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By Nanalee Nichols
It Has Gone Way Too Far!

I think it has gone too far. I can accept computers "talking" to me by printing messages out on the screen, although I admit there are times it is irritating.

I have learned, since Christmas, to deal with my iMac talking to me, literally.

It was okay when it said "alert, your remote access has unexpectedly shut down".

I don't like it when any computer "crashes" and has to be restarted because as it restarts it will say, either in print or vocally "your machine was not shut down properly. To shut down you should close all programs and go to the pull down menu for "shut down". I KNOW it wasn't shut down properly, that's because the blankety blank machine had a power interruption or did something weird on its own. I didn't do it, the machine did! (What's frightening is that I find myself saying exactly that to a machine).

But the iMac has gone too far entirely.

We purchased a PC card reader (that's another long story) for the iMac and discovered that the CD rom was not in the package. There was only a small, mini-CD. We called the company that made the PC card reader and they admitted that their packaging division had messed up. Each card reader was to have come with a full sized CD and the small one. They are shipping one. In the meantime, we were told we could download the software off of Simpletech's web site.

Well, we tried that. We downloaded for about fifteen minutes, different messages scrolling on the screen, little bars busily showing activity.

But, at the close is when my computer went too far.

It crossed the boundary. I can accept that the machine is smarter than I am. But I'll be darned if the thing is going to make excuses for itself!

After the installation the iMac announced in a soft, but firm voice, "It's NOT my fault. Installation was not successful. Portions of the necessary drivers were not available from the internet. It's NOT my fault!"

I am just not ready for a machine to make excuses. That's a HUMAN prerogative!

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Future Farmers of America to celebrate FFA Week

Area chapters of the Future Farmers of America will begin celebrating FFA Week on Monday, February 21 with various activities planned for the week, both in the school and their communities.

The original idea for the organization was fostered after courses in vocational agriculture were established by the Smith-Hughes National Vocational Education Act in 1917.

In the early 1920's, Virginia formed a Future Farmers club for boys in agriculture classes. This innovation caught fire across the country and the national organization was established in 1928 at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. National dues to the Future Farmers of America were set at ten cents per member.

FFA makes positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education, which is the main goal of the organization.

For more than seventy-one years, the FFA has continued to be an integral part of agriculture instruction by making classroom lessons come to life through realistic applications.

From its beginnings in 1928, with thirty-three delegates at the first national convention, it has grown to encompass 447,880 members in all fifty states, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and Rota (Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands).

The National FFA Organizational headquarters is located in Alexandria, Virginia which houses the National Council of Agricultural Education, National Association of Agricultural Educators, Dr. Larry Case, CEO and C. Coleman Harris, Executive Secretary. The National Council of Agricultural Education provides leadership, coordination and support for the continuous improvement and diversity of agriculture education.

The National FFA Center is located in Indianapolis, Indiana and the Center houses the National FFA Organization, National FFA Alumni and National FFA Foundation.

The mission of Agricultural Education is to prepare and support the individuals for careers, build awareness and develop leadership for the food, fiber and natural resource systems. To accomplish this mission the FFA develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership and increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being. It also strengthens the confi-

dence of agriculture students in themselves and their work along with promoting the intelligent choices and establishment of an agricultural career. The program also encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs as well as encouraging wise management of economic, environmental and human relations and social interaction. FFA builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism while promoting cooperative attitudes among all people. While promoting healthy life-styles it also encourages excellence in scholarship.

The Prairiland Chapter of the FFA organization boast the largest membership in the county and stays active throughout the year with various activities.

June began the year with a leadership lab which all officers and sponsors attend to familiarize themselves with their upcoming duties for the year and to also take this time to plan out the years activities.

July saw the officers and sponsors packing their bags and heading to Ft. Worth for the FFA convention where Stoney Musgrove and Amber Norwood, talent team members, performed before a packed house of FFA members throughout the state of Texas.

August saw the beginning of school and several county fairs where the exhibitors showed their animals and brought home an array of ribbons and trophies. Goats, lambs and hiefters were shown at the Red Rive County Fair by several members.

September weather turned cooler and members attended several more fairs and livestock shows. Among these were Clarksville, 4-States in Texarkana and The State Fair of Texas in Dallas. Members exhibited seine, goats, lambs and hiefters. The group also raised funds for the year by selling sausage, bacon and fajita meat.

In October the National Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky with several officers and sponsors attending and several members exhibited at the Winnsboro Livestock Show.

November saw the leadership contest begin in both district and area competition. The Skills Team qualified for state with several other teams participating at North Texas Community College in Mt. Pleasant. Fruit sales also began along with another round of sausage, bacon, fajita and hams and turkeys to be delivered for

the holidays.

In December, the State Leadership contest was held with Brad Barrentine, Casey Upchurch and Bryan Hatanville participating. Several members carried hiefters to the livestock show in Mt. Pleasant. Officers rode in the Deport Christmas Parade and distributed fruit to the crowd. Several baskets were made up for distribution to the needy and elderly during the holidays.

January saw the Greenhand Camp being held at the Van Ranch in Sky, Texas. Several members exhibited steers, heifers and lambs in McKinney. Ft. Worth was also on the agenda for several members as well as Jeremiah Jones and Larry Smith catching calves at the scramble show there. The district convention was held in Mt. Vernon with FFA President Renee Moreland running for area office. Once again, Talent Team members Stoney Musgrove and Amber Norwood brought down the house with their singing ability and brought home the district title and enabled them to participate in the area contest.

In February, The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo commenced with several preparing for the broiler show and also showing hiefters. Smith and Jones again caught calves at the San Antonio scramble show as well as exhibiting their hiefters. Heather Anthony presided at the area meeting as Stoney and Amber walked away with the area talent team competition.

Upcoming in March will be several area shows as well as the land judging contest and livestock judging contests.

In April will be the culmination of a year's work for most of the members as they participate in the Lamar County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale on April 26-28. Preceding that on April 1 will be the Prairiland Project Show, Pig, Wrestling, Stew Supper and Auction. On April 15 will be the North Lamar Livestock Show.

May will have members doing degree checks, electing officers for 2000-2001 and planning a carrying out their annual Banquet with officer installation.

This group of youngsters and their sponsors work very hard throughout the year and are to be commended for their efforts.

After all, agriculture does make America work!

Editor's Quotes

The Best portion of a good man's life, His little nameless and unremembered acts of kindness and love

Filing for upcoming election will open February 21

The City of Deport will hold an election on May 6 to elect a mayor and two councilpersons.

Anyone interested in filing for candidacy must file at Deport City Hall at 201 Main Street between Febru-

ary 21 and March 22, 2000. Hours for filing are 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Applications must be on file with City Secretary, Sharon Francis.

You don't think they know what they are doing?

Do you take the volunteer fire department for granted? Do you actually poke a little fun at them, thinking they do what they do because it is fun, or that they are "glory hounds". Do you think that they don't have enough skill to do what they do? Do you think they are constantly asking for money for things they don't need?

If so, please reconsider. Since First Responder calls now make up more than 50% of their calls, lets start there.

Consider the case of local restaurant owner, Duane Benson. Ask him these days if the First Responders of the Deport VFD are undertrained and don't know what to do? When Duane walked into City Drug Store on the Thursday that the roads were virtually impassable he was suffering from "indigestion" one of the classic symptoms of a heart attack victim.

Duane, only 52, soon began to have severe chest pains. 911 was called and the First Responders were dispatched. The ambulance out of Paris was delayed because of severe road conditions. In fact, at one time they had to come to a complete halt because of a car crossways in the middle of the road. In the meantime, Duane's condition was going steadily down hill.

First responders were faced with the fact that the power was out, the doors on the fire station were frozen shut, and they had to quickly break a door free to get their truck out. (while this was going on, crucial equipment was hand-carried to the scene).

All the steps were followed, but Duane died anyway. That's right, died. And it was then that the donations given for the AED (defibrillator) machine became priceless. The machine was used to analyze the heart's condition, electric shock was applied, CPR administered and Duane Benson became a living person once more!

In Paris he had a heart stimp put in, and within a few hours this man, who had been dead, was talking with his family. He is now home and doing well. Doctors told his family that with

the type of heart attack he had, less than 1% of victims ever make to the hospital in time!

Ask the Bensons if they think the money for the AED machine was well spent.

For that matter, ask the families of those people whom the First Responders couldn't help how they feel. The mere fact of having caring, concerned people to do everything that can be done until an ambulance arrives is a great comfort to them.

Ask the people in car accidents how good it feels to be wrapped in a warm blanket, talked to, comforted if they are not seriously injured. Ask those who are injured how confident they feel in the measures taken before "professional" help arrives.

Ask them how it feels to have a First Responder make sure their wallet or purse is kept safe and transported with them or given to a family member for safe keeping.

Ask a family how they feel when their house has been saved, or the firemen have carried their precious photos or furniture out to keep it safe while they fought the blaze.

In fact, ask the two families who live only a bare few feet from the house that burned on Pecan Street only a few weeks ago how they feel about the firefighter's skills. Since their mini-blinds of these people's homes were literally melting inside their houses when the department arrived, it took a lot of work and skill to knock down the fire and save the two homes. They don't seem to feel there was any lack of skill among these volunteers who rolled out of their warm beds on a bitter night.

Please reconsider if you don't appreciate their skills and dedication. Please remember, when you have a chance to donate to the Deport volunteer fire department, you, or your loved ones may be in need of their services next.

Recall the words of one of the First Responders who saved Duane Benson's life. "I saw his cute little grandson yesterday. It really felt good to know he still had a granddad".

Tomorrow's Leaders Begin Today!



PRAIRILAND FFA members do a lot of community involvement activities throughout the year. They are pictured here visiting residents of the Paris Oake Retreat Center on February 3. Left to right is Bailee Ballard, Amanda Hyde, Mitch Whitaker, Ashley Doyle and Candice Whitaker. (Staff Photo)

Boren seeking re-election to Pct. One Constable Position

Randy Boren, a Certified Peace Officer with the state of Texas is seeking re-election as Lamar County Constable of Precinct One. He is currently serving his third term as Constable.

In 1988, when Boren first ran for Constable, he ran on a platform promising that he would make a change in Precinct One by cutting crime. When he was elected and took office in 1989, Precinct One had a very high crime rate. Since that time, Boren feels that as a result of working many long, hard, dedicated hours, he has made an impact on the crime rate and made Precinct One a safer place for people to live.

Boren feels that he has a good working relationship with the residents of his precinct. He has made many close, personal friendships with the people in his precinct over the years as constable. He states that it makes him feel good when he goes to the area schools and the children call him by name and come up and shake his hand or hug his neck.

Boren says that he feels like God has made a big change in his life, and God has really blessed him and his family. Boren serves as the youth director at the First Baptist Church in Deport where he and his family are members. He also teaches a Sunday School Class for high school students.

Boren states that he has never worried about politics in any of his political races because he feels that the outcome of the race is God's will, and he leaves it in God's hands.

Boren loves his job as Constable. He loves meeting people and getting to know them. He served as a Sheriff's Reserve for Lamar County for seven years and as a Lamar County Sheriff's Deputy prior to taking office as constable. Boren has been constable for Precinct One for eleven years.

Boren resides in Pattonville with his wife, Kristi, and elementary school teacher at Deport School and his two children, Drew and Leah, who attend Deport Junior High.

