

Nichols
Worth



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 non-
event...and so it has proved.

After months of dire predic-
tions, after spoiling people's
holidays by having them on
duty New Years Eve, after
people have spent money stock-
piling bottled water, batteries
and food, what happened? Ab-
solutely nothing.

Oh, there were some
"itches", 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 millenium...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, wa-
ter, 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 some-
thing in my life!

Of course, there are those
who swear that the true millen-
nium 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.

Y2K

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 num-
bers 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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DEPORT, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS

Thursday, January 6, 2000 50¢



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

Silas and Juanita Taylor, who live
between Minter and Cunningham,
had an English guest for Christmas
holidays.

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

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

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
them".

Naomi's father is a minister in a
small English village near the Welsh
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 hap-
pen 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 stay-
ing with her host family, Barbara and
Robert Glodt. There is a German ex-
change student staying with them also.

Naomi had her first ride on a trac-
tor, 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 differ-
ent 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 rela-
tives here and everything. But I have
learned that my English home is very
dear, very important to me".

She has had many more good ex-
periences here than bad, but has sim-
ply 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 holi-
day 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
motorcycle.

Seven crashes were reported as

alcohol related with others possible.
Fatal crashes were reported in the
following counties during Operation
Motorcide: Brazoria, Colorado, Dal-
las, El Paso, Gonzales, Harris,
Hidalgo, Hill, Kaufman, Lubbock,
Madison, Montgomery,
Nacogdoches, Panola, Potter, Rea,
Trinity, Webb and Wichita.

Jess Nickerson enters race for 62nd District Judge

Jess Nickerson, Paris attorney, this
week announced his candidacy for
Judge of the 62nd District Court.
Nickerson said he will file in the
Democratic primary for the district
which covers Delta, Franklin,
Hopkins and Lamar Counties.

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
group, will be allowed to place them-
selves above the laws that govern us
all. Much too often justice gets
pushed aside in the name of getting
a matter over in a hurry. We should
all remember that the system's pur-
pose 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-
ency."

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 For-
eign Wars of the United States. Le-
gal associations of which he currently
is a member are the Texas Bar Asso-
ciation, Northeast Texas Bar Asso-
ciation and the Lamar County Bar As-
sociation. 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 accomplish-
ments is graduation from the Na-
tional College of Advocacy in Wash-
ington, 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

owners of J3G Quarter Horses, which
produces cutting horses. The opera-
tion has produced one national cham-
pion at the NCHA National Champi-
onships in Jackson, Mississippi, with
"Safari Fox" winner of the 3,000
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 concen-
trates heavily on the civil side of the
legal profession, he has extensive
experience in criminal matters as
well.

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

The Nickerson's have two daugh-
ters, Jennifer, age 20 and Jessica, age
16.

In entering the race for the court
seat, Nickerson concluded his an-
nouncement saying "I have sub-
scribed 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.

"I've just been thrilled with our busi-
ness since we come here" E.J. says,
and folks have been so friendly and
helpful.

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

"Many of our suppliers are basi-
cally 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 Caro-
lina 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 Weldon's are
happy with the move they made, from
the city to small town life and busi-
ness.

By Nanalee Nichols

What do you do when you want to
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-
ness.

E.J. and his wife, Nora have moved
from Lewisville to Pattonville and
opened his model airplane business
in Deport.

They moved first to be close to
their children and grandchildren, and
that has proven to be a great joy.

"I love living here, it is wonderful.
I am right down the street from the
school where by grandkids are, and
we get to share in their lives so much
more." E.J. says.

The Weldon's business is called
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
that name.

Later, when Dad got into the busi-
ness seriously he listed the business
as CBS Models, and people buy them
in quantity!

