shop is filled with these fasci-

nating models, from vintage airplanes to the fastest fighters.

Most of his business is through

Most of this business is through

Editor's Quotes
He is happiest, be he king or
peasant, who finds peace in
his home

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Happy New Year and hope everyone had a great holiday and peace, love and hope to all! So who need to go on a diet? Probably everyone. . . . right! If you ate as much as we did during the holidays. I tried a lot of new recipes, some flopped and some were great! I got some new recipe books and one of them was a bread machine recipe book. I have been having a lot of fun with my bread machine. I had put it up for a while, but pulled it out, dusted it off and cranked it up. Once again.....some were flops and others were very tasty!

I have included some of these in this week's column and hope you will try them and see how you like them.

Now, if I can just come up with some recipes for all of that tuna fish that people bought up for Y2K!

Crusty French Bread-this can be made for fondue or to serve with cheese spreads and is also delicious toasted

and smothered with preserves.

Honey Buttermilk Bread-butter-

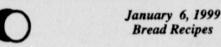
Diet Wheat Bread-although bread is not really very fattening, some contain more shortenings that others, thereby "sneaking" fat in. This recipe has only 10 grams of fat per loaf!

Croissants-a little trick and timesonsuming to make, but put them out for Sunday breakfast and they will be worth all the time and effort it takes!

Pizza Dough-pizzas are only as good as their crust and this crust makes an excellent pizza. If it is too crispy on the outside for you, use less

Pretzels-try these with a variety of

See you in the kitchen!



Crusty French Bread 2 teaspoons or 1/2 package yeast 2 cups bread flour tablespoon + I teaspoon sugar

teaspoon salt tablespoon + I teaspoon butter 7/8 cup water

2 stiffly beaten egg whites Beat the egg whites and set them aside. Put the remaining ingredients in your bread machine, in the order listed and oush "Start". When all the ingredients are moistened, add the egg whites.

For an even crisper crust. Combine in a small bowl: I tablespoon water, 1/4 teaspoon salt ad I/4 teaspoon arrowroot or cornstarch. Brush this mixture on for the second rise. You may also sprinkle poppy seed on at this time.

Honey Buttermilk Bread teaspoon or 1/2 package of yeast

cups bread flour -1/2 teaspoon salt

3/4 cup buttermilk or 3/4 cup milk to which you have added I teaspoon of vinegar or lemon juice

tablespoons honey tablespoon butter tablespoon water

All ingredients to the machine in the order listed. Choose either regular or ight crust (depending on your prefernce) and push "Start

Diet Wheat Bread 2 teaspoons or 1/2 package of yeast cup bread flour cup whole wheat flour tablespoon honey

teaspoon salt tablespoon butter 3 tablespoon nonfat dry milk powder

cup water the ingredients to the Add all machine in the order listed. Choose either regular or light crust (depending on your preference) and push "Start".

Croissants 3 teaspoon or I package yeast cups bread flour 2 tablespoons or 2 teaspoon sugar 1-1/2 teaspoon salt

tablespoon + 2 teaspoon butter

I-1/4 cup water 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) chilled butter

Place all ingredients except for egg and butter into the bread machine and select "dough" or "manual" setting. At the end of the cycle, remove dough and spread it evenly across the bottom of a large baking dish or cookie sheet and freeze it for one hour. Remove the dough from the freezer and roll it out about 1/4 inch thick. Slice the butter into I teaspoon pats and cover the flattened dough with them. Fold the dough in hirds and roll it out again to 1/4 inch

Register for

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January 12 & 13

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will be held as follows:

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A-K, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 13

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thickness. Repeat two more times, roll ing after each fold. Cover the dough and put it in the refrigerator for one hour Then remove it and roll it three times and return it to the freezer for one hour. Re move the dough from the freezer and rol it out to a rectangle I/ inch thick and brush it lightly with the beaten egg. Cut the dough into triangles and roll them up from the wide end. Bend them into

crescent shape. Cover the croissants and leave them to rise for one hour or unti they have doubled in size. Brush then with the remaining beaten egg and bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Pizza Dough 3 teaspoon or I package dry yeast (recipe

states that compressed is better for thi recipe) 3 cups bread flour l tablespoon sugar 2 teaspoon salt

I cup water 2 tablespoon olive oil

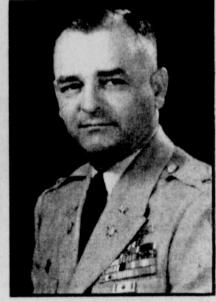
Select the "dough" or : "manual" modon your bread machine. Add ingredient in the order listed and push "Start". Thi makes two 9 inch pizzas. Freeze them o top and bake at 475 degrees for 12-1: minutes or until cheese is melted an bubbly and the crust is lightly browned NOTE: This only need to set for one

Pretzels 2 teaspoons or 1/2 package yeast 3 cups unbleached white flour l tablespoon sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons margarine or butter

I cup water quart water

5 teaspoons baking soda coarse salt (either kosher or sea)

Put the yeast, flour, sugar, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, butter and I cup of water into your bread machine on the "dough" or "manual" setting. When the dough us ready, re move it an divide it into 12 equal parts (or more if you want your pretzels smaller) Roll them into long strands and shape them into pretzels. Set the pretzels on a cookie sheet and cover with a dish cloth. Let rise in a warm, draft-free place for 45 minutes. Put a quart of water and teaspoons of baking soda in a large on aluminum sauce pan and bring to a the simmering stage just before boiling Reduce heat and low before the water gets a chance to boil. Carefully drop the pretzels into the hot water for I minut each. Remove them with a slotted spoor and put them on a greased cookie sheet When they are all boiled and removed to the cookie sheet, sprinkle with small amount of coarse salt. Bake at 475 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until browned



Frank E. Ball

#### Frank Elihue Ball dies December 18

Frank Elihue Ball, Colonel USA, (retired) died December 18 in Reston, Virginia. He was 82.

He was born November 23, 1917 to the late Johnny W. and Ruby Dennison Ball of Minter. He was raised in the town of Minter and was one of the first residents of the small community to enter college. After graduating from Texas A&M University in 1939, Colonel Ball began 32 successful years of active duty, as a career officer in the United States

He served in the 2nd Division in Europe during World War II, participating in the invasion of Normandy at Omaha Beach, and the Battle of the Bulge. Other assignments included a tour at Ft. Lewis, Washington; advisor to the National Guard in Palestine, TX; US advisor to the South Korean Army during the Korean Conflict; Post Executive Officer at Ft. McNair, Washington, DC; graduated from the Command and General Staff college at Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Security of the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, GA; graduated from the Armed Forces Staff college at Norfolk, VA; Battlegroup Commander for the 35th Infantry (Cacti) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and Operations Officer for US Army Hawaii; he then returned to Washington, DC and graduated from the National War College at Ft. McNair, before serving in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the Pentagon, and finally completed his career working in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Colonel Ball retired in March, 1972.

During his active duty years he was awarded the Silver Star; the Legion of Merit with the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; the Bronze Star with the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; the Purple Heart; the Combat Infantry Badge; the Army Presidential Unit Citation; the European Campaign Medal with 5 Campaign Service Stars; the National Defense Service Medal; the French Croix de Guerre; the Belgian Fourragere: the Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star and 1 Silver Service Star; and the United Nations Service Medal.

Colonel Ball resided at Falcon's Landing, a military retirement community in Sterling, VA. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, the former Georgia Helen Whitney, formerly of Minter; a daughter, Georgia Ann B. Hall Kepner of Sterling, VA; a son, Frank E. Ball, Jr., of New York, New York; a son, David W. Ball of Charlottesville, VA; five grandchildren, Jayne Ball Kilpatrick, David A. Hall, Douglas A. Hall, Georgia Anne Hall Clark, Andrew R. Ball; two great-grandchildren, Sean M. Hall, W. Alexander Hall; and one brother, John David Ball of Paris.

Col. Ball was interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA on December 30 with full military

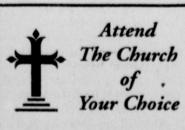
Arrangements were by Green Funeral Home in Herndon, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Georgia H. and Frank E. Ball ("39") Endowed Opportunity Award Fund at Texas &M University, 401 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840-2811 with checks made payable to Texas A&M Foundation.

#### Support group to meet

The Bereaved Parent Support group will meet January 10 to discuss "signs of recovery". The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the TU Electric Building in Paris.

All bereaved parents, grandpar-ents, friends and family are invited



Hospital in Sherman. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4 under the pavillion of Bogata Cemetery with the Rev. Park Robertson officiating.

