

Nichols Worth



Winter Wonderland

It doesn't come along too often, but when this snow storm swept in it did the job right.

With a six inch or more snowfall the world has been beautiful, without a doubt.

It has also been difficult to maneuver in. Not being prepared, not having snow tires, snow plows and sanding equipment, the task of managing to get from point a to point b has frequently resulted in people winding up at point g some distance (usually in the ditch) from their intended location.

During this I have discovered two kinds of people. Those of us who within 24 hours get "cabin fever" and must get out, and those who happily cocoon in their houses and look out the window at the snow, content that they are warm, dry and inside.

I couldn't stand it for long, I had to bundle up, get on my four wheeler and go play in the snow. Thomas, of course, had to feed the cattle, so he was already bundled up and on the tractor.

On the other side of this coin are those friends who refuse to feed the birds because they would have to step outside. I have one friend who has not been outside, literally, since last Wednesday!

But hasn't it been a joy to watch the kids playing in this? Building snowpeople, having snowball fights, sliding and slipping, falling and laughing, the youngsters have loved their mini-vacation from school and the white stuff that has brought it about.

I have watched our dogs use their noses as snowplows, racing and running and snuffling in delight. Of course, they want to come in and curl by the heater pretty soon.

Squirrels, birds, rabbits and coyotes, everything has left their tracks behind.

A short walk near the edge of the woods reveals a map of animal tracks unseen during ordinary times.

Raccoons leave their human-like prints at the edge of creeks, in fact one came to the wood pile at our house the other night, and helped himself to the pan of peanut butter I had put out for the birds.

And the birds...ahhh the birds! We have six feeders, and they have been filled daily to keep up with the needs of the finches, cardinals, thrashers, titmice and multitudes of other birds.

One example of nature's exquisite perfection was exhibited by our resident wren. She went under every inch of our eaves, carefully probing each and every dirt dauber or spider nest. Her sharp beak managed to find larvae and spider eggs, providing her with the protein she needed! Now I've nailed up sausage patties for her!

Of course, the snow from our metal roof has destroyed my glass topped patio table and chairs. It has done serious damage to buildings, cars and barns all over the area, again because we just don't have the capacity for dealing with this much snow weight.

Still, it has been absolutely gorgeous, and since there is nothing we can do about it, we might as well enjoy that which we can. Especially since there is actually a possibility of more of it!

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Wintry snow causes havoc but also postcard perfect beauty

After months of complaining that there had been "no winter" to speak of, area residents were treated to the real thing. Mixed snow and sleet began to fall last Wednesday, January 26. This swiftly turned to sleet. Some areas had freezing rain Thursday morning, while others simply continued with snow. It was all topped off by what? More snow.

An accumulation of six inches or more turned the world into winter white, and caused problems.

The Armadillo Kwik Korner in Bogata suffered damage from a collapsed roofed area over the gas pumps, as did Ken's Conoco in Deport. Numerous awnings, barns and shed roofs collapsed from the extreme weight of the snow. A number of businesses in the area were seriously damaged.

Snow sliding off of roofs also caused a large amount of damage as it shattered car windshields and dented vehicles.

Of course, the worst damages probably came from road accidents. Ice and snow made many roads virtually

impassable. Semi tractor trailer rigs jackknifed, frequently sliding into other vehicles. Ambulances and emergency vehicles had a hard time getting around on the icy roads, and hundreds of vehicles wound up in the ditch instead of on the road. Fortunately, injuries were not as serious as they could have been, since most motorists kept the speed to a reasonable limit.

Thawing conditions Saturday and Sunday helped, and Monday temperatures, although cold, saw sunny skies that began to take some of the white stuff down.

Area schools and many businesses were closed.

Power outages caused by limbs falling on electric lines or downed power poles hit by motorists lasted from a few minutes to half a day, while crews worked constantly to fix problems.

As of Tuesday, a lot of snow still remained throughout the area.

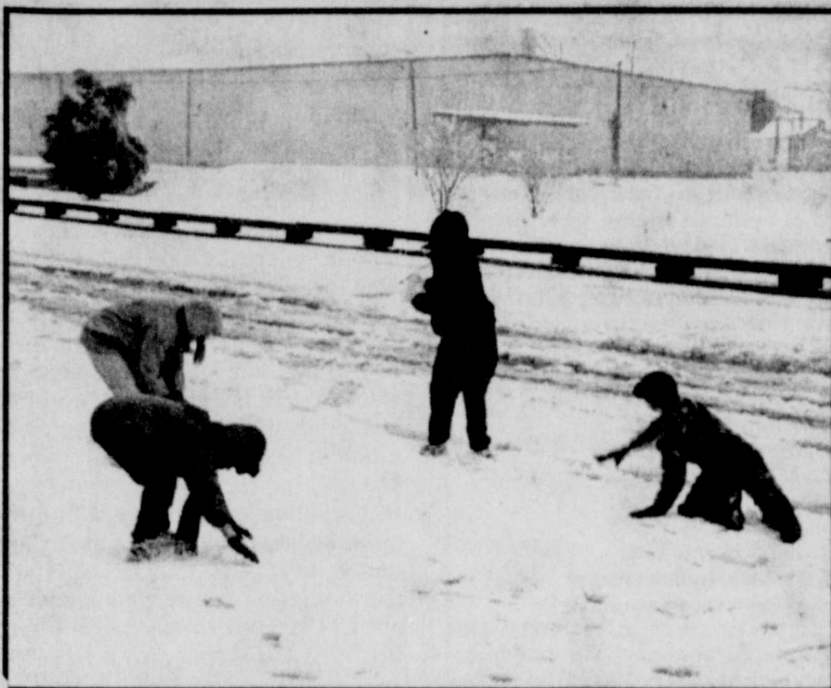
It was a real reminder that winter can, and does, come to this part of the world!



FREE BIRDSEED! This hand carved cat hangs from a perch in the middle of a bird feeder which reads "Free Birdseed". It seems the birds know that the cat is harmless, as they emptied and emptied the feeder during this past week's worth of heavy snow and ice. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



DONATION-Gilbert Arriaga presents Mike Francis, Assistant Secretary Treasurer of the Deport Volunteer Fire Department with \$250 from himself and Freddy Burden. Gilbert sold a computer after Freddy and donated labor and parts to make it workable and the gave the money to the fire department's building fund. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



SNOWBALL FIGHT! these youngsters were delighted with the six inch snow that blanketed the area this last week. They lost no time in engaging in a snowball fight on Deport's Main Street. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

Editor's Quotes
Gifts are what a man has, grace is what he is.



Val Varley, Candidate for Red River County Attorney

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Clarksville attorney Val Varley has announced his candidacy for the office of County Attorney of Red River County.

Mr. Varley was born in Clarksville, Texas in 1964. He attended Clarksville High School where he participated in football and track. He was a state qualifier in the 100 meter dash. Val graduated with honors from CHS in 1983. He attended Baylor and the University of Texas at Arlington. He graduated from UTA in 1987 with a bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He was accepted to and attended Texas Tech University School of Law and graduated with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1990. He began his own private practice of law in Lubbock, Texas in 1990. Val is licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice before all courts of the State of Texas. He is also licensed to practice in the Eastern and Northern Districts of Texas in the federal courts of the

United States. Val Varley has extensive experience in both criminal and civil law. He has successfully represented people accused of such crimes as robbery, murder and capital murder. Val feels that this has given him the knowledge and experience to effectively prosecute those people who choose to break the law.