CBS sells airplane models from
simple snap together planes through
mid price ranged plastic models to
higher priced, perfectly detailed die

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

"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



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)

Editor's Quotes

He is happiest, be he king or
peasant, who finds peace in
his home

Patriots take 2nd at Roxton tourney; lose to HG

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	65
Roxton	51
Lucas Roddy	27
Cody Boehler	9
Jonathan Martin	8
Brad Barrentine	6
Heath Sessums	6
Kyle Malone	4
Matt Cavender	3
Joel Hudson	2
12 fouls and 15-23 free throws	
Prairiland	67
Detroit	65
Roddy	20
Cavender	18
Barrentine	10
Boehler	6
Sessums	4
Malone	2
Chris Berry	2
Martin	2
10 fouls and 18-22 free throws	
Prairiland	43
Fannindel	39
Roddy	16
Sessums	12
Cavender	7
Barrentine	4
Hudson	2
Boehler	2

Prairiland	53
Boles Home	80
Roddy	18
Malone	9
Sessums	9
Barrentine	5
Hudson	4
Cavender	4
Martin	2
14 fouls and 10-17 free throws	
The following are stats for the Lady Patriots for the Roxton Tournament.	
Lady Patriots	41
Boles Home	72
Emilee Bolton	12
Kami Hudson	8
Ashley Athas	6
Tammie Nichols	4
Kelli Clarkson	4
Amanda Wood	2
Lacy Beatty	2
Jordan Hunold	1
16 fouls and 5-15 free throws	
Lady Patriots	47
Roxton	55
Bolton	7
Athas	6
Davis	5
Clarkson	5
Nichols	5
Hunold	5
Wood	5
Steinkamp	2

Prairiland began their district play on Saturday night, January 1, 2000 going against Honey Grove. Listed below are stats from that game.

Patriots	37
Honey Grove	47
Barrentine	13
Hudson	12
Roddy	7
Cavender	3
Sessums	2
13 fouls and 4-8 free throws	

Lady Patriots	21
Honey Grove	71
Steinkamp	5
Davis	4
Wood	3
Nichols	2
Athas	2
Bolton	2
Hudson	2
Graham	1
18 fouls and 6-12 free throws	



BACK UP-Members of Donald Day and Sons Metal Construction look at the newly replaced letters for the Depot 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 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

amount effective January 1, 1998. 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 prices.

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 'n Things

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

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Zest is the secret of all beauty.

—Christian Dior

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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)



HAPPY NEW YEAR

May your fondest hopes and dreams be realized in 2000. We wish you a bright and exciting new year.

Thank you so much for letting us serve you.

FROM ALL OF US



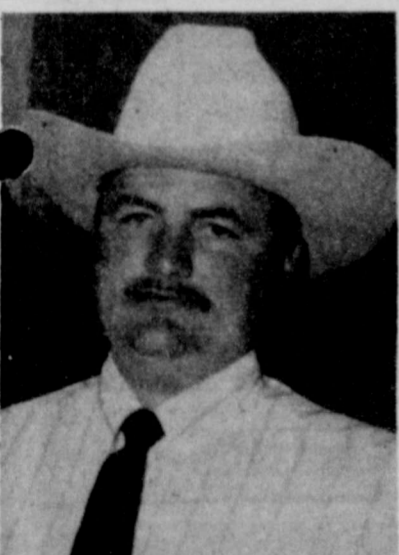
I am looking forward to serving the people of Lamar County as Commissioner of Precinct 1. Best Wishes For A Happy New Year.
Mike Blackburn
Commissioner Precinct 1



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



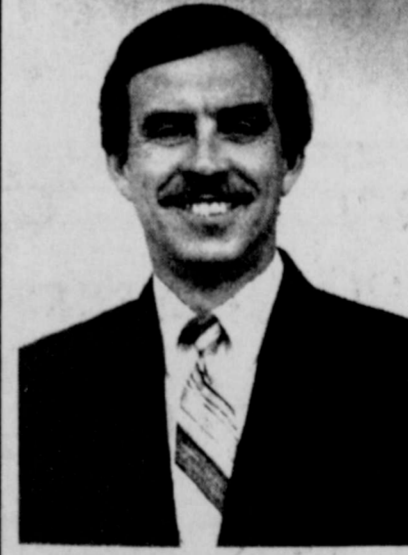
To the citizens of Lamar County I want to wish each of you a Happy New Year. I look forward to serving you as Sheriff in the new year.
B. J. McCoy
Sheriff Lamar County



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



Wishing all of you a Happy New Year. It has been a pleasure serving you.
Kathy Marlowe
Lamar County Clerks Office



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



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



Wishing all of you a Happy New Year. It has been a pleasure serving you.
Latricia Miller
Lamar County Treasurer



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 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, Dwayne, 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 Dwayne 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 of Reno.