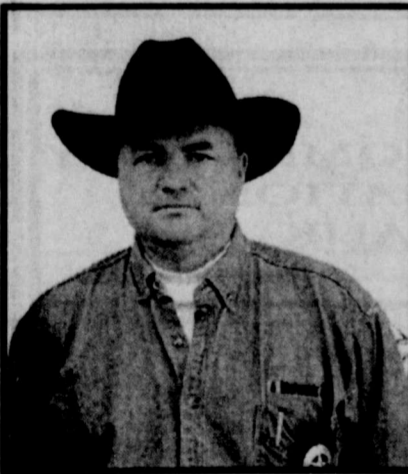
Stew, chili, auction event to raise funds for Deport VFD

The biggest fund-raiser of the year for the Deport Volunteer Fire Department is coming up. The event will be held March 4th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Deport School Cafeteria.

There will be chicken stew, beef stew, chili, cornbread, crackers, deserts, tea and coffee all for the one low price of \$5 per adult and \$2.50

for children under twelve. As an added bonus to families, children under the age of 6 may eat free.

The meal will be followed by an auction with items ranging from artwork to farm items and everything in between. It's an event you don't want to miss. The fire department and the auxiliary will be holding the event.



Pct. 1 Commissioner Randy Boren, seeking re-election



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Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Our cook for this week is Doris Jenkins of the Faight Community. Doris and I have never been formally introduced, but I feel like I know quite well. She and I share a common bond... we both collect recipes and cookbooks. She called me one day and requested some recipes from the holidays and we began to visit and I have talked to her several times over the phone.

I asked her to be a cook one week and she sent me some delicious recipes. Although she is a diabetic, all of her recipes are not for diabetics, because her husband enjoys "regular" food. But she does convert some of them to fit her life-style.

She and her husband David moved to the Faight area about five years ago, coming from the Detroit area. They have a daughter, Barbara Hoskins and Dwight from Detroit. They have a grown son. Son, Kevin is a policeman and he is married to

Kay and they have two small daughters. and have 2 sons.

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

Marshmallow Graham Dessert-skim milk may be substituted.

Bacon Breadsticks-these would make great snacks with pizza sauce!

Cream Cheese Salad-this would be great with a meal or just by itself!

Brunch Enchiladas-one enchilada prepared with low-fat ham, fat-free tortillas, reduced-fat cream cheese, skim milk and egg substitute, equals 236 calories, 79 mg. of sodium, 18 mg. cholesterol, 28 mg. carbohydrates, 20mg protein, 4 grams fat with diabetic exchange 2 starch and 2 lean meat.

Vanilla Custard Cups-diabetic exchange is 1/2 skim milk and 1/2 lean meat.

Simple Spanish Rice-diabetic exchange is 3 starch and 1-1/2 fat.

Red River County Roots



This week's query is from John W. Cary, 413 East 2nd Street, Grandview, WA 98930. He would like to know more about his ancestor, William E. Wheat, who was born in Red River County in July, 1846. He died in Brownsville County, Idaho in March 1925. He married Wall Wells and two children were Jess Giles Wheat (born 1885 in Idaho) and Myrtle Wheat Cary (born 1889 Lexington, KY). Mr. Gary is interested in contacting anyone who may know anything about this Wheat family, such as burial places, states and counties of origin, etc.

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

Have A Nice Weekend



Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Jimmie King attended a 42 party in the home of Ethel Epps of Bogata on Tuesday.

Nelda and Donal Lee Haire of Daingefield visited Marla and Preston Crump as well as Fannie and Leon Lamb of Deport.

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno, Duane and Bobby King of Woodland spent Wednesday with Jimmie King.

Monte and Shelly Rodgers of Tigertown and Melissa Arriaga of Deport visited Sunday evening with their mother, Betty Rodgers.

Dick King of Paris visited Jimmie King Friday. They had lunch at Ted's in Clarksville and the ASCS office on business.

The trailer home of Mary Smith was damaged by fire during the bad weather we had. The family is now living in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King of Reno came Monday afternoon and got Jimmie King and they met Duane and Bobby King at the Fish Fry for Valentine dinner.

Loyd Cavender is still in rehab in a Dallas hospital.

National Wild Turkey Chapter to hold Banquet

The National Wild Turkey Federation Pioneer Chapter of NE Texas Red River County will hold their 2nd annual Banquet and Auction on Saturday, March 4th at the Clarksville High School Auditorium.

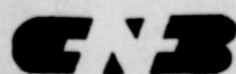
Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. with a BBQ meal. Lots of door prizes will be given away and there will be a kids and ladies raffle. Call Lee Lindeman at 427-2244 or Tom Ed Slaton, 427-2005, Jimmy Meals at 427-5280 or Jason Browning at 966-2905 for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$35 for a single or \$45 for double.

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Mary Rose Jackson dies

Services for Mary Rose Jackson, a resident of Grand Prairie, Texas were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 8, 2000 in Grand Prairie, Texas with Dan Vess officiating. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery, Powderly, Texas.

Mrs. Jackson was born March 19, 1916 in Baghdad, PN, to Tomas and Rose Perpich. She was a member of the Grand Prairie Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Bob Jackson of Grand Prairie, Tx., two sons, Robert of Grand Prairie, Tx. and James of Marshall, Tx., one daughter, Pat Brashear of Dennison, Tx., four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and a sister-in-law, Mildred Allums of Bogata.

Shannon Barker dies February 11

Shannon Barker, age 47, of Rowlett, passed away Friday, February 11, 2000. She was born January 25, 1953 in Brownwood, Texas to Charles and Jenny Tidwell. Mrs. Barker was employed by Rockwell Collins as a Lead Quality Inspector and was a member of Lake Pointe Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, John Barker of Rowlett; father, Charles F. Tidwell and wife Cora of Bogata, sisters; Lenore Haynes of Garland, Hollis Sue Croft and husband Ritchie of Rowlett and Dana Carlisle of Rockwall and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Jenny Tidwell.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 14, 2000 at Rest Haven Funeral Home Rowlett Chapel with Rev. Jessie Jones officiating. Interment followed at Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Eunice Brown dies January 28

Eunice Brown, 78 of Lubbock died Friday, January 28, 2000 at her home. Funeral services were held in Lubbock on January 31, 2000 with burial in Lubbock.

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

He is survived by his wife of 49 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, a number of nieces and nephews.

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

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

Card of Thanks

The family of Mae Maynard Slaughter wishes to thank each of our friends and neighbors who brought food and sent flowers.

Also, we want to thank ETMC and Dr. Ganguly for making our mother's last days as comfortable as possible.

Especially we want to thank everyone at Red River Haven for being so nice and putting up with such a large family the last day. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts and God bless each of you.

Sincerely,
The Family of
Mae Maynard Slaughter

Obituaries

Zuma Alsobrook Ham dies February 6

Zuma Alsobrook Ham, age 104, died Sunday, February 6 in Midland.

Services were held on February 10 at 2:00 p.m. in Rollins Funeral Home Chapel in Bentonville, AR, conducted by Walton Hook. Arrangements were by Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. Concluding services were held in Bentonville County Memorial Park.

She was born Saturday, May 4, 1895.

Surviving is a son-in-law, Troy Compton of Midland and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by all her brothers, Walter, Jess, Barney, Doug, Jack, Wayne and Polk Alsobrook.

Attending the funeral from this area were her nieces, Patsy Norrell of Deport, Mary Ann Williams of Bogata and Pansy Vaughan and her husband, Harley Vaughan of Richardson.

Opal M. Huff dies January 7

Opal M. Huff died January 7. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 11 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Dallas with Fr. Cliff Garner and Deacon John Shell officiating. Burial was made in Restland Cemetery, Dallas.

She was born August 29, 1921 in Manchester, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Davis, formerly of Detroit. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph John Huff, whom she married November 26, 1941.

Surviving are two sons, John W. Huff of Garland, Billy J. Huff of Dallas; one granddaughter, Mary Margaret Huff of Dallas; three grandsons, Joseph Patrick Huff of Dallas, John Daniel Huff of Garland and John Wesley Huff of Dallas; two sisters, Beda Unruh of Garland and Irene Thredgill of Paris; two brothers, Jody Davis of Garfield, KS and Charles W. Davis of Garland.

She was a retired nurse with St. Paul Hospital of Dallas. She was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church of Dallas.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank members of the Cuthand and Bogata Volunteer Fire Departments for their quick response and hard work Sunday night when Michael's house was destroyed by fire.

Thanks also to the friends and neighbors who gathered to offer help. We would have liked to thank each of you personally.

Michael Tqabb
Dan and Vicki Tabb
And Family

Emmitt Ray Pratt dies February 14

Emmitt Ray Pratt, age 68 of Detroit, died Monday, February 4 at his home.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 16 in the chapel of Fry & Gibbs Funeral Home with Rev. Calvin Minter officiating. Burial was in Bluff Cemetery in Red River County. Fry & Gibbs Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Pratt was born October 2, 1931 in Red River County to Emmitt and Gladys Williams Pratt. He graduated from Detroit High School in 1950 and served in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Pratt was a retired truck driver and member of the Methodist Church. He married Dell Marie Whitten Berryhill on April 2, 1998 in Hugo, OK.

Mr. Pratt is survived by his wife, Dell M. Pratt of Detroit; four step-children, Nita Berryhill of Detroit, Dianne Moore and Norma Parker, both of Bagwell and Wayne Berryhill of Haworth, OK; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Dixie Chism and husband Harrell of Irving, Modie Johnson of Detroit and Sallie Dale and husband, Bubba of Garland; one brother, Morris Pratt and wife, Merle of Detroit; a special cousin, Nellie Ruth Pratt Abney of Arlington; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Barbara Bridges; and a niece, Lisa Brown.

Serving as pallbearers were Paul Kent Lewis, Johnny Maynard, Ted Dale, John Mack Johnson, Pete Pearce and James Miller. Honorary bearers were James Dean, Pat Potter, Pat Williams, Floyd Maynard and Billy Edwards.

Florence I. Haskins dies February 8

Services for Florence I. Haskins, age 91 of Midland were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 11 in McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Midland. Officiating was Rev. Neal Hollis of Midland. Burial followed in Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Florence died Tuesday, February 8 in Trinity Haven Healthcare Center in Midland. She was born July 7, 1908 in Lamar County. She married Elmer K. "Bud" Haskins on November 23, 1929 in Hugo, OK. Florence was a retired dental assistant. She lived in Hollis, OK for 46 years before moving to Midland in 1991. She attended Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland. Bud Haskins preceded her in death on June 22, 1991.

February 17, 2000
Doris Jenkins-Faught

Marshmallow Graham Dessert

- 1 package large marshmallows
- 2 cups milk
- 1-1/2 teaspoons lemon extract
- 1 can crushed pineapple-drained
- 2 cups whipped cream-shipped
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine-melted

In a heavy saucepan over low heat, melt marshmallows and milk. Remove from the heat. Cool; stirring occasionally. Stir in extract. Fold in pineapple and whipped cream. Combine cracker crumbs and butter. Press 1-1/2 cups into a greased 13 x 9 inch pan. Spread with the pineapple mixture. Sprinkle with the remaining crumb mixture. Refrigerate for 2-3 hours before serving. Yields 12-16 servings.

Bacon Breadsticks

- 6 bacon strips-halved lengthwise
- 12 crisp breadsticks-about 5 inches long

Wrap a piece of bacon around each breadstick. Place on a rack in an ungreased 15x10x 1-inch baking pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until bacon is crisp. Yield 1 dozen.