Val Varley is a member of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the State Bar of Texas, the Northeast Texas Bar Association and the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He is a past member of the Lubbock County Bar Association, Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the South Plains Trial Lawyers Association.

Val and his wife Shelly have three children; Alysha, Jordan and Breanna. Val brought his family to Red River County in 1997. Val and Shelly want to raise their children in the same

small town environment in which Val was raised. Val and his family enjoy living in Red River County where he is active in community affairs. He is on the board of directors of the Red River County Historical Society, a past director of the Red River County Chamber of Commerce, city attorney for the City of Annona and president-elect of the Clarksville Rotary Club. Val is currently in private law practice in Clarksville. Val's hobbies include raising cattle and registered quarter horses. He enjoys coaching both youth football and baseball.

Val Varley believes that Red River County deserves a full time prosecutor that is dedicated to his job. Val believes that he can help make Red River County a safer and even better place to live. Val asks that you allow him to serve as your County Attorney. He would appreciate your vote on March 14, 2000.

Sign-up deadline extended to February 4

The Livestock Assistance Program sign-up deadline has been extended until Friday, February 4.

The LIP provides payments to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses to permanent grass pastures between August 1

through November 30.

As mentioned, the final date to file an application is February 4. Red River County producers should contact the Red River County FSA office located at 313 North Locust in Clarksville, 903-427-2288.

Baseball Association to have Chili Supper this Saturday

The Deport Baseball Association will host a chili supper on Saturday, February 5th at the Deport School Cafeteria.

Chili, tea, dessert and all the trimmings will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Adults can eat for \$5 and children twelve and under can eat for \$2.50.

There will also be a pie and cake auction. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will benefit the baseball and softball teams for the 2000 season.

Electoral candidates are invited to come and will be given an opportunity to speak to those present.

New number announced for PAT banquet tickets

There has been a change in the sale of the tickets for the Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation banquet, which is set for 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 17th.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets, which are \$25 each, may do so by calling Alice Anderson at 783-9107.

If there is no answer, please leave a message and Mrs. Anderson says she will return the call that evening.

Tickets are going fast for the annual fund raiser, which will have a full meal, a silent auction and a variety of entertainment, so better hurry!

Wanted, Cooks!
Liz Irwin, our cooking columnist, needs cooks to interview anywhere in this area. Please call her at 903-982-5829, or the Bogata News at 632-5322 or Deport Times at 652-4205 or Talco Times at 379-4445 and tell us about a good or unusual cook of any age that you would like to see featured.

Editor's Quotes
As the tree is fertilized by its own broken branches and fallen leaves, and grows out of its own decay, so nations are better and improved by trial and refined out of broken hopes and blighted expectations.

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February 3, 2000 Winter Grilling Recipes

Grandma's Grilled Pot Roast

2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 large onions-cut into 1/3 inch slivers
1 tablespoon brown sugar
2 tablespoon flour
1-1 1/2 ounce can beef broth
1 to 1-1/2 cups red Zinfandel wine
1 beef rump roast 4-5 pounds
salt and freshly ground pepper
1 pound peeled baby carrots
4 parsnips-peeled and cut into eighths
3/4 pound baby Bella or Crimini mushrooms-wiped, cleaned, stems trimmed slightly
24 whole cloves of garlic-peeled chopped parsley for garnish

Heat butter and olive oil together over medium heat in Dutch oven. Saute onions until very soft and beginning to caramelize, 15-20 minutes. Stir in brown sugar and flour and cook, stirring for 2 minutes more. Slowly pour in the beef stock and 1 cup wine, stirring until smooth and lightly thickened. 3-4 minutes. Remove from heat. Generously season rump roast all over with seas salt and pepper lightly coat with olive oil. Place meat on the cooking grate over Direct heat and close lid on grill. Sear meat on all side, 34 minutes per side. After searing, place roast in Dutch oven and cover. Set up grill for Indirect cooking and place covered pot on the grate over Indirect medium heat. Cook for 2 to 2-1/2 hours or until meat thermometer reads 160 degrees. Turn meat occasionally to prevent over browning and add more wine if needed. When time is up add vegetables and garlic and cover pot and continue cooking for one hour or until vegetables are tender. Let roast rest for 20 minutes and slice and serve with plenty of vegetables and sauce. Can be served over noodles or baked or mashed potatoes.

Cookout Cassoulet
2-1/2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large minced onion
2 large peeled and diced carrots
3 ribs celery diced
8 minced cloves garlic
1 can diced tomatoes
2 cups chicken stock
1 cup white wine
5 cans white beans-rinsed and drained
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1/2 cup minced fresh parsley
freshly ground pepper to taste
6 duck legs cooked
2 pounds cooked garlic or Italian sausage-sliced diagonally
Apple Crust:
4 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1/4 cup brandy
2 large apples-peeled, cored, thinly sliced
1-1/4 cup fresh breadcrumbs

Heat olive oil over medium heat in a large Dutch oven. Add onions, carrots and celery and saute until soft. Add garlic and cook 2 minutes more. Stir in tomatoes, chicken stock, wine and beans.

Season mixture with thyme, parsley and pepper. Keep warm over low heat. Place duck legs and sausages on cooking grate and close lid. Sear meat 3-4 minutes per side. Add the seared meats into the bean mixture, making sure they are completely immersed. Cover the Dutch oven and place on grate, close lid and cook for 1-1/2 hours. For crust melt butter in large skillet over low heat. Stir in brown sugar until melted and smooth. Stir in brandy. Remove from heat and add apple slices, tossing gently to coat evenly. Take off top of oven and arrange apple slices in concentric circles over the top of the dish. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Recover and cook for 1 hour longer. When done, place with cover off under broiler to brown and crisp bread crumbs.

Barbecued Pork Loin with Roasted Winter Vegetable Puree
1 pork loin 3-4 pounds
3 large onions-cut in half
8 large carrots-cut in half
4 ribs celery-cut in half
1 head garlic-left in skin salt and pepper to taste
1/4-1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
2-4 tablespoons olive oil

Lightly coat pork and vegetables with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place pork on roast holder and set in large drip pan or roasting pan. Arrange vegetables around meat. Position pan on cooking grate over Indirect heat and grill for 1 to 1-1/2 hours or until meat thermometer reaches 160 degrees. Remove pork from roasting pan and place vegetables and any pan juices in food processor, add vinegar and olive oil to puree. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Cut meat into thin slices and spread

Cream Stout Gingerbread Cake
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons cinnamon
7 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup or two sticks butter at room temperature
2 large eggs at room temperature
1 cup molasses
3/4 cup cream stout-flat at room temperature
confectioner's sugar to garnish

Butter and flour 9x13 baking pan. Sift together all dry ingredients. Using hand mixer se on high, beat the butter and sugar in large bowl until light and fluffy texture. Beat in the eggs, one at a-time. Beat in molasses (the batter may curdle at this point, but don't worry). Lower mixer speed to medium. Beat in flour mixture, one third at a time. Beat in Cream Stout. Scrape batter into prepared pan and smooth the top place on the cooking grate on top of an inverted drip pan over Indirect Medium Heat. Bake for 50-60 minutes or until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes and place on rack. Dust with confectioner's sugar and serve while still warm a or let cool.