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

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 Crockett, Larann, John and Dru Dennison of Rosalie, Mitzie, Gary, Kimberly and 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 program.

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.

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.

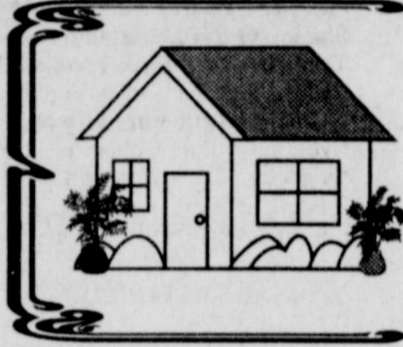
The reception followed at the church's fellowship hall. It was catered by Tommy's Barbecue of Reno.

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.



Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
982-5309

The East Post Oak Church was well attended Sunday with two new members Laurence and Stacy Wilcoxon 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 games.

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 out 5 times to fires in the Beulah Woods, north of Post Oak from December 19-28.

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 Johnnie 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 home.

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 Lee.

Margaret Forbis, daughter of Austin Lane of Paris was buried here December 28 by Bright-Holland 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 children.

By calling the hotline, families of

uninsured children can access information 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 questions.

Burglary is Crime of the Week

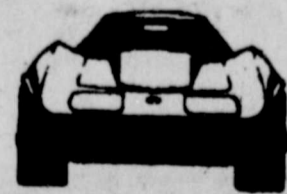
Crime Stoppers is seeking your help and will help and will pay a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 for any information that will lead to the arrest and indictment of the persons responsible for committing the following felony crimes.

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

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)

People often use the expression "as the crow flies" to mean in a straight, direct path from one location to another. Problem is, crows don't fly in straight lines.



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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.

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Depart Nursing Home News
By Cletta Mathis, Activity Director

Visiting Ivaleta Edwards was Wanda Rosson and Juanita Garrett. Visiting Lovetta McMurray on Christmas the Corso family. On Christmas, 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.

Visiting Ann Austin was Charles Austin and Nina and Gary. Visiting Roy Wells were Linda Inmon, Mary Miller, Linda Kay, Mary Ann, Edd Miller, James and Glenn, Renee and Bob Redfern, 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.

Visiting Pauline Perry were Melba Nash and Mary Glover.

Visiting Kathleen Goldsbery was Weldon and Joyce Smith.

Visiting Daisy Barnett was Ethel Pomroy, Katherine Lewis and Addie Cooper.

Visiting Jennye Woodard 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 Wheatley of Virginia Bryant was Robert and Pam Gibson.

Visiting Terry McDowra was Agnes Miller. 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 was visited by Jan Abbott, Jean Goforth, J.D. Palmer and Brenda Watson.

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

Visiting Raymond Crawford were Prentice and Chris Crawford of Ft. Worth.

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 Kathryn.

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 family.

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 beautiful.

The residents had a fun filled month, riding to Paris to see the Christmas lights and stopping for hot cocoa. They enjoyed 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 time.

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.

