

Nichols
Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
There's only a 8 year
window for perfection

I think we have a problem. We're all getting old. But I don't know how to solve it because there are other problems that come from getting younger employees! You see, all of us here at Thunder Prairie are about the same age. And that age is an age when we begin to have more brain cells die than are replaced. We tend to forget things we used to always remember. We have to make notes where before we just committed things to memory. We throw things away and then have to go back and dig in the trash.

One of us will turn to the other and exclaim, "don't you remember when so and so talked to us that day and said to do such and such". The other then looks blankly back and denies everything, having seen "so and so". Then, four or five hours later someone will say "Ohhhhh yeah, I vaguely remember. I made a note of it here somewhere." Then we begin looking for the note, which we have trouble finding.

In our 40s we never had any of these things happen to us.

But, we have two young people working for us. They are good workers...but easily distractible. Their minds are on dates, parties, cruising around town, ball games, anything that qualifies as fun.

Also they don't know much about all five towns. That means they don't know automatically that (for an example) Red River Genealogy goes in all five while other things do NOT go automatically in all five.

So the very young don't make the perfect employee either.

Then, I began recalling what it was like when we were all here and in our 30s. We were pretty distractible too. In our 30s there were gatherings, children, houses to build, many things that kept us from being "perfect" at our jobs.

That leaves our 40s. In our 40s, (yes, some of us are still there, but barely) things all came together. We were dedicated, energetic, never forgetful.

It didn't last long. Now those middle-aged-forgetful-low-energy days stretch out in front of us.

In other words, there is about an 8 year window for perfection!

It looks as if we should have only people in their early 40s working here. But then, they would make ME look old and stupid!

Oh well, I am told by older people that things won't be getting much better. It's taken a little while to learn, but now we make NOTES. If we can remember where we put them.

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Oak Ridge Boys in concert April 15

The Oak Ridge Boys will be in concert for two performances on April 15, at 6:00 p.m. and at 9:00 p.m. at the Love Civic Center in Paris.

Tickets will go on sale on March 4 at 9:00 a.m. at the Civic Center at a price of \$40.00 each. After March 4th tickets can be ordered by Mastercard, Visa or Discovery card by calling from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. 903-652-4059 or 903-652-6476, or by coming by the school to pick them up.

All proceeds from the concerts will benefit the Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation to raise scholarship monies for Prairiland seniors.

The Oak Ridge Boys have garnered more musical achievements than they've had hot dinners. Three decades of chart-topping hits, million selling albums, an endless highway of personal appearances, and a permanent place in the pantheon of country music would have lesser acts looking into well-earned beachfront retirement property.

Not so the Oaks.
Duane Allen, Bob Bonsall, William Lee Golden and Richard Sterban are heading into the millennium full throat ahead, riding what promises to be their strongest album in years, *Voices*.

The release is the culmination of what has been a significant regenerative process for the group.

Underscoring the group's mainstream position is their hit TV series *The Oak Ridge Boys Live From Las Vegas*, which aired weekly on TNN. Starting in September, the hour long variety series will be seen on selected Saturday nights at 9:00 eastern.

On *Voices*, the group has once again teamed up with producer Ron Chancey, the legendary Nashville talent who helmed virtually all of the Oaks' biggest hits. Together, they create a collection of songs offering up the traditional sound of the Oaks that fans have loved for years, combined with changes that prove the group is still as vital as tomorrow's headlines.

A native of Taylortown, Duane "Ace", had formal training in both operatic and quartet singing before becoming a member of the Oaks in 1966. He is an avid basketball fan, shooting hoops whenever he gets the chance as a means of staying in

shape. He's added walking to his physical regimen. He is also an antique car buff with more than two dozen classics in a collection housed in a museum called *Ace on Wheels*. He also loves finding new music for the Oaks, several cuts on their newest album are songs Duane brought to the table. His farm in Hendersonville, TN features a menagerie that includes Longhorn cattle, horses, burros and Canadian geese. He is credited with keeping the Oaks on firm financial footing during their switch from gospel to country.

Joe Bonsall's Philadelphia background shows through clearly in his love of pro sports. Joe is the author of a children's book series, *The Molly Books*, published by Ideal's Children's Books. He loves the water and can often be found on his boat on the Cumberland River. Another passion is his 350-acre farm where he's apt to be riding a John Deere tractor or feeding his donkeys, Blondie and Truffles. As with the rest of the Oaks, though, much of his time is spent on the road performing and Joe's found his own way to get the maximum possible enjoyment out of touring. The group's principal spokesman on stage says his life is really pretty simple, when he's on stage he tries to sing the best he can and give them physically and mentally everything he's got. When he's done, he goes back to his room, calls home, eats pizza, gets on his Apple laptop, watches the sports scores and says to himself, "Hey, I've done what I'm supposed to be doin'" and I feel great about it."

One of the most recognizable faces in the entertainment industry, William Lee Golden, *mountain man*, first joined the Oaks in 1964. A farmer's son from Brewton, Alabama, he made his professional singing debut at age seven when he and his sister, Lanette, performed gospel tunes on his grandfather's weekly radio show. His love of music never abated. He sang with his high school's FFA quartet and soon formed a group of his own, *The Pilot's Trio*. His fascination and knowledge of the native American way of life has earned him respect and recognition from American Indians as well as members of *The*

Mountain Man Association. He has been honored with many awards, including Celebrity of the Year in 1994 by the Indian Exposition of Anadarko, OK, made up of 15 tribes across the nation, as well as an acclamation from the Cherokee tribe.

Richard Sterban began his singing career as a six-year old soprano in Sunday School in his native Camden, New Jersey. He was a tenor in the glee club in seventh grade but when he came back that fall for eighth grade, he was a bass. He loved sports and music, decided he had more talent for the latter and developed a simple goal; to be the best vocal group in the world. Before joining the Oaks, Richard sang in various groups, most notably backing Elvis Presley as a member of the Stamps. Baseball has always been a passion. For many years, he has been an owner of the *Nashville Sounds*, (*Pittsburg Pirates AAA club*), attending spring training, even taking bus trips with the team. His well tailored looks betray one of his other loves. Richard enjoys fine restaurants, collecting wine, and traveling, particularly to the sea shore, where he enjoys sailing and snorkeling. A fitness buff, he has bicycles in both his residences, Nashville and Atlantic City, keeps another stowed away in a bay under the tour bus and even has a case for one so that he can check it aboard airplanes.

Editor's Quotes

Be not simply good, but good for something
Thoreau

Pct. 1 Commissioner Mike Blackburn seeking re-election

Blackburn is now completing his first term in office.

"In my bid for re-election I first want to thank all the people in Precinct 1 for the respect and support they have shown me during my first term", Blackburn says.

Blackburn says "I have focused on upgrading the roads in Pct. 1. We have been able to put in 15 to 20 miles of oil topped roads a year. These roads were gravel before I took office. In Precinct 1 there are

250 miles total road miles. Of that 250 miles, 120 miles are oil, approximately 100 are gravel and the remaining 30 is dirt."

Blackburn says that people have noticed the trend towards oil roads, and he frequently receives calls from Pct. 1 residents asking about what roads are going to be oiled, since they are considering building on a county

road.

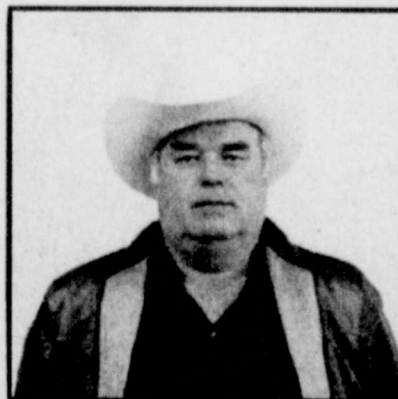
"As far as county government, we have a lot of growth going on right now and we have a commissioner's court that is really working towards this", Blackburn continues.

Blackburn also says that the six employees in Precinct 1 are the ones he initially hired and they really deserve the credit for the progress on roads and county maintenance that has been done. "I really want to thank them", he says.

"Four years ago when I asked for your vote I promised you that I would do the best that I could. If re-elected that promise will continue. I intend to fulfill my duties so that people will want to keep me in office, so that when I leave it will be my choice, not because I was defeated."

Blackburn and his wife Becky have been married for 31 years and have two sons, Craig and Michael. Michael is married to the former Kenda Allen.

They all live in the Sylvan community. Mike and Becky are members of the Church of Christ in Blossom.



Pct. 1 Commissioner Mike Blackburn, seeking re-election

People 'n Things

Pattonville VFD and community center dance is at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 11. Proceeds benefit fire department.

Pattonville VFD and community center breakfast is Saturday, February 19 from 7-10 a.m., AYCE for \$4.



Editor's Quotes

Happiness grows at our own fireside, and is not to be picked in stranger's gardens.
Douglas Jerrold



The Oak Ridge Boys

RRG to hear from

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society on Monday evening, February 14 at 7:30 in the Red River County Library.

The speaker for this month will be Billy Brown of the Paris Junior Col-

PJC Media Dept.

lege Media Department. His subject will be, the Art of Interviewing. He will also discuss materials that are available to the interviewer to conduct and preserve his interviews.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

It is my understand the regular monthly meeting of the LEC Board of Directors will be held at the Best Western Motel, 3755 Loop 286 NE, Paris, Texas on Thursday, February 24 at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact LEC or on the Web at <http://members.xoom.com/lamarlec>.