Cream Cheese Salad

- 1 package miniature marshmallows
- 1 package cream cheese-8 ounces
- 1/2 pint whipping cream-whipped
- 20 ounce can pineapple chunks
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 jar maraschino cherries-6 ounces

Whip cream and turn into large bowl. Whip cream cheese with juice from pineapple. Add to whipping cream. Add marshmallows, nuts, pineapple and cherries. Mix and serve.

Brunch Enchiladas

- 2 cups cubed ham-fully cooked
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 10 flour tortillas
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese-divide
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 2 cups half & half cream or milk
- 6 eggs-beaten

Combine ham and onion. Place about 1/3 cup down center of each tortilla. Top with 2 tablespoons cheese. Roll up and place seam-side down in a greased 13x9x2-inch baking dish. In a bowl combine flour, cream, eggs and salt if desired, and beat until smooth. Pour over tortillas. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight. Remove 30 minutes before baking. Cover and bake for 25 minutes at 350 degrees. Uncover and bake for 10 more minutes. Sprinkle with remaining cheese; bake 3 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Yield 10 enchiladas.

Vanilla Custard Cups

- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt-optional
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

In a bowl, beat egg, milk, brown sugar, vanilla and salt until blended. Pour into two ungreased 6 ounce custard cups. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Place cups in a 9-inch square baking pan. Fill pan with hot water to a depth of 1-inch. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Yield 2 servings.

Simple Spanish Rice

- 1/2 cup chopped green peppers
- 1 medium tomato-peeled, seeded & diced
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup uncooked long grain rice
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 teaspoon salt-optional
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

In a saucepan, saute pepper, tomato and onion in oil until tender. Add rice; cook and stir for 2 minutes. Stir in broth and salt and pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and cover and simmer 25 minutes or until rice is tender. Yield 2 servings.

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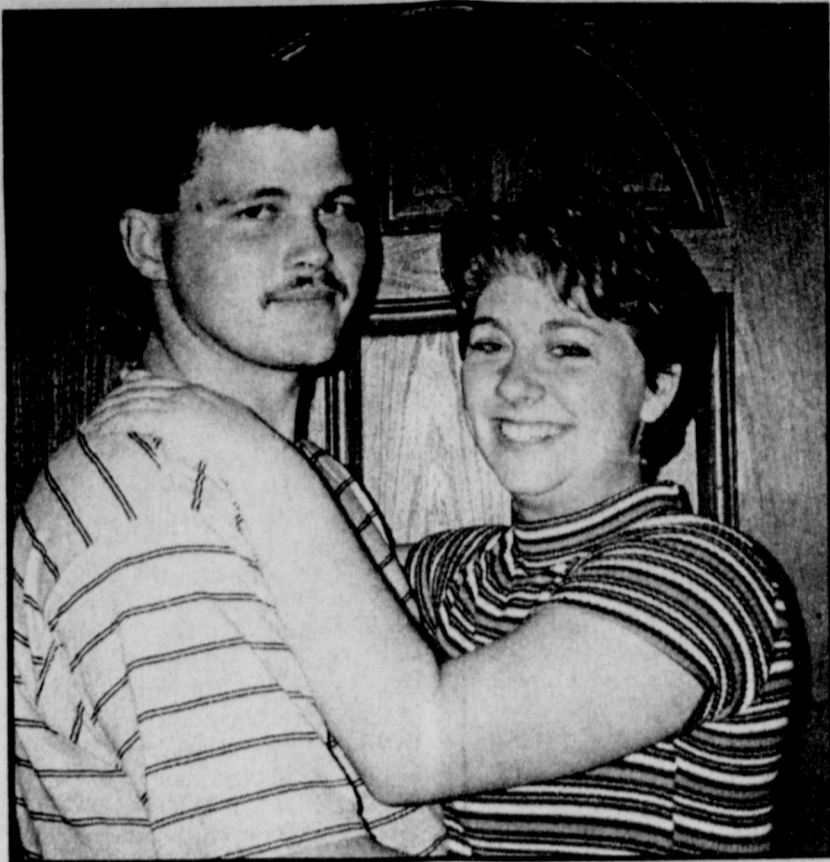
Robert H. (Bob) Allen

*The family of Bob Allen would like to thank all
our many wonderful friends who have been so kind
in remembering us in prayer and with loving words
for this great man. Bob passed away on February
2, 1999 at the age of 70. Throughout this past
year, each of us has heard so many funny stories of
your tales and antics with Bob. Be it fishing by a
pool bank, exchanging stories while delivering
Mooman's Feed, singing in a church choir or sip-
ping morning coffee at his local diner, stories have
poured in detailing ways that lives have been touched through Bob's gener-
osity and insatiable spirit. Bob had one of the funniest, off the wall person-
alities that made him the life of the party. After every church social and
dinner, he always remarked that the meal would have been real good if he
just had a little popcorn to finish it off with. Of course, Bob always knew
how to enjoy a great meal! Bob was a hero to kids of all ages. He probably
couldn't have counted all the men in Lamar County who were once little boys
who had to have their muscles checked by Bob to see if they were a "He-
man" yet. Bob had an unwavering spirit of giving. He tried to help people
find work and opportunity, yet he never boasted about any of his good
deeds. This was rare, considering that Bob was quite a "boaster" about his
own antics and "fish stories".*

*As this first year passes, in some comforting way, we feel that Bob has not
completely left us. Even though we know he is in Heaven enjoying a perfect
association with God without the pain that his body had endured so heart-
breakingly while here on earth, we see and feel a part of his spirit each day
in the friends we see in the remembrances they've shared and in the lives he
touched. Thank you all for loving this man for to us, we feel we have been
given a special gift by God to have been blessed so greatly in being his
family.*

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**Michelle Ann Shelton announce
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LeAnn Shelton to wed Benjamin Decker

Michelle LeAnn Shelton and Benjamin H. Decker will be married on Saturday, March 4, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Detroit. Bro. Danny Robbins will officiate the ceremony.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Shelton, Sr. of Post Oak and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Freelan of Post Oak and Mrs. Eva Mackey of Paris. She is a graduate of Detroit

High School and is employed by Stone Title Company as an escrow assistant in Paris.

Her fiance' is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Decker of Detroit and the grandson of Edward and Ella Nora Holdeman. He is employed by the Circle C Ranch.

No formal invitations will be sent. All friends and family are welcome to attend.

PCT to open spring production

Thursday, February 17 marks the opening of Paris Community Theatre's spring production, *Ah, Wilderness!* by Eugene O'Neill.

The production will run through February 27 with evening performances starting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 17; 8 p.m. performance on February 18-19-25-26; and a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday, February 27.

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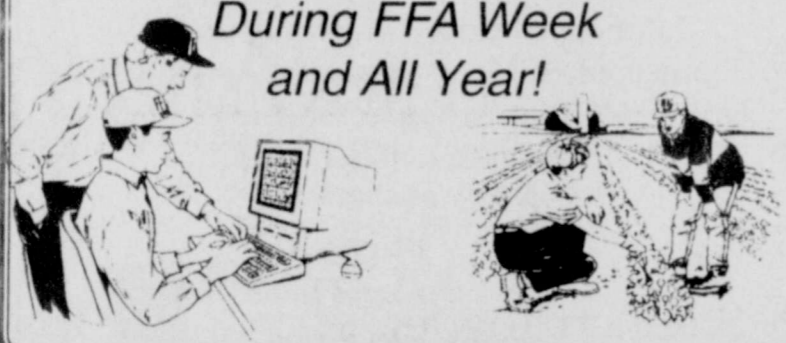
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Cunningham News

By Jane O'Neal

Geneva Norwood, Marie Watson, Dean and Ada Watson, Tommy, Evelyn and Dee Ann Pressley spent the weekend in Edmond, OK with Ira, Mary and Larry Norman. While there Tommy, Evelyn, Dee Ann, Dean and Ada attended the Bullnanza in Guthrie.

Georjeana Nutt met several of her college friends in Lutkin over the weekend to attend a bridal shower of a friend.

On Sunday Neva, Billy Ray and Brandon had lunch for Brad Nutt, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood.

Andrew Bazhaw and Haley Yazell of Gilmer spent the weekend with Billie and Leonard Ford. Joyce Yazell came on Sunday to get Andrew and Haley and they all went to China Star for lunch. Billie and Leonard visited Lillian King on Saturday. Ryan and Marissa Kendall visited Billie and Leonard on Saturday.

L'Wanda McKnight and Sherlene Owens attended an ATTM meeting in Oklahoma on Thursday.

Janice Ingram visited Marie Watson this past week.

Jenna Patterson won first place in her division in the Victorian Dream Pageant held at the Womens Building in Sulphur Springs. She was judged on beauty, sportswear and photogenic. She entertained between the divisions contests.

Lorette Pynes was visited this past week by Buddy and Sue Pynes, Janie and Mike Hawkes and Dean Ogden from Longview. On Sunday Dean and Lorette visited the Cunningham Baptist Church and went out to lunch following.

Andrew Bazhaw of Gilmer spent Saturday night with Lorette Pynes, Johnna and Jenna Patterson, Lacie

Cole and A. J. Syrus participated in the Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot held at Crocket Middle School. Johnna, Jenna and Lacie won second place.

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

Suzie Norwood is recuperating at home following a stay in McCuiston Hospital. Our prayers are with her for a speedy recovery.

Bobby Ray and Shelby Kennedy are proud grandparents of a new granddaughte, Layker Cross was born 7 lb. 6 oz. on Thursday, Feb. 3. Her parents are Heath and Missy Kennedy and big brother is Laytner. Having Sunday lunch with Bobby Ray and Shelby Kennedy were, Heath and Laytner Kennedy and Jeff, Zack, Garrett and Taylor Kennedy.

Cindy and Charles Nichols were in Tyler on Thursday. While there they visited E. G. and Barbara Nichols. They had lunch in Longview.

Visiting Jane O'Neal and having lunch on Sunday were, Karla, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon and Murray Jackson.

Dwayne Drinnon spent Sunday with his dad William and Nina Drinnon of Frogville, OK.

Jay and Missy Ingram are moving into the Lorette Pynes homeplace.

Nelta and Johnny Musgrove had Sunday lunch for Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Zariska Morton, Ray Martin and friend Sherry.

For supper Nelta and Johnny had Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Lynn and Betty Holman from Durant, Alice McPherson of McAlester and G.W. and Mildred Pratt of Paris.

Visiting Lorette Pynes this past week were Dimple and Gay Moore and Etheleen Fowler of Hooks and Nadine Price.

Amber Norwood and Stoney Musgrove representing the Prairiland FFA Chapter won the area Talent Contest. They will proceed to the State Competition this summer in Corpus Christi.

Cemetery donations received

Area cemeteries are in receipt of the following donations from January 18 through February 14.

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Patriots take win over Bulldogs

The Prairiland Patriots took a big win over the Cooper Bulldogs on Friday night, February 11. Lucas Roddy hit 18 for high and Matt Cavender followed with 8 for the night. Pats and other area teams ended their district season on Tuesday, February 15.