Hubert Wilson (Smitty) Smith, age

93, formerly of Bogata, died Satur-

day, January 1 in Wilson N. Jones

**Hubert Wilson Smith** 

dies January 1

Wood Funeral Homes had charge of arrangements. Mr. Smith was born August 15, 1906 in Oklahoma. He was retired from Mobil Oil Company and worked as a mechanic in later years. He is survived by his wife, the former

Naomi Harbison, who he married

June 11, 1938 in Hugo, OK; and two

sons, Keith Smith of Sherman and

## Cletus Opal Thomas

Eddie Smith of Bogata.

dies December 26 Cletus Opal Thomas, age 95, of Deport died in Deport Nursing Home Sunday, December 26. Services were held Tuesday, December 28 in Wood Funeral Homes Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Glynn Renfro officiat-

ing. Burial was in Detroit Cemetery. She was born August 13, 1904 in Oklahoma, the daughter of Perry and Susan Francis Casey Luttrell. In 1922, she married Esker Lee Thomas in Detroit. He preceded her in death in December, 1972. Mrs. Thomas was also preceded in death by two sons, John Thomas and L.C. Thomas; two daughters, Helen Little and Eva Mae Bryant; and three sisters, Maureen Bradley, Lorene Matthews and Pearl Hamilton; and two brothers, L.D. Luttrell and Roy Luttrell.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Fay Burns of Bogata and Mrs. Norma Jean Isbell of DeKalb; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchil-

## Mrs. Lorena Willson

dies January 4

Mrs. Lorena Willson, age 98 of Bogata, died Tuesday, January 4 at her residence.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 5 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral

She was born November 27, 1902 in Titus County, the daughter of M.E. (Hite) Fishback and Emma Fry Fishback. She married Amos Willson on February 1, 1925 in Mt. Pleasant. Renfro and Lee Ann Shelton for mak-He died May 27, 1978. She was a ing our mother's service longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Bogata.

She is survived by two daughters, Vernell Hitchcock of Boyd and Cewilla Duffie of Ft. Worth; six grandchildren and seven great-grand-

#### Gwendolyn Juanell Erwin dies December 21

Gwendolyn Juanell Erwin, age 64, passed away at her home in Wichita Falls, Texas, Tuesday, December 21. Graveside services were held December 24 at Riverside Cemetery in Byers, TX with the Rev. Kenneth Johanan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Byers officiating.

Gwen was the daughter of the late Cleamon and Eunice Denny of Bogata, Texas.

She is survived by three children, Schanda, Strawder of Weirsdale, FL, Carol Poole of Long Beach, CA and Ray Sluder of Wichita Falls; a brother and sister-in-law, Eddy and Nancy Denny of Bogata; a sister and brotherin-law, Earl Dean and Buddy Westbrook of Pittsburg; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, including special niece, Sherry Ellis of

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rosco Erwin in 1990, two brothers, Cleamon Denny Jr. and Johnny Denny and wife, Jerre Denny.

#### Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for your many acts of kindness shown us during the short illness and death of our father and grandfather, Doug Alsobrook, the nurses and staff of Red River Haven, First Baptist Church, Deport, Wood Funeral Home and our many friends and neighbors. Your calls, cards, visits, flowers, food, thoughts and prayers were such a comfort and were all so gratefully received and appreciated. A special thanks to Bro. Glen Renfro, Bro. Freddie Burden, Susan Roach, Lisa Wright and Donald Bob Merritt.

Our hearts are filled with love and

gratitude to all of you. The Family of Doug Alsobrook, Patsy & Waylon Norrell & family Nancy and Rene Castilla & family The Bob Alsobrook Family

Fate chooses our relatives, we choose our friends. Jacques Delille

## **Obituaries**

#### Thelma Glyds Jones dies December 30

Thelma Glyds Jones, age 81 of Paris, formerly of Clarksville, died Thursday, December 30 in Christus St. Joseph's Hospital, Paris.

Services were held Sunday, January 2 at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. James Brown officiating. Clarksville Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Jones was born August 7 1918 in DeQueen, AR, a daughter of Alvie Guy and Callie Glover. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. Her husband, Fletcher Forest Jones, preceded her in death in 1979, along with a son, Donald Jones in 1974.

Surviving are sons, Dan Jones of Redwater, Jimmy Jones of Pittsburg, and John Jones of Mesa AZ; daughters, Linda Hawley of Bagwell, Betty Ashmore of Paris and Jenny Herron of Sumner; a sister, Effie Glover of Clarksville; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

#### Naomi Conley Hoffman dies January 3

Naomi Conley Hoffman, age 85, of Detroit, died Monday, January 3 in Ft. Worth.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 6 at Liberty Baptist Church with the Rev. J.T. McNab and the Rev. Calvin Permenter officiating. Burial followed in Bluff Cemetery.

Mrs. Hoffman was born March 2, 1913 in Midway Community of Red River County, a daughter of Will and Blanch Stiles Conley. She was a memer of the Liberty Baptist Church in Midway and was a homemaker.

Her husband, Clarence Hoffman, preceded her in death in 1992.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth Adams of Ft. Worth; a stepson, Clarence Hoffman, Jr. of Detroit; stepdaughters, Elizabeth Dillon of Kingsville, GA, Linda Jones of Columbus, GA and Gala Thurston of Franklin, NC; a sister, Virginia Phillips of Paris; a brother, Stiles Conley of Ft. Worth; one grandchild; twelve step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

#### Card of Thanks

We would like to thank our family and friends for the cards, food, flowers and prayers during the loss of our mother, Cletus Thomas. Special appreciation to the Deport Nursing Home staff for the many acts of kindness you showed to her. Thanks, also to Wood Funeral Home, Bro. Glenn

The Family of Cletus Thomas

#### James Glenn Grinstead dies December 30

James Glenn Grinstead, age 64 of Dallas, formerly of Deport, died Thursday, December 30 at his residence following a long battle with cancer. He is now free from pain and walking arm in arm with his mother.

Services were scheduled for Saturday, January 1 at 2:00 p.m. in Wood Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes. He was born March 21, 193

Lamar County, the son of Joseph Monroe and Gena O'Dell Kincaid Grinstead. He was a retired commercial plumber and a former member of the Independent Order of Foresters and a member of the Pleasant Terrace Baptist Church.

He is survived by his father, Joe Grinstead of Dallas; his son, James Randall Grinstead of McKinney; and five daughters, Mary Jean Lohden, Angie Chavez, Gloria Garcia, Sherry Stallone and Chris Turney and her husband Dan, all of Dallas; eight grandchildren, James Allen Grinstead, Brandon Michael Grinstead, Marisha Reyes, Jeremy Dudley, Tonya Stallone, Lance ment, Gloria Garcia and Ast Turney; one great-grandchild, John Xavier Reyes; two sisters, Wanda Sue Grinstead of Dallas and Pam Haden and companion Jack Thorn of Marysville, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Gena Grinstead, March 25, 1999 and a great-granddaughter, Krystal Elaine Grinstead and a grandson, Nicholas Kubena.

## Gordon Russell Grant

dies December 24 Gordon Russell Grant, age 93, of Deport died Friday, December 24

in Deport Nursing Home. Mr. Grant was born November 11, 1906 in Deport, a son of Dr. Stephen Hunter and Alice Franklin Grant. He was a retired Major in the U.S. Army and after retirement ranched. He was a member of the Deport First Presbyterian Church where he served as a deacon for many years, he was a veteran of World War II, and was a member of the American Legion. He married Dorothy Maples in Anthony, New Mexico in April of 1945. She preceded him in death on March 13,

Surviving are a son, Stephen R. Grant and his wife Rexene of Laguna Hills, California; a daughter, Betty Jo Buford and husband Joe of Lady Lake, Florida; three grandchildren, Cathy Grant, Paul Buford and Grant Buford; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted 2:00 p.m. Wednesday in Meadowbrook Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Edward Dodson officiating. Services were under the direction of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home.

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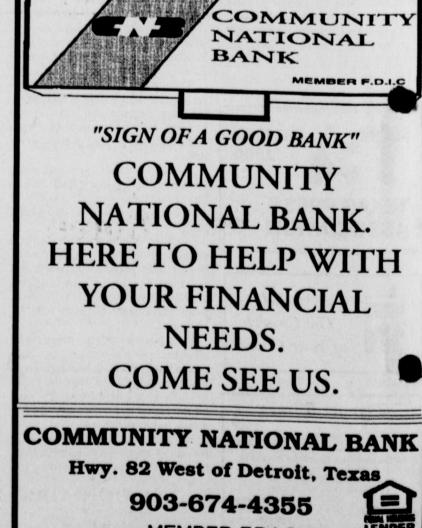
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Prairiland Patriot and Lady Patriots basketball teams participated in the annual Roxton Holiday Tournament on Monday, December 27-29. The following is a summary of stats for the boys bracket. Prairiland Roxton

Lucas Roddy Cody Boehler Jonathan Martin **Brad Barrentine** Heath Sessums Kyle Malone Matt Cavender Joel Hudson 12 fouls and 15-23 free throws

iriland Detroit Roddy Cavender Barrentine Sessums Malone Chris Berry Martin Prairiland..... Fannindel .....

10 fouls and 18-22 free throws

Lest is the secret of all beauty.

Sessums

Cavender Barrentine Barrentine Hudson Cavender 14 fouls and 10-17 free throws The following are stats for the Lady Patriots for the Roxton Tournament. Lady Patriots ..... Boles Home ...... **Emilee Bolton** Kami Hudson. Ashley Athas Tammie Nichols Kelli Clarkson Amanda Wood Lacy Beatty. Jordan Hunold 16 fouls and 5-15 free throws Lady Patriots. Bolton .

-Christian Dior



below are stats from that game.

Honey Grove ......47

Lady Patriots .....21

Honey Grove ...... 71

13 fouls and 4-8 free throws

18 fouls and 6-12 free throws

Barrentine

Hudson

Cavender

Sessums

Steinkamp

Davis

Wood

Nichols

Athas .