Why does the LEC Board of Directors need such a large, elaborate, expensive place to hold a regular board meeting? Might this be one example of how LEC Board members are spending the Coop members money?

"It's not your grandfather's electric company" is a phrase that certainly fits Cap Rock, and that's a good thing. This slogan and comments are published in Cap Rock's printed material.

Bill Ross,
Paris

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

<http://tpp.1starnet.com/>



Our cooks this week come to us from Blossom. They are the officers of the newly-organized ladies auxiliary for the Blossom Volunteer Fire Department. They came together because they saw a need to assist the fire department in any way that they could.

The organization began taking of forming back during the heat of the summer and fall. With several of the ladies having loved ones and friends serving in the department, they felt that they could be of service with food and refreshments, to keep the firemen from becoming dehydrated, especially with the many brush fires that took so much of their time to maintain. They keep them supplied with Gatorade, water and other liquids, calling on neighbors and friends for assistance.

The ladies also want to raise community-awareness for those folks who have lost their homes and belongings due to fires and other disasters. They will take donations of clothing and household furnishings and other belongings needed by families in distress. They also plan to begin a coat drive and other related activities when the need arises.

They will be assisting the firemen at their annual fund raiser this Saturday night at the Blossom Cafeteria. The chili supper is a major fundraiser for the firemen and the ladies urge anyone wishing to donate a baked item or other auction item to contact them or a firman and they will be glad to have it picked up and delivered.

We hope you enjoy these recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

Apple-Mustard Glazed Ham and Broccoli Rice Casserole-Mary Crouch-Mary serves as the president of the group and is also quite a craftsperson. She owns and operates Mary Jane's Crafts in Blossom.

Herb-Topped Fish Fillets and Creamy Italian Cake-Ann Steele-Ann is vice president and her husband Kenneth is a volunteer fireman.

Mandarin Orange Cake and Mexican Chicken-Jamie White-Jamie's brother Jimmie is a long-time member of the fire department.

Corn Salad, Chickpea Salad and Cornbread Sald-Ann Eddins-Ann is Mayor-ProTem of Blossom and urges everyone to become more concerned with the cities activities.

February 10, 2000
Blossom Ladies' Auxiliary-BVFD

Apple-Mustard Glazed Ham

1 cup apple jelly
1 tablespoon mustard
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 fully cooked bone-in ham (5-7 #s)
whole cloves
spiced apple rings-optional

In a small saucepan combine jelly, mustard, lemon juice and nutmeg; bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; set aside. Score the surface of the ham, making diamond shapes 1/2-inch deep. Insert cloves in each diamond. Place ham on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Bake, uncovered fat 325 degrees for 20 minutes per pound or until meat thermometer reads 140 degrees. During the last 30 minutes of baking, brush with glaze twice. Garnish with apple rings if desired.

Broccoli Rice Casserole

1 small onion-chopped
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 package (10 ounces) frozen, shopped broccoli
1 tablespoon butter
1 8 ounce jar cheese spread
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1-5 ounce can evaporated milk
3 cups cooked rice

In a large skillet over medium heat, saute onion, celery and broccoli in butter for 3-5 minutes. Stir in cheese, soup and milk until smooth. Place rice in a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Pour cheese mixture over; do not stir. Bake uncovered at 325 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

Herb-Topped Fish Fillets

Topping:
16 saltine crackers-crushed
2 tablespoons parsley
Fish Fillets:
1/4 cup margarine
1 clove garlic
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 to 1-1/2 pounds fish; cod, sole or orange roughly

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In small skillet melt margarine and saute garlic for 1-2 minutes. Stir in lemon juice. Brush fish fillets with lemon-butter mixture. Place fish in shallow baking dish. Toss remaining lemon-butter with crush crackers, parsley and dill weed. Spoon mixture evenly over surface of each portion of fish. Bake 8-10 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork. Do not overbake.

Creamy Italian Cake

1 stick margarine
2 cups sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
5 egg whites-beaten
1/2 cup shredded coconut
1/2 cup shortening
2 cups flour
1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup pecans
1 teaspoon nutmeg
5 egg yolks

Cream together margarine, shortening and sugar. Add egg yolks. Combine flour and soda and ad alternately with buttermilk. Add vanilla, nuts and then coconut and nutmeg. Fold in beaten egg whites. Stir until creamy. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes in three prepared 9-inch cake pans.

icing:

1 pound powdered sugar
3/4 stick margarine
8 ounces cream cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup nuts

Beat all ingredients for icing on high speed until creamy. Blender may be used in place of beater. Spread icing over each layer, stack and then ice sides.

Mandarin Orange Cake

1 yellow butter cake mix
3 eggs
1/2 cup oil
1-2 cans mandarin oranges
save juice from one can

Mix cake, eggs, oil and juice; beat well. Drain juice from can; empty orange slices into batter and let mixer chop them slightly. Pour into 3 well-greased and floured pans and cook at 350 degrees until done. Cool on wire racks completely before frosting.

Frosting:
1 large can crushed pineapple with juice
1 large box instant vanilla pudding
mix ingredients well. Stir until thick. Fold in 9 ounces of whipped topping. More may be used if desired. Frost and

keep refrigerated.

Mexican Chicken

12 corn tortillas
4 cups diced chicken
1 cup diced onions
1-1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 can mushroom soup
1 can Ro-tel
3 cups grated cheese

Soak tortillas in chicken broth until wilted. Place tortillas in greased baking dish; lining sides and bottom. Combine chicken, onion, chili powder add garlic powder; place mixture on tortillas. Mix remaining ingredients together and pour over mixture in pan. Top with cheese and bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees or until cheese is melted. Serves 8-10.

Corn Salad

1-10 ounce can corn-drained
3 hard boiled eggs-chopped
3 green onions-sliced thin
creamy salad dressing of choice

In bowl, mix corn, green onions and eggs. Add enough salad dressing to create a smooth creamy consistency. Sprinkle with paprika for color.

Chick-pea Salad with Red Onion and Tomato

1 can chick-peas-drained
2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
2 cloves garlic-minced
1 medium tomato-diced
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon lemon juice
salt and pepper to taste

In large bowl, combine above ingredients and chill for two hours before serving. Taste to adjust seasonings if needed.

Cornbread Salad

1 package cornbread mix-baked,cooled and cubed
1 chopped bell pepper
1 chopped onion
1 chopped tomato
8 slices extra crispy bacon-crumbled
2/3 cup mayonnaise

Mix all ingredients 1 hour before serving. Salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate before serving.

James H. Tuggle dies January 31

James H. "Jim" Tuggle, age 76, of Bagwell died January 31 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 3 in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with the Rev. Carl Raleigh and Rev. James Brown officiating. Burial followed in Tuggle Springs Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

He was born in Red River County on June 1, 1923 to Harold and Fannie McDonald Tuggle. He was retired from the Aviation Department at Love Field Airport and was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.

He married the former Jimmie Taylor in Clarksville, TX on July 23, 1949. Two infant sons preceded him in death in 1952.

Surviving are his wife, Jimmie Tuggle; daughters and sons-in-law, Gina and Larry Wright of Aledo and Beverly and Ben Boren of Dallas; sisters, Wanda Davis of Paris and Gladys Brantley of Paris; grandchildren, Stephanie Wright Alexander and Clint Wright, Mindy Boren and Scott Boren; and one great-grandchild, Nathan James Alexander.

Bearers are Rhett Tuggle, Horace Tuggle, Bill Tuggle, Brian Tuggle, Ron Davis, Rick Davis, Lewis Perkins. Honorary bearers were Brian Whitlock, Floyd McGuire, G.A. Hines and Don Thornsberry.

Card of Thanks

The family of Hazel Barnard Lamb wishes to thank everyone for everything they did during our loss of our loved one. Thanks for the food, the visits, cards and phone calls, and thanks for thinking about us.

May God richly bless you all.
The Donald Barnard Family

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone for the food, flowers, cards, visits, calls and prayers during the loss of our loved one. Special thanks to Wood Funeral Home and Bro. Park Robertson for the nice service.

God bless you.
Louise Bean & Family

Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187
News

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

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

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

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

*The VFW will be hosting a Valentine Dance on February 12 from 8 pm to 12 midnight. The winning ticket for dinner at Two Senorita's in Mt. Pleasant will also be drawn. Music will be provided by the Hallmark Country Band. Come out and share the fun.

Sympathy is extended to Marie and Jerry Barns and Louise Bean.

Obituaries

Mae Beatrice Slaughter dies February 3

Mae Beatrice Woodall Maynard Slaughter, age 93, formerly of Bogata, died Thursday, February 3 in the Bogata Healthcare Center.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5 in Wood Funeral Homes chapel with the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

She was born May 4, 1906 in Deport, the daughter of W.R. and Mattie Martha Roberts Woodall. She married Cub B. Maynard on November 6, 1924, he died September 22, 1965. She then married Elmer Slaughter on August 17, 1982 in Amarillo, he died in March, 1988. Also preceding her in death were her parents; two sons, one daughter; and nine grandchildren.