Patriots	47
Cooper	35
Brad Barrentine	5
Heath Sessums	6
Kyle Malone	2
Jonathan Martin	2
Lucas Roddy	18
Matt Cavender	8
Cody Boehler	6

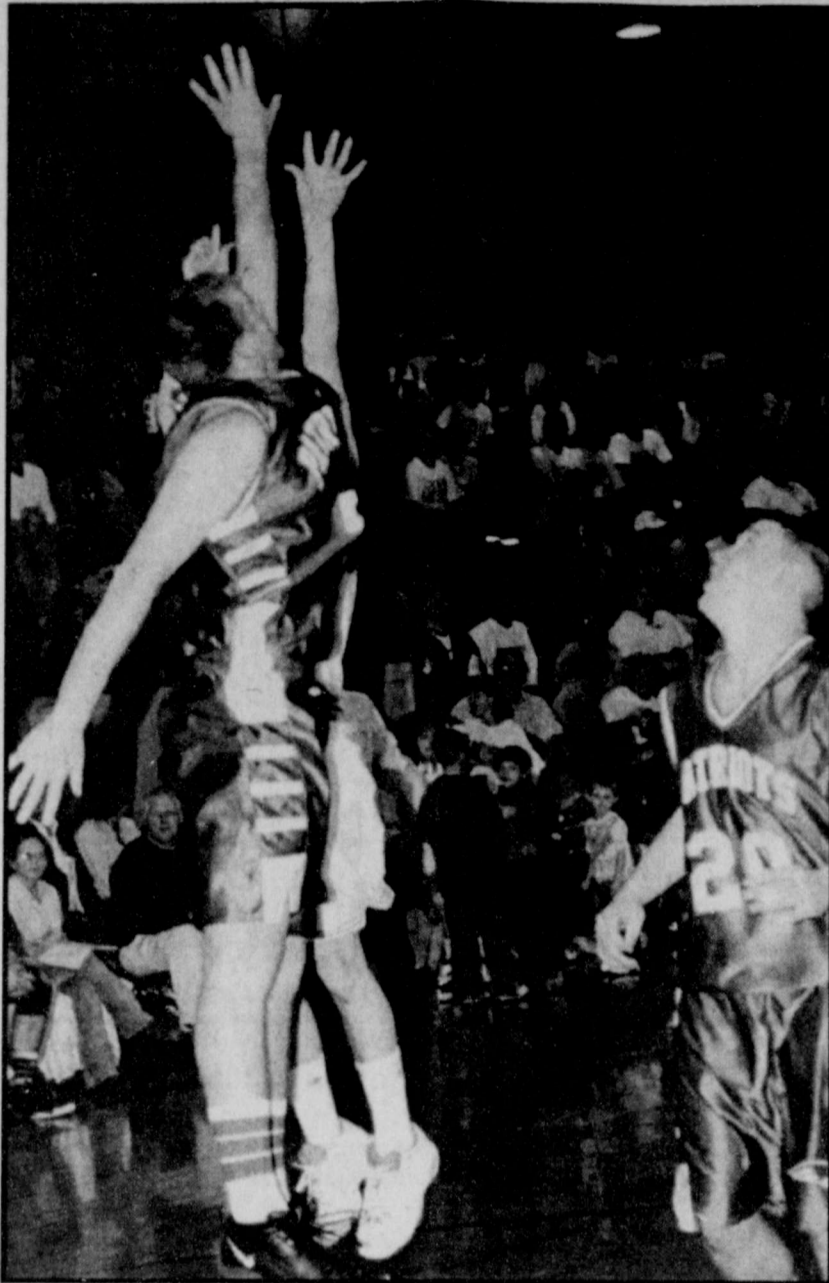
Cap Rock buys Citizens Utilities

Cap Rock Electric, an electric utility headquartered in Midland, announced it has agreed to buy all the electric utility properties of Citizens Utility in the states of Arizona and Vermont. The transactions are expected to close within the next 12 months following regulatory approvals.

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GO AHEAD AND JUMP-Senior Patriot Matt Cavender jumps up to grasp the ball during recent basketball action. Patriots played their final game of the season with Chapel Hill on Tuesday night. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Prairiland Tennis results from Bonham

The following is the results of the tennis match in Bonham on February 10, 2000. The team consists of 30 members on their tennis team this season. Only 22 participated in the match at Bonham. Many of these players are first year members.

Aside from nervousness for the first-time players, regardless of their scores, the team displayed a positive spirit and good sportsmanship.

According to Coach Sharyl Thompson, the next match is scheduled for March 2nd at Clubertson Park in Paris with Mt. Vernon at 4:00 p.m.

Girls Singles-Amber Norwood 8-6; Jennifer McClain 0-8; Raynie

Skidmore 4-8; and Catherine Smith 5-8.

Girls Doubles-Emily Burchial and Jennifer Glasgow 4-8; Meagan Filkins and Jessica Spencer 8-4; Heather Anderson and Brittany Harris 2-8; and Kandace Denison and Amanda Barnes 1-8.

Boys Singles-Matt Moffitt 8-2, 9-8 (7-2 tiebreaker); Casey Johnson 3-8; Harley Skidmore 3-8; and John Huff 1-8.

Boys Doubles-Tom Bramlett and John Merrill 4-8; Josh Benfer and Daid Crossland 0-8; and Josh Williams and Ben Lemmen 0-8.

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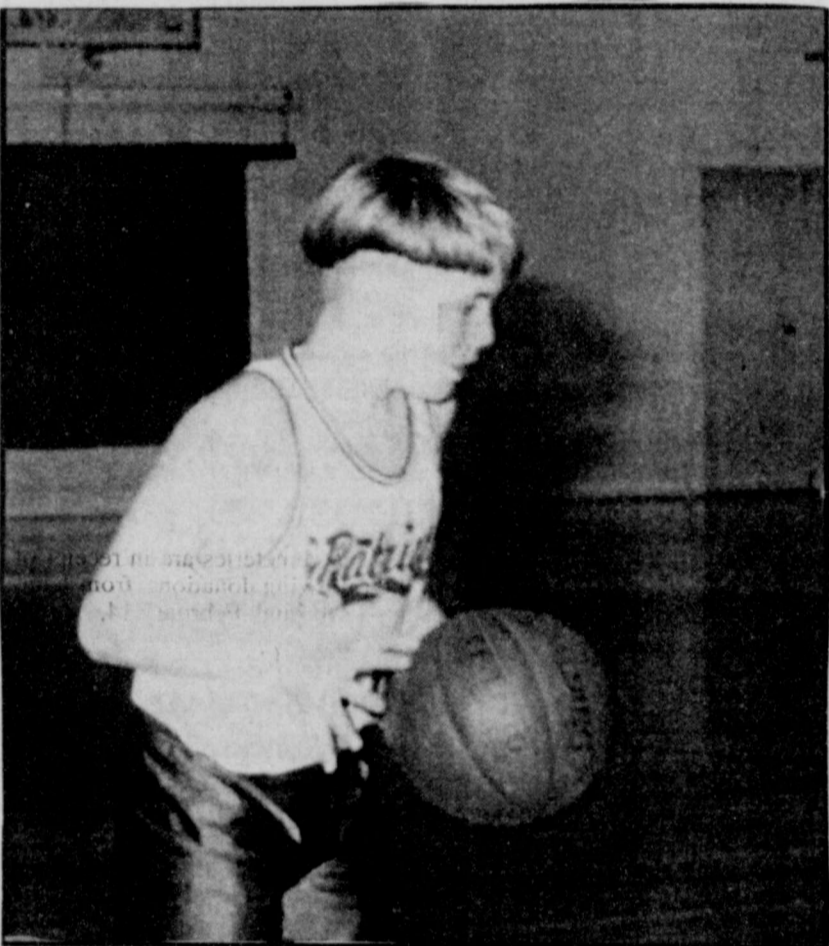
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MATT DICKINSON of the Prairiland Junior High Patriots takes some evasive action against the Saltillo team in junior high action recently. The Deport JH boys defeated Saltillo 29-26. (Staff Photo by Larry Salter)

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5th grade girls 16-4	
Mitchell	2
Graham	4
Swint	2
Urbano	2
Filkins	4

6th grade girls 21-14

Ebarb	5
Murdock	8
Searls	2
Boren	2
Filkins	2
Sugg	2

6th boys 30-31

Wright	6
Ballard	8
Drinnon	10
Norwood	2
Allen	2
Owen	2

5th boys scrimmage 28-10

Watson	2
Spear	10
Syrus	6
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Stolen entertainment center recovered

An entertainment center, valued at \$3,228.90 was stolen the last of August or first week in September of 1999 from Prairie High School Library. It was recovered Monday, February 14 by Pct. 1 Constable Randy

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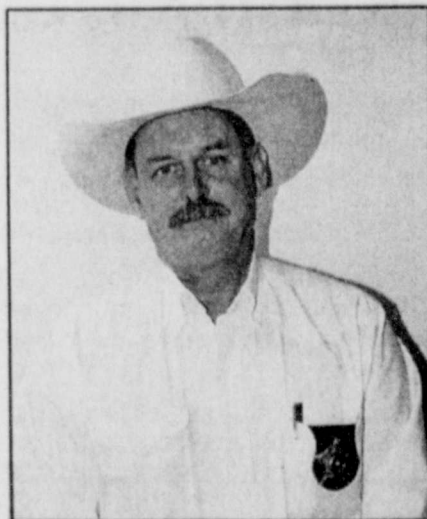
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Pattonville News
 By Peggy Parsons



Happy birthday to Colton Winters, Travis Hunter, Joyce Merritt and Roy Arrasmith, Jr.
 Happy anniversary to Bobby and Sue Salter, Wes and Tiffany Winters.
 Sympathy extended to the family of Flossie Clark Pearce, who died Monday, February 7. She was the aunt of Jerry Nell Stout and Ivy Fendley.
 Sympathy is extended to the family of Harmon Lee Preston, who died in Las Vegas, Nevada on Monday, February 7. He was the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Humphreys of our community. His mother, Audrey Humphreys Preston Gillis, lives in Paris.
 Sympathy is extended to the family of W.C. Newsom, who died Friday in Christus St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris. He was the father of Inez Weaver and husband of Jessie Newsom, who is Ruby Dee Blevins' sister.
 The Pattonville VFD breakfast is this Saturday, February 19 from 7

Deport council hears about grants, cable and trash rate increases

The Deport City Council heard from Ashley Lassiter of Hayter Engineering pertaining to the EPA study to the upcoming \$350,000.00 low interest loan to install new six inch main water lines in Deport Monday night. The new lines will be installed on Gray, Depot, Nobel, Hayes, Kelsey and Milton Minter road. Some fire plugs will be installed where needed.
 The council agreed to award a bid for administration of sewer and water grant to Resource Management of Paris for \$15,000.00.
 The council then addressed a proposed rate increase from Classic Cable. The basic rate will be \$29.96 beginning February of 2,000, plus applicable taxes, plus a .27 ¢ copy-right fee.
 They then discussed the upcoming Homecoming festivities which will be held later this year. A date

will be announced at a later time. The committee will meet on Thursday, February 17th at 2:00 p.m.
 Mayor Charles Foster called for an election for May 6th, 2000. The position of mayor and two council members will be up for election.
 Council members agreed to hire Record Technologies, Inc. to review and classify city records for retention or destruction.
 The council also discussed the Lamar County Water Supply District drought contingency plan. The Green Carpet Memorial Route, and the Sewer Permit for 2000-2001.
 Also on the agenda, B&B Equipment has notified the city of a rate increase effective March 1, 2000. The rate increase for residents will be raised to \$9.89 per month and 414.63 per month for commercial customers.