I'll bet as you were watching the snow fall last week, you sure weren't thinking... "why, hey, let's go fire up the old grill!" Well, don't let a little snow stop you! As the temperature drops, don't be afraid of your grill...become grill friendly! That is, use grilling as a means of chasing away those winter blues. Most people crave the great taste of the grill during the winter months. Although most of the grills in this area stay covered during the winter months, did you know that according to the Grill Watch Survey (and there really is such a thing), not only do people grill in the cold, they also grill during inclement weather. Thirty percent of Americans grilled during a snowstorm last year and an amazing twenty percent put on a grilling mitt to brave sleet and ice.

People's taste changes when the weather gets cold. The winter calls for heartier fare and richer flavors. According to Sarah Chase of the Weber-Stephen Products Co., makers of a large variety of grills and other products, everyone wants to serve their family or guests hearty, stick-to-your-ribs food that will help take the edge off of winter.

According to them, the secret to successful winter grilling is the mastery of the Indirect cooking Method. Used to cook larger cuts of meat, fish and poultry and slow-cooking vegetables like potatoes and winter squash, Indirect cooking is the perfect solution to winter's grilling requirements. It takes less time by not having to flip the food or watch the fire too closely. Indirect cooking also allows the cook to stay inside where it is nice and warm, plus it frees the

oven for those favorite batches of cookies!

The key is placing the food away from direct heat so that the food is slow-roasted rather than seared. Indirect cooking can be done on a charcoal type or gas grill, just as long as it has a cover.

For gas grills, preheat to 550 degrees and then turn off any burners that are directly below the food. The burners on both sides of the food should be adjusted to equal amounts of heat as indicated by the recipe. Heat circulates and so turning the food is unnecessary.

For charcoal grills, when coals are covered with light gray ash, use long handled tongs to carefully pile the burning charcoal into two equal piles on either side of the grill and place a foil drip pan in the center. Charcoal should be added to the fire every hour to maintain even cooking.

Grandma's Grilled Pot Roast with Roasted Potatoes-Grandma never had it so good with this rich and hearty dish.

Cookout Cassoulet-even Texans can cook something from France. This recipe is a famous bean and mixed meat casserole from Gascony, France and is basically a winter stew.

Barbecued Pork Loin with Roasted Winter Vegetable Puree-nothing better on a cold night than roast pork loin and roasted vegetables.

Lumberjack Salmon-this recipe is nothing but a version of the camp-fire meal in a pouch.

Cream Stout Gingerbread Cake-baking this dish on a grill will give your family an unexpected treat they won't forget.

Willie M. LaRue dies January 28

Willie M. LaRue, age 88 of Hugo, OK, a longtime resident of Paris died Friday, January 28 at Choctaw Memorial Hospital in Hugo.

He was born February 4, 1911 in Durant, OK, a son of Hardin and Lettie Emmiline Rains LaRue. He was a former longtime employee of the City of Paris and was a member of the Lamar Road Church of Christ. In 1932 he married Mamie Green, who preceded him in death on May 31, 1966. On May 15, 1967 he married Beatrice Nickels, who preceded him in death in 1995. He was also preceded in death by a son, Henry LaRue on July 14, 1981.

Survivors include four children, W.R. LaRue of Clarksville, Loretta Miller of McKinney, Herman LaRue of Deport and Bobby LaRue of Marshall; 17 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Hoyt LaRue of Eunice, New Mexico; and sisters, Annie Lee Abernathy of Clayton, OK and Iris LaRue of Hugo, OK.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home chapel with Mike Folmar officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery with Sammy LaRue, Willie LaRue, L.D. Miller, Glen Miller, Harvey Walden and David LaRue serving as bearers.

Meurl Clifton Bean

Meurl Clifton Bean, age 94 of Bogata died Tuesday, February 1 in Trinity Mother Francis Health Systems Center of Tyler.

Graveside services were to be held Friday, February 4 at 3:00 p.m. at the Talco Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of arrangements. The family will receive friends from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Mr. Bean was born in Titus County on January 28, 1906, the son of William Thomas and Mary Leta Fishback Bean. He was retired from the oil fields of Talco. He married Kathleen King in 1930 in Hugo, Oklahoma. She died on August 2, 1967. He then married Louise Roberts on October 4, 1983. She survives him today.

He is also survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Meurlene and David Teague of Big Sandy, Patricia Sue and Bob Harris of Longview and Sandra and Keneth Hicks of Tyler; a step-daughter, Wanda Johnson of Cooper; two step-sons, Johnny Lee Bond of Huntsville, Alabama and Roy Lawings of Bogata; a sister, Mrs. Orane Goode of Vallinot, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Ron Teague and his wife Vivian of Lago Vista, TX, Nancy Troyer and husband Phil of Middlebury, Indiana, Terry Harris and wife Celia of St. Simons Island, Georgia, Sonja Scarborough of Tyler and Tonya Hamilton and her husband Brent of Ft. Worth; numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Charles Edward Watson dies January 25

Charles Edward Watson, age 73 of Detroit died Tuesday, January 25 in McCuistion Hospital, Paris.

Services were held Thursday, January 27 at 11:00 a.m. in the Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. Steven Hill and Rev. A.B. Kellam officiating. Burial followed in Detroit Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mr. Watson was born in Clarksville, TX on August 16, 1926, a son of Charlie and Susie Baker Watson. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Philippine Islands and was a retired car salesman.

His wife, Mattie "Tink" Watson, preceded him in death in 1990, in addition to his father.

Surviving are his mother, Susie Watson of Ft. Worth; special friend, Maxine Bridges of Bagwell; sons, Roddy Watson of Detroit and Charles "Nick" Watson of Detroit; a daughter, Robin Watson Moore of Paris; a sister, Emily Geneva White of Ft. Worth; a brother, Billy C. Watson of Tyler; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Thomas Stringer, Rickey Walker, New Freelon, Daryl Freelon, Brad Powell and Ricky Roberts.

Pauline Coffman Barnes dies January 27

Pauline Coffman Barnes, age 86 of Haltom City, died January 27 at Baylor Medical Center in Irving.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on January 30 in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. James Barnes officiating. Burial followed in Meadowbrook Cemetery in Paris under the direction of Clarksville Funel Home. Nephews served as pallbearers.

Mrs. Barnes was born October 14, 1914 in Red River County, a daughter of Sam and Lela Hunt Coffman. She was a homemaker and a member of the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church in Detroit.

Her husband, Homer Barnes, preceded her in death; also one son, Jimmy Barnes and one daughter, Paula Sue King and one grandson.

Surviving is a son, Jerry Barnes and wife Marlynn of Haltom City; sisters, Maxine Mathis of Sulphur, Oklahoma and Dorothy Carrison of Avery; brothers, Frank Coffman of Detroit, Charles Coffman of Annona, and Jack Coffman of Decatur; one granddaughter, Amy Cobb; and one great-granddaughter, Shara Cobb.

Jimmie Jones dies January 22

Jimmie Jones, age 69 of Bogata, died Saturday, January 22 at East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 25 in Campground Cemetery of Terrell. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of arrangements.

He was born June 8, 1930 in Quinlan, Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones. He married Dorothy Hinson Jones on December 22, 1957. She preceded him in death on June 30, 1989. He later married Shirley Marie Stevens Jones, who preceded him in death on March 5, 1999.