Surviving are 15 children; daughters, Maybelle Bean, Frances Elio, Susie Poindexter of California, Rhoda Whitworth of Tulia, Faye McMiller and Jimmie Boss of Amarillo, Martha Lucas and Stella Wooten Anderson of Blossom, Shirley Abbott of Bogata and Katie Collacoat of Bentley, OK; sons, W.C. Maynard of California, Travis Maynard of Bogata, Cub Maynard of Detroit, Earl Maynard of Frogville, OK and Wylie Maynard of Ben Wheeler; 62 grandchildren; 93 great-grandchildren; 31 great-great-grandchildren; two great-great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-great-great-grandchild; and many friends from Red River Haven.

Eunice Brown dies January 28

Eunice Brown, 78 of Lubbock died Friday, January 28 at his home. Funeral services were held in Lubbock on January 31 with burial in Lubbock.

Brown was born April 27, 1921 in Glendale to Dee and Meadie (Ward) Brown. He graduated from Bogata High School, was in the U.S. service in World War II in Europe. He retired from Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Opal; one daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Andy Calcate; three grandchildren all of San Antonio; one brother, Lewis Brown of Dallas; two sisters, Lorene Leftwich of Odessa and Elsie Ray of Houston; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Marion, Oscar, Sam and Harvey; and two sisters, Ophelia and Mable.

Family attending from the Dallas area were Lewis and Ruthie Brown, and Bobby and Joyce Ray.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to our family and friends during the loss of our loved one.

Your calls, cards, visits and especially your prayers were greatly appreciated in our time of need.

Thank you again for keeping us in your thoughts.

The Family of Willie M. LaRue

Thank You

The Deport Ball Association would like to thank everyone in the community that helped support our chili supper. We appreciate everyone that donated pies and cakes and especially thank Mendy Nichols for cooking the chili and James Norwood for being the auctioneer. Thanks to the Deport Times for advertising our chili supper and a big thank you goes to Ina and Nina Sparks for taking up money at the door. We would also like to thank Peggy Parsons for donating a Beanie Baby and James Hulen for donating a portrait sitting for the auction.

Thank you to all the ones that came and ate chili, bought a pie or cake, or donated money.

The Deport Ball Association

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FEATURED COOKS OF THE WEEK this week are the officers of the newly-formed ladies auxiliary of the Blossom Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured left to right is Mary Crouch-president, Ann Steele-vice president, Jamie White-secretary/treasurer and Ann Eddins-historian. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Readers,
Hi! We are fourth grade students from Hillside Intermediate School in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Our class is studying geography and history of the United States. We would appreciate it if you would send us a postcard from your state so we can learn more about our country. Thank

you for you help.
Sincerely,
Ms. Katsmpes's Class
Hillside Intermediate School
844 Brown Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Support group will meet February 14

The Beveared Parents Support Group will meet February 14 at 7 p.m. in the TU Electric Building in Paris.

The speaker for the meeting will be Louise Stuart, a school teacher for 33 years.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

The world of funeral service is constantly changing. Many of family owned funeral homes have given way to corporations that for whatever reason fail to give the individual service that has long since been the trademark of the funeral industry. Casket stores and burial societies have tried to place the emphasis on ways of saving you money with no thoughts to service and the personnel that provide them. Long after a funeral is ended it won't be the type of casket or how nice the funeral home was decorated that will be remembered by the family. What will be remembered is the caring service offered by a compassionate staff that allowed the family to express their grief in a way that was healing for them. That is something that you can't put a price on--something that cannot be discounted. The James Wood Family prides itself on service and individuality. We believe that a funeral service is a testimony to the life of the deceased. There is no price that can be put on such a gift. The memory of the loved one should be one of fondness and cherished memories, not hindered by financial stress and worries. We will be most happy to talk with you anytime about the services that we provide for our families. Let us know how we can help.

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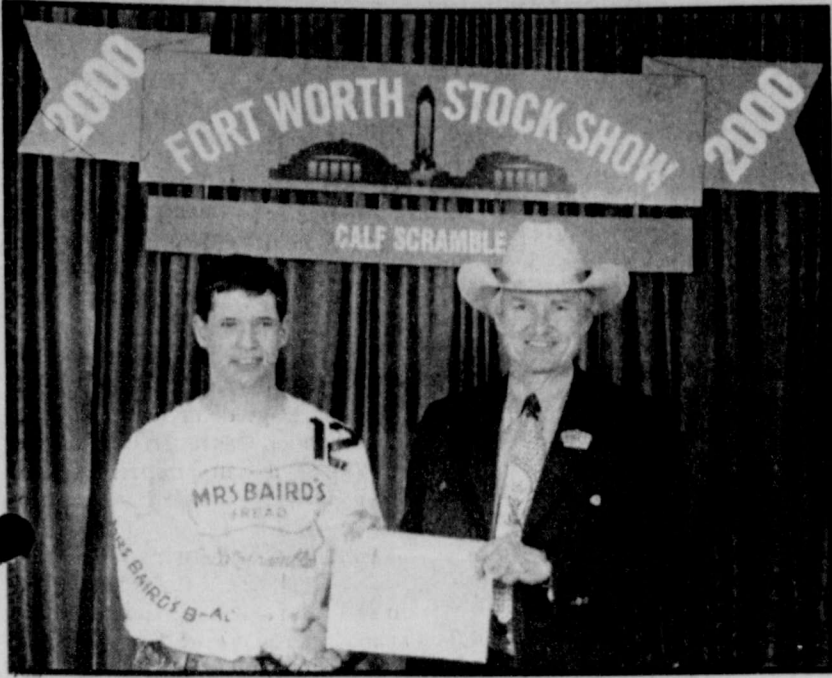
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Larry Smith

Smith wins at Ft. Worth scramble

Larry Smith of Prairiland FFA was among the winners at the Ft. Worth Stock Show Calf Scramble during the February 3 performance of the rodeo. He is the son of Larry and Patsy Smith of Paris and was sponsored by Ray and Mary Tom Williams of Ft. Worth. The event pits 480 area high school youngsters against 240 wildly running calves in the exciting event. The young people are sophomores and juniors out to catch and halter a calf with hopes of winning a \$500 purchase certificate that will help buy a registered heifer for a yearlong 4H or FFA project.

Winners must care for their animal and return to the 2001 Stock Show and exhibit it in the Junior Heifer show. Those who do the best job will be in line for freshman year scholarship funds when they enter college. Last year, the grants were made to 32 young people.

All entries in the calf scramble win a special T-shirt with their contestant number and a Justin Boots red windbreaker. Those winners at each rodeo who fail to catch a calf receive certificates for a pair of Justin roper boots.

Mrs. Baird's Bread and Justin Boots sponsor the event each year.



Fulbright News
By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

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.



Mr. and Mrs. Bee Scott

Bee & Audrey Scott celebrate 50th anniversary

Bee and Audrey Scott celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on February 6 with a reception at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Britt and Jackie Scott, co-hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Philip Lightfoot. They have four grandchildren, Sean, Jason and Nicholas Scott and

Laura Lightfoot. The Scotts were married February 3, 1950 in Paris. She is the former Audrey Mae Nance. Bee served with the Navy Seabees during World War II. They are both retired. They are former residents of Deport and Fulbright and have lived in Burleson the past five years.



Stephanie Reagan

Stephanie Reagan in Washington D.C. at conference, selected as BPW girl of the month

Stephanie Reagan, granddaughter of Silas and Juanita Taylor and great granddaughter of Elvis Wright, has left for Washington D.C. after being selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference. She will be in Washington February 8 through the 13. The National Young Leaders Conference is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Stephanie will be among 350 outstanding National Scholars from across the country to attend the conference.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the Floor of the United States House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Stephanie will also meet with her senators and representative or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing Plainview and the nation.

In addition, Stephanie was named Girl of the Month by Plainview Business and Professional Women's Club.

She is a student at Plainview High School where she is ranked 14 in a class of 316. Her classes are Honors pre-calculus, AP Government, Honors physics, AP psychology, concurrent English and Band IV.

She has been a member of All Region Band for five years and has competed at State Solo and Ensemble for three years. She is in National Honor Society, Latin Club and is band librarian for two years.

She attends Harvest Christian Church and is a member of the Priority One lunch group and the youth group. She is a board member of the Hale County Junior Literacy Council and participated in the Leo Club.

Stephanie played in the Lubbock youth Symphony Orchestra last year and was a member of the 4-H Trap Shooting Team. She is employed part time by Lindsey's Flowers. She plans to attend the University of North Texas majoring in psychology. Her hobbies are reading, jogging, making floral arrangements and hiking.