TNP acquisition is approved

The Public Utility Commission of Texas unanimously voted Thursday to approve the acquisition of TNP Enterprises, Inc. by a private investor group. TNP is the holding company for Texas-New Mexico Power Company. A written final order from the commission is expected shortly.
 All other necessary approvals of TNP's proposed acquisition have been received and all approvals are final, pending any appeals that might be made at the two state commissions. Assuming there are no appeals, the transaction would have all approvals concluded in early March. The parties are targeting late March for the closing date.
 Under the terms of the proposed transaction, an investor group will acquire the holding company, and TNMP will remain a stand alone utility. TNP shareholders will receive \$44 per share in cash when the transaction is completed. The transaction will convert TNP from a publicly held company to a privately held one.
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 The Johnstown Opry will be held February 18 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the old Dodd Store building on Hwy. 271. No formal admission is charged, donations are accepted.
 All pickers and singers are invited to perform. The public is invited to an evening of Bluegrass, Gospel and Country Music.
Cemetery receives donation
 Minter Cemetery has received a recent donation from Carlos and Melba Ladd.

FOOT NOTES



Oh, Those Aging Feet!

For older people, impairment of the lower extremities is a leading cause of activity limitation. Feet problems, many of which are preventable, can lead to pain in the knees, hips and lower back. Many foot ailments stem from years of neglect or abuse, but most can be successfully treated. AS people age, their feet tend to spread and lose the fatty pads that cushion soles. Extra weight can affect bone and ligament structure. Dry skin and brittle nails are also common in older people. The benefits of preventative foot health care are many. It can increase comfort, heighten the chance of earlier diagnosis of systemic conditions like arthritis, diabetes, and circulatory disease; and reduce the risk of infection.
 Listen to your feet. They often have lots of things to tell you, such as giving you clues about the rest of your body's well-being. When your feet tell you there's trouble, as your podiatrist, we will work a team with you, and other health care providers if appropriate, to keep you and your feet healthy and pain free. From aging feet to baby's little toes, we offer foot care for the family at DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC. Please call 784-5585 for an appointment.
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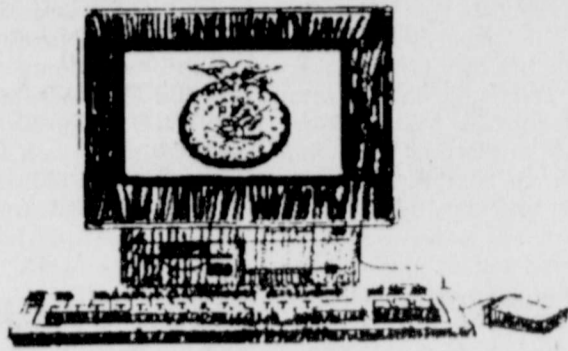
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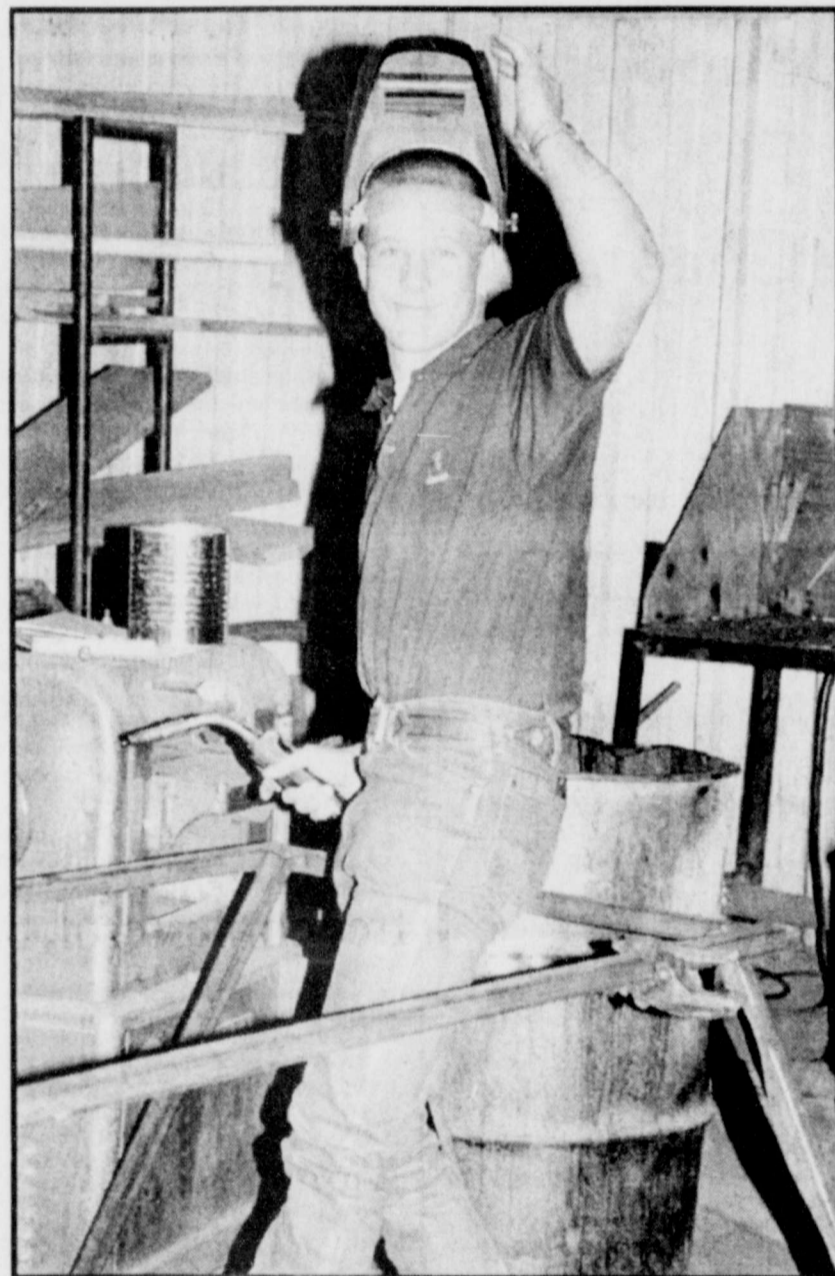
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Burglary	25 years
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Burglary	25 years
Forgery	16 years
Sex Assault/Child	35 years
Murder	37 years
Murder	37 years
Capital Murder	DEATH
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Murder	35 years
Burglary	20 years
Burglary	30 years
Drugs	15 years
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Capital Murder	60 years
Capital Murder	50 years
Organized Crime	50 years
Burglary	18 years
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Drugs	10 years
Drugs	15 years
Drugs	25 years
Attempt Murder	15 years
Attempt Murder	26 years
Attempt Murder	20 years
Burglary	20 years
Sex Assault/Child	23 years
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Sex Assault/Child	15 years
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CHRIS UNRUN, Prairiland FFA member is pictured here as he welds on a feed trough in the ag shop. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Milton News

By Mattie Upchurch

Gary Huddleston and Debbie English of Bogata visited his son and family, Allen, Stacy and Ally Huddleston on Sunday.

Greg Bural of Plano visited Peggy Whitney Sunday.

Ollie Lee of Paris visited his parents, Frank and Edna Lee on Sunday. Stacy Huddleston and daughter Ally visited Mildred Wright of Deport Saturday.

Children and grandchildren of George and Nell Wolf were at their home Sunday and celebrated Stephanie Wolf's birthday.

Jeannie Lane and Edna Talley attended the Statler Brothers concert in Sulphur Springs Friday night.

Tim Salter of Paris had dinner with his mother, Velma and John Temple on Tuesday.

Billie Goheen of Arlington spent the weekend with her mother, Matty Upchurch.

Donny and Laura Wright visited Allen, Stacy and Ally Huddleston Thursday night.

Presbyterian

women meet

This Presbyterian women met Monday night, February 14 in the Glover Community Room with Eulene Nicholas as hostess.

The meeting was opened with prayer. Reba Temple read a devotional by Hope McDonald, "God's Active Presence," taken from Psalms 139.

Clara Stalls gave the Least Coin Devotion, "Jesus Liberates Women", a voice from Egypt. The coins were collected and dedicated with prayer.

Frances Franklin directed the fifth lesson in the study of Psalms, "Lift Yourself Against the Fury of My Enemies."

The meeting was closed with a prayer from the lesson.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.



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2000 PRAIRILAND FFA Officers-Pictured left to right is sponsor Frankie Norwood, Brad Hunt, Heather Anthony, Ashley Doyle, Amber Norwood, Jemilyn McKee and Renea Moreland. (Staff Photo)

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The United States Navy Cruiser Sailors Association is seeking new members to welcome aboard. Membership is open to all ship's company, Marine detachment, Aviation division, flag personnel, Midshipmen and Widows of deceased members that served or are serving aboard cruisers. Associate memberships are available to past and present Navy men and women, reservists, Marines, widows of cruiser sailors, allied Navies and interested individuals. U.S.N.C.S.A. will accept donations of all types of Naval memberabilia such as documents, ship's logs, books, cruiser photographs, ship artifacts and models for display on the U.S.S. Salem (CA-139) located in Quincy, MA. For more information contact: Ronald J. Maciejowski (U.S.S. Worcester CL-144) 55 Donna Terrace, Taunton, MA, 02780. The United States Navy Cruiser Sailors Association is a non-profit, tax exempt organization.

Bonner receives alumni recognition

Word has been received from Jerry C. Hudson, Ph.D., Director and Professor of Texas Tech University, that Miller Bonner, grandson of Mrs. W.O. Bonner, formerly of Blossom and the late W.O. Bonner has been chosen as one of the four Texas Tech University alumni to be recognized as an Outstanding Alumni of the School of Mass Communications. Mr. Bonner will be publicly recognized at a homecoming breakfast specifically for this purpose. The breakfast is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on October 14, 2000. Family members and friends and relatives are also invited to attend with him. Mr. Bonner attended school at Blossom for eight years.

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Christus St. Joseph's Health System will offer free blood pressure and cholesterol tests in February in observance of Heart Month. The free tests will be offered from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 8 in the main lobby. Those planning to take the cholesterol test are reminded that they should not eat anything for 12 hours prior to taking the test. In addition, literature provided by the American Heart Association and recipe cards filled with heart-healthy ideas will be distributed. "We encourage everyone to take advantage of these tests", said J.R. Lindsey, director of cardiovascular services at Christus St. Joseph's. "This is a great opportunity for the public, as well as our associates, to have these important tests. For almost 40 years, heart disease has claimed more lives in Texas than any other cause, including cancer. Health care professionals offer some simple advice that could add years to a person's life as well as improving the quality of life. Among the risk factors that can be changed are smoking, physical inactivity, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and obesity. The more risk factors that are present, the more likely the person will develop heart disease. The Texas Department of Health also points out that improving the diet can affect more than one of the risk factors for heart disease.