He is survived by six sons, Kirby Jones and Matt Jones, both of Arlington, Steve Jones of Mt. Vernon, Leslie Jones of Bogata, John Jones of Ft. Sill, OK and Paul Jones of Temple; two brothers, John Jones of Garland and Colonel Jones of Alabama; and one sister, Loyce Young of Cedar Creek as well as 12 grandchildren.

Members of Tressell Board Lodge 534 AF&AM of Quinlan served as bearers.

Morris Jady "Shorty" Long dies January 28

Morris Jady "Shorty" Long, age 59, of Bagwell, died January 28 at East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on January 31 in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. A.B. Kellam officiating. Burial followed in New Haven Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mr. Long was born August 6, 1940, a son of Thurman Morris and Beulah Huddleston Long. He was a self-employed logger and a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation, the National Rifle Association North Woods VFD and Long Hunting Club. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Long Mitchell.

He married the former Vickie Greer in Clarksville on April 17, 1982.

Surviving is his wife, Vickie Greer Long; one son, Dustin Jady Long; sisters, Carmelita and Freddie Rodriguez of Clarksville and Linda and Billy Don Hays of Bagwell; and a brother, James Long and his wife Nita of Clarksville.

Red River County Roots

This week's query is from J.W. Peterson, 5504 Kings Park Drive, Springfield, VA., 22151. He is interested in contacting anyone who may have information on early families in Red River County, such as interesting stories that may have been written about them. He is a descendant of the Walker family who lived in the Kiomatia, Kanawha and Woodland areas. This family married into the families of Brock and Boulware, among others. He would like to find old books or manuscripts that might have survived that would describe the lives of some of these families. He finds that many of the old families have disappeared and is concerned that their history has gone with them.

If you would like to write Mr. Peterson, please write him at the above address.

If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426

Stay Warm This Winter



James David Potter dies January 21

James David Potter died January 21, 2000 at his home in Chidester, Arkansas. He had suffered a long battle with throat cancer. Graveside services were held January 24, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at Missouri Cemetery in Chidester, Arkansas. Rev. James Draper officiated. Special music was performed by Angela, Kayle and Randa Domer.

Mr. Potter was born May 23, 1946 in Clarksville, Texas. He is survived by two sons, Jamie Potter and John Potter both of Chidester, his mother, Doris Smith of Bogata, 4 sisters, Nancy Hannett of Deport, Donna Russell of Cuthand, Shirley Steinhilber of Blossom and Shelia Burns of Bogata.

Serving as pallbearers were James Lankin, Charlie Mendonhall, Doyle Womack, Charles Hooker and James Draper all of Chidester, Arkansas and Camden Arkansas.


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NWTF to hold annual banquet

The Red River Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be holding their 10th annual Membership Superfund Banquet on February 12, 2000 at the Love Civic Center in Paris. Love Civic Center is located on the corner of Collegiate

and Jefferson Road.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to be served at 7:30. Ticket prices for a single is \$35.00, couples are \$50.00, sponsor tickets are \$215.00 and Jakes are

Soybean meeting is February 9

The Texas Soybean Association will again hold its annual meeting in Paris on Wednesday, February 9 at the Love Civic Center.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. A number of speakers will

present programs including Dr. Travis Miller, Extension agronomist. Lunch will be provided by Agribusiness sponsors.

All area producers are invited to attend.

Lennox Center to sponsor Health Alert

The Lennox Health Resource Center in Clarksville will sponsor a Health Alert clinic on Wednesday, February 9 from 9:00 a.m. until noon and from 2 until 5 p.m.

Included in the clinic will be free cholesterol screening; free blood pressure check; free vision screening by Prevent Blindness; free hearing test by McCuiston Audiology Services; free glucose testing; free dia-

betes risk test.

Representatives from Alzheimer's Association and Pfizer labs will be available for information and consultation.

The clinic is free to all adult citizens of Red River County regardless of age, sex or income.

The clinic is located at 14 North Walnut Street.

Restoration project is underway for Red River County Courthouse

When it comes to renovation of the historic Red River County courthouse, one of the 10 oldest in the state, county officials find themselves between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

Renovations to the 116 year-old limestone structure are a must if it is to be preserved. But even with a grant of possibly \$4 million from the state, matching funds of 15 percent or \$600,000 must come from local government, an amount which will be difficult for the county to provide. County Judge L. D. Williamson reported.

A special open meeting of the Red River County commissioners was called last Thursday afternoon at the courthouse annex. They met with architects Larry Irsik and Jay Firching from ArchiTexas, a historical preservation firm, to discuss a master plan and goals for the courthouse restorations. The master plan is required by Texas Historical Commission before they will administer grants.

Master plans are due by February 11 while grant application deadline is March 7.

Friday afternoon the commissioners held a public hearing in hopes of receiving suggestions from local citizens on ways to raise funds for the restoration work on the courthouse.

Red River County is in the best position of any county to receive state funds, Firching said, "because of the uniqueness of the courthouse and its location."

"You still have over 160 years worth of county records stored away in the courthouse."

If approved for \$4 million, Red River County's \$600,000 portion already includes a grant of about \$225,000 from Texas Department of Transportation which has not yet been used.

The county can also rely on labor, repairs, and volunteer work and equipment done at the courthouse over the last three years to count as a part of the in-kind match. "So you already have a large chunk of your matching funds," Architect Irsik told the commissioners.

"But we are going to have to have a large cash flow on hand," Williamson said. "Possibly as much as the total of our share to cover expenses--because they will only let us draw four times on the grant throughout the project. Nobody will want to wait for their money when

they complete their part of the renovation project."

At Friday's public hearing, a

citizen's committee was created to work with the Commissioners Court and ArchiTexas architects, and to find a means to come up with at least \$500,000 in funding for the benefit of the county, and to work at relocating offices--presently located in the courthouse--for the duration of the restoration project. Those offices include Sixth and 102nd district courts, district clerk's office, adult probation office, county attorney's office, Department of Public Safety and County Extension offices.

District Judge Jim D. Lovett was selected to be chairperson of the committee.

Sub-committees were also created for promotional and technical support purposes.

Lovett spoke of the heritage represented by the courthouse and its importance to Red River County and the state of Texas. "It is of vital importance that we undertake the restoration of our courthouse," he said. "We will never find a better deal than the 85/15 matching grant from the Texas Historical Commission. Now it is up to us to raise \$500,000 in support of the project."

County residents Joanne Vaughan, Jim Cheyne, Shirley Anderson, Cheryl O'Brian, Paula Askew and Anne Evetts volunteered to serve as Promotion Committee members. They will coordinate efforts to educate and promote public support for the restoration project. They will also contact former residents of the county for support and donations.

The committee will also lay the foundation for future tourism with the courthouse as a focal point.

Mary Hausler will head up the Technical Support Committee. She will see to the safekeeping of historical documents, furniture and fixtures that will be removed from the courthouse while it is being renovated. Jim Power will help with relocation of courthouse offices. Since this cost cannot be counted as matching funds, Powers' expertise will be well-suited to seeing that the relocation is done as inexpensively as possible. Dianne Phelps will also help with relocation of office and courtroom space.

"We are going to have to work to raise funds within our county," Lovett said. "But we are also going to have to go beyond Red River County to get help-foundations, former residents. Especially those with connections to monied organizations and wealthy people."