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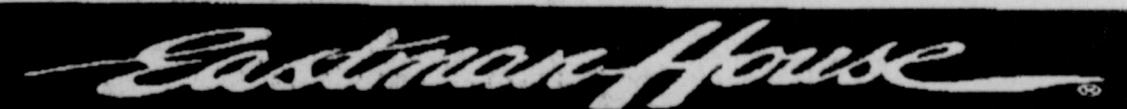


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Lunch:
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 Potato chips
 Chocolate pudding
 Milk

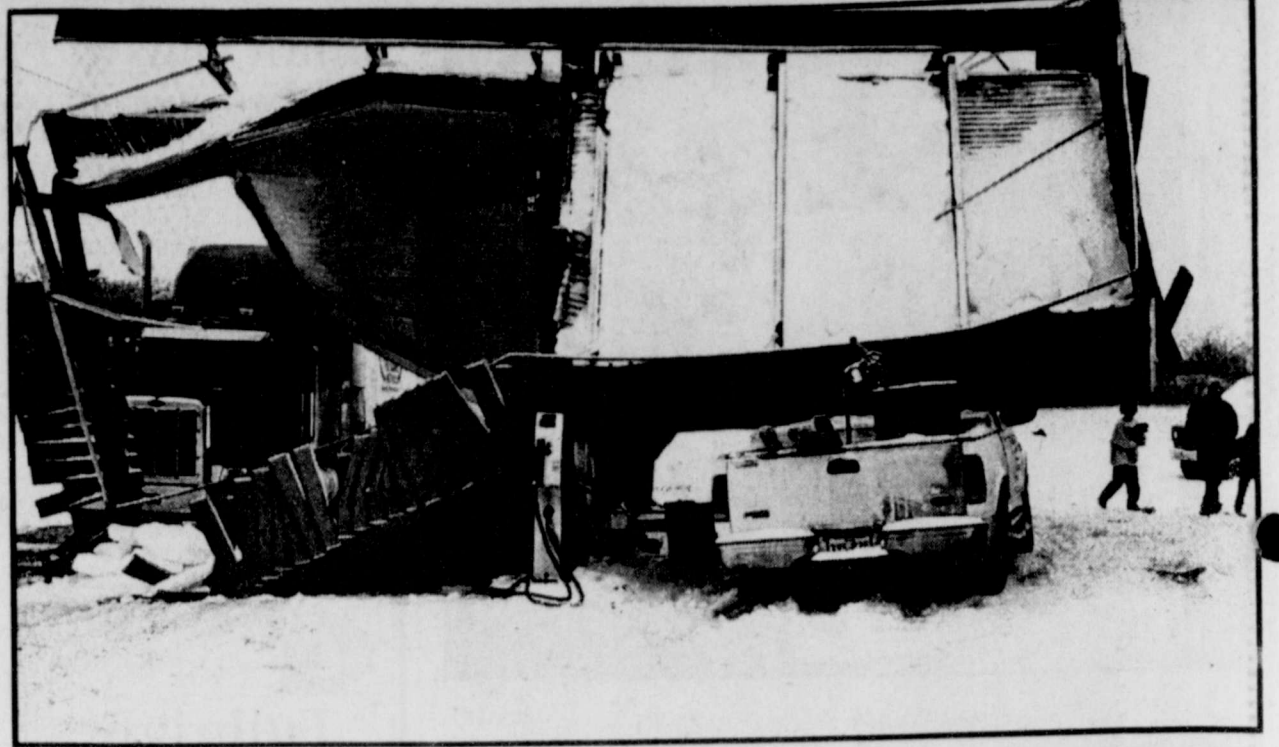
Tuesday
Breakfast:
 Biscuits, sausage, jelly, jam
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Sloppy Joe on bun
 Baked beans
 Potato salad
 Mayo cake
 Milk

Wednesday
Breakfast:
 Cereal, toast, jelly
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Fried chicken
 Mashed potatoes
 Brown gravy
 Field peas
 Rolls
 Milk

Thursday
Breakfast:
 Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Beef vegetable soup
 Cheese stick
 Pickles
 Crackers
 Chocolate chip cookies
 Milk

Friday
Breakfast:
 Cereal, toast
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Hamburger on bun
 Lettuce, tomato
 Potato chips
 Pears
 Milk

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CRASH-The roof over the gas pumps at Ken's Conoco on US 271 West of Deport came down under the weight of the 6 inch snow that covered the Deport area 2 weeks ago. The pickup on the right suffered serious damage, but the semi on the left escaped major damage. Fortunately both drivers were not with the vehicles when the roof collapsed.

People 'n Things

The Jack Crawford reunion will be held February 20 at 12 noon at the Blossom Community Center. Bring your favorite covered dish.

Prairiland High School
 February 14

14	President's Day
15	Valentine's Day
15	Basketball at North Lamar JV and V, 4:30
16	Basketball, Here, Boys, Chapel Hill, 5:00
16	Youth for Christ, Library, 7:50 a.m.
17	PAT Foundation Banquet
18	Farmersville Softball Tourney, V
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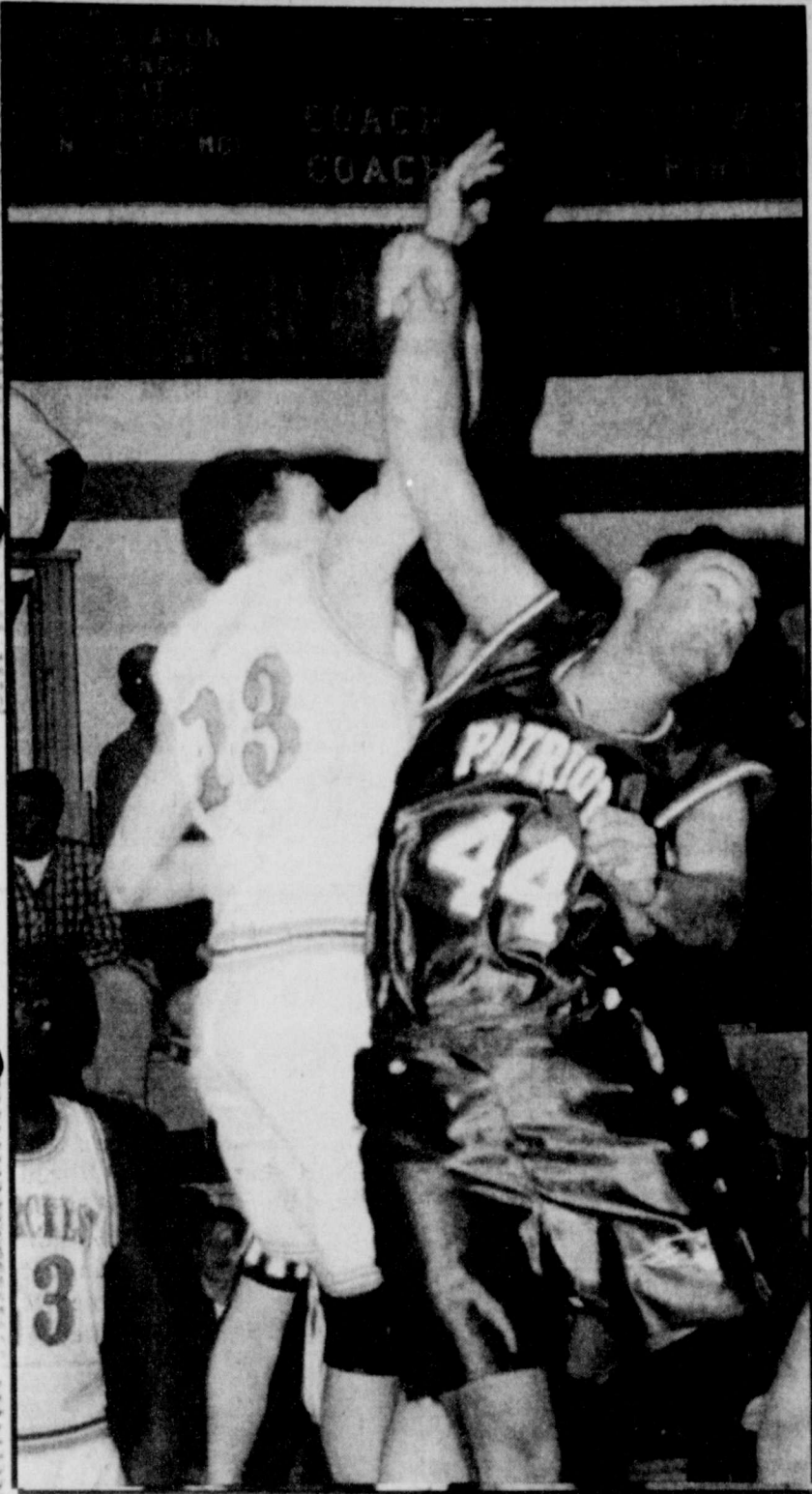
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- 34 life sentence convictions
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- Lamar County Legal Secretaries Boss of the Year Award - 1991
- Lamar County Bar Association President - 1987
- Taught numerous courses for the Paris Police Dept. and East Texas Police Academy
- **First Assistant Lamar County Attorney from 1983-1996**
- Hot check collections of more than \$1 million since 1997
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- 1972 graduate of Paris High School
- Graduated Paris Junior College with honors in 1973
- Obtained bachelors degree in 3 1/2 years at Howard Payne University
- Earned Juris Doctor degree from SMU Law School in 1979
- CASA for Kids board member
- Children's Advocacy Center advisory board member