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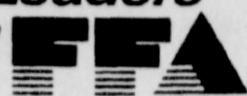
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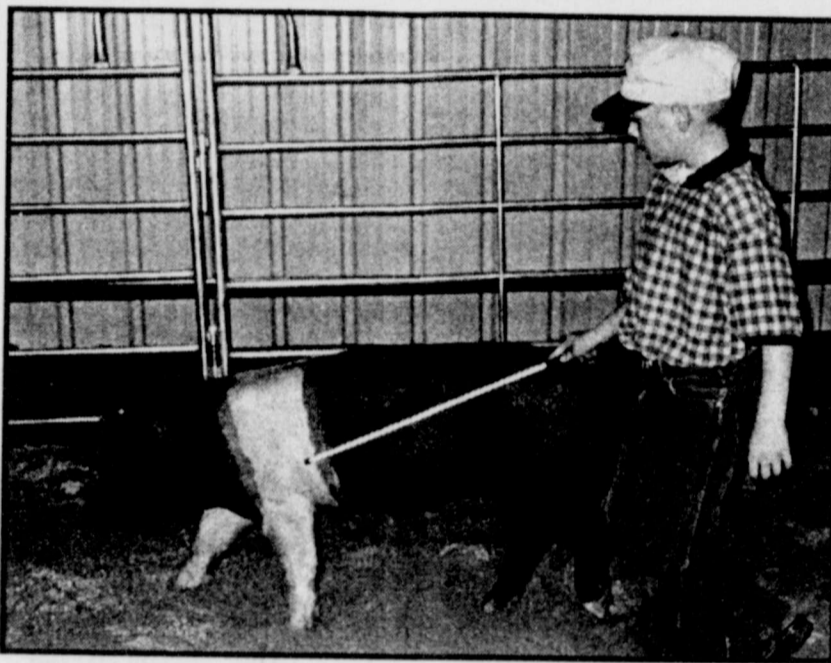
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BLOSSOM VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS serve chili and other goodies at the Saturday night annual event held at the Blossom Cafeteria-Pictured from back is Rusty Coward, Delvin Hoskins, Gordon Tillery, Pep Misk, Johnny Walker and Ronnie Westbrook. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



PRAIRILAND FFA members show the proper way to show their goat projects. (Staff Photo)



JR. PRAIRILAND FFA member Layton Norwood shows the correct way to show his swine project. (Staff Photo)

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**Rabies confirmed in Lamar County,
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A case of rabies in a dog has been confirmed in Lamar county and a number of people are having to take rabies shots.

The dog was found to have been infected by a skunk.

Confirmed cases of rabies occurred in Red River County in 1999.

It is easy to forget to get pets

vaccinated, or to let the rabies vaccinations lapse.

Every dog or cat should be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian by the age of four months, and this vaccination must be done once a year every year for the rest of the animal's life.

Rabies is deadly. The series of shots are expensive and painful and must be administered with a certain amount of time after the possibility of a human coming in contact with a rabid animal. It is far better to have pets vaccinated than run the incredible risk of rabies.

Even cattle and horses can be infected with rabies and veterinarians recommend rabies vaccinations for horses because of the close contact they often have with humans.

Don't delay, get your pets vaccinated.

**Post Oak
News**

There will be a Fellowship Saturday night, February at the fellowship hall of East Post Oak MBC. They will meet at 4:00. There will be games and supper and everyone is invited. There will be an open house at the parsonage Sunday afternoon, February 20.

Wallace and Frieda Lee of Ft. Worth came Tuesday, February 8 to visit his mother Rhoda Lee at Paris Nursing Home. Wilbourne and Geneva lee met them there and after visiting in the morning they all went out to eat and returned home.

Don and Phyllis Vaughn spent last weekend with their daughter Donna and husband Hooter Johnigan and sons of Waco.

Kathryn Anderson, Lamon Farrens and Bonnie Flatt attended a Valentine Party Saturday night at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. They had a spaghetti supper prepared by the young people of the church.

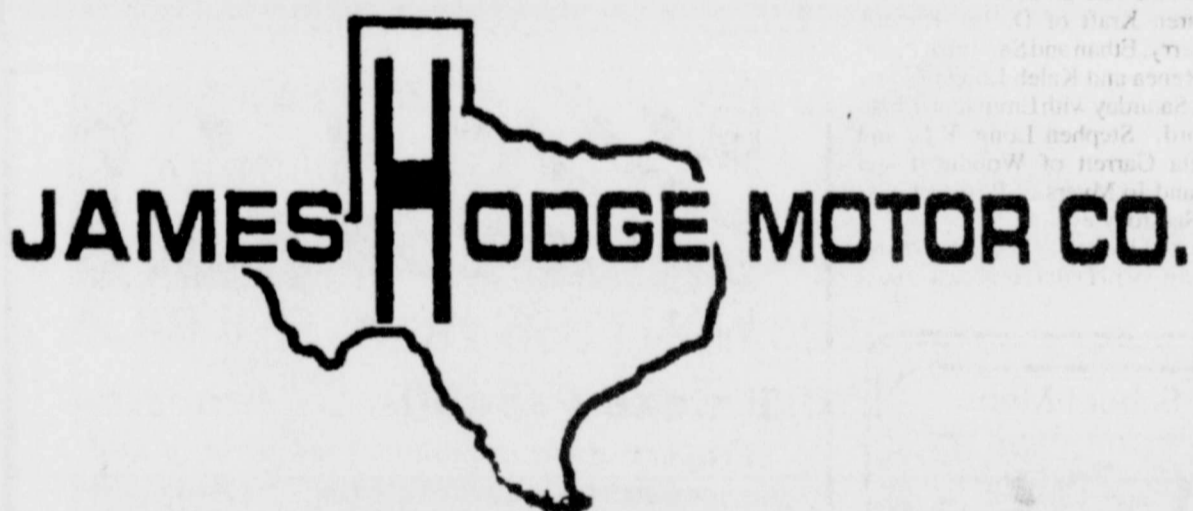
Bro. and Mrs. Calvin Permenter had lunch with Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee and Johnie Sunday.

Jerald William of the Marine Corp. stationed in LeJeune, N.C. was here over the weekend visiting wife, April and parents Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Williams and Katie of Paris. They all visited Newman and Betty Low and attended church with them Sunday morning.

Alvis and Billie Bates have been sick with the flu but are better.

Rayford Cagle of Burnett visited his mother Louise Cagle over the weekend and cut her some wood while here. She went to Kathy Woods in Paris Sunday after Rayford left.

Emmit Ray Pratt of the Midway Community passed away Sunday night after being critical with cancer for several weeks. He was raised in our community and a nephew of Louise Cagle and also a brother of Modie Johnson and Morris Pratt.



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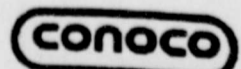
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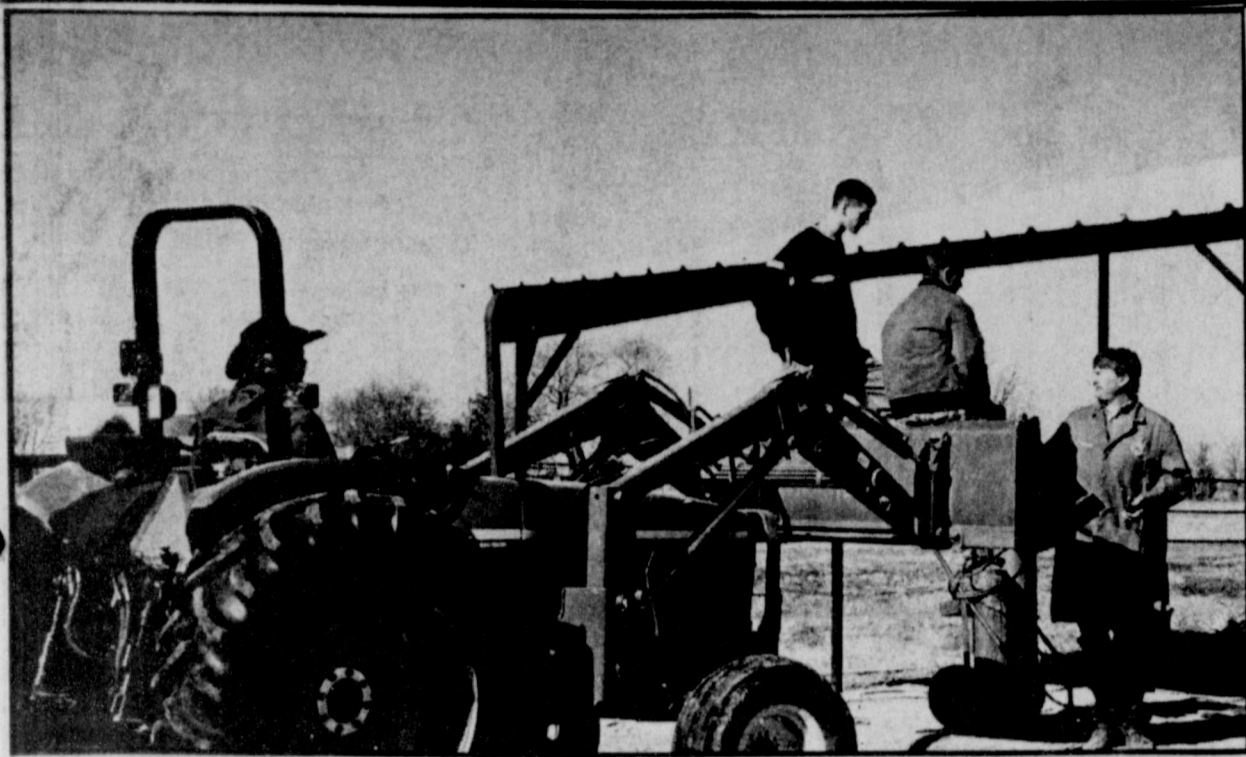
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Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187 News

- *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.
- *Happy Birthday to Neva Harvill, Marie Carr, Ross Griffin, Helen Barnette, Jackie Gray and Carolyn Coggins.
- *Get Well Wishes are sent to Jewell Harper, Melvin Pointer, Mildred Eudy, Jean Smith and Deon McKeggan.

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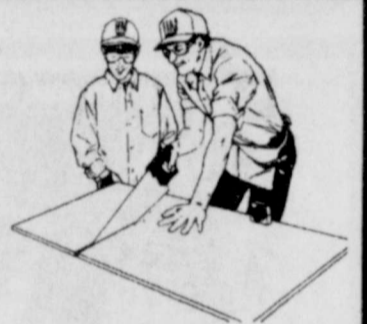
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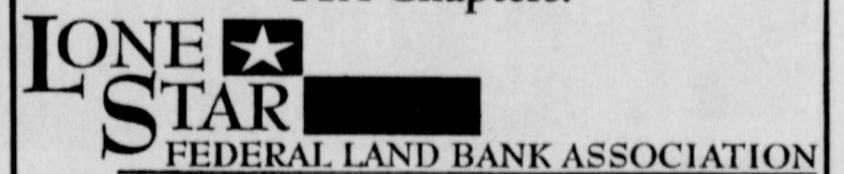


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By Liz Irwin
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Happy Birthdays this week too: Billy Cline, Angela Williams, Charles Chambers, JoAnna Johnson Hipp, Eric Jackson, Taylor Brewer, Jeremiah Rater, Aaron Cockburn, Blake Newman, Jessica Smith, John Pittman, Mallory Woodall, Sheryl Shannon, James Freelan, Wade Chandler, Amanda Wherley, Jacquelyn Newman, Amber Brumbalow, Tony Mullins, Jennifer Jones, James Ingram, Kristy Young, Brandi and Michelle Carter, Edward Himes, Bryan Williams, Marilyn Adams Harrison, Sharon Boyd.

Mary Jane Lowry has returned home from visiting her daughter, Janie and Mike Ballard of Gilmer and Ginnifer and Bill Lindsey and Allysa Ryan of Hughes Springs.

Christine Hargrove of Quitman was here for a few days visiting with Margaret Parks.

Thanks go out to Buford Cleveland for again doing such a great job with the volunteer fire department donations this year. The turnout was not as good as in the past, but everyone enjoyed the chili and fellowship.

Several Boy Scouts from Blossom participated in the district Pine Wood Derby at Paris on Saturday.

Buford and Virginia Cleveland traveled to Sulphur Springs for a doctor's appointment where Mr. Cleveland received a good report.