Bolton

Hudson

Graham

Roddy

**DAYNE SESSUMS of Blossom** caught this 5 pound bass while fishing with his grandfather, Ona Berry. When they were asked where they caught the fish, they replied, "In the side of the mouth!"(Staff Photo)



BACK UP-Members of Donald Day and Sons Metal Construction look at the newly replaced letters for the Deport Fire Station after they placed them on the newly remodeled and expanded station. The expansion is being paid for by fundraising by the Volunteer Fire Department, and provides a bay for the water tanker, which has been sitting out in the weather for some time now, much needed storage space and larger bay opening for the larger truck which barely fit in the older side of the station. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

## TNMP customers to see price reduction on January bills

Customers of Texas-New Mexico amount effective January 1, 1998. Power Company are getting a two year head start on a recent state law that will lower electric prices statewide beginning in 2002 and bring more competition to the electric utility industry. Because of TNMP's voluntary plan for competition that was approved before the statewide plan, the company's residential customers will begin seeing a 3% reduction in prices beginning January 1. Commercial customers will get a 1% decrease at the same time.

The new reductions mark the second price breaks TNMP customers have received in two years. The company lowered prices by a comparable

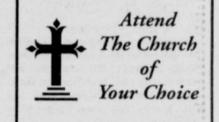
With the new reductions, an average residential customer will save about \$36 per year over current prices.

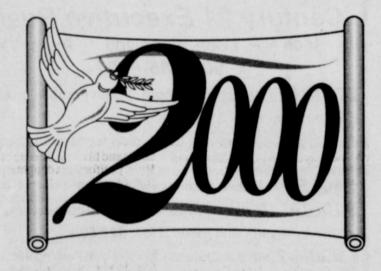
Combined with earlier decreases, average electric bills will be about \$96 a year lower than pre-1998

The state law provides greater reductions for commercial customers than TNMP's voluntary plan. Consequently, the company will provide additional price decreases for commercial customer son January 1, 2002, to provide them the same price break as other commercial customer in the state.

People **Things** 

The Pattonville Community Center dance will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 14. Concessions available. Proceeds benefit the fire





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Thank you so much for letting us serve you.

FROM ALL OF US



I am looking forward to serving the people of Lamar County as Commissioner of Precinct 1 **Best Wishes For A** Happy New Year Mike

# Blackburn

Commissioner Precinct 1

It has been a pleasure serving the people of Lamar County as Constable of Precinct 1 **Best Wishes For A** Happy New Year

# Randy Boren

Constable Precinct 1

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year. LAMAR COUNTY **ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** Kerye Ashmore

Jeff Starnes, Karla Baugh Steve Tyler, Kelly Byrum, Shanna Ellexson, Glenda Erwin, Shawn Carpenter, Penny Pitcock. Mike Middleton & Dickie Towers



Here's wishing you the very best in the New Year. Chuck Superville **Lamar County** Judge



Wishing all of you a Happy New Year. It has been a pleasure serving you.

Nadine Ausbie

Secretary

Kathy Marlowe **Lamar County Clerks Office** 



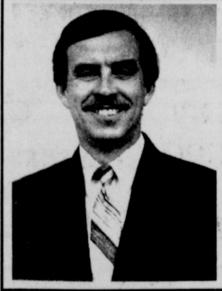
Wishing all of you a Happy New Year. It has been a pleasure serving you.

Latricia Miller **Lamar County Treasurer** 



To the citizens of **Lamar County** I want to wish each of you a Happy New Year. I look forward to serving you as Sheriff in the new year

B. J. McCov Sheriff **Lamar County** 



Wishing all of you the very best in the coming New Year Thanks for all your support.

Don Denison

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1



Wishing you a New Year of Peace and Happiness.

**Marvin Ann Patterson** 

**Lamar County District Clerk** 

## **Fulbright News**

By Betty Rodgers 652-6051



The Crumps spent Christmas Day in Alvarado with her parents, J.T. and Lois Lane, brother James, sisters Nina Gatlin of Grandview and Judy and Tony Ramsey of DeKalb, brother-in-law Bobby Watkins of Lavon, numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

Sunday afternoon after church services the Crump family dinner was held at the Full Gospel Church in Deport hosted by Leon and Fannie Crump Lamb. Nearly 50 members of the family attended, which included Lezette and Frank Remmers, Glenda and Charlie Mills and Barbara Wiggins, all of Wills Point and Preston and Marla Crump. Numerous children, grandchildren and great great grandchildren also enjoyed the festivities. Only 9 members of the entire family were absent.

Also on Sunday afternoon Preston and Marla hosted their family gathering. Attending were Terry, Deana, Abby, Micah and Blake of Paris, Charles and Amanda of Garland, Don of Dallas, Dewayne, Charity, Ty, Cheyene, Bailey, Brooklyn and Caitlyn who have recently moved to Detroit and Eddie and Angela Kyle and Aaron of Bogata.

Thursday night and Friday, the Crumps visited their son Tommy and his mother Ruby Kitchens in

Frankston. New Years Eve Eddie and Angela Kyle of Bogata hosted a party for Dewayne and Charity Halbert and children, Aaron, Marla and Preston.

Visiting with Jimmie King during the holidays were Kay and Dave Geeman of Whitney. They came Thursday and went home Saturday. Friday night for Christmas Eve dinner was Kay and Dave Gunner, Dick, Jayne and Neleigh King of Paris and Kyle, Kutchi, Travis and Shelley King

Harvey Bo King of Kansas City, Kansas came Sunday and stayed until Thursday with his mother Jimmie

Dick King of Paris had lunch with his mother Jimmie King New Years Day, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King came and got Jimmie to have New Years dinner with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King of Reno and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Hurley and daughters of Bonham visited Jimmie King Sunday afternoon and watched the Cowboy game.

Guests at the home of Clovis and Katy VanDeaver during the Christmas holidays and for Christmas Day dinner were Lana VanDeaver of Crocket, Larann, John and Dru Dennison of Rosalie, Mitzie, Gary, Kimberlyand Michael Pirtle of Paris, Linda Garon Salter, Jon, Sherri, Myranda, Marshall and Mason of Brady

Christmas night Clovis and Katy VanDeaver and all their guests attended the VanDeaver Christmas supper and party in Clarksville in the home of Charles and Mary Helen VanDeaver.

Monday guests of Clovis VanDeaver were Clarence and Billie Pate of Dallas.

The annual Christmas program and fellowship was held on the 22nd of December at Fulbright Baptist Church. The children had the pro-

Visiting Eric and Toni Williams during the Christmas holidays was her mother Mildred Scott, brother Don Jr. and Jason of Dallas.

Wendy and Matt Brunson of Dallas and Kane Peek of Fort Hood were visitors during the Christmas season with their parents Kay and Butch Peek and Devin.

Monte and Shelley Rodgers, Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga had dinner New Years Day with Betty Rodgers.



MARLENA BALLARD, sophomore member of the Pleasant Grove High School cheerleading squad, participated with her squad last week in Dallas at the National Cheerleading competition. Pleasant Grove was a top ten finalist in medium varsity division of over 60 squads from all over the United States. Marlena is the daughter of Jack and Glenda Ballard of Texarkana, granddaughter of Shorty Ballard of Deport, Vivian Miner Bullard of Ft. Worth and god-daughter of Mary Jane Lowry of Blossom. The Finals will be broadcast in the near future on the USA Television Network.

THE OAK RIDGE BOYS Will Be Appearing for Two Performances on Saturday, April 15 TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE ON MARCH 4TH

WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS!!!

## Drake-Martinez exchange vows

Alexandra and E.J. Drake along with Sabrina, Whitney and Christine Martinez are proud to announce the marriage of their parents, Brittani Drake and Adrian Martinez.

Ms. Drake is the daughter of Bruce Drake of Mississippi and Linda and Jim Ferguson of Bogata. She is the granddaughter of Maurine Womack, Reno and of Barbara Smith of Bogata and Claudia Whitney of Deport.

Adrian is the son of Paul and Marcy Martinez of Ft. Worth.

The couple were married on January 1, 2000 at Lifeline Worship Center in Reno, Texas with the Rev. David Norwood, cousin of the bride, officiating. Lana Pritchard played the wedding music and David Lawrence videoed the event. The church was decorated in the couples chosen colors of peach and forest green. Attending the bride were Raimie Martin, Maid of Honor, Johnna Bean and Yolanda Jackson as

bridesmaids. Flower girl was Alexandra Drake.

Attending the Groom was Daniel Martinez, Best Man, Robert Trinidad and Bruce Drake as groomsmen. Ring bearer was Zachery Drake and ushers were Brian and Aaron Martinez.

The reception followed at the church's fellowship hall. It was catered by Tommy's Barbecue of Reno.

Serving at the reception was Kazan Lynch, Tammie and Kristi Lawrence. Kristi also presided at the registry table prior to the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martinez hosted a rehearsal dinner in Bogata at the home of Chas and Barbara Smith.

The couple was honored with a miscellaneous shower on December 26, 1999 at the 909 Diner in Bogata. The event was hosted by Teresa Smith and Debbie Currin.

The couple wishes to thank everyone who made their day a very special one to remember.



The East Post Oak Church was well attended Sunday with two new members Laurence and Stacy Wilcoxen joined on profession of faith and are waiting baptism.

The members of the church met at the Fellowship hall Friday night for a New Year's celebration. There was about 50 that enjoyed supper and

Bro. Blackmon, pastor, spent the weekend here with Newman and Betty Low. His children were sick and his wife and children were not able to come with him. They are planning to move here this week.