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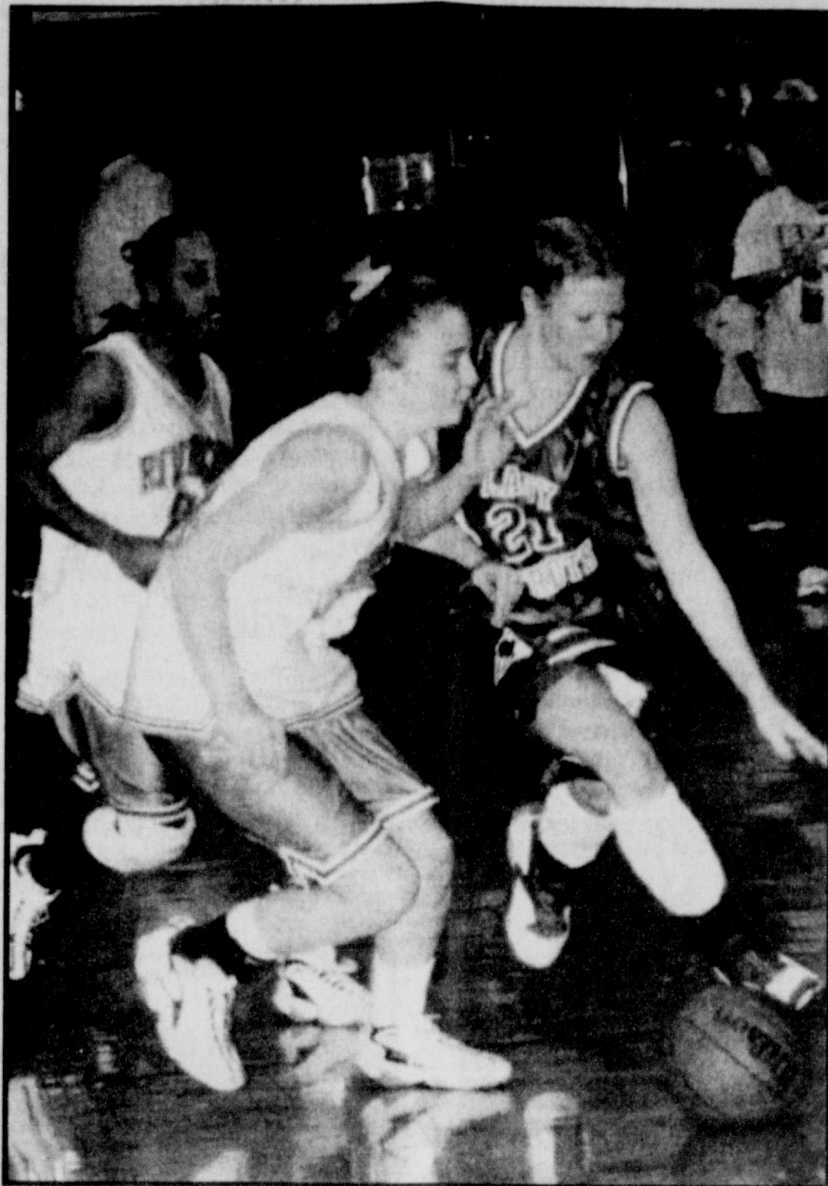
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PATRIOTS traveled to Rivercrest on Friday night, February 4th and came up against a brick wall when they lost 30-62. The Pats will play their final game next Tuesday against Chapel Hill. (Staff Photo)



LADY PATRIOTS fell short this season, but are looking forward to next year to regroup and make a better showing. They lost to Rivercrest on Friday night 31-73. (Staff Photo)

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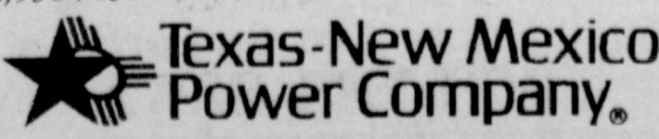
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FIRST BIRTHDAY-Jake Ensey celebrated his first birthday on February 1st by "digging into" his own birthday cake. Jake is the son of Sheila and Gary Ensey of Paris. He has an older sister Allison and is the grandson of Jesse and Ann Sanders of Blossom and Don and Elsie Ensey of Paris and the great grandson of Lucy Blount of Deport. (Staff Photo)

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 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.


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Kiwanis schedule CASI chili cookoff

The Blossom Kiwanis Club will have their annual chili cookoff on March 4, 2000. This will be the first event of their to be sponsored by CASI. They are hoping to have fifteen or more teams from out of town to enter the contest.

The cookoff will be at the Blossom Park by the Civic Center. Entry fee is \$20.00 for chili and \$5.00 for beans. All local entries are asked to make one gallon or more of chili. CASI entries will go by CASI rules.

Tickets will be sold for \$4.00 each and will be all-you-can-eat from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Camping spaces will be provided for all out of town guests.

Terry is named administrator

Brenda Terry, former manager of outreach and community services for the 5-Obed United Regional Health care System in Wichita Falls, has

been named administrator of Occupational HealthNET at Christus

St. Joseph's Health Center, Paris. Terry is a native of Paris and she and her husband, Mark, attend Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. They have two children, Sabrina Parker and Danielle Terry.

Patriots win big over Chisum

Prairiland Patriot and Lady Patriots basketball 1 team played two district games this past week. These included Chisum on Tuesday, February 1st and Rivercrest on Friday, February 4th.

The game on Tuesday night, February 8 will be the last season game

for the girls against Paul Pewitt. The boys will play at Cooper on Friday night, February 11 and host Chapel Hill here on Tuesday night, February 15 for their last game of the season.

The following is a listing of stats for those games.

Lady Patriots	41	Patriots	51
Chisum	70	Chisum	43
Crystal Davis	10	Brad Barrentine	10
Tammy Nichols	5	Heath Sessums	6
Megan Graham	1	Kyle Malone	4
Kelli Clarkson	3	Chris Berry	3
Sashley Athas	2	Lucas Roddy	19
Emilee Bolton	2	Joel Hudson	7
Lacy Beaty	2	Cody Boehler	2
Melissa Steinkamp	2	Patriots	30
Amanda Wood	2	Rivercrest	62
Kami Hudson	6	Barrentine	2
Lady Patriots	31	Sessums	7
Rivercrest	73	Malone	2
Davis	3	Berry	3
Nichols	4	Hudson	1
Graham	3	Martin	1
Athas	2	Roddy	2
Bolton	4	Steinkamp	2
Beaty	4	Hudson	8
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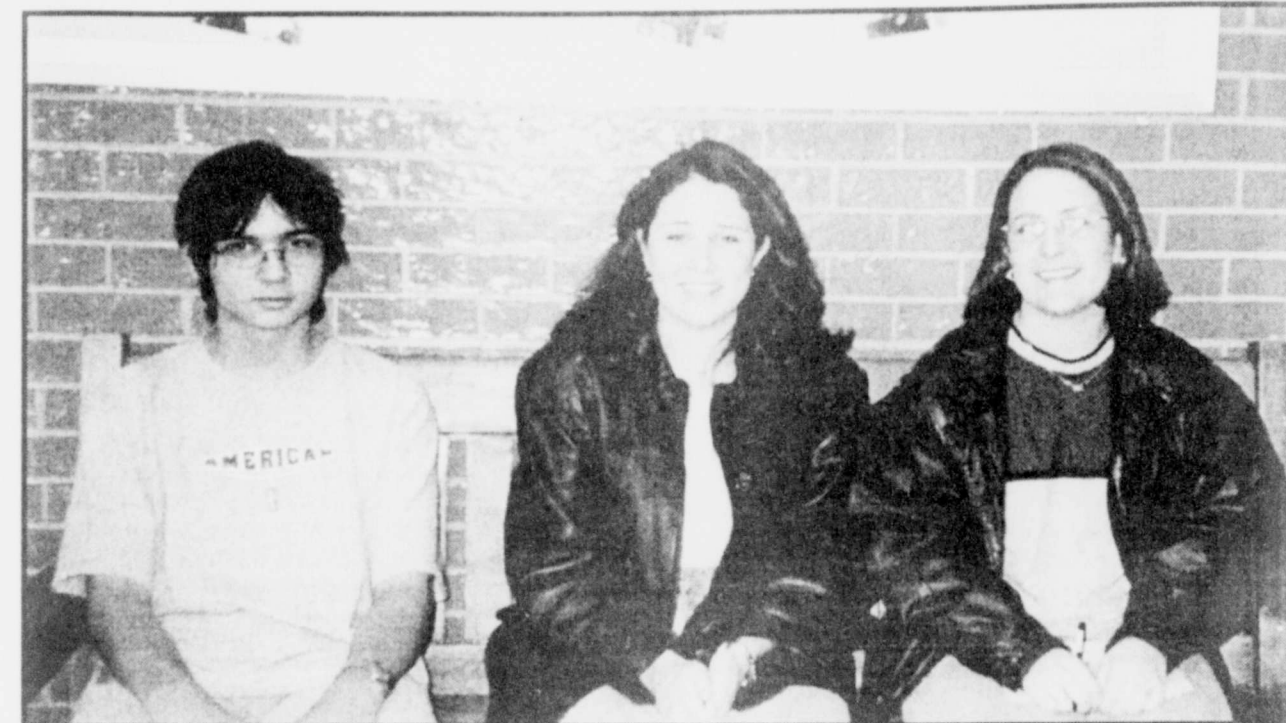
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SEVERAL PRAIRILAND STUDENTS participated in the North Lamar Academic UIL Meet on Saturday, February 5. Winning 2nd place in the Editorial Writing is Lisa Corso, Robert Robertson too 3rd place in Math and Menda Corso placed 3rd in Prose Interpretation, Preliminary round. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)

Area artists to be featured in pottery showing in Mt. Vernon

Three area artists, Cindy Kent of Mt. Vernon and David Daniel and Sandra McCurry of Pittsburg will be featured in a special pottery showing beginning in February at the L.H. Nelson Art Gallery in Mt. Vernon.

The Spring Clay Show will begin with a reception at the gallery on February 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Congratulations to Edna and Frank Lee, they have a new great-granddaughter born January 25 to Kay and Paul Price. She has been named Monica Jean.