Carol Wood of Atlas spent Saturday afternoon with Ruby Crawford.

Word has been received that Joe Singleton is doing very well in Dallas with his treatments.

Jim Weddle of Paris visited with Jr.

and Pauline Weddle on Saturday. Minnie Lee Shands, Fay Shores and Pauline Weddle visited with Vivian Mills of Paris on Sunday. Her husband Olan passed away and Vivian is a cousin of theirs.

Amy Milford Wright was honored with a baby shower on Sunday afternoon at the home of Dixie Monroe.

Blossom Girls Softball Association will be holding sign-up on Thursday, February 24 at 6:30 in the Blossom Cafeteria.

Danita Gonzales along with Dorothy Newkirk of Pickton, Kimberly Feike of Krum, Lavyn Sisco of Sulphur Springs, Venita Oldfield and Sue Gibbs of Detroit were honored with February birthdays by Sue Gibbs and her daughters, Ms. Gonzales and Della Blanton at the Gibbs home in the Midway Community on Saturday, February 5.

Others attending were Fay Nell Groves of Grand Prairie, David and Jo Marie Feike ad Daniel of Krum, Shane, Scott and Stephen Gonzales of Blossom, Helena Rennaker and Nicolas of Bogata, Doris Ballard of Clardy and Jeff and Della Blanton, Jacob and Samuel of Detroit.

Karen Kraft of Dallas, Rhonda Raspberry, Ethan and Sandra of Plano and Renea and Kaleb Long of Paris spent Saturday with Emma and Lloyd Willard. Stephen Long, R.L. and Juanita Garrett of Woodland and Mib and Jo Myers of Post Oak visited Saturday evening.

Best of luck to Milburn Myers on his surgery in Dallas this past Tuesday.

School Menu



Prairiland All Campus Menu
 Week of February 21
 Monday

Breakfast:
 Cinnamon rolls
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Pizza
 Corn
 Salad
 Fresh fruit
 Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast:
 Sausage patties, biscuits, gravy
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Nachos
 Pinto beans
 Salad
 Peaches
 Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast:
 Cereal, toast
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Beef fingers
 Mashed potatoes
 Gravy
 Green beans
 Rolls
 Milk

Thursday

Breakfast:
 Breakfast burrito
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Tacos
 Pinto beans
 Salad
 Peach cobbler
 Milk

Friday

Breakfast:
 Cereal, toast
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Hots
 Pork and beans
 Corn chips
 Fresh fruit
 Milk

Little Dribblers

The Blossom 4th grade boys team, Blossom Spurs, finished their regular season undefeated with a 20 - 16 win on Saturday over Detroit. They will advance to the finals of the post season tournament at Chisum and play at 11:30am on Saturday, February 19th. Good Luck Boys!!

(Correction from last weeks score: Blossom 30 / Deport 6)

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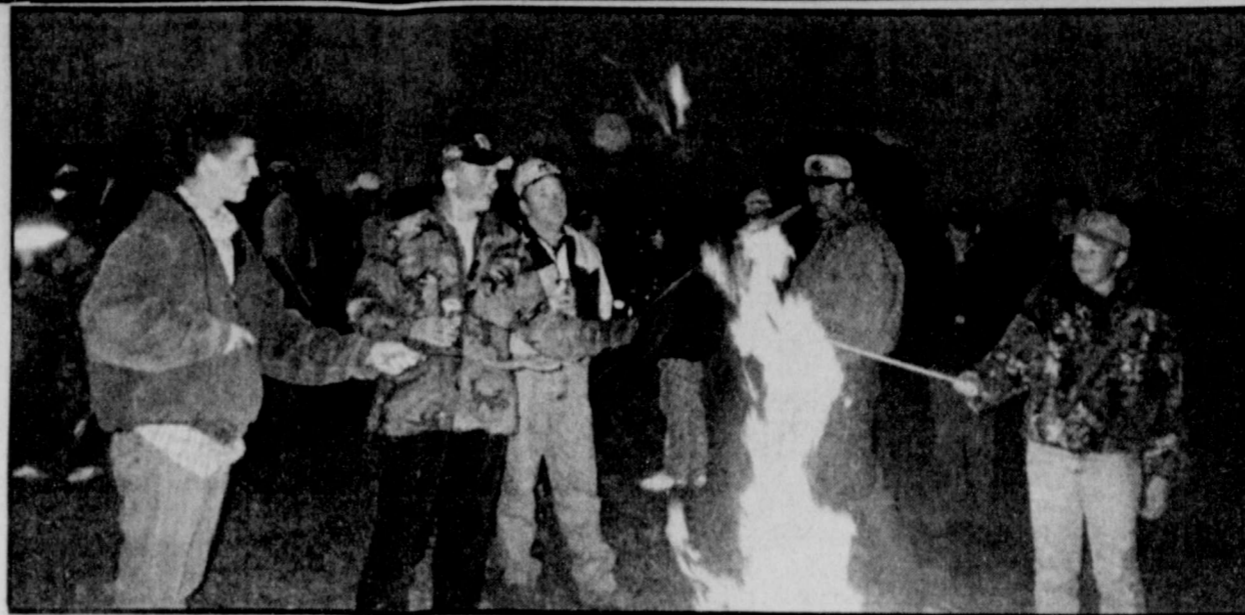
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HAYRIDE AND WEINER ROAST-This is one of the most popular events of the year for the FFA members. They go on a hayride and then enjoy the weiner roast along with members and parents. (Staff Photo)

Wheat outlook is better

Much of the wheat planted locally is looking better after the much needed moisture provided by the snow and ice. Topsoil moisture levels are generally adequate, but some subsoils are still very dry. Most wheat is in the tiller formation stage and producers have or soon will be topdressing this acreage soon with a nitrogen source. The fall and early winter conditions are promoting deep root penetration, a condition that cold

decrease drought tolerance later the spring.

Most soft red winter wheat varieties require 28 days or less at temperatures between 32 and 55 degrees Fahrenheit. These hours of cold are cumulative so a warm day followed by a cold night will still accumulate 12 hours of the vernalization requirement. Given these principles, they expect all of the wheat to vernalize.

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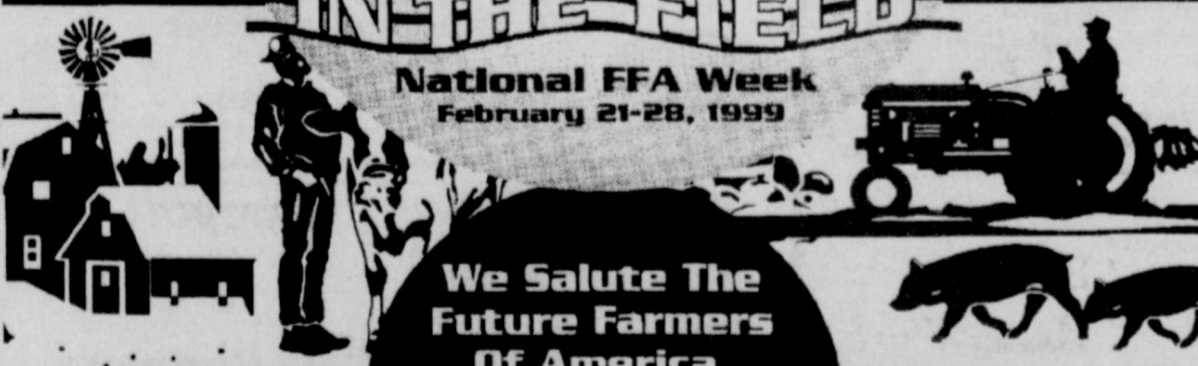



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Rep. Homer reports on Texas Legal Services Center

State Representative Mark Homer, (D) District 3, reports to his constituents that the Texas Legal Services Center provides free or reduced-cost legal services for low income, elderly Texas who need the help of an attorney.

The Legal Hotline for Older Texans offers legal assistance to Texans over the age of 60 who are below 12.5% of the federal poverty level and are having problems with health care, housing and government benefits.

Homer said "This service will help ensure that low-income elderly Texans are given comprehensive, accurate legal advice."

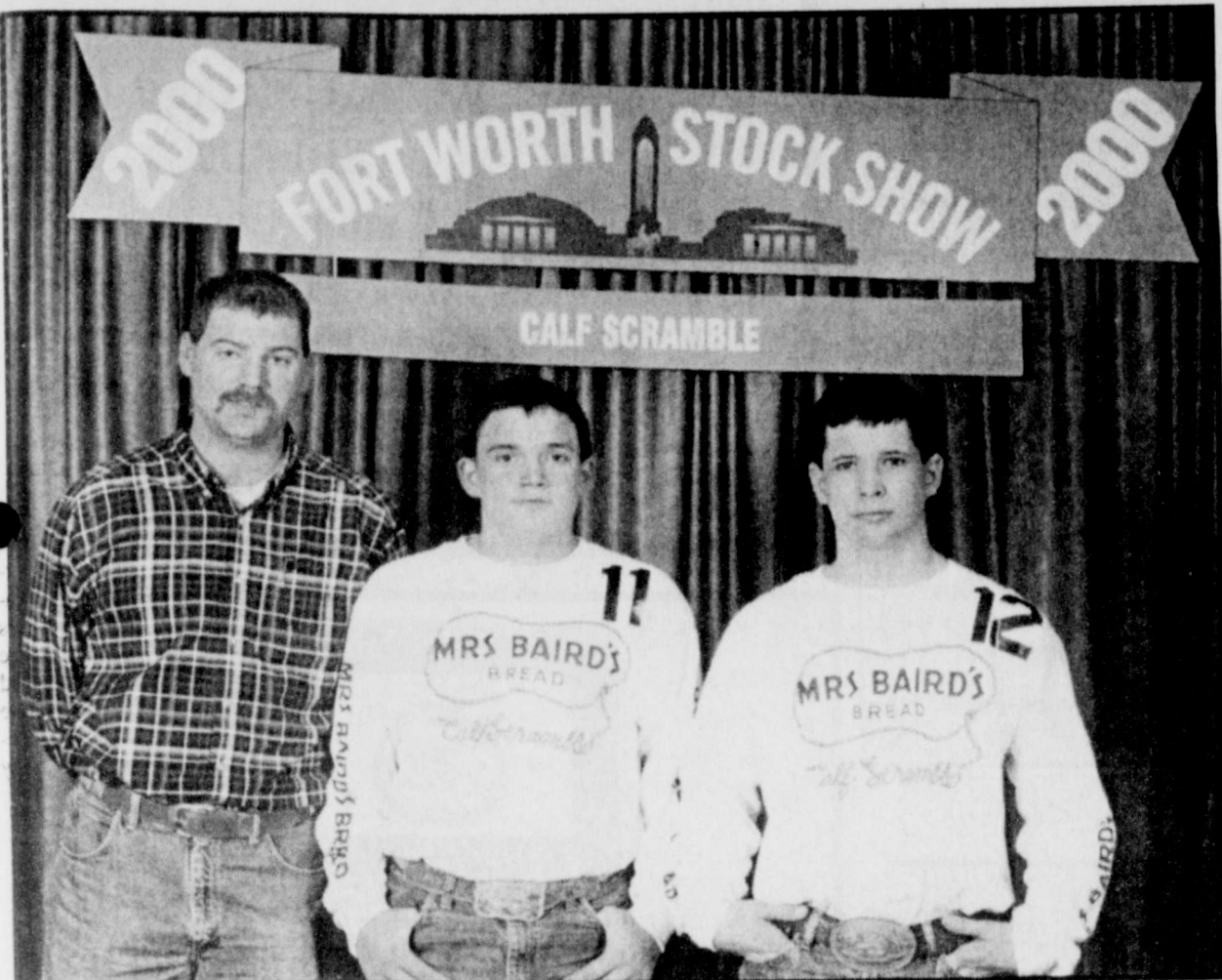
The hotline also serves as a legal information clearinghouse. TLSC

collects information from attorney's groups and advocacy organizations from across the state that is made available to anyone who calls. With one call, older Texans can get information about any legal issue.