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I will continue to have an active jury docket. Serious cases will be brought to trial as soon as possible.
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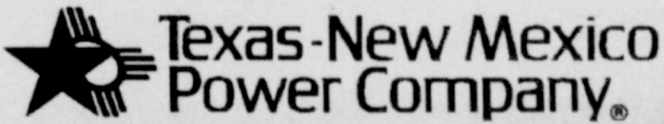
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
 FOR APPROVAL OF A
 BUSINESS SEPARATION PLAN**

On January 10, 2000, Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP) filed its application for approval of its Business Separation Plan filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission). A summary of the application follows.

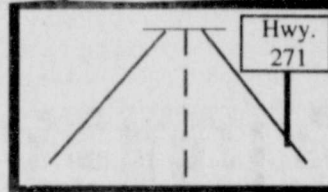
The Commission has established Docket No. 21955, entitled Application of Texas-New Mexico Power Company For Approval Of Business Separation Plan to address TNMP's Business Separation Plan application. In addition, in Order No. 1, the Commission severed matters from TNMP's Business Separation Plan pertaining to Competitive Energy Services. The Commission has established Docket No. 21986, entitled Competitive Energy Services Severed From Application Of Texas-New Mexico Power Company Business Separation Plan, Docket No. 21955 to address these matters related to Competitive Energy Services.

The application was filed pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) 39,051, which requires electric utilities to (1) separate its business activities from one another into a power generation company, a retail electric provider, and a transmission and distribution utility; and (2) separate from its regulated utility activities its customer services business activities that are otherwise already widely available in the competitive market. TNMP petitions the Commission for approval of its business separation plan filed pursuant to PURA 39.051(e), identifying competitive energy services, and petitioning to provide certain competitive energy service(s).

Persons who wish to intervene in either or both proceedings or comment upon the actions sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711, or call the Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512)936-7120 no later than February 22, 2000. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at (512)936-7136.



PRAIRILAND FFA Ag Talent team members Stoney Musgrove and Amber Norwood took 1st place at the District Competition Monday night in Mt. Vernon. The team competed against seven other competitors and won 1st place without a runoff. They will advance to the area competition on February 7 in Kilgore. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)



Pattonville

News

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Margat Fowler, Ty Parsons, Sharyl Thompson, Lucas Arnold, Thelma James and Helen Taubert.

Happy anniversary to Sandra and Wayne Couch and Peggy and Keith Parsons.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Geer, who died Wednesday, January 19 at Christus St. Joseph's and graveside services were Saturday at Evergreen Cemetery in Paris.

Congratulations to Tammie Gibson Bassano, an early childhood major at Angelo State University, San Angelo, for making the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Calvin and Judy Day ate at the Fish Fry in Paris Saturday night.

Visiting Bill and Ruby Dee Blevins were Glenn Keener and granddaughter Brenna of Dallas, Mickey Keener of Longview, Alice Ruth Gravett of Reno, Sandy Ring, Heather and Ashleigh.

Ruby Dee Blevins visited Bobbye Bailey in Deport and Shannon and Amy Osborne, Drew, Trenton Ray and Colin Ray Saturday.

Congratulations to Kirk and Beverly Gibson of Lamar Point on the arrival of their new daughter, Lora LeAnn born December 9, 1999 at McCuiston Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. and 19.5 inches long. Grandparents are Dick and Dorothy O'Gorman of the panhandle and Granvel and Helen Gibson.

Thursday night guests of Granvel and Helen Gibson were Lloyd and Helen Chandler, Freddie and Gayle Smith and children of Paris, Mike Chandler of California, Tony Chandler of Dallas, Dale Gibson of Lake Jackson and Clyde Chandler of Lake Livingston.

Nina Sparks of Deport, Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah were Monday visitors of Keith and Peggy Parsons who were celebrating their 42nd anniversary.

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Sometimes during the night of Wednesday, January 19th, unknown suspects forced entry into a home in the 2700 block of East Cherry St. in Paris. Once inside the home the suspects stole two televisions, VCR's, compact disk, jewelry and many other items. This burglary resulted in over \$9,500.00 in lost or 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 31st, 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 not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime and double your reward during the month of January. Call Crime Stoppers today at 785-TIPS! (785-8477).

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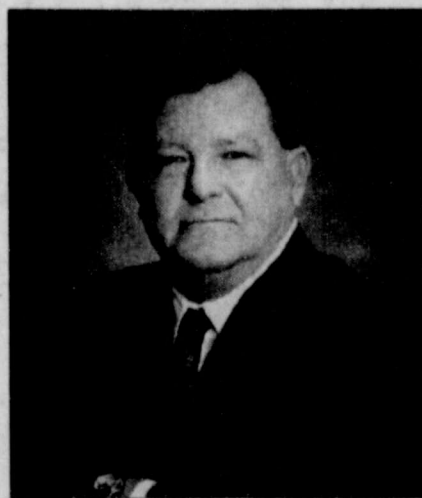
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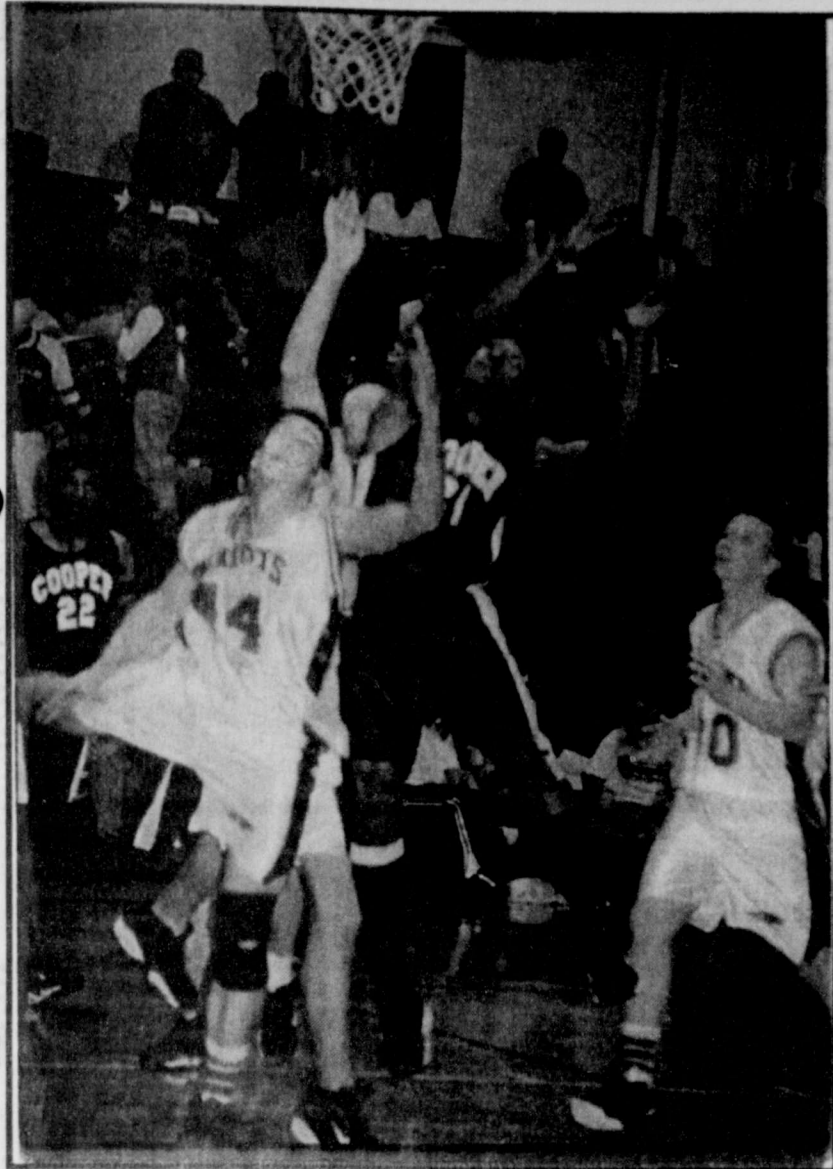
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PATRIOTS will go against North Hopkins on Friday after traveling to Honey Grove on Tuesday, January 25.