People of the church have been doing work on the parsonage before he moved. They have painted the inside and put in new floor covering.

Janis Reynolds went to Roswell, New Mexico and spent Christmas with her son Merle and family. Her daughter Vanessa and husband Tom and 2 sons of Houston, came Thursday and spent New Years with her and returned home Sunday.

Dorothy and L.V. Ladner of Midway ate Christmas dinner with the Wilbourne Lees.

The Post Oak Fire Department was called out5 times to fires in the Beulah Woods, north of Post Oak from DePost Oak News

By Geneva Lee 982-5309

Those having Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Newman Low was their daughter Terri and Jerry Williams and daughter Kate and April Bush and Alvis and Billie Bates. Wilbourne, Geneva and Johnie Lee visited in the afternoon and exchanged gifts. Newman and Betty spent Christmas Eve night at the Williams home.

Alvis and Billie Bates had their children and grandchildren at their house for their Christmas party on Christmas Eve night.

Bro. Calvin Permenter ate lunch with Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee Sunday, December 26. His wife was sick and not able to come.

Louise Cagle and all of her children and grandchildren met at the home of Sue and Norman Farris in Longview for Christmas. She spent six nights with them before returning

Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee visited Ernest and Doris Carey in Clarksville Nursing Center Thursday, December 30. Then went to Bogata and visited Jimmie Pettit and daughter Linda and also Willie and Vaughdean

Margaret Forbis, daughter of Austin Lane of Paris was buried here December 28 by Bright-Hölland Funeral Home.

## Insurance hotline is open

State Representative Mark Homer (D) District 3, reports that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission has established a toll free hotline to accept inquiries about the Children's Health Insurance Program and other insurance options for chil-

By calling the hotline, families of

mation about health coverage through Medicaid and the Texas Healthy Kids Corporation.

The number for the toll free hotline is 800-647-6558. Families are encouraged to call the hotline with any

## Burglary is Crime of the Week

help and will help and will pay a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 for any information that will lead to the arrest and indictment of the persons responsible for committing the following felony crimes.

Sometime during the early evening hours of Wednesday, December 8, unknown suspects forced entry into a home in the 2000 block of Ridgeview St. in Paris. Once inside the home, the suspects stole a video camera, jewelry, a Nintendo game system with

Crime Stoppers is seeking your several games, cash and many other items. The burglary resulted in over \$4,000 in lost and damaged property.

If Crime Stoppers receives that information by January 10, an arrest and indictment is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at 785-Tips! (785-8477)

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Visiting Ivaleta Edwards was Wanda Rosson and Juanita Garrett. Visiting Lovetta McMurray on

On Christias, Nora Barnett had company visiting Danny and Rhonda Hoskins, Rita Thompson, Rhonda Hoskins, Tommy Thompson, Billy Don Malone, Jr., Gary and Wesley Malone, Katy Ramsey, Varner Barnett, Lisa Thompson and Trenton Thompson.

Visiting Lillie Dunham were Lila: Screws and Royce and Nona Johnson. Visiting Mamie Fletcher was Glenda King and Dennis Fletcher and Jimmy Fletcher.

Visiting Homer and Melva Sisson were Pete and Betty, Dane, Danny and Donna Taylor, Clyde, Ethel Pomroy, Katherine Lewis, Addie Cooper, Bill Old, Renee Moore.

Visitintg Ann Austin was Charles Austin and Nina nand Gary.

Visiting Roy Wells were Linda Inmon, Mary Miller, Linda Kay, Mary Ann, Edd Miller, James and Glenn, Renee and Bob Redferarn, Roy Morgan, Donald Barnard, Kenneth Wells, Lois Wells.

Visiting Billie Gantt was Nancy Gantt.

Visiting Viola Barham were Barbara Allen, Jeffery Allen, Cecil Allen and Jeannie Allen. Vistiing Pauline Perry were Melba

Nash and Mary Glover. Visting Kathleen Goldsbery was

Weldon and Joyce Smith. Visiting Daisy Barnett was Ethel Pomroy, Katherine Lewis and Addie

Cooper

Visiting JennyeWoodard was Weldon and Joyce Smith, Matt, Jessica and Teresa Smith.

Visiting Angie Smith were Larry Haskell, Karen Cherry and kids, Grant and Betty Smith of Irving, Meri Wheafley of Virginia Bryant was Robert and Pam Gibson.

Visiting Terry McDowra was

Fern Fry was visited by Ray Fry, B. Banks, L. Banks and Billie and Larry Banks.

Visiting Virginia Carrel were Pat Syrus, Paul and JoAnn Stewart, Monte Nicholson, Larry Carrell, Savannah Roberson, Linda Arnold,

Shane Arnold, Fawn Crider, Kristi, Brodie, Ronnie Carrell, Robin Carrell, John and Lorrie Alexandria, Felicia Brodie and William Smyers.

Pat Hollje was visited by E.J. Newberry and Dorothy Newberry.

Dow South ws visited by Jan Abbott, Jean Goforth, J.D. Palmer James Moncrief. and Brenda Watson.

Visiting Billy Archibald was J.D. Polk, Brenda Watson.

Visiting Raymond Crawford were Prentice and Chris Crawford of Ft.

Visiting Ina Hedrick was Florence Summers, Norma McIntire, Doris

Haning, Norma and Doris, Gloria Hitchcock, Tyler Reeves and Christian Reeves.

Visiting Sara Gilmer was Marline, Weldon and Joyce Smith, Dewey, Sarena, Suzann and Kyle, Harold and

Visiting Raymond Hignight was Anita Roden, Mary Ray, Erin Freemeyer, Evan, Carla and Reg Freemeyer, Katie Carrell, Drew, Sue, Craig and Kim Carrell, Keith and Sharon Young.

Visiting Johnnie Warren was Lucy Fowler, Evelyn Roach, Joann Henson, Carol and Jennifer Dorsey, Brooke Medlin, Megan and Lauren Fowler, Barbara Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Carry Spray and baby, Katelyn, Juanita Garrett and Wanda Rosson, John Allen, Lila, Kara and Halli Screws, Cindy Roach of Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Roach of Milton, Shirley Gifford, Virginia Rhoades, Tana Screws, Chris Guerra and fam-

The residents were very appreciative of the local churches for the wonderful Christmas party. The refreshments were great and the Christmas message and cards were beauti-

The residents hd a fun filled month, riding to Paris to see the Christmas lights and stopping for hot cocoa. They enjoeyd the Prairiland Home Ec class for the visit and gifts. On Christmas eve, everyone enjoyed the Christmas party and especially was glad to see Santa. Also thanks to the Salvation Army and the Kiwanis Club for thinking of us during the busy

## 4-H meeting is January 24

A county wide meeting will be held January 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Building B at the fairgrounds in Paris. Another county wide meeting will

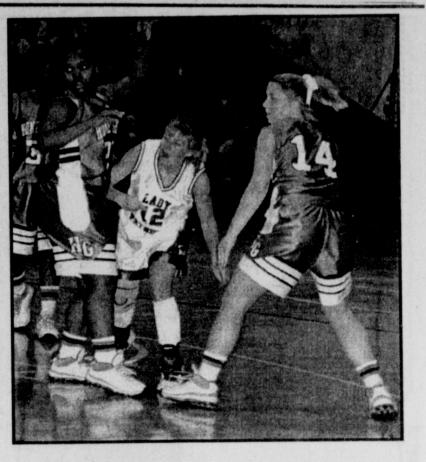
be held March 27 at 6 p.m. at the Lamar County Fairgrounds and on May 22 at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

The North Lamar 4-H Club will preside over the January meeting. Various clubs will preside over the Bolton-5. county wide meetings on a rotational basis that will be discussed at the next Lady Pats traveled to Saltillo. After 4-H Council meeting.

**BLOSSOM GIFT SUBS** 

To Marie Moncrief and Maurine Westmoreland from Mr. and Mrs.

To Mr. and Mrs. Randy Mayes from Mrs. John Shores.



LADY PATRIOT MEGAN GRAHAM reaches for the ball during the game against the Lady Warriors from Honey Grove on Saturday night. The ladies lost their third district game this season to Honey Grove 21-71. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

## Lady Patriots compete in district and non-district play

The Lady Patriots varsity played one quarter of play the Lady Pats host to the Chapel Hill Lady Red Devils on Dec. 17 in District play. Following one quarter the Lady Pats trailed the Lady Red Devils 22-7. The Lady Red Devil speed left the Lady Pats in awe. In the second the Lady Pats came around but could only cut the lead almost in half. The halftime break score was 43-20 Chapel Hill.

In the third the Lady Pats struggled and the Lady Red Devils went to the hoop to add 13 more points to their score. 56-27 Chapel Hill. The final quarter saw the Lady Pats drop the win 67-39.

High scorer for the game was Kami Hudson with 13 points followed by Jordan Hunold with 10. Also scoring were Melissa Steinkamp-2, Amanda Wood-2, Ashley Athas-7 and Emilee

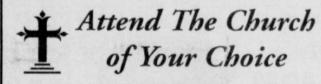
On December 20, 1999 the varsity

trailed 6-15. They had given the strong Lady Bears a good quarter of play. In the second the Lady Bears were forced to go to work and take the Lady Pats seriously. At the halftime buzzer the score stood 28-8 Saltillo.