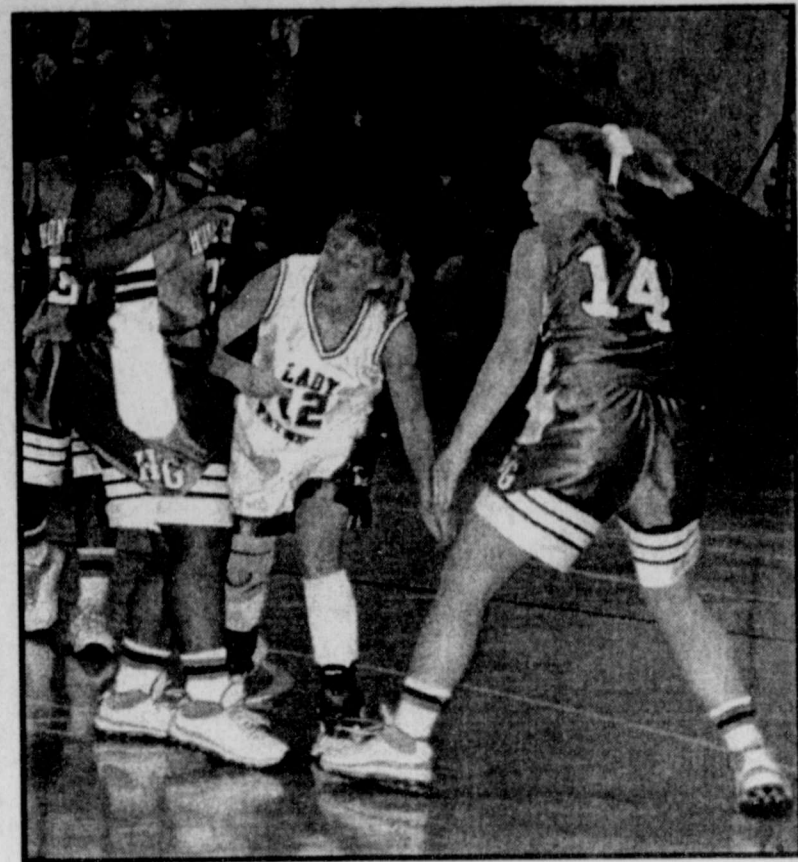
Another county wide meeting will be held March 27 at 6 p.m. at the Lamar County Fairgrounds and on May 22 at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

The North Lamar 4-H Club will preside over the January meeting. Various clubs will preside over the county wide meetings on a rotational basis that will be discussed at the next 4-H Council meeting.

BLOSSOM GIFT SUBS

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

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 host to the Chapel Hill Lady Red Devils on Dec. 17 in District play. Following one quarter the Lady Patriots trailed the Lady Red Devils 22-7. The Lady Red Devil speed left the Lady Patriots in awe. In the second the Lady Patriots 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 Patriots 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 Patriots 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 Bolton-5.

On December 20, 1999 the varsity Lady Patriots traveled to Saltillo. After

one quarter of play the Lady Patriots 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 Patriots seriously. At the halftime buzzer the score stood 28-8 Saltillo.

In the third the Lady Patriots increased their score but the Lady Bears also gained points. Score 41-14. The final was all Lady Bears even though the Lady Patriots were able to add points. Final 56-25.

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 Teams!!!!!!!

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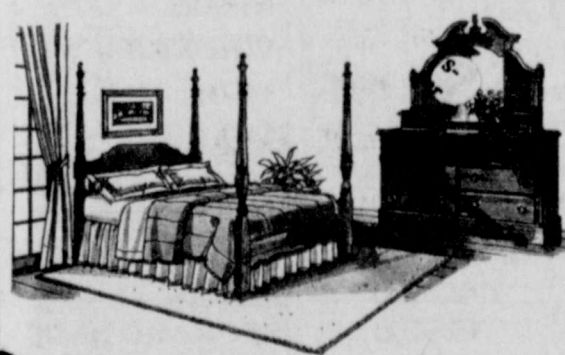
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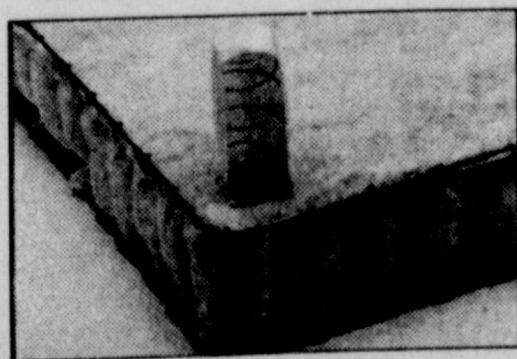
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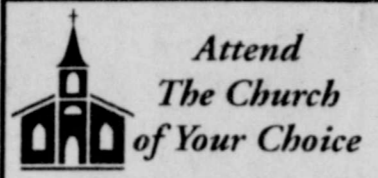
RRCG Society to meet at library

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society on Monday evening, January 10, 2000 at 7:30 in the Red River County Library.

This month's meeting will include a short program on the planned restoration of the Red River County Court-

house. Those attending are encouraged to bring a family heirloom or an item of interest that has been in their family, for the remainder of the night's program.

All persons interested in researching their family history are encouraged to come and enjoy the program.



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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 Gray.

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 Richey 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 Parsons, 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 Parsons.

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 Merritt.