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Deport Nursing Home News
By Cletta Mathis



Visiting Milow Hume was Bill Poge.

Visiting George Kelley was Dale Kelley, Ruby Codilur.

MVisiting Harold Norris was Karl Hall.

Visiting Purna Haydock was Raymond Hignight and Johnnie Warren.

Visiting David Geer was Cherry Walker.

Visiting Athel and Alta Hester was Sandy Jones; Jeanie Hester, Jon K. Plummer, Rebecca Crawford.

visiting Betty Gardner was Pat Talley.

Visiting Patt Hollja was E.J. Newberry and Dorothy.

Visiting Jessie Lane was Jon Plummer and Rebecca Crawford.

Visiting Raymond Crawford was Kaci, Dakota, Kara and Barbara Crawford.

Visiting Roy Wells was Kenneth, Lois, Madison, James and Glenn Wells, and Mr. Well's great granddaughter, Ed and Mary Ann Miller.

Visiting Johnnie Warren was Kenneth Harold Allen, Mike Srees and Lila Screws.

Visiting Sara Gilmer was Dewey and Marline, Sarena, Cory and Bud.

Visiting Bonnie Brown was Jon K. Plummer, Rebecca Crawford.

Visiting Ann Austin and Mary Roy were Pete and Betty Sisson, Charles and Debbie Austin.

Visiting Mamie Fletcher were here daughters, Lila Screws and Becky Proctor and son Jimmy Fletcher.

Visiting Nora Barnett was Rita Thompson.

Visiting Alma Montgomery and Ada Chaddick was Cecil Allen and Monda.

visiting Dlema Babb was Karla Burke.

Visiting Raymond Hignight was P. Gene Roden, Mary Ray, Cecil Allen, Patsy Curtis, Gary Curtis, Billy Neely, Christina Faulk.

Visiting Ima Griffin was Flona Harris, Patsy Curtis, Vickie Nelly, Billy Neely, Gary Curtis, Dee Harris, Bobbie Neely, Kim Peters.

Visiting Geneva Franklin was Arden, Laurel and Ward Hall.

Visiting Reecie and Brodie Bell was Travis, Connie and Phillip Dodd, Sammy Kelsey and Raymond Hignight.

Visiting Edna Gifford, Lois Dudley was Raymond Hignight.

Visiting Angie Smith was Lary and Shirley Haskell and Jon K. Plummer and Rebecca Crawford.

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Prairiland teams lose to Honey Grove

The inclement weather caused cancellation of the Friday night games, but Tuesday night games were played on schedule. The following are stats from the boys game as they traveled to Honey Grove for district games. No stats were available for the girls.

Cody Boehler 4
Lucas Roddy 20
Matt Cavender 2

Cunningham News By Jane O'Neal

By: Jane O'Neal

Juanita Montgomery of Seal Beach, California spent from Wednesday to Friday with James and Pat Norwood.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood visited James and Pat Norwood and Juanita Montgomery on Thursday.

Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole had Sunday lunch with Pat and James Norwood.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood

and Ray Martin, joining them for supper was Billy Ray and Neva Norwood and Georjeana and Brad Nutt.

Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron and Dwayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon had Sunday lunch with Jane O'Neal

Wednesday night Delores and Conard Norwood had supper for Teresa and Kelti Mowrey and Jamie Smith.

Delores and Conard Norwood had supper on Thursday and Friday night for Ricky, Pam, Hailey and Mattie Norwood, Teresa and Kelti Mowrey and Jamie Smith.

Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson had Sunday lunch with Pete and Lwanda McKnight.

Lillian King spent from Thursday to Saturday with Thomas and Pat King of Brookston.

Lillian King spent Sunday with Leonard and Billie Ford. They took her home on Sunday night.

Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats and Georjeana and Brad Nutt had Sunday lunch with Joe and Georgia Oats.

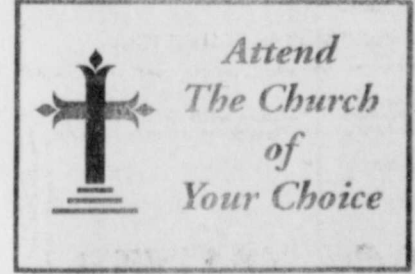
Velma Cox visited Walker and Willie Devlin of Minter on Monday.

On Monday Silas and Juanita Taylor had friends, Joan and Ted Sharp from Okmulge, Oklahoma visit.

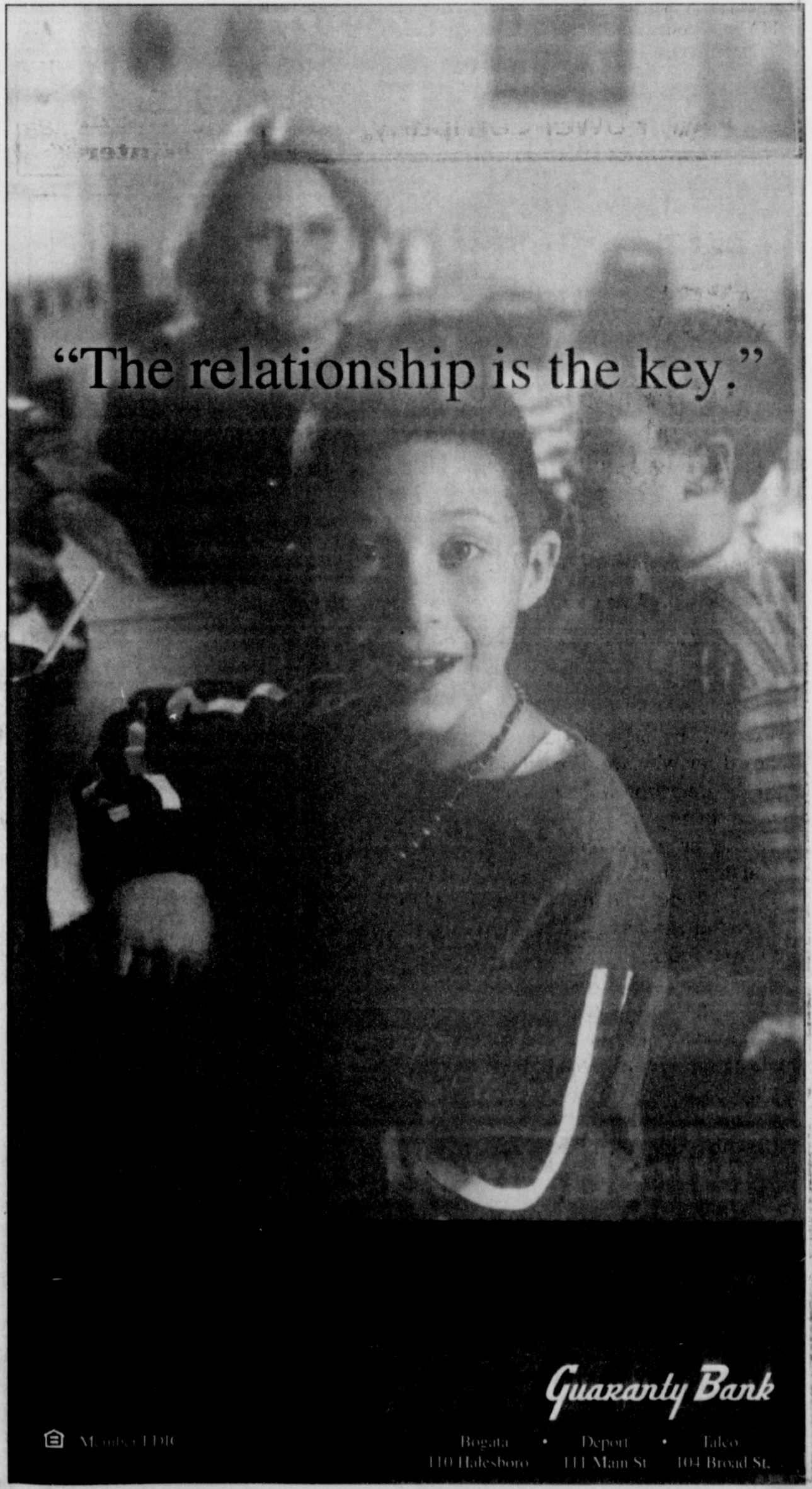
Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove and Zarinska Morton had Sunday lunch with Nelta and Johnie Musgrove. Joining them for supper and spending the night Sunday night were Betty and Lynn Holman of Durant and Alice McPherson from McAlister.