In the third the Lady Pats increased their score but the Lady Bears also gained points. Score 41-14. The final was all Lady Bears even though the Lady Pats were able to add points.

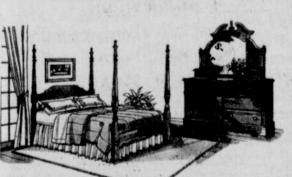
Posting high score for the game was Kami Hudson with 8 points followed by Kelli Clarkson with 6. Also scoring were Crystal Davis-2, Tammy Nichols-1, Ashley Athas-4, Melissa Steinkamp-2, Amanda Wood-2.

The Junior Varsity Patriots and Lady Patriots and Varsity Patriots and Lady Patriots will travel to Chisum for District action on Friday, Jan.7, 2000 with first game time set for 4:30 p.m. Go Patriots









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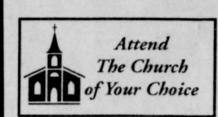
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ration of the Red River County Court-



house. Those attending are encour-

aged to bring a family heirloom or an

item of interest that has been in their

family, for the remained of the night's

ing their family history are encour-

aged to come and enjoy the pro-

All persons interested in research-

Prairiland All Campus Menu Week of January 10

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Pudding

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Friday Hot dog on bun w/chili/cheese sauce Pork and beans Corn chips Fruit

Pattonville News By Peggy Parsons Call Your News to 652-5022

Happy Birthdays wishes to Betty Boren, James VanDeaver, Tiffany Winters, Ann Geer, Mary Jackson, Fern Rees, Colt Hatfield, Chris

McDowra Sympathy is extended to the family of Hollis Towers who died in the VA Hospital in Waco, Friday, December 31, 1999, He and his wife Edna were former residents of our

community. Congratulations to Teri Ann Gray and Chuck Burge who were married in the Presbyterian Church at Deport on Saturday, January 1, 2000. She is the daughter of Dick and Yvonne

Melanie and Colt Moore hosted a family Christmas party in their home Christmas Eve. Those present were Kent and Jan Richey and Josh of Corsican, Susan Ritchey of Gilmer, Dorothy and Jerry Richey, Elois Sparks, Mike Sparks, T.J. and Margaret Folwer.

Spending the Christmas holidays with Keith and Peggy Parsons wer Bobby and Judy Ellington of Hunstville, Doug Winters, Colton and Tiffany of College Station, Greg and Connie Parsons, Alisen and Davis of Whitehouse, Mark and Tonya Par-

sons, Haley and Ty of Rowlett, Drew and Leah Boren.

Lois and Ralph Kennett of Cooper, Marcy Campbell of Paris, Randy and Pam Duke, Brett and Sarah of Hurst, Johnny and Angie Campbell, Jessica and Dillon of Planowere Christmas Day visitors of the Par-

The Spark's Christmas tree and dinner was held on Sunday in the home of Keith and Peggy Parsons. Attending wer Ronnie and Kelly Ellington of Huntsville, Ralph and Lois Kennett of Cooper, Ina and Nina Sparks, Mike and Elois Sparks of

Deport, Randy and Kristi Boren in addition to those spending the holidays with them.

Nina Sparks, Eloise Sparks, Alisen Parsons and Peggy Parsons met Connie Parsons and Davis and Dorothy Copeland in Canton Saturday for lunch. Alisen returned to Tyler with them after spending the week

with her grandparents and cousins. James and Joyce Merritt, Charles and Jolita Scott and Carly, Tracy Scott of Austin, Tony Fugett and Cayli of Powderly, Barbara and Darren Young of Paris, Ty Merritt of Deport and girlfriend Misty of Paris had Christmas dinner with Mike and

Missy Merritt and Jake of Paris.

Ashley and Trey Merritt of Dallas spent Wednesday and THursday with their grandparents James and Joyce

Christmas morning visitors of Jim and Pam McNabb were Tim and Becky Bishop, Lacey and Ashley of Detroit, Jackie and Tonya Crawford and Samantha

David and Sue Shelton hosted the Coco family Christmas Eve party and Christmas dinner in their home. Among those attending were Ann Long, Ashley and Brian of McKinney, Nathan Shelton of Muskogee, OK, Dean and Leeann Romine of Claremore, OK., and Vi Coco of Paris.

Ashley Brian and Nathan remained to spend the week with their grandparents Dave and Sue Shelton.

Jessee and Francies Anderson, PeeWee and Lorraine Reid of Paris spent the Christmas holidays in Fayetteville, AR. with Grady and Carol Ann Reid, Tim and Teri Stowers and children, David and Kandi McEntie and children.

Delbert Hoskins of Irving and Cecil Allen of Lamar Point visited Jesse

and Francis Anderson. Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah attended the Boren family

A Christmas celebration was held at the Currin-Hunter Ranch. Good food and lots of presents were enjoyed by everyone. Those attending were Debbie Currin, Tonya, Travis and children of Pattonville, John and Claudia Whitney of Deport, Belinda and Bill Dickey, Jaclyn and Dar Winn and Darrell, Lynn Brit Katherine Johnson and Glenn Maddox all of Sulphur Springs.

On Christmas Day, Tonya, Travis and kids went to Greenville where they visited with Travis's parents Bobby and Billy Hunter.

On Sunday, Debbie, Tonya, Travis and kids along with John and Claudia Whitney went to Bogata. They enjoyed a Norwood celebration at the 909 Diner.

On January 1,2000, the Whitneys and Currin-Hunter and John Whitney had been taking advantage of the nice weather to do some fence building and late season hunting.

Debbie Currin and John an Claudia Whitney received a ph call from Shane and Vicky Currin Charleston, South Carolina.

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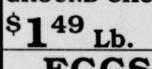
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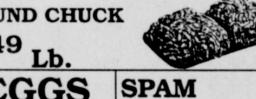
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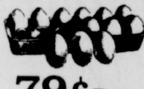
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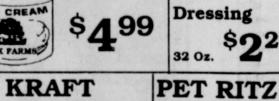




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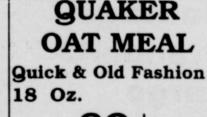
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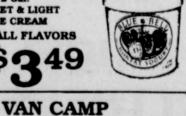
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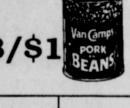








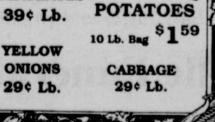


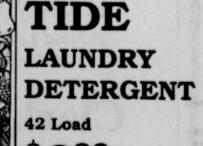


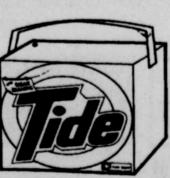
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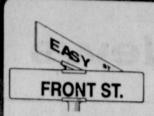


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Happy Birthdays this week too: LeeAnn Warren, Jeff Crabb, Steven Flatt, Jason Hensley, Jonathan Hensley, Kelly Melton, Marion McCulley, Angela Moss, Jennifer Blalock, Felicia Taylor, Melissa Spears, Chris Davis, Micah Bedford, Jackie Miller, Heath Sessums, Bran-

on Mauldin, Kenneth Dodson, Tess ilkerson, Sarah Hooge, Colt Hatfield, Tyler Graham, Jennifer Martin, Chad Nation, Scotty Babb, Tina Justice, Dana Parker, Lisa Harris, Jennifer Martin, Leslie Martin, Wade Moore, Amanda Henderson, Blake Braudaway, Laurence Wilcoxen, Robin Pieper, William Ruckman, Ricky Latham, Tammy Nichols, Michael Jones, Donett Lyon, Justin Ebbs, Juana Zermeno, Josh White, Matthew Hostetler, Toy Varner, Lori Pitcock, Hope Petty, Kate Robertson, Jackie Chennault, James Gray, Ethan Tillery, Michael DiGiovanni.

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a great holiday and are ready get started into the new year!

Rosella Carter enjoyed the Christmas holidays with Becky and Ed White in Paris along with Bob Carter and family of Tyler. They all enjoyed Christmas dinner along with Sue and Bill Scudder and Scott Scudder and family.

Buford and Virginia Cleveland spent the holidays in the Moore and Shawnee, Oklahoma area visiting with Paula and Robin Cleveland and Cassie Cleveland, Linda and Ron Cleveland, Brenda and Tom Miscali

of Long Island, New York, Kenneh and Lewis Sala and Austin of East Islip, New York, Jeff and Dana Cleveland, Sammi and Jordan, and Davy and Colleen Cleveland, Cynthia, Racine and Davy Cole. They also enjoyed the 4th birthday celebration of granddaughter Racine Cleveland at Chucky Cheese's.

Our condolences go out to the Ray and Westmoreland families on the loss of their loved ones.

Enjoying Christmas with the Jim Irwin family on Christmas Day was Judy and Jim Blankenship, Bobby Spain of South Carolina, Allan Spain of Paris, Aurby and Verna Irwin of Hartshorne, Oklahoma, Jamie Irwin and Steve Slezak of Arlington, Gary and Sheila Ensey, Allison, Ann Marie and Jake of Paris, Ann Sanders, Amy and Alan Dabbs and Gary and Allie Reynolds.

Jane Roddy hosted Christmas dinner for Mike Roddy and family, Ronald Roddy and family, Courtney Barrentine, Joe and Georgia Oats, Billy, Neva and Brandon Oats.