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 Leann 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, Jaelyn and Dawn Winn and Darrell, Lynn Brink, 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 and Claudia Whitney received a phone call from Shane and Vicky Currin of Charleston, South Carolina.

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Celebrating the Christmas holiday with Joe and Lynda Ballard were Barry, Connie, Emily, Christopher and Michael Ballard, JaLynda, Carl, 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 Joel Ballard and L.C. Ballard.

Sam and Bonnie Upchurch visited L. C. Ballard last week.

Christmas day visitors having lunch with George and Maureen Richardson of Paris were Gerrie, Clyde and Chance Bankhead, Jerrod and Susan Bankhead of Cunningham, Gene and Jo Cavender of Deport, Vicki, Colby and Austin Cooper 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 Norwood of Paris.

Richard and Clara Nance were in Dallas for the Christmas holidays with their son, Stephen Storey and his wife, Lou Ann and their grandson, Cade Storey.

On Wednesday, Nanalee and Thomas Nichols were dinner guests at the home of Richard and Clara Nance.

JoDell Cooper of Cunningham and Boyd Betterton of Jacksonville, Florida visited Dale and Ruth Gray on December 22.

Deryl Cooper of Sacramento, California visited Dale and Ruth Gray on Christmas day.

Visiting Mervin and Colleen Slaton over the holidays were Jimmy, Donna, Jeff and Nick Blount of Temple, Jamey, Madelyn, David Slaton and Tina Estes of Killeen, Darrell, Amber and Katelynn Hunter of Commerce, Johnny, Kathy, Renea, Chris and Amy Holt of Milton, Katherine Anderson of Post Oak and Ryan Cope of Biardstown.

Kathy Holt's name was left off the paper subscription list from Mervin and Colleen Slaton.

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 exchanged 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 visited 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 shopping. 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 Nanny and Kacky.

Brittany Filkins had toe surgery on Monday.

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, December 23.

Ann and Sheldon Lee and Mattyly 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.

Mattyly 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 Memphis, 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 of Paris.

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 gathering.

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 Gainville.

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

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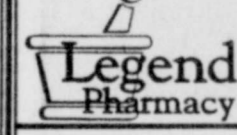

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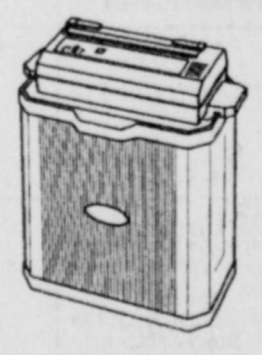
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Happy Anniversaries to Robbie and Clarence Wright, Cindy and Bert Filkins, Edna Earle and Luther Wright, Susan and Scott Scholz, Beverly and Russell Ham, Tony and Harry Crawford and Terri and Kevin Read.

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 Katherine Green.

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

IdaLou 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 Bobby Bailey and Reba Temple on Thursday before Christmas.

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

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 Holland.
To Pat Nobles from Charles and Ann Nobles.
To Kathy Holt from Mervin and Colleen Slaton.
To Kevin Klingler from Chet and Debbie Downs.

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, December 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 Alysa 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 returned home after spending Thursday to Monday with their daughter and family Susan and ConRay and Brandon in Panama City, Florida.

Mattyly 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 Eve 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 Faight 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 Mattyly Upchurch.

Tim Salter of Paris had dinner with Velma and John Temple Thursday night.

Marcus and Allison Wolf and Joseph 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 to the Purpose of United Methodist Women.

The meeting was the annual 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.

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.

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FOOT NOTES



Oh, Those Aging Feet!

For older people, impairment of lower extremities is a leading cause of activity limitation. Feet problems, many of which are preventable, can lead to pain in the knees, hips and lower back. Many foot ailments stem from years of neglect or abuse, but most can be successfully treated. AS people age, their feet tend to spread and lose the fatty pads that cushion soles. Extra weight can affect bone and ligament structure. Dry skin and brittle nails are also common in older people. The benefits of preventative foot health care are many. It can increase comfort, heighten the chance of earlier diagnosis of systemic conditions like arthritis, diabetes, and circulatory disease; and reduce the risk of infection.