Aubrey Allen of Flower Mound and Josh Allen of Cunningham spent the weekend with Peggy Whitney.

Richard Winkler is visiting George and Nell Wolf.

Dorothy & James Holt visited Jake & Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak Friday afternoon.

Ann & Sheldon Lee have returned home after visiting Mr. & Mrs. Ron Harvey and children in Port Neches and friends in Galveston.

Jeannie Lane and Edna Talley visited Darrell and Pam Farris of Cumby Saturday.

Ronnie & Elleen Pettit of Irving and John Pettit and friend of DeSota spent the weekend with Bob & Buena Marshall.

Tim Salter of Paris had dinner with Velma & John Temple Thursday evening.

Mattylu Upchurch returned home this week after a vacation in Hawaii. Accompanying her was her grandson Nick Maudsley of Benbrook, her daughter & husband Bobbie & Ed Hill of Little Rock, AR and her son and wife, Jim & Cynthia Upchurch of Durango, Colorado.

Peggy Whitney visited her son and wife, Gary & Nelda Allen of Mansville Sunday through Tuesday of last week.

Ruby Lee of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Frank and Edna Lee.

Having dinner with Dorothy and James Holt Sunday were Dale Williams and daughter, Haley and Megan McNeal, Kay and Ronnie Preston of Paris, Tim Parks of Faight, Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak and Johnny & Kathy Holt of Milton.

Mary and Eran Yoder and Nathan of Hopewell and Darrell and Pam Farris of Cumby had dinner with Edna Talley Sunday.

Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons
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Birthday wishes to Louise Crossland, Ann Long, Tonya Crawford, Tamara Williams, Lorene Gibson, Raymond Hoover, Sami Sparks, Austin Lane Sparks.

Greg and Connie Parsons, Alisen and Davis of Whitehouse and Leah Boren spent the weekend with Keith and Peggy Parsons. They celebrated Greg's 40th birthday at the Fish Fry Saturday night. Joining them for lunch Sunday were Ina and Nina Sparks of Deport, John Nash of Sanders Cove, Randy and Kristi Boren and Drew. Elois Sparks has been sick with the virus.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Edwin Lawrence Skidmore of Midland who died in Big Springs on Friday, Feb. 4. He was the brother of Mary Elizabeth Jones of Searcy, Ark. and Ophelia Payne of Paris.

Many from our community attended the Little Dribblers basketball games between Deport and Blissom Saturday in the Prairiland Gym and the Deport Baseball Association's Chili-stew supper and auction Saturday night held in the Deport School Cafeteria.

Buster Crossland treated Louise to lunch at Catfish King in Paris Saturday in observance of her birthday.

Linda Campbell of Paris spent Sunday with Raymond and Frances Hoover.

Raymond and Frances visited Nettie Chappell in Crescent Care and Irene Maker in Paris Nursing Home Monday.

John and Claudia Whitney spent the weekend with Debbie Currin, Travis and Tonya Hunter, Christian, Jeemy and Courtney Danielle. Charlie and Barbara Smith of Bogata were Sunday visitors.

Visitors of Bill and Ruby Dee Blevins were Alice Ruth Gravett and

Arts Festival takes new name

The Paris Art Fair will get a new name this year. It will become the Paris Arts Festival, according to Cynthia Burnham, chairman.

The 2000 Paris Arts Festival will be on Saturday, May 6, at the Red River Valley Fair Grounds. The YWCA of Paris an Lamar County sponsors the festival.

Burnham, who will chair the festival, is a staff accountant for Christ St. Joseph's. She has been a member of the YWCA Board of Directors for two years.

"We want to give the event a new name this year, because we are at the beginning of a new century and a new millennium," said Burnham.

"We think that the words reflect more of the flavor of the event," she said. "We will continue to encourage and solicit fine arts for competition,

show and sale. But when children's activities, performing arts, delicious foods, the fun run and other activities are added in, it really is more of an Arts Festival."

The theme for the festival is "Art for a New Millennium", said Burnham.

The YWCA is currently soliciting art which can be used for promotion of the Arts Festival, such as for T-shirts or a poster," Burham said.

"We will accept original works of art from now through March 1," said Burnham. Winning works of art will be used to create this year's festival t-shirt as well as the 2000 Arts Festival poster.

Artists interested in submitting work should contact the YWCA at 903-785-5221.

Mike Wright of Reno, Mickey Keener of Longview, Sandy Ring, Ashleigh and Heather.

Glen and Dorothy Renfro of Deport have both been sick. Buddy Taylor of Cunningham took Glen to Oklahoma City last week. Ruby Blevins visited them Saturday.

Ruby Dee Blevins visited Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Newsom Thursday in Paris.

Susan Richey of Gergetown spent the weekend with Jerry and Dorothy Richey.

Anna Thompson is attend PJC and working at Ekerds in Paris.



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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
 A summary of the ordinance detailed below is published pursuant to Sec. 52.001, L.G.C. The ordinance, in total, is available for review at 1240 W. Front St., Blossom, Texas 75416.
ORDINANCE NO. 00-004 REGULATIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS

An ordinance repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances or amendments thereto, that conflict with the terms or conditions of this ordinance, and enacting a new ordinance providing for laws and policies regulating plats and the establishment of subdivisions in the City of Blossom, Texas and its extrajurisdictional jurisdiction; providing for enforcement of the ordinance; providing for punitive sanctions for the violation of the ordinance; providing for a severability clause; declaring an emergency.
 WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2312, local Government Code (LGC) the governing body of the City of Blossom, Texas, has determined that plats, subdivision of land and development of subdivisions within the City, and its extrajurisdictional jurisdiction, should be subject to regulation by ordinance; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Blossom, Texas, that the following rules and regulations governing plats, land subdivisions and development of subdivisions within the City of Blossom, Texas, and its extrajurisdictional jurisdiction are hereby adopted.
ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS
 A. Except as specifically detailed within this ordinance, Chapter 212, Subchapters A & B, L.G.C. is hereby adopted by reference, as though it were fully copied herein, as the rules and regulations governing plats, subdivision of land, and development of subdivisions within the City Limits of Blossom and its extrajurisdictional jurisdiction.
 B. The City's comprehensive plan is hereby adopted by reference, as though it were fully copied herein, as the standard for approval for all development plats.
APPROVAL AUTHORITY
 Pending the appointment of a municipal planning commission in the designation thereof by amendment to this ordinance, the governing body of the City of Blossom shall be the municipal authority responsible for approving plats and the subdivision of land.

PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT
 A. Failure to properly apply for approval of the City Council for any proposed plat, subdivision of land, or subdivision development within the City's jurisdiction or violation of any section of this ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) each day of any violation shall constitute a separate offense.
 B. The City is entitled to injunctive relief and recovery of damages and any other enforcement procedures in order to bring about compliance with any section or requirement of this ordinance.
ORDINANCE IN IMMEDIATE EFFECT/ EMERGENCY & CLAUSE:
 In order to protect the public safety, health and general welfare of its citizens, the governing body of Blossom, Texas, hereby declares that this ordinance shall take effect immediately, and shall be in force from and after its passage.
 Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Blossom, Texas, convened in public session of the City Council chambers, City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas, this 3rd day of February, 2000.
 Ed Hudson, Mayor
 Attest: Sylvia Lewis, Acting City Clerk
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land, or subdivision development within the City's jurisdiction or violation of any section of this ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) each day of any violation shall constitute a separate offense.
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ORDINANCE NO. 00-005
 "Regulation of unauthorized signs of City's public right-of-way"
 An ordinance of the City of Blossom, Texas, regulating and prohibiting the placement of unauthorized signs, political or commercial, placed on the public right-of-way within the city; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with terms or conditions of this ordinance; providing for enforcement of this ordinance; and declaring emergency.
Emergency Clause: In order to protect public safety, health and general welfare of its citizens, the governing body of Blossom, Texas, hereby declares that this ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.
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Deport Nursing Home News

By Cletta Mathis

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Visiting Billie Gant was Cecil and Margaret Allen.

Visiting Viola Barham was Cecil and Margaret Allen.

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Visiting Terry McDowra was Cecil and Margaret Allen.

Visiting Pauline Shew were Lester and Doris Clay.

Visiting Delma Babb was Ray and Karla Burke.

Visiting Alma Montgomery and Adda Chaddick were Monda and Cecil and Margaret Allen.

Visiting Angie Smith this week was Sue Goley.

Visiting with Raymond Hignight was Cecil and Margaret Allen, Pauline Weddie, Margaret Parks.

Visiting Ina Griffin was Patsy Curtis, Fiona Harris, Kim Peters, Bobbie Neely and Dee Harris.

Visiting Reecie Kelsey and Brodie Bell was Connie and Phillip Dod, Sam Kelsey and Billie McCarty.

Visiting Johnnie Warren were Weldon and Joyce Smith of Bogata, Nani Ham, Nell Shull, Lucy Fortner, Evelyn Roach, Joann Henson, Becky Proctor, Betty Denison, Jerry, Chris, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris and Larry Crawford.

Deport Locals

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Ida Lou Read had as guests over the weekend her children, Kay and Joy Read of College Station.

Kandy Kreitz and Lewis Kidd of Houston spent the weekend with Kandy's mother, Bobbie Bailey.