Marie Watsons visitors this past week were Deana Legate and friend, Jarvis and Renee Watson, Bruce Watson, Dean and Ada Watson, Neva Oats, Shelby Kennedy and Geneva Norwood.

On Sunday Buddy Pynes and Sue Pynes visited Lorette Pynes and took her out for lunch.



Kristi Nicholson of Deport and Nannette Haley of Paris have just returned from a marketing trip in New York last week. The two women are representatives of Beauchamp Collections of Paris, and traveled to New York together to attend one of the major gift shows in the nation. They stayed in mid town and attended the show held on the pier.



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Juice, milk
Lunch:
Burrito, beef
Hot dog sauce
Spanish rice
Pinto beans
Pears
Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast:
Breakfast burrito
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Ham and cheese sandwiches
Potato salad
Tossed salad
Pineapple chunks
Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast:
Cereal, toast, jelly
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Beef fritter
Mashed potatoes
Brown gravy, rolls
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast:
Oatmeal, toast, jelly
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Nachos with ground beef
Pinto beans
Salad
Ranch dressing
Fruit
Milk

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Breakfast:
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Juice, milk
Lunch:
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143-CR-9-93	Tom Polk	12 years
47-CR-5-96	Roy Clark	23 years
54-CR-5-96	William Scott	15 years
103-CR-10-96	Kathy Johnson	42 years
102-CR-10-96	Eaphern Smith	99 years
111-CR-11-96	Glen Jackson	40 years
127-CR-11-96	Curtis Sessums	30 years
46-CR-4-98	William Leffell	15 years
62-CR-2-98	Lloyd Burrus	99 years

I will continue to aggressively prosecute sexual predators. Our children should be free of such people.

I ask for your vote for Re-election on March 14, 2000.

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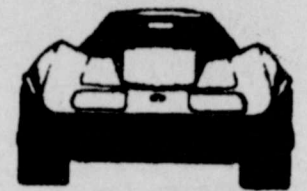


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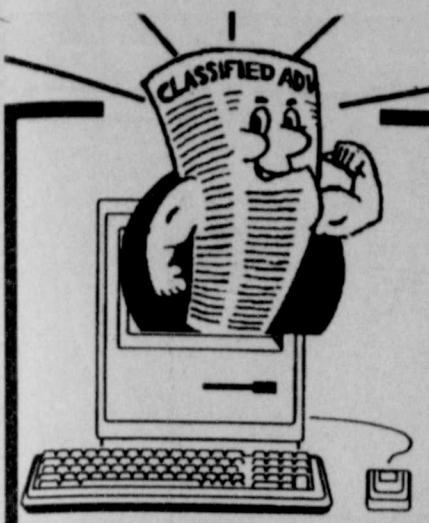
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Virginia and Chad Farris, LaVeda Young and Melba Elmore attended the retirement party for Robert Farris at Campbell Soup on Monday. Robert is retiring after 35 years. Ida Lou Read returned to her home Monday after a two week recuperation in Paris Nursing Home.

Thelma Warren is back at home after several days at McCuiston Hospital.

Reba Temple and Virginia Kirkland treated Ina and Nina Sparks on their birthday with lunch at Catfish King Monday. Mavis Sowards and Ruth Murrell also ate with the group.

Happy birthday to Corene Roach, Duane Good, Fay Elmore, Jackie Smith, Lea Ann Ragan, Michael Wesley, Michael Kincaid, Ina Sparks, Nina Sparks, Morgan Flenniken, Sherry Denison, Wesley Rhoades, William Kenneth Barnard, Carter Blaine Kelsey, Haley Parsons, Jack Ballard, Peggy Chiman, Lucille Mogan, Terry Austin, Morris Lawler, Sara Gilmer, Amanda Denman, Buddy Malone, Willie Marshal LaRue, Aubrey Ray Austin, James Holt, Jane Swint, Stephen Good and Mike Yaross.

Happy anniversary to Bobbi and Allen Gifford, Georgia and Joe Black and Buena and Bob Marshall.

Ina and Nina Sparks were honored with a birthday lunch at TaMolly's on Wednesday by Freeman Safford of Paris. Ruth Cheatham and Peggy Parsons were guests.

Reba Temple and Virginia Kirkland treated Ina and Nina Sparks on their birthday Monday with lunch at Catfish King.

Jayne and Dicky King had Thomas and Nanalee Nichols as supper guests Saturday night.

Sunday and Monday visitors of Nanie Ham, Dewayne and Pat Ham, Thomas and Nanalee Nichols were Sandra Jeffus, Joyce and Raquel Phillips. They brought Harold and Nell Shull back from Dallas. Harold has had angioplasty done and is doing very well.

Many have enjoyed the snow and frigid temperatures, while others have enjoyed being "house bound".

Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Robert Sawyer, Vivian Day, Sherry Denison, Ina Sparks, Nina Sparks, Haley Parsons, Lea Ann Ragan, Buddy Malone, Brenna Lee Binnion, Brittany Amber Birch, Tammie Gibson Bassano. Happy anniversary to Bobbi and Allen Gifford.

Angie Byous of Richardson called and visited with Peggy Parsons via telephone Tuesday night. She reported that she is able to drive and is on the go after recovering from hip surgery.

Ashley Keener of Garland spent the weekend with her dad, Mickey Keener in Longview.

Billy Blevins and Mickey Keener attended the Ft. Worth Stock Show on Monday.

Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty of Rowlett spent the weekend with Keith and Peggy Parsons. The Parsons hosted a birthday party Saturday honoring Haley and Ty Parsons, June and Jerry Burdine and Karen Sparks. Others attending were Wade Sparks, Savana, Cade and Zachary of Sulphur Springs, Justin Click of Whitehouse, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah.