Pat and Ray Evers, Jim Weddle and Tom Gore Paris, Steven Weddle and family and James Freelan of Post Oak visited with Jr. and Pauline Weddle over the holidays.

Verna and Aurby Irwin of Hartshorne, Oklahoma were here visiting with Arch, June, Shawn and Travis Irwin on Christmas Eve.

Lori Deverell spent New Year's Eve with Letha Ford of Powderly. Teri Moody and children of Van visiting with Paula and Jackie Shelby.

Paul and Sue Garrett, Jamilyn and Chad Garrett all of Paris, Christy, Curtis and Landon Garrett of Reno and Jerry and Patty Garrett of Lake Tawokani enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Bessie Garrett.

On Friday, Bessie Garrett and Jaunita Garrett of Woodland visited with Icie Baker of Hooks.

Bessie Garrett spent Friday night with Paul and Sue Garrett in Paris and Paul visited her on Sunday after-

Rhonda, Ethan and Sandra Rasberry of Plano spent last week at the home of Lloyd and Emma Willard. Also visiting is Nell Deese of Dothan, Alabama. They enjoyed lunch with Renea, Steven and Kaleb Long of Paris. Also visiting was Juanita and R.L. Garrett of Woodland and Dorothy Myers of Post Oak.

Billie Jean Henry got acquainted with her new granddaughter over the Christmas holidays, Samantha. She is the daughter of Candy and Marvin Henry of Amarillo and Garrett. Also Angel Henry visited for a time and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Shelton all of Dallas.

New Year's Eve was enjoyed at the home of Amy and Skipper Chapman with Amy and Alan Dabbs, Visiting them on Saturday night was Jamie and Leslie Chapman, Valarie and Hunter Harp, Jeremy, Melody and Adrian Selinas, Leslie and Jalyn Franklin, Amanda Burgin, Cari Irwin and Gary Reynolds and Amy and Alan Dabbs.



BLOSSOM 3rd garde class favorites Ricky Latham, Tyler Bowden, Jessica Withers, Cassidy Adams and Cade White. Not picturd is Courtney Outland. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

## Crime Stoppers crime of the week

help and will pay a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 for any information that will lead to the arrest of the persons responsible for committing the fol-

lowing felony crime. Sometimes during the early evening hours of Wednesday, December 8th, unknown suspects forced entry into a home in the 2000 block of Ridgeview St. in Paris. Once inside the home, the suspects stole a video camera, jewelry, a Nintendo game system with several games, cash and many other items. This burglary resulted in over \$4,000.00 in lost and

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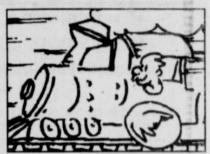
damaged property. If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by January 10th, an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 All calls do remain anonymous and you will no have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime and double your reward during the month of Janu-

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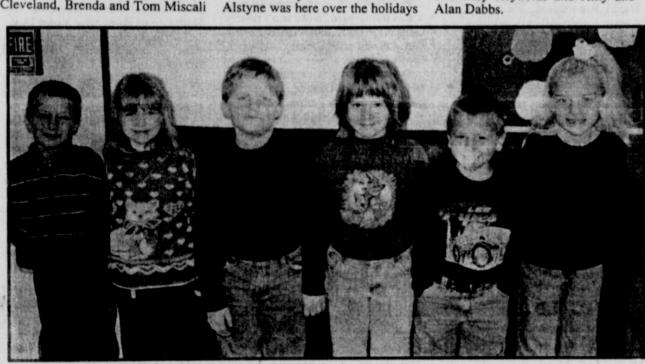
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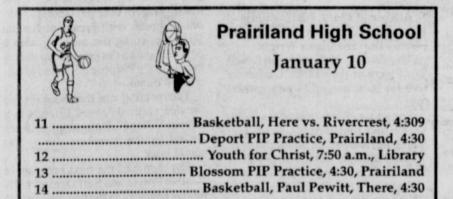


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BLOSSOM lst grade class favorites pictured left to right is Caleb Melton and Brooke Glover, Tyler Brown and Lesa Bishop, Caleb Adams and Taylor Davidson. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Red River County: Annona, Bagwell, Detroit, Negley, Avery, Bogata, Clarksville, Deport. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone vice provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local hange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

V does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the sich it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has ned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and opying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in ustin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of ounsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.





Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187 News

\*Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

\*Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight, and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.

\*Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

\* The VFW will be starting a pool tournament on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come out for competition and fellowship.

\*Now is the time for everyone who has won 1st or 2nd in 42 since July to come and play in the semiannual tournament beginning Jan. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

\*The Ty Bigfoot Bear was won by Earl Grisham. Thanks is ameneded to all who bought chances. For Valentine Day, Feb. 14, the group will be offering chances on dinner for two at Two Senorita's in Mt. Pleasant. Your \$1.00 donation could help you take your sweetheart out for a wonderful meal and contribute to activities at the Bogata VFW. For more information contact Zelma Mauldin in Bogata or Earlene (Mrs. Gerald) Miller in

\*Happy Birthday to Deon mcKeggan, Sharon House, Corey Martin, Joyce Proctor, Dorthy Wilson, Bill Farris, Tricia Bradley, Earl Grisham, Jim Mauldin, Kenneth Duffer and Joyce Wisinger.

\*Get Well Wishes to Eunice Miller, Betty and Amos Spencer, Dapheny Pointer, Jetti Minshew, Jean Smith and Bill Farris.

\*Remember the post is open on Sunday for Dallas Cowboy football games. Come out and enjoy them with your friends.

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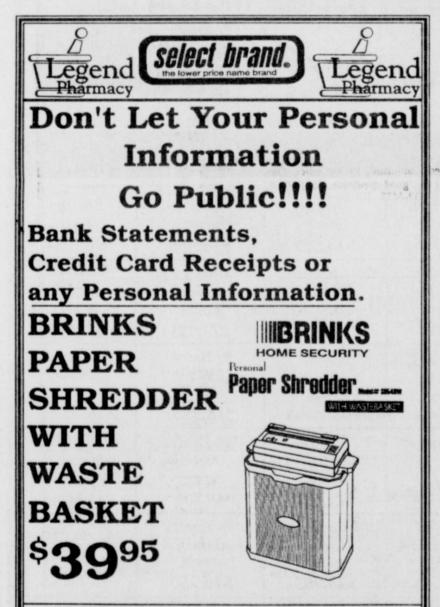
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Celebrating the Christmas holiday

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Dakota, Danbri and Jaylan Mitchell,

Mike and Lee Ann Ragan and Megan,

Kalee, Skylar and Sydney, Joel,

Shirley, Anthony and Mathew

Ballard, Jack, Glenda, Marlene and

Sam and Bonnie Upchurch visited

Christmas day visitors having

lunch with George and Maureen

Richardson of Paris were Gerrie,

Clyde and Chance Bankhead, Jerrod

and Susan Bankhead of Cunning-

ham, Gene and Jo Cavender of De-

port, Vicki, Colby and Austin Coo-

per of Mt. Pleasant, Dale, Brenda and

Bret Callihan of Paris, Ron and Sally

Richardson of Mesquite. After lunch

visitors were Jude and Bonnie

Richardson of Paris, Angie Callihan,

Joe Moore of Blossom and Kenney

Richard and Clara Nance were in

Dallas for the Christmas holidays with

their son, Stephen Storey and his

wife, Lou Ann and their grandson,

On Wednesday, Nanalee and Tho-

JoDell Cooper of Cunningham and

mas Nichols were dinner guests at

the home of Richard and Clara Nance.

Boyd Betterton of Jacksonville,

Florida visited Dale and Ruth Gray

Deryl Cooper of Sacramento, Cali-

Visiting Mervin and Colleen Sla-

ton over the holidays were Jimmy,

Donna, Jeff and Nick Blount of

Temple, Jamey, Madelyn, David Sla-

ton and Tina Estes of Killeen, Darrell,

Amber and Katelynn Hunter of Com-

merce, Johnny, Kathy, Renea, Chris

and Amy Holt of Milton, Katherine

Anderson of Post Oak and Ryan Cope

Kathy Holt's name was left off the

paper subscription list from Mervin

Lee and Kathy Bice got home Christmas eve night. They stopped in

Quanah and had Christmas with his

daughter and family, Jim Bob and

Lori White, Thomas, Austin and

Madyson. As they arrived, Nancy

Murphy stopped by to say Merry

Christmas. Joining Lee and Kathy

for lunch Christmas day were her

grandmother, Mrs. Fay Elmore; her

mom, Ruth Whittle and other family

members and friends, Jesse and Carla

Filkins, Brittany and Courtney and

Jessie's parents, John and Janet

Filkins, Joyce and Bill Smith of Paris,

Saundra Elmore Baser of Arlington

and Pam McKee. Larry and Susan

Whittle visited before lunch and ex-

changed gifts. Everyone enjoyed a

wonderful day of fellowship and good

food. Nina Sparks visited in the

afternoon. Christmas night, Lee,

Kathy and Ruth visited Jeff and

Cheryl Whittle of Paris. Sunday

morning, Kathy and Ruth were vis-

ited by Brinda Epps Coker of

Bellville. Kathy and she hadn't seen

each other but once since graduation

in 1974. They had a wonderful visit.

Sunday afternoon, Kathy and Ruth

met her aunt, Joyce Smith to go shop-

ping. That night, they visited Joyce

and Bill Smith of Paris who have

recently redecorated their home.