Visiting with Thelma Shelby Thursday afternoon were her brother and his wife, Stephen and Sarah Tucker of Arthur City.

Dewayne Benson is out of the hospital and able to be back at work part time at the Lonesome Dove.

Ruth Gray and Chloe Byrd was in DeKalb on Thursday visiting Vertie Betterton and Henrietta Barnes.

Connie Ballard of Charleston treated Shorty Ballard to dinner recently.

Dawne Darden and Nanalee Nichols were in Sherman on business Saturday.

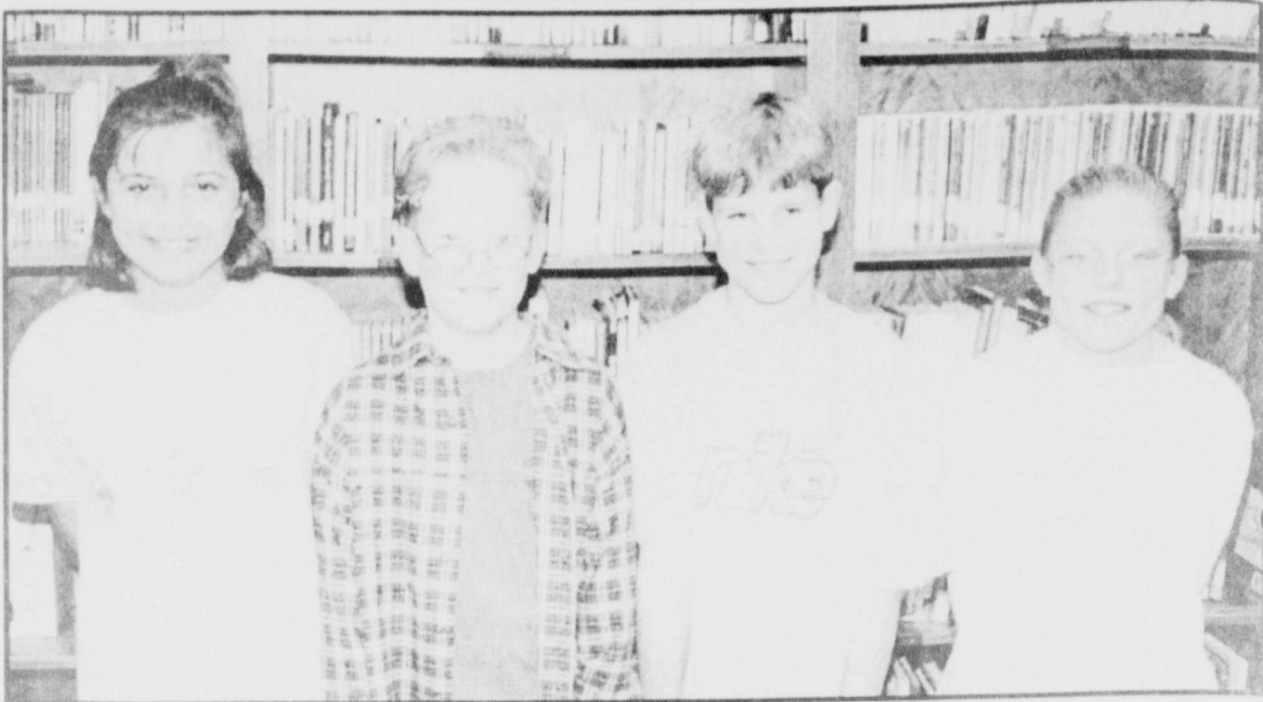
Several members of the Deport

Volunteer Fire Department spent Saturday working on plumbing at the fire station.

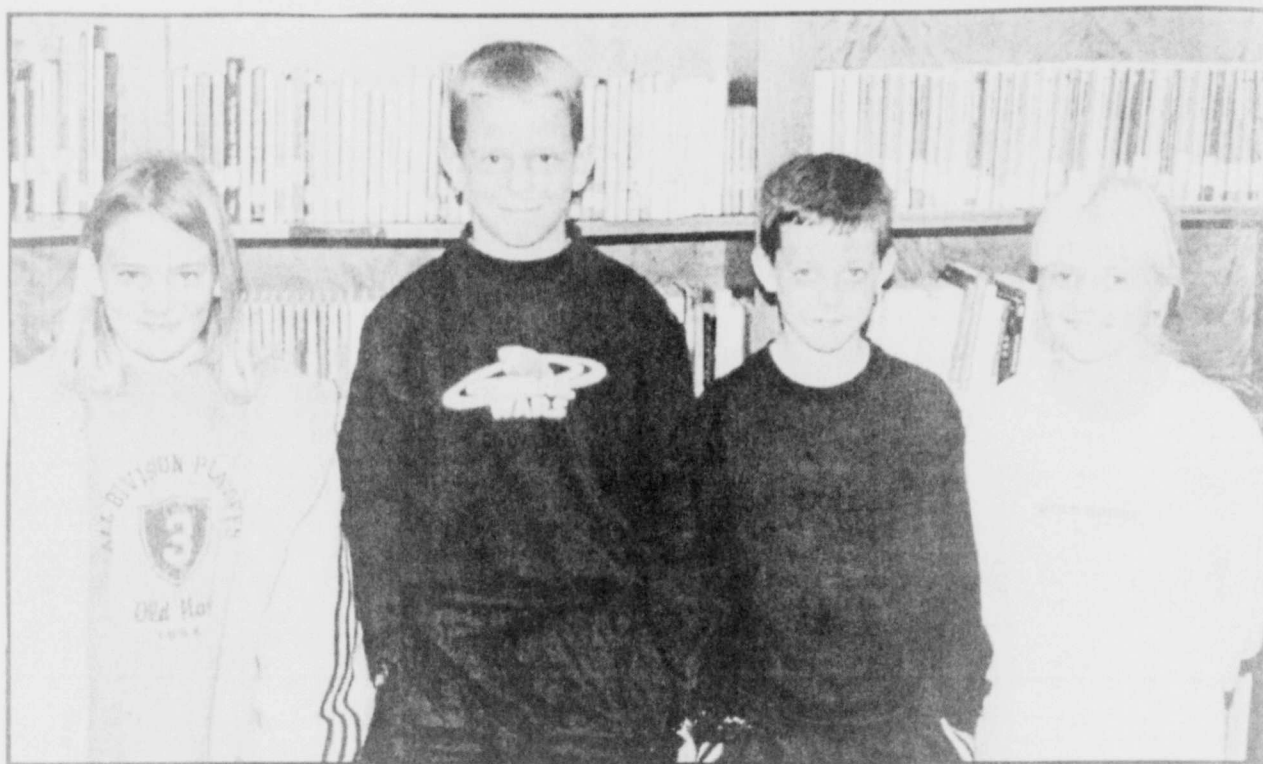
Birthday wishes to Emily Elizabeth Ballard, Loretta Miller, Christie Williams, Debra Malone, Peyton Brooke Chapman, Sam Sparks, Brad Allen, Cameron Penn, Lera Lawler, Marlena Ballard, Frankye Sessums, Marie Kunkel, Mollie Ann Billy, Rusty Barnes, Ethan Ham, Terri Norman, Kristin Flenniken, Benjamin Lutch, Austin Lane Sparks, Alicia James, Amber Dawsons, J.R. Moses, Julia Koegl, Larry Whittle, Patti Paxton, Tiffany Dewitt.

Anniversary wishes to Pauline and Joseph Wesley, Kay and Bob Wright.

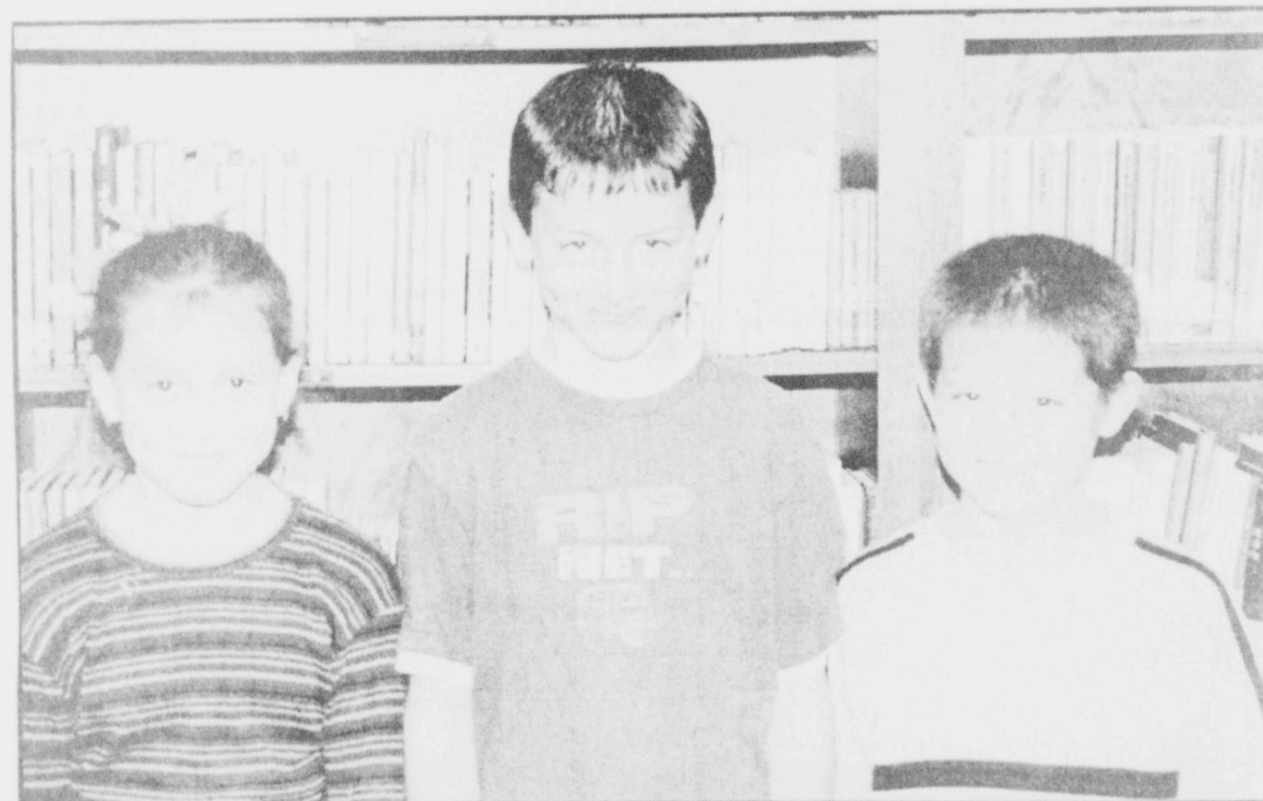
Ruth Heatham honored Ina and Nina Sparks with a birthday luncheon at TaMolly's in Paris Wednesday. Freeman Safford and Virginia Reed of Paris and Peggy Parsons also attended.