Brock McDowra had surgery in Dallas last Tuesday.

Viola Harris has been in McCuiston Hospital with pneumonia.

Louise Crossland's sister, Betty Sulak of Arlington called Saturday to check on them and the weather.

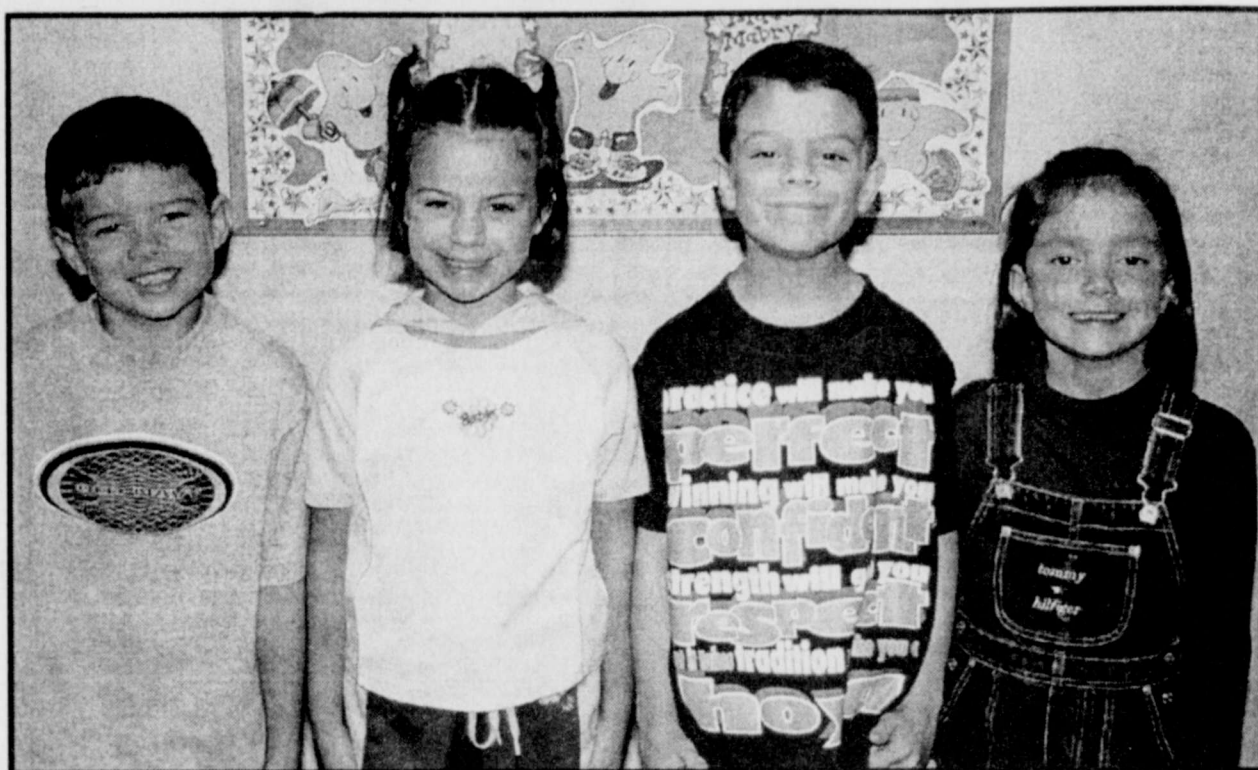
Organization trying to locate former members

The USS Saint Paul CA 73 and USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul SSN-708 will hold its 10th reunion on August 22 in Colorado Springs, CO.

The organization is trying to locate former crew members. Your help will be appreciated. For information, please contact George M. Takis, Jr., Secretary, 125 Spalding Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30328.



DEPORT SECOND GRADE CLASS FAVORITES-Payne Schuelke and Molly Minter-Jackson and Ashley Thomas and David Barnes-Drinnon. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT FIRST GRADE CLASS FAVORITES-Ryan Harrell and Laney Jackson-Brooks. Sean Dodson and Katie Evans-Huddleston. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

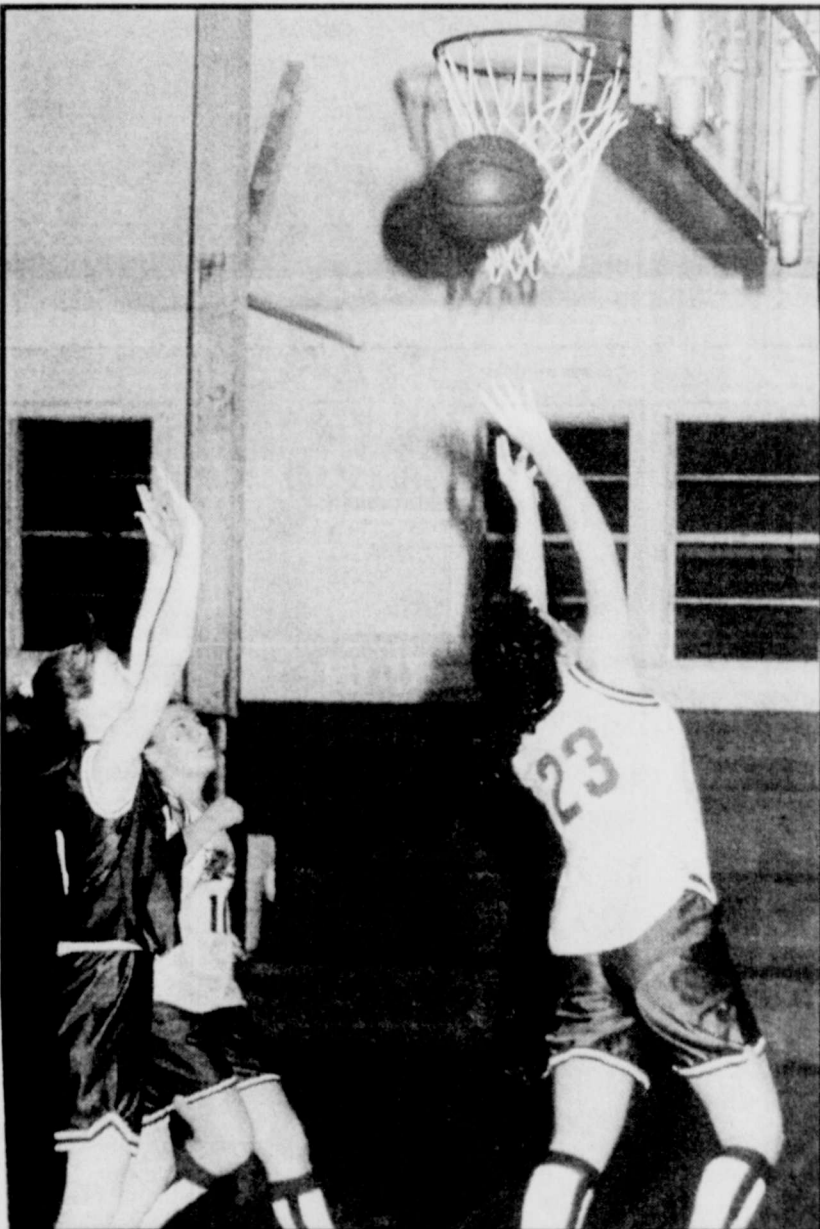
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FOOT NOTES



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