The TLSC is filling a great need to make more information available about he service unavailable to older Texans.

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 FFA CALF SCRAMBLE WINNERS- These two Prairiland FFA students caught calves at the San Antonio and Ft. Worth Livestock Shows recently and received a \$1300.00 certificate to buy a show heifer for next year. Pictured is ag teacher Bryan Moyer, members Jeremiah Jones and Larry Smith. (Staff Photo)



HEATHER ANTHONY is pictured here as she waters the plants in the greenhouse at Prairiland. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



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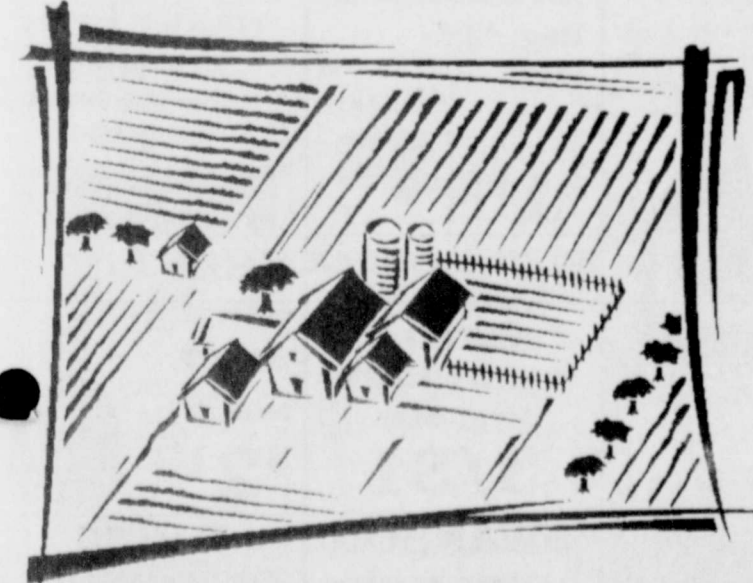
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Kiwanis schedule CASI chili cookoff

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.

Turn in times for beans will be 1:00

p.m.. Local entries need to be turned in by 1:00 p.m. and all CASI entries need to be ready by 2:00 p.m.

Antiques tractors and cars will also be on display with live music in the park from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

For more information contact J.R. Ray at 982-5249, Donald Vaughn at 982-5447 or Tom Wagnon at 982-6111 or any other club member.

Tortilla soup will be served to all CASI members that arrive on Friday evening, March 3 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

All proceeds earned will go to the improvement of the park, assist the elderly and children and also scholarships.

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.

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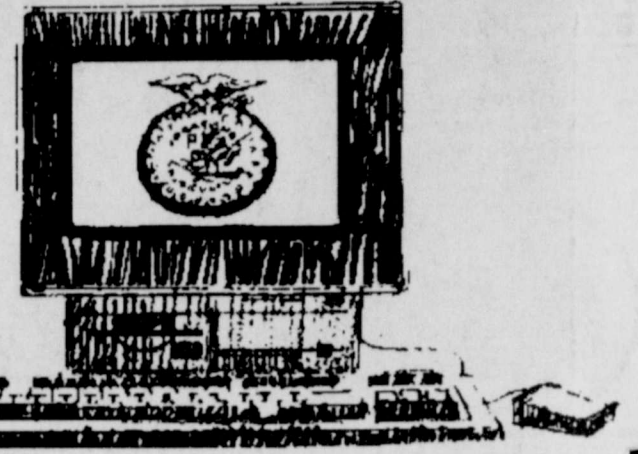
WHAT AM I BID for this lap quilt made by Janelle Topliff of Blossom? Pictured left to right at the Blossom Volunteer Firemen's annual chili supper is James Taylor, Allen Blanton, Brent Hyde and auctioneer Harold Blackburn. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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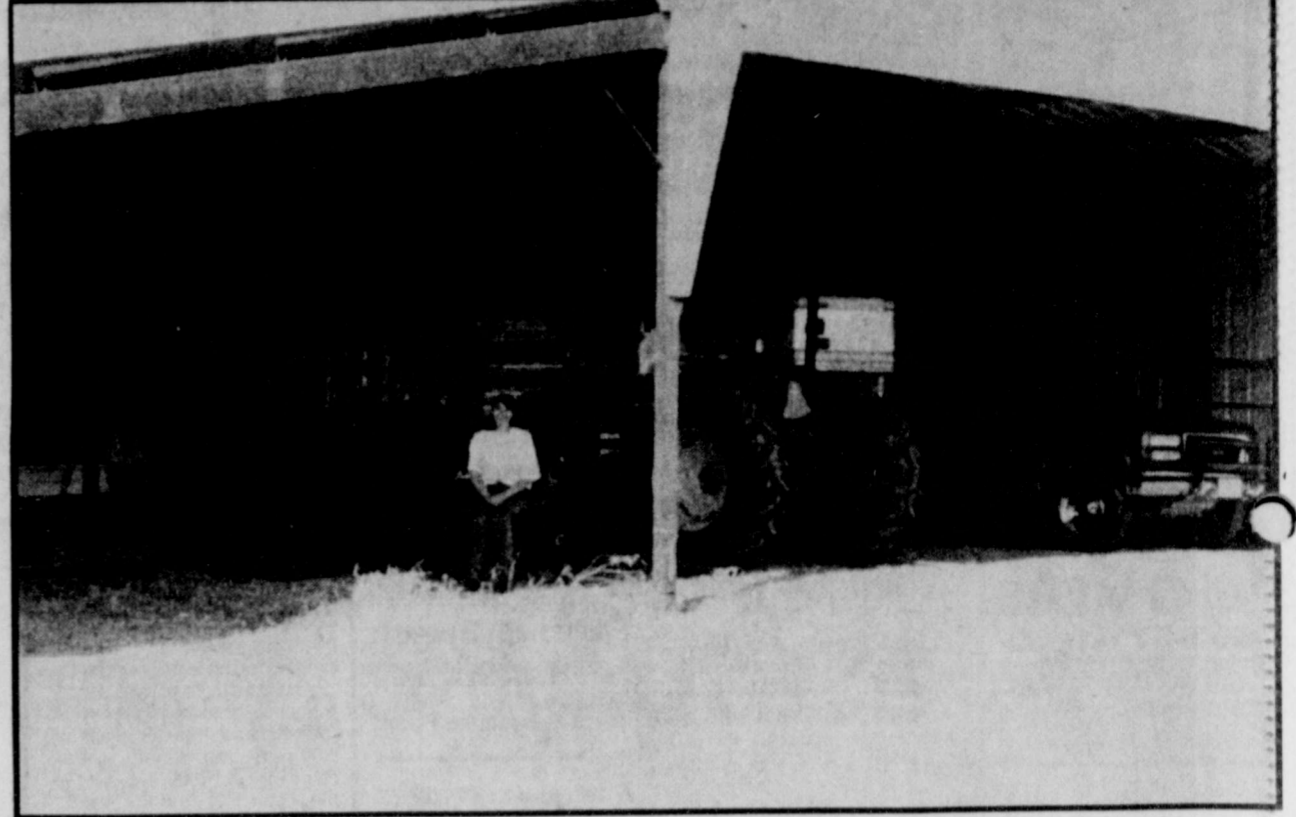
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GARAGE AND ESTATE SALE: Saturday, February 19 at home of Doug Alsbrook on FM1503, 2 miles south of Deport. Furniture, glassware and miscellaneous. 2-17
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NEW TRAILER-The Prairiland FFA members show off their new trailer used for hauling livestock to area shows. Pictured left to right is Daniel Lee, Garrett Horton, Bryan Hatanville and Justin Brewer. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



SENIOR HEATHER ANTHONY is sitting on one of the smokers built by the ag shop and also in front of the new show barn that was built last year for the students. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

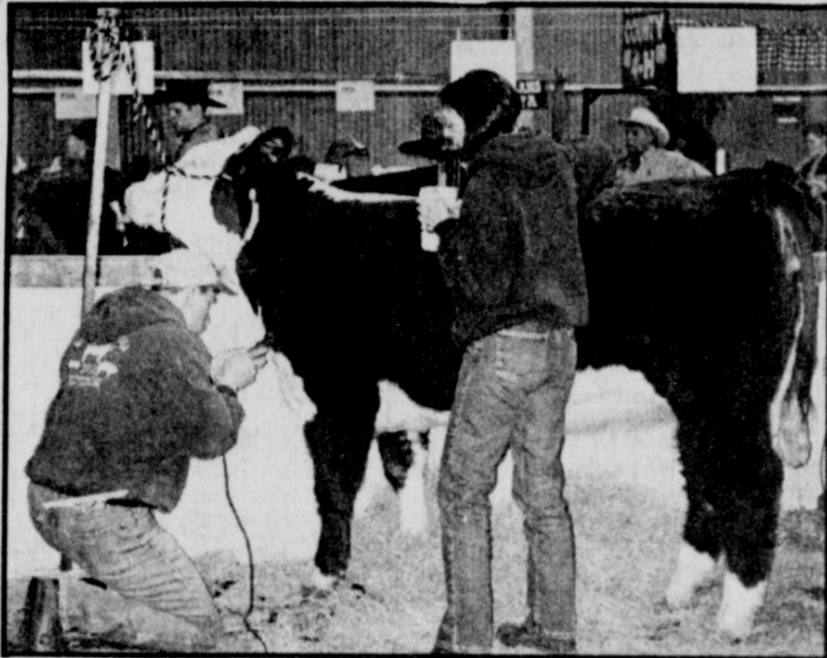
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PARENTS GET INVOLVED-Carol Jones assists ag teacher Bryan Moyer as he trims Jeremiah's show steer during the Ft. Worth Livestock Show. Parents play an integral part in the ag organization. Not only do they provide transportation for the members, they assist with fitting and grooming and act as chaperones. (Staff Photo)

Prairiland High School	
February 21	
21	School Board Meeting, 7:00
	Cheer Clinic, 3:45
	Softball, JV and V
22	TAAS Test
23	TAAS Test
	Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library
24	TAAS Test
	Report Cards
	Cheer Clinic, 3:45-4:45
	Prairiland Softball Tourney
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Happy anniversary to Tiffany and Wes Winters, Ruth and Richard Chapman, Juanita and Silas Taylor, Melissa and Doug Phillips and Lynda and Joe Ballard.

Dawne and David Darden visited Lu Sparks in Rowlett Thursday through Saturday while Donny was in Corpus Christi for a Metal Mart Sales Meeting.

Hugh and Vicki Jeffus and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols attended the Valentine's dinner at the Lennox House in Clarksville Saturday night.

Richard and Clara Nance and Elbert and Nancy Nance were in Burleson recently to attend the Golden Wedding Reception for Bee and Audrey Scott. Richard and Elbert are Audrey's brothers.

Jack and Glenda Ballard visited L.C. Ballard on Sunday. They and L.C. Ballard visited Roland Ballard at McCuiston Hospital and Audrey Gilles of Paris.

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