Granny Elmore visited Kathy, Ruth

and Courtney Monday. Kathy gave

her a haircut and Ruth a perm. Nancy

Murphy visited later with Ross and

Hoss. Courtney spent the night with

Brittany Filkins had toe surgery on

Nanny and Kakky.

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fornia visited Dale and Ruth Gray on

Norwood of Paris.

Cade Storey.

on December 22.

Christmas day.

of Biardstown.

and Colleen Slaton.

Joel Ballard and L.C. Ballard.

C. Ballard last week.



Richard and Clara Nance had Thomas and Nanalee Nichols as dinner guests on Thursday night.

Dicky and Jayne King spent New Year's Eve with Thomas and Nanalee

Ruth Skaggs spent Christmas Day with Christene Skaggs and family.

Spending Christmas with Ruth and Stanley O'Brien were Dr. Randy O'Brien and family, Dr. Stephen O'Brien and family, Bradley and Cindy O'Brien of Austin.

Donald and Evelyn Rice of Eustace visited Ruth and Stanley O'Brien Christmas eve in Garland. The Rice family were longtime residents of the area.

Happy Birthday wishes to Marijo Bono, Misti McMikel, Raymond South, Jr., Tom Foley, Alma Scaff, Brandi Stripland, Conner Chipman, Dalton George, Zachery Kincaid, Fresia Benfer, James G. Smith. Amanda Barnard, Anthony LaRue, Jayne Westbrook, Wayne Couch, Sr., David Singleton, Melanie Fowler, Sidney Chipman, Charity Huddleston, Betty Boren, Fern Fry, Joe B. Henderson, Lindsey Wright Anderson, Ramsey Penn, Joe Black, Mary Jackson, Melba Ladd, Connie Kelsey Dodd, Danny Rosser, Dorothy Holt, James Judd, Jamie Malone, Johnnie Holt, Phillip Dodd, Andrew Houston, Tiffany Winters, Tim Wood, Harold Shull, Leonard Buck Frazier, James Van Deaver, Debbie Pearson, Melody Wallace, Eric Pearson,m Chance Crawford, David Rosenblum, Melba Barner, Joshua Logan Allen, Lindsey Kelly

and Ann Geer. Happy Anniversaries to Robbie and Clarence Wright, Cindy and Bert Filkins, Edna Earle and Luther Wright, Susan and Scott Scholz, Beverly and Russell Ham, Tony and Harry Crawford and Terri and Kevin

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kunkel, daughters Laura and Donna and Julia Koegl of Houston spent last Sunday with Thelma Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Akin of Flower Mound spent Friday with Katheryne

Nina and Elois Sparks and Peggy Parson were in Murchison Saturday to attend the wedding of a niece Judy Sparks daughter of Morris Sparks.

Ida Lou Read returned home Thursday after a week's visit with Kay and Joy Read of College Station and Sherra Kay Read of Austin.

Spending the holidays with Virginia Kirkland were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gage if Diball, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grant Gage of Hope, AR., Kelly Gifford of Dallas and Marijo and Shelby Bono of Paris.

Josephine Williams of Beaumont, Charles Griffin and grandson, Neil of Bedford visited Bobbye Bailey and Reba Temple on Thursday before Christmas.

Reba Temple spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Temple opf Dallas. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Temple, Jr. of

DEPORT GIFT SUBS: To Donald Crawford from Charlie

Davidson.

To Lessie Parker from Marla

Crump To Jimmy McMikel from Buddy

McMikel.

To Glenn Legate from Virgil and Anita Butler.

To J.D. Polk, LaRue Leatherwood, Melody Horton, Kathryn Little and Benette Russell from Mrs. B en Hol-

To Pat Nobles from Charles and Ann Nobles.

To Kathy Holt from Mervin and

Colleen Slaton To Kevin Klingler from Chet and

Debbie Downs.

# Milton News

Mabel Pearson, Sammie and Mary Ann Pearson of Marshall and Beth Stutzman of Gulf Breeze, Florida and Jim and Cathi Pearson of Stevenson Ranch, California visited Elizabeth and Holland Bell Thursday, Decem-

Ann and Sheldon Lee and Mattylu Upchurch attended the funeral of J. C. Harvey in Idabel, Oklahoma on Friday, December 17.

Our sympathy is extended to Bob and Buena Marshall on the death of their brother-in-law Frank Ball in McLean, VA

Dr. and Mrs.. Noel McCoy, Amy and Matt of San Antonio spent Thursday night, December 16 with Ann and Sheldon Lee. Allen Dale, Stacy and Ally

Huddleston attended the Allen family pre-Christmas gathering on Thursday, December 23.

Richard Winkler visited George and Nell Wolf over the holidays.

Harvey and Jean Bell of Winnsboro spent Tuesday, December 28 with Elizabeth and Holland Bell.

Family members of Edna and Frank Lee visited them during the holidays. Bob and Buena Marshall went to

San Antonio on December 27 to be with her sister Callie. Callie's husband Rudy Carrasco is in the hospital after having a stroke. He is reported doing better.

Try Lee of Wichita, Kansas spent Christmas with his parents Ann and Sheldon Lee.

Edna Talley and Jeannie Lane had dinner at Appleby's Christmas Eve. Peggy Whitney has returned home

after spending the Christmas and New Years holidays with her son's family Gary and Nelda Allen of Mansville and Aubrey and Shannon Allen of Flower Mound.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of James Towers. He was the brother-in-law of Velma Temple. Dale Williams and daughter Haley

and Lorie McNeal and daughter Brittney and Megan spent Christmas Eve with James and Dorothy Holt.

Buena and Bob Marshall and all their families had their annual pre-Christmas gathering at the home of their grandson Grady Pettit December 18 in Burleson.

Mattylu Upchurch spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter and son-in-law Bobbie and Ed Hill of Little Rock, AR. Also of Little Rock was Elizabeth Hill of Knoxville, Tenn. and Andrew Hill and friend Stacy of Mephis, Tenn.

Having dinner with Edna Talley and Jeanne Lane Christmas evening was Mary and Eran Yoder of Hopewell, Darrell and Pam Farris of Cumby and Louis and Becky Farris

Allen and Stacy Huddleston and Ally spent Christmas day with her parents Bob and Laura Wright.

The family of George and Nell Wolf were at their home Christmas Eve for their annual family gather-

Spending Christmas Day with Velma and John Temple were Tim Salter, Jeff and Salena Bell and Aaron, Tabitha Pucella, Edna Towers all of Paris and Terra Louis of Gainsville.

Robbie and Boyd Slaton of Halesboro visited Nell and George Wolf Christmas Eve and Billy Slaton visited Christmas Day.

Restland Cemetery

# receives donations

Cunningham Restland Cemetery has received the following donations from November 3 through December 7, 1999:

Rachel Catta, Charles B. Williams, Lou M. Hatfield, Gerald Kennedy, J.R. Byers family, Dudley Batch, and Roxie Thomassen.

(Per Year)

#### Spending Christmas Day with Barbara and Jake Maurischat of Lone Oak were Dorothy and James Holt, Johnny and Kathy Hold and Renea, Christopher and Amy Holt all of Milton, Kay Parks, Tim Parks, Dale Williams and Lori McNeal and

Michael Wirta of San Antonio. Allen and Stacy Huddleston and Ally attended the Huddleston family Christmas gathering on Sunday, D cember 26.

On Sunday, December 26, John and Velma Temple went to Carrolton for the Christmas with his children at the home of Phil and Rachelle Casey, boys Bryan, Blair and Watson, Hanna and Austin of Corinth, Amber Brennan of Conway, AR and Amanda and Alyisa Brennan from Houston.

Nikka and Ethan Lane of Mesquite spent last week with mother Jeannie Lane and grandmother Edna Talley .

Congratulations to John and Velma Temple on a new grandson born December 28 to Paul and Janna Temple of Richardson. He has been named Jake Manley Kyle Temple. Susan and Phillip Roach have re-

turned home after spending Thur, day to Monday with their daughte. and family Susan and ConRay and Brandon in Panama City, Florida.

Mattylu Upchurch visited Ann Ford of Paris Tuesday,

Allen and Stacy Huddleston celebrated New Years Eve with Chris and Cheryl Brooks of Paris. Bert and Cindy Filkins and Joseph

of Deport spent New Years Eye with George and Nell Wolf. Edna and Frank Lee had dinner

with their son and wife Ollie and Ruth Lee of Paris New Years Day. Tim Parks of Faught spent Sunday

with his grandparents James and Dorothy Holt. Aubrey All of Flower Mound and Greg Burel of Plano visited Aubrey's

mother Peggy Whitney Sunday. Bobbie and Ed Hill of Little Rock, AR. spent the New Years holiday with her mother Mattylu Upchurch.

Tim Salter of Paris had dinner with Velma and John Temple Thursday Marcus and Allison Wolf and Jo-

seph Filkins of Deport, spent Monday with their grandparents Nell and George Wolf. Beth and Kaitlyn Spray of Paris

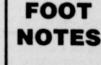
visited Phillip and Susan Roach Monday evening.

## UMW holds first meeting of new year

On Monday, January 3, the regular UMW meeting was held in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church with President Juanita Sparks opening the meeting with a devotional and the group responding in unison the Purpose of United Methodist Women.