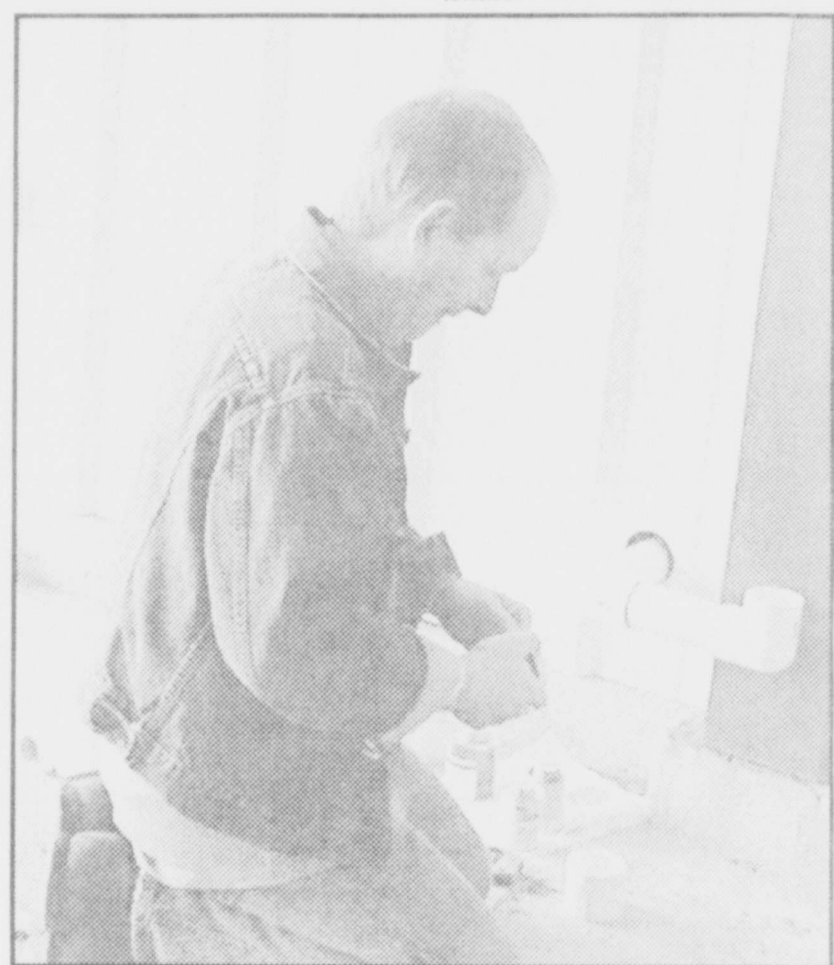
DEPORT CLASS Favorites for 5th grade-Trista Harper and Blake Stogsdill-Mrs. Moss, Josh Helms and Leah Cathey-Mrs. Schuelke. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT 3rd grade class favorites-Lindsey Cooper and Derek Tesch-Mrs. Novia, Layton Norwood and Jenna Patterson-Mrs. Boren. (Staff Phot by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT 4th grade class favorites-Lisa Barnes and Landon Syrs-Mrs. Allen, Hunter Burris and Susan Anderson (not pictured)-Mrs. Ford. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



FIREMAN PLUMBER-Mike Francis, and other members of the Deport Volunteer Fire Department worked on plumbing for the new addition to the Deport Fire station last Saturday. When completed the station will have an overhead filling system for the firetrucks. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



The organ is actually considered a wind instrument, since the sounds it makes are produced by a mechanically or electrically controlled air supply passing across a pipe or set of pipes.

UMW meets at church

The regular meeting of the United Methodist Women was held Monday night in the fellowship hall of the church in Deport.

President Juanita Sparks opened the meeting with a devotional and responsive reading of the Purpose of UMW.

Martha Glover introduced Mary Sawyer, who presented the program taken from the Daughters of the American Revolution publication entitled "Ardent Military Chaplain Fitzhugh McKay of Revolutionary Virginia". It was a very interesting contrast between Revolutionary times and today.

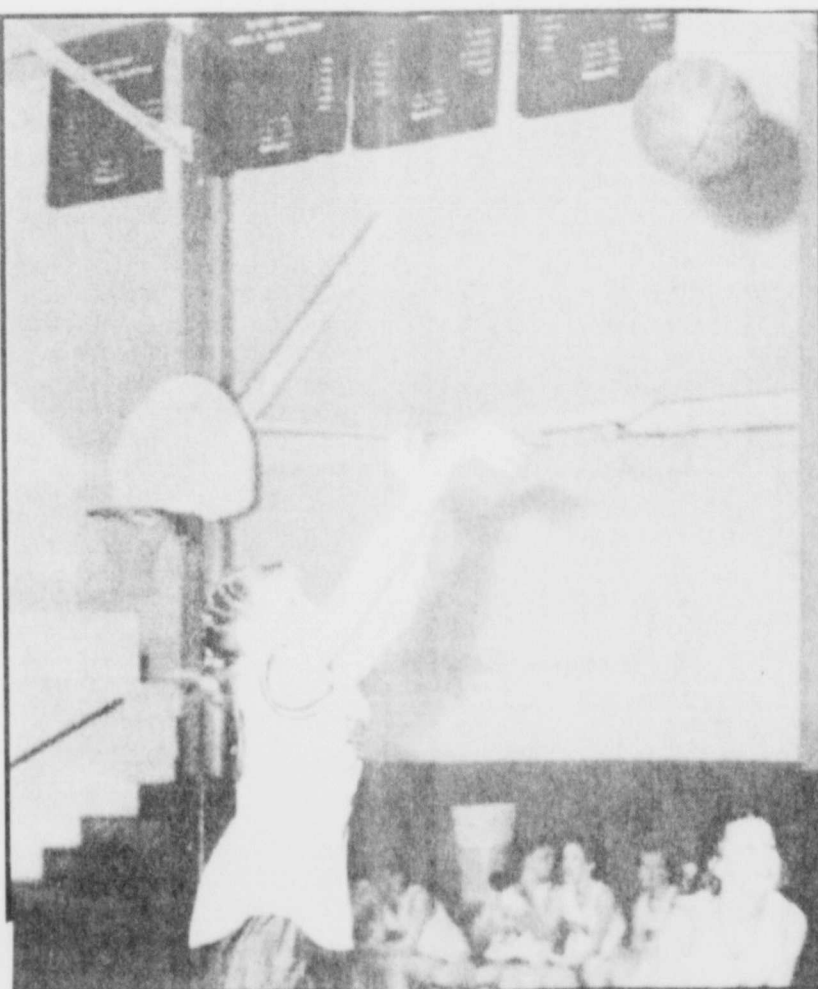
Juanita Sparks served Valentine motif refreshments to 14 members and guest, Carole Fellows.

The next meeting will be February 17 at the home of Juavane Carpenter. Melba Ladd will have the program.

Seniors hold luncheon

The Adult Seniors of Deport First Methodist Church met Tuesday, February 8 for a covered dish luncheon. There were 23 attending.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the old fellowship hall at the church.



SHOOT!-Prairiland Patriot Johnna Patterson shoots for two points against the Saltillo girls in recent basketball action. The Deport Junior High Girls destroyed the Saltillo team 45-12. (Staff Photo by Larry Salter)

People spend a great deal of their time preparing for things. We save money in order to buy a house, start planning and shopping for Christmas presents sometime a year in advance, we plan ahead so that we will be financially able to do things so we can better afford them. But more often than not we never think about planning for our funerals until we are faced with death, and sometimes it catches us unprepared. To save your family the financial stress of paying for your final expenses, start preparing today. A prearrangement guarantees that your expenses are taken care of, that your family will have one less responsibility at the time of your death and that your funeral service can be handled according to your wishes. The James Wood Family will be happy to answer any questions that you might have so start preparing today.

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