Listen to your feet. They often have lots of things to tell you, such as giving you clues about the rest of your body's well-being. When your feet tell you there's trouble, as your podiatrist, we will work a team with you, and other health care providers if appropriate, to keep you and your feet healthy and pain free. From aging feet to baby's little toes, we offer foot care for the family at DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC. Please call 784-5585 for an appointment.

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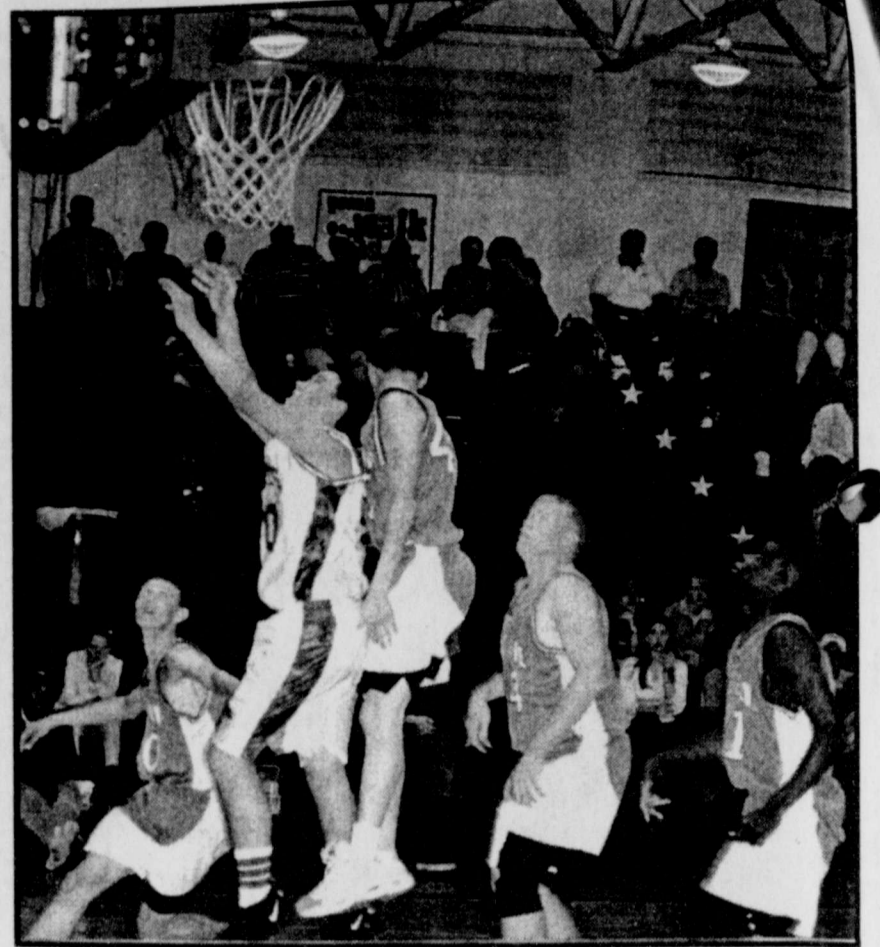
P.S. Because of the body changes that accompany the aging process, older people should have their feet measured frequently.



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 Liz Irwin)



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 1, 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 Irwin)

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 year.

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)

JV Girls win three, drop two

The Prairiland Junior Varsity girls met Chapel Hill JV on December 16 there and fell victor by two points, 46-45.

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.

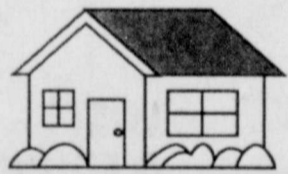
On December 17, the JV girls took on the Chisum JV, taking the win 38-27. Lacy Beatty was high scorer for the game, scoring 10 points, followed by Natalie Wilson with 9. Lacy Davis led with five steals, followed by Lindsey Peel and Beatty with three each.

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

consolation championship. Lacy 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 scored six.



Cunningham News

By Jane O'Neal

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 dinner 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 family 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 Blossom.

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 Summit, 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

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 of Roxton.

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 night.

Bobbe 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, Brigitte and Brittny Ladd, Tuttle Jordan, Swede Ladd, Steve and Carolyn Ladd, Craig and Meredith Ladd, Shelly Ladd, Scooter Bills, Lisa and Logan Thompson and Thomas King.

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