The meeting was the anual Pledge Service entitled "Jesus' Friends in a Global Village". Refreshments were shared by ten members during the social hour.

The theme of the next program is "Call to Prayer and Self Denial" to be held January 17 in the fellowship hall of the church.





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tion are available free of charge to any interested person or groups at City Hall.

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LADY PATRIOT KAMI HUDSON struggles with the ball during a game against Honey Grove on Saturday night. The girls will travel to Chisum on Friday night for district play. (Staff photo by

## JV Girls win three, drop two

The Prairiland Junior Varsity girls consolation championship. Lacy met Chapel Hill JV on December 16 there and fell victor by two points,

High scorer in the game were Lacy Davis and Leslie Davis, each with 11 points, followed by Lacy Beatty with 10 points. Kelli Hamil, Chastiti Weeks, Natalie Wilson, Sandra Brown and Susan Whittle also scored for the JV girls team.

On December 17, the JV girls took on the Chisum JV, taking the win 38-27.Lacy Beatty was high scorer for the game, scoring 10 points, followed by Natalie Wilson with 9. Lacy Davis led with five steals, followed by Lindsey Peel and Beatty with three

On December 18, the Patriot JV team played Hughes Springs JV, taking a big win 52-38 and winning the

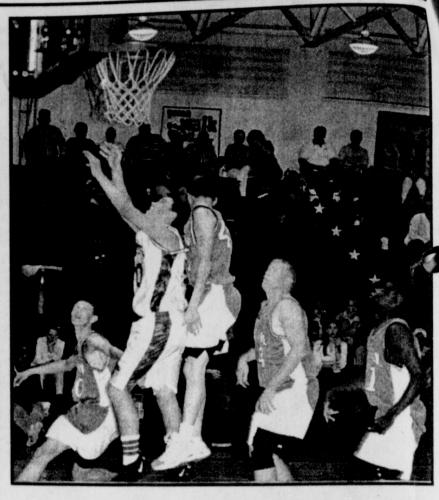
Davis was the high scorer, making 16 of the team's total points. Leslie Davis scored 12 and Lacy Beatty donated seven, followed by Chastiti Weeks with six, Nicole Boehler with five, Natalie Wilson with four, and Lindsey Peel with two.

Saltillo JV girls fell to the Prairiland team on December 20 by a score of 30-21. Leslie Davis contributed 12 of the teams' total points, followed by Lacy Weeks and Natalie Wilson with four each and Susan Whittle with two.

On January 1, the JV girls met Honey Grove JV in the Patriot Gym, dropping the contest 38-24. Chastiti Weeks was high scorer in the Pat effort with eight points and Lacy Beatty



PATRIOTS Matt Cavender #50, Cody Boehler #33 and Lucas Roddy (in center) keeps possession of the ball during the Roxton Tournament last week. The Patriots won 2nd place in the tournament and defeated Fannindel 43-39. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



PATRIOT Heath Sessums takes the shot during Saturday night action against Honey Grove January I, 2000. The boys lost their first district game to Honey Grove 37-47. They will travel to Chisum on Friday night to play the Mustangs. (Staff Photo by Liz

## Lamar County players win \$698,000

Charitable Bingo players who frequented the 9 licensed bingo charities in Lamar County won \$698,452 in July, August and September of this

The five busiest charitable organizations in Lamar County with an annual license to conduct Charitable Bingo reported following attendance for the quarter: VFW Post 3990, 6,976; Hopewell VFD, 4,798; American Legion Post 199, 4,498; Red

River Valley Fair Association, Inc. 3,537; and Lollypop Learning Center, 2,969.

Dallas County Bingo won \$14.1 million during the third quarter. Tarrant County was second and Harris County was third.

The Lottery Commission last week allocated the following prize fees among Lamar County units of government, \$13,839.97.



WRECK-this accident at Hy. 271 in Pattonville last week injured two and involved three vehicles, including one parked at M&M Food Mart. Two people were transported to Paris hospitals with leg injuries. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

# Cunningham News

Geneva Norwood, Neva, Billy Ray, Brandon Oats, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood and Brad and Georjeana Nutt had a progressive Christmas dinner Wednesday night before Christmas. The night began at Brad and Georjeana's for drinks, then on for hors d' ouvres at Scotty and Treda's. They then went to Frankie and Julie's for salad. A chicken diner was served at Neva and Billy Ray's. Dessert was served at Geneva's. Gifts were opened at each house.

Billy Joe and Georgia Oats, Billy Ray and Neva Oats and Georjeana and Brad Nutt had Christmas with the Audy and Katherine Lawler famly the Sunday before Christmas.

On Christmas eve, Billy Joe and Georgia Oats, Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats enjoyed lunch with Betty Jane Roddy and her family of

Christmas day, Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats and Georjeana and Brad Nutt, Lessie Stuart and Betty Jane Roddy had lunch with Billy Joe and Georgia Oats.

Alma Norwood's family began their traditional Christmas eve celebration at the Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata visiting with Alma. Later they met at the home of Cindy and Charles Nichols for an evening of food, gifts and dominoes. Those attending were Geneva Nrowood, Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Brad and Georjeana Nutt, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scotty, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Darold, Ida Mae and Shelia Norwood, Del Walker, James and Pat Norwood, Rodney and Brenton Norwood, Todd, Mendy, Laci and Kelby Cole, Canard and Delores Norwood, Tresa and Kelty Mowery, Jamie Smith, Talma and Suzie Norwood, Jay, Missy and Kilton Ingram, Waymon, Terry, Cameron and Tyler Creamer, Johnathon, Erika, Torrie and Chance White, Dameon and Courtney White.

Marie Watson and her family enjoyed Christmas day dinner in the afternoon at the home of Geneva Norwood. Those present were Marie

and Geneva, Nelta, Johnie Musgrove, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Dean Watson and Ada, Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Georjeana and Brad Nutt, Jarvis and Renee Watson, Deana and Brooklyn Legate, Dillon Gibson and Deana's friend, Brad, Bradley and Brett Watson and Brad's friend, Bruce Watson, Vickie and Lacy Davis and Marsha Lane.

Jane O'Neal had Christmas dinner on Christmas day. Those present were Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon, L'Wanda and Pete McKnight, Connie McKnight, Fran, Johnny, Johnna and Jenna Patterson,

Cindy, Ranea and Lee Don Barnett. Dwayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon enjoyed Christmas eve dinner with William and Nina Drinnon in Frogville, OK.

Sue and Murray Jackson spent Christmas in Lees Suimmit, MO with David and Kathy Jackson.

Marie Watson, Dean and Ada Watson, Zarinska and Shane Morton spent Christmas eve with Johnny and Neltas Musgrove. They were joined for supper by Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove. On Christmas morning they had Christmas breakfast and opened gifts.

James and Pat Norwood enjoyed Christmas with a ski trip to Frisco, Colorado. Those going with them were Todd, Mendy, Laci and Kelby Cole, Tracy and Brenton Nrowood and Jace and Ericka Norwood.

James and Pat and their family joined the Winters family for Christmas on Dec. 26. Those present were Bob and Betty Winters, James, Katy and Ricky Winters, Michael, Linda, Tara, Jessica and John Michael Winters, Stephanie and Chris, Christy and Kaitlyn, Laura and Ronnie Parnell, James, Pat and Rodney Norwood.

Shelia Norwood of Denton spent Christmas with Darold and Ida Mae Norwood. They were joined Christmas day by Dell, Philip and Zack Walker of Paris and John Darold of

By Jane ONeal

Arlington. Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Johnny, Jamie, Jennifer and Landon Syrus and Pattie and Lillie Border enjoyed Christmas dinner with Joan and Mike Stribling

Scott, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove had Christmas dinner on Christmas eve with Laura and Ross Miller of Blossom.

Morris and Kyle Cox of Dallas, Mary Ann and Raymond Gaylord of Baytown, Gordon and Jan Cox of Alvarado, Shelly Cox of Ft. Worth and Meredith and Dustin Cox of College Station spent Christmas with Velma Cox. They were joined Sunday for dinner by Lecel and William Baxter of College Station, Roger and Cathy Baxter and Betty Kent of Allen. Lecel and William spent Sunday

Bobbye and Clyde Slusher were in Burkburnett at the home of their daughter, Stephanie and EC. McLaughlin for Christmas. Those present were Janet Smith, Jonathan and Lesa of Montgomery, Alabama, Steve Slusher of Grand Prairie and daughter Keri of Denton, Jackie Slusher and wife Jackie and their children Taylor, Timothy, Tori and Trey of Wichita Falls, Clint and Kasey Hyde of Austin, Shane McLaughlin and friend, Ginnie Minnetti, both of Dallas, Sgt. Joshua Ward and his wife Shauntrece, and daughter Jasmine Lee, both of Carolina, Joshua and wife are members of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Celebrating Christmas at the Cunningham Community Center on Christmas eve were Taylor Ladd and his family. Attending were Melba Baker, Drew, Janet, Danielle and A.J. Syrus, Johnny, Jayme, Jennifer and Landon Syrus, Quenton Baker and Payton, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy, Heath, Missy and Laytner Kennedy, T.L. Carol, Briggette and Brittney Ladd, Tuttle Jordan, Swede Ladd, Steve and Carolyn Laddd, Craig and Meredith Ladd, Shelly Ladd, Scooter Bills, Lisa and Logan Thompson and Thomas